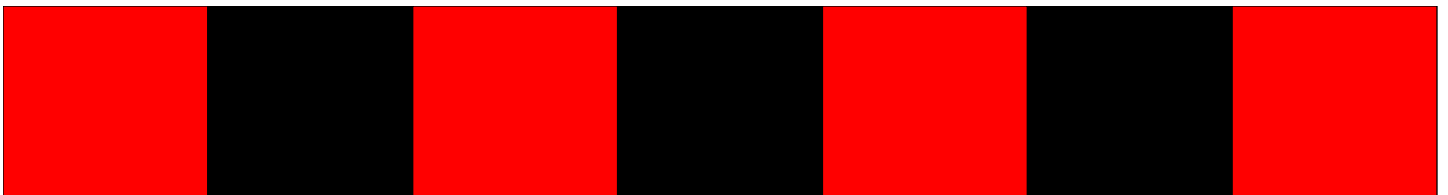
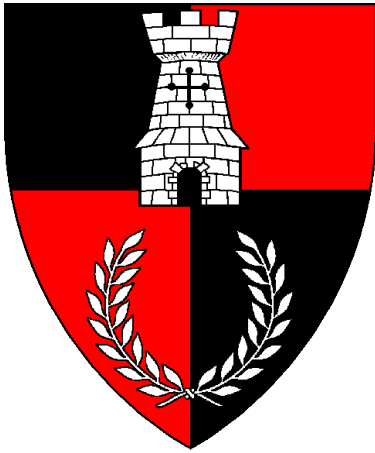


The Banner

May 2019, A.S. LIV, Volume 29, Issue 5





Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

Greetings and warmest wishes to all who have wandered into these lands of the Barony of the Lonely Tower.

The Barony of the Lonely Tower is the local SCA group for the Omaha/Council Bluffs metro and surrounding area and part of the Kingdom of Calontir, which covers most of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and a small portion of Arkansas.

If you are unfamiliar with the Society of Creative Anachronism (SCA), you can find out more information by visiting the Society's [introduction](#) page. We would also encourage you to visit the SCA's [Newcomer's Portal](#).

The best way to get involved with us is to attend as many local meetings and events as your mundane (modern) life allows - however, we understand life comes first and this is just a hobby. You may participate with us as much or as little as you like.

When you attend activities, be sure to introduce yourself and let us know what your interests are. Don't be afraid to ask lots of questions as our Barony is filled with members who would love to answer them for you.

To find out more about our events and activities, be sure to check out our [website](#) as well as the calendar at the back of this newsletter. For more information or to ask specific questions, feel free to contact one of our officers listed on the last page.

Welcome to the Current Middle Ages - We're excited to have you!

Be sure to visit the Society for Creative Anachronism's [Pinterest](#) page.

They have over 75 boards and hundreds of pins to help in whatever you're interested in.

Inside This Issue

Welcome.....	2
Disclosures.....	2
Baronial positions.....	3
From The Baron and Baroness.....	4
From the Officers.....	4-5
RenFaire Demo.....	6
From the Baronial A & S Champion.....	6
Poetry.....	6
Business Minutes.....	7-8
Baronial Awards.....	9
Baronial Champions.....	9
Officer's Warrants.....	9
Credits.....	9

Disclosures

This is the May 2019 issue of *The Banner*, a publication of The Barony of the Lonely Tower of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc).

The Banner is available from the BLT Chronicler, Lady Krystyn I Lund (Christine Loeffler), PO Box 8172, Omaha, NE 68108 chronicler@lonelytower.org

The Banner is not a corporate publication of the SCA, Inc., and does not delineate SCA policies.

Copyright 2019 Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. For information on

reprinting photographs, articles or artwork from this publication please contact the Chronicler who will assist you in contacting the original creator of the piece. Please respect the legal rights of our contributors.

The Banner is received paperless copy and paper copy free of charge by all members of the Barony of the Lonely Tower, on a monthly basis.

Those outside the Barony wishing to receive a paper copy of *The Banner* may do so by sending a \$15 donation per year to cover mailing costs.

Baronial Positions



Baron Augustin le Blinde &
Baroness Aleit de La Thomme
Baron & Baroness of the Lonely Tower



HL Anne Von Weingarten
Seneschal



HL Cristina la Ambeler
Chancellor of the Exchequer



Lady Krystyn I Lund
Chronicler



Lord Willeam Rudhall
Web Minister



Sir Michael Nymandus
Knight's Marshal



Lord Owain the Younger
Archery Marshal



Lady Zafara Baabur
Minister of Arts & Sciences



HL Nikolai Gornostai
Spiach'ev Горностаи
Anser Pursuivant (Herald)



Baroness Kezia von
Holzenhaus
Chatelaine



Mistress Jehanne Bening
Social Media Deputy
Arts & Science Champion

From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Unto the populace of The Barony of the Lonely Tower do We, Augustin and Aleit, Baron and Baroness send fond greetings!

Spring has sprung and the new Heirs of Calontir have been determined! As always, Crown was a wonderful event full of smiling faces and love for our Kingdom. There were many exciting things to see at the Museum of Calontir, and inspiring works entered in the "Then and Now" Arts & Sciences competition. Our own Cut and Thrust Champion, HL Uji, was a consort in Crown Tourney!

We are preparing for the demo at the Nebraska Renaissance Festival at Bellevue Berry Farm May 10-12, as well as the 2nd Quarter Revel Sunday, May 19. As we expect to hold the Revel in Elmwood Park, a weather date has been pre-determined as Sunday, June 23, however please stay in touch with questions or concerns. To volunteer for the Demo, please contact Lady Jorunna. To volunteer to help with set up for the Revel please contact Us or HL Anne.

While personal life will restrict Our travel for a few weekends, there are many wonderful events planned for this glorious season, and We do encourage you all to attend and travel as you may, representing the Barony and getting to know the Kingdom. We look forward to hearing your stories of the activities you are participating in and the deeds you have seen!

In service,

Aleit and Augustin
Baroness and Baron

From the Seneschal

Unto the populace of The Barony of the Lonely Tower does your Seneschal send warm greetings!

As many of you have heard by now Calontir was graced with new heirs a few weeks ago in the Barony of Three Rivers. Please join me in wishing His Highness Anton IV and Her Highness Yseult congratulations on their investiture and a peaceful time as heirs. Their coronation is scheduled for October in the Barony of Forgotten Sea, hopefully many of you will be able to attend.

Time is drawing near for our demo at the Nebraska Renaissance Festival at Bellevue Berry Farm on May 10th thru the 12th. I know that Lady Jorunna has been busy with gathering all the information and names of those who will be helping out. Please do not forget that there will be help needed in setting up our area, along with gathering things from the storage unit, and taking down our area when all is said and done. If you cannot attend the demo, please check your schedules to see if you can assist with set up or take down. More bodies at times do make things move swiftly and I know that those of you who will be at the demo all day will be grateful for the help. Quickly following the demo will be our 2nd quarter Revel on Sunday May 19th. This Revel is scheduled to take place in Elmwood Park (rain out date if needed is June 23rd). Please plan accordingly for weather, and bring projects to work on, banners to fly and food to share with the populace. I am not sure what is planned, but whatever happens I am sure it will be a joyous time for all.

A final reminder that Lilies War is drawing close, if you wish to volunteer, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4caca82fa4fd0-lilies> to check out volunteer opportunities. Also, the Barony is committed to it's traditional Thursday of sitting at Gate. I will have the schedule with me at future meetings, and practices so that people can sign up for a shift.
For the Kingdom,

HL Anne von Weingarten
Seneschal

From the Anser Pursuivant

You don't have to wait for the consultation table at Lilies to work on your heraldry! I'd love to assist you with any heraldry ideas you may have for you or your household!

Contact me at madnikolai@gmail.com and we'll make some heraldry happen!

Happy heraldry!

Горноста́й

From the Chatelaine

Camping in the SCA

Spring is coming, and with it the SCA Camping Season! As the weather warms up, more events are held outdoors, and many will offer the option of camping. Camping in the SCA is somewhat different from regular camping, though there is a lot of crossover. For one thing, you are not alone in the wilderness, but camped with a group of like-minded people. You do not need to have a period tent, however. While period tents are really nice, and very comfortable, they can be expensive and heavy to haul. Many involve long pieces of lumber that won't fit in a standard sedan. When you are starting out, you may want to go with what you know until you can talk to people about the advantages and disadvantages of their camping setup. (Don't be afraid to ask about tents—most people are more than happy to talk your ear off).

Another aspect is garb—while wearing street clothes is acceptable for set up and tear down of your camp, you will need to be in garb the rest of the time. Try to bring enough garb for the entire event, and maybe a spare in case of weather. It is a good idea to keep a set of garb, and a set of street clothes in your car just in case you need them. You will need to park your car in the parking lot, though, so make sure you take everything else you will need to your tent.

At most events, food is available for both lunch and feast, but coolers are quite acceptable. It is a good idea to cover your cooler—both to hide the modernity, and to help it stay cool. You do not need to worry about period food in your camp. Bring plenty of water! Some sites allow firepits, and others don't, so checking on that ahead of time is wise. At longer events, sometimes people get together a food plan. If you go this route, having a group with similar activities will simplify the scheduling of meals and chores. Also, at longer events there may be food merchants.

A few other things that might be helpful--Some sites have showers, some do not. At longer events, some people will also bring a shower tent. At night, many sites are very dark. It can be useful to carry a flashlight to keep from tripping over tent ropes and piles of armor. It can also be helpful to have a small light to help you find your tent, since wandering into someone else's tent is not cool. Likewise, the walls of most tents are thin—be aware of this for both conversations and "shadow shows" after dark.

Camping at SCA events is a lot of fun—there can be singing and storytelling—"No Kidding, There I Was..." It is a good way to get to know your fellow hobbyists.

From the Chronicler

The cover photo was taken during 2017 Barony of the Lonely Tower Cut and Thrust competition at Elmwood Park. Photo by Christine Lafinhan AKA Mistress Inghean Chearnaigh. Used with permission.

From the Baronial A & S Champion

Greetings Good Gentles,

Just wanted to let you know in the SCA it's okay if you don't know how to make arts and sciences work in "the real world." It's okay if you think you're not particularly good at art, crafts or writing. Just keep practicing; keep doing what you enjoy.

You might not be famous or esteemed, but you can impact people through what you make. If you're only creating for fame, you might want to rethink your goals and motivations. Your crafts inspire those you may not even know.

Create all you can, to the best of your abilities. Realize what you enjoy making is just as important as any art or science created in the Known World. What you create matters.

Hard to believe it but the Lonely Tower Revel will be happening outside on Sunday, May 19th. As our new Arts and Sciences Champion I humbly request you bring an item for an A&S competition. I want to see what you've made since the last Lilies' War. If you've made several things you pick your best item to show off. No documentation needed really, but I'll ask you at the revel to label it for the culture, century and item it represents. I'm curious what everyone's been busy creating.

For the Dream. M. Jehanne Bening

RenFaire Demo

For Education Day on May 10th, presenters need to arrive by 9am. The session schedule is as follows:

9:30	Session 1
9:50	Session 2
10:10	Session 3
10:30	Session 4
10:50	Session 5
11:10	Session 6
11:30	Lunch
11:50	Session 7
12:10	Session 8
12:30	Session 9
12:50	Session 10
1:10	Session 11
1:30	Session 12

Session 12 is the fighting demo, so fighters need to arrive with enough time to armor up and warm up, but no later than 1pm.

There will be over 300 students from Lincoln and Omaha schools. Please watch the Education Day Facebook page, Mag Mor and Lonely Tower pages for more updates! Coming soon!

Thank you to all the volunteers!!

Jorunna Refsdottir



Sun rays warm my face
brightening long daylight hours
altering my mood
erasing dreary doldrums
from a hallow humdrum day.

Tanka poetry (Older Japanese poetry form) by Mistress Jehanne Bening

Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting
April 15 2019

Seneschal

Reports are due today.

- Was I CC'd?

Lilies gate

- Form is now "live" please double check for your shift.
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4caca82fa4fd0-lilies>
- Book deadline is 24th

Warrants

- If yours is up for renewal, please check.
- If need to find a replacement, please have position letter out ASAP

Baronage

- Baronial Progress
- Demo at BRF Education Day - May 8 (Augustin- marshal and MC)
- Demo at BRF 2nd Weekend - May 9-10 (both)
- Lilies War - (weekends only)
- CalonCon - 6/29
- Coronation - 7/13

Exchequer

Current balance \$ 6759.44

Arts & Science

Fiber Night Thursdays Apr 18 and 25th, May 30 at Swanson May 23 at Main

- Contact Nesscia for more information

Activity Box at Herdmaster - unfinished projects in paper bags

- Embroidery, leatherwork, lacemaking, things to try

Large projects for lilies

- Poles, ropes, floor, cooler boxes

Herald

- Report submitted - if something has been submitted at an event or to Kingdom without going through the Barony for follow up purposes please keep Our Herald informed!
- Posting LOAR presently

Chatelaine

- Report submitted - new form
- New people at Gathering! Returning member at Business Meeting!
- Business Cards will be recirculating

Chronicler

- Letters due April 20th, May 25 (or earlier due to surgery 17th)
- Please submit pictures for the Banner

Social Media

No report

Web Minister

Update Knight's Marshal on "Our Officers" Page

Knights Marshal

Talking to Regional regarding Cut and Thrust Marshals

- De Lundie and Cearr, may be able to get MITs through at Lilies?
- Loaner gear availability - may work to add to heavy loaner hoard

Outside practices begin May, Fighters will try to get to Mag Mor on the second Tuesday of the month

Archery Marshal

- Moving outside in May
- Spring Seasonal Challenge - Tic Tac Toe 4 rounds
Winter Challenge - Horseman - M Dolan placed 5th Known World in Period Crossbow
Top 10 in division wins a coin from Sir Jon Fitzrauf!

Renaissance Festival of NE - www.renfestnebraska.com

Education Day

- Friday May 10th
- Volunteers filled!!
Schedule complete, will be published soon
Reached out to Mag Mor for people also
Many volunteers
Who is doing what?
List complete

Demo weekend

- Saturday May 11th & Sunday May 12th
 - Fighting displays at: 1:00pm; 3:00pm; 5:00pm
Have 9 volunteers, many new fighters (Gaius, Micah, Oisin(?), Augustin, Half Troll, Jorunna, Michael, Bjarm)
 - Crowd interaction needed: Swing Braiding; Calligraphy of names, shield heraldry; Singing; Tablet weaving on 2x4 nails and yarn, Fasti will bring board games and weaving, Aleit will bring "try it" card weaving loom, Zafira can bring "try it" pigments, can arrange "try it" chainmail/helm
 - Pavilions: at least 2 - Baronial, Sunshade, Wall tent
- Contact Jorunna - melendy09@sbc.edu

APRIL 27th

Mag Mor Demo Needs Help!! Please volunteer to assist them, as they are helping us greatly. There is a Facebook page and a post on our page.

Events

Revels

- May 19
- In the park, need volunteers to help with setup pavilions/dayshade

Archery – August 18th

- Roger to reserve Golden Arrows
- Rain Date September 15th

2019 events, ideas

- Newcomer event, golden thimble, whack a knight night, pink ribbon tourney/pick your ribbon tourney [pre approved list of charities]

July 2020 Coronation

- Working on bid
- Have option for feast, tavern/dayboard
- Need Volunteer to run tavern

Three Rivers is ok with Bid for Coronation 2021 /Twelfth Night Takeover 1.9.2021

Bids Due 1.2020

Can provide Tavern at July Coronation to raise money as well

Baronial Awards

All members of the SCA are encouraged to send in award recommendations for those members of the populace that they believe are worthy of recognition. Below are the names and brief descriptions of awards given in the Barony of the Lonely Tower.

The Cord - The Cord is simply that, a cord in the Lonely Tower colors that denotes the person wearing it is an active member of the Barony.

The Rose Window - The beauty and craftsmanship required in the making of a rose window gives us the definition for this award. The Rose Window is given for promise in the pursuit of the Arts and Sciences.

The Column - The support needed to keep the Lonely Tower standing comes from its many Columns. This award is given to those who have helped serve the needs of the Barony of the Lonely Tower.

The Defenders of the Gate - *Cave Canes!* "Beware of the Dogs" is the motto of this fair Barony. And well said, the knights, huscarls, fyrdmen, fighters, archers and equestrians of this barony have given us ample reason to be proud of each area of endeavor in the martial arts. Thus this award is given to those who are a part of our martial presence at tournaments held in the Lonely Tower and throughout Calontir and the Known World.

The Goose Migrant - Where the goose flies, so it takes with it the spirit of this land. This award is for those who have traveled widely within or without Calontir, representing the Barony wherever their paths may lead them.

The Keystone - Given to those without whose presence the Barony would likely not have become nor likely remain the beloved place we all share. In this award we seek to honor those who enhance, embrace or support the Barony and by extension the Kingdom and Society.

Baronial Champions

**Arts & Sciences Champion
(1st Quarter)**
M. Jehanne Bening

**Cut & Thrust Champion
(2nd Quarter)**
HL Saito Takauji

**Archery Champion
(3rd Quarter)**
Lord Roger of Bellebrocton

**Armored Combat Champion
(4th Quarter)**
Sir Bjarm Rorikson

Officer's Warrants

08/2019 - Web Minister
09/2019 - Social Media
09/2019 - Chatelaine
10/2019 - Archery Marshal
01/2020 - Anser Pursuivant (Herald)
01/2020 - Chronicler
01/2020 - Seneschal
01/2020 - Chancellor of the Exchequer
03/2020 - Minister of Arts & Sciences
01/2021 - Knights Marshal

Credits

Baronial Positions photo page 3:

© 2019 Matt Cole AKA Lord Khuden Volkov. Used with permission.

© 2019 Nicolette Deplazes AKA Countess Giulia Isabella Venezia. Used with permission.

© 2019 Christine Loeffler AKA Lady Krystyn I Lund. Used with permission.

© 2019 Michael Rudd AKA Willeam Rudhall. Used with permission.

© 2019 Tim Hardisty AKA Master Mikail Azadan Askoldovich. Used with permission.

© 2019 Joan Alfes AKA Lady Zafara Baabur. Used with permission.

© 2019 Mike Hinkley AKA Lord Owain the Younger. Used with permission.

© 2019 Denise Gordon. Used with permission.

Clip art page 9: © 2019 publicdomainpictures.net. Used with permission.

