



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 <u>introduction</u> page. We would also encourage you to visit the SCA's <u>Newcomer's Portal</u>.

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 <u>website</u> 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 <u>Pinterest</u> page.

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

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Baronial Positions



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Baron & Baroness of the Lonely Tower



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Minister of Arts & Sciences



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Baroness Kezia von Holzenhaus Chatelaine



Mistress Jehanne Bening Social Media Deputy

From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Greetings!

We have enjoyed a very busy month of activities including a Baronial Revel, Frosted Helm in Coeur d'Ennui, Vertigo, and a very exciting Crown Tourney. Congratulations to Their Majesties' new Heirs, Dongal and Catalina!

We also wish to extend Our congratulations to Lord Gaius on earning his AoA, to Sir Bjarm for winning the bear pit tourney at Vertigo and to Roger of Bellebrocton for achieving his personal best IKAC score.

As We pen this missive, We are looking forward to the upcoming Halloween revel at Medieval Putt on October 26. We hope you will join Us! Our RUSH event takes place November 3, and We thank event stewards Mistress Jehanne and Lady Zafara for their efforts and leadership. We hope many of you will join Us to assist with set-up and make this event successful!

We will be sad to miss the Newcomers revel, sponsored by Our chatelaine Baroness Kezia and Mistress Nesscia. Unfortunately, We will be out of town, but We are convinced all those who are able to attend will enjoy this fun and educational activity.

As the end of the year approaches, We are planning to host the Barony's Winter Revel on Saturday, December 15. This will be a social event as the Armored and C&T Championship Tourneys will now be held at Twelfth Night. Also, we will be attending Toys for Tots and Kris Kinder. We hope you will join Us on these exciting journeys!

Yours in service,

Augustin & Aleit

RUSH Event Steward

Greetings and hello from Jehanne Bening, RUSH Steward.

Soon the Book Arts RUSH will happen. You are greatly welcome to attend.

You don't have to know anything about Medieval books or SCA scroll making. You are welcome to just come and hang out with your Calontir friends.

Who knows? You might make new friends or find your own book arts interest niche.

It's all happening November 3rd. Only a few miles south in Glenwood, Iowa. See Flyer page 12

Looking forward to seeing you there.

M. Jehanne

From the Baronial A & S Champion

As the cold weather descends, it is a time for snuggling indoors and picking up all those projects that were pushed to the side during the adventurous delights of summer.

Shortly after the new year, we will be holding the A&S Championship Revel where our Baronage will select their new champion.

This year, the competition will be two entries--a sample of something you excel at, and a sample of something you are just learning. It doesn't have to be the first thing you've done in this area, but the closer the better.

We want, as a group, to remind everyone that there is always more to learn--and it's never the wrong time to pick up a new skill or talent.

I look forward to seeing what everyone has been experimenting with.

In grace,

Cristina.

From the Chronicler

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From the Web Minister

Greetings Barony! Changes to security measures in our website allowed several hundred fake accounts through recently. In my attempt to clean that up, I unwittingly deleted an unknown number of Barony accounts. If you noticed this (you may have recieved an email from the website), please accept my apology and feel free to register again. I am working to fix the problem and to find ways to make it easier to distinguish between real and fake accounts in the future.

~ Ld Willeam Rudhall

From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings from your A&S Minister!

It seems that this year has just flown by. I am impressed by all the wonderful projects that those in this Barony has been working on.

I'd like to remind you that our RUSH is coming up in a few short weeks, as well as our own A&S championship. Keep an eye open for updates for the event.

Keep up the good work on all your projects!

Yours in Service,

Zafara Minister of Baronial Arts and Science Barony of Lonely Tower and Falcon Signet of Calontir

From the Chatelaine

On December 2nd, there will be a Lonely Tower get-together at the Milton R. Abrahams Library from 1pm-5pm. There will not be a pot luck, but I am hoping folks will bring snacks and finger food items. Folk are expected to be in garb and there will be loaner garb available if you don't have anything. Jorunna and I are planning on having a few short classes geared towards newcomers, but the get-together is not just for the new people. It is intended on being an opportunity for different groups within the barony to meet one another. There will not be a court, as Their Excellencies will not be able to attend, but there may be a class on what to expect at court, and another class on what to expect at Kris Kinder or Twelfth Night. Hope to see lots of you there!

Lonely Tower has it's own Order of Precedence. Is your info correct there as well?

From the Anser Bursuivant

In my last letter to the newsletter, I discussed how common animals like the cat (or charges that count as a cat, like the tiger, or lynx) or the dog (or charges that count as a cat, like the wolf or fox) could be an extra challenge to successfully register. There are a lot of people that like their dogs & cats in the SCA! is month, I thought I might a few ideas that may bring additional difference to the design.

NOTE: While this letter was originally prepared with the idea of using it for a cat or dog charge submission, there is no reason that some of this would not also apply to other common animal charges – bears, dragons, or even unicorns and rabbits! Also, while I am talking of a variety of ways to add difference, these are in general terms. Some may not work with your idea, and some may bring your idea into conflict with other things or up against other rules. Be patient! Your herald will help!

- 1.) Never be afraid to have even the most simple of designs checked! Yes, the SCA is 50+ years old. Yes, there have been a lot of people trying to register these charges. It also is true that the rule set we use is not all that old, and they have made some ideas open to registration they were not previously. Your idea may have conflicted with someone else in the 90's but not now!
- 2.) Us just the animal's head. Frequently there are fewer registrations for your animal's head, then there are for the entire critter. Perhaps consider the use of a pair of foxes heads rather than 2 foxes.
- 3) Be open to different colors for your charge. Some colors are just used more often in submission. Outside of various plant forms, the color green is not used nearly as often for charges as other colors. The same with the variety of ermine and vair furs that can be used. There is also nothing that says your charge must be of one color! A lion rampant divided in half horizontally gold and white can be quite striking. As could a wolf erminois (gold with black ermine spots). We even see checky animals in period heraldry.
- 4) Wings! Wings do add difference! Perhaps you might consider adding a nice set of wings on your idea with a fox. Imagine what kind of trouble a winged lynx could get into!
- 5.) If you have seen my, or my peer's arms you have seen this idea before. It was not uncommon in period to only use the upper or front part of an animal or monster as a charge. A demi-wolf has difference vs. a rampant hound. Three demi-lions would have difference vs. 3 lions rampant.
- 6.) I am sure you have seen a mermaid used before. But did you know there was a lot of other sea creatures used as well? In fact, it is such a common theme in period heraldry that you can create a sea version of virtually any animal or monster. (Lonely Tower's former canton had a sea-dragon as it's primary charge). To do this, you simply take the foreparts of your desired animal, and conjoin them with the fish tail you see on a mermaid. Voila! Sea-critter. I have seen a Sea-Cameleopard (giraffe) and a Sea-Cornish Cough (a kind of black bird) submitted, why not a Sea-Fox, or perhaps a Sea-Wildcat?

There we go! I hope that these ideas may be useful for those of you thinking of new heraldry, be it device or badge.

Yours for good heraldry,

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Is someone doing something really great that you think they should be recognized for? <u>Kingdom Awards</u> given by The Crown are based on <u>recommendations</u> submitted by you.

From the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Good Gentles,

There has been some trouble lately with our banking establishment--our account has been closed and we are working to reopen it. It was closed due to some changing paperwork requirements--and though we offered the paperwork provided by Society, it doesn't seem to be doing what we want it to do. This means that we are unable to make reimbursements at this time. Our funds are not gone, they are just not accessible for a short while.

I am working hard to get our account either reopened at Wells Fargo or at a different establishment within the next little bit--in fact, it may even be reestablished by the time you read this. Never fear, we still exist as a Barony and will continue to do so.

Please find attached the Baronial Financial Policy. This will be edited, amended, mutated every year to ensure it fulfills both Society and Kingdom requirements as well as our needs as a Barony.

In grace,

Cristina.

Barony of the Lonely Tower Baronial Financial Policy CAO 21 October 2018

The Financial Policy of The Barony of the Lonely Tower (BLT) is structured to be compliant to both Societal (23 April 2016) and Kingdom (July 2018) policies, as well as to establish local policy and procedures.

Updates made to the Financial Policy of BLT will be included and dated in conjunction with subsequent revisions of either Societal or Kingdom policies in addition to any revisions internal to this policy.

FUNDS

All funds will be managed through the group bank account.

The group account does not operate with designated funds, rather as one general fund. Though monies may be earmarked for use in the ledger and the committee meeting minutes.

No private personal accounts will be utilized for group purposes or monies.

All incoming funds will be deposited before any subsequent disbursements of those funds.

The group bank account requires two signatures for withdrawal, expense, or transfer transactions. It is the responsibility of the group Exchequer to hold and maintain the group checkbook. No cards have or will be issued for the group bank account.

ePay may be used with written approval from the Kingdom Exchequer; pre-registration, pay at the door, or both. No other alternative payment services may be used.

Signatories of the group bank account will not issue or draft a check from the account in their own name.

Should BLT dissolve, all monies held in the group bank account will escheat to the Kingdom or another branch, and the Kingdom Exchequer will be notified of the disbursement.

All personal checks received by BLT will include the individual's name, address, and phone number.

All checks will be endorsed prior to deposit and will be deposited in a timely manner, no later than 14 days following receipt, in accordance with Society policies.

Reimbursements will be made within 60 days of the incurred expense, as per Kingdom policy, with coordinating receipts. For event specific expenses, receipts are requested to be delivered to the Exchequer prior to, or at, the event in compliance with Cash Advance procedures outlined on the Kingdom Cash Advance Form.

Receipts will contain only the items that are being reimbursed.

EVENTS

All monies collected at event gates will be reconciled against the Gate Form tally. Gate Forms will be completed for each transaction at the event gate. Gate Forms will not be completed or altered following the event. Monies will be deposited in a timely fashion and no later than 14 days following an event or collection or in compliance with Society policy.

Multi-day events: Upon opening the Gate and cash box, the monies present will be accounted and verified. Upon closing for the day, the monies will be reconciled, Gate forms tallied, and an accounting made for monies taken in that day. This procedure will be repeated for every day of the event that the Gate and cash box are open. Upon the closing of the Gate for the final time, the Event Worksheet will be filled out, total monies tallied and verified.

Group monies must be collected and managed by at least one paid adult member in compliance with Society policy.

Reigning Calontir Royalty (4) and local Baronage (2) will be complimentary guests of BLT for gate and feast. Gate Form signatures are still required. Additional complimentary guests (e.g. visiting Royalty, visiting Barony, etc) will be determined by the event autocrat(s) and approved by the financial committee at the presentation of the bid(s) or as required.

Minor gate fees are discounted with respect to adult gate fees such that minors are not liable for Societal Non-Member Surcharge.

REPORTS

Quarterly reports will be submitted using the locked MS Excel form provided by the Kingdom. The schedule for the quarterly reports follow both the Kingdom schedule as restricted by the statement schedule for the group bank account. These dates are

Quarter 1	Jan 1 – Mar 31,	Due Apr 15
Quarter 2	April 1 – June 30,	Due Jul 15
Quarter 3	July 1 – Sept 30,	Due Oct 15
Quarter 4/Domesday	Oct 1 – Dec 31,	Due Jan 15/31

Reconciled bank statements, online banking screenshots as necessary, and the account ledger will accompany quarterly reports. Additional documentation will be submitted as required to show any activity on any report that does not present on a statement due to restrictions from the banking cycle.

The group Seneschal will sign and approve reconciled statements, quarterly reports, and the Domesday report. Quarterly Reports may be electronically approved, however the Domesday will be signed and submitted in original form following Kingdom acceptance. Upon Kingdom approval of the Domesday, it will be published in the group newsletter. Quarterly reports will not be published, but will be available for viewing by the populace upon request.

A full review of group financial records by the Kingdom exchequer and witnesses is required every two years and at the change of baronial exchequer. This is required to cover at least three and up to seven years of records and follow the review guidelines. A copy of the review will be presented to the Kingdom exchequer.

Non-member information including number of attendees, funds, and documentation must be sent to the appropriate parties within <u>10 days</u> of an eligible event. Event reports are due within 30 days of an event to the appropriate parties.

As BLT is based in Nebraska, events held by the group are required to collect sales tax and abide by state specific vendor policies in compliance with current corporate policies.

Guilds or non-branches will defer to Kingdom and Society policy regarding financial policies and management.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

The Barony will operate a financial committee led by the Baronial exchequer and including the Baronage as one vote, Seneschal, and two additional paid-members of the populace. Member term will typically be two years, in conjunction with the term of office. As per Society and Kingdom policy, the minimum quorum required is the group Seneschal, Exchequer, and one of the Baronage; every effort will be made to ensure total inclusion of the entire committee as well as the populace.

Financial Committee Members will be selected at the first business meeting of the calendar year. Among those present, a request will be made for volunteers after a reminder of the responsibilities of the committee and the requirements for serving are read.

Requirements for serving on the Baronial Financial Committee are: willing and able to attend business meetings; current member and able to retain membership throughout their 2-year term; not currently serving as an officer at any level (Baronial, Kingdom, Society) to preclude any possible perception of conflicts of interest.

The committee will be responsible for pre-authorizing budgets and approving unbudgeted expenses, the content of the financial policy and rules of operation. Financial decisions may be made electronically, in person, or over the phone; resolution will be by majority vote and must comply with Society policies regarding group expenses.

Any member of the committee may request a meeting, however financial committee meetings are typically held following monthly business meetings as required to review and approve budgets and expenses. Emergency meetings may be called and resolved within 48 hours using one of the aforementioned methods of communication. Meetings must include at least 3 members of the committee.

Minutes of each meeting will be taken by the Exchequer or designated alternate and then posted on the Baronial website and in the monthly newsletter to ensure populace awareness regarding the decisions of the Financial Committee.

The Baronial budget and financial policy will be reviewed and approved by the committee annually, and as needed, typically at the October business meeting in preparation for the New Year. In addition to discussion within business meetings, the budget will be published on the website and in the newsletter in conjunction with the Domesday report in compliance with Kingdom and Societal policies.

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Officer's Warrants

05/2019 - Knights Marshal

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

Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting October 15 2018

Seneschal

- Officers and deputies by twelfth night
- How is the search going?

Baronage

- ♦ Baronial Progress:
- ♦ 2018: Vertigo; Halloween Revel Oct 26th; RUSH; Toys for Tots; Kris Kinder
- ♦ 2019: 12th Night, Coronation
- ♦ Fighting Championships possible at 12th night
- ♦ Archery Championship
- ♦ Retinue

Exchequer

- ♦ Current balance \$.... 9309.23
- Paperwork issue with Small Business Account vs Non-Profit Account, audit following account activity found missing paperwork or incomplete registration. Account was closed and check was issued as the account is reopened. Checks will not be issued until this is resolved.
- ♦ Officer budgets
- ♦ Will review in Finance Committee
- ♦ Event Bids
- ♦ 2nd class on new Gate forms/ protocols TBD

Arts & Science

- ♦ 1st will be at Tuesday practice
- ♦ Est 5 ½ yards fabric/outer layer
- ♦ Carolina Calicos @ \$5/yd total \$137.50 + sh
- ♦ File on Facebook page to show off projects
- ♦ Encouragement to try new things and easier to collect info for A&S reports
- ◊ Invited to lecture at UNO "Being a College Student in the Middle Ages" 10.17.2018 6.30p
- ♦ Off Tuesday night classes in Winter?
- > Hy-vee cooking classroom available

Herald

- ♦ Quarterly report to include court reports, will be late
- ♦ Names and heraldry can be reviewed via email, so if you have a question and aren't available in person, reach out

Chatelaine

- Newcomer's themes Revel Dec. 2nd Abraham's Library 12:30 4
 Informal Classes and Snacks
- ♦ Trim for newcomers
- Feast gear and netted bags

Chronicler

- ♦ Officers send in letters by Friday @ 10pm
- Please respond even if there will not be a letter this month

Social Media

- ♦ Nothing much new, found meet-ups
- Could use for demos
- ♦ New Kingdom officer

Web Minister

- ♦ Capcha broke
- ♦ Deleted fake accounts and also Mikail
- ♦ Barony Officers will be able to update their own information
- ♦ Updated Banner page with August through October

Knights Marshal

- Is Bjarm now Marshal?
- ♦ Will get official letter, Bjarm will take over on paper
- ♦ Omaha 1st and 3rd, Mag Mor 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
- Armoring Night needed to make armor for the new members as loaner gear is getting stretched

Archery Marshal

- Shafted combat archery experiment is now over, and is approved in Calontir
- ♦ Will be shifting to Society rules with minor personalization
- ♦ Moved to indoor site: 11212 N 72nd St. Omaha Fee:\$5 7-9
- ♦ CdE may be joining some nights
- ♦ No practice Halloween, Pre-Thanksgiving, or Post-Christmas

Events

- ♦ 12th Night
- ♦ Bid is complete for consideration
- ♦ Still need to fill Staff
- ♦ No Tavern, Outside food is allowed on site
- ♦ Kingdom Arts & Sciences 7/20/2019

Site only, no tavern or feast

Bar is close by

Royalty room & meeting space

Space and alcohol policy relevant

RUSH

- ♦ Less than 3 weeks!
- ♦ Storage Unit run
- ♦ Setup 7p Friday 2nd
- Door Prizes Blank border winner gets priority pick, random number generator to win, must be present to win
- ♦ Have projector for classes
- ♦ Post Revel will be at Wolfryd and Gylys'
- ♦ Firepit?

Revels: Archery

C&T

Heavy

December 15th Revel Social

book Arts Rush

Hosted by the Barony of the Lonely Tower
November 3, 2018

Location: Grace United Methodist Church 112 N. Walnut St. Glenwood, Iowa 51534

Adult Event Registration \$10
Adult Member Discount Registration \$5
Children under 18 NO COST
Family Cap \$20 / Member Discount \$10
Make checks payable to SCA, Inc.
the Barony of the Lonely Tower

Site is very dry.

Site opens 9:00 AM Classes start 9:30 AM Site closes 8:30 PM

Event Steward: M. Jehanne Bening (Susan Gordon)

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cell: 402-201-7140 e-mail:Jehannebening@gmail.com

Co-event Steward: Ly. Zafara Baabur (Joan Alfers) 11716 Ogden Place, Omaha, NE 68164 text only:402-813-7702 e-mail:Marie Joan@aol.com

Besides classes for ALL Book Arts, activites include:

~Blank Border Scroll Competition ~Supplies Swap

~Rat Out Your Friends Display ~Round Table Discussion ~ Lunch And Longer Tavern

Find the class list (possibly with other RUSH events) online at http://www.medievalocity.com/eventsystem/

Directions: Take your best route to I-29 exit 35B. Go EAST on US Hwy 34 Stay on it until you turn left onto Hilman Rd. (Be careful you don't miss it.) Turn left again onto Walnut St. The church site is on the left/West.



Twelfth Right 2019 Barony of the Lonely Tower 5 January 2019

Join us for a Yule celebration in the Barony of the Lonely Tower, including fighting, fun, and frivolity. Among the planned activities are: Her Excellency's Novice Tourney, The Syr Thomas de Chateau Noir Combat Social Club, a Cut & Thrust tournament, an A&S competition, and a feast based on the Twelve Days of Christmas.

This year, Twelfth Night is being held at Westside Community Schools Community Conference Center located at 3534 S 108th Street, Omaha, NE 68144. This is a DRY site. The site will open at 9am and close at 9pm. Additional event information can be found on the Lonely Tower website.

Directions to site:

Take the best route to I-680 in Omaha, exit onto Eastbound West Center Road, turn south (right) onto 108th Street, drive south to 108th and Grover Street, site will be on the west (right) side of the road.

Site Fees:

Adult Registration: \$15 Adult Member Discounted Registration: \$10

Children (ages 5-18): \$5 Children 4 and under are free.

Note: The legal age of majority in Nebraska is 19. Age 18 and under require minor paperwork.

Event steward:	Feast steward:
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Caines)	
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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 H. Lady Cristina la Ambeler

Cut & Thrust Champion H. Lord Cearan Mac Brendan

Archery Champion

Master Dolan Madoc of Harlech

Armored Combat Champion Lord Uesugi Katsumoto

Credits

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