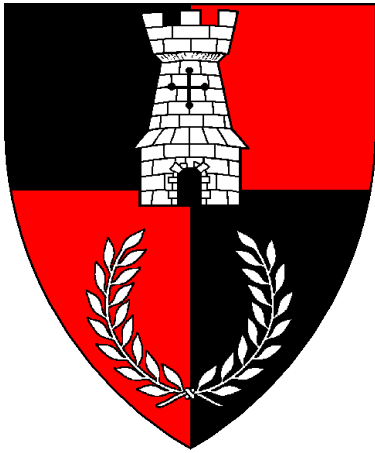




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The Barony of the Lonely Tower



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.

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Baronial Positions



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Seneschal



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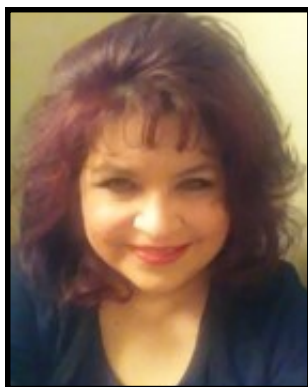
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Knight's Marshal



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Archery Marshal



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Chatelaine



Mistress Jehanne Bening
Social Media Deputy

From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

We hope this missive finds you well.

As His Excellency has returned from War, minorly bruised and in good spirits, We are preparing for an autumn full of Art and Science. Though the Baronial Revel was rained upon, Our spirits were not dampened and We spent the day in good company, feasting and making merry. We hope to determine Our Baronial Champions for the coming year as the Kingdom schedule allows. For now, We are glad to be sending Our steadfast archers to represent Our Barony at King's Companie the weekend following Horse and Falcon. We wish the best of luck to Our participants in Queen's Prize Tournament, and hope many are able to support the fine display of craftsmanship by attending and judging.

At the end of the month, We would have all available representatives attend Crucible at the Crossroads where We will attempt the conquest of the crossroads in the Barony of Three Rivers, and claim them in the name of The Lonely Tower and Our cousins Mag Mor.

Finally, Our Barony is hosting a Book Arts RUSH event in November. Please volunteer as you are able to help make this a success, and make sure to attend the exciting classes, learn and develop your skills, and join in the camaraderie.

Thank you all for your support, these past months. The Barony of the Lonely Tower depends upon each of you to maintain this wonderful momentum. We truly appreciate all the hard work and all the pieces that make us what we are together.

In service,

Augustin and Aleit

Baron and Baroness

From the Seneschal

Unto the Populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower comes Greetings from your Seneschal, this will be short and sweet!

The Cicadas are singing and the leaves will slowly begin to turn to amazing shades of yellow and orange. Enjoy these last few, maybe months of summer...for soon we will be huddled indoors listening the winds.

A reminder that we will be moving to indoor fighter/populace gatherings come the first Tuesday in October. We will be returning to the same site, Paddock Road Elementary school off of 91st and Paddock Road. Hopefully everyone remembers how to get to the parking lot behind the school? If not, please take a drive by, find your best route and scout out the parking lot. Better to be prepared then come the first night and you are lost in the mists. With the move indoors we are also changing up the hours. We will be starting at 6:00 pm and going till 8:00 pm. This was chosen due to those fun filled snow and ice covered nights when nobody wants to be on the road. Or just when it is too dang cold at 9pm to be out, and you want to be home and comfy. This too gives us time to grab a meal after practices if anyone wishes to. We will be indoors from that first Tuesday in October, the 2nd running till the 30th of April 2019. We are the same 1st and 3rd Tuesdays with the 2nd and 4th as travel weeks if anyone wishes to go to Mag Mor. In the event of a 5th Tuesday, there is no practice/gathering. Enjoy the day.

From the Society Seneschal came word that blue membership cards do not have to be signed when showing them to the gate. Having the blue card is proof you have a waiver on file. So event stewards, and Gate workers, please be aware of this. Also on Gate, there are new forms that are now being used. If anyone wishes to sit Gate in the future HL Christina will be holding classes on these new forms and procedures. Please keep an eye on the Exchequer letters in the coming months of dates and locations.

Letters of intent are still needed for the Knights Marshal. If you wish to fill this much needed position please have a letter of intent along with your SCA resume to myself, Their Excellencies and our current Marshall ASAP!

Finally the reminders about bids. Bids for October 2019 Crown were due to the Barony at the August business meeting. We have one and will be looking that over shortly. Also, a bid is needed for 12 th Night 2019. If you would like to Event Steward either of these events, or know of a site that the barony can use please let me know. I swear, I don't bite, I just grumble if you talk to me before my tea.

In Service,
HL Anne von Weingarten

From the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings to all.

With the Society and Kingdom Financial Policies changing/being enforced, the Officers of the Barony will have a few additional responsibilities. One of these, is a formal annual budget.

Previously, we have had informal budgets that stay with the Exchequer and may or may not be explained to any new officers...this is ending.

By 31 October, I must submit to Kingdom our Baronial Officer budget. These need to be itemized, and while they do not need to be exact, please be as close as possible.

Example:

Exchequer: \$50 for postage, \$40 gas for CalonCon, \$25 copy paper for gate forms, \$15 filing supplies

MoAS: \$25 per quarter for teacher compensation, \$100 for preprint copying and postage, \$40 gas for CalonCon

Archery Marshal: \$25 for feathers, \$100 for archery butt replacement, \$30 new strings for loaner bows, \$40 gas for CalonCon

Chatelaigne: \$100 fabric for tunics, \$50 for business cards and postcards, \$40 for gas for CalonCon, \$25 for new storage tubs for loaner clothes and feast gear

QuarterMaster: \$200 tavern box resupply, \$75 rubbermaid tubs for storage unit, \$12 rat traps for storage unit

These are made up examples, but I hope you get the idea. If you don't use what is in your budget, that's fine...but if you need to go over budget for any reason, it will require Financial Committee approval.

I need budgets from every Officer by the September Business Meeting, 17 September. Please send them to blt.exchequer@gmail.com and to blt.seneschal@gmail.com. The Seneschal and I will look them over request clarification or corrections, and then they will be submitted to the Financial Committee at the October meeting for approval.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me.

In grace,

Cristina

From the Chronicler

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The UNO Medieval Club is hosting a demo on UNO campus, September 13th. See page 10 for more information.

I'm taking a short survey regarding calendar holiday listings. Do you want me to include holiday listings onto the calendar? Please e-mail me at blt.chronicler@gmail.com with the subject line survey no later than September 12th. Give a yes or no reply. I truly appreciate your giving feedback.

I'm looking for a Deputy to serve as an understudy who may eventually want to take my place when it is time for me to step down. However, per Seneschal HL Anne von Weingarten's request, all Officers should have drop dead assistants or deputies by 12th Night. I'll teach any interested person willing to serve as deputy the knowledge of getting information and inputting that information into the Banner newsletter to send out via both online and by snail mail, this person can then practice to be comfortable to take over. Be prepared to take time to learn whatever methods that work to best set up typeset and printing of the newsletter. The person should have the Word Publisher program to start with.

From the Knight's Marshal

Unto the populace of the great Barony of Lonely Tower comes this greeting from your Knight's Marshal, Cearr Mac Brendan,

I will continue acting as Knight's Marshal with the deputy-like help of his Excellency Augustine who is maintaining the loaner armor and marshaling any Tuesdays I'm not available. I'd like to find someone to who is warranted and interested in taking over, but can keep doing the job until then. Please send letters of intent to myself, our seneschal and/or the Baronage.

All of our authorized fighters are encouraged to become marshals. You can read about the marshal authorization process in the fighters handbooks, available at Calontir.org. You can contact the regional Marshal Bjarm Rorikson to become a Marshal in Training.

During these summer months we will continue to meet at Elmwood Park every Tuesday eve from 6:30 to dark. There will be a gathering each week.

The first Tuesdays we will host Mag Mor fighters and will have a marshal available for Cut & Thrust as well as Rattan fighting. The second Tuesday we encourage our fighters to attend Mag Mor's practice. The third Tuesday will host both C&T and Rattan fighting, though we'd like to focus on Cut & Thrust that week for those who do both. We do have Baronial loaner gear for folks to give C&T a try. Additional Tuesdays in the month will have Rattan fighting for certain and C&T if a marshal is available.

My schedule makes it tricky, but I'm glad to help folks with any armoring or other skills I have. In the spirit of a challenge that myself and a fellow newbie both accepted and accomplished, I will pay for 2 SCA memberships for the first 2 fighters who were still unauthorized and in loaner gear before June that meet these criteria; get/make your own set of gear to be on the field with nothing loaned, authorize, and fight at an out of town event. There is no deadline.

Defending the gate,
Cearr Mac Brendan

From the Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings!

The summer months are coming to a close and soon we will be indoors for fighter practice, archery, and plenty of time to work on projects. With that in mind, I will be scheduling times to start cutting the patterns and sewing the gambisons, along with other art and science projects. A few of the other things I'd like us to work on, would be learning how to fletch arrows, maybe some basic leather tooling, and of course a cooking day and other fibers. Also, if you would like to teach a class let me know. I encourage everyone to think of one A&S thing that they are good at, and show us how you do it. It doesn't have to be a full blown class, but a small demo and a hands on opportunity.

September brings us Queens Prize Tourney. I am looking forward to seeing what those in our Barony will be entering.

In November we are hosting the Scribal Book Rush event. I encourage everyone to take a look at our page for the event and at the classes that are being offered and come learn something new.

We also have been invited to Buffett Middle school to do a demo and help the students learn about life in the Middle Ages. I did this demo all by myself last year and had a blast! A very close friend of mine is a teacher there and she was the one that set it all up last year. It probably won't be until Feb. or March, but it's something to think about.

Finally, I encourage everyone to try something different, learn about a different craft, try, and don't be afraid to make mistakes. Challenge your friends, encourage newcomers, motivate old timers.

Yours in service to Crown and Kingdom,

Zafara BaBurr

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

Gardening Grotto

Saving Cucumber Seeds

Summer is coming to a close and the garden is pumping out food every day. Time to turn our minds to saving seeds for next year. This year I only planted pickling type cucumbers in the garden and, in theory, I only have one type—Boston Pickling, OP—so any seeds I get will be pure and true to breed.

How to save seeds from a cucumber? I have been trying to answer this question for years, and I think I have it. You wait. Seriously...keep waiting. While tomatoes and peppers and peaches and melons all have seeds that are ready to be planted when we are ready to eat the fruit, cucumbers are a slightly different beast. We are technically eating the immature fruit, which means the seeds aren't ready for planting.



This little guy is ready to pick for a pickle or a salad: he's about 3" long, uniform in thickness, lighter in colour at one end but without striations. Perfect.



The lower cucumber is ending its useful life: it's about 4" long, and while it is still uniform in thickness it has begun to develop striations. Good for pickle spears or chips, but definitely not fresh eating.

Above it, this cucumber is obviously overripe: bloated, yellow, with some mild scabbing on one end. However...it is not yet ready for seed. How do I know?



Note how lovely and plump these seeds are...except for that one in the upper corner...it is rather concave...not viable. When pulled from a cucumber that looks like that last one, all the seeds look like that or worse—totally flat with a ridged edge.



Subject number two:

This one is really far gone—about 9 inches long, hugely bloated, see the brown rind starting on the end? Still not ready. Yup, tried that one too.



This one is the closest yet to being ripe I think. Haven't picked it yet—still waiting. I am waiting for the stem connecting it to the plant to die back, rather like a winter squash or a melon.

Once you find the perfect specimen, saving the seeds is actually pretty simplistic:

Slice the cucumber end to end and scoop out the seed mass into a bowl or mason jar. Fill the dish with water and let it sit on the counter for 2-3 days. Then rinse the seeds (sort of like washing rice), refill, and leave for another 2-3 days. Purpose behind this is to ferment off the juicy bits and leave the viable seeds sunken to bottom. Once most of the fleshy bits have fallen off the seeds, spread them out on a paper towel to dry for a few weeks out of direct sunlight—they should snap when bent in half and be full and plump in the middle, not sunken in. These will keep in a cool, dry place for 3-5 years.

Happy Harvesting,

Cristina.

UNO DEMO

UNO Medieval Club & Dr. Saltamaccia is hosting Demo Tuesday, September 13th from 10:30a.m. to 2:30 p.m. @ Prep Bowl location. They are asking us, Lonely Tower populace, to join them to do demo. They will provide Tents, tables, and chairs. Here's the link of the UNO map. It is on number 19 Prep Bowl & number 11 for parking: https://www.unomaha.edu/business-and-finance/support-services/_documents/parking-map.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact Lord Katsumato M.K.A. Phil Wasta pwasta@gmail.com

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



August Baronial Revel was held at Lord Brynojolf and Lady Aesa's home.

Baron Augustin le Blinde was generous in given permission to share his photos.



Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting
August 20 2018

- 1) Seneschal
 - a) Officers and deputies by twelfth night
 - i) How is the search going?
 - b) Bids for upcoming events
 - i) 12th Night
 - (1) Bid in works / finished
 - ii) October 2019 Crown
 - (1) contacted Westfair waiting for reply. will attempt this week if not new site
- 2) Baronage
 - a) C & T and Archery Championship
 - i) Reschedule dates? (Their Excellencies are in discussion with Mag Mor about combining the revels and hosting all 3 marshal championships; to be held at Aesa/Brynjolf's house either 9/23 or 9/29, 9/30
 - b) Baronial Progress - Cattle Raids, Horse & Falcons, Kings Companie, QPT (Her Excellency - Tentative), Revel (TBD), Gryphon's Fest/Crucible at Crossroads. (Her Excellency to start discussion on Facebook about participation in Crucible)
- 3) Exchequer - \$10,494.xx is current balance
 - a) officer budgets
due by Sept meeting for review - formal budgets to be submitted by end of Oct to Kingdom; Christina to send reminders on FB and email; submission by email to exchequer, will be reviewed in October business meeting, then submitted to Kingdom
 - b) class on new Gate forms/ protocols
- 4) Arts & Science - RUSH event coming up; no other report; Her Excellency suggested we consider hosting some classes on Tuesdays during the gap weeks as not everyone can travel to Mag Mor. Please contact Zafara or Jehanne with ideas. (We could also do prep activities before Twelfth Night)
- 5) Herald- Has registration petition for two populace badges and is gathering signatures; let Herald know if you submitted anything to Kingdom; Hoping to attend Kingdom heraldic retreat; check out thread on Kingdom FB page about posting your heraldry and where you are from.
- 6) Chronicler -
 - a) Officer email contact
 - i) what email do you want listed in the banner - Gmail preferred if officer has one
 - b) officers send in letters by Fri evening
 - c) If you have artwork or photo for the banner, please send them to chronicler
 - d) Need a deputy as well
- 7) Social Media - has a drop dead but looking for a deputy;
- 8) Web Minister - will check on email forwarding verification;
- 9) Knights Marshal
 - a) Letters of intent
 - b) fighter practice going well; two more new fighters showing up
- 10) Cut & Thrust Marshal - trying to hold practice 3rd Tuesday of month
- 11) Archery Marshal - making some equipment (bowstrings, cases); Dolan is #3 and Michael de Lundie is #10 on list of top 5% of crossbow shooters in Known World
- 12) Events
 - a) 12th Night
 - i) Bid possibly in the works for Westside Community Center;
 - b) October 2019 Crown
 - i) Bid in the works - Westfair? IA would be even more merchant friendly; waiting to hear back, will follow up this week
 - c) Scribal RUSH - "Book Arts" theme; schedule is posted (not all classes are listed yet); considering e-pay for gate;
- 13) New Business

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)
3133 S. 128th Cir, Omaha, NE 68144
cell: 402-201-7140 e-mail:jehannebening@gmail.com

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

Besides classes for ALL Book Arts, activities 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.medievalcity.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.

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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