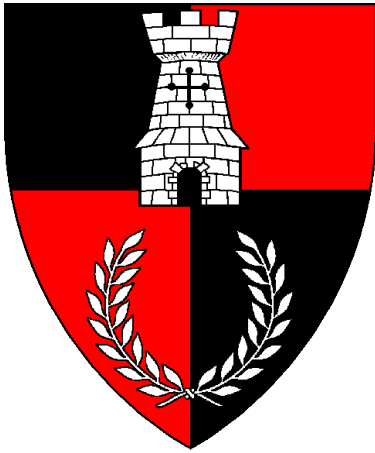


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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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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Archery Marshal



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Minister of Arts & Sciences



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Spiach'ev Горностаи
Anser Pursivant (Herald)



Lady Jorunna Refsdottir
Chatelaine



Mistress Jehanne Bening
Social Media Deputy
Arts & Science Champion



From the Seneschal

Award recommendations, please get them in! We have many new faces in the barony, and some are deserving of recognition by the Crown. Take a look around, and fill out a recommendation.

Events. I am requesting that the populace look into the possibility of hosting upcoming events. Kingdom A&S; Queen's Prize; Crown/Coronation. If you would like to put a bid together please let me know. We do need to host events, that is how the barony keeps it's bank statement nice and happy.

We move indoors soon for Fighter Practice / Gathering. Do you know a site? Give me a shout and we will see if it can work.

In Service,

HL Anne von Weingarten

From the Social Media Officer

Wow! Time passes fast when you're having fun. My warrant is up as Social Media Officer next month. I will be stepping down. The Barony needs your help to pick up the charge. Well, it's more a task than a charge.

If you're interested in contributing to this group we call home by serving as the next Social Media Officer please send an email to HL Anne, our Seneschal. Tell her about your interest and any related details.

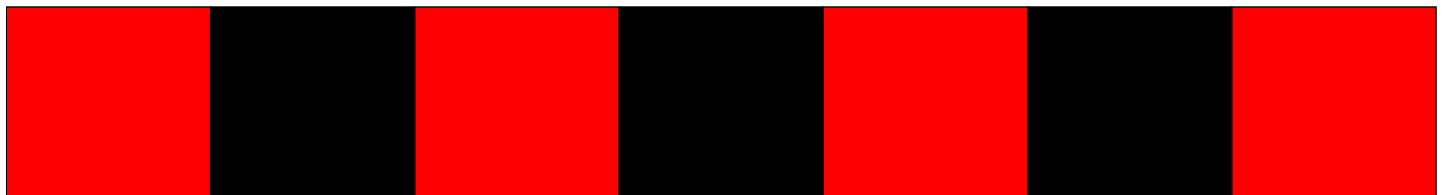
While this job is done in the background it does require you have regular internet and Face Book capabilities. You'll find it a pleasure to use your skills to keep the Barony a happening place.

So, help friends stay connected by being the next Social Media Officer.

For the Dream,

M. Jehanne Bening

Social Media Officer



From the Chronicler

Cover Photo: Mistress Nesscia Inghean Chearnaigh took a picture of Viking Hogback Stone of Luss, Loch Lomond, Scotland.

According to Lynne's blog <https://blosslynspace.wordpress.com/2016/08/19/the-viking-hogback-stone-of-luss-loch-lomond-scotland/> :

This is what I could remember seeing many years ago in Luss graveyard, although I had seen it before the stones restoration. Now fully restored, you can see the wonderful markings on this ancient 11th century Viking Hogback Stone. Hogbacks are stone carved Anglo-Scandinavian sculptures from 10th-12th century England. This stone is thought to have dated from the Loch Lomond raid of 1263, when the Vikings had pillaged and settled on the lochside, maybe one Viking that stayed. It was unearthed in 1926 and until very recently had been covered in moss, but now restored. The solid stone blocks are not, as the name might suggest, representations of pigs but stones which are designed to make the tombs of the dead look like mighty buildings in the Norse style. The bow-sided shape of the hogbacks are similar to the classic Viking house and the interlace patterns on them are also very Scandinavian in origin, but this type of stone are only found here in Britain. They are not to be found in Scandinavia and also there're none to be found before the Vikings came here. It could be, as we were great carvers of stone, they saw this and emulated us. Govan in Glasgow has a large number of hogbacks and various other ancient stones, the hogbacks are found exclusively in areas of Northern Britain settled by Vikings, Southern Scotland, Cumbria and Yorkshire.

Chronicler's note: I encourage you to look her blog up and see close up pictures of detailed carving hogback stone.

From the Chatelaine

An Attempt at Garb

When attending a SCA event, an individual must make an "attempt" at Pre-17th Century garb. However, an "attempt" isn't defined. This is because everyone's attempt will be different and unique to them.

An attempt can be a simple tunic and pants. Getting a tunic and pants can be as easy as talking with your local chatelaine and using "Gold Key", which is garb made by the barony for new folks to borrow. There are also many other places garb can be acquired, such as Etsy, Ebay, or really anywhere on the internet. There are SCA Facebook 2nd hand sale pages that frequently have garb, armor, and accessories for sale, as well. However, buying online is sometimes nerve-wracking for folks. So attending events, where you have the opportunity to touch, try on, and see what you are buying are fantastic. In December, Calontir hosts an event called Kris Kinder, which is focused solely on SCA vendors (and shopping!). It's a perfect opportunity to get a new belt, rattan, throwing weapons, or a new outfit.

Another way to gain garb is to make it. The Barony of the Lonely Tower is lucky to have many adept seamstresses and sewers. So, even if you're not confident in patterning and sewing, or don't have a machine, there is usually someone you can talk to about getting help to make garb. Right now we have a sewing circle that meets at libraries around Omaha on Thursday evenings to work on projects. These gatherings are meant to be an opportunity for all to come and learn. It's a chance to work on your personal projects, or help make some "Gold Key" garb.

Ultimately, your garb will be unique to you. It depends on whether you borrow, buy, or make your first set of garb. Talking with members in the barony, and your chatelaine, are the best ways to come up with ideas of what you'd like to wear. Remember that you are starting an awesome journey filled with fun and learning. Welcome!

Jorunna Refsdottir

From the Baronial A & S Champion

So you have this nifty thing you've made and you think it would be fun to enter it in a competition. But it's a bit scary because the competition rules say you need "documentation". What can you do?

The easiest way to learn documentation is to fill in a simple form. A pdf that asks you questions and gives you tips for what you're suppose to include. It's a great way to get started.

The form is called EZ-DOC. Once you get to the page there are three to choose from. Click on the one that fits your nifty creation. Then fill it out.

Once you'r done be sure to print out four copies. Three for your competition judges to read and one for your records.

Keeping a copy for yourself is great when a year later a friend asks you how you made your nifty thing. It's also great five years later to see for yourself how much you've improved.

Any way you can find the EX-DOC form at [.http://www.larsdatter.com/ezdoc/index.html](http://www.larsdatter.com/ezdoc/index.html)

Try it. You'll find "documentation" is easier than you think.

Happy competing.
M. Jehanne Bening

Warlord Ribbon Tourney

At the business meeting, I was asked to consider rescheduling the Charity Warlord Tourney, as Their Majesties have decided to attend The Feast of Fools in Axed Root. I'm currently considering 28 March 2020, instead.

As this is meant to be a fighting-centric event, I am not arranging for other activities. I will make sure that we have space available for people to arrange for A&S classes, if they choose to do something. We will be running a tavern.

Here is the current list of staff positions:

Head Gate: Ivetta

Rattan Marshal-in-Charge: Sir Michael

C&T Marshal-in-Charge: Cearr

Minister of Lists: Anne

Waterbearer: Lyleth

Tavernkeepers: Zafira

Royalty Liaison (if needed): <pending>

I'm asking that the Barony's fighters assist with setting up and tearing down the list field.

I'll post more info as things develop.

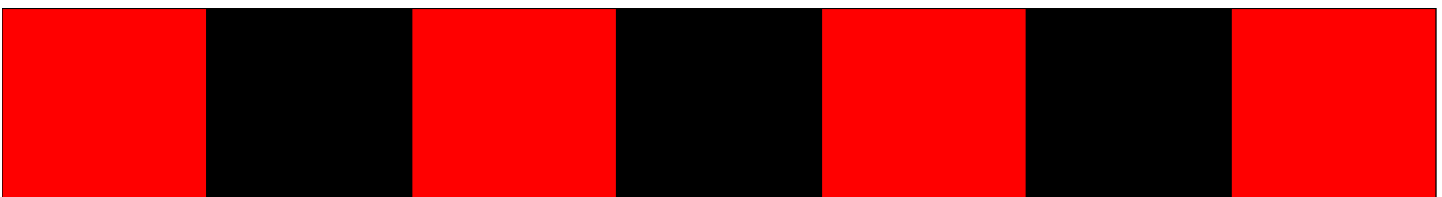
Mikail Azadan



Baronial BBQ fest and Pennsic Pity Party

Greetings! On behalf of Her Excellency, We want to thank all of those who attended Baronial BBQ fest & Pennsic Pity Party, Saturday, August 10th, gather at Our home. We had an amazing and wonderful time with all of you. We enjoyed much delicious food, revelry, fighting (the good kind) and finished our night in joyous song. We look forward to more relaxing days like this with you all. YIS, Baron Augustin

Mistress Jehanne Bening took this picture.



Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting
August 19, 2019

Seneschal

Discuss possibility of changing units at current storage facility

Event Bids

- ◆ Even though not our rotation for Crown/Coronation can still bid
- ◆ Look at bidding for QPT / Kingdom A&S / King's Co. Archers

Award Recommendations

- ◆ Even if we are not hosting an event get award recommendations in!

Baronage

Baronial Progress

- ◆ Cattle Raids
- ◆ Atlantia - 100th Tourney of Cross & Lily (Labor Day weekend)/Valor - TBD
- ◆ KCOA
Please come and hang out with Her Excellency...she will have snacks and drinks!
- ◆ Vertigo
- ◆ Archer Champion
Owain the Younger
- ◆ Award Recs!!! Do it!

Exchequer

- ◆ Currently sitting in Hawaii sipping a drink and watching the breeze in the trees
- ◆ Current balance (roughly) \$7400.00
Thank you to anonymous donor for \$1000

Arts & Science

Thursday Fiber Nights

- ◆ Alternating Swanson and Downtown
Next is Sept 12th @ Swanson

Research Night

- ◆ Will happen depending on Zafara's schedule. Keep an eye out on Facebook. 2nd Tuesdays at the library 90th/Fort and Sundays in winter

Chatelaine

Recruitment ideas

- ◆ Farmer's Market, free booth for non-profit
- Chatelaine Favors - Green/Gold Key
- ◆ Newcomer favors - Blue with White Tricetta
- Amazing interactions at Tuesday fighter practice
- SeptemberFest, take part in 2020?

Chronicler

- ◆ Deputy needed. Warrant exp January 2020
- ◆ Banner deadline August 25th
If no letter submitted, Banner will go to press

Social Media

Absent due to illness

Web Minister

Welcome Gaius as the new web minister

HUGE thanks to Willeam for everything. Enjoy Germany!

Website remains down, source determined and fixed. Old file used to fix problem, so please report any errors.

- ◆ Working on source issues, files and folders are missing.

Knights Marshal

Need C&T marshals. This is a big need! HUGE. Cearr can do majority of onboarding for new marshals!
Traveling Fighter Practice: 2nd Tuesday of the month summer. 2nd & 4th winter
Youth marshal activities TBD in conjunction with CdE and Mag Mor

Archery Marshal

Move to indoor site first Wednesday of October?
Watch FB and website for weather-related announcements

Standing Items

Revels

- ◆ 4th Quarter, will schedule soon.
 - Theme: Winter Wonderland
 - Heavy Combat championship

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Warlord Tournament for Charity: consider moving to spring 2020
- ◆ 12th Night
 - Lots of Fighting all day! NO feast.
 - Replacement of floor tile

Regional fighter practice Oct 5

- ◆ Hosted by Coeur d'Ennuï

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)**
Master Rolf Hobart

**Archery Champion
(3rd Quarter)**
Lord Owain the Younger

**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

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