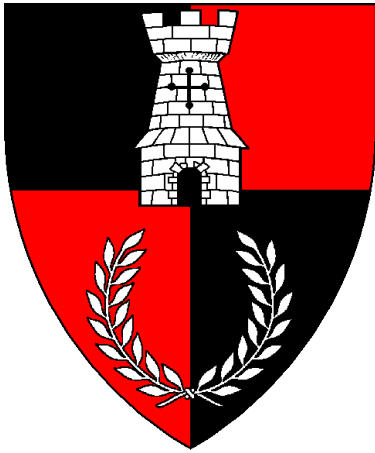




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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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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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 Gaius Cornelius Scipio
Titianus
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)



Lady Jorunna Refsdottir
Chatelaine



From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Greetings Unto the Populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

We write to you following a very enjoyable Toys for Tots event in which the wonderful people of this kingdom donated more than 2,000 new toys for children this holiday season. Calontir's Toys for Tots event has been helping to bring joy to children for 30 years, and We were pleased to be part of the festivities this year, which also included a surprise vigil for Mistress Roise, who was honored with an invitation to join the Order of the Laurel. Her elevation will take place at Coronation. Congratulations, Mistress Roise!

Our next event will be Kris Kinder, the annual event for shopping and spending time with friends. We hope many of you join us in the Shire of Lost Moor for this annual favorite, which will close out the activities for this calendar year. Then we will kick off the new year with Coronation as Their Royal Highnesses Lucian and Tamar step up to rule these lands.

Sad news reached Us this week about the passing of Lonely Tower's first Baroness, Countess Morgana. She was revered by many for her talents and kind personality. We have heard wonderful accounts of her deeds by those who are mourning her loss while celebrating her life. May she always live on in our hearts.

We wish each of you the most joyful holiday season with much health and prosperity in the coming year.

Pax,

Augustin & Aleit,
Baron & Baroness

From the Baronial A & S Champion

Greetings All,

While the holidays are here, remember the Arts and Sciences Championship Competition is fast approaching too. It's my honor to select the challenge. So here it is.

2 items you've created within the last 2 years using a different skill set and abilities for each.

Simple, yes?

Please don't enter items you submitted to any Kingdom competitions.

Documentation is not required but including information on a 3x5" card makes your presentation easier for others to appreciate. Be prepared for a conversation on where you found your inspiration source(s) and the resource(s) you used.

With the extra free time you have - ha, ha - during the coming weeks I look forward to having you all test my judging skills at the coming A & S Revel.

For the Dream,

Jehanne Bening





From the Chronicler

Cover Photo: Lady Jorunna Refsdottir took the picture of the Baroness & Baron during 4th Quarter Wonderland Revel. With permission to use.

My warrant expires January 2020. Don't be shy to try something new. Only app that you need to have is Word Publisher to produce the Banner.

Please send a letter to Baron Augustin & Baroness Aleit (blt.baronage@gmail.com), Seneschal Anne (seneschal@lonelytower.org), and myself (chronicler@lonelytower.org)

My apology for the confusion about Chronicler position and Barony of the Lonely Tower since I wasn't explained well. Anne clarified this via Facebook posting November 3rd In case you missed it, I'm going to repost it here:

To clarify somethings.

Do we need a new chronicler come January 2020? Yes we do, if you are interested or have questions please come and talk to the Seneschal, Her Excellency; who have held local, kingdom and corporate chronicler positions, and our current chronicler. The position does require knowledge of Word and Publisher; or whatever publication tools you know. We can publish quarterly or monthly, if you would like to change publication schedule please put it towards the officers first.

Will events like 12th Night or Kingdom level events stop existing in the Barony? NO. events can and will still happen. Will the Barony cease to exist? NO! Lonely Tower will still be here, however to hold Baronial status there are rules set by Kingdom and Corpora that we must follow. And those include a full Witan (seneschal, exchequer, knight marshal, herald, a&s minister, webminister, chronicler)

If we do not have someone to fill one of these positions a deputy will step up, or in this case of the chronicler it falls to the Seneschal to fill the roll until a replacement is found. This is an option that we need to avoid.

And if we do not find a replacement and the Seneschal gets frazzled with doing 2 jobs along with normal life....well that is a bridge that is there but that we do not want to cross.

HL Anne von Weingarten
Seneschal

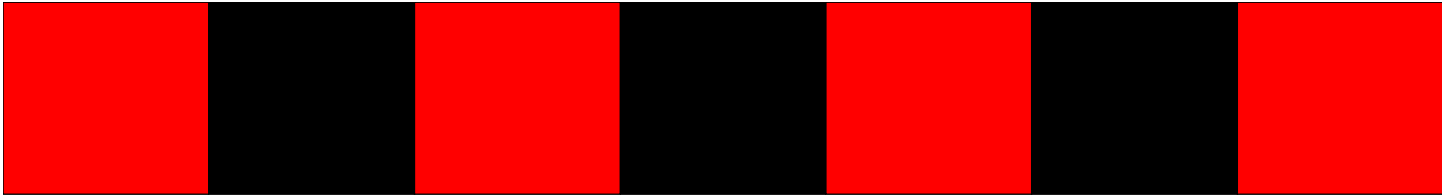
From the Web Minister

Hello,

The Barony of the Lonely Tower website is back to 100% and better than ever. The website address is back to www.lonelytower.org from www.baronyofthelonelytower.org . And finally, I have convinced Google that the site is not a hacked site and they have removed their hacking notice. I have backups of the website in case this issue comes back. If there is anything you would like added or changed please feel free to reach out to me at webminister@lonelytower.org or in person.

-Lord Gaius Cornelius-Scipio Titianus, Webminister





From the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings to all.

As the year comes to a close, our financial records will be tidied and the end of year Domesday report created and submitted to Kingdom. It will be several months before it is declared good and complete; at that time, it will be published for the Barony. Our current balance is \$5929.37. We have several large bills coming due, which will drop our balance rather low. Be not dismayed, we have a few events planned over the next year--but there is room for many more. For those wanting to run an event, but not knowing where to start...the Kingdom website has areas for the Exchequer and Seneschal to hold the handbooks and there are other resources on those pages as well to give you a basic understanding of what you are about to undertake. There are also many in the Barony that would love to share knowledge with you and help you with this task.

In grace,

Cristina.

From the Financial Committee

Financial committee meeting
2019 October 21

- Present:
Kay Mead – Exchequer Deputy
Ann Wingert
Jim Janicki
Tamsin MacDonald
Tim Hardisty
Kathy Goslin

All were reminded that bids for events must first go through the Exchequer and Seneschal, then the FC, then can be sent to Kingdom for approval by the Exchequer and inclusion on the calendar by the Reeve.

12th night bid was discussed and will be amended and resubmitted to the FC online. --this item was later dismissed.

Discussed possibility of 12th night being cancelled this year. --this later came to pass.

Those present were reminded that the Exchequer cannot handle money at events except for obtaining the petty cash and doing the final count.



1. Seneschal

1. Officer Emails
 - i. Please set up a Gmail account for your office. Easier at change over for new office access, also has history if needed.
 1. blt.youroffice@gmail.com as example.
 - a. blt.seneschal@gmail.com
 - b. Need: Social Media; Arts & Science; Herald; Knight Marshal
2. Do you know when your warrant is up? Replacement? Extension? (Ann will check and see if there is a list of warrant expiration dates and notify appropriate officers)
3. Event Bids
 - i. Have an event idea?
 - Find a site, build a team, submit a bid
 - ii. Even though not our rotation for Crown/Coronation can still bid
 - iii. Look at bidding for QPT / Kingdom A&S / King's Co. Archers
4. Award Recommendations
 - i. Even if we are not hosting an event get award recommendations in!
 1. Their Excellencies will check awards page on website for accuracy

2. Baronage

1. Baronial Progress
 - i. Kris Kinder -- December 14
 - ii. Coronation January 11 2021
2. Award Recs!!! Do it! We will host court at a revel to be announced soon (working on dates)

3. Exchequer

1. Current balance \$5,929.37
2. Annual bills coming up so we will be spending up to \$3K before coronation. Hope to make a profit on July 2020 coronation.

4. Arts & Science

1. No report this month

5. Herald

1. Heraldry is happening

6. Chatelaine

1. Will look into "SCA lawn sign" for outdoor fight practice

7. Chronicler

1. Letters due Sunday November 24th by Noon
2. Deputy needed
3. Please help in spreading the word
 - i. Warrant exp January 2020

8. Social Media

1. Please share that a chronicler is needed via platforms
2. Instagram gaining followers

9. Web Minister

1. How is that website coming?
2. New Email system

10. Knight's Marshal

1. Need C&T marshals (Augustin is a MIT)

11. Archery Marshal

1. Warrant Expires October 2019.
 - i. Will renew / Roger deputy sharing responsibilities
2. Canceled Wednesday November 27th, due to Thanksgiving
3. Watch FB and website for weather-related announcements

12. Standing Items

1. Revels
 - i. Dates for 2020 to be announced; will have a January and/or February revel (A&S will likely be Feb)
2. Upcoming Events
 - i. July 11 2020 Coronation
 1. Will start filling staff post Crown, April 11 2020
 - ii. January 9 2021 Coronation bid in process
 - iii. (Possible) Masters of the Duel - date TBD
 1. Thrive Space in Waterloo

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

10/2019 - Archery Marshal
01/2020 - Anser Pursuivant (Herald)
01/2020 - Chronicler
01/2020 - Chancellor of the Exchequer
03/2020 - Minister of Arts & Sciences
06/2020 - Seneschal
01/2021 - Knights Marshal
08/2021 - Web Minister

Credits

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