

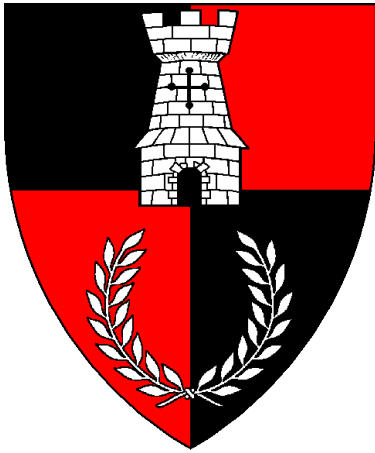


Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom
of Heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit
the Earth.
Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called
children of God.
Matthew 5:3-10

All things
considered,
Insanity is
the only
reasonable
alternative.

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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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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,

As the air turns cold, We carry warmth in Our hearts knowing the Heirs to the Calon Throne have been determined! Congratulations to Their Royal Highnesses, Lucian and Tamar!

We look forward to our upcoming Baronial Revel on Saturday, November 9th. Sir Bjarm will host a Championship Toruney to defend his title as Baronial Armored Fighting Champion. Location details will follow through Social media and the Baronial webpage. As we enter this season of giving thanks, we are glad for the opportunity to express our deep gratitude for all the support we have received, and for all the service each and every one of you has given to the Barony of the Lonely Tower throughout the year. We have so many new faces, and many helping hands!

We wish everyone a warm and happy Thanksgiving!

In Service to the Dream,

Augustin and Aleit
Baron and Baroness

From the Seneschal

Unto the Populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower come greetings from your Seneschal.

Let's get right down to business shall we? Yes, 12th Night for January 2020 has been canceled. Was this an easy decision? No it was not, there are a lot of logistics that play into an event happening or not happening. What we DID have working for us: We have an amazing Event Steward that was willing to run the event for the 2nd year, Thank you Master Mikail for stepping up to take on the task, and again I apologize for things not working. We had an event site, one that allows us to use the space we need, and a bit of wiggle room with day of space needed, there was never an issue with the site. What we DID NOT have working for us: Weather, as always winter in Nebraska can be a fickle thing, combine that with the constantly decreasing attendance numbers for events, along with Coronation a week later in the Barony of Forgotten Sea that makes people look a bit closer at event travel during the winter. Also, there was a change in Their Majesties schedules over the Holidays and therefore 12th Night came off of Royal Progression. Combine all of that, the question of the event losing money; or making a slim profit the choice was made to cancel for this year. We can reset; look at the event, how it is run, how we would like it to run, see what is needed and what is not to make it a successful event. At times it is better to cancel than to run an event into a rut and also run through a dwindling pool of individuals who are willing to step up to the plate and run the event.

As I have said before, and will state again, if you would like to run an event, then **step up!** Find a site, check the kingdom calendar and reach out to the Kingdom Reeve, who is now Lady Nadya Helming and she can be reached at: reeve@calontir.org to see if bids have been accepted for upcoming Kingdom events. CC me on those emails! If nobody has a bid in, put one together, get a staff in place, find a site, have them PENCIL us in for the date needed. Put the bid forward at a business meeting. Again, email myself; blt.seneschal@gmail.com, the exchequer, blt.exchequer@gmail.com and Their Excellencies, blt.baronage@gmail.com a copy of the bid, and all information and we can put it forward at a financial committee meeting. And it doesn't have to be a kingdom event, a local event can be run, just double check with the Reeve to see if the weekend is available and then bring the idea to the Business Meeting!

I am going to let everyone know that we will be hosting July 2020 Coronation. We have a site and a Feast Steward secured! What I will be needing between now and Spring 2020 Crown is staff. So if you were sad or upset that 12th Night is canceled, here is a way to make up for it. Volunteer to fill needed spots. There are multiple vacancies that need to be filled, and I am talking more than just sitting at Gate and helping to clean up at the end of the day. What is needed is key individuals. Will we have fighting? Sure, do we have a Marshal for it? Nope. Can we have A&S classes? Ya bet! Do we have anyone to organize it yet? Nada. Talk to me, let's see where we can find a spot that you like. And are you interested but not sure? Then talk to me still. We can see about finding someone who has been there before to mentor you / be a sounding board, or be an assistant.

As most of you have seen we are now at our winter indoor site, Hillside Elementary school at 74th and Western. Times are 7p-9p, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday till April. We have room for fighting and a small area down the hall and up a few stairs to sit, talk, and be out of the way of the fighters. We can also see about small Arts & Science projects happening, please attend first to see if the space will work and then we can see if anything can happen the next time.

As always, these sites cost, and this year it is not too expensive, but with no events in the near future there is nothing to offset the cost. If you would like to donate towards the cost, please let myself and the Exchequer know. We will work with you on getting your donation done correctly, deposited and all that goes along with it. Just think...for only \$10 / month you too can support a lonely fighter..... Sad music and sad eyed fighter in the background...

Baronial things that need attention: Officers, please check your warrant dates. Some are **DANGEROUSLY CLOSE** to expiring and it is your responsibility to find either a replacement or asking your Kingdom counterpart about an extension.

In Service,

HL Anne von Weingarten

From the Chatelaine

The Importance of Service

The SCA is ultimately a volunteer organization. No one is getting paid for the offices we hold, or the events we help organize. We donate our time and talents to make our local group and our kingdom thrive. Cantons, shires, and baronies host events not only for the local populace, but for the kingdom as well. These events bring us necessary funds to maintain our local group, and they provide us a wonderful opportunity to show off our creative talents to the rest of the kingdom. A well run event can be the talk of the kingdom for years to come! It inspires others to strive for more from their events. These events help to create a sense of community that we wouldn't be able to otherwise have.

To spearhead one of these masterful events as an autocrat may be too much for a new person, but you can certainly ask to be a part of it! There are so many aspects to help with at an event! Help with fighting by setting up and tearing down the list field, help with the list table, or help waterbear! If arts and sciences are what you love: help set up a competition, volunteer to teach a class, or offer to help youth make crafts! If you just want to help and don't know what to do, just ask the autocrat what they need help with, maybe it's doing a gate shift, or helping serve feast. There are things that everyone, regardless of experience can do. These jobs matter! They must be done! Also it gives you, as a newcomer, an opportunity to learn more about the SCA. You'll also have a chance to meet and get to know people better. Additionally, people will have a chance to get to know you! So, don't be afraid that you don't know what you're doing, just get out and help! This is how we create our community, and how you can become a part of it. Help us grow and continue this dream we share.

Yours in service,

Jorunna Refsdottir

From the Chronicler

Cover Photo: Mistress Jehanne Bening took the photo of HL Astrid Esbornsdotter's show and tell at 2019 Cattle Raids. Permission to use this photo. Astrid is Jehanne's apprentice. What a lovely work!

Without the Banner, there will be no Barony of the Lonely Tower. My warrant expires January 2020. I do need someone to step up and take my place to keep Barony of the Lonely Tower running. 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) by Saturday, November 9th Baronial Revel.

From the Web Minister

Hello Barony of the Lonely Tower. Your Webminister is requesting any SCA pictures that you are comfortable having posted on the Baronial Website. Even if its pictures of SCA items like leatherworking, metalworking, cooked SCA food. These are welcomed as well. Thank you

- Lord Gaius Cornelius-Scipio Titianus

From the Baronial A & S Champion

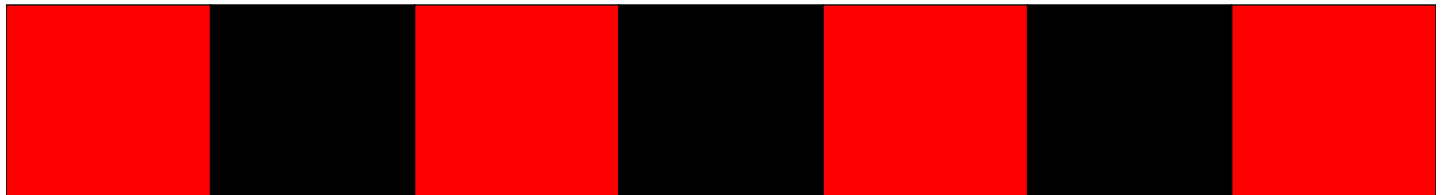
The Winter Revel is fast approaching. And Winter is a major gift giving season. So bring your handmade SCA gifts you received or gave to display at the Winter Revel.

Show off the detailed work by people who seldom enter A & S competitions. Or use it as a chance to display you special creation before you give it to your friend at 12th Night.

This is a display so beyond labeling what the item is for those of us less knowledgeable no documentation is required. You don't even have to give your name, but it would be nice if you did.

Can't wait to see what everyone has to show off.

For the Dream,
M. Jehanne Bening



Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting
October 21, 2019

Seneschal

1. Yahoo Groups

- Yahoo chose to no longer allow users to upload content to the Yahoo Groups site. Beginning October 28 won't be able to upload any more content to the site, and as of December 14 all previously posted content on the site will be permanently removed.
 - The Yahoo Groups site will continue to exist, however, all public groups will be made private or restricted.
 - Does not really affect the Barony as we have Facebook and the updated website will have email ability (I hope!) and a place to store files, and the like
2. Do you know when your warrant is up? Replacement? Extension?
- Event Bids
 - A. Have an event idea?
 - B. Find a site, build a team, submit a bid
 - C. Even though not our rotation for Crown/Coronation can still bid
3. Look at bidding for QPT / Kingdom A&S / King's Co. Archers
4. Award Recommendations
- Even if we are not hosting an event get award recommendations in!

Baronage

1. Baronial Progress

- Kris Kinder Dec 14th
 - Tentative: Autumn in Grimfells Oct 25-27: Toys for Tots Nov 16th
2. Award Recs!!! Do it!
3. 4th quarter champion, heavy (rattan) and Revel tentative for November 9th
4. Possible activity 10.29 for 5th Tuesday

Exchequer

1. Current balance \$

2. Officer Budgets were due October 1st.

- Submitted to Kingdom & compared to Domesday at year end
 - If you don't put in a budget and you still want money, you can get it, but it has to be approved prior to spending by the FC and then Kingdom is going to ask me WTF why didn't they submit that in their budget.
3. Event bids need to be done many months prior to the event so that they can be approved by the exchequer, the seneschal, and the FC prior to transmittal to Kingdom. This isn't optional. Bids with a complete budget must be approved and submitted BEFORE any event contracts can be signed.

Arts & Science

1. A&S Budget

2. Thursday Fiber Nights

3. Space available during Tuesdays

- Projects that will work in given area – embroidery, sewing projects/patterns, always looking for teachers for classes as well!
4. Need replacement in February, this is a required office (can apply for extension if needed)

Herald

1. Evil laughter

2. Baroness Kezia is still updating OP

3. Tabard (official herald garment) construction more appropriate for office in works

4. Electronic consultation is a thing, PM on Facebook

5. Submissions through war, other tables, etc please inform for follow up!

Chatelaine

1. We have lots of new people, more than we may even suspect! 15 since January
2. Roll of Arms has 9 new entries, requiring a new panel!
3. Budget submitted!

Chronicler

1. Deputy needed to take over in January
 - Please help in spreading the word, can't make fighter practices always and this is a required office!!
 - Warrant exp January 2020
2. Banner deadline Sunday, October 27th @ Noon
3. Ideas, Drawings, Art for the Banner is always needed

Social Media

1. Have spread the work out among the Chatelaine and Webminister
2. "Things To Do" may be continuing

Web Minister

1. New Website operational baronyoftheloneytower.org
2. Site Improvements, similar to previous but no membership access, forums can't transfer due to bug
3. Maintenance Notice transfer over (email will be down overnight) – minimal fee, requires officer gmail accounts prior to transfer
4. Calendar is already updating
5. Need photo releases!
6. Adding links to paperwork, handbooks, contacts, heraldry resources, etc.

Knights Marshal

1. Need C&T marshals. This is a big need! HE Augustin MIT
2. Moved to Indoor Site – good parking, direct entry, A&S clubhouse
 - Hillside Elementary 74th & Western (\$770 /season)
 - 7p (medium) - 9p (HARD)
3. Traveling Fighter Practice:
 - 2nd & 4th Tuesday's in winter

Archery Marshal

1. Has moved inside, however attendance has been down. Shooting Fall Challenge
2. Oct. 30 cancelled
3. Budget? Same as last year requested
4. Warrant Expires October 2019.
 - Will renew / Roger deputy sharing responsibilities
5. Canceled Wednesday November 27th, due to Thanksgiving
6. Watch FB and website for weather-related announcements

Standing Items

1. Revels
 - 4th Quarter, November 9th site TBD 12-4 setup 11-12
 - Theme: Winter Wonderland
 - A&S display of gifts received or giving
 - Heavy Combat championship Sir Bjarm presiding
2. Upcoming Events
 - 12th Night – bid present. Will review in Financial Cmte
 - June 2020 Coronation – bid will be reviewed at Financial Cmte
 - Jan 2021 in process (1.9.2021) combination Coronation/Twelfth Night

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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