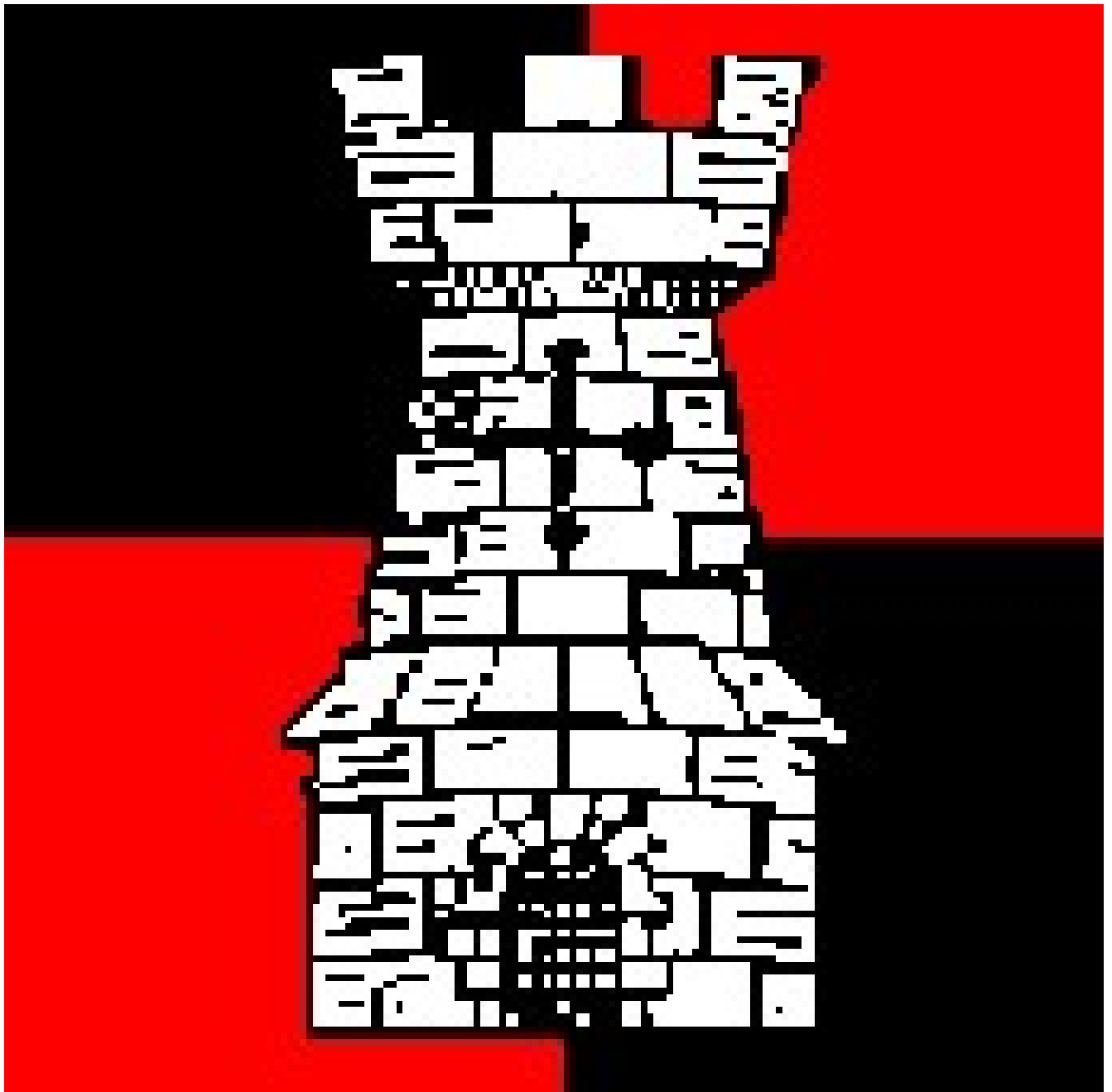
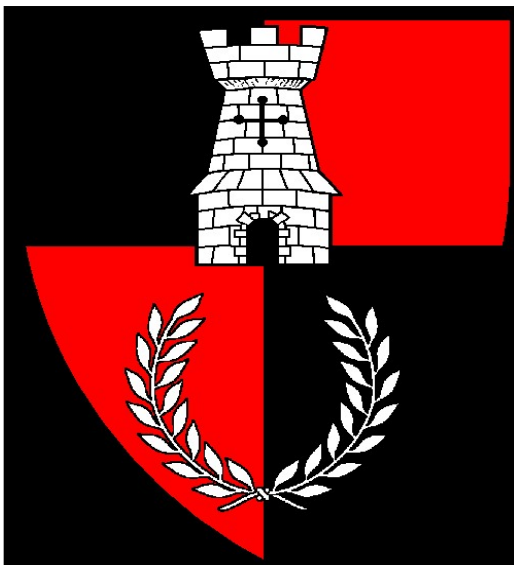


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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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



Lord Gaius Cornelius Scipio Titianus
Web Minister & Chronicler



Sir Michael Nymandus
Knight's Marshal



Lord Owain the Younger
Archery Marshal



Lady Zafara Baabur
Minister of Arts & Sciences



HL Nikolai Gornostai Spiach'ev
Горноста́й Anser
Pursuivant (Herald)



Lady Jorunna Refsdottir
Chatelaine

From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Warmest tidings unto the populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

We have had a lovely start to the New Year, sharing the holidays in good company, witnessing Their Royal Majesties assume Their thrones, and most recently determining Our Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion for the coming Year!

The first revel of the year was wonderful, with many in attendance, 6 entrants, Lord William's gameboard array, and of course a bountiful spread.

We are so glad to see so many working on new projects, enthusiastically sharing their creations with all of us. We are grateful to Mistress Jehanne for serving as Champion this past year, encouraging the populace, and inspiring such a wonderful display. We were excited to not only award the Baronial Cord, but also to select Lady Aethelwyn as Our Champion for her delightful embroidery and sewing!

We were also pleased to award the Cord to Matthew of Lonely Tower, who has been able to partake in many children's activities and later assist serving feast at many events! Congratulations to Lord Gaius, who was welcomed into the Order of the Column for his extensive service as crew for events, managing the loaner armor for our many new fighters, and serving as multiple officers for The Barony. This will be his first issue of The Banner as the new Chronicler. Congratulations and heartfelt gratitude to these lords and ladies!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year, upcoming in February we will be attending Clothiers, and invite you all to join us in Mag Mor for Winter War Maneuvers.

Throughout the year we will be hosting a few events locally, including Summer Coronation and Masters of the Duel. Please consider assisting the autocrats as many hands make light work!

As announced in court, we may be able to offer two additional revels this year. If this would be of interest or if you would like to sponsor one, please contact either of us or Her Ladyship Anne. Dates will be forthcoming and brought for discussion at the next Business Meeting, Monday February 24 7pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend, to hear what is happening throughout the Barony and share your ideas for this year!

In Service,

Augustin and Aleit

Baron and Baroness

Sage Words from the Seneschal

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

A joyous welcome to 2020! I hope that your holidays with family and friends was relaxing and enjoyable, and that you avoided stress and snow.

As I sit here, struggling to come up with what to write, I am going to use the words of His Majesty during the Cross meeting at Coronation.

“Lots of people are focusing on the tasks that they enjoy and want to do, which don't necessarily align with the roles that NEED to be filled to maintain a group. This causes issues with group maintenance over the long term. What we need to foster with newer folks is that those jobs can be very rewarding and does not require the massive skill level that we seem to portray. Notably the Seneschal and Exchequer positions are the ones where people are most hesitant to step in and fill because of presumed high difficulty levels.

I would charge us all to demonstrate to the newer or interested folks that these jobs are not that difficult and can be rewarding if maintained well and supported by people in our position to guide them when they ask for our help. We need to make sure that we make ourselves available for them so that they know we can help and are willing to not just take over or criticize them. Mistakes are human. “

Keep these words in mind please. We have officers who in the coming months will be looking for deputies, and as nice as it would be to have someone step up who has some experience I believe it would be wonderful for the Barony and the SCA as a whole for those with excitement for the new, and who want to learn and grow within the SCA to take the step, and see what is out there for them.

In Service,

HL Anne von Weingarten

YE OLD WEBMINISTER HERESY TALK AND STUFF

I have been up to more witchcraft and wizardry on the heresy board aka the Barony Website. I have added, with the information provided to me by Her Excellency Kezia von Holzenhaus , a Amorial (a list of people and their heraldry devices) ,and a page dedicated to all the Barons, Baroness, and Vicars that have graced the Barony of the Lonely Tower. I plan on adding more in the future, such as a list o f all the Officer who have been a part of the barony since it's conception, again with the help Her Excellency Kezia von Holzenhaus . If you want to see any voodoo on the website send me a message at webminister@lonelytower.org. Ok I will have to let you go, there's a crowd with torches and pitchforks heading straight for me .

- Gaius Cornelius Scipio Titianus

The Chronicles of the Chronicler

Hello,

I am your new Chronicler Gaius Cornelius Scipio Titianus. This is my first issue of "The Banner" so please be kind and send all complaints to idontcare@stildontcare.com. I am looking for a deputy if anyone is interested in learning the news business or want to teach me something. For those that have news for the Barony crowd please send me line at chronicler@lonelytower.com .

- Gaius Cornelius Scipio Titianus

Chatelaine Chat

Bellevue Berry Farm Renfaire Demo!

It's planning time! So the Barony has been invited back to the Renaissance Faire of Nebraska at Bellevue Berry Farm in May. Our Demo weekend is May 2nd - 3rd, and Education Day is May 8th from 9am to 3pm. How do I get involved you ask? For the demo days please contact me at chatelaine@lonelytower.org, melendy09@sbc.edu, or via Facebook (Bethany Melendy).

If you are interested in participating in Education Day on May 8th, we have a limited number of teaching spots this year! Please reach out to Nesscia Inghean Chaernaigh (Christine Nessa Lafinhan) at hclafinhan@aol.com or via Facebook. We are also looking for a few good "combat specialists" or Heavy Fighters to show these youths what we got! Come and enjoy a fun filled day teaching to middle school kids from Omaha and Lincoln schools!

A&S Revel

On Saturday January 25th, the Barony held their annual A&S Revel. We had 31 people who attended and had 8 submissions to compete for the Baronial A&S Champion. There was a host of different projects such as sewing, embroidery, wood working, leatherworking, brewing, cooking, chainmail, and lumination. Their Excellency's, with the advisement of their A&S Champion, Lady Jehanne Bening, announced that this years 2020 A&S Champion is Aethelwyn aet Ulancumbe for her sewing and embroidery work. Mathew (Wulfthryth Maynes's son) and Aethelwyn aet Ulancumbe both received the Baronial Cord. Gaius Cornelius Scipio Titianus was inducted in the Baronial Column. The Baron and Baroness announced they will be attempting to do six revels a year alternating between Saturday and Sunday.



The Roman's are looking for a few good men.....

Perks

- See the World
- 3 Meals and Cot
- 20 Year Retirement (Voided if killed in combat)
- Learn a skill such as
 - Siege Weapon Making
 - Weapon Maintenance
 - Carpentry
 - Plumbing
 - And so much more

Enlist TODAY!!!!

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Mort's Apothecary and Leech's Emporium

"Get that rosy glow in your cheeks this year with Mort's 2 for 1 special on Leech-

Blades and Blood

A Viking a Love Story

Come see the live action story about a Viking's love for silver

- Currently showing in England wherever a fire can be seen

Reviews:

Four Stars!!!!

I laugh, I cried, I screamed quite a lot

- English Peasant

5 Stars!!!!

-It was a experience that I will always remember

- Survivor after Viking Raid

Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting

January 20, 2020

1. Seneschal

- a. Reports
 - i. All officers are REQUIRED to CC the seneschal on reports. No wiggle room!
- b. Please set up a Gmail account for your office. Easier at change over for new office access, also has history if needed (we believe we need Archery and A&S to login. Gaius to communicate to them.)
 - 1. blt.youroffice@gmail.com
- c. February Meeting Change
 - i. February 24th v 17th
 - ii. March, July & August will be held in Hillcrest Health Services building (former bank building) across parking lot
- d. June Business Meeting
 - i. Falls on June 15th, first day back post Lilies
 - 1. Move to June 22, Y or N ? Yes- approved! Meeting will be June 22.

2. Baronage

- a. Baronial Progress
 - i. Clothiers ? Winter War Maneuvers
- b. Award recommendations. Court at upcoming revel Jan 25 - A&S Revel

3. Exchequer

- a. Current balance \$4,769.61
- b. Currently out of Kingdom, Ivetta is stepping in, Anne has the papers and stuff
- c. Domesday report is completed and at Kingdom
 - i. HUGE "Thank You" to M Roise for her assistance

4. Arts & Science

- a. Idea for A&S fundraising project

5. Herald

- a. Heraldry is happening
- b. Golden Falcon time coming to end - open to nominations

6. Chatelaine

- a. Possible Demos:
 - i. Bellevue Berry Farm Demo and Education Day - choice of 1st and 2nd weekend in May. 1st weekend is opposite Unslung Heroes (3.5 hrs away in Aston Tor) & Spring War College (5 hrs away) and 2nd weekend is Mother's Day weekend and opposite St. George & Dragon. Decision made to participate in first weekend pending enough fighters can make it - Sir Michael to talk to the fighters); Looking for a set up/tear down coordinator - Please volunteer!
 - ii. Education Day, Fri May 8, 9am to 3pm... M Nesscia has offered to coordinate Education Day participants. Jorunna to invite Mag Mor.
 - iii. Midlands Renaissance Revel at Ditmar's Orchard in CB in August (this is revival of IWCC Ren Festival); Aug 29&30... more to come

7. Chronicler

- a. Letters due by Sunday, Jan 26 at Noon,
- b. Please welcome our new Chronicler, Ld Gaius.
 - i. Many Thanks to Ldy Krystn for her work

8. Social Media

- a. We have a TON of followers on Instagram (119!)
- b. Looking for a DEPUTY - please volunteer!

9. Web Minister

- a. Officer emails and forwards - make sure they're working
- b. Barony Picture for Background - we can shoot one next time we're together (revel?)
- c. Website Enhancements - if you think of something, please let Gaius know.

10. Knight's Marshal

- a. Want to start collecting donations to recoup some funds as long as we meet the rules for exchequer handling the money timely
- b. Need C&T marshals - Augustin helped with an authorization at Coronation and is getting closer to completion

11. Archery Marshal

- a. Watch FB and website for weather-related announcements

12. Standing Items

- a. Revels

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

01/2022 - Chronicler

01/2020 - Anser Pursuivant (Herald)

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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February Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Clothier's Seminar 9:00 a
2	3	4 Baronial Gathering 7:00 p	5 Archery Practice 6:30 pm	6	7	8 Queen's Prize Tourname
9	10	11 Fighters to Mag Mor 7:00	12 Archery Practice 6:30 pm	13	14	15
16	17	18 Baronial Gathering 7:00 p	19 Archery Practice 6:30 pm	20	21	22 Chieftans 9:00 am
23 Business Meeting 7:00 pr	24	25 Fighters to Mag Mor 7:00	26 Archery Practice 6:30 pm	27	28	29 Winter War Maneuvers 6
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