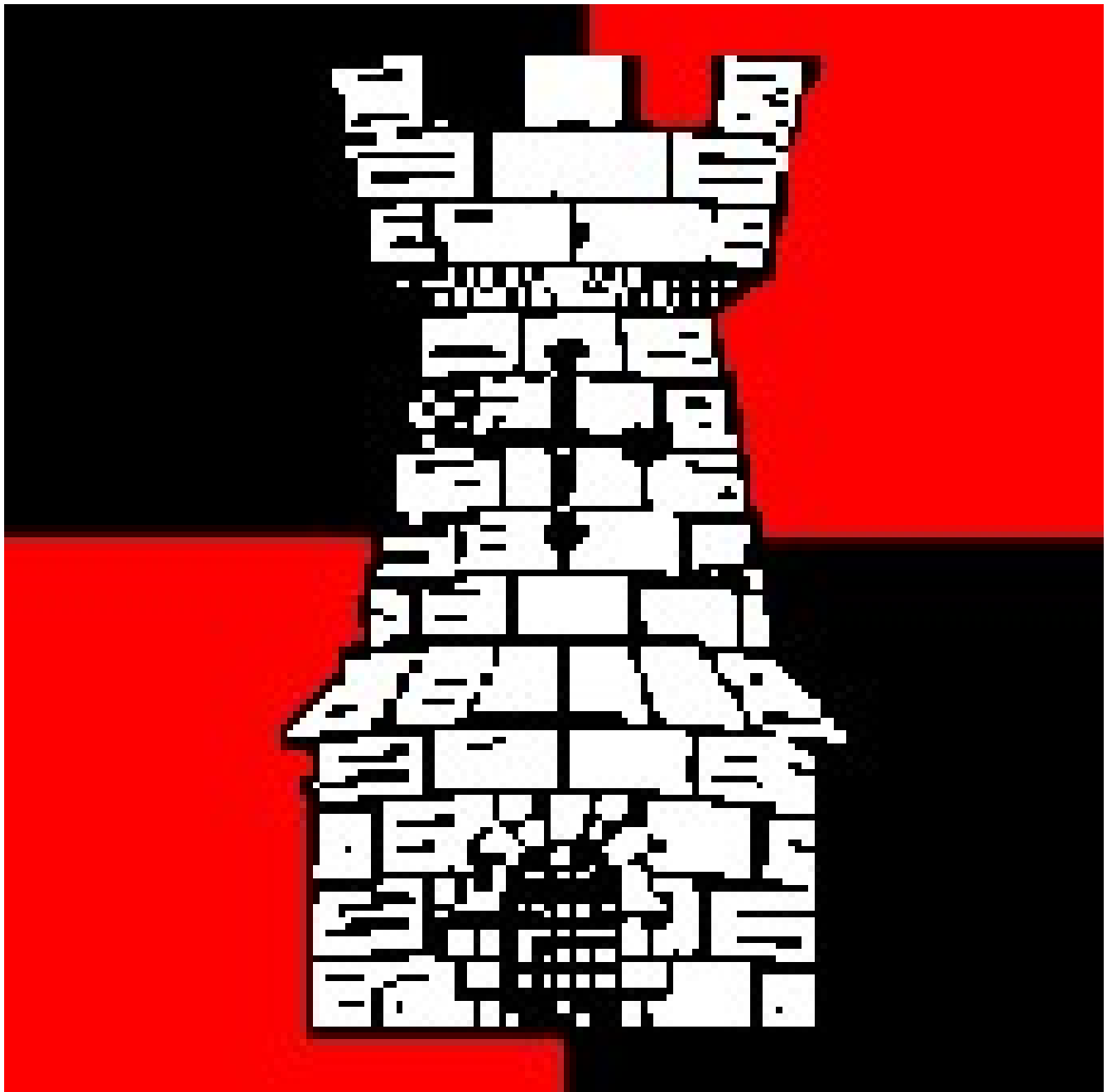
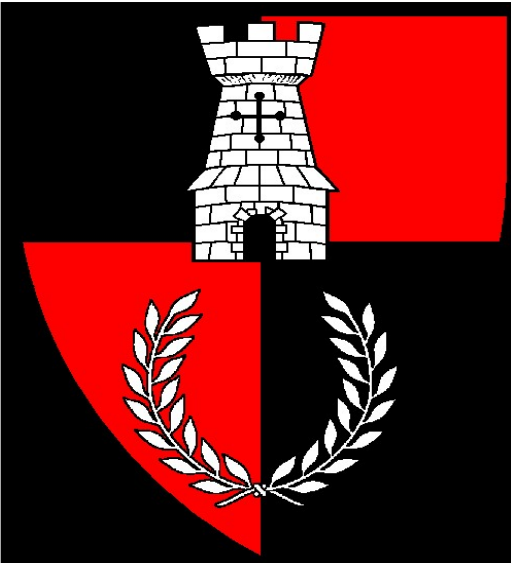


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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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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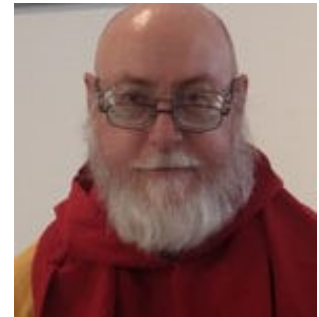
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From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

While it brought us no joy to miss seeing you at any of the events both near and far at the beginning of the month, we were happy to join you this weekend for Winter War Maneuvers in the neighboring lands to our south. The day was filled with the laughter of friends visiting and the clamor and clashing of fights well met. We were glad to see our enthusiastic chatelaine and demo coordinator, Lady Jorunna, recognized for all her contributions to the kingdom and society with entrance into the Order of the Torse!

At the business meeting, dates were discussed for the upcoming revels. Following our January Revel and Baronial Arts and Science Championship, we hope to host 5 more revels to create more opportunities to attend and meet in good company. The dates are anticipated as follows: Sunday, March 29 - Medieval Games hosted by M. Jehanne and tutored by M. Dolan, H.E. Kezia, and L. William.

Saturday, May 2 - Renaissance Demo and Revel including, possibly, Baronial Cut and Thrust Championship to be held at the Faire.

Sunday, July 26 -

Saturday, September 19 -

Sunday, November 8 -

If you are able to assist with hosting for any of these dates please let us know. This is a great way to try out coordinating events, while having few responsibilities and many helping hands.

We look forward to the coming spring and the eventful year ahead!

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.

Spring is here. The bugs are slowly repopulating the outdoors, and the fat robins are slimming down.

I wanted to thank all that were able to attend Winter War Maneuvers in Mag Mor, the Calon Army had an amazing turnout as always. For those of you heading to Gulf Wars in the next week: Be safe, have fun, buy all the stuff, and come back with stories to tell. Congratulations to Jorunna on her Torse, very well deserved. And a reminder to everyone, please write award recommendations, and be sure to update events that the recipient will be at if possible.

A few business items in this short letter. The business meetings are open to all populace members, please watch the baronial Facebook page for the dates, times and locations. Our March meeting will be Monday, the 30th at 7pm. We will have a guest at the March meeting, the representative from the Bellevue Berry Farm will be there to discuss the upcoming Demo and Education day on May 2nd and 3rd. If you do attend, I ask that you keep conversations to a minimum, or please take them outside of the room, this is very distracting to the group and not a good show for our guests when they can not be heard. Finally, my warrant is up in June of this year and I need a deputy ASAP! If you are interested, or have questions about the position please drop me an email at blt.seneschal@gmail.com and I will do my best to fill you in on all the details.

In Service,

HL Anne von Weingarten

Chatelaine Chat

Demo 101

What is a demo?

There are 2 types of demos that we typically do. The first is an education based demo. This is usually done for schools, scouts, or other youth groups. The focus of these are for youth to learn about what we do, specific skills, and about history. BLT's largest education demo is our annual Education Day in partnership with Bellevue Berry Farm's Renaissance Faire of Nebraska and the Catholic schools of Omaha and Lincoln. We regularly have over 300 students, teachers, and chaperones in attendance. We have also done demos for various scout troops, as well.

The other type of demo is a recruitment/general public demo. We usually have a couple of these a year. We partner with the Renaissance Faire of Nebraska for one and UNO for another. These demos are to garner interest and to educate the public about our unique social club. It's an opportunity to show off our garb, fighting skills, and arts and sciences projects! It's a chance to introduce people to what we do, and invite them to join us in our endeavors.

What do you do at a demo?

We do a lot at demos! We have heavy combat, and sometimes cut and thrust. We have people talking and explaining what is happening during the fighting. We have people showing different arts and sciences, like calligraphy, ~~viking~~ swing rope braiding, illumination, sewing, spinning, and weaving. We have people playing period era games like 9 Man Morris. We have someone teaching about heraldry, and allowing folks to draw their own. We have leather workers and woodworkers displaying what they make and how they do it. We let folks try on accessories and take pictures. We have lots of hands-on crafts that people are free to try and learn about. So, what does that mean for you? It means you can volunteer to teach or show off your awesome artistic skills, help with fighting, and talk with interested people and give them contact materials for our local barony!

Best practices at a demo:

1. Be Early! Get to site early to set up your stuff if you are bringing materials to show, or to change into garb.
2. Be friendly! Make sure to ask them about themselves and what interests them. That way you're better able to direct them to what we do in the SCA, since anything done in the modern world has a SCA counterpart.
3. Do NOT overwhelm them. Talk to them a little bit about what it is we offer and make sure to give them a business card. Invite them to our next gathering. Have them follow us on Facebook or Instagram. Don't overwhelm them with the minutiae of what we do. Try to avoid using SCA slang. Allow them to learn slowly and discover things for themselves.
4. Be Positive! Share your positive experiences in the SCA. Remember this is a public event and so we should always focus on all the different things that make the SCA a fun hobby. Never talk negatively about another aspect of the hobby, people, etc. If you don't know about something a potential member asks about, or you don't like it. Introduce them to someone who does that particular activity.
5. Remember we are recreating and trying to embody chivalric behaviors. Try to exemplify that behavior during the demo.
6. Help set up and tear down! This is the hardest work we do for a demo. Setting up and tearing down our site. We usually have a few tents 3-4 and our list field. The more people who help set up and tear down the quicker we can get everything done!

Thank you for your help to ensure our upcoming demos are successful!

Lady Jorunna ~~Refsdottir~~

Announcements

You're invited to the Baronial Medieval Games Revel, Saturday, from noon to 5 PM at the usual indoor Hillcrest location. Along with a potluck meal, it features three easy, fun games for you to play.

- Try the late period card game *Laugh and Lie Down*, the earliest known European game of Fishing. There's no other card game like it. It's more fun than brain-strainer.
- Play the *Royal Game of Ur* from ancient Mesopotamia. It was popular across the Middle East among people of all social strata.
- Enjoy a round of *Gluckshaus*. A dice game attributed to the Vikings and later popular among tavern-goers and mercenaries.

To get you started each game will be coached by either M. Dolan, B. Kezia or Ld. William at a designated table for a set time before you move on to another. Try your skills at each game before the revel ends. Or opt for a round to visit with your Baronial friends.

While dice and coin-tokens are used to play the games, this isn't Council Bluffs or Las Vegas. All will be returned to the coach.

So come eat, play games and chat with your friends.

For the Dream,

M. Jehanne Bening

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Aunt Mana's Maori Country Cuisine

- Enjoy a hearty meal from our made to order and fresh stock.
- Finger Sandwiches—Nails Included
- Try our own version of Hagus
- Food varies depending on the season

Keep an ear out for your Cryer about the new epic poem of the Bronze Chef

- Romans vs the Chinese
- Prize: Who can claim who invented pizza and pasta
- Rules: No slaves, no bribing, and must use one centralized ingredient.

David and Goliath Cage Match Rematch

- The champion David will once again face his toughest enemy of Biblical proportions, Goliath.
- Rules: Hand to hand. NO Rocks allowed
- Winners takes the title of the Strongest
- Reserve you spot in the sand today.

See the world with

Air Trebuchet

- Arrive at Destinations at half the time it would take you by horse
- Offered at multiple locations around the world
- Never have worry about cramped seating again
- Be able to claim you flew before anyone else did (Note: Nobody has yet to survive)
- Landing (still researching)
- Note only 2 pouches of carry on .

Barony of the Lonely Tower Business Meeting
February 24, 2020

1. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Table and Tower - great presentation, proprietors are looking for a large space around 132nd/144th St (central to OMA), willing to change name to Lonely Tower & Table (not really)
- b. Encourage everyone to register with towerandtable.com to get more information

2. Seneschal

- . Officers who have NOT set up a [gmail](mailto:) account please do so ASAP
- a. Meeting Changes
 - i. March - moving meeting to 3/30 due to Gulf
 - ii. July & August will be held @ Hillcrest Health Services [bldg](http://)
 - iii. June meeting moved to 6/22 due to Lilies return

3. Baronage

- . Baronial Progress
- . WWM, Rush (tentative, Apr 4), KAS (Nevada, IA), [HerdMaster](http://) Apr. 25 (tentative), Demo & Revel May 2 & 3
- a. Award recommendations - send some in!
- b. Revel Dates
 - . Sunday, March 29th - Gaming Revel
 - i. Saturday, May 2nd (at Demo)
 - 1. Cut & Thrust Championship
 - ii. Sunday, July 26th
 - iii. Saturday, September 19th
 - 1. Archery Championship
 - iv. Sunday, November 8th
 - 1. Armored Fighting Championship

4. Exchequer

- . Current balance \$ [52](http://) :-D (Ann will check and update)
- a. Balance of Winter Site paid - April 14 is last indoor day
- b. Need to still pay July Coronation

5. Arts & Science

. Stuff happens!

6. Herald

- a. All sorts of Heraldry is happening!!

- b. Mentoring the Dubuque area herald (new contact group)
- c. PM on facebook is best way to reach Herald

- 7. **Chatelaine**
 - a. Demos
 - i. Bellevue Berry Farm Demo and Education Day
 - 1. Volunteers needed!
 - 2. May 2nd & 3rd
 - 3. Revel will be during Demo
 - 4. Knight's Marshall to discuss with fighters
 - 5. Need set up/tear down coordinator
 - ii. Education Day Friday May 8th 9a - 3p
 - 1. Need 10 teachers & topics
 - 2. Fighters also
 - 3. M Nesscia offered to coordinate Education Day participants
 - iii. Midlands Renaissance Revel
 - 1. Ditmar's Orchard (Council Bluffs) Aug 29-30

- 8. **Chronicler**
 - . Letters due by Sunday at noon

- 9. **Social Media**
 - . Looking for a DEPUTY - please volunteer!

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

- 11. **Knight's Marshal**
 - . Collection of donations to recoup some winter site cost - need to create a culture of donation so we ensure BLT is participating and not just our guest
 - a. School is closed on April 7 (spring break) so we don't have practice; we will practice Apr 14 as last indoor practice

- 12. **Archery Marshal**
 - . Watch FB and website for weather-related announcements

- 13. **Standing Items**
 - . Upcoming Events

- . July 11 2020 Coronation
 - 1. Will start filling staff post Crown, April 11 2020
- i. January 9 2021 Coronation
 - 1. Bid submitted, waiting to hear back
- ii. July 2021 Coronation
 - 1. We are the "guarantee bid" host
 - 2. Asked B3R if they would like to host
- iii. Masters of the Duel - September 26 2020
 - 1. Thrive Space in Waterloo
- 14. QuarterMaster
 - . Will handle getting center pole created for day shade

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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)

Aethelwyn aet Ulancombe

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

01/2021 Exchequer

01/2021 - 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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March Events

« 2019		< FEB	📅 MARCH 2020	APR >	2021 »		Month ▾	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
1	2	3 Baronial Gathering 7	4 Archery Practice 6:3	5	6	7		
8	9	10 Fighters to Mag Mor	11 Archery Practice 6:3	12	13	14 Gulf Wars		
15 Gulf Wars	16	17	18	19	20	21		
		Cancelled : Baronial	Archery Practice 6:3					
22	23	24 Fighters to Mag Mor	25 Archery Practice 6:3	26	27	28 Hibernatus 9:00 am		
29	30 Business Meeting 7:	31 Baronial Gathering 7						

April Events

« 2019		< MAR	📅 APRIL 2020	MAY >	2021 »		Month ▾	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
			1 Archery Practice 6:3	2	3	4 RUSH 8:00 am		
5	6	7	8 Archery Practice 6:3	9	10	11 Spring Crown Tourna		
12	13	14 Baronial Gathering 7	15 Archery Practice 6:3	16	17	18 Known World Acade		
19	20 Business Meeting 7:	21 Summer Baronial Ga	22 Archery Practice 6:3	23	24	25 Melon Wars 9:00 am		
26	27	28 Summer Baronial Ga	29 Archery Practice 6:3	30				