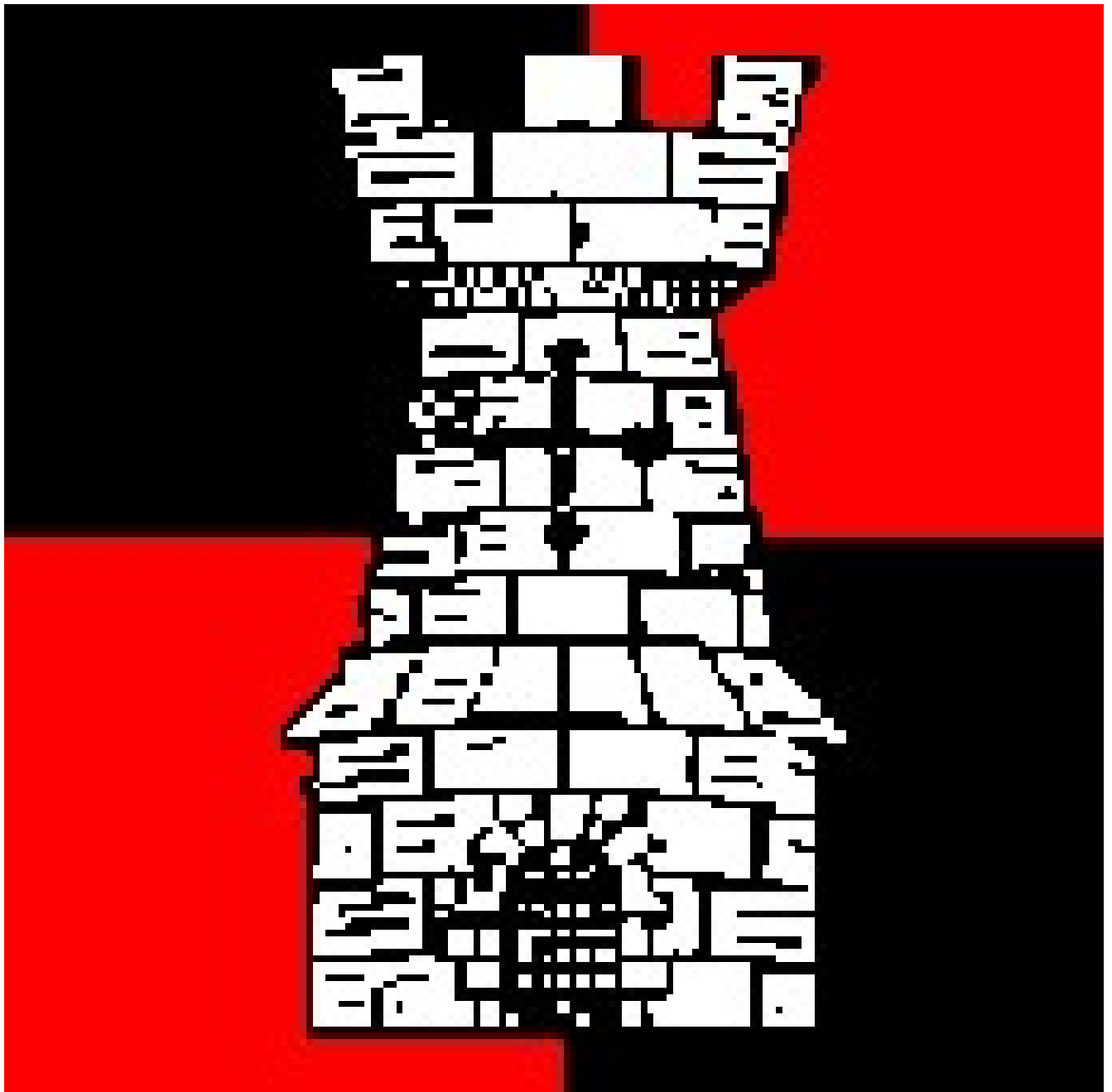
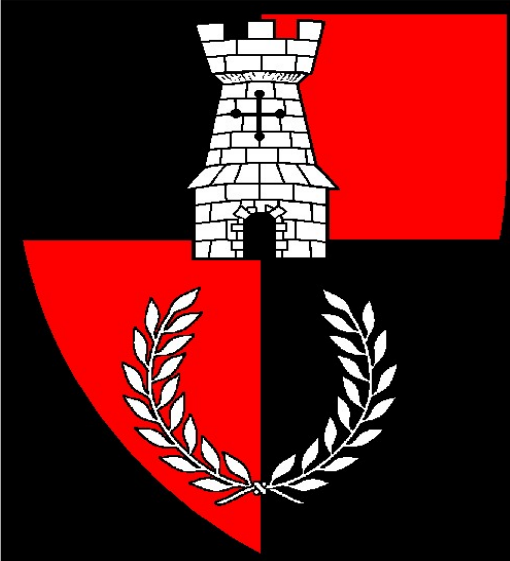


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## Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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.*

## Disclosures

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# Baronial Positions



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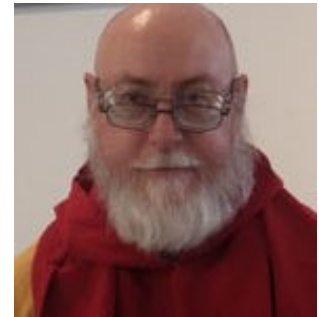
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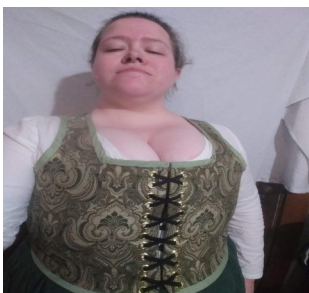
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# From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Unto the populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower do We, Augustin and Aleit, Baron and Baroness, impart warm greetings.

The days are growing shorter, and the nights colder, as we look towards Autumn. Our gatherings in the park will be continued as weather and daylight permit this month, however we will be gathering entirely virtually for the following three months. We hope to join with you for our monthly business meetings and weekly gathers, project nights, and classes. Please reach out to Us, HL Anne, Sir Aleksandr, L Eadaoin, et al. with any ideas, requests, or helpful comments about what you would like to see over the Winter.

We have many local members enthusiastic about the beginning of the Calontir Clothing Challenge, fondly referred to as C3. If you are interested in participating, displaying, or passively playing along, look for details online. Registration is allowed through November, so there is plenty of time to find inspiration and [more] fabric!

Finally, We are entirely grateful for the hard work, dedication, and persistence of HL Cristina over the past 3 years as Baronial Exchequer, and We are glad to welcome Lord Oisin as he takes up the office.

Fondly,

Augustin and Aleit  
Baron and Baroness

# Sage Words from the Seneschal

Greetings to the populace of The Barony of Lonely Tower from Aleksandr, Seneschal.

First off, I would like to introduce myself. I am Aleksandr Yaroslavovich Vyetikov and I have been given the honor to serve the people of this great Barony, Their Excellencies, and the Crown as this group's Seneschal.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been in the Society for, shall we say more than a few years but not as many as some. During my time I have served in numerous capacities, both at the Local and Kingdom level to include marshal, earl marshal, general, Seneschal, and Baron. I have also been very fortunate in my time, receiving great recognition and reward, none of which could have been accomplished without those around me. I believe in a life of service, and trying to raise those up around me. I hope to serve you well in this new capacity.

Before I move on, time must be taken to thank Anne. Anne has worked tirelessly over the past years. She has often taken onto her shoulders a weight that would have crushed many. I cannot thank her enough for her efforts and I am sure all would join me in saying "Thank you, you inspire us all".

As many of you know, our actives are restricted due to Covid. We are unable to have indoor activates until, at the moment, February 2021. We have been gathering in the park for the past few months but with the coming of the darker and colder months, this must end. This is unfortunate and would make it hard on any group to maintain momentum. This has been weighing on my mind and we must take steps to ensure our group comes out of this time of darkness well and ready to face what may be ahead. I welcome any discussion on any way to ease the impact of this challenge and rest assured that we will find our way through this.

Moving forward I would like to make it clear that I welcome any ideas, commentary, or general thoughts from anyone. Everyone has some value to add, just find me or send me email and we can chat.

In Service  
Aleksandr Yaroslavovich Vyetikov

You can see these notes at

# Chatelaine Chat

## The Plague Times...Episode 5: Prepping for "War"

While everything is cancelled until January 31, 2021, many folks are diligently planning for wars and events next year. So, you've had an opportunity to get your garb sewn, but what other things do you need for an event, especially a multi-day event? The first things you need to consider: when is the event (will it be hot, cold, or possibly both)?, where is the event (can you drive in 1 day, or will you need to stay overnight somewhere along the way)? How long are you going for? What will you be participating in at this event (fighting, archery, arts and sciences, bardic, etc) These are some of the first questions you'll want to figure out. These answers are central to some of the things you need to pack to take with you. This will help you determine if you need heavy or light garb for the day and night, or a mix of both. Depending on where the event is taking place, and if it's really far away tells you if you need to plan for a stop along the way, or if you can easily make it in one day. This is important, especially if you need to request time off of work. How long will you be at the event, determines how much garb and supplies you need to bring with you. What you participate in helps to determine what specific items you need to bring with you, that you cannot leave behind.

Here is an example list of things to bring with you:

Toiletries	Camping Gear	Armor/extra stuff
Toothbrush	Tent	Embroidery/sewing/scrabal/etc
Toothpaste	Tarp	bow, arrows, and archery stuff
Shampoo	Long stakes	armor bag with all armor
Soap	cooler	shorts with cup for fighting
towels	snacks and easy breakfast items	Camera Battery Charger
Sun screen	1 gallon jug for water - can refill on site	camera
tissues	12 pack of bottled water	portable cell charger and cord
	Air mattress/cot/bed	pole arms
	Pillows	shield
	Sleeping bag/blankets	Swords
	Bug spray	
	ceramic pot with coil for mosquitoes	tape to fix swords/shield/polearm
	flashlight/candles and enclosed lanterns/solar lantern	instruments
	camp walls	
	portable holes	
	banners	

Garb and mundane clothing are also necessities, but those will be specific to what you have in your closet and your persona. Make sure to plan to have enough for your trip, or bring laundry detergent if you need to hit up a laundromat. This list does mention snacks, but also take into account if you'll be cooking every day at the event, only cooking 1 meal a day, or if you're subsisting on the food court/inn available. You can also travel off site for food. However, if you're cooking you'll need to plan your kitchen and all the things you need to bring to cook at a campsite. Most larger events, like wars, do have a food court you can eat at. They also typically have a merchant area as well. So, if you don't have something you may be able to purchase it, but don't rely on that. Try to be as prepared as possible for the event. Also talk with your friends who are also planning to go to the event, if they have been before they can offer you some excellent advice about what to expect. Never be afraid to ask questions!

# Exchequer Check-In

Greetings all,

We held a virtual Financial Committee meeting after this month's Business Meeting to discuss a bid put forth by Lyleth for an event in May. The bid passed, find the minutes attached. If you would like to see the bid, please contact me at [blt.exchequer@gmail.com](mailto:blt.exchequer@gmail.com).

Additionally, interviews for the Baronial Exchequer position were held--our faithful Oisin will be taking up the fiscal reins come January. I will remain as his deputy for a year while he learns the details of the office, at which point he will need another active deputy.

We received a generous anonymous donation to the Baronial fund, \$2000. This brings our balance to \$6187.61. We are solvent for the coming year and should be able to front the deposits for our many events without requesting Kingdom assistance.

Speaking of Kingdom...We will be having a book-review as soon as possible after the new year. We are a year overdue, but with the world-events, we are being forgiven. Additionally, the Baronial Financial Policy must be reviewed and signed off on annually by Kingdom. It will be discussed and altered/approved at the October business meeting/finance committee meeting. This is an open invitation to attend. Discussion from all fronts is welcome--I ask that you remember that only committee members get a vote in the approval process.

in grace,

Cristina.

# Arts and Science Minister Shop Talk

Greetings and well met!

I am Lady Eadaoin inghean Chionoidha, your new Minister of Arts and Sciences (MoAS). I am looking forward to serving the arts and sciences needs of our community. In order to do that to the best of my ability, I need some help from you! If you missed the polls on Facebook (or don't have Facebook), please email me, [a-minister@lonelytower.org](mailto:a-minister@lonelytower.org), with what arts and sciences you are most interested in learning. If you have a skill that you can teach, reach out to me as well! We are still doing classes in this time of Covid.

Next, the Calontir Clothing Challenge (C3)! There are several individuals and at least one group in the Barony already participating. If you're not sure, you do have until November 30<sup>th</sup> to sign up. Pop on over to the website, [www.calontirclothingchallenge.com](http://www.calontirclothingchallenge.com), and see what it's about. If you are on Facebook, you can check out the group that has been set up for it, . This is an excellent way to build your kit for when things get back to normal. And if you have any garb questions, please feel free to email or message me (Seana Dennis-Holmes on Facebook) and I'll do what I can to help. The nice thing is that they have two categories with three tiers (beginner, intermediate, and advanced), so you will be competing against people at the same level as you. Please do not be too intimidated to try. If you aren't sure about something, reach out to me and I will gladly assist as best as I can.

Finally, I have set up an album in the Barony Facebook group to document what projects everyone is working on. This is an excellent way to share our crafts when we can't be together. Who knows, you might inspire someone else to try something new or dust off an old project! If you don't have Facebook, please feel free to email me and let me know what you're working on. This not only helps me file reports, but also lets me know who to direct interested people to (if you're willing to teach, that is).

I look forward to working with everyone to advance the arts and sciences side of our game.

Service in arms and mind,



# Financial Committee Notes

BLT Exchequer <blt.exchequer@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 21, 7:27 PM (7 days ago)

to BLT, Baron, oisinsreilly, kathy, Tim, Roger

Greetings all.

We have had a bid for an event in May by our wonderful Lyleth (Sasha).

Please review and submit your votes/discussion in this email chain by Thursday, 24 September 2020, 5pm.

in grace,

Cristina.

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Tim Hardisty

Sep 21, 2020, 7:31 PM (7 days ago)

to me, BLT, Baron, oisinsreilly, kathy, Roger

After the discussion during the business meeting, I'm good with things.

That is a 'yes' from me.

Mikail Azadan

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BLT Exchequer <blt.exchequer@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 23, 5:52 AM (5 days ago)

to BLT, Baron, Roger, Tim, kathy, oisinsreilly

Do need a vote from the entire FC by Thursday evening. As this is a virtual meeting, the verbals I received previously must be iterated via these means.

# Financial Committee Meeting Notes

kathy handley (Astrid)

Wed, Sep 23, 6:45 AM (5 days ago)

to me

Wish we could get in there Friday and maybe camp, but Yes, this bid is good for me.

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Oisin Reilly (incoming Exchequer)

Sep 23, 2020, 7:53 PM (5 days ago)

to me

I like it. I have no further questions at this time. my vote is yes

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Ann Wingert (Seneschal)

Thu, Sep 24, 9:53 AM (4 days ago)

to me, Baron, Roger, Tim, kathy, oisinsreilly

I emailed Aleksandr so he can look at it. I do not see any major issues

I am in favor of accepting the bid.

Anne

--

BLT Exchequer <blt.exchequer@gmail.com>

Sep 24, 2020, 7:31 PM (4 days ago)

to Ann, Baron, Roger, Tim, kathy, oisinsreilly

# Financial Committee Meeting Notes

This meeting is hereby closed. The bid passes.

Cristina.

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Bid passed. No discussion or voting from Baronage or Roger received.

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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

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# October Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3	
4	5	6 Summer Baronial Gather	7 Archery Practice 6:30 pm	8	9	10	
11	12	13 Summer Baronial Gather	14 Archery Practice 6:30 pm	15	16	17	
18	19	20 Summer Baronial Gather	21 Archery Practice 6:30 pm	22	23	24	
25	26	27 Summer Baronial Gather	28 Archery Practice 6:30 pm	29	30	31	

# November Events

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1	2	3	4 Archery Practice 6:30 pm	5	6	7	
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22	23	24	25 Cancelled Archery 6:30 p	26	27	28	
29	30						