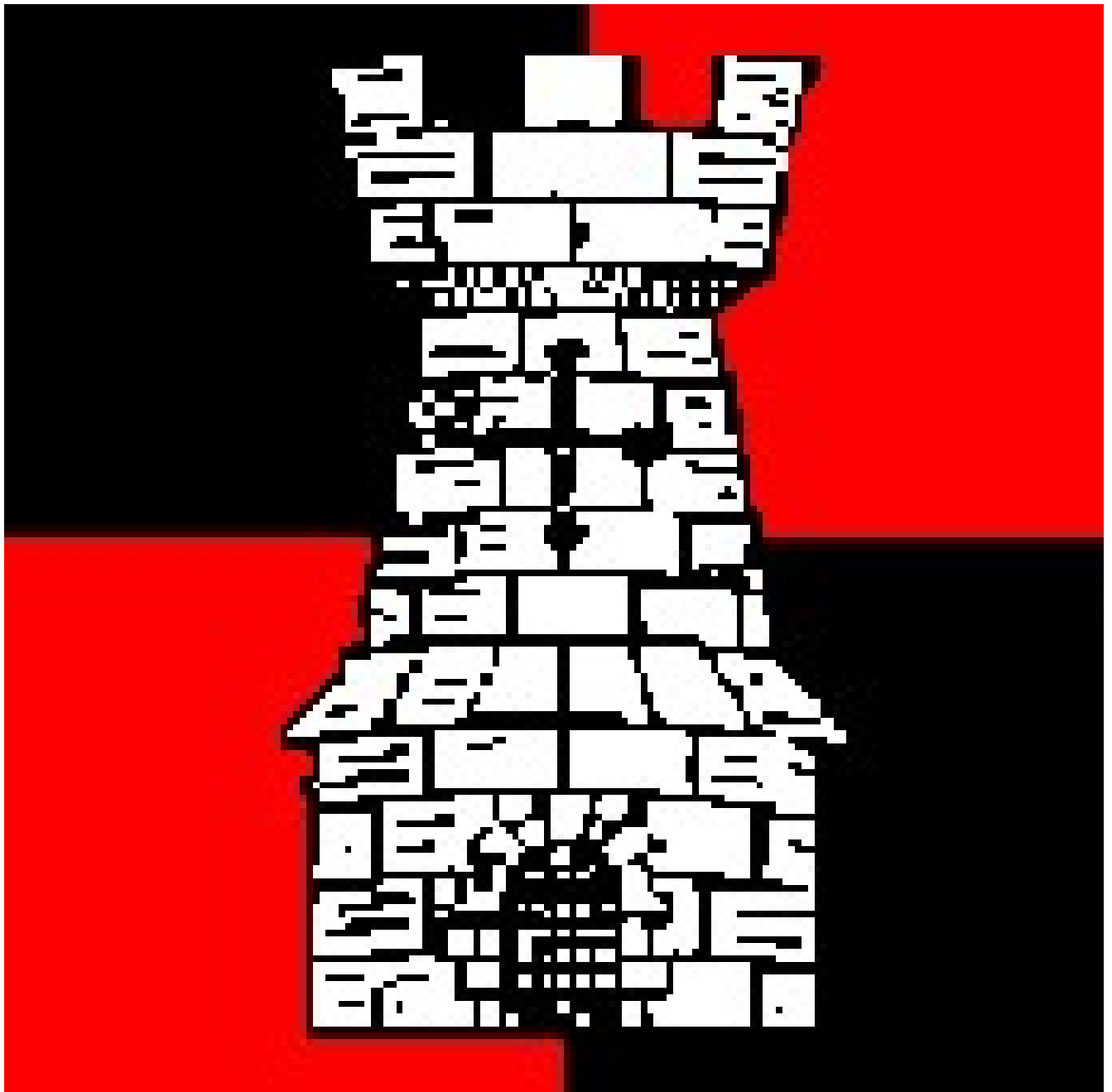
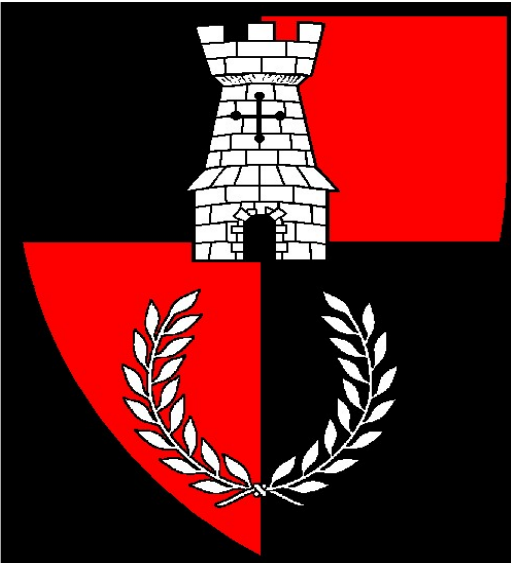


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## Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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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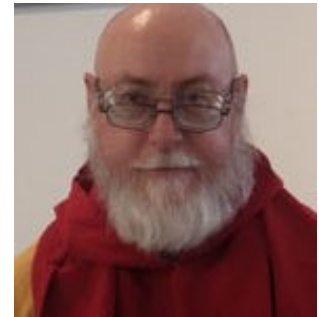
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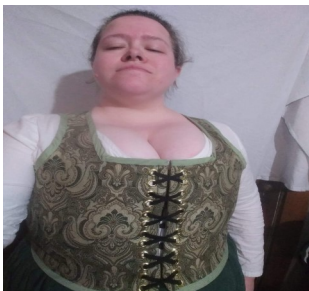
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# From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Warm tidings do We bid the Populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

We hope the New Year has begun favorably for you and your loved ones. May the year continue to bring joy as we look forward to gathering once again. We wish you all remain safe and healthy until then, and we look forward to our continued virtual visits.

Again, We have been glad to see that many of you are finding ways to stay connected despite our distance, through online classes, and the recently concluded Calontir Clothing Challenge. We are proud of the participants' efforts and hope that you all enjoyed the experience, learned something new, and We greatly look forward to seeing the fruits of your labors.

Though we may not be together, know that each of you are in our thoughts and hearts, as ever.

In Service to the Dream,

Augustin and Aleit

Baron and Baroness

# Sage Words from the Seneschal

To the people of The Barony of The Lonely Tower

Greetings.

I hope everyone made it though the great snowstorm well, I for one loved the fun and games of digging out... okay, not that much. With any luck the snows will be behind us and the outdoors will be more welcoming to us all.

With the coming spring in mind and hopes of the outside, I have to wonder how much we have been working to get ready for the eventual return to the "normal", however and whenever that might be. I am in the process of ordering new sword hardware and hope to build a pell in the back of the house. My question is, what all have you all been up to, come share your efforts and plans in the Facebook group and at the Zoom gatherings we hold every other week. Keep an eye out for the notices.

We are working on a few things that I hope will help us all keep in touch during this time and even better once it has past.

As always, if there are any questions, feel free to contact me and I will try to get them answered.

In service  
Aleksandr

## Chatelaine Chat

### The Plague Times...Episode 8: What Do Officers Do?

One of the top ways to support your local barony, is to volunteer! There are many ways you can volunteer your time to ensure that the barony thrives. One way is becoming an officer. There are many officer positions available in the Barony of the Lonely Tower. The following are volunteer officer positions you can hold in the barony:

Seneschal, exchequer, chronicler, web-minister, herald (Anser Pursuivant), chatelaine/e, social media officer, arts and science minister, marshal (of a variety of armed activities, armored combat, archery, cut and thrust, youth combat, equestrian, etc.), and quartermaster. Each of these positions has one aspect for our barony that they are in charge of.

The seneschal is the president for the group, and their name goes on all the important documents. It's a big job, but you have the support of the rest of the barony and other officers! They are the lead for the business meetings, and they work to make things run smoothly. This office is required in order to maintain our barony status.

Exchequer is the person in charge of the money. They handle the barony finances and make sure we have sufficient funds to operate. They have the check book and they are in charge of the bank account for the barony. Other officers and anyone planning an event must submit their budgets to them for approval. This office is required to maintain barony status.

Chronicler is the person who writes the monthly newsletter and distributes it. They are responsible for getting content from other officers and local members to publish in the newsletter. There are many rules and requirements of things that must be published at certain times of the year and in each newsletter. This is an important office to ensure that our barony members who do not have computer access maintain up to date on the barony happenings. If you like to write and be creative, then this position is for you!

Web-minister is the person responsible for the barony website. They need some basic programming skills, or an interest in learning how to build and maintain a website. If you're interested in IT and Technology this is a great position to volunteer for. This job is a required position to maintain our barony status.

Anser Pursuivant or Herald is someone who helps folks create heraldry, names, badges, and acts sometimes as a voice herald for events and meetings. They do a lot of research to help people get their names and devices passed through the kingdom and known world heraldry to become registered.

Chatelaine/e is the newcomer greeter for the group. Their job is to recruit and help direct new people in the barony. This job requires someone who is a little bit social and willing to regularly check messages and email. It's a very important role, as it helps to foster the barony's growth.

Social Media Officer is the person who creates Facebook event pages, and has control of the barony's social media presence. They partner with other officers to generate social media content to publish on twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and sometimes YouTube. This position requires someone with working knowledge of social media platforms.

Arts and sciences minister is responsible for promoting various arts and sciences within the barony. This means helping to organize classes, teaching classes, and sharing about events that are related to arts and sciences within the SCA.

Marshals are folks who are authorized by the Kingdom of Calontir to monitor, judge, and run combat and other marshalled activities, such as: youth combat, archery, cut and thrust, equestrian, armored combat, thrown weapons, etc. These individuals had to go through training and be approved by the kingdom marshal to run their respective activities. It can take a while to get your marshal in any activity. Talk with your local marshals about the process and what you need to do, if you're interested in becoming a marshal.

Quartermaster is the person in charge of the barony's storage unit and all the stuff in it. They make sure that things are put away properly, and periodically clean out the unit of things that are no longer needed, broken, or no longer useful.

These are just some of the ways you can donate your time and energy to ensuring that the barony runs smoothly. If you're interested in volunteering for a position, reach out to the officers on our barony page, or on facebook to find out how you can get involved. These jobs are all integral to keeping this crazy adventure known as the SCA alive. So do your part, and volunteer today!

Yours in Service,  
Jorunna Refsdottir

## 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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# February Events

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# March Events

<span>&lt; 2020</span> <span>&lt; FEB</span> <span>📅 MARCH 2021</span> <span>APR &gt;</span> <span>2022 &gt;</span> <span style="float: right;">📅 Month ▾</span>						
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