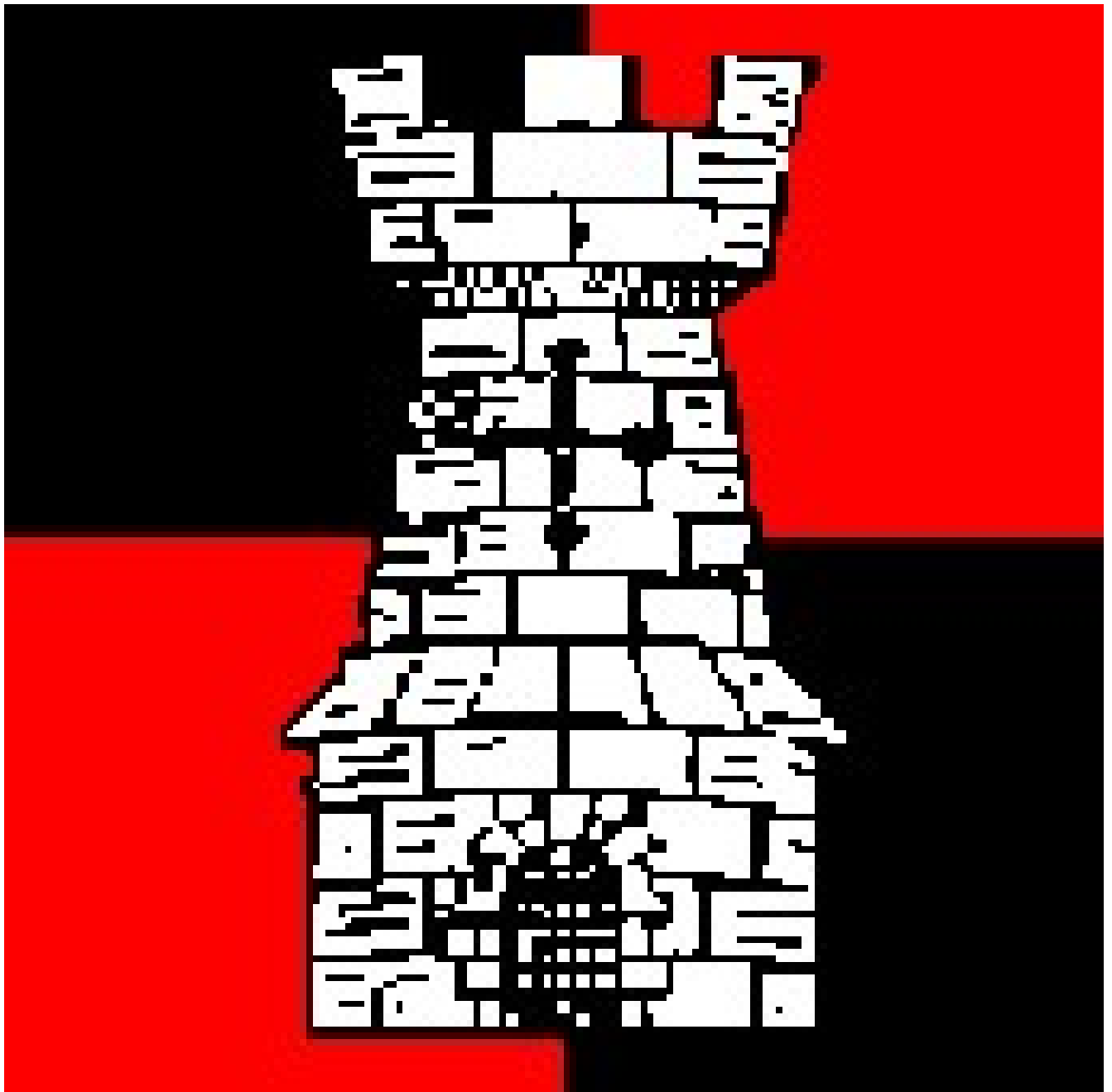
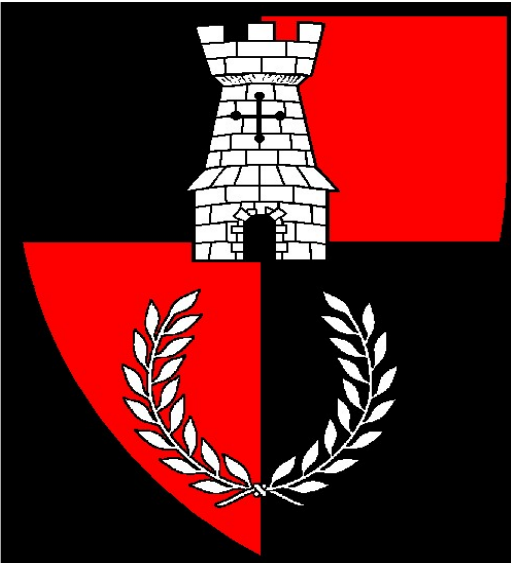


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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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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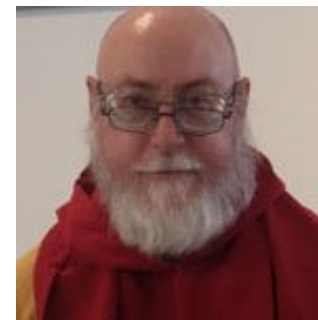
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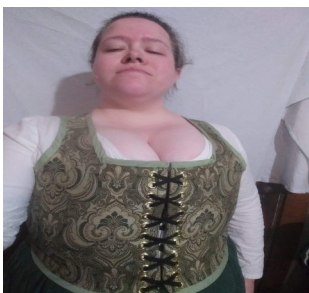
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From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Unto the Populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower, do We, Augustin & Aleit, send warmest greetings!

As June commences, We are finally feeling a greater sense of normalcy. Fight practices and archery practices are under way once again. We are also attracting more attention at the park and generating interest from new potential members. We hope more of you will re-join Us on Tuesday nights in Elmwood Park, especially on the 5th Tuesday of this month as we celebrate the founding of Our barony.

Join us for Baronial Birthday, from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29 in Elmwood Park. We will gather in garb. Please bring your own dinner as well as seating and projects to work on, if desired. We also hope you'll enter the A&S competition, featuring a challenge to create a baronial populace badge in any medium: blazoned Fieldless, A goose rousant argent within and conjoined to a four-lobed quadrate cornice quarterly sable and gules, or otherwise Fieldless, A tower quarterly sable and gules. (Pictures of both are available on the Lonely Tower website.) The winner will receive a prize to be unwrapped and revealed at the Baronial Birthday!

We plan to hold court at the event so please send Us any award recommendations as soon as possible. We look forward to celebrating with all of you once again!

Yours in service,

Augustin & Aleit,

Baron & Baroness

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Sage Words from the Seneschal

To the people of The Barony of The Lonely Tower

Greetings.

As time moves on things around the current pox seem to be improving, this is good news for all and I do hope that it continues. I am sure all of this will be behind us one day, but for that to happen we must all continue to take care of not only ourselves, but also of those around us. We all need to remember that our individual impact travels much further than the reach of our own hands.

One sign that things are returning to normal is the re-start of fighting within the Kingdom. This is a good thing indeed, but, as always, there are rules. The most impactful of these rules are

Masks must be worn over both the nose and mouth of all, even during fighting.

There is no sharing of water jugs. You can "leave out" bottled water but it would be best if fighters just bring their own water / drinks.

All fighting must be Outside, and social distancing should be maintained by all those that are not actively fighting.

No sharing of loner armor.

On November 15th, any fighter that has not fought twice (2 events, or 2 practices, or 1 of each) will be put on In-active status. Drills/slow work doesn't count toward this.

If there are any questions about all of this, please contact myself or Sir Michael and we can sort it all out.

Moving on to other things. After much discussion, it was decided that the July 2021 event here in the Barony will be canceled and the date freed up for use by others. This event was to be coronation but due to the events of the past year, this was not going to happen. We could have still held an event in the place of coronation but the cost of the site made this a less than desirable option. I apologize to any who disagree with this or that it may inconvenience, but I felt it to be the correct choice for the Barony.

The cancellation of one event brings around another subject, and that is of other events. Currently the Barony has two events on the calendar, Masters of the Duel and Winter Coronation. The Masters of the Duel event will be held on September 25th and focuses on rapier and cut and thrust combat. It is my understanding that there will be many classes and much to learn. Winter Coronation is scheduled for January, keep an eye out for any other information.

Speaking of events, Calon Con is June 26th and will once more be held online. If you are an officer, please keep your eyes open for any information regarding this. For most officers this is a short set of meetings intended to get you up to speed with current changes and I hope the online format makes it easy for all to attend.

One last thing this time. We are always on the lookout for people to run events. If running an event is something you would like to do, come and talk with me.

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

In service

Aleksandr

Announcements

-Greetings to the SCA:

In April of this year, the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc. issued a proclamation allowing in-person events to resume in North America as of June 1, 2021, subject to any federal, state, provincial, or local government health restrictions, and subject to restrictions imposed by the Board to try to ensure the safety of our participants, given conditions of the pandemic at the time. It was stated then that these restrictions would be revisited as appropriate.

At their May 25, 2021 conference call meeting, the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc. discussed the latest guidance from the CDC, as well as current trends in the United States in particular with regard to the increasing availability of COVID vaccinations and the decreasing incidence of illness and hospitalizations in the United States. The Board then decided to loosen many of the SCA-imposed restrictions effective July 1, 2021.

The attached proclamation spells out the requirements for in-person events going forward from that July 1 date.

The Board further took the following action:

Motion by Dale Fong-Frederick to approve the following language, and require that it appear on all event notices, flyers, online announcements, and advertisements, as well as being posted in multiple locations, including Troll [Registration], at all events:

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

Seconded by Gigi Coulson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

This language will be required to appear on all event notices, flyers, online announcements, and advertisements, as well as being posted in multiple locations at any and all SCA-sponsored functions going forward.

A PDF of this language can be found here: [https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/052021EventSign.pdf_!!Ph-vUwwL!9UchsS7AKs9Gz-fH6H9pyVuTlwY7IH1N5fy-T7I7LW4_N68Pi96wSbrXW-66xpHs0ayzvb6\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/052021EventSign.pdf_!!Ph-vUwwL!9UchsS7AKs9Gz-fH6H9pyVuTlwY7IH1N5fy-T7I7LW4_N68Pi96wSbrXW-66xpHs0ayzvb6$)

A few important notes:

During the month of June, all current restrictions including mask requirements and the 150-person attendance limit remain in effect.

The new proclamation does not take effect until July 1.

As always, any and all federal, state, provincial, and local health rules and restrictions must be followed. If your local government does not allow gatherings above a certain size, or requires masks, those restrictions of course must be enforced.

Individual kingdoms are always allowed to impose more restrictions than those imposed by the SCA, Inc. No kingdom is required to begin holding in-person events if the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal do not believe it is safe yet; a kingdom may continue to require face coverings, impose size limits on events, or prohibit overnight camping if it wishes. The President, Society Seneschal, and Board will support kingdoms in resuming events in the way that seems safest for them. Please contact the Society Seneschal at seneschal@sca.org and the President at president@sca.org with questions.

The SCA has always been built on the ideals of chivalry and courtesy. We expect that people will continue to display these values at all times, and respect individuals' personal choices regarding their own health and safety.

The Society Seneschal and the President will continue to work with Kingdom Seneschals to implement the SCA's return to live events in a safe and responsible manner. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we move forward.

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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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Calon Con 8:00 am Feast of Eagles 4:30 Baronial Gathering	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Baronial Gathering	9	10	11	12 Plagues End 8:00 am
13	14	15 Baronial Gathering	16	17	18	19 Birthday Bash 9:00 am
20	21 Business Meeting 7	22 Baronial Gathering	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Baronial Gathering	30			

July Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
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18	19	20 Baronial Gathering	21	22	23	24 We Purged the Scud
25	26	27 Baronial Gathering	28	29	30	31 Regional Equestrian