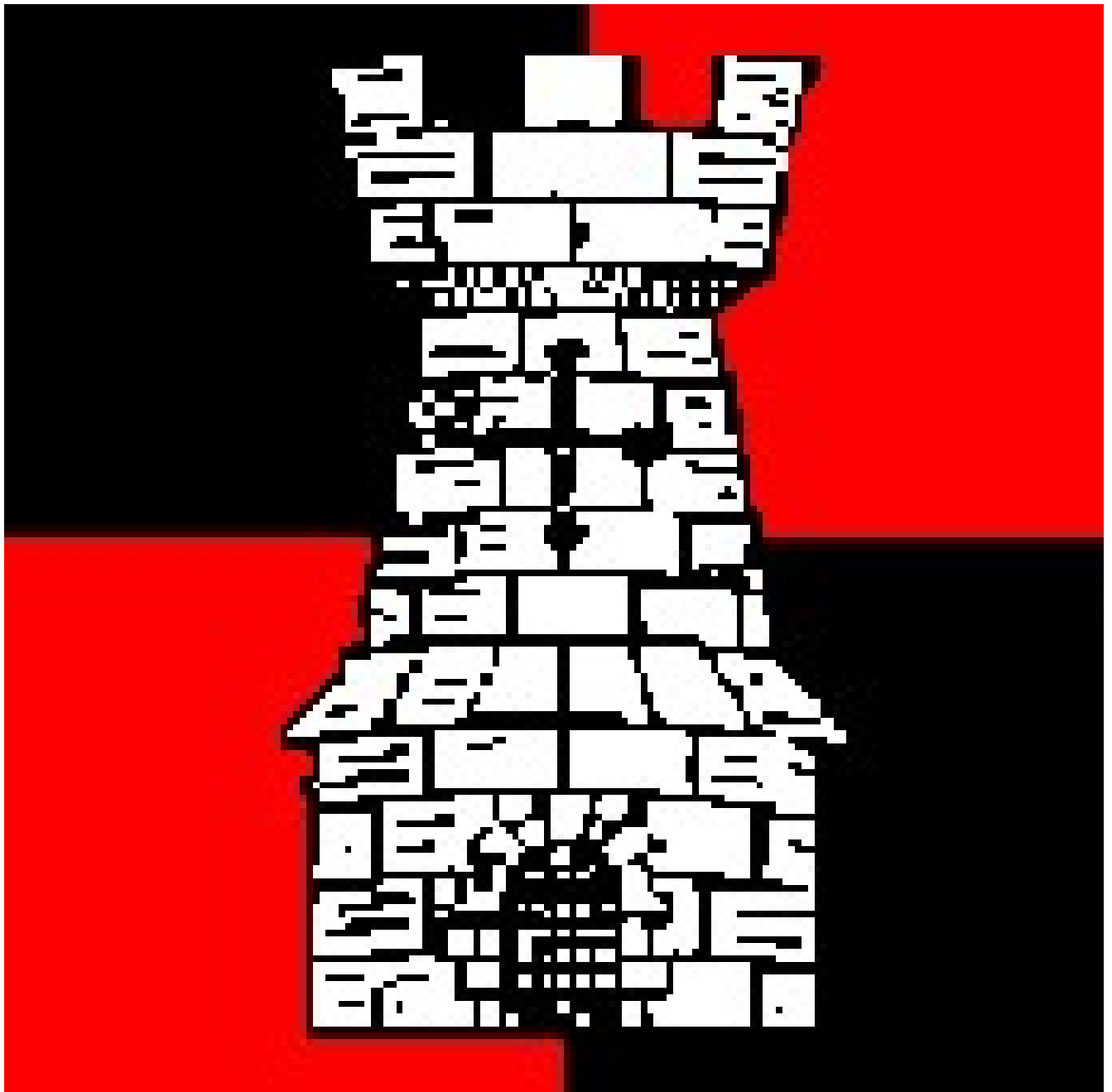
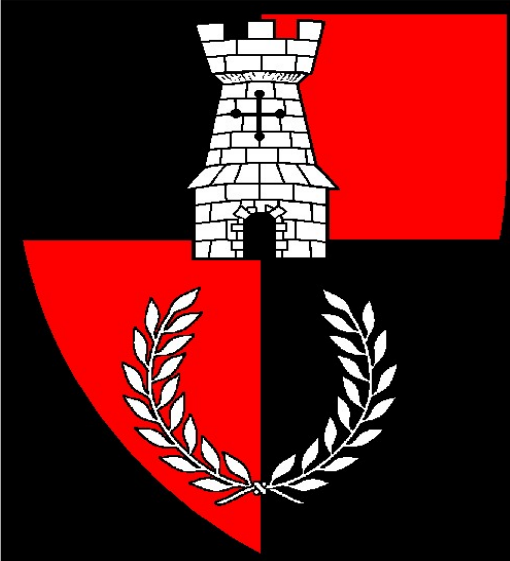


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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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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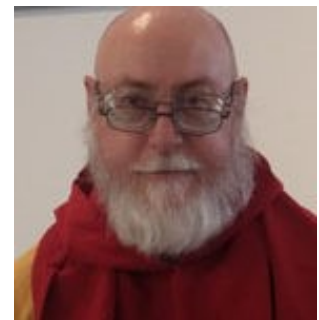
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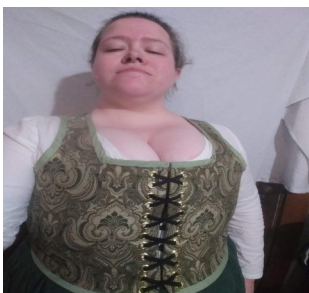
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From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

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

Our sincere gratitude to everyone who stopped by the Baronial Birthday Revel. We had such high hopes for fighting, the Arts & Science competition, and Our first court in 16 months. However, Mother Nature had other ideas, and drenched half of us! While some decided, wisely, to head home to the warmth and comfort of their homes, many were yet dry, or stubborn, and stayed for a lovely picnic. While Our planned activities must be postponed once more, We were glad to see everyone for whatever time we had together, and, most importantly, share a memorable evening with you all!

We are pleased to announce the Baronial (Birthday) Revel has been rescheduled to Sunday, July 18, from 2 to 6 p.m. We greatly anticipate this opportunity to come together again, hopefully more according to plan! Event information will be updated online. Remember, this gives each of you an additional 2 ½ weeks to prepare your A&S entry! Also, please continue to send in your award recommendations for both Baronial and Kingdom awards.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon. Until then, We remain,

Yours in service,

Augustin & Aleit

Baron & Baroness

Sage Words from the Seneschal

To the people of The Barony of The Lonely Tower

Greetings.

I seem to start every letter off with this information and I will continue that trend this month.

New month, new Covid rules. The good news is, they are getting less restrictive and I am sure we all hope that continues. Anyway, here we go with the list for this month, check back later for more updates.

- No more masks
- People attending an SCA official function must fill out the contact tracing form with name and a method of contact (phone number, email, address). Suggested form.
 - This form should be destroyed after 60 days
- SCA can not supply food or drink
 - People can share food, but that is at their own risk and they should not cluster.
 - A cooler can be left out with water bottles in it.

The main focus of the rules is to try and avoid clustering of people, please keep that in mind when you are at any SCA function.

Special note should be given to the contact tracing form. All people attending an SCA function need to fill this out, every time. Random passers or passing contact do not need to fill it out. I will have some copies of the suggested form with me that people can take in case they plan on hosting some form of SCA function.

Moving on to future plans. Our next event is Master of the Duel, the week after lilies war on the 25th of September. If you have any interest in Calontir Steel, this would be an excellent event to attend.

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 10: Attending Your First Event: What To Do!

There are some very basic things you need to plan on when attending your first event. If it's a day or weekend event, these are really common and don't require a ton of things or planning. Most events now that things are starting to open back up here, will be day or weekend events. Larger and longer events won't be happening til later this year. You need to plan how to get to the event, what to wear, and what to do while at the event. In this article, we'll cover all the fun things you can do!

Most events have a ton of things going on. If you want to try it all, you're going to have to plan ahead! Most events will have the following: Arts and Sciences competition, classes, heavy combat, cut and thrust, archery, and bardic circle. Some events will also have equestrian activities as well, but this takes more logistics and a larger space. There are some special events that are dedicated only to fighting, or only to arts and sciences, or only archery, etc. Those are a great opportunity to focus on one thing that you love to do! However, most events have a variety to choose from. Some Wars (week long camping events) will have all of these things, plus shopping, youth activities, dog coursing, falconry, and more! Those can be overwhelming, especially if there's a lot of things you want to try!

Some key tips for getting the most out of your event:

1. Ask your local group members about the event you're planning to attend. (They may have insight on things happening at the event, or suggestions on what to bring/wear if it's a regular event every year).
2. Look up the schedule and activities on the event Facebook page, or the event website.
3. Pack your garb (costume), and necessary supplies for the event. I.E. make sure to bring your armor if you plan to fight! Don't forget your arm guard or glove if you're shooting archery!
4. Go have fun!

One thing I haven't talked about in this post is feast. Right now feasts and inns are not allowed under the current rules, due to covid19 protocols. Generally, most events have food available on site for both lunch (inns) and an evening meal (feast). They cost extra, on top of the entrance fee. However, the food is usually awesome! Feast menus and Inn menus are usually posted on the event pages as well. In the interim, it is expected that folks bring their own food and drinks to events in a cooler, or if there are restaurants nearby, head out to grab food. In this case, it may be wise to talk with other members or your local group, planning to attend the event to make a plan about food, so you're not eating alone.

Also, if it's your first Calontir event, make sure you attend court! If you're not sure what is going on, make sure to sit next to some of your new friends and they will happily explain anything happening to you. Most of all, have fun!

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

Credits

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11	12	13 Baronial Gathering LIVE	14 Archery Practice 7:00 pm	15	16	17	
18	19	20 Baronial Gathering LIVE	21 Archery Practice 7:00 pm	22	23	24 We Purged the Scurlgel 9:00 am	
25	26	27 Baronial Gathering LIVE	28 Archery Practice 7:00 pm	29	30	31 Regional Equestrian Practice Feast of Eagles 4:34 pm	

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1	2	3 Baronial Gathering LIVE	4 Archery Practice 7:00 pm	5	6	7 Demo – Panama, IA 10:00 am	
8	9	10 Baronial Gathering LIVE	11 Archery Practice 7:00 pm	12	13 Regional Practice 5:00 pm	14	
15 Regional Practice	16	17 Baronial Gathering LIVE	18 Archery Practice 7:00 pm	19	20	21	
22	23	24 Baronial Gathering LIVE	25 Archery Practice 7:00 pm	26	27	28 Cattle Raids 9:00 am	
29	30	31 Baronial Gathering LIVE					