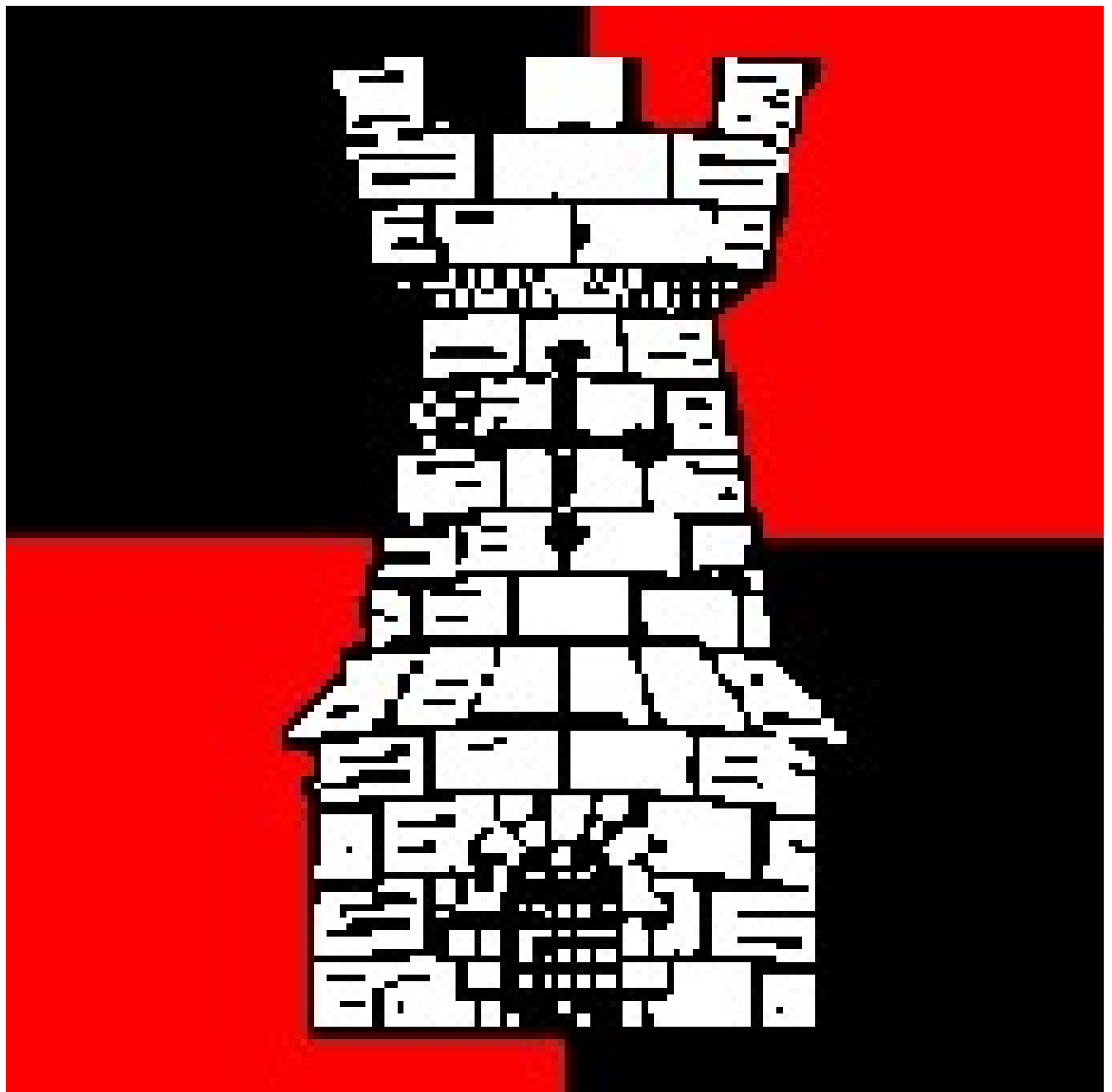
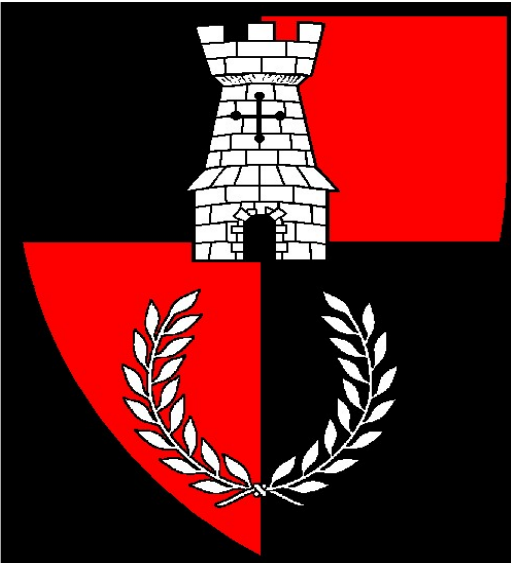


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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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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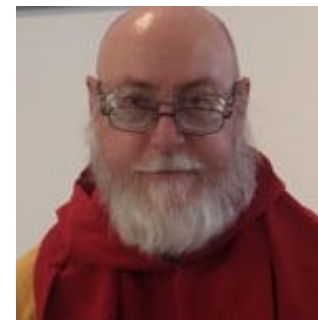
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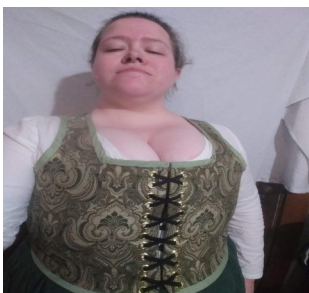
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From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

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

We are writing to you following a very exciting Cattle Raids hosted by Mag Mor. It was so wonderful to see so many of your faces at an actual event, including a few people We haven't see in many months.

Thank you to everyone who came to the event and enjoyed the day with Us. Congratulations to Mistress Roise, who was (finally!) elevated to the Order of the Laurel in a beautiful ceremony. Well deserved, Roise!

Two of Our new fighters earned their authorization in armored fighting during the event.

Congratulations to Alex and Eva! Welcome to the Calontir army. We also enjoyed spending time at Cattle Raids with Lord Oisin and extend to him Our warmest wishes as he embarks on a three-year pilgrimage to the Kingdom of the West. He will be greatly missed and We know he will be an excellent representative for our Barony and Kingdom in those foreign lands.

Prior to Cattle Raids, We were also delighted to finally host the Revel that has been postponed or rained out a few times. Congratulations to HL Astrid who won the Baronial Populace Badge A&S competition for her medallions. She was presented with a beautiful silk banner painted by Her Excellency Aleit and HL Anne. We were all very impressed with the beautiful carved and painted sign created by Lord William which may be used at future events and demos to introduce the Barony to passersby. During court, We proudly awarded Cords to Gwen and Cain, whom We have been trying to track down in court for over two years! Also, Eva and Sasha were finally awarded the their Cords while Lady Jorunna was inducted into the Order of the Defenders of the Gate. Cave Canes!! This month We will travel to the western reaches of the Barony to host Masters of the Duel, a fun-filled cut and thrust themed event that will include classes and competitions. We hope you will join Us! Looking ahead, We will attend Crown Tourney next month where We will learn who will be the heirs to the Calontir thrones. Their Royal Majesties have served our Kingdom well during the longest - though not intentional - reign in Calontir history. We are all fortunate to have had such stalwart and capable leaders during these challenging times.

With so many exciting things to report, this missive has far exceeded the length of many past letters, so We appreciate you taking time to hear Our words. Speaking of letters, We appreciate the work of the BLT Chronicler, Lord Gaius, and with his time coming to an end, We strongly encourage you to consider this important role of service to the Barony.

Please stay healthy as the summer sunsets and autumn begins. We look forward to seeing each of you again soon.

Yours in service,

Augustin & Aleit,

Baron and Baroness

Sage Words from the Seneschal

To the people of The Barony of The Lonely Tower

Greetings.

As always I will start off with the current kingdom rules regarding gatherings and events.

Current Rules for Calontir Event Attendance (as of 8/5/21)

- These rules apply to both events and local meetings, practices, and gatherings.
- These rules are in addition to, not in place of, the Society level rules from the BoD.
- These rules are the MINIMUM requirements, and local group leadership may enact more stringent requirements if the local health conditions warrant.
- All Local, State, and Federal Guidelines are to be followed, including masking and gathering size limits.
- All attendees to any event, meeting, or practice, must be signed in on a roster including current accurate contact information.
- If you are fully vaccinated and it has been long enough that the vaccine will have reached maximum efficacy, you may choose not to wear a mask while outdoors.
- Everyone must mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks must be worn covering the nose and mouth.
- You may bring your own food to an event and you may share it with others.
- Food may be served in an official capacity, such as an inn or vigil table, with the following requirements:
 - o Anyone making or handling food must be masked and gloved
 - o serving food or in the preparation or serving areas but not actually handling food must be masked.
- If you would usually be required to be masked, you must distance a minimum of 6 feet to unmask for eating or drinking.
 - o Vaccinated members of the populace may be closer than 6 feet outdoors, but must still distance to eat or drink indoors.
 - o Unvaccinated members of the populace must distance at least 6 feet to eat or drink both indoors and out.
- Feasts will not be allowed at this time.
- Water Bearing may be provided from the communal coolers, but only into personal containers, not our traditional shared jugs.

Requests from the Crown

- If you are medically able to get the Covid Vaccine, please do so.
- Please do not attend gatherings if you are not feeling well.
- Please respect the comfort levels of those who wish to follow more stringent masking and distancing practices than are strictly required
- The SCA is an organization of chivalry and community. Please remember these values and help us all set a good example for the rest of the Known World.

The main focus of the rules is to try and avoid the clustering of people and so reduce any chance of transmission. Also, masks are not there to protect the user from others, but to protect others from the user. Please keep that in mind when you are at any SCA function.

Sage Words from the Seneschal Cont.

One last thing on these rules. They have a habit of changing, seems to be a within a few days of me turning this letter, so keep an eye out and understand that things do change.

Masters of the Duel is coming up on us quickly, on the 25th of September. The event is focused on the teaching of the steel arts and so, if you have any interest in such things, this is the event to be at. Please check the local or kingdom calendar for more details.

One last note. We are currently shifting a few officers about and will be shifting others later in the year. We will be in need of a new chronicler. If you are interested in serving the Barony in this office, or in any other, please come and chat 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

Bullseye Bulletin

Archery in the Tower

The results of the Society-wide Seasonal Archery Challenge for July are in. This shoot attracted 31 archers from Calontir, the Midrealm, and An Tir. Four of Lonely Tower's Defenders of the Gate turned in 13 of these scores!

The July shoot was called Piety or Pride, and was shot at a large 80cm target, painted to look something like a dart board. Each archer could choose to be either Pious, or Proud, and could shoot in both the open or period category, equipment allowing. The Pious archers shot the white areas on the target, and could hit each box multiple times, with no penalty for hitting the colored boxes, and with normal 1-5 scoring and the small bullseye being worth 8 points. Proud archers, on the other hand, could shoot only the colored boxes, and could hit each box only once, with a penalty for hitting the white boxes. However, colored boxes scored 2-10, with a 16 point bullseye, and the penalty was only scored -1 through -5. Archers had to declare whether they were proud or pious before shooting.

Only Master Dolan and Lord Michael de Lundie shot crossbow. Lord Michael defeated Master Dolan in Open Piety, and was the only score in Period Piety. Master Dolan defeated Lord Michael in both Open and Period Pride.

Baroness Kezia was one of 3 Handbow archers in Period Piety, and finished third. She was one of two in Period Pride, and finished first.

Both Lord Owain and Baroness Kezia shot Open Handbow. Lord Owain was sixth and Baroness Kezia tenth of 11 Open Piety shooters, and Baroness Kezia was seventh and Lord Owain eighth of 8 Open Pride archers.

Overall, Master Dolan was 7 th , 11 th , and 24 th . Baroness Kezia was 8 th (in a tie), 17 th , 21 st (in another tie) and 27 th . Lord Michael was 12 th , 13 th (in a tie), 18 th , and 29 th . Lord Owain was 20 th and 30 th . Due to weather cancellations, we were only able to shoot the Challenge twice.

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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September Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7 Baronial Gathering LIVE	8 Archery Practice 7:00 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14 Baronial Gathering LIVE Baronial Gathering : Fight	15 Canceled: Lillies War 8:00 am Archery Practice 7:00 pm	16	17	18
19 Canceled: Lillies War	20	21 Baronial Gathering LIVE	22 Archery Practice 7:00 pm	23	24	25 Masters of the Duel 8:00
26	27	28 Baronial Gathering LIVE	29 Archery Practice 7:00 pm	30		

October Events

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Baronial Gathering LIVE	6 Archery Practice 7:00 pm	7	8 Fall Crown 7:00 pm	9
10 Fall Crown	11	12 Baronial Gathering LIVE Baronial Gathering : Fight	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Baronial Gathering LIVE	20	21	22 Gryphon's Fest 5:00 pm	23
24 Gryphon's Fest	25	26 Baronial Gathering LIVE	27	28	29	30
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