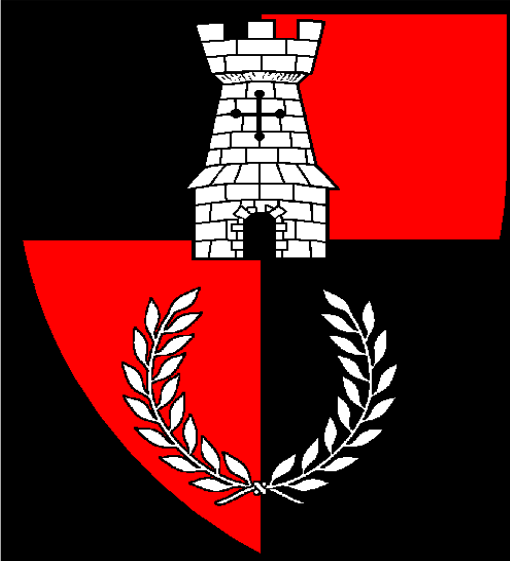


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## Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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 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!

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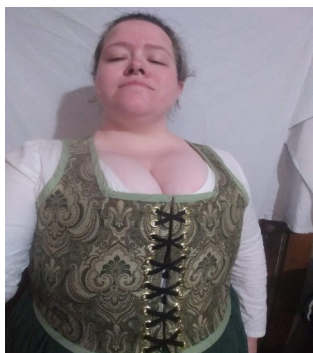
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# From the Baron and Baroness of the Lonely Tower

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

As We prepare to travel south to visit our Vataavian cousins at the Tournament of Valor, We are also gearing up for Lilies War! We invite you all to camp with the Barony, and plan to use a similar location to previous years, between the Harp and the facilities. The schedule has been posted, with many exciting activities and interesting classes planned throughout.

Following Kingdom Arts and Sciences, we also greatly look forward to hosting the Grand Tournament over the weekend of July 23! Please reach out to Lady Jorunna to volunteer, as many hands make light work.

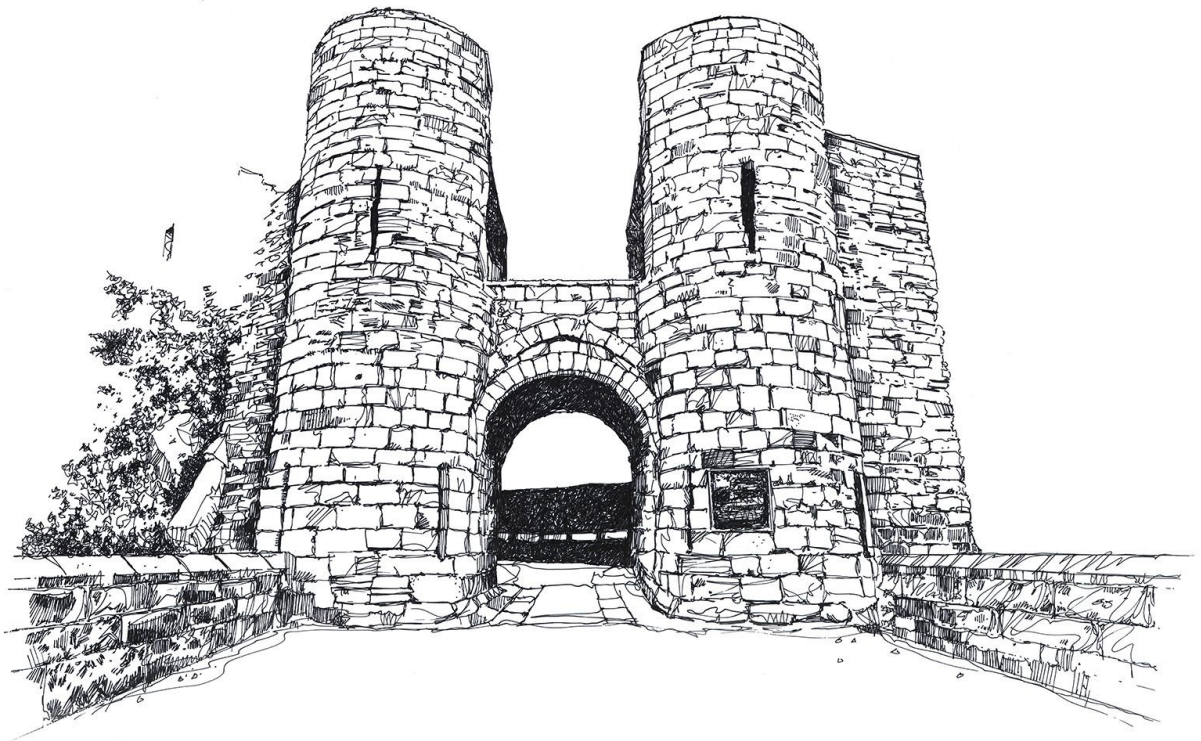
As the weather warms, we are glad to be returning gatherings and practices to Halleck Park and hope to see many of you there. Please also consider joining the Business meetings which are open to the populace and hosted online, typically the third Monday of the month. Lilies interrupts this schedule for June, so please join us 6.27.

Finally, it has come time to resume our Baronial Revels. If you have any ideas for these or wish to help with coordination, please reach out to us or Sir Aleksandr.

With anticipation,

*Augustin and Aleit*

Baron and Baroness



## From the Seneschal

To the people of The Barony of The Lonely Tower

Greetings.

First off, we start in the same place we did last month. We are looking for a new Arts and Sciences officer. Eadaoin has been doing the job for the past two years and would like to take a break at the end of her current term, which ends this summer. If you are interested helping the Barony in this role, please let myself or Eadaoin know.

In addition to Eadaoin stepping down Jorunna wishes to step aside as the chatelaine and social media director after three years of serving the Barony. One again, if you are interested in this office, please let me or Jorunna know.

The Barony's next event is the Grand Tourny, starting on the Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July and running until 24<sup>th</sup> of July. As with any event, this one needs people to help run it with a list of roles still needing to be filled including

- one more person for COVID checkpoint
- volunteers to help with gate
- water bearing support for equestrian

If you have the time to help, please let Jorunna know.

After the Grand Tourny will need to take a breath and then start to gear up for Coronation which will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Relevant Center on 204<sup>th</sup> and Maple. Ann is working hard to make sure it is an amazing event.

Covid related information can be found at the following locations. If you need hard copies of these, please let me know and I will get them for you.

Please check the FAQ at

<https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/20210829-Proof-of-Vaccination-or-Negative-Test-Policy-FAQs.pdf> .

Calontir specific information can be found at

<https://www.calontir.org/covidsafe/>

<https://www.calontir.org/covid-guidelines/>

If you still have questions about this, let me know. I can't say I can answer all the questions you may have right away, but I will do my best to find the answers for you.

In service ,

*Aleksandr*  
Александр

## Arts and Sciences , June 7th

At the June 7th Gathering held at Halleck Park, Mistress Tatjana will be teaching basic nalbinding. Bring yarn and nalbinding needles, if you have them. Some will be available to use if you don't have one. See you there!

# Minutes from April Business Meeting

## Officers

- Chatelaine/Social Media – Jorunna Refsdottir
- Herald – Wulfridth Maynes
- Knights Marshal – Charlies
- Exchequer – Michael Nymandus
- Archery Marshal – Dolan Madoc of Harlech
- Web – Gaius Corneilus-Scipio Titianus
- Chronicler – Tatjana Nikonovna
- Arts and Sciences – Eadaoin Inghean Chionoidha
- Seneschal – Aleksandr Yaroslavovich Vyetikov

## Officers

### Baron and Baroness

- Progress
- This Saturday is queens mayhem
- then to valor Memorial Day weekend. Look forward to seeing some folks down there
- Lilies
- Pensic
- lots of talk about getting revels back on the schedule.
- Weekend open on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, short notice and so is going to be an informal gathering
- July 9<sup>th</sup> for a more formal revel,
  - court
  - championships
  - There will be no pot luck but you are welcome to bring your own.

### Chatelaine/Social Media

- Added five new people to FB group
- given new people event info for grand tourney
- been in office for 3 years and is looking to step down at the end of Aug.

### Exchequer

- not present

### Knights Marshal

- a long discussion over the location and day of fighter practice
- moving outside full time in June, every Tuesday
- to start the 31<sup>st</sup> of May
- Practice will be at Halleck Park in Papillion.  
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Halleck+Park/@41.153294,-96.0359389,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x87938af063a02c9b:0xdefda8c5cea45b23!8m2!3d41.153294!4d-96.0337502>
- there are a few with interest in youth combat
- need to look into getting an authorized youth marshal
- all youth marshals need to have background checks done.
- Hope to get some youth combat activity at the grand tourney.
- There was some armor donated, but it is damaged and will need repair.

### Archery Marshal

- We got the word that Kezia is an MIT.
- Would like to pass the acting marshal to kezia.
- Low attendance at practice, 3 to 4 people
- No practice the week of Lilies

### Herald

- not present

### Web

- not much new
- cal should be up to snuff for the next few months.

### Chronicler

- everything is going well.
- Letters are due on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for June Banner, and June 30<sup>th</sup> for July Banner

### Arts and Sciences

- Still need a replacement, warrant is up in Aug.
- will hold knitting class with fighter practice on May 31<sup>st</sup>
- June class will be Nalbinding taught by Tatiana
- Is anyone interested in a class in medieval literature / writing

### Grand Tourney

- insurance. generating the v-card for the insurance and should be on the way tomorrow the 17<sup>th</sup>
- we have enough people to help inn
- needs
- schedule for fighting
- one more person for COVID checkpoint
- volunteers for gate
- water bearing support for equestrian
- desert donations for Inn
- Equestrian schedule is almost set, should be out soon
- Zafara tacking care of the A and S competition

### Coronation

- its happening if you like it or not
- if we do an inn, it's a catering kitchen so that limits what we can do.
- Sent original bid to their highness's, waiting for response.

### Seneschal

- We still need to do COVID checks
- if inside, masks are required
- The COVID record needs to be sent to the wavier secretary within 2 weeks of event.
- We will continue to hold meetings using Zoom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> monday of each month, except for June due to Lilies.

## Chatelaine Chat: Looking for my replacement

Hello everyone,

I am looking for my replacement as Chatelaine. By the time I step down August 31st, 2022 I will have been Chatelaine for over 3 and a half years. I am also the interim social media officer, and will be stepping out of that role as well. Our barony has had some exceptional growth the last few years. I would like to find someone who would love to continue this growth now that we're finding some semblance of normalcy post covid. Please see the description below of all the things I've been doing for the past 3 years, and if this is something you'd be interested in, please send me, their excellencies, and our senechal an email. Those emails are

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What is the job of the chatelaine?

Overall, the job of the chatelaine is to be the point of contact for people new to the barony and the SCA. You are to be a positive point of contact to help people find their way in the SCA. You are to be a safe space for the new folks, in case they are struggling or afraid of asking questions. Do not be judgemental, but always remain supportive of our new members as they will help our barony to continue to thrive. What does this entail?

- Check the chatelaine email and reply to emails regularly (preferably daily).
- Reply to messages on the Barony's facebook page as they come in
- Greet new people to the barony, answer questions, and point them to others who share their interests
- Maintain Gold Key garb and loaner feast gear.
- Write articles for the Banner (Barony's monthly newsletter)
- Attend business meetings
- Help with organizing demos (You do not need to autocrat all of them, but helping is important since you're doing outreach to potential new members).
- Reach out to those who sign up for more information at the demo within a few days of the demo to invite them to local events
- Manage and submit an annual budget for the office of chatelaine, Due October 1st
- Keep track of how many business cards and bookmarks the barony has (so you can order more when you get low)
- Write up 4 quarterly reports and 1 domesday (yearly) report
- Keep track of how many people are attending fighter practice, barony revels, meetings, and other local events as this is necessary in the reports
- Attend CalonCon (This is now via zoom, so no travel required!)

### Recommendations

- Join the Calontir Chatelaine Facebook group Join the Calontir Newcomers' Forum Facebook group to keep abreast of what is happening kingdom wide and current discussions
- Write award recommendations both at the barony and kingdom level
- Go through both kingdom and known world newcomer pages to be familiar with all the info out there and be able to share with new folks
- Do not reinvent the wheel. Many resources already exist, you just need to direct folks to them.
- Have a deputy to help with stuff

### Social Media Officer

The role is to promote the barony and the SCA in various social media outlets that we have accounts on. Our accounts include the following: Facebook (most used), Twitter, Instagram, and Youtube (least used).

- Create and manage facebook event pages for every practice, event, gathering, and meeting (this is the main part of the job)
- Answer messages sent to the Barony facebook page
- Attend Business meetings
- Create and manage content for Twitter, Instagram, and Youtube
- Answer messages sent to us on other social media accounts

These positions help with the smooth operation of our barony and are necessary for our growth as a group. If these are things you'd like to try, please reach out. Again I am stepping down August 31, 2022, and am more than happy to help you even after I step down.

YIS

*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 Ulancumbe

#### 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

01/2024 - 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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19 Lillies War	20	21	22	23	24	25 Calon Con 8:45 am
26 Lillies War	27 Business Meeting 7:00 pm	28 Fight Practice/ Gathering Halleck Park 6:30—dark	29 Archery Practice 6:30 pm	30 Letters and articles for Banner due		



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