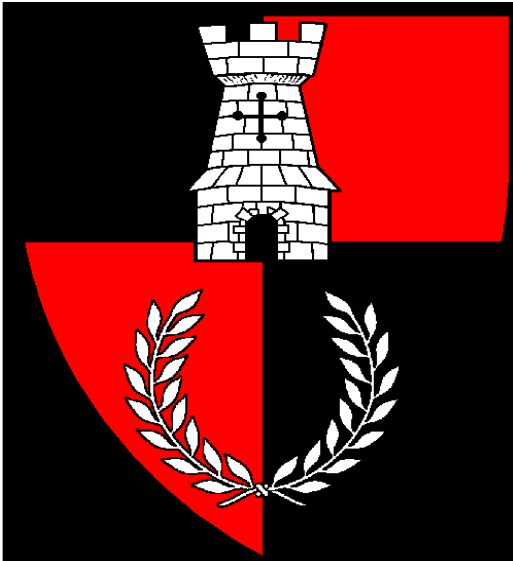


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Welcome to the Barony of the Lonely Tower!

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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From the Seneschal

To the people of The Barony of The Lonely Tower

Greetings.

I hope this letter finds all in good health and spirits.

The time of wars is slowly receding and giving way to the time of harvest, celebration, and change is coming. One such day of both celebration and change is Coronation, which will be held here in the barony at the Relevant Center, 21220 Elkhorn Drive. I do hope to see you all there.

As with any event, Coronation needs people to help. If you find that you have time to help out in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Anne or Jorunna, I am sure they would be more than happy to hear from you. For those of you willing to sign up over the internet, please follow <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4baea92da2f58-coronation> where you will find a wonderful sign up page.

Now on to officers. The Barony will soon need to fill several offices. Jorunna would like to step down as the Chatelaine / Social media officer and Wulfridith as the Herald. We all appreciate the wonderful efforts of both of these ladies and are sad to see them step aside but hope they both get to take a well deserved break.

If anyone is interested in taking over either of these offices, please get into contact with myself and / or the relevant officer. We will set up a chance to chat and move forward from there.

I would like to take a moment here to point out something. You may have noticed that much of the above is asking for help and this is for good reason. Groups like the SCA run on the backs of its members. Running events, the Barony, the Kingdom, or the Society in general depend on the members of the Society to give of themselves to ensure that things happen. Without the work of many people those events, the Barony, the Kingdom, and the Society would just cease to be a thing. I would love for every event or function to be just there for all, to be nothing but fun with little or no work, but this is just not the case. The unfortunate truth is that over the years the work required to run events, fill offer slots, and build things has fallen upon a small group of people over and over again and the opportunity for catastrophic burnout is very real. Please, if you have the time and energy to help out with running an event or as an officer, it would be a wonderful thing and appreciated greatly.

As always I will put a basic summary of the Covid rules here. There are links in the summary, which does seem odd, but reprinting everything would take pages. If you need any information held behind any of the links, let me know and I will make sure you get it.

“Current Rules for Calontir Event Attendance (effective June 13, 2022)

1. COVIDSafe - The COVIDSafe policy is separate from these guidelines, and will remain in place until the criteria for suspension have been satisfied. More information on the COVIDSafe policy can be found at <https://www.calontir.org/covidsafe/>.

2. Masks

A. Masks are not required outdoors.

B. While indoor masking is generally encouraged, those individuals who meet the CDC definition of "Fully Vaccinated" may choose not to wear a mask indoors.

*C. All those who **do not** meet the CDC definition of "Fully Vaccinated" must wear masks covering the nose and mouth while indoors, save those under 24 months of age.*

3. Food

A. There are no restrictions on food at this time.

4. Drink

A. The only restriction at this time is the current Society prohibition on the use of shared drinking vessels for water bearing.

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Requests from the Crown:

- 1. If you are medically able to get the COVID Vaccine, please do so. If you are due for a booster, please get one.*
- 2. Please do not attend gatherings if you are not feeling well. If someone in your household is Covid positive, or symptomatic, please stay home.*
- 3. Please respect the comfort levels of those who wish to follow more stringent masking and distancing practices than are strictly required.*
- 4. 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.”*

All current 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

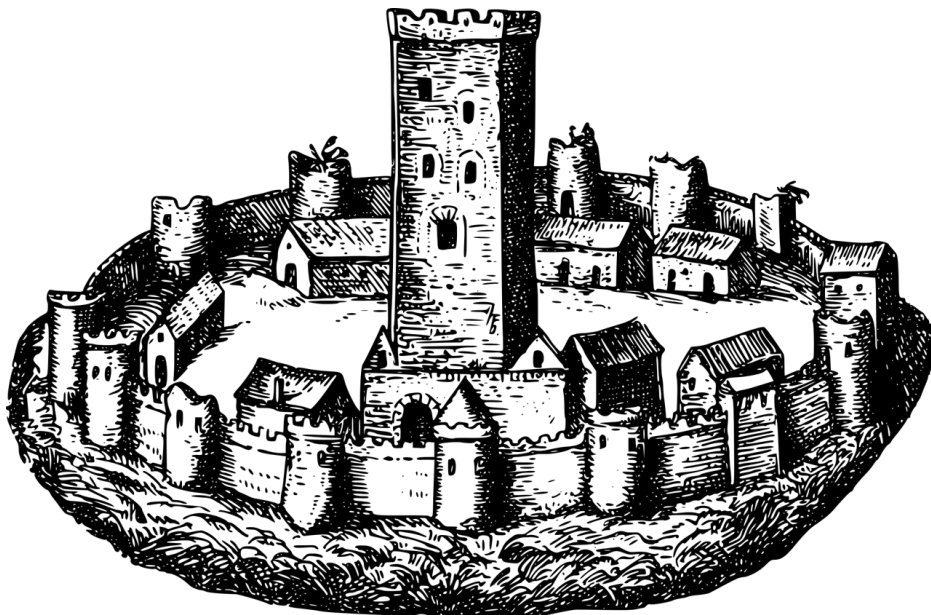
<https://www.calontir.org/covidsafe/>

<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



Business Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

- Knights Marshal – Charlies
- Chatelaine/Social Media – Jorunna Refsdottir
- Archery Marshal – Dolan Madoc of Harlech
- Web – Gaius Corneilus-Scipio Titianus
- Chronicler – Tatjana Nikonovna
- Seneschal – Aleksandr Yaroslavovich Vyetikov

Officers

Baron and Baroness

- Cattle raids coming up this weekend. Pavilion will be set up and open to all.
- Would like to do revel here soon
- waiting on dates from park.
- More to come
- Figuring out what to do about champions
- Largest competition at coronation.
- Do we have enough people for a team for kings company.
- Sounds like we will have at least 4, we need 5 for the team
- Coronation is the main priority
- Looking to restart scriptorium or other focused nights.

Knights Marshal

- New Society Knight's Marshall Handbook is outdoors
- very few changes
- Mostly inactive due to pensic, heat, and stuff
- People are back and no one got hurt
- mostly waiting on coronation
- need to talk about winter.
- Is the collage still an option?
- Its not a good social spot but the price is right.
- We would have to find other options for any A and S thing or social gathering.

Chronicler

- Not a lot to see
- need stuff for it, anything.
- Letters due by 29th
- We need to do better at dealing with schedule changes. Not everyone is on facebook.
- Dealing with the calendar is suffering from remote meetings. We need to find a way to deal with this.

Chatelaine/Social Media

- Woooo, almost done. Wait, need a replacement
- Rounding up contact info and such to pass it on
- lining up people to help at the library on the 29th
- 11- 1, I think.
- Added a few people to the group, not too many though

Archery Marshal

- Moving indoors on the 28th
- site cost is \$5 per person.
- Tentative team for Kings Company
- may need to "hire" a ringer
- Couldn't get password for email to work
- Gaius is checking on it

Web

- Can give people low access to allow updates to cal to help with the calendar issues.
- Needs to reset some passwords for email
- will update archery
- need to sort out the whole email thing.
- Seneschal is not crazy about using personal accounts

Exchequer

- not present

Herald

- not present

Arts and Sciences

- not present

Grand Tourney

- Final checks deposited today
- Pre registration
- Return of damage deposit
- site was very happy
- ~500 profit, still need exact numbers.

Coronation

- pre-reg is live
- have sign up for both event and feast
- feast is limited to 44 seats. Suggest you sign up
- need to start pushing the event
- need someone to run youth activities
- anyone needs to have a background check
- need volunteers
- only 7 weeks

Seneschal

- meeting dates
- talk about moving meeting.
- 4th monday?... nope, going with 2nd monday.
- Officers
- need both Herald and Chatelaine / Social Media
- Herald is highest priority
- others can flip back to kingdom
- anyone with admin to the facebook group can do events

Archery News

Greetings!

I am Baroness Kezia von Holzenhaus, your new archer marshal. We will be holding weekly archery practices at the Golden Arrows Archery Club's indoor range, beginning September 28 th . The address is 11212 N 72 nd St, Omaha, NE 68122. The range is open to non-members of the archery club until 8pm, and there is a minimal cost of \$5 per person. Until then, we will be at the Outdoor Range, 9100 Pawnee Road, Omaha, NE 68122 from about 6:30pm to 8pm. There is no cost for this public range.

This fall there is a Society Seasonal Challenge shoot called the Anti-FITA, which we will be participating in. It consists of four ends at 20 yards. Two of the ends are untimed, with 8 arrows, and two are 45 second timed rounds. Participation in this shoot counts towards ranking in the Grand Archery Tournament, which ranks SCA archers from all over the Knowne World.

We will also be shooting the Gwynterian Winter Challenge. This longer shoot is 8 ends, and includes two 30 second timed rounds, as well as ends at a small bull's eye and a wand, all at 20 yards.

Of course, if you prefer to just practice, without competing in either of these shoots, that is perfectly acceptable. We even have loaner equipment available if you just want to give archery a try. Advance notice can help me assure I have the correct equipment with me.

King's Companie of Archers is upcoming on September 10 th . The Barony is encouraged to field a team of 5 archers, with no restrictions on rank or type of bow. If you are interested in being on the team, please contact me. Gryphons at Sea on September 17 th has also listed archery on the flier, with detail to be announced later. Lonely Tower had 5 archers shooting at Cattle Raids! Master Dolan won the morning shoot, and Master Rolf won the afternoon shoot. Edward, Kainen, and Bryniolfr also shot, at Edward's first event.

Grand Archery Tournament Standings as of August 24, 2022

Handbow of 1319 archers

Name	Rank	Score
Kezia	16	54.5
Owain	23	46.0
Jorunna	81	16.8
Michael	101	14.5
Roger	183(t)	8.7
Gaius	201(t)	8.1
Eden	308(t)	5.2
Cuthbert	356(t)	4.6
Bjarm	370(t)	4.5
Krystal	509(t)	3.2
Lyleth	509(t)	3.2
Augustin	681(t)	2.3
Galti	780(t)	2.0
Felix	932(t)	1.6
Grete	1090(t)	1.3
Makayla	1090(t)	1.3
Sigrid	1141(t)	1.2
Rolf	1256(t)	1.0

Crossbow of 141 Crossbows

Name	Rank	Score
Dolan	1	100
Michael	2	51.5
Rolf	32(t)	9.8

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

01/2024 - 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

Credits

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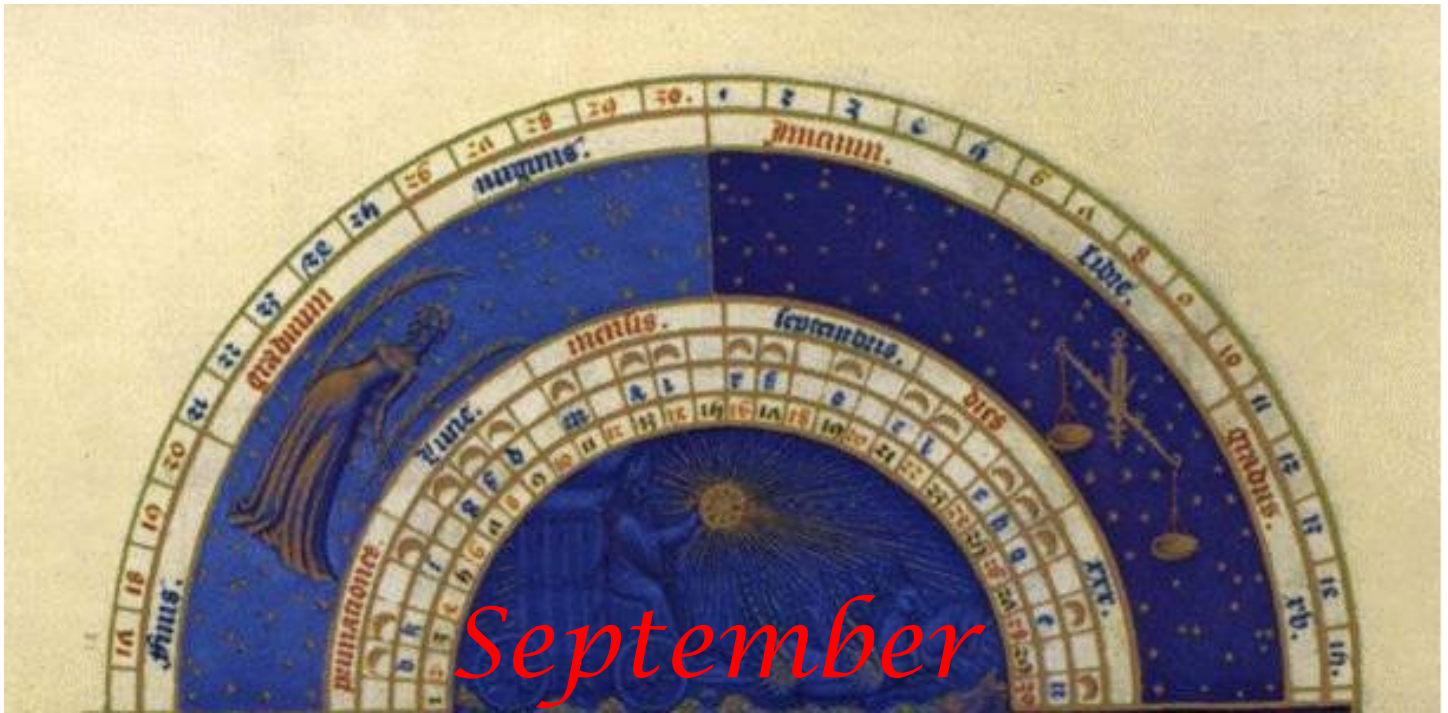
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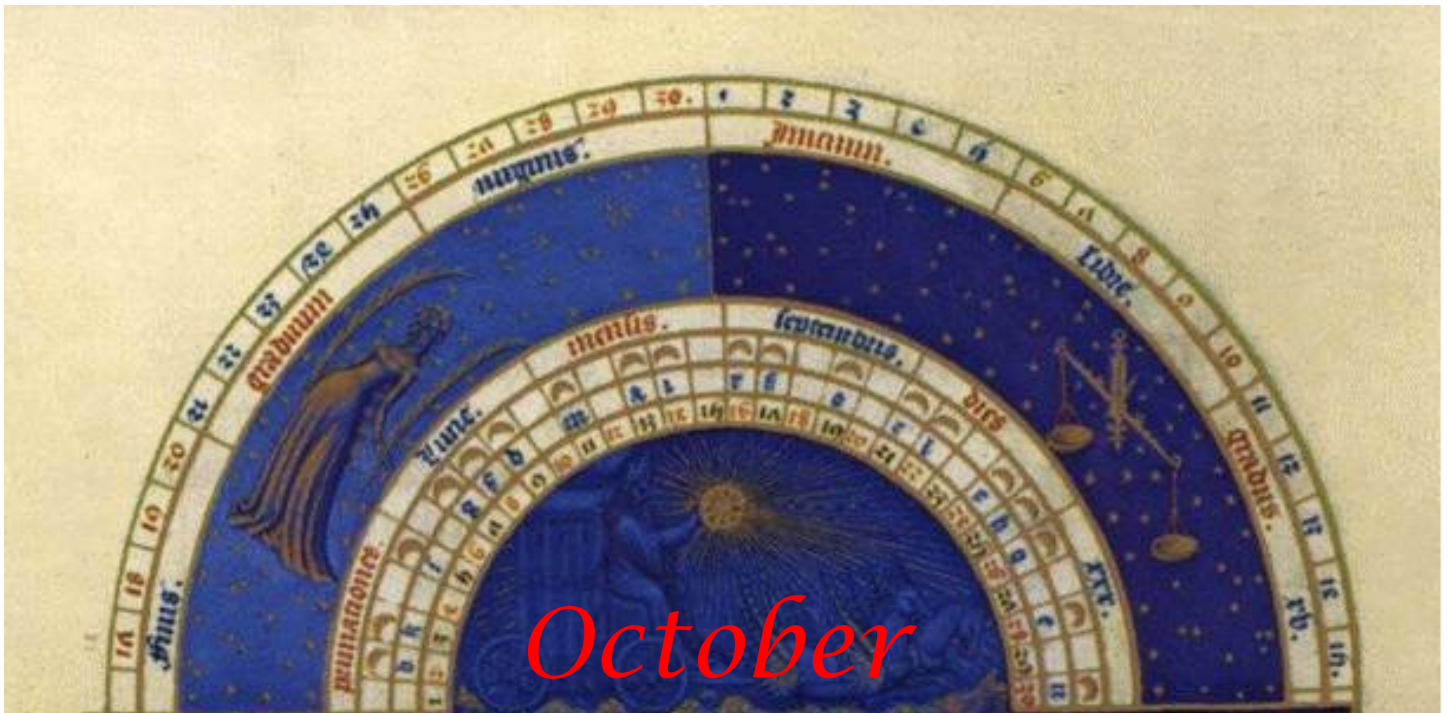
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4	5	6 Fight Practice/ Gathering Halleck Park 6:30—dark	7 Archery Practice 6:30 pm	8	9 King's Company of Archers	10 King's Company of Archers
11 King's Company of Archers	12	13 Fight Practice/ Gathering Halleck Park 6:30—dark	14 Archery Practice 6:30 pm	15	16 Gryphons at Sea	17 Gryphons at Sea
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