



THE RUNESTAFF

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Greetings, Mag Mor!



We were delighted to see so many members of the Barony at Clothier's. Additionally, m'lady Emma, Lady Morgana, and Baroness Lelia participated in the walk through history, and Lady Morgana was taken as an apprentice. Baroness Gyda was specially thanked by Her Majesty during court for her support during the reign. Well done all!

We have had some changes recently in Baronial offices. Lady Morgana has stepped down as A&S Minister and Gold Key officer. Lord Bristol and Lady Azalais have stepped up as A&S

Minister and Deputy, and Gold Key is being folded into the Chatelaine's

Office. Our thanks to both outgoing and incoming officers!

As always, if you are interested in an office, please get in contact with that officer. All of them would be happy to discuss their office, and may even be looking for a deputy.

We also need people who are willing to step up and be event steward for our first and second quarter revels this year, as well as for Cattle Raids. If you would like to do these events, please get in contact with us and the Seneschal.

Yours in Service,

Takauji and LeliaY

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Letter from the Seneschal

Greetings, citizens of Mag Mor!

The daylight is lasting longer with each passing day, which means that we can soon resume our outdoor activities again. The darkness of winter hasn't stopped our northern neighbors from having a little fun in the snow, though. I had the pleasure of attending the Feast of Fortuna in the Shire of Silver Keep, Artemisia. There were games of chance, fighting, a "chariot" race, and a delicious feast to end the night. Everyone was gracious to and very curious about the stranger from Calontir who wandered into their midst! The hospitality I received exemplified the motto engraved into the Artemisian crowns: "Welcome home."

I am looking forward to returning to my actual home, Calontir, before the field season starts again. I miss seeing everyone's cheerful faces at meetings and the social time we share afterwards. See you soon!

*Yours in service,
Tófa in eldra*



Upcoming Kingdom Events:

- *February 17-- Winter War Maneuvers Columbia, MO**
Hosting Group: Shire of Wyvern Cliffe
- *February 24—Chieftains: 40 Years Of Hospitality, Bridgeton, MO**
Hosting Group: Barony Of Three Rivers
- *March 09-17—Gulf Wars, To Be Announced**
- *March 09—Spring Rush, Emporia, KS**
Hosting Group: Shire Of Moonstone
- *March 23—Coronation, Independence, MO**
- *April 6—Queen Prize, Carthage, MO**
- *April 13—Crown Tournament, Boone, IA**
Hosting Group: Barony Of Coeur D'Ennu
- *April 20—Lillies Work Day, Smithville, MO**
Hosting Group: Lillies Committee



Populace Meetings:

ALL meetings will be in person, as well as on Zoom. For a link, contact the seneschal. Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Walt Library, 6701 S 14th Street

- 1 st Wed. of each month—Moot (business meeting)
- 2 nd Wed.—A & S night
- 3 rd Wed.—Discussion night
- 4 th Wed.—Philosophy night



Greetings,

The meetings have been booked at the Walt library through March 6th. Here are the following dates and which room we are in thank you.

All the meetings will be at Walt Branch Library at 6701 S 14th Street unless otherwise noted:

Feb 14 room 1

Feb 21 room 1

Feb 28 room 1

Mar 6 room 1

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Mag Mor Local Events Calendar

Music Practice--1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month (usually), 7:30 pm Volkmar & Isadora's house, 441 Christenson Ct. Contact Gwyneth or Isadora for more information.

Arts & Sciences Sundays—1 pm every Sunday, also available on the Baronial Discord server. Contact Morgana, A & S Minister for more information.

Scribes Guild—Kingdom pre-prints may be available from HE Gyda.

Brewers Guild—Contact Isabeau or Carlos.

Armored Fighter/Cut & Thrust Practice:

2nd & 4th Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 9:00 pm at Northern Lighthouse Church, 6141 N 14th St.

Arrive earlier if you need time to gear up, to maximize daylight fighting time. Donations accepted to help defray site cost for fighters. Lonely Tower is having some informal, unofficial practices at varying times on weekends. For more about Lonely Tower practices, look for the BLT Lounge on Facebook Messenger.

Archery Practice:

Archery practice is done for this year. Practices will resume in the spring. Please contact Lord Yoichi with any questions. Baronial Archery Championship will take place in the spring.



Moot notes

Meeting held February 7 at the Walt Library at 6:30 PM CDT in Room 1. [Tofa forgot to count the people attending in person], 7 online.

Officer reports:

- **Exchequer (Lady Lhiannan):** The barony account stands at \$15052.60. The Northern Lighthouse church site fee is paid through the end of February. The storage locker rent is paid through the end of March. Due to a double payment of 2022 Cattle Raids gate fees (once from Kingdom and once from Corporate), we need to repay the amount given to us by the Kingdom. An emergency financial committee was called with six members of the committee in attendance.
- **Gold Key:** Lady Morgana is stepping down from Gold Key. Lord Aurick will assume responsibility of the loaner garb until another person volunteers for the role. An itemized inventory will be given to Lady Lhiannan for her 2024 Domesday report.
- **Arts and Sciences (Lord Bristol and Lady Azalais):** Our new MOAS and deputy are working on the A&S rubric for the year. This will be discussed in more detail under new business. February A&S will feature leather tooling. In March, we will discuss tanning. Due to personal circumstances, Master Gerald may need to reschedule his talk to a different meeting. Anyone willing to facilitate a discussion pertaining to the quarterly theme please contact the A&S team.
- **Chronicler (Lord Carlos):** Please send your Runestaff submissions by February 10th. Please send summaries of and photographs from Clothiers or other Kingdom activities that you may have attended along with the appropriate release forms to publish. The links to the Creative works, photographer, and model release forms can be found at <https://www.calontir.org/chronicler/>.
- **Herald (Lord Jean):** Working on new submissions. There has been no new LOAR yet. Heraldry submission fees are \$8.00, send checks addressed to Barony of Mag Mor.
- **Media Cryer (Lord Jean):** There has been lots of interaction with social media posts on Facebook, only 15 on Twitter, and more than 100 on Instagram. Spikes of interest have been observed on posts for events, searches for schedules and maps. A request for content asked that a baronial calendar be built for us. Many people know about and look for our barony specifically, so an event calendar would be great.
- **Webminister (Lady Laurencia):** Lady Laurencia and Lord Jean will collaborate on the website content. No other activity to report at this time. Lady Laurencia will be out of the country with little internet access starting 19 February.
- **Chatelaine (Lord Aurick):** Little activity to report. Some Adrian Empire members hung out with MM for a little while and discussed some crossover activities. A new member showed up for fight practice. A potential social outing in garb was discussed. Lord Aurick is seeking feedback on the business cards before printing them.
- **Minister of Youth (Lady Adelheid):** Lady Adel's background check for youth activities expires soon. The paperwork to renew the background check has been submitted and the confirmation should arrive next week.

She would also like to share a Kingdom-wide request made at the Lillies planning meeting: please volunteer for assisting with youth activities at Lillies!

- **Largess Coordinator (Lady Emma):** Not in attendance.
- **Archery (Lord Yoichi):** Lord Yoichi is sketching up plans and backup plans for the 3D archery shoot. Archery practices may resume in April, when sunlight allows.
- **Marshall's report (HE Volkmar):** The combat demo at the January tattoo convention was cancelled due to weather. Fighter practices at the Northern Lighthouse Church the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month have seen fewer participants lately.

Guild reports

- **Scribes (HE Gyda):** Out of scrolls for the current reign. Isadora has a few scrolls if someone wants them. HE will update us when the scrolls for the next reign become available.
- **Music (HE Gwyneth):** Not in attendance. Practices are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:30 PM, at Isadora and Volkmar's place.

Old Business:

- Previously, we decided that Raids and 2024 Coronation were too close together, and chose to focus on Raids, and talk to BLT about trading events. This means we would submit a bid for Spring Crown 2025. Her Excellency Lelia will follow up with BLT about this.
 - Scouting locations and rental fees.
 - o **Wahoo:** waiting to hear back from direct contact, but an a la carte rental list is available on the fairground website. This site is halfway between MM and BLT, has great kitchen facilities, and camping on site. Showers and electrical hookups are available.
 - o **Crete:** waiting to hear back from direct contact. This site has minimal public traffic. There is a well-developed campsite with paved pads, electrical hookups, a bath house, and playground. This site has a rodeo arena, a dirt racetrack, several buildings, and a bridge. There are two motels nearby.
 - o **Seward:** This site has several very nice buildings, a kitchen. Several restaurants are nearby. The site managers are helpful and willing to work with our needs as a nonprofit.
 - o **Camp Sunshine:** Suggested by Gyda: may also be a good place for Raids. There is a kitchen, a small campsite and a large campsite.
 - o **Issac Walton campground** is another possibility suggested by Bristol.
 - o This topic will be discussed further at the next meeting.
 - The coronet proposal has been sent to Kaithan, we are waiting to hear back.

New business

- **MOAS: A&S rubric for the rest of the year:**
 - o The proposal: Divide the themes quarterly over the year to aid in facilitating the A&S nights and build meeting rubric from there.
 - o **The decision for A&S nights:**
 - o **Quarter 1 leather:** tooling and tanning
 - o **Quarter 2 Norse culture:** Runes, herbology, treasure necklaces, drawing animal motifs in Norse style
 - o **Quarter 3 Garb accessories:** Shoemaking, jewelry, reserve a meeting to complete Raid largess?
 - o **Quarter 4 Music and dance:** medieval instrument "petting zoo", Calontir songs, dance class? Where should we hold the dance practice? We could hold a dance at the next Yule Court.
 - **Other baronial events coming up:**
 - o Archery championship in early May
 - o July A&S competition.

Other announcements:

- **Summary from Virtual Known World Heraldic and Scribal symposium:**

- o Find more information here (<https://heraldry.sca.org/kwhss/>).
- o Tofa attended two classes. One was taught by Elizabeth of Roxbury-Mill, who gave an excellent summary of rules in different kingdoms regarding scrolls; distributed scribal resources for line art and supplies. Her website can be found here: <https://scrolling-along.com/> .
- Letters of intent are sought for the Kingdom MOAS. Submit your letters of intent for KMOAS to Lady Gianna Vivani at ArtsSciences@Calontir.org, Their Majesties at Crown@Calontir.org, Their Highnesses at Heirs@calontir.org, and the Kingdom Seneschal at Seneschal@Calontir.org .
- A Deputy for Marshall Studies is also sought. Send your letter of intent to Master Jurgen at martialstudies@calontir.org, and to all the emails listed above for MOAS.
- The Kingdom Earl Marshall is looking for deputies in all disciplines. Please send letters of intent to earl-marshall@calontir.org by 26 February.



Barony of Mag Mor Finance Committee Meeting

Feb 7, 2024

Zoom/Walt Library

Committee members present:, Baroness-Pam Cole, Seneschal-Stacy Dreis (Zoom), Exchequer-Lois Domek, Jerry Harder, Chris Stuart, Vivian Hancock

Committee members absent: Baron-Matthew Parker, Mickey Andersen

Meeting Began at 6:44 pm

Checking Balance: \$15,052.66

Old Business: none

New Business

Item 1: Authorize Repayment to Kingdom

Cattle Raids 2022 Pre-registration income was reimbursed to the Barony from wrong (Kingdom of Calontir) account. Payment of \$1,569.60 has now been received from the correct (Corporate) account. The Kingdom PayPal Account needs to be refunded \$1,569.60.

- *Motion: To authorize repayment to Kingdom of Calontir*
 - o *Moved: Vivian Hancock*
 - o *Seconded: Stacy Dreis*
- *Motion carried with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed.*

Meeting Ended at 6:45 pm



A snippet from Baron Uji,

Hello, Mag Mor!

This Wednesday we will be discussing Shakespeare for our book club. If you want to read the following Sonnets, that would be great!

- 18 - Shall I Compare Thee To a Summer's Day?
- 29 - When in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes
- 104 - To me, fair friend, you never can be old,
- 116 - Lend Me Not to the Marriage of True Minds

All of them can be found online. And if someone would please share this to the email list, I'd appreciate it!

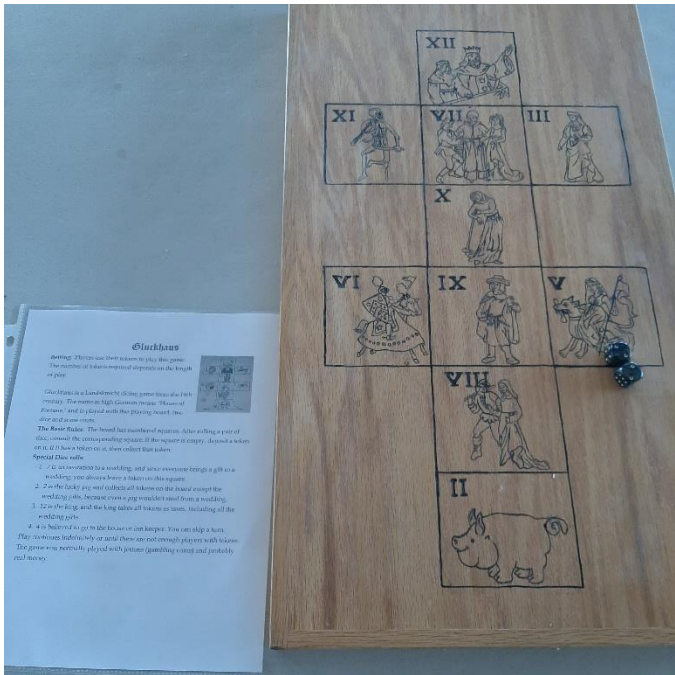
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Lady Tofa Meets His Majesty, The King of All Artemisia

I attended the Feast of Fortuna, hosted by the Shire of Silver Keep (Bozeman) in the Kingdom of Artemisia. The Feast commemorates the Shire's founding in the 1990s. Held on 10 February 2024, this year's event was smaller than usual due to road conditions in other parts of the region. I was identified as a new person immediately.

Imagine my surprise to see the Royal Presence as I entered! Their Majesties Tearlach MacMillan, the King of All Artemisia, and Ursa the Minor, Rex of All Artemisia, held court twice during the day. All nobles present were given a small bag of tokens at gate and encouraged to play games of chance, including One and Thirty (aka Scat or Wit and Reason), tafl, Nine Men's Morris, Qwek, draughts, Hazard, and Gluckhaus. Participants were to place bets on their own games as well as side bets on the other players. Betting on the fighters was also encouraged. The Rapier Championship for the Shire had several combatants, after which three heavy combatants faced off—including Their Majesties. Ursa Rex won the day and received the champion's tabard in heavy fighting.



The rules and board for Gluckhaus, a Landsknecht dice game.

The chariot races were held later in the afternoon. Teams were given 10 minutes to construct a chariot out of cardboard boxes. Pre-constructed reins were provided. The drivers wore their chariots and directed their blind-folded team of "horses" through an obstacle course. The team Opus Magnus was driven by Her Excellency Adeliz Fergusson, who was driving one-handed due to injuries sustained during an accident. She resorted to giving her team verbal directions. At least one person was unclear on which direction was "Left," as the team promptly turned in opposite directions and proceeded everywhere but the course. Several course markers were overturned in the process. The second driver was unsure of the layout but his team completed most of the course, motivated by the promise to visit the glue factory after the race. Another driver and team did not finish the course due to chariot malfunctions. The driver of The Nags dropped her rein shortly after starting the course and got scolded by her team, both authorized equestrians. The Nags won the race and received vases and a bowl as trophies. Their Majesties cheered on all teams.

During a pause in the activities, I took a break from socializing to quietly work on some fingerloop braiding. While I was explaining what I was doing to the group of interested onlookers who had started to surround me, I heard someone say, "That's neat!" over my right shoulder. I saw a glint of gold in my peripheral vision before I turned to see His Majesty looking intently at the cord. He and the new court Baron and Baroness watched me for a few minutes and before moving on to mingle with the other nobles. When I had finished, I joined the group who had now moved a little away from me to chat. Her Excellency Adeliz was one of those nobles, and she told me about how the Latin motto engraved into the Artemisian crowns (translated: "Welcome Home") was tied to the Royal philosophy of being approachable. As if on cue, His Majesty approached us. He welcomed me to the Kingdom, then told me I just had to see how heavy his crown was compared to those of other kingdoms. He set it in my hands and it took me a moment to register what he had done. I looked down at the crown, up at His Majesty, then at Her Excellency with mildly alarmed confusion. HE Adeliz and His Majesty enthusiastically pointed out the interchangeable lining and fitting system made of soft leather that allowed the crown to be adjusted for different people. (Readers, the crown was not heavy at all.)

The afternoon court started promptly. One person new to the SCA was welcomed and given a new member token. Two AoAs were given; each recipient was given a golden 'A' token, a small knife, and an original scroll. Two Companions of the Cheval d'Or were granted for participation in equestrian activities. After closing of the Royal Court, we partook of a delicious feast made by the feast steward and Seneschal of Silver Keep consisting of stewed beef, venison pie, roasted carrots, mushrooms in sauce, focaccia bread with two different flavored butters, butternut squash soup, and honey cakes. Here ends my account, it was an enjoyable day for all and I have already written more than is my custom.



Several venison pies made by the feast steward (I didn't get her SCA name) and a tiered honey cake with buttercream frosting.



Greetings from the Kingdom Exchequer.

I would like to share the following confirmatory information I received in an email today from the Corporate Treasurer.

"The increase of the NMR from \$5 to \$10 becomes effective on April 1. ANY event being held on or after April 1 is required to collect and remit \$10 per nonmember. This is true regardless of whether the event fees have already been announced. The Board delayed this increase to April so that this change could be put into event announcements in time for the April newsletters. The NMR does not impact event budgets – it is collected by the group and sent to the corporate office in the same amount. While we realize that some events that are happening in April or later might have already published their site fees, we expect the event to collect the correct amount at the door." As such, that is how we will be moving ahead. If you are an event steward and have a question about how to proceed specifically with an event, please e-mail me, cc your local Exchequer and we will work out the details. I know that we will have some work in the transition but this is how the path has been laid out as of today. I will endeavor to keep everyone updated with any new information.

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