



THE RUNESTAFF

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Welcome! The Barony of Mag Mor is the Lincoln, Nebraska branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism SCA, an international non-profit organization dedicated to recreating and researching pre-17th Century European history. Mag Mor is located in the Kingdom of Calontir, modernly Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and parts of Nebraska and Arkansas.

The words of Their Excellencies:

Mag Mor,

We are delighted to have had a wonderful time at our recent Archery Championship. Lord Yoichi brought out the Society Seasonal Archery Challenge (SSAC) shoot, which involved a period diamond shaped target. The shoot saw Graf Volkmar win with 135 points, and m'lord Tristan take second with 130! After the shoot, Lord Yoichi taught a class on period archery targets, and we had a lovely pot luck.



We are looking at plans for our Yule revel. If you're interested in helping, please reach out to us or the Seneschal. And as always we're looking at the champion events next year, and it is never too early to start thinking about those things now!

We've been doing a lot of amazing work in Mag Mor these last few months, and as your Baron and Baroness we couldn't be more proud. Thank you for everything you do, and know how much joy it brings us to be a part of this amazing Barony.

Yours in Service,

Lelia and Takauji
Baroness and Baron



Letter from the Seneschal

Mag Mor,

I can't possibly express how impressed I am with the amount of activity this group has had in the last few months. The Lincoln Renaissance Faire Demo, Cattle Raids, and Kingdom A&S resulted in a nearly constant high level of activity in the group, and your willingness to pitch in and make things happens has been astonishing. Hopefully we're in for a quieter few months until things start ramping up for Coronation in February. Enjoy the cooler weather and slower pace for a while!

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Calontir Kingdom Events:

Oct 09-13	Chilies 2025	Forgotten Sea	Smithville, MO
Oct 15	Officer Reports Due	To Local Seneschals	& Kingdom Officers
Oct 25	Robin Hood	Westumbria	Raymond, KS
Nov 01	Heraldic, Scribal, and Dance Symposium	Axed Root	Ames, IA
Nov 08	Fall Crown Tournament	Crystal Mynes	Carthage, MO
Nov 15	Toys for Tots Tourney	Wyvern Cliffe	Jefferson City, MO
Dec 06	Midwinter Knight's Dream	Theobald College	Winfield, KS



Mag Mor Populace Meetings and Local Events:

Oct 15	Anderson	Project Night
Oct 22	Walt Library Meeting Room 1	Farble
Oct 29	Anderson	Largess Night
Nov 05	Walt Library Meeting Room 1	Moot
Nov 12	Walt Library Meeting Room 1	A&S Night
Nov 19	Walt Library Meeting Room 1	Project Night

Barony, Guilds, and Martial Arts announcements

Barony: Huge thank you to everyone who helped with CR and KAS!!! We have been approached about possibly hosting Masters of the Duel in 2026. Have been told that the ONLY baronial contribution would be to provide a site and staff for gate/waivers. Indoor gym-type facilities sound ideal, will investigate possible sites. The Baronial Cut & Thrust Championship will be held on December 11th during practice. Please send us award recommendations!

Music (HE Gwyneth): Oct 2nd is the only practice in Oct due to scheduling issues. Nov 6th and 20th as usual. Contact Gwyneth or Isadora for more information. The Mag Mor Melodians will resume practices again, please contact Azalaïs for more information.

Scribes (Rosalind): Scrolls and preprints are still available, but changeover to preprints for next reign is coming soon.

Armored Fighter/Cut & Thrust Practice: New winter fighting plan-2nd and 4th THURSDAYS at Craftsman Lodge, near 27th and B. Please contact Graf Volkmar for more information.

Archery and Thrown Weapons Practice: Baronial championship will be Oct 5th at Turpin Center outdoor range, renting space for potluck and class on period targets. Will be based on seasonal archery shoot-diamond grid of numbers at 20 yards. Anyone can come and shoot, loaner bows available!

Note from Tófa:

Greetings, Mag Mor! The annual update to the Mag Mor directory will take place next month. Expect a copy of the directory to land in your inbox in the next week or so. Please review your information and email me with any updates. As always, if you would like to contribute your announcements, event flyers, book reviews, other writings, or art to future issues of the Runestaff, please email them to me by the 15th of each month. Please remember that I will need a Creative Works Release signed by you before I can publish your work. This and other releases can be found on the Kingdom Chronicler's page (<https://www.calontir.org/chronicler/>). Thank you.

Yours in Service, *Tófa*

Moot notes

Meeting held Oct 1, 2025 at Walt Library, 6:30 PM CDT.

Officer reports:

Exchequer (Isadora) – Checking balance is \$3,709. 65. There are multiple outstanding checks. PayPal deposit from Cattle Raids has been received. Net profit from CR ~\$1750. Kingdom A&S estimated net profit ~\$200, to be split 50/50 with kingdom when numbers are finalized. Also \$500 in donations from inn.

Minister of A&S (Azalais) – A&S in October is Gears and Motors, led by Gerald. Will be at Gere Library. Melodians practice Oct 26th, starting planning Yule music.

Chronicler (Tofa) – Runestaff deadline remains the 15th. Late entries may be accepted but delay the newsletter. Encourage all sorts of submissions, incl art, commentary on events, book reports, etc.

Herald (Jean) – Nothing new locally. Heralds table at both events was very well received. Prominent location and power outlets were appreciated.

Media Cryer (Jean) – Baronial Archery Championship.

Gold Key – No change. Planning to cull so it fits on one rack, group effort the 3rd Wednesday after Kingdom Arts and Sciences (Oct 22nd).

Chatelaine (Laurencia) – upcoming demos–Walt library mini Renn Faire is Dec 6th 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please complete the volunteer form that was distributed by email-would like ballpark headcount by end of Oct.

Web Minister (Laurencia) – Quiet due to other activities. Coronation Flyer discussion.

Minister of Youth (Adel) – The kids had fun at A&S, mostly low key, but races and duck-duck-goose outside were also popular. Need “Stunt MOY” to take activities to baronial archery championship.

Largess Coordinator (Martine) – Oct 29th is largess night, planning to make things good for newcomers-cloak pins, pouches, belts, coifs, trim, books, jewelry. Individual choice of projects.

Knights Marshal – New winter fighting plan- **2nd and 4th THURSDAYS at Craftsman Lodge**, near 27th and B. Still 6:30 PM start. Payment to be delivered to monthly business meetings.

Archery – See guild reports section. See also “Period Practice Targets Around the Old World,” pages 5-6.

Other business:

Kingdom A&S recap – The only real comment was that it was noisy, but that’s hard to avoid at a KA&S.

- Kids around the table/chair dollies during cleanup was a safety concern that should be discussed later.
- Cera will start circulating a sign-up for Coronation activities in the near future- it’s “only” 4 months away!
- Yule court discussion covered several possible dates and locations. Leofwyna volunteered to event steward. Details to come after more research.

Seneschal notes – Mag Mor, y’all are awesome! Super impressed by how much work everyone did to pull off two events within 1 month of each other. Now we all get a bit of a break, EXCEPT that **reports are due Oct 15th...**



Photos from Kingdom A&S 2025



Period Practice Targets Around the Old World
Taught by Kikuchi Yoichii Yoriie
October 5, 2025

Archery has been in existence since pre-historic times, used in both peacetime for hunting, and in war for conquest and defense. As such, until the rise of firearms, there has been a vested interest in many cultures to encourage their soldiers to practice in off times to ensure their readiness! As such, I have a brief lecture prepared to go over several of the targets used in more formal archery practices around the Old World through history.

As you may have read in the rules for today's shoot, the "Lucky Target" is based off of 15th century Dutch practices. While today's target was based off a description of the square/diamond versions, there are illustrations showing the same principle but on round targets, similar to what one would see on a modern dartboard.

The Mongols had a variety of targets. Stacked cylinders and round balls made from leather straps, the object being to move them a minimum. However, moving more west and a little south, a pattern emerges. Almost every group used a round target of some type. I will mention these, but I'm hoping to highlight the odd ones. The first example is the Chinese. They had a least some of their archers shooting at a round target on a hide or paper sheet, suspended from a round frame.

The Koreans used and still use in their traditional archery a box with a round red dot (Figure 2).

The Japanese use a stuffed straw cylindrical target, later stuffed in a barrel to make it keep its shape after heavy use. often covered in a paper target with a small target circle on it, called a hashi-moto (Figure 3).

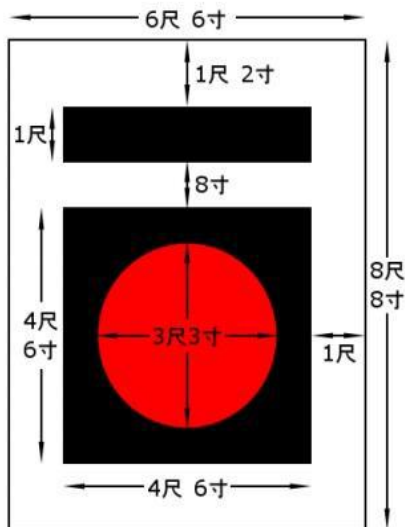


Figure 2. Korean target. Taken from <https://archeryhistorian.com/archery-targets>.



Figure 1. Archer. Taken from <https://hinaarchery.org/archives/272>.

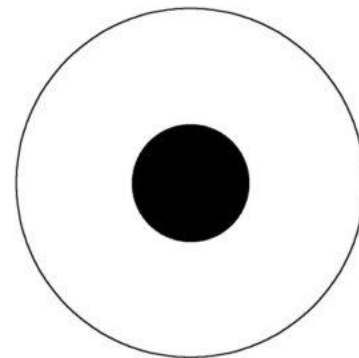


Figure 3. Hashi-moto. Taken from <https://archeryhistorian.com/archery-targets>.

Heading back east, the Arabians had stacked circular targets, to represent horseman, where as you increased in skill, you moved to the smaller circles, to represent hitting the shield, and head of your opponent.

Their successors, the Turks, were known to either shoot items off of tall poles (mostly for mounted archers), or at a pear-shaped leather back called a puta! Notice this still has larger shape below, and a smaller shape on top, to be vaguely horseman silhouette shape (Figure 4).



Figure 4. Archery target. Taken from https://www.tirenadaz.com/en/?page_id=3.

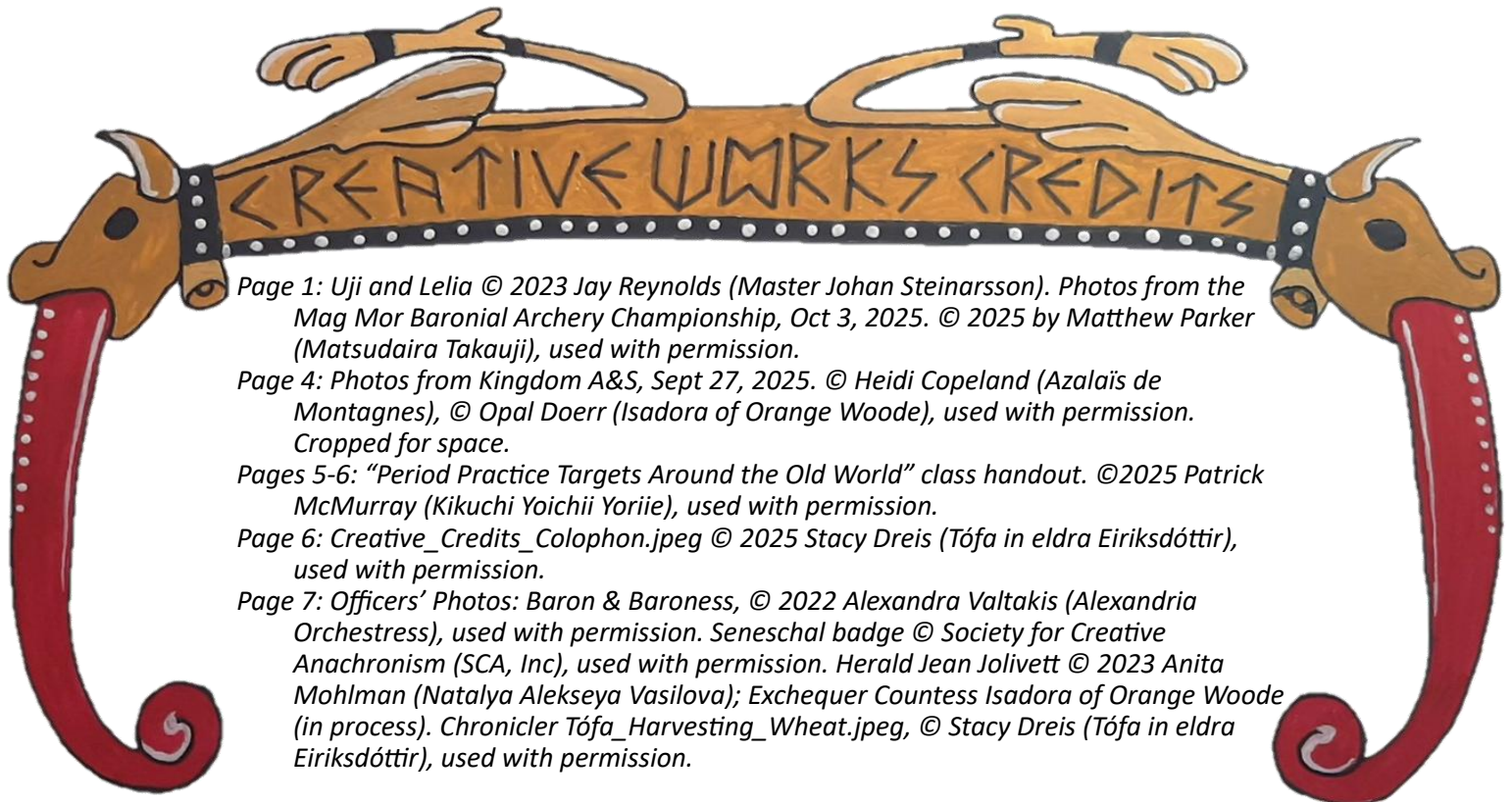
Lastly, we move to ENGLAND. England had a period where archery practice was mandatory, and most of their practices consisted of one of three different target types. One was the familiar round target, often a bare wreath of sticks woven into the correct size as in this picture from the Luttrell Psalter (Figure 5).



Figure 5. Archery target. Taken from <https://www.fletchers.org.uk/index.php/history/item/165-luttrellpsalter>.

Other common targets were “Wands” Often from willow or birch, a vertical plank of about 8 inches wide and 2 foot tall, to represent firing into arrow slits, and the Clout. Pick a spot well off, usually marked with a pole, and the closest arrow to the location is the winner.

This is just a smattering of what was commonly used, and I’m sure there were impromptu contests with all sorts of odd targets, including ones that would totally be considered unsafe by modern standards.



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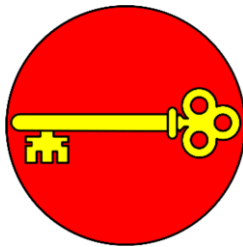
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