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 prepping for our upcoming revels, and we want to thank Asa for coordinating the October revel and the team of Cera and Merilda for coordinating our upcoming Yule. As always, if you are interested in helping the Barony by coordinating a revel, please let us know!

Crown Tournament will be held on 11/14 in the Barony of Lonely Tower, which is in Omaha. This is a great opportunity for the Barony to come out in force and represent in front of the Kingdom. We hope to see as many people in the Barony as possible as we see who will become the next heirs to Calontir.

As always, if you have any ideas for the Barony--whether A&S classes, revel possibilities, or new demo opportunities--please contact the relevant officers, the seneschal, or ourselves. We are always looking for new opportunities or activities, and this Barony belongs to all of us!

We remain, yours in Service,

Lelia and Takauji
Baroness and Baron



Letter from the Seneschal

Mag Mor,

We're having a Revel on October 25th! If weather is favorable, there will be archery championships (~3pm), armored combat championship, and steel fighting championships (all fighting starts noonish). We're working to get information about the times and site posted ASAP- I hope to see you all there!

Thank you for all that you do!

Asa

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Calontir Kingdom Events:

Nov 14	Fall Crown Tournament	Lonely Tower	Elkhorn, NE
Nov 21	Toys for Tots	Wyvern Cliffe	Jefferson City, MO
Dec 12	Kris Kinder	Forgotten Sea	Kansas City MO
Jan 30	Clothiers Seminar: Ceremonies	Cúm an Iolair	Independence, MO
Feb 20	Winter War Maneuvers	Vatavia	Wichita, KS

Mag Mor Populace Meetings and Local Events:

Nov 04	Walt Meeting Room 1	Moot
Nov 11	Walt Meeting Room 1	A&S
Nov 18	Eiseley Meeting Room 2	Project Night
Nov 25	**Thanksgiving holiday**	**No meeting**
Dec 02	Eiseley Meeting Room 1	Moot

Kingdom Announcements

Proposed changes to the Armored Combat Handbook have been opened to commentary. View the rule changes here and submit your comments to the earlmarshal@calontir.org.

Sir Melchor Eichmann has been selected to be the Kingdom Youth Combat Marshal.

Barony, Guilds, and Martial Arts announcements

Barony: See the Seneschal's report for details on the fall revel. Cera and Secunda (Meriilda) have volunteered to run Yule. Leaning towards the Sesosteris facility—only slightly more expensive than the Van Dorn park, but has better facilities. The tentative date is January 10th. Need to hold a financial committee meeting Oct 14th to approve the cost of the rental. Crown is soon. Award recs are good! The Coronation contract is coming soon.

Music (HE Gwyneth): Practices are scheduled for Oct 15th Nov 5th, and Nov 19th at 7:30 PM, at Volkmar & Isadora's house. Contact Gwyneth or Isadora for more information. Please contact Azalaïs for more information about the instrumental group; the Melodians scheduling has been challenging and we are hoping for late October.

Scribes (Rosalyn): Preprints are available, please turn in finished ones.



Armored Fighter/Cut & Thrust Practice: Winter fighter practices will be held at the Lighthouse, the current proposal is 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (but some complications in Oct, Nov, and Dec). BLT is still holding practices on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, at 2:00 PM**.**

Archery and Thrown Weapons Practice: Archery practice is over for the year due to early sunset. Hope to schedule championship soon. Would like to schedule a one-off gathering to do society challenge, date TBD. Square target with highest scores in the corners.

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Moot notes

eeting held in Walt Library Meeting room 1, Oct 07, 2026 6:30 PM CDT.

Officer reports:

Exchequer (Isadora) – Checking balance is $17, 918.84, it has been a quiet month. Still no contact from the PortaJohn company for Cattle Raids. There's a glitch in the financial software hindering turning in the quarterly report. Financial committee meeting Oct 15th for Yule Court expenses and possible library donation.

Minister of A&S (Cera) – Oct 15th is Sushiko (Japanese mending). Other topics planned for this quarter include how to run a feast and how to run an inn. The third week of Oct (Oct 23rd) is proposed as a "fiber arts petting zoo." Bring textile related things for folks to try hands-on. Other topics may follow in the future. Considering a brainstorming session in January to generate ideas.

Gold Key (Azalaïs) – No activity to report. Anticipating donations from Leofwyna and Etienette collections.

Chronicler (Tófa) – Thank you for contributions! Runestaff deadline remains the 15th. Please send stuff! Directory update imminent- please send updates or corrections. Officers should have access to the shared file. Tofa will be helping cover Randal's last two months as kingdom chronicler due to his needing to step down early, not anticipated to be permanent.

Media Cryer (Tófa) – Other folks have been posting on social media–Thank you!

Herald (Istvan) – Nothing particular to report–quarterly report is in. Dryfina (Gold Falcon Herald) is planning to have online office hours, likely intended for discussing officer stuff, but could be open to more topics.

Chatelaine (Laurencia) – BLT needs help with demos, Gabriel is organizing. Anime Nebraskon Oct 16-18th, planning volunteer rotations. Walt Library is doing a mini Renn Faire again this year, Dec 5th ~11:00 AM-3:00 PM, would like us to come again. Laurencia's warrant is up in January, would like to find deputy early to train.

Web Minister (Laurencia) – If officers notice email issues, please report- there have been some oddities lately.

Minister of Youth (Adel) – No new business. Half Troll is vigorously working on next year's CR D&D. Ideas are welcome for coronation.

Largess Coordinator (Martine) – Next largess nights to be Dec 30th and March 31st, no themes identified yet.

Seneschal (Asa) – Quarterly reports are due by Oct 15th, several have been received already. Revel discussion- Oct 25th at Rock Creek Renegades range, near Sprague Nebraska. Plenty of room for fighting, archery, and reveling. Limited facilities–pit toilets, and well water that has not been tested since recent flooding. Archery scheduled for 3:00 PM-ish, fighting to start noonish.

Other business

1. Carlos is in rehab at Hillcrest Firethorn. He would welcome visitors!

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KÖNIG VERSES KAISER

By Lady Biya Saman (mka Laurel A. Rockefeller)

German rulers could control Germany alone or rule a larger realm known in English as the "Empire of the Romans" or, starting in the late Renaissance, "Holy Roman Empire." In Latin the empire is called "Sacrum Romanum Imperium."

When ruling Germany alone, their title was "römisch-deutscher König." "König" for short.

When ruling as Emperor of the Romans, their title was "Kaiser des römisch-deutschen Reiches" or simply "Kaiser." In Latin, the Kaisers were called "Imperator Romanorum."



Unlike other countries, German rulers typically needed papal endorsement and a papal coronation in order to assume full power. Without such, they could rule in Germany –- but only in Germany and not the larger Empire. During the Salian (1027-1125) dynasty conflicts with the popes often resulted in the pope refusing to crown the German kings as Kaisers, even when in practice he ruled over the whole of the empire. In the case of Heinrich V, Pope Paschal II refused to crown his new queen, Matilda as Kaiserin (Imperatrix Romanorum). Instead, she was crowned Kaiserin by Archbishop Bourdin of Portugal in 1117.

In Hildegard's time, the Empire mostly consisted of the kingdom of Germany, kingdom of Italy, Burgundy, and Bohemia.

The Empire would continue to expand and contract across the centuries until its final dissolution in 1806 during the Napoleonic Wars.

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2026 Mag Mor Fiber Petting Zoo!

Photos and report by Azalaïs de Montagnes. Twelve demonstrators and several new people participated. Demonstrators not pictured: Gerald explaining concepts in blacksmithing, Emma demonstrating tunic repair and embroidery, Adelheid and John demonstrating how to weave and sew pouches. Azalaïs' rigid heddle weaving. Isadora demonstrated sewing a coif and knitting.






From left to right: Istvan (assisted by Volkmar) demonstrating whipcord braiding/viking whipcord. Jay demonstrating embroidery. Laurencia showing off her great wheel for spinning and a close-up of her drop spindle.






From left to right: Another view of Laurencia's great wheel with Jay and Lelia at the table on the right. A close-up of Lelia's lucet. Cera shows off her sushiko. Secunda talks about her doll-making.

Note from the Chronicler:

Greetings, Mag Mor!

It's time to update our membership directory. Please email your updated contact information to chronicler@magmor.calontir.org and it will be included in the November 2026 directory. **If nothing has changed, no need to respond.** Thank you!

Yours in Service, *Tófa*

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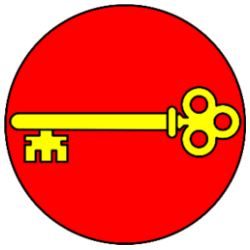
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