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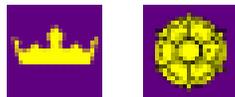
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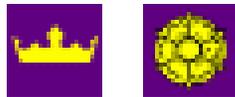
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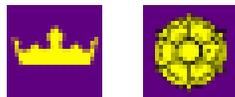
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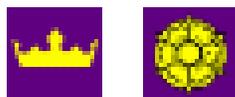
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Calontir

Spring Coronation 2023

April 8, 2023

8:00am - 7:00pm

University Congregational Church
9209 E 29th St. N Wichita, KS 67226

Presented By Barony of Vatavia



Adult Registration - \$20.00

Adult Member Registration - \$15.00

Youth 5-17 - \$5.00

4 and under - Free

Make Checks payable to:

SCA Inc, Barony of Vatavia

Feast: \$15.00 - Limited to 50

Tavern will be available for lunch

***** This is a dry site****

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UNSLUNG HEROES

Hosted by the Canton of Aston Tor

Schedule

Site opens April 22 at 9:00 AM

Site closes April 22 10:00 PM

Location

Lothar der Rot's - 30615 NE 158th St,
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

Activities

Archery

Armoured Combat

Cut & Thrust

Arts & Sciences Competition

(Owl in any medium)



Event Stewards

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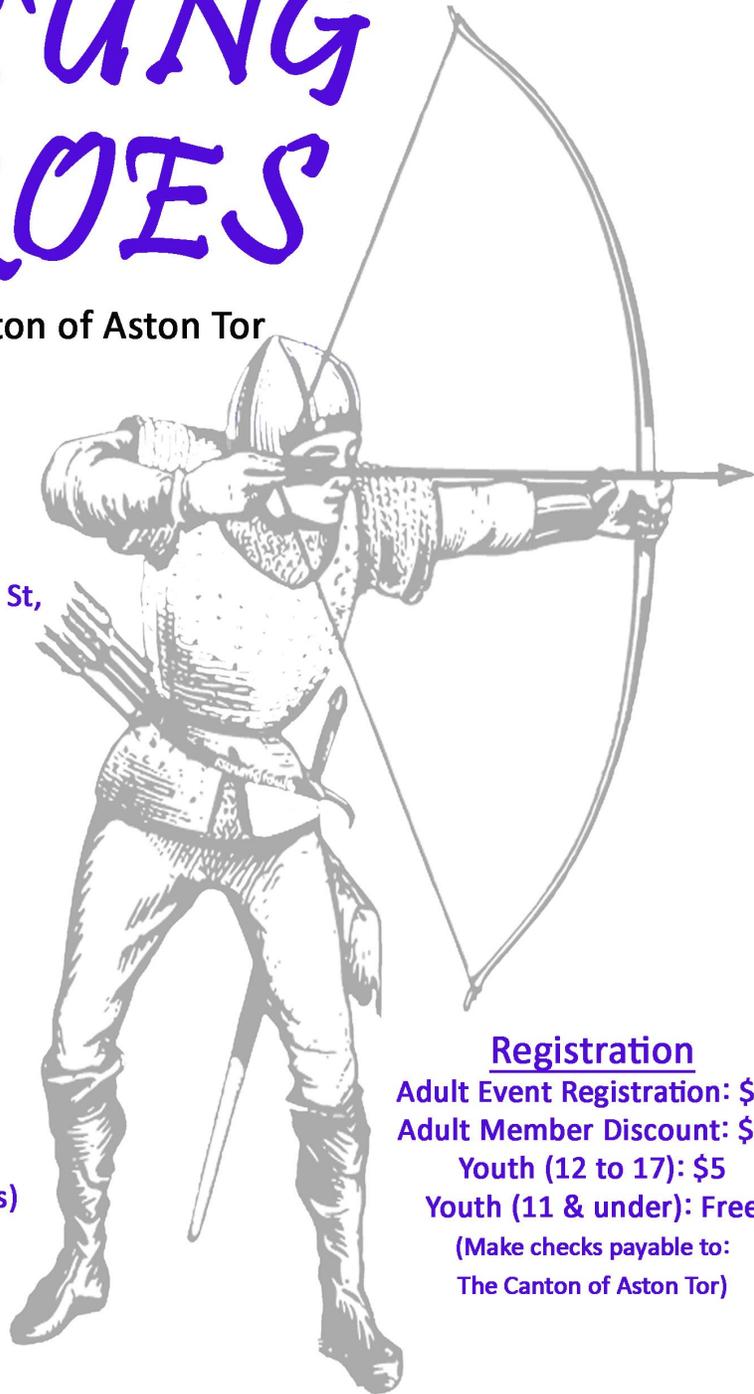
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Registration

Adult Event Registration: \$15

Adult Member Discount: \$10

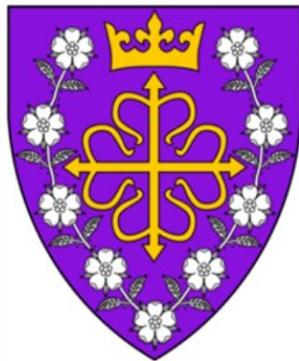
Youth (12 to 17): \$5

Youth (11 & under): Free

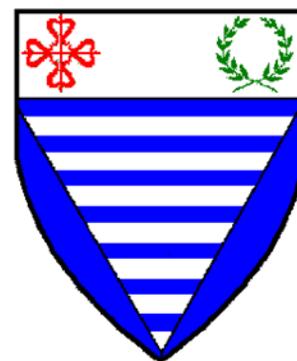
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Queen's Prize



Join the
Shire of Spinning Winds

April 29th, 2023

At Pottorf Hall
1710 Avery Ave, Manhattan, KS 66503

Registration

\$15 Adult

\$10 Adult Member Discount

\$5 Youth 10-17

Children 10 and under Free

Make checks payable to Shire of Spinning Winds

DRY SITE

A&S Competition

Fighting

Thrown Weapons Competition

Children's Activities

An Inn will be provided

\$5 / person Menu TBA

Gluten Free and Vegetarian options will be available!

Event Steward Contact Info

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(Mary Prohaska)

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Masters of the Duel 2023

Presented by the Barony of Vatia

May 6th 2023

OJ Watson Park
3022 S McLean Blvd
Wichita, KS 67217

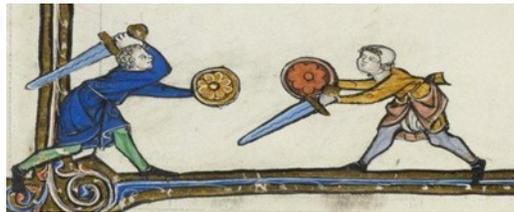
Gate opens at 9:00 am Classes begin at 10:00 am Site Closes at 5:00 pm

Registration:

Member: 15.00 / Non-Members: 20.00

Age 16 and under: Free

Make checks payable to: *SCA, Inc. Barony of Vatia*



No matter if you are a veteran combatant or new to the world of Cut & Thrust.

Come to learn, hone, and explore steel combat.

Cut & Thrust Activities / Classes Include:

Longsword

Authorizations & Authorization Skills

Sword & Buckler

Marshal Discussion

Single Sword

Tactics & Execution

For more information please visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/mastersoftheduel2023/home>

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The Shire of Oakheart proudly
present the return of

Saint George and the Dragon

Saturday, May 13th, 2023

American Legion Post 639

2660 S. Scenic Avenue
Springfield, MO 65807

Site opens 5pm, Friday May 12th.
Closes Noon, Sunday May 14th.

Adult Event Registration: \$20

**Adult Member Discount Registra-
tion: \$15**

Youth 17 & Under: FREE

Registration at gate with cash or checks
payable to *SCA Inc, Shire of Oakheart*

Donation Inn for afternoon lunch

Feast \$10. Limited to 50 adults.

Children 10 & under free.

There is ample camping space.

Site is Cash Bar ONLY.

**Please leave your alcohol at home
(water/soft drinks are OK).**



Planned Activities Include

Heavy Combat, Cut and Thrust, Archery,
Equestrian and
Arts & Sciences display.

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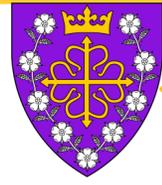
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From Their Majesties Calontir



Please bring your best examples to Coronation to share.

What can We say? We have had an <<adjective>> reign. We received <<number>> of award recommendations about <<adjective>> people doing every kind of <<noun>>, science, and <<noun>> you can imagine. From <<activity>> to <<activity>>, Calontir <<intransitive verb>> brightest. We have <<past tense verb>> more of you than we can <<verb>>, and every one of you was <<adjective>> and <<adjective>>. The <<noun>>, <<noun>>, and <<noun>> shown to Us was <<adjective>>. All We can say is <<verb>> you. And to quote Our <<plural noun>> at the close of court, “<<quotation>>!”

– Logan kunung and Ylva drottning, Calontir –

***TRM thought it would be fun to have a MadLibs as Their final letter. Let’s see what everyone comes up with! ***



From The Lilies Event Stewards



Lilies Committee is inviting you to:

Lilies Work Day

**At Kelsey Short Youth Camp, 17980 Collins Rd,
Smithville MO 64809**

April 15th Clean up begins at 8am and ends at 6pm

Directions: This is the Lilies Site, Google knows the way

Come and clean and prep the site for Lilies War

**Questions, please contact the Lilies Stewards:
Alan Smyth of Darkdale or Giraude Benet**

Ciao Calontir,

Since the CovidSafe policy was withdrawn there has been some confusion about what information needs to be on event flyers and webpages. While the restrictions were rescinded the infectious disease language was specifically called out as continuing to be required on event flyers and webpages and that the notice should continue being posted at events. The Resolution withdrawing the CovidSafe Policy which includes the infectious disease language as well as a link to the notice which should be posted at events are located on the SCA.org website or you can contact my office for the links. The Kingdom Chronicler has been adding this language to event notices she has received. A BIG thank you to Anne for that.

There have been a number of reports of people threatening or harassing kingdom officers and members of the board when controversial decisions were made. Please remember these officers are SCA members just like you. They take these positions because it is a job that must be done and they want to help the SCA function and succeed. While you may not agree with the decisions made, you may not have all the information they have, and often they are not allowed to share the information with you due to privacy concerns. Please be respectful if you reach out to express your opinions. No matter how strongly you disagree it is NEVER appropriate to threaten them or their family members with harm.

Be kind, play nice, have fun.

In servizio dove posso,

Giulia



That Aprilis, with his shoures swoot, he thinks heraldry is coole!

Well, maybe not April, but Chaucer certainly did, and we know this not just because of Paul Bettany's excellent performance in *A Knight's Tale*. Chaucer mentions heralds and heraldic things several times in *The Canterbury Tales* and in other works. For example, he says in *The Flower and the Leaf*, "And after them came a great company of heraldes and pursuivantes eke." He then follows with having them do all sorts of cool heraldic things.

You know who Chaucer would think is cool? Her Excellency Genevieve de Chambery, Baroness of Vatavia. She is our rock star this month. Find her entry on the Order of Precedence here: <https://www.calontir.org/persona/1193>. You can talk to her about heraldry and all the things she's done with it at Coronation on April 8th. We both hope to see you all there.

Her device is purpure, on a chevron throughout or three fleur-de-lys palewise gules, in base a fleur-de-lys or. She likes long walks on the beach, lilies, purple, and gold. With a bit of red.

Want proof? She has a badge, too: Purpure, a fleur-de-lys per pale or and gules. Note all the same elements. You should ask why she created the badge as well as the device, especially with it being so similar.

One specific question I suggest you ask is how one can use heraldry with pottery.

Shockingly, Her Excellency's heraldry prompted me to riff on fleur-de-lys this month. The easy part here is the etymology, as fleur is "flower" in French and lys (or lis) is "lily."

By the way, since I started with *The Canterbury Tales*,

the Friar's Tale has this line: "His neck was white as is the fleur-de-lis." In Middle English, it's also called the "flour delice" (flower of joy) and "flour de luce" (flower of light). We see this in *The Faerie Queene* from Edmund Spenser. "The lilly, Ladie of the flowring field, The Flowre-deluce, her louely Paramoure."

Hmmm, that brings up a philosophical question. Is the War of the Lilies Calontir's "louely paramoure?" Since such questions are best discussed with beverages around a fire, this proves that heraldry can drive you to drink, but in a good way. Usually.

Now, the most obvious association of the fleur-de-lys in heraldry is the French royal coat of arms, which currently has three fleurs-de-lys in a triangle (it used to have a bunch). This use of fleurs-de-lys in French heraldry goes back to a seal of the future Louis VIII in 1211. However, French monarchs used it in the 1100s. For example, in 1179, Louis VII ordered fleurs-de-lys on the coronation clothing of his son Philip II, also called Philip Augustus.

They started using fleurs-de-lys to associate the French rulers with saintliness and divine right. There were a couple reasons for this. First, it previously represented saints, in particular the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. Also, they believed the oil that anointed Clovis I when he converted to Christianity had been poured out of a vessel with a fleur-de-lys on it.

Side note: Philip was crowned in 1179 as *Rex Francorum*, King of the Franks. However, in 1190, he started styling himself as *Rex Francie*, the first king to call himself King of France. A subtle, but important difference to scholars and heralds focused on ceremony, like say, me.

Oh, look, I had another digression. Nobody expected that, I'm sure. Just like the Spanish Inquisition. But that's *another* digression, and we have more to cover

when it comes to fleurs-de-lys.

While we start with the French when discussing the lily in heraldry, it's all over the place. The golden lily is the traditional symbol of the Bosnians people. A fleur-de-lys is on the coat of arms of Florence (we'll get back to this one in a moment). It was on the badge of the Canadian Expeditionary Force during World War One (This one is important to me personally because my grandfather served in the CEF in 1916). Oh, and then there's the planet Naboo, which has a stylized fleur on its flag.

And let's not forget the New Orleans Saints.

I said we'd get back to Florence. The device of Florence is a red fleur on a white background. What's cool isn't that it's the same as Calontir's original colors, which it is as we talked about last month, but that this *isn't* the original heraldry. It was, originally, a white fleur on a red background.

The conflict between Guelphs and Ghibellines was especially fierce in Florence. Now, I won't go too deep into this conflict, otherwise this issue of the Mews would be something like 500 pages long, but suffice to say it was basically a fight between those who supported the Holy Roman Emperor (Ghibellines) and those who supported the Pope (Guelphs).

The original heraldry of white fleur on red background became the standard of the imperial party in Florence, otherwise known as the *parte ghibellina*. However, the town government were staunch allies of the Guelphs, so they reversed the colors to show their preference.

In other words, in Florence during this time, they had their own War of the Lilies.

And I absolutely find that cool.

– Rhodri ap Hywel, Gold Falcon

The original version of Their Majesties Letter

What can We say?

We have had an awesome reign. We received hundreds of award recommendations about deserving people doing every kind of art, science and service you can imagine. From armored combat to youth activities, Calontir shines brightest. We have met more of you than we can count, and every one of you was helpful and kind. The hospitality, courtesy, and love shown to Us was overwhelming. All We can say is thank you.

And to quote Our heralds at the close of court,

“Long live these sovereign lands of Calontir!”

Ciao a tutti!

Queen's Prize will be here soon! The sign up to enter or mentor/judge will open on March 17th and close at midnight on April 19th. I look forward to seeing all the amazing entries on April 29th in the Shire of Spinning Winds!

Also, we still need a group to host Kingdom Arts & Sciences in October or November. This is a great event for smaller groups to host as the host group provides a space, set up, tear down, and gate staff. An inn is greatly appreciated but not mandatory. Please have bids submitted to the Reeve no later than April 15th so that the event can be added to the Kingdom calendar. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**In servizio,
Gianna**

Greetings Calontir,

Migration to the CALON management system continues to make progress. Soon, we will be launching a new system for officer reporting and award recommendations that will enable our officers and royals to more effectively collate the information being reported. It is our hope that this will make their jobs easier in the future. Officers, please be sure that you have access to login to your @calontir.org email address. We will be using these to provide access to reporting forms in the CALON system. If you need access to your account or a password reset, please send an email to support@calontir.org so that we can help you login.

Webministers, please take note that there is a new SCA Webminister's handbook that was released last week. I will be emailing all of you in the near future to discuss how it will affect how we run and host websites. In the meantime please take a few minutes to read the new version. Please also note that there is a new Society Release handbook and new release forms. We are working on ways to make using these less onerous, but in the interim, we have had to disable our webforms. Please read both of these new handbooks and ensure that you are using the updated forms.

Sincerely,

Gawin Kappler, OoD

Calontir Webminister

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EVENT FLYER GUIDELINES

For Their Majesties to hold Court, or any official business to occur, a complete flyer must be published in *The Mews*. Failure to do so means that the Crown can not hold Court at that event.

Before sending an event flyer confirm your event with the Reeve. *The Mews* **WILL NOT** publish an announcement if your event has not been approved or confirmed. Check the Kingdom Calendar at: <https://www.calontir.org/events/> For information on how to submit a flyer please visit: <https://www.calontir.org/chronicler/>

For an event to be considered complete and published, so official Kingdom business can be carried out, an event announcement MUST contain these **SIX ITEMS**:

- ◆ Dates of the event- day and month
- ◆ Event time: when site opens & closes to the populace
- ◆ Name of the sponsoring group or groups
- ◆ Location of the event. The name of the event site, and full address.
- ◆ Name, both SCA and Modern, of the Event Steward, including contact phone and email. (Needed if there an emergency / or issues arise)

- ◆ Details of Registration : Do NOT use “FEE” as a describer for registration cost.

Example of wording for Registration:

Adult Event Registration: \$25 / Adult Member Discount Registration: \$20 / Youth (6-17) \$5 / Children 5 & Under: FREE

Event Copies: An Editable version of your flyer MUST be sent. If you wish to send a PDF, you are more than welcomed. However, I need a version I am able to edit, because sometimes that PDF just will not convert correctly and I would like to keep your flyers looking nice.

Deadline: The Chronicler must receive event copies no later than the **1st of the month TWO MONTHS PRIOR to your event.** (e.g. if the event is in November, the flyer must be received by September 1st.) If there is an issue with meeting the deadline, please contact the Chronicler ASAP. There is no grace period the deadline is final and non-negotiable. The earlier a flyer is received the better!