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THE KINGDOM OF CALONTIR



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Masters of the Duel 2023

Presented by the Barony of Vatiaia

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 Vatiaia*



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

Rapier & Off-Hand

Masters of the Duel Tournament (double elimination bring your best)

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.

Event Steward

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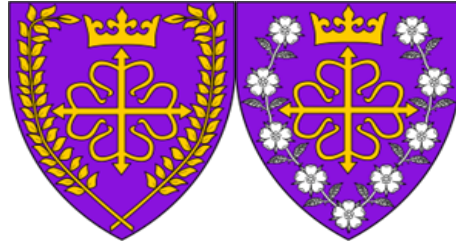
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Melees & Mayhem

In the Shire of Crescent Moon



May 20th, 2023

Mission Creek Camp & Retreat Center
[7240 SW Douglas Rd.](#) Topeka, KS 66610

[Event Page](#)

Site Fee:

Adults: \$15 Adult Member Discount: \$10
Children 6-18: \$5 Children 5 & Under: Free

Activities

Heavy Combat
A&S Competition Melees or Mayhem in any medium.

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Valor XLII

May 26 - May 29, 2023

Presented By Barony of Vatavia

2782 SW Tawakoni Rd Benton, KS 67017



Site: Opens 5pm Friday and Closes at Noon on Monday

Gate: Adult Non-Member \$30.00
Member Discount \$25.00
Minors up to 17 years old Free

Tavern:
Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner
Menu to be determined

Site fee will be taken at the gate by cash or checks payable to the SCA inc. Barony of Vatavia

Amenities: Wet Site Shower House
Porta Johns Hand Washing Stations
Potable Water Electricity (at pole)

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For up to date information please visit the [Event Website](#)

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Summer Crown Tournament

Barony of Three Rivers

June 3, 2023 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Arlington United Memorial Church
3770 McKelvey Rd
Bridgeton, MO 63044

***note that this is a DRY site**



Admission

Adult Event Registration: \$20

Adult Member Discount Price: \$15

Youth Registration: \$5

Children 5 & Under: Free

Make checks payable to: "SCA Inc. – Barony of Three Rivers"

Feast Fee: \$15 per person

Activities

Crown Tournament Rattan Combat Youth Activities Feast A&S Classes

Event Stewards

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The Kingdom of Calontir Presents
The War of the Lilies
“A Simple Little War”

June 9-18, 2023

Kelsey Short Youth Camp
17980 Collins Rd.
Smithville, MO 64809

For pre-registration and other current event information,
please visit the website: <http://lilieswar.org>

Everything you know and love about the War of the Lilies
will return once again for your enjoyment!

- Armored Combat!
- Archery!
- Cut & Thrust Combat!
- A&S Classes!
- Youth Activities!
- The Fyrdraca!
- Shopping!
- Parties!
- Tournaments!
- Fireworks!

REGISTRATION

Full War - Gate opens at 1pm Friday, June 9	Starting Mon June 12	Starting Wed, June 13	Starting Thur June 14
Adult - \$70	Adult - \$65	Adult - \$55	Adult - \$40
Member Discount - \$65	Member Discount - \$60	Member Discount - \$50	Member Discount - \$35
Youth 6-18 - \$25	Youth 6-18 - \$25	Youth 6-18 - \$25	Youth 6-18 - \$15
Children under 6 - Free	Children under 6 - Free	Children under 6 - Free	Children under 6 - Free

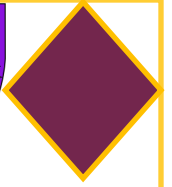
(Pre-registration will be available starting soon – please visit website for more information)

Event Stewards: Mèstra Giraude Benet and Master Alan Smyith Darkdale
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From Their Majesties Calontir



As Spring turns to summer, We reminisce of a grand Coronation and an amazing Queen's Prize! However, We cannot focus on the past, beloved Calontir.

In the next few months, we have Battlemoor with our friends in the Outlands, Lilies at our gorgeous lakeside retreat, and a Crown Tournament to find our new heirs! To the Citizens of the heartland, no reign can last forever and with that in mind we must look for heirs. We will be hosting a crown tournament in the Barony of Three Rivers on 3rd of June 2023. The format of the tournament will be best two of three, buckler and sword. The finals will be fought in the traditional style with the third fight being buckler if needed. Letters of intent will need to be submitted to the Kingdom Seneschal and Ourselves before May 21st 2023.

Thank you one and all,

Calontir, we look forward to a blessed summer!

Agamemnon

Marie

Rex

Regina

Call for Letters of Intent.

As announced in court on Saturday afternoon at Coronation, Their Excellencies Lonely Tower will be stepping down at Lilies War. If you are interested in applying to be the next Baronage for the Barony of Lonely Tower, please see the details below, and feel free to share this information on other channels.

Letters of intent should be emailed to Their Majesties and the Kingdom Seneschal by EOD 4/29/2023. This is the same day as Queen's Prize. Your letters should include a message from each of the candidates as this is a partnered position, explaining why they are interested in the position, a list of the events each of you has attended in the past 12 months, and a list of any positions previously held within the SCA. Please feel free to provide any additional information you believe is relevant.

TRM will be accepting feedback on those candidates until Melees and Mayhem. Interviews with the candidates will be done with Their Majesties at Valor. The new Baronage will step up the first Sunday of Lilies. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to myself, or Their Excellencies Lonely Tower for additional information.

-Miranda

Chamberlain, TRM Calontir

Arts & Science Orders

After conferring with the Calon Lily and Silver Hammer orders, We have decreed that it is time to combine the Leather Mallet and Golden Swan Award of Arms awards as well as the Silver Hammer and Calon Lily Grant of Arms awards. We call upon Our populace for assistance naming the combined AoA and GoA awards as well as creating badges to represent the new awards.

We will be accepting suggestions until May 10th. At that time a committee will select several options to be presented to Us, Our heirs, and the Witan in June. As We progress with this change, We will provide answers to the many questions that you are certain to have.

Please submit entries for award names and badges to HL Gianna Viviani, the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences at artsscience@calontir.org or in person at Queen's Prize.

Marie Regina

From the Desk of the Gold Falcon,

What a busy March it was, and it promises to be an even busier April and May for me. That being said, there's always time to talk about how cool heraldry is. So let's get right to it.

Alan Smyth of Darkdale is a legend of Calontir, as many of you already know. If you didn't, now you do because he's May's heraldic rock star.

Pause while you all Muppet flail in his honor.

Anyway, here's his page on Calontir's Order of Precedence: <https://www.calontir.org/persona/92>. On this entry, you can see a pretty good list of awards.

He's done a thing or two over the years, hasn't he?

Here's the blazon for his device: Vert, on a chevron between three braziers Or, enflamed proper, a pair of open tongs sable. As the heraldic rock star, you all should ask him why he chose those specific elements. Also, he's used that heraldry all over the place in his time in the SCA. Ask him his favorite usage.

Before I start talking about this month's heraldic charge, I'd like to announce an opportunity for all those wanting to help. The position of Calontir's Historian is open. If you're interested in applying for this position, please send me an email at goldfalcon@calontir.org.

In your email, please include any skills or experience you have that might be relevant. Please also include any ideas, goals, or plans you'd like to achieve.

Letters will be accepted through Crown Tournament. I'll arrange for interviews either early at Lilies face to face, my preferred method, or via Zoom calls.

Thanks to all who apply!

Anyway, now let's get to this month's heraldic charge: the simple chevron. This is a fun one, primarily because of its etymology, especially since if you want, you can make your own heraldic puns with it. As I researched it, I also went wayyy off the rails, so you have that to look forward to as well.

Chevron comes from the Old French "chevron." Amazing, huh? Well, what I think is fun is that chevron in Old French has two meanings. One, the meaning that we're used to, and two, a "rafter" because chevrons look like rafters of a shallow roof.

The Old French word chevron comes from the Latin "caper," which means goat. This is probably because a goat's hind legs are in the form of, you guessed it, a chevron.

The Latin word goes all the way back to Proto-Indo-European "kapros," by the way, and probably farther than that. You can find cognates in Persian, Kurdish, German, Welsh, and a bunch more languages. I also think linguistics is cool, if you hadn't already noticed.

Anyway, I promised you a heraldic pun. Next time you want to make a badge, contemplate a chevron with goats on it. You'll have a palimpsest of goats that only people who actually read this Mews letter will laugh it.

Now to the part where I go off the rails. Since I'm writing this on Opening Day of the 2024 Major League Baseball season, and I'm a huge baseball fan when I'm not a huge heraldry fan (or football fan, or Rush fan, or science fiction and fantasy, or... well, you get the idea), I'm going to make a connection to baseball. Not something to do with the diamond, but something far more obscure.

Before I do, let's not forget Philip Ryan, who took the stage name of Philip Chevron. He was the lead guitarist for the Pogues, which if you like Irish music and haven't heard of these guys, check them out. They were who the Dropkick Murphys, Flogging Molly, and all the other Celtic punk bands wanted to be.

Anyway, back to baseball, well, after I make another detour to music. There was a band in the late 50s/early 60s named the Chevrons. Sadly, they didn't wear heraldically correct suits when they performed, preferring instead the ubiquitous black suit. They had

one big hit called *Lullaby*, which got them on American Bandstand.

Interestingly, their lead singer, Terry Cashman, led an alternate, secret life as Dennis Minogue, a pitcher in the Detroit Tigers' organization *at the time* he sang with the Chevrons.

Wait, that's it? How boring. Sure, it's kind of neat he did both at the same but, really, is that enough for me to crow about a baseball connection?

No, it's not.

In 1981, Cashman wrote a song called *Talkin' Baseball*. You might remember it most for the refrain of "Willie, Mickey, and the Duke." That led to an extensive career writing and singing for various major league teams. He's now called the "The Balladeer of Baseball."

Now that's worth me careening across the centuries!

Okay, this went a bit far afield (see what I did there) from heraldry, but that should come as no surprise to anyone who's chatted with me. And yes, I think it's absolutely cool I could use heraldry to celebrate Opening Day with delving into the lozenge, which is heraldese for a diamond.

So, next time you see a chevron, remember, you also get to think of goats or baseball as well as any other association you have for this heraldic charge. Just another service I'm providing as Gold Falcon.

Have a great month, everyone!

PS: Since I'm already off the rails, go Rangers!



Ciao Calontir!

As of this letter we are blessed to have a new Crown. Coronation is such a great day. Sadness at the leaving of our Crown couple and excitement to see what our new Crown couple will bring. Every Crown brings with them new things, the way they manage Their courts, the ideas, and things they champion, the new people they bring to our attention.

Just as new rulers give us new ideas and memories, so do new members and new local officers bring new ideas and excitement to the SCA. I know that it is comfortable to have the same person in a position, you know what to expect from them and what they expect from you. But this is not healthy, not for the person who doesn't get a break from holding office and not for the group. New people want and need the opportunity to support the SCA with their energy and ideas and the SCA needs their energy and zeal to flourish.

What keeps the SCA and your local group vital is change: new ideas and new ways of doing things. These are also the hardest things for people to adjust to, new ideas and new expectations are scary.

But without them we grow bored and stale.

I encourage each officer to consider bringing in as a deputy or an assistant, a new SCA member. Teach them what you do and how the SCA functions. Explain what is expected and how things work so that they can take up the mantle and help the SCA continue to function and grow.

I would also like to encourage every Calontiri to greet a person they haven't met before at their next event or meeting. It's easy to fall into spending time with our friends, especially when it's been a while since you have had time to visit. But remember when you were new and that one 'long-time' SCA person greeted you and introduced you to others, what a special experience that was. I encourage you to take the chance and be that person to someone just joining the lovely place that is Calontir.

This is the greatest gift that you can give them, yourself and Calontir.

In servizio dove posso,

Giulia



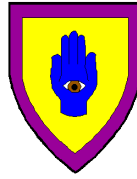
“we have been benched!”

Relaxing and enjoying retirement with a few refreshments

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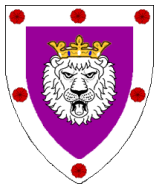


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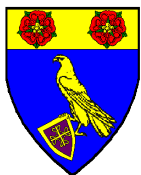
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[Kingdom Law](#)

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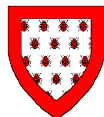
[Home of the Falcon](#)

Falcon Crown

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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!