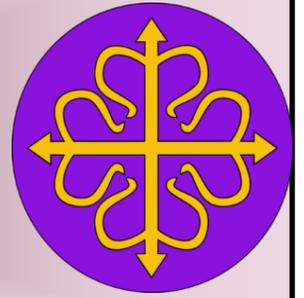


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The News



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

Royal Progress & Deadlines

January 1	March Flier Deadline (Feb Mews)		
January 27			Clothier's Seminar
February 1	April Flier Deadline (March Mews)		
February 5—11			War of the Phoenix
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February 17			Winter War Maneuvers
February 24			Chieftains
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April 1	June Flyer Deadline (May Mews)		
April 13			Crown Tournament

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From David and Rhianwen, Cyning and Cyninge of Calontir come these warm greetings on a cold winter day!

By the time you read this message, We will have found Our Heirs. Please welcome and support them as you have Us, for they are the assurance of Our line.

In a month's time, We will be travelling to the warm sands of Phoenix War. We are looking forward to enjoying a week of merriment with Our hosts Atenveldt, our allies from the Outlands, and friends from across the known world. We invite you to accompany Us to share in the camaraderie and festivities!

We also invite you to Winter War Maneuvers, hosted by the Shires of Wyvern Cliff and Standing Stones. This event is important for training Our great Army in anticipation of the war season. Our Generals, Konall and Nadja, and the War Council have prepared a full day training and practice melees.

And, of course, We are mustering the Kingdom to Gulf Wars! Please join our numbers as we fight epic battles, let fly our arrows, ride our mounts, teach, and learn among the Known World's scholars, and sing as one voice in the sunny, warm southern lands.

Be well, friends and family! We look forward to seeing you soon!

**David,
Cyning**

**Rhianwen,
Cyninge**

Unto Calontir and its fine people do we send Our warm and joyful greetings.

Crown Tourney was a day full of honor, chivalry, crowd-rousing fights, a delicious feast, and great celebration. Your outpouring of support and love has filled Our hearts and cups. Thank you to all those who were able to attend for making the day as incredible as it was.

As we all journey forward through these dark Winter days, We also look forward to the seasons growing warmer and bringing longer and brighter days. We also look forward to hearing the drums of war! Winter War Maneuvers are right around the corner and Gulf Wars will be here sooner than We realize, and We look forward to fighting and singing shoulder-to-shoulder with you all.

Our Royal Chamberlain is Honorable Lady Elisabetta di Tres Fumi, and Lord Heironymus is Our Head of Household. We invite all those who wish to donate their time for retinue to join Us! It is an easy way to get involved, travel to new places, and meet new people.

We look forward to taking this journey with you all and serving Our Kingdom with great pride. Thank you for all that you do.

**Prince Elias
Princess Adalyde**

Greetings, Calontir!

It is my sincerest hope that the season is finding you well.

Starting in 2024, I will be hosting a series of virtual meetings with the goal of keeping in contact with our newcomers throughout the year. Part of these calls would be a basics class of some sort. Things like how to go about making a T-tunic, making your first sword, etc. If you have the know how to do such things and would be willing to teach the class, please email me.

I would also ask that you send a link or document to a class handout. for review purposes.

The hope is to educate our new friends throughout the year as well as keeping in touch with them. Newcomers are our life blood and making sure they have every opportunity to get to know our amazing kingdom better is one of the best ways to make sure we have made friends for a lifetime.

Thank you so much for being such an amazing place filled with amazing people. Please enjoy however you choose to spend this season and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

In Service to Crown, Kingdom, and the Dream,

**Ottar Surtson
Office of the Chatelaine**

Good gentles all,

With Crown Tournament nearly upon us as of this writing (11/30/2023), it occurred to me that my tenure as Battleur Herald has been a lengthy one. I stepped up for the second time as Battleur after the Fall Crown Tournament of 2018. While I know the office is not always the most taxing, I have been here quite a while and I know others may want the experience.

Consider this advance notice. I would like permission to step down in April of 2024, after we have completed the Spring Crown Tournament on the 13th. I will fulfill my Battleur obligations at this imminent Crown Tourney, and the one following that. I hope this gives our esteemed Gold Falcon, Master Rhodri ap Hywel, time enough to find someone to step into the office.

The Battleur Herald position is responsible for organizing tournament heralds, and in particular is the one that ensures sufficient field heralds for Crown Tournament twice a year. It is, as I say, not the most taxing of heraldic posts, and is often quite fun. It is an essential office, however, and I would ask all interested parties to contact Master Rhodri at goldfalcon@calontir.org

It is always an honor to serve, but I fear I will soon need a rest.

**Ever in service, in one form or another,
Johann Steinarsson Meistari**

Calontir!

Happy holidays everyone! We're excited about spending our first Christmas with the grandbaby. She's the cutest thing in existence, and I will not be accepting rebuttals at this time. Or at any time, to be honest.

Some time ago, you might have seen Johann Steinarsson post that his time as Battleur Herald is coming to an end early next year. The Battleur's task is to assist with heralding tournaments, in particular, Crown Tournament. Johann has filled this role for quite some time and done a fantastic job. One of his innovations has been to record a pronunciation video for all the combatants, helping other heralds get it all right.

Over the next couple of months, I'll post more about this job opening. I'll have specific details about what's required and ask for applications. However, Thanksgiving is just barely in the mirror as I write this missive, and I want to give thanks to Johann for his years of service now.

As we turn to the holidays, I will freely admit I love Christmas music. My favorite collection of this is from Ealdormere's own Heather Dale, Mistress Marian of Heatherdale. All her albums are great, but *This Endris Night* is amazing, most especially her rendition of *Good King Wenceslaus*, which is one of my favorite carols anyway.

Wenceslaus (or Vaclav) was a Bohemian kníže, the Slavic title usually rendered as prince or duke. In Russian, it's kniaz, which is useful here because it's easier to see how it derived from the Old Germanic word "kuningaz," from which we get the Old English "cyning" and eventually, "king." There are those who style themselves in the SCA as kniaz instead of duke, by the way.

He died in his 20s because his brother, known as Boleslaus the Cruel, assassinated him. Wenceslaus encouraged Christianity in Bohemia,

but his brother aligned himself with nobles who didn't like this. So, Boleslaus invited Wenceslaus to celebrate the feast of St. Cosmas and St. Damien, and then murdered him along the way.

But how does this lead to such a cool song?

First, we have to make him a saint. He's seen almost immediately as a holy martyr and saint after his murder, leading to cults of Wenceslaus in Bohemia and England. Soon, there are several hagiographies of him and Pope Pius II asserts the details in these as fact in the 1400s.

Then we have to make him a king, because kníže is at best a prince. However, soon after his death, Otto I (Otto the Great), Holy Roman Emperor, confers the title of king upon him. How's that for a peerage ceremony?

So now we need music. The *Saint Wenceslaus Chorale* is one of the oldest known Czech songs going back at least to the 1100s. It's hugely popular there, and was considered for their national anthem.

However, it's nothing like the song *Good King Wenceslaus*. Enter in John Mason Neale, who in the mid-1800s translated a bunch of ancient and medieval hymns into modern versions. He probably got the lyrics from a poem by Vaclav Alois Svoboda in 1847. Then he set it to the melody of *Tempus adest floridum*, a hymn from the 1200s.

Voila! Now we have a song done by a bunch of people like Heather, Mel Torme, the Beatles, Bing Crosby, Blackmore's Night and more. Oh, and Rob Halford of Judas Priest, too.

Didn't expect me to make a Judas Priest reference here, did you? Ha!

Sadly, Wenceslaus had no arms we could break down, as he lived from 907 to 935 (maybe 929), which is before heraldry as we know it came to be.

However, he was part of the Přemyslid dynasty,

which lasted long enough to have its own heraldic arms. These are: argent, an eagle displayed sable and enflamed gules, wings charged or. In other words, a black eagle with a bunch of flames around it and a yellow streak going across the wings on a white background.

Later, this particular eagle becomes known as the eagle of St. Wenceslaus. You can actually see a modified form on the arms of Central Bohemia and the city of Trento, Italy.

It's easy to see how this ended up on the arms of Central Bohemia, but how did it get to Italy? I'm glad you asked.

In 1339, Nikolaus Abrein, the Prince-Bishop of Trent, requested permission to use the arms from Blind King John of Bohemia. He hoped that the use of these arms would help him pacify the nobles of his land. The male line of the Přemyslid dynasty ended with Wenceslaus III in 1306, but John had married into that family and had the accepted right to grant this privilege, which he did.

John, by the way, lost his sight in 1336 from ophthalmia but that didn't stop him. He led the advanced guard of Philip VI of France at Crecy, where he was slain. However, before John died, one chronicler reports that after he was told the battle was lost, he said, "Far be it that the King of Bohemia should run away. Instead, take me to the place where the noise of the battle is the loudest."

Man, I enjoy digging down into heraldic rabbit holes. It's amazing what you unwrap.

I hope you all get to unwrap some cool stuff during the holidays!

Rhodri, Gold Falcon

Greetings Calontir!

Did the front cover throw everyone this month? Have I given up? Thrown in the towel? NOPE! I hopefully will have some wonderful news here once 2024 hit, so keep those things crossed.

As always, if a group is talking about a bid for an upcoming event, or even a few event. Please keep at the forefront that those flyers are important as well. We have events in March that need to be published as quickly as possible. April might be 5 months away to most, but for Kingdom Chroniclers we are looking add those flyers as well to February newsletters, the summer fills up fast with events and the sooner you have a flyer published, at leave have a rough flyer ready to go with basic information (Site, date & times, cost, event steward). That way, once even a rough draft of a flyer runs our wonderful Social Media Officer, Mia, can get a FB event page set up for you.

Please review flyers prior to submission as well. Some are still coming in with the "covid clause" at the bottom and that is no longer required. Another reason why an editable version of the flyer is preferred. I can remove that without having a back and forth and missing a deadline.

In Service to Crown and Kingdom,

Anne



39th Annual Clothiers Seminar

January 27th, 2024

**Christ United Methodist Church
14506 E. 39th St. S
Independence, MO 64055**

Come and be inspired by many fine instructors who will help you learn how to research, plan, and construct fine and wonderous raiment! Don't know what time period interests you most? Explore the fashions of many places and times. Don't know how to sew? We will have a class for that! Even if you aren't interested in sewing, you can learn more about historical clothing and possibly even connect with someone who can help you achieve the sort of clothing you are interested in wearing.

The class format will remain the same as previous years. Instructors may sign up to teach a maximum of two classes. Classes may be one or two hours in length. Classes will begin at 9am, with a lunch break at noon. The Walk-Through History fashion show will start at 1pm, and afternoon classes will begin at 2pm. Court will be at Their Majesties' pleasure.

Site will open at 8am and close at 7pm. Adult event registration (18 and over): \$20. Adult Member Discount Registration \$15. Youths 12-17: \$5. Children under 12: Free. *Make checks payable to: SCA Inc., Shire of Cúm an Iolair.* Preregistration is encouraged, but not required.

A lunch inn will be available on site, with details updated on the event website on menu items and pricing. As in previous years, instructors will receive a complimentary Meal Deal from the inn.

Merchants are welcome – please register in advance on the event website, and plan to bring your own tables and chairs. No merchant fees required!!

For up-to-date information, visit event web page: <https://shirecai.calontir.org/clothiers-seminar-2024/>

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Winter War Maneuvers

Sponsored by Shires of Wyvern Cliff & Standing Stones

Saturday, February 17, 2024

North East Event Center
5212 N Oakland Gravel Rd.
Columbia, MO 65202

Site opens at 8:00am and closes at 5:00pm

Registration

Adult — \$25

Adult, Member Discount — \$20

15 and Under are Free

Please make check payable to SCA, Inc.—Shire of Wyvern Cliff

Donation Inn Provided by Shire of
Standing Stones—Menu TBA

Site is Discreetly Wet

Scan QR Below For Directions



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The Barony of Three Rivers
invites you to
CHIEFTAINS 2024
40 Years of Hospitality

February 24, 2024

Arlington United Methodist Church
3770 McKelvey Rd, Bridgeton MO 63044



Join us to celebrate the 40th Birthday for the Kingdom of Calontir!
While we are known for many things, nothing beats our Hospitality!

This event will feature:

Traditional Chieftains Tournament on the armored field (Mace and Round shield)
Stile List Tournaments Youth Activities, Including Combat
Armored Combat 2-handed weapon tourney (be Gulf ready!)

More Arts and Sciences than you can shake a stick at:

A&S Competition #1: A Stranger in Strange Land: Something you would greet an unexpected visitor/
newcomer to your land/home/estate with or what a traveler would do for a host

A&S Competition #2: Baronial Championship: Theme: River in Any Medium (all are welcome)

Friendly Competition: Best Hospitality Table, with a bonus for best non-alcoholic beverage

Scribal Display room: Show off your favorite scroll from the past 40 years!
Classes! Classes! Classes!

An all-day Inn will be available by donation, including birthday cake!
(head cook: HL Apple, contact via Facebook messenger: Ldy Apple)

Quiet Space - The Sanctuary is designated a quiet retreat until Court

Our new site is **strictly dry (No alcohol)**, but you are welcome to gather at the Parson-
age, adjacent to the church, and lift a brew with the Parson, Corbin, after fighting and before court.

The **Gate** will open at 9AM. Site will close after court.
Royals, Merchants, and staff may enter at 8AM.

REGISTRATION: Adult Event: \$25 Adult Member Discount: \$20
Youth & Children under 18 - free

Cash & Checks only will be accepted at the door.
Checks should be made payable to Barony of Three Rivers.

Directions:

https://maps.app.goo.gl/3H4kbPDZhEvTwuY86?g_st=ic

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Spring Coronation 2024

hosted by

The Barony of Forgotten Sea

Date: March 23, 2024

8:00 am-6:00 pm

Adult Event Registration: \$20

Adult Member Discount Reg.: \$15

Ages 5-17: \$5; Ages under 5 free



Make checks payable to SCA, Inc., Barony of Forgotten Sea.

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. They may also attend with a 21-year-old or older adult with a signed and notarized Minor Event Waiver from the parents.

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**Come join us for the joyous celebration of the Coronation of
Their Highnesses Elias and Maestra Trobadora Adalyde.**

**Gate to open at 8am. Enjoy a lunch Tavern, a Largess competition,
and an excellent Feast to follow Court.**

Details to follow.

Location:

Christ United Methodist Church

14506 E 39th St South

Independence, MO 64055

Directions to site: From I70, take S Noland Rd north to E. 39th Street.

Go east on E. 39th Street about 1000ft, and the church will be on the north side of the road.

UNSLUNG HEROES

Hosted by the Canton of Aston Tor

Schedule

Site opens: 4/27/24 at 8:00am
Site closes: 4/28/24 at 12:00pm

Location

Lothar der Rot's - 30615 NE 158th St,
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
Camping is allowed. Site is wet.

Activities

Archery

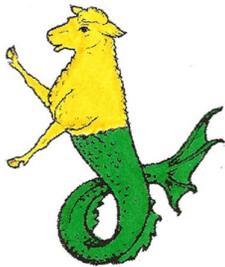
Armoured Combat

Cut & Thrust

Also A&S Competition:

Seasheep in any medium.

(sponsored by the Knotty Owles)



Event Stewards

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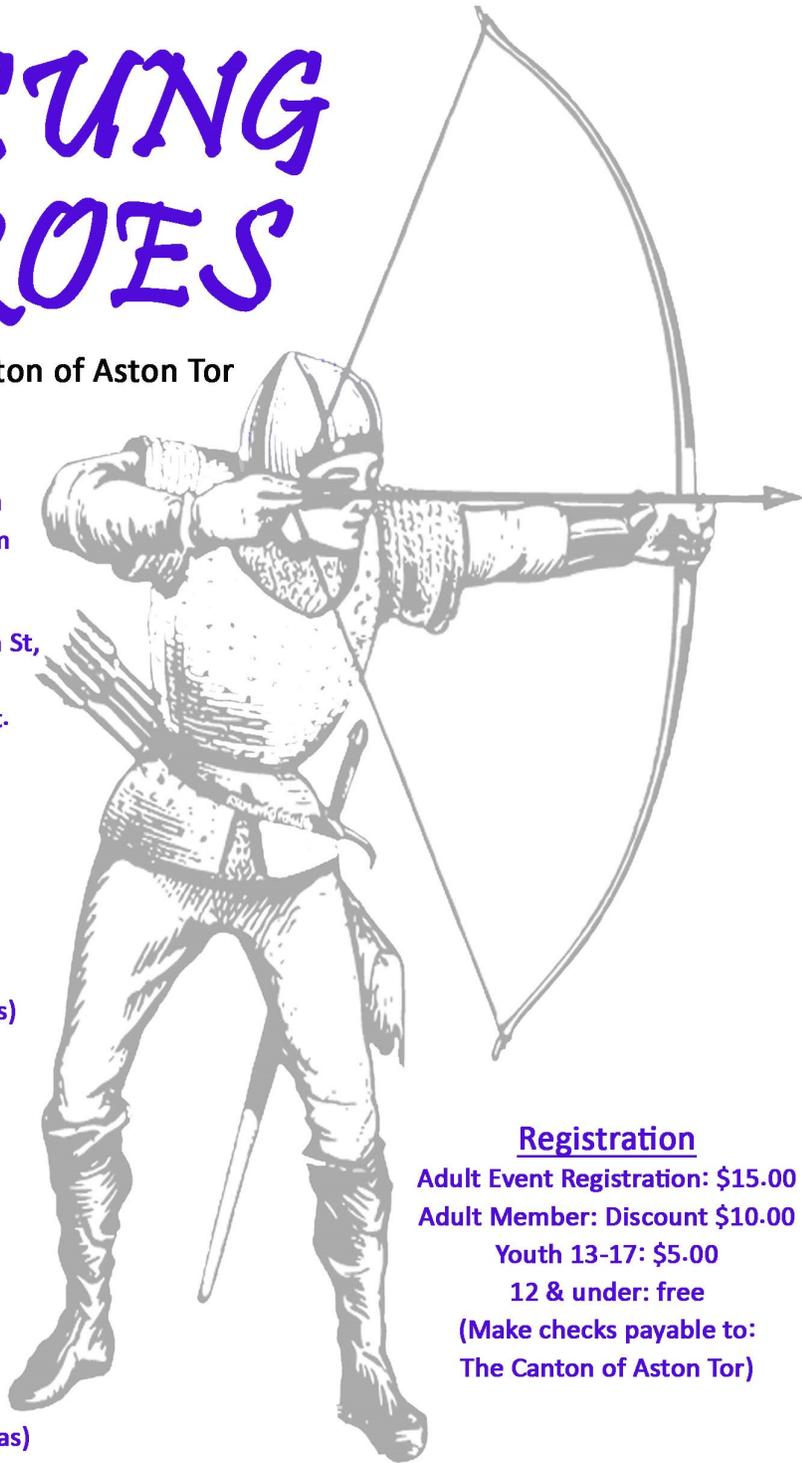
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Adult Event Registration: \$15.00

Adult Member: Discount \$10.00

Youth 13-17: \$5.00

12 & under: free

(Make checks payable to:
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For Their Majesties to hold Court, & for official business to happen, a complete flyer must be published in *The Mews*. Failure to do so means that the Crown can not hold Court at that event. Prior to emailing a 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/>

Flyers MUST contain these SIX ITEMS:

- ◆ Day month and year of the event
- ◆ Site open & close times for 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.

**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. PDFs ARE NOT ACCEPTED AND RETURNED FOR EDIT.

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!