







The News

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
KINGDOM OF CALONTIR



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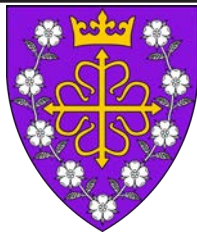
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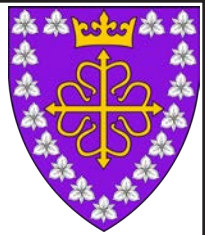


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Calontir,

This is, I believe, our last letter for the Mews before stepping down. We just wanted to say what a joy it has been serving Calontir as your crown. You all made it wonderful for us, We can't thank you enough. Their Royal Highnesses, Orren and Lyra, will do an amazing job and We are excited to see them take over the role as We slip into retirement. Keep supporting them like you have done with Us and all will be great.

Robert and Magge,
King and Queen of Calontir

Greetings to the Noble Populace of Calontir,

As we look ahead to February and the incredible honor of stepping into the roles of King and Queen, we are filled with excitement, humility, and anticipation. The journey so far, as your Crown Prince and Princess, has been nothing short of inspiring. We have witnessed firsthand the strength, creativity, and dedication that make Calontir such a unique and vibrant kingdom.

Before we look to the future, we would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to Robert and Magge, whose leadership has left a lasting impact on Calontir. Their unwavering dedication, wisdom, and compassion have helped guide this kingdom to new heights, and we are deeply grateful for the example they have set. We have learned much from their reign, and we know we have big shoes to fill. Thank you, Robert and Magge, for your service and for the care and kindness you have shown to us all.

As we prepare to step into our roles as King and Queen, we look forward to continuing the rich traditions of Calontir while embracing new opportunities for growth, unity, and joy. We will face challenges, yes, but we know that with each of you beside us, Calontir will continue to thrive and flourish.

Our hearts are full as we look forward to the months ahead, and we are excited to serve alongside all of you as we work together to build a kingdom that honors the past, celebrates the present, and looks with hope to the future.

Thank you for your trust, your support, and your friendship. We are eager to begin this journey as your King and Queen, and we know that together, we will make Calontir stronger and more vibrant than ever.

With gratitude and excitement,

Orren Tokesson and Lyra of Spinning Winds
Falcon Heirs

Greetings from RUSH!

RUSH is the Royal University of Scir Hafoc. We are dedicated to promoting education not only of medieval history, but also of Calontir culture, as well as inclusion and accessibility. Lots of exciting things are coming up in 2025 both online and in-person. We hope to see you at one of the in-person events focused on classes and learning!

- January 25th - Clothiers Seminar in Independence, MO
- March 29 - Studium Generale in St Robert, MO
- Early June - Lilies War, Smithville, MO

All classes count for RUSH credit. So if your local group is hosting Arts & Science classes send in the attendance list. And if you have questions about RUSH or suggestions for programs please feel free to contact any of the RUSH Officers or Regents. We want to hear from you!

Mu'allimah Vash al-A'sharyish
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Greetings,

I hope you are all settled in with your winter A&S projects. I have two looms warped and about 3 items cut awaiting needle and thread. I look forward to seeing all the entries at Queens Prize in April.

Gyda
Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Happy New Year!

My time as Gold Falcon will soon end and I would leave you all with a challenge. I ask all to do something heraldic in 2025. This can be registering your device for the first time, heralding a tournament, embroidering a tunic with your device, or anything

else you can think of. I'll be making a new six-board chest and painting it with my colors.

Today, however, I want to talk about a particular legal case. Argued in 1389, *Scrope v. Grosvenor* is not only fun, it actually shapes how we do heraldry in the SCA today.

I should mention, before I go too far, *Scrope* is actually pronounced "scroop" and may be derived from the Anglo-Norman word for "crab." Their motto, "forward if I can," might have the double meaning of a crab only going sideways.

Anyway, one aspect of registering a device in the SCA is the conflict checking process. It's where heralds determine whether a submitted device is too close to another one already registered in the SCA or another relevant list. Herald's do this because heraldry is a personal thing. If someone recognizes your registered device, they know it means you and nobody else.

This personal identification is at the heart of heraldry. The Bayeux Tapestry shows a number of shields with symbols, but as there's no evidence these symbols referred to Harold, William, or anyone else, they're not heraldry.

While this may seem like boring minutiae primarily useful only to leaders in the Middle Ages who needed to know who was in that field over there, it remains important today. The classic example, of course, comes from *Coming to America*.

John Amos plays Cleo McDowell who says, "See, they're McDonald's. I'm McDowell's. They got the Golden Arches, mine is the Golden Arcs." The Golden Arches reflect McDonald's and no one else. McDowell tries to be sly for his own advantage, and using a heraldic image improperly is a part of copyright law.

Anyway, *Scrope v. Grosvenor* involved this precise question. Both families bore the device Azure, a bend Or, which is a diagonal yellow stripe on a blue background.

But wait, I have to digress, but this time to another case involving the Scropes and a Cornish family who also bore Azure, a bend Or. The Carminows claimed they'd used it since the days of King Arthur and the Scropes said they'd had theirs since fighting with William in 1066. However, the judge deemed Cornwall a different country and decided that both could keep the same arms.

However, this wasn't true of the Scropes and Grosvenors. In 1385, as they both followed Richard II into Scotland, they realized they shared arms. *Scrope* then brought the case to court, where both *Scrope* and *Grosvenor* claimed usage since Hastings.

So in 1389, the His Majesty's High Court of Chivalry adjudicated the case. The presiding judge was Thomas of Woodstock, 1st Duke of Gloucester, at the time the Constable of England.

This court had some interesting witnesses, including John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, son of Edward III, father of Henry IV, and grandfather of Henry V. You all surely remember that we spite Henry IV Bolingbroke in *Hotspur*.

Another witness was a then little-known Welshman; Owain Glyndwr. We sing of Glyndwr in *Hotspur* as well, but while Henry Percy hoped he'd help fight Bolingbroke at Shrewsbury, Owain was busy fighting in South Wales and couldn't make it.

Anyway, *Scrope* won and got to keep the device, but it added that *Grosvenor* could keep the device if he added a border of white. That's a point of distinction, my friends, just like heralds in the SCA talk about today.

Perhaps influencing the decision was the person who spoke for him, one Geoffrey Chaucer. I find that fun and meaningful when I watch *A Knight's Tale*.

Anyway, today's heralds require *two* points of distinction, which interestingly enough, something it seems like King Richard II agreed with.

That initial decision pleased neither party, so they brought it before Richard. He ruled that the white border did not differentiate the device enough for two unrelated families in the same country. He judged again for *Scrope*.


This meant *Grosvenor* had to make another device, and he chose Azure, a Garb Or, which became the ancient arms of the Earls of Chester and is still used by the Dukes of Westminster. The current holder of the title? One Hugh Grosvenor.

However, don't think the Dukes of Westminster have forgotten this case. Their first duke, Hugh Grosvenor (there's been a few of them, owned a thoroughbred racehorse in 1877 named Bend Or. It won the Derby in 1880, so take that, you dastardly Scropes!

So, the SCA's system may irritate people as they register devices, but we can perhaps take some consolation in the fact that this system has irritated people for over six hundred years.

Have a great month, everyone!

Rhodri



A Coronation Changeling's Ball

First Congregational Church of Webster Groves
10 W Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Site will be open from 9am to 9pm

Registration:

Adult: \$15

Adult (non-Member): \$25

Youth (under 18): FREE

Make Checks payable to:

SCA Inc - Barony of Three Rivers

Pre-Registration:

<https://forms.gle/YmdqKyx9awnqJ3Te6>

Pre-registration will close Feb 4th
at 8 pm.

All invoices must be PAID by
Feb 5th at 8 pm.

Feast:

Limited to 72 seats

\$15 per seat

Schedule:

9am: Site Opens

10am: Final Court of TRM followed by Investiture

12pm: Teaching Ball

4pm: First court of Orren & Lyra

5pm: Feast

7pm: Ball

9pm: Site Closes

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The Barony of Vatavia Presents
Winter War Maneuvers 2025

February 22, 2025 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Farha Indoor Soccer Center South, Indoor Field Building,

3405 S Meridian Ave, Wichita KS 67217

Site Details: Two large indoor soccer fields, On-site concessions & hangout room. There will be combat archery! We recommend bringing your chairs. No outside food is allowed in the building. **This is a dry site.**

Registration Details:

Adult Event Registration - **\$25.00**

Adult Member Discount Event Registration - **\$15.00**

Youth aged 15 and under **free**.

There is no Family Cap.

Make checks payable to (Barony of Vatavia)

Pre-Registration: TBD

Website: vatavia.calontir.org/winter-war-maneuvers/

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GULFWARS XXXIII

A War with No Enemies | March 8–16, 2025
 King's Arrow Ranch | 39 Kings Highway
 Lumberton, MS 39455



Site opens at 1:00pm on Sat, March 8th and closes at 12:00pm Sun, March 16th. Reservations will not be processed without payment. To receive member pricing, your membership must be valid at the start of the event. Cash and PayPal will be the only forms of payment accepted at the door. There is no separate pricing for day trips. Transfer of reservations is prohibited. For any questions or issues regarding registration for the event, please contact the reservationist Reservationist@gulfwars.org

Autocrats
 Mistress Doe Flynn
 Mistress Catina Marciano
 Baron AEolbeorht of Harduic
autocrats@gulfwars.org

Arrival Day	Pre-Registry Member	At the Door Member	Children 17 and under	Pre-registry Non-Member	At the door Non-Member
Sat-Sun	\$125	\$130	Free	\$135	\$140
Mon-Tues	\$110	\$115	Free	\$120	\$125
Wed-Thurs	\$95	\$100	Free	\$105	\$110
Fri-Sat	\$55	\$60	Free	\$65	\$70

Flyer by Bice Lafrancha di Mantua

PREREGISTRATION WILL CLOSE 11:59pm CST FEB 28, 2025

Online registration information, schedules, and information on attending and participating at the event:



www.gulfwars.org

Shire of Calanais Nuadh is inviting you to

Studium Generale

On March 29 - 29, 2025

St. Robert Bellarmine Fellowship Hall
367 Old RT 66, St. Robert MO 65584

Site Opens: 8:00 AM
Site Closes: 7:00 PM

Site Restrictions: No Alcohol (Dry)

Directions: Take your best route to I-44 Exit 161. Turn south. Turn right onto I-44 Business Loop (Historic US 66). Go past the State Maintenance shed and take the first cross over. Turn LEFT and go to entrance of St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Watch for signs.

Site Restrictions: No Alcohol (Dry)

Activities Information

Arts and Sciences

This will be a RUSH type event. All classes all day!

Event Registration Information

Adult Registration: 15

Adult Member Discount Registration: 5

Youth Registration (6 - 17): 0

Child Registration (5 and Under): 0

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For More Information

<https://www.calontir.org/events/>

CALONTIR CROWN TOURNAMENT

April 12, 2025

*Join with Their Majesties Calontir and the Barony of the Lonely Tower
in celebration of Their Crown Tournament*

The Relevant Center

21220 Elkhorn Dr

Elkhorn, NE 68022

Site Opens 9am. Site Closes 9pm.

SITE IS BONE DRY

Adult Event Registration: \$30

Adult Member Registration: \$20

Youth (16-5) \$10

Children under 5: FREE

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc. Barony of The Lonely Tower

Pre-Registration Link — Will be provided once completed

Event Stewards

Anne von Weingarten

Ann Wingert

402-660-8931 **NO CALLS AFTER 8pm**

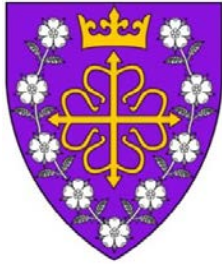
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Queen's Prize



Join the
Shire of Spinning Winds

April 26th, 2025

At Pottorf Hall
1710 Avery Ave, Manhattan, KS 66503
Site opens at 8am, closes at 7pm

Registration

\$25 Adult

\$15 Adult Member Discount

\$5 Youth 13-17

Children 12 and under Free

Make checks payable to Shire of Spinning Winds

DRY SITE*

Activities will include:

A&S Competition

Fighting

Thrown Weapons Competition

Children's Scavenger Hunt

An Inn will be provided for lunch:

\$8 / person

Reichart's Famous Chili

(w/toppings, cornbread, & Fritos as desired)

Gluten Free and Vegetarian options
available!

Kontakt: Reichart Scherer von Erlenbach
with menu questions.

der.aktual.reichart@gmail.com

Event Steward: Lady Sile inghean Chairbre (Sabrina Scheerer)

Email sileingheanchairbre@gmail.com | Phone 785-304-3742

*brewing/alcohol entries will be judged at an alternate, off-site location nearby



Pirates, Bards, and Thieves, OH MY!

(A silly event hosted by the Shire of Deodar)

At Middle Amana, Iowa

3850 C Street

Amana, Iowa 52203

May 16-18, 2025

Site Opens: 5:00pm

Site Closes: 12:00pm

Come join the Shire of Deodar for a most silly event! Let us enjoy the beginning of summer with laughter filling the air! Earn your tokens by participating in archery, armed combat, arts and sciences, youth activities and much more!

Enjoy an event that brings history and silliness together. Think Pirates, A Knight's Tale, and Monty Python all came together to create an SCA event. We will be looking at the anachronistic side of the SCA.

Site Restrictions: No Smoking, No weapons, No ground fires

Event Registration Information:

Adult Registration: \$35.00

Adult Member Discount Registration: \$25.00

Youth Registration Under 17: Free

Feast: \$10.00

Youth Feast ages 6-17: \$8.00

Event Steward :

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The Kingdom of Calontir Presents

LILIES WAR 2025

Drums of War

June 6th - 15th, 2024

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

Website: <http://lilieswar.org>

Event Stewards:

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**Hear the drums of war as they
call you to your favorite
activities**

- Armored Combat
- Steele Combat
- Archery
- A&S Classes
- The Fyrdraca
- Parties
- Shopping
- Youth Activities
- Tournaments
- The BBQ Competition
- Fireworks
- The A&S RoadShow

Gate Fees

Adult All Week - \$85

Member Discount - \$75

Adult Day Pass - \$45

Member Discount Day Pass -
\$35

Minor (17-6) All Week - \$55

Minor (17-6) Day Pass - \$20

Minors (5 and under) - Free

There is a \$280 (2 adults and 2
minors) family cap for all week
attendance. There is no family
cap on day passes.

30 x30 Merchant Space - \$25

Site opens at 2pm on Friday
June 6th and closes at Noon on
Sunday June 15th

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Event Flyer Guidelines

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/>

Editable: An Editable version of your flyer MUST be sent. Work with the Social Media Officer for flyers that may be posted on social media.

Deadline: The Chronicler must receive event copies no later than the 1st of the month THREE MONTHS PRIOR to your event. *For Example:* If the event is in November, the flyer must be received by August 1st for the September Mews. Refer to the Calendar at the front of the Mews.

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!

Flyers MUST contain these SIX ITEMS:

1. Name of the sponsoring group or groups
2. Day, month, and year of the event
3. Site open & close times for populace
4. Location of the event—the name of the event site, and full address.
5. Name, both SCA and Modern, of the Event Steward, including contact phone and email (Needed for emergencies or issues arise)
6. Details of Registration—Do NOT use “FEE” as a describer for registration cost.

For Example:

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