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**Notes from the Nordskogen Business Meeting, September 16, 2015**  
**Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail (Robyn Beth Priestley) presiding**  
**Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan Henry) recording**  
**Approx. 30 folks in attendance**

**Meeting was called to order.**

**Introductions/Announcements**

Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail read the following email to us:

Several groups in the Woodlands area have been discussing a children's focused event. The thing is, we want to try to get the entire kingdom involved. Understanding distance and such, it was decided to pitch the idea of having the same event at several locations during the same weekend.

If your group Seneschal does not contact me first, I will be speaking individually with Seneschals across the kingdom to design a course of action and pull this feat off.

Children are a priority we should be focused on. They really are the future of the SCA. And we have so many bright young minds that want to learn, and even teach!

Please contact me at [ciozszmloes@gmail.com](mailto:ciozszmloes@gmail.com)

In advance, thank you all for your help in this.

Lord Eysteinn meinfretr, Woodlands Regional Seneschal

Baroness Clare Agatha MacLeod has expressed that she would like to step down from the office of Media Relations Deputy. If you are interested in this office, please send applications to the Kingdom Seneschal by October 31.

Our King and Queen would like us to send in award recommendations, especially for AoAs. This is easy to do from your profile on the Kingdom website.

The Baronial poll deadline has been extended to Monday, September 21.

Maestra Giovanna di Battista da Firenze needs volunteers for Michealmas.

Lady Idonea le Lakere announced her Bardic class next Wednesday, 9/23.

Baron Edward of Kent read a thank you note from Their Graces Tom and Sigrid for beaded circlets.

Maestra Giovanna di Battista da Firenze will be borrowing the wooden tables, two plastic tables, and the Baronial shade flies for the Caponi demo on Sunday, September 27 and for Michealmas on October 2-4. Because these loans are for Baronial and Canton events, only notification is needed, not our permission.

**Officer Reports**

**Webminister, Lady Lleucu verch Gwilim, aka Lucky:** She was able to find the bug in the Baronial website with help from Lord Bazyli Boleslaw Krakowska, Lady Checheyigen Oyugun and Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke.

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### Officer Reports (con.)

**Quartermaster, THL Constanza de Sevilla:** THL Constanza de Sevilla needs one volunteer to help finishing up the inventory on Saturday, September 26. She is planning on starting at 9 am.

[Javairah42@gmail.com](mailto:Javairah42@gmail.com) or on Facebook: Constanza de Sevilla

Quartermaster candidates are needed.

We also need a Baronial canvas wrangler (new position) to help with the Baronial Pavilion, two Baronial shade flies, and Their Excellencies's shade fly.

**Signet, THL Una Duckfoot:** Get your award recommendations in for 12<sup>th</sup> Night. Award scrolls are cooler if recommendations come in in advance!

**Archer Captain, Azizah Hatun bint Da'ud:** Not present.

**Knight's Marshal, THL Herjolf Eilifsson:** Fighting is going well. They will be going inside when it gets dark

**Herald, Lady Checheyigen Oyugun:** Not present.

**MoAS, Sheikah Samia al-Kaslaania:** There will be a Bardic class at next week's meeting.

**Chatelaine, Lord Bazyl Boleslaw Krakowska:** Two new folks came tonight and one new person returned. He recommended that we each make ourselves a profile on the Kingdom website, including a picture of ourselves, our interests, and the events we are attending.

**Chronicler, Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn:** Looking for a couple of helpers.

**Exchequer, Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote and Baroness Amalia St. Edmund:** Our balance: \$15,934.49 plus \$373.75 minus \$391.81 15916.03 net loss of \$18.46. There will be a donation box at Wednesday meetings to help pay for the room rental.

**Her Excellency, Baroness Dejanecie Amidarium Vu & His Excellency, Baron Edward of Kent:** Award recommendations are needed!

### Rapier Captain Elections

Lady Kolfinna Hrafnkelsdottir and Lord Bastian de la Mesa are the candidates.

Lord Bastien: Has been a member since our second meeting at the school, for twenty years. He has ideas on money raising for new loaner garb and equipment and how to make it, and promotion. He wants to help train Marshals in Training. The biggest problem he sees is getting the induction of new people organized. He has never held office in the SCA except recently becoming a Marshal. He deals with mounds of paperwork in his modern capacity as a food safety person. He has no trouble with attendance on Wednesday. He has a 9-5 job with occasional weekend work. New people watch the rapier fighting and then want to see what they can do. They should have something in their hand on the first day. We also need a consistent training pattern for the new people and someone has to do this for them every week. We are good at individual stuff here. Let's organize some melee training once or twice a month so we can be an effective fighting force at wars. Right now, the space is adequate but this may change and this issue must be addressed for the sake of the future. He is interested in having practice outside of Wednesdays in public spaces. He is a Rapier Marshal.

Lady Kolfinna: Has been a Kingdom heraldic officer and a Shire exchequer. The biggest problem she is the first encounter for new people. Should we give them a sword first or give them the basics first? This is not consistent now and it probably should be. Attendance on Wednesdays: her job ends at 4 pm on Wednesdays. Practices need a consistent pattern such as warmups, group exercise, and then individuals breaking off. She would like to institute this if other participants would go along. Interested in having practice outside of Wednesdays in public spaces. She would like to set up a new person curriculum (like Jararvellir's). She is a Rapier Marshal in Training.

The Barony chose Lord Bastien. Thanks to both candidates for running!

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**Officers Needed**

**Quartermaster**

No candidates yet.

**Event Updates, Event Recaps, Equipment Requests, and Event Bids**

**Event Updates**

**Caponi Demo: Sunday, Sept. 27, 11-4**

There is a Facebook page where volunteers can sign up:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1411154775854907>

**Michaelmas: Saturday, Oct. 3**

In Nordleigh at: Claudine de la Tour's Home, 10922 E. 270<sup>th</sup> St., Elko MN 55020

<https://sites.google.com/site/nordleighmichealmas/home>

**Fiber & Fabric (for Fun & Fencing): Sat., Oct. 17?**

This would be a Baronial moot, not an official Kingdom event. They want to reserve the day. Donations will be requested for room rent, some food? More details later.

**Event Bids**

Lady Isabetta Viari submitted a revised version to make sure that the feast (cooked by Mistress Aramanthra the Vicious) will pay for itself; the site fee has been changed to allow for pre-registration; and to show additions to the staff. It will be a German themed 12<sup>th</sup> night (Dreikönigsfest). Lord Bazyli Boleslaw Krakowska moved and Alberto seconded the motion to accept the bid. The motion passed.

## UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

*Period clothing will be required for these. Please note that the Barony has period clothing & feast dishes to loan.*

### MICHEALMAS, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

#### **Hosted by the Canton of Nordleigh**

Claudine de la Tour's Home, 10922 E. 270<sup>th</sup> St., Elko MN 55020

<https://sites.google.com/site/nordleighmichealmas/home>

\$5 fee/person (+\$5 non-member surcharge); Free for children under 13

Outdoor event; Potluck meal; Alcohol allowed; Free camping; Goats and chickens on site

Archery (walking shoot); Bardic Activities; Dancing

### FIGHTERS' RETREAT, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

#### **Hosted by the Canton of Blachemere**

Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN, 55303

Event Steward: Baron Frederick de Fulbert, 763-250-9819; [Barrows.Pronto@gmail.com](mailto:Barrows.Pronto@gmail.com)

Gate opens at 9:00 am and the site closes at 5:00 pm.

Site fee: \$10 at the door; the non-member surcharge is: \$5

Checks are payable to the Canton of Blachemere.

### TWELFTH NIGHT (Dreikönigsfest) SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN, 55303

Site opens at 8:30 am and closes at 11 pm.

Event Steward: Lady Isabetta Viari, [lysdaea@gmail.com](mailto:lysdaea@gmail.com) (952) 500-1810

When writing to the staff, please put "Nordskogen Twelfth Night Question" in the subject line.

### WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SITE AND SCHEDULE

**Folks begin gathering between 6:30 and 7:00 pm, announcements generally start around 7:30 pm.**

**Meetings end at 9:00 pm.**

**All of our weekly Wednesday meetings are held at: The Geek Partnership Society's Event Horizon**

**In the Waterbury Building, the big red building at Jackson St. NE and Broadway St. NE,**

**(1121 Jackson St NE, Minneapolis, MN, 55413)**

Enter at the **BACK** of the building. **Door 1121C** is the one closest to the rooms we are in.

Link to a map: <http://tinyurl.com/geekpartnershipmap>

**To get to the big parking lot at the back of the building and near our entrance doors:**

Go north on Jackson, driving past the little parking lot on the right (we don't park there), go to the end of the building, take the first right onto the street there which is 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE,

If you go over the railroad tracks, you've gone too far!

**Note: the slots with the STS signs are only reserved until 3 pm.**

**Metal Parking slots are always off limits.**

**10/7: Room 106A:** Folk moot and potluck!

**Room 107: Tournament for Baronial  
Cut & Thrust Champion**

**10/14: Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing

**Room 107:** Rapier practice

**10/21: Room 106A:** Business meeting & socializing

**Room 107:** Rapier practice

**10/28: Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing

**Room 107:** Rapier practice

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