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Notes from the Nordskogen Business Meeting, October 21, 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.

Announcements

Meistari Katriona ni Chonarain: Three new people have recently spoken to her about feeling unwelcome when they come here. We need to step out of our comfort zones to help with this by remembering to talk to those outside our own circles of friends. **Everyone** in the Barony needs to think about this.

On Sunday, Nov. 1, after archery ends at 3 pm, there will be an archery workshop and NaNoWriMo* writing workshop at Lady Idonea le Lakere's and THL Crispin Fletcher's. Allergy warning, they have 2 cats and a dog. Contact Crispin at: crispinarrowslayer@gmail.com or at: 612-226-6012 if you need their address or directions.

*--National Novel Writing Month

The annual GPS Haunted House will be held Oct. 23, 24, 25. For more information, go to:
<http://www.geekpartnership.org/events/haunted-house/>

Lord Bazyli Boleslaw Krakowska announced that there are 4 empty seats available in a convoy to SUN—leaving on Nov. 6, and returning Nov. 8.

Duchess Petranella Fitzallen of Weston has a very nice pair of black gloves in the lost and found from the Pas.

Latest on the damaged WW T-Shirts: These will be traded one for one at the end of October. Mistress Cassandra of the Western Green has a database containing information from those with damaged t-shirts who have already contacted her. First, t-shirts will be distributed to people who already contacted her, then to others who have damaged shirts; then any left will be sold. There will be a time limit. Questions and comments should be sent to Lady Niamh.

Meeting cancellations in November and December: Nov. 25 (because of Thanksgiving) and Dec. 23 (because of Christmas).

Financial committee: Will meet after the business meeting on November 18.

Our biannual policy reexamination review is due soon.

Officer Reports

Webminister, Lady Lleucu verch Gwilim, called Lucky: No major issues; working on Nov. report.

Quartermaster, THL Constanza de Sevilla: Continuing inventory this weekend with the help of Baroness Khadijah and hopefully will finish. She is still looking for a deputy to be the canvas wrangler. All of the Baronial canvas is in Master Viði Hovdestad's trailer until March.

Signet, THL Una Duckfoot: Suggested that folks practice making blanks.

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

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Officer Reports (con.)

Knight's Marshal, THL Herjolf Eilifsson: Going well; first large influx of new fighters in several years.

Rapier Captain, Lord Bastian de la Mesa: Lots of new rapier fighters, too.

Herald, Lady Checheyigen Oyugun: Not present.

MoAS, Sheikah Samia al-Kaslaania: Not present.

Chatelaine, Lord Bazyl Boleslaw Krakowska: Nice influx of new people who are sticking around.

Chronicler, Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn: Baroness Deja passed on a compliment from the Society Historian. We have the only weekly newsletter in the SCA!

Exchequer, Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote:

Sept. starting balance: \$16,042.84

Income: \$ 27.13 (interest and donations)

Expenditures: \$ 248.81

Current balance: \$15,821.16

Donation box for room rent was noted.

Inventory lists of Baronial equipment are due to Lord Wolfstanus by 12-31-15.

Her Excellency, Baroness Dejanecie Amidarium Vu & His Excellency, Baron Edward of Kent:
AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS! USE ONLINE FORM AT BARONIAL WEBSITE!

Officers Needed

Quartermaster

A candidate has stepped forward, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah. She will serve as Constanza's deputy until the Nov. 18 business meeting when an election will be held.

Equipment Requests

Lady Constanza de Sevilla: The Shire of Shattered Oak would like to borrow the mats for the Tournament of Chivalry event. Shattered Oak will supply muscle and gas for transporting them. A signed letter of agreement for such loans will be created by the Seneschal, Exchequer, and Quartermaster. We will ask that a paid member be in charge of the mats. This agreement will be contingent on Nordskogen not needing them. Lord Bazyl Boleslaw Krakowski made the motion to allow the loan as outlined above and Lady Lucky seconded it. The motion passed.

Event Updates

Archery Toys for Tots: THL Crispin Fletcher announced that this annual event will be held at Bwana Archery Range after they close. Date TBD. If you have any spare elves or reindeer that you are willing to donate for use as targets at this event, please contact THL Crispin.

Twelfth Night Update: Lord Bastien announced that, while there will still be a tournament, it will not have a gambling theme. The event steward, Lady Isabetta Viari, indicated that things are moving along nicely and that Mistress Aramanthra the Vicious, the feast steward, has outlined the feast.

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Event Bids

Fall 2016 Crown Bid: This bid was presented by Duchess Petranella Fitzallen of Weston as a possible alternative to a Nordskogen Fall 2016 Coronation bid. She hopes to have several shadows for the event steward. She would consider a family cap. There is no lunch planned at this point but she is open to the possibility. She might contact a smaller group to do this to raise funds for themselves. THL Sefa Farmansdottir noted that 9 events have been held this year in greater Nordskogen. It is felt by other smaller groups that we are hogging weekends. It was noted that Duke Tom Tinninnabulum's move means that the area is losing a really convenient event site which may affect these matters. Baroness Khadijah made the motion to accept the bid and Lady Lucky seconded it. The motion passed.

Fundraising Discussion

Baroness Deja: Not from our pockets such as Ivetta's greenhouse idea. Online fundraising not just for SCA folk but also our friends. Must be run by an individual, not by the group.

THL Una: Present wrapping in garb. Hand calligraphed gift tags? Ridgedale in Minnetonka always needs people.

What are our goals? To not be dependent on events to fill our coffers which don't always make money. Meeting site rent and storage locker rent must always be paid.

Baronial expenses: \$2-3000 per year.

It's been suggested that we establish a Baronial travel fund.

The rapier combatants need loaner gear refurbishment. Some of it is very old and hasn't been tested for quite a while. We need safer; more standard equipment. Masks must be purchased and are expensive. Hopefully, can do some repairs on those. Currently, we have plenty of swords. Other equipment will probably be made. Could use \$1000 for this.

THL Herjolf: The heavy combatants will be having a fixup day. After that, they may need about \$100 of stuff.

Archery: THL Crispin indicated that they need arrows, arm guards, nets. Should we ask for a donation when lending archery equipment? Other Baronial equipment?

Fundraisers at Baronial events (like 12th night): Barony's money.

Event lunches.

When fundraising at events, we should always say what the goal is.

Volunteer hours at Gulf and at Pennsic.

Fundraise in collaboration with GPS.

An evening at Culver's, or Barnes and Noble, or Pizza Ranch (similar setup to what we had with the greenhouse).

Hot dogs at Bloomington Cub. Mostly adults: makes us attractive.

Put SCA on your donation form at work. Find out what information you need for this form.

Lord Bazyli: Lady Helena the Quiet is willing to use her E-Bay account to sell Baronial donations and donate the proceeds back to the Barony. It was noted that the buyer pays for shipping.

Amazon's competitor for Etsy.

Roseville group yard sale (3rd weekend in June)

Suggestions Barony Will Act On

12th Night raffle/fundraiser
Wrap presents
E-Bay
Volunteer hours at large events
Donation from groups to whom Barony loans equipment

Coordinator

Baroness Khadijah
THL Una
Lord Bazyli and Lady Helena
Baroness Deja
Lady Niamh and Baroness Khadijah

Meeting adjourned.

UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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

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 (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 12th 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.

11/4: Room 106A: Folk moot and potluck

11/11: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing

11/18: Room 106A: Business meeting & socializing

11/25: Meeting is cancelled. Happy Thanksgiving!

Room 107: Rapier practice

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DANCE PRACTICE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 3:30-5:30 PM

Join us in Room 107 of the GPS's Event Horizon (where rapier happens on Wednesday nights) on Sunday, November 22, for the next practice. The teacher will be Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn who is requesting that attendees rsvp to her at susanhenry_46@yahoo.com so that she can plan what she will teach.

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