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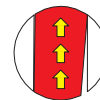
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## **Farewell Remarks from Mistress Dejaneece Amidarium Vu and Master Edward of Kent**

Like the day we stepped up, yesterday was simply magical! We cannot say thank you enough to all of you who helped us during our time as your Baron and Baroness. It was an honor and privilege to serve in this capacity and one we shall never forget. There are so many things that I wanted to say, but words failed me.

We would like to send out some special thanks:

- To all those who organized, ran and cleaned up to make yesterday possible.
- To all of you who came to share our stepping down.
- To all of the Barony's champions who served her faithfully and helped us through our time.

And especially to those who not only put their names in the ring to be our successors, but created a most wonderful gift for us. (Crispin, Idonea/Kat, Samia, Geoffrey of Warwick, Bazyli/Mark, and Siobhan/Pat) And to Michael St. Christian and Sibyl Sevenoke/Sarah for all of their help with preparations and hosting assistance.

Thank you to Nordskogen and all of her populace for making this some of the most incredible years we have had in our time in the SCA!!

## **Twelfth Night Thank You's from the Autocrat, Lady Isabetta Viari**

As I recover slowly but surely from the weekend, I have some very big thank you's to make. Twelfth Night would not have been the awesome event that it was without so many wonderful, hardworking people.

Thank you, Mark, for helping me run my first SCA event, and giving me all of the support and help I needed and more—and thank you for being my set-up and decorations coordinator. Thank you so much to everyone who came to help set up on Friday. Thank you, Erin, who was also by my side the entire way, running the website AND gate, and providing much wisdom. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped run gate and helped/guarded the royals throughout the day. Thank you, Robyn, for your support and wisdom, and for jumping in to take over running A&S when my original coordinator suddenly had a lot of baroness-to-be things to do. Thank you, Emma, for running the Bard of Nordskogen competition. Thank you, Aramanthra and Andrea Nafisa, for an absolutely amazing, entertaining, and delicious feast (and tasty lunch!), and thank you, Kendra and all of your tireless servers, for helping make the feast happen. A big thank you to the lovely Margaret and all of her wonderful team for the awesome site tokens. Thank you very much to all of my MICs, Herjolf (and Thomas for helping with setup and for stepping in for Herjolf after he was put on vigil), Ernesto, Jean-Robert, Crispin, and Robert (thank you for making Youth Combat available). Thank you, Susan, for running a fun themed children (of all ages!) quest. Much thanks to Katherine for running the merchants, and to Kay for doing all of the silent auction and raffle work. Nancy, thank you so much for coordinating and setting up for their Majesties (and thank you, Dawson, for your tireless coordination for Their Majesties). Thanks to Anne for providing her class on tournament running, and to James Angus for choosing Twelfth Night to host the premier Brewer's Guild meeting. Thank you Jes and Jennifer for your wonderful entertainment, and thank you both and all of the wonderful, amazing people, including their Highnesses Jeanie and Jeffrey, who happily and readily stepped up to help clean up in a very short period of time!

Thank you to the Barony of Nordskogen for putting faith in a relative newbie to run their biggest event, and for all of the overwhelming love and support you readily gave. Thank you, Julia and Geoffrey, for all of the help, advice, and work you put in.

Finally, huge thank you's to the wonderful people who supported me throughout the whole process, especially my mum, Anne, my sister, Sarah, Eric, Kat, Justin, Beatrice, Jacob, Libby, Timothy, Kristina, Alex, Jes, Jennifer, Kent, Deja, and Cecily. You are all wonderful, sweet friends and family.

I sincerely apologize if I missed anyone, but thank you to EVERYONE who helped make the event happen!

**Notes from the Nordskog Business Meeting, December 16, 2015**  
**Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail (Robyn Beth Priestley) presiding**  
**Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan Henry) recording**  
**Approx. 35 folks in attendance**

**Meeting was called to order.**

**Introductions/Announcements**

Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah—12<sup>th</sup> night raffle and auction. Looking for things and service donations. Very large items can be brought on the day with advance warning to her. Otherwise, please bring your donations to meetings. She is looking for help with setup for an hour on Saturday and is also looking for help during the day to handle the tickets.

THL Una Duckfoot—Award recommendations have been turned in and so there are scrolls to be assigned. There will be a scribes' room at 12<sup>th</sup> Night.

Sheikah Samia al-Kaslaania—Jan. 6, the first Wednesday in January, is our folkmoot. The Sheikah will be hosting a hafla and henna painting.

Lord Bastien de la Mesa is looking for volunteers for cleanup and teardown at 12<sup>th</sup> night. He will arrange for extra vacuums.

Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn reminded us dance practice is happening on Sunday, Jan. 3, Jan. 17, and Jan. 31.

Lady Lleucu verch Gwilim, called Lucky—This is the last week for the pre-registration price break. Less than 10 feast spaces are left.

Duchess Anne Geoffreys of Warwick is the Royal Liaison for 12<sup>th</sup> Night. She is looking for volunteers to be guards and to help carry things in and out.

**Officer Reports**

**Webminister, Lady Lleucu verch Gwilim, called Lucky:** The Barony still has a website and her report has been turned in. We have a new clerk for the Baronial Order of Precedence: Lady Coquette du Lyons. Lady Coquette is updating the O.P. with help from Baroness Deja. Gate for 12<sup>th</sup> Night is covered.

**Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah:**

Everything is going well. Sayida Nafisa al KhaTir Deeb bint Yusuf al Fez and Mistress Aramanthra the Vicious have told her what they need from storage for the feast at Twelfth Night. Everyone else needs to let her know soon as possible what they need from the storage locker for 12<sup>th</sup> Night.

**Signet, THL Una Duckfoot:** Partial list of 12<sup>th</sup> Night awards exists so she is scribing

**Archer Captain, Azizah Hatun bint Da'ud:** THL Sefa Farmansdottir reports that 10-15 people are attending weekly practices including semi-regular attendance from newbies using loaner gear. THL Sefa is hosting archery this Sunday, Dec. 20.

**Knight's Marshal, THL Herjolf Eilifsson:** Heavy fighting practice is going very well. 10-12 attend per week, including 4 new people. There was one authorization at Fighters Retreat. Got his report in.

**Rapier Captain, Lord Bastian de la Mesa:** Fencing practice is going well. Attendance is steady and new people are still coming. There are 10 regulars and 4-6 others.

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

**MoAS, Sheikah Samia al-Kaslaania:** Got her report in despite certain, um, distractions...

**Chatelaine, Lord Bazyl Boleslaw Krakowska:** Stuff happens and is enjoyed. Got his report in. Setup for 12<sup>th</sup> Night starts on Friday, Jan. 8, 3-11. Volunteer! Mostly tables and decorations, some minor wall moving.

**Chronicler, Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn:** There is still a Nib. There is also a special monthly Nib for the GPS bulletin board. Tell me stuff if you'd like to be sure it gets into the Nib.

**Officer Reports (con.)**

**Exchequer, Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote:**

Dec. starting balance: \$14,718.20  
Income: \$ 1,012.10

Expenditures: \$ 1,300.22  
Current balance: \$14,430.08  
Net loss: \$ 288.12

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:**

Toys for Tots was fabulous this year; had like 378 toys a little short of last year ecstatic to get such a large donation. Great turnout and lots of fun. Beat Madison by about 350. When we first started coming and decided to put our names in we would see the same 6 or 7 people. Now so many new people has grown and grown have come and kept coming thank you and it's been a wonderful time.

**Miscellaneous**

There will be no Wednesday meeting or fencing next week (Wednesday, Dec. 23).  
Kingdom A&S deadline extended until Jan. 2. Can also enter just for commentary.  
Expert judges; cool books.  
Holy Roman Empire at 12<sup>th</sup> Night: holy or Roman or empire or any combination.  
Do both competitions!

Lady Coquette du Lyons presented a baronial rapier loaner armor proposal: 10 sets of body armor and hood: \$426.78 (duck cloth) or \$1119.40 (linen). Nordskogen colors, would use pattern from Eithni ingen Talorgain, OL. 4 ply linen. 2 ply duck cloth. Duck cloth lasts longer. Linen more comfortable so not such a good idea? Functional but a bit silly. Baron Jean-Robert LeMarchand de Sel made a motion: linen vs duck cloth. Lad Kolfinna Hrafnkelsdottir seconded the motion. Duck cloth wins with 2 abstentions. Approve spending \$500 with 2 abstentions. Lady Coquette won't do all of sewing will run "sweatshop" and encourage new fencers to participate.

Will hear about Fall Crown in 2016 bid after 12<sup>th</sup> Night. Kind of runs itself; we do setup and take down.

Fall Coronation 2016 bid—Site is now \$5000 for whole camp with alcohol. Yurts, small cabins, large cabins, lake. Includes sleeping quarters on site. Camp Lakamaga, Forest Lake. Site fee \$15; 250 people; rental for sleeping spaces. Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke would be the autocrat. 50/50 split of profit AND loss with Kingdom. Wet site will draw attendees. Indoor safe spaces, archery, equestrian. Vote on the bid: 24 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention.

Official thanks and cake for Baroness Deja and Baron Edward.

**Meeting adjourned.**

**NEW BARD OF NORDSKOGEN**

We are pleased to announce that We have selected a new Bard of Nordskogen who will serve as our champion for the next year. Lady Auda ingen ui Bhaird, a Nordskogen ex-pat now living in Korsvag presented a story honoring Mistress Deja and Master Edward. We look forward to working with Auda in promoting the Bardic Arts.

Baron Geoffrey and Sitt al-Thullaja

**Notes from the Nordskogen Business Meeting, January 20, 2016**  
**Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote (Ayron Edwards) presiding**  
**Lady Lleucu verch Gwilim, called Lucky (Erin Ahlstrom) recording**

**Meeting was called to order.**

**Introductions/Announcements**

**Lady Isabetta Viari /Twelfth Night Update:** Twelfth Night went really well, 426. \$8,534 income, expenses????, \$5,715. Great feedback.

Their Excellencies, Baron Geoffrey and Sitt al-Thullaja, are going to Twelfth in Castel Rouge with a gift of arrows, and next Tomah, and Jara's investiture at TOC, where we will also have a presentation ceremony from their archers to ours. Would like Nordskogen attendance. Auda ingen ui Bhaird of Fargo has been created the next champion Bard of Nordskogen.

**Officers' Reports**

**Knight's Marshal, THL Herjolf Eilifsson:** Fighting is going well. Fighting practice space (City of Minneapolis Parks) is looking to request \$25/hr for our 3 hr practice at Brackett Park on Tuesdays (\$2000/yr). We have freebie use through June. Ideas: Reduce to 2 hr practice, paying for the full 3 hours, or looking for a new thought. Opinions, ideas, and concerns are requested. Demo on June 23 requested for Ice Cream social. Conflicts with NRW, and 50yr. Please contact with interest.

**Signet, THL Una Duckfoot:** Scribe night was sparsely attended.

**Archer Captain, Azizah Hatun bint Da'ud:** Shooting going well at Bwana. New people steadily joining.

**Their Excellencies Nordskogen: Baron Geoffrey and Sitt al-Thullaja:** Baron Frederick was elevated to the Laurel. Dame Margalit was put on vigil for MOD (elevation at Lupercalia) and THL Herjolf Eilifsson was put on vigil for the Chivalry (elevation at Spring Coronation).

**MoAS, Sheikah Samia al-Kaslaania:** Need a replacement! It's not a job where you need to know things, but one where networking to find teachers and ideas for classes.

**Chatelaine, Lord Bazyli Boleslaw Krakowska:** New people trickling in, and returning. Michael Lee (Scout) will become the deputy of the Chatelaine, to be groomed to make a bid for it.

**Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah:** Things went out and came back for Twelfth Night, when it was VERY COLD. When the weather improves, inventory will be conducted. Blachemere's fighting mats (8) have been stored in our space.

**Exchequer, Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote:**

Jan. starting balance:	\$14,650.08
Income:	\$ 1,505.26
Expenditures:	\$ 1,582.99
Current balance:	\$14,572.35
Net loss:	\$ 77.73

This is pre-Twelfth Night.

Officers' Reports (con.)

**Webminister, Lady Lleucu verch Gwilim, called Lucky:** Site updated for security, current tools, Baronial updates. Images and content sought.

**Rapier Captain, Lord Bastian de la Mesa:** Rapier activity is levelling off. We've taken on a considerable number of new people, and now are in a holding pattern getting them trained and practiced.

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

**Chronicler, Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn:** Not present.

Miscellaneous

**Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote/Crown:** Nordskogen will be holding Fall Crown Tournament at Lord of Life church, the second weekend in October. Her Grace Petranella Fitzallen of Weston and Freiin Jutta van der Bruegghen (known as Ivetta) will be autocrating.

**Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote/Coronation:** We are the emergency backup for Fall Coronation, Bid was done by Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Rourke. They are very appreciative of the backup. There are two other bids in the works.

**THL Caoilfhionn inghen Cheallaigh úí Mhórdha/Schutzenfest:** A big honking chain goes to the best archer who will receive the title of the Schutzenkönig/Schutzenkönigen. There will also be bardic, thrown weapons, and food, food, food. Walk through is in the process of being scheduled for the site. Still seeking Gate, set up and tear down coordinators, bardic coordinator. Details forthcoming. Wet site. May 6-8 in Rivenwood Tower, Singing Hills Girl Scouts. Looking for people to be archery sponsors. Contact THL Crispin Fletcher for details. Their Highnesses will be in attendance. Archery Champion may well be chosen at that time.

**Lord Bastian de la Mesa and Lady Coquette du Lyons/Fencing Loaner Gear:** Duck cloth is being purchased. NONE passed punch test (safety protocol to keep people from puncture wounds at high speed) at 2 ply. Experiments have been being conducted. She has found a 100% cotton fiber with layer of muslin, which passes the punch test. May cut into the bullseye painting money, but we should still be on-budget, as planned.

**Ulf Higgenbotham/Boffer:** Way more boffer fighting at 12<sup>th</sup> Night than anticipated! First practice in March, and hopefully once a month or every other week after it. Almost all the gear is makeable. Ages in three categories: 8-12, 6-8, and 12-16. We are only concerning ourselves with the younger two. Investment request for materials will be forthcoming. Helpers MUST pass a background check which is paid for by the Kingdom and takes 2 weeks. Volunteers for production, kids to participate, parents and mentors sought.

**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.*

#### SCHUTZENFEST, FRIDAY, MAY 6—SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

**Camp Singing Hills, 49496 193<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Waterville MN 56096**

**\*Do NOT Use Google Maps\***

Nordskogen's Biannual Archery and Equestrian Event

#### WARRIORS AND WARLORDS, THURSDAY, JULY 7—SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016

**Whispering Pines Campground, S Prairie Rd., Osseo, WI, 54758**

Hosted by the Baronies of Nordskogen and Jararvellir

#### 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.**

**1/27: Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing & scribal stuff

**2/3: Room 106A:** Folk moot and potluck

**2/10: Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing

**2/17: Room 106A:** Business meeting & socializing

**2/24: Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing

**Room 107:** Rapier practice

**Room 107:** Rapier practice

**Room 107:** Rapier practice

**Room 107:** Rapier practice

**Room 107:** Rapier practice

#### DANCE PRACTICE--EVERY OTHER SUNDAY AT 3:30-5:30 PM—JANUARY 31, FEBRUARY 14 AND 28

Join us in Room 107 of the GPS's Event Horizon (where rapier happens on Wednesday nights) for dance practice.

On Sunday, January 31, our theme will be "First and Last" and Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn will be the teacher again. Please rsvp to her at [susanhenry\\_46@yahoo.com](mailto:susanhenry_46@yahoo.com) or at Nordskogen Dancers, our Facebook website.

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