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## A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

*Greetings to our most delightful populace!*

*First, many thanks to the folks who brought items to show off at the camping moot. We had a good showing, and many inspired participants. We appreciate the effort you all put in—not only in making the objects on display, but also in hauling them out on a rainy morning.*

*Second, many thanks to the volunteers who assisted with ITTs/CAT. Successful events rely on generous volunteers, and we appreciate the efforts you put forth.*

*We are looking for a Warriors and Warlords Baronial Camp Coordinator, please. This volunteer role is described in greater detail elsewhere in this Quill, with many thanks to Siobhan for writing the volunteer job description. People should contact Geoffrey and Samia in the meantime to keep track of folks who would like to join Us in the Baronial camp.*

*The Baronial Pavilion will be ready for leisure time at Warriors and Warlords again this year! We will have water and lemonade available. Feel free to hang out, wait for friends, have an impromptu class, or take a nap under the Sunforger fabric.*

*We need your assistance! Please consider areas where we might hold a moot to determine our first Thrown Weapons champion. We would like to do this late in August.*

*Do you know how valuable you are? Every hour that you help out by volunteering helps the Barony cut costs and supports our activities. Please volunteer at Warriors and Warlords.*

*At our May moot, we announced the following awards for gentles in the Barony:*

- *Lady Cyneburg (Baton Gules)*
- *Lady Idonea le Lakere (Baton Gules)*
- *THL Jehanette de Provins (Heliotrope)*

*At ITTs/CAT, we announced the following awards for gentles in the Barony and outside the Barony:*

- *Lord Ronin the Bowleg, of Jararvellir (Silver Snowdrift)*
- *Goodwoman Gisela (Award of the Bronze Acorn)*

*We are delighted to celebrate the accomplishments of these individuals. Do you believe that someone else should be recognized within the Barony? Please let Us know.*

*In loving service,  
Geoffrey and Samia*



## WARRIORS AND WARLORDS NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WW WORK WEEKENDS

Work weekends started on May 13th and will go on right up until WW work week. Useful items to bring with you include work gloves, shovels, axes, chainsaws, rakes, post-diggers, etc. Don't forget sunscreen, water, and bug repellent, too! Thanks to THL Matthias, there is a covered base camp set up in Strawboss complete with a fire pit, coffee pot, small refrigerator, etc. All coming to work on land areas are welcome to camp in that area for free for the weekend.

Each work weekend will be hosted by the Autocrats and their deputies. Below is the current schedule. Please be aware that there may be changes and keep an eye on the Nib and Facebook for updates.

June 3 & 4	THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa and Baroness Coquette du Lyons This weekend, a brush hog, a type of rotary mower, is being brought out.
June 10 & 11	Baroness Coquette
June 17 & 18	THL Meadhbh inghean UiNeil
June 24 & 25	THL Matthias of Rolling Oaks and Baroness Coquette
July 1 & 2	There will be a work weekend. However, the hosts are not confirmed at this time.

### CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Camping at WW is available by reserving spaces or by dropping in and choosing from remaining areas. There's a lot of room, so last-minute arrivals can be accommodated. Just let the Gate volunteers know that you need a space when you arrive and they will direct you to the open spaces.

Camping space can be reserved in advance in one of two ways: Sweat Equity or Preregistration.

Sweat Equity is an unusual SCA reservation practice, but one that has been in play at our current event location. The land is undeveloped and many groups have worked to develop small areas into beautiful campsites. Those gentles who have invested their personal time and money into the beautification of their campsites have earned the right to re-claim that same spot each year. Each group needs to have a representative connect with the Autocrats before the end of May of the current year indicating their intentions to use the same area as the previous year. In order to help expedite the Trolling-in process at Gate, a list of those adults expecting to camp in the group's area should be submitted via the Sweat Equity form. No preregistration payments are needed and attendance plans are transferable to others within the group.

Preregistration for WW is offered to those people who are unable to participate in the sweat equity process but still want to have camping land reserved for them. This is a good way for out-of-town groups and households who wish to camp together to make sure that they are not scattered throughout the campground or chopping down trees when they arrive. Payment and reservation details (Name, estimated arrival date & time, and camping area preferences) **must be received by June 23rd** to guarantee that a spot will be held. No additional fees will be charged to have land reserved, but know that preregistration payments are not refundable.

Here are the forms: [Preregistration Form](#)    [Sweat Equity Form](#)

### WANT TO ARRIVE EARLY ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 12?

If you want to come early on Wednesday, you must volunteer officially on the WW website AND notify the autocrat. Each individual in your group must volunteer on their own.

## **JOB DESCRIPTION FOR LAND MANAGER FOR NORDSKOGEN ENCAMPMENT AT WW**

### **Items Needed:**

Graph paper (or a rule and ability to mark out feet on a regular sheet of paper if no graph paper)

Paper and scissors to cut out models of the tent footprints

WW Cartographer's map

Size in feet of Nordskogen encampment, including location of entrance and exits for cars, location of trees, etc. (A site visit may be in order.)

25' tape measure or surveyor's ruler, alternately a measuring wheel, for helping people find their locations on the ground.

### **What you will do:**

Solicit footprints of tents and associated structures (such as cooking tents, armor tents, shade flies) from folks wishing to camp with Nordskogen at WW. Draw out a map of the encampment using the dimensions you've been given. You should plan on being in camp on Wednesday evening so that when people start arriving you can have them camp in the right places. You should have at least one deputy who can tell folks where to camp if you need to be out of camp on Thursday or Friday morning as folks are arriving.

### **Process:**

You will solicit from folks camping with Nordskogen the size of their tent footprint, including any flies and the tent rope extensions. For example, a 10 x 12 tent will frequently have a footprint of 13' x 15' when the tent ropes included. If they have preferences on who they camp next to, or "not near the Baronial pavilion" you should take these into account, as well. Make sure people give you the dimensions of their cooking tents, shade pavilions, etc., as well as just their tent.

Once you have all the requests in, draw out the encampment on two sheets of 8 1/2" x 11" paper taped together. Mark off the encampment in foot intervals so that you can tell how long and wide the encampment is. Place trees and a roadway into and out of the encampment so folks can get in to unload and load out.

Using the same scale as you used for the drawing of the encampment, make little paper squares that signify each of the tent footprints you have received. Be sure to include the Baronial pavilion and any other special structures that will be in the encampment. Label each of the squares with the name of the person who will be in it.

Place the tent squares in the encampment using the preferences and other criteria you've received. Planners for events such as Pennsic and Gulf put 3' between each tent to provide safe margins in case of fires or other calamities.

Start placing the squares around the outside of the encampment, then fill in the center as the edges get full. Generally for aesthetics it's good to place the period pavilions toward the road and around the Baronial Pavilion and the modern tents toward the back of the encampment. Be sure and leave walkways to enable folks to get to their tents without tripping over other folk's tent ropes or finding themselves trapped in a cul-de-sac of canvas.

When you have everyone placed, with luck there will be some open space for folks who didn't "pre-register" with you and who come in last minute needing to camp.

Tape down the squares so that they stay in place. Make at least one copy. Laminate one of the copies for use in the camp itself.

Enjoy! Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke

**Notes from the Nordskogen Business Meeting, May 17, 2017**  
**Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail (Robyn Beth Priestley) presiding**  
**Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan G. Henry) recording**  
**Approx. 30 in attendance**

**Announcements**

Dance practice will be happening tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in the big room next door.  
Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke has order forms for WW T-shirts.  
One Voice show: check with Baroness Ekaterina Anastaseva  
Lady Niamh has crab apple wood chunks available.  
A Financial Committee meeting will be held after the business meeting.

**Call to order**

**Exchequer and Financial Report**

**Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote**

March ending balance:	\$ 21,139.13
Income:	\$ 829.55
Expenditures:	\$ 1,308.46
April ending balance:	\$ 20,660.22
Balance Change:	(\$ 478.91)
Donations to date:	\$949.81

**Officers' Reports**

**Seneschal, Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail:**

Seneschal, Chatelain, and Webminister are looking for replacements. Have a request for entertainment from the Walk for Alzheimer's on Sept. 9, conflicts with Coronation.

**Knight's Marshal, Sir Herjolf Eilifsson:** 6 new people coming. \$128 of discretionary money spent to buy another shield.

**Boffer, Lord Ulf inn hugprúði:** not present

Sir Herjolf reported; On June 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a youth boffer tourney. Everyone should turn out to be a supportive audience.

**Thrown Weapons Captain, Lady Idonea le Lakere:** Have had two practices so far. As always, weather dependent. Replacement of equipment going well.

**Signet, THL Una Duckfoot:** Scribes exist but not congregating on Tuesdays.

**MoAS, Lady Helena the Quiet:** not present

**Chatelaine, THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa:** Three new people interested in everything. Still looking for a replacement. The job is easy: just turn up regularly and say "hi". A great job!

## Officers' Reports (con.)

**Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah:** Stuff in shed still there but the weather has not encouraged an inventory. Our percolator is dead, and will be hard to replace. Do we really need one? What size would the cooks like to have? 95 Keurig cups were used at 12<sup>th</sup> Night (also tea and cocoa). Keurig offers choices that a plain percolator doesn't. Should we have a coffee pot and a hot water pot? People do drink coffee and it would be a Good Thing for us to offer that hospitality. Khadijah will donate a hot water pot. We could put the Keurig machine in event announcements so people can bring their own Keurig cups. Should we get compostable Keurig cups? Coffee in these tastes terrible? Is the storage locker safe for a Keurig machine? Sheikah Samia al-Kaslaania moves that we ask the Financial Committee for \$150 for Khadijah to do something about this; Baroness Angelina Nicollette de Beaumont seconds. Finally, Khadijah notes that we have heard nothing from group that wants to borrow mats. We need a proposal from the group first, so there is no official request.

**Webminister, Lady Lewke verch Gwilim (called Lucky):** not present  
Lady Cecily of York has applied for the position.

**Rapier Captain, Baron Bastian de la Mesa:** Still growing. 16-20 (10-12 last year). Looking for a bigger space. Darn close to largest active group numbers in the Kingdom.

**Clerk of Precedence, Baroness Coquette du Lyons:** no report

**Herald, Lady Checheyigen Oyugun:** not present

**Chronicler, Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn:**  
Everything is fine and on time and I'm looking for a deputy.

**Archery Captain, Lady Cyneburg:** not present  
I can't make it to the meeting tonight. My announcements are as follows:  
- there's a lot of rain expected this week, so I'll be hosting practice in Bwana (even if it's not actively raining Sunday, the bales will probably be soaked)  
- I will at some point in the next month or so be working on making the new bow bag. I have the materials, but some extra hands would be helpful. Let me know if you want to help and we'll figure out a time and a place.

**Their Excellencies Nordskogen: Baron Geoffrey of Warwick and Sitt al-Thullaja:**  
Passed hat for donations. Please consider coming out to ITT/KAT. Tuesday, June 6: boffer tourney, garb exchange for kids. Nordskogen encampment same as last year, campsite will burn the huge pile of brush. Looking for someone to head up the encampment: coordinating use of the Baronial pavilion, where people camp, etc. Talk to Their Excellencies if you wish to use the Baronial pavilion during WW. A quick court will be held after the business meeting. THL Bazyli and Lord Wolfstanus did the work on the baronial officers' medallions. Please turn in award and favor recommendations. Who gets Baronial favors? The next Folk Moot will probably be in an August time frame, after Pennsic, possibly to choose a thrown weapons champion. Need a thrown weapons site. Please help with this!

## Events

### Warriors and Warlords (WW) Update: Baroness Coquette du Lyons

WW is in two months! RV sites for non-seasonal campers now filled. Waiting list started. It is already in double digits. Call the bar to get on this list. Baroness Coquette will be looking this weekend to see if there is additional space to put RV hookups. If you want to come early on Wednesday, you must volunteer officially AND notify the autocrat. Each individual must volunteer on their own! Sweat equity has given folks the right to claim land in advance. They must provide a list of their folks which will make things faster for gate. Pre-reg will be set up for other folks. Can pre-reg online. Once payment has been received, folks will be guaranteed a spot. This can be done as individuals and as groups. The pre-registration fee is non-refundable but is transferable. Pre-registrants can choose to camp with special needs, quiet, or loud camping. There will be limits so that some space is still left for last minute folks. The volleyball nets are being taken down so that those sandpits can be used! The outdoor bar will be moved to a new building attached to current indoor bar! The only time the old outdoor bar will be staffed will be as a private event during court. A hot dog and chicken food thing will be available by the old outdoor bar. The site will be selling ice at a better price and will have more of it available. They will also have additional convenience things like toilet paper. They do not spray for bugs. We can build tasteful permanent structures as long as the owners approve and the structures cannot be taxed (like picnic shelters). Battlefield will be the same layout as last year. New owners set up the contract for this land with the current owner (still Doug). Should event activities take precedence over people's camping site wishes? Yes, but since we have so much space we should be able to make everyone happy? Mistress Cassandra of the Western Green is cartographer this year. Move our activities on to the campground property? Is coming up with proposals on how to do this so that sweat equity folks will not be cheated out of their spots. There will be spots on the map that are marked "No long term camping". Looking for a MIC for cut and thrust. Otherwise, good.

### Twelfth Night 2018, THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa

12<sup>th</sup> Night submitted to calendar. Still looking for rapier, cut and thrust MIC, scavenger hunt, silent auction, assistant autocrat. Dates are Jan. 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> (MLK weekend).

## Other Events

### Duchess Anne Geoffreys of Warwick and Mistress Cassandra of the Western Green: Harvest Home, October 20-22, 2017

#### Elk River Girl Scout Camp (different area from Schutzenfest)

Focus: Relaxation, so people can do their thing: singing, storytelling, martial training (if site allows), teaching, geeking. Sleeping on site. Food provided. This site: BIG room with commercial kitchen, four rooms with kitchenettes, dorms attached with some shower space. More space available if needed but would add to cost. This year: direct conflict with Griffin's Needle at Falcon's Keep. Elephant in the room, more time to prepare. 14—2017; 11—2018; no no's. 20% deposit \$425 by 5-19 needed. Must be approved by the Financial Committee.

## Wrap up/Additional Items

**Meeting adjourned.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DEMO OF THE SCA FOR CAPONI ART PARK, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 11 AM-4 PM**

Liaison with Caponi: Maestra Giovanna di Battista da Firenze

Volunteer coordinators: [Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn](#) and [Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote](#)  
[Caponi Art Park's site for this event](#)

[Directions to the Art Park](#)

[Nordskogen's site for volunteers for the Fair](#)

Please come and join us in our annual recreation of a period village for the Caponi Art Park!

### **CHATELAIN IS LOOKING FOR A SUCCESSOR**

As announced at last business meeting, I am looking to step down as Chatelain. If anyone is interested please contact me, [Lord Bazyl Boleslaw z Krakowa](#) at: 218-370-1678 or our Seneschal, [Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail](#), at: 651-776-5569. FYI: this is an easy office and a great introductory baronial officer position.

### **WEBMINISTER IS LOOKING FOR A SUCCESSOR**

The Webminister will be stepping down at the end of June. Lady Cecily of York has applied for this position and we will have a vote at our next business meeting, June 21.

### **SENESCHAL IS LOOKING FOR A SUCCESSOR**

I will be stepping down at the end of July. If you are interested in this position, please contact me, [Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail](#), at: 651-776-5569. Your letter of interest is due to [me](#) and our [Baron](#) and [Baroness](#) by our next business meeting, June 21.

### **THE WEDDING CELEBRATION OF PATRICK RAINES AND MARIA HULL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, NOON, OLIVET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1850 IGLEHART AVE., SAINT PAUL, MN, 55104**

I am getting married October 13th and I would like to invite all of you to a Hogwarts themed party on October 14th! Please RSVP before August 1st. For a physical Ticket to Hogwarts, ask [Mark Olfson](#), [Herjolf Eilifsson](#) or [Erin Ahlstrom](#).

Sinisterly, Abelard (the younger) DeReynes

## UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

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

### YOUTH BOFFER TOURNEY, TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Brackett Park, 2728 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN, 55406

Greetings to the Boffer fighters and the parents of the Barony. Our final boffer practice before summer break will be June 6th. We will be doing a fun simple tourney. I encourage all that have done Boffer to come join us. The populace of the Barony is encouraged to come so we can cheer on our youth fighters. There will be prizes awarded as well. We will start at 6:30pm and go till 7:30-8 pm. There will also be a kids' garb exchange. Bring a friend and blanket and hang out in the park with us. Garb will be optional and there will be no court, but Their Excellencies might need to hand out a favor or two. It's a low-key way to show friends what we do.

### WARRIORS AND WARLORDS, THURS., JULY 13—SUN., JULY 16, 2017

**Hosted by the Baronies of Nordskogen & Jararvellir**

**Whispering Pines Campground, 12780 S. Prairie Rd., Osseo, WI, 54758**

**Event Stewards: Baroness Coquette du Lyons and THL Meadhbh inghean Uí Néill**

Adult Weekend Registration (18+) \$40; Adult Member Weekend Registration (18+) \$35

Minor Weekend Registration \$15

Family Registration: Families pay for two adult registrations and for the first youth. All other children are free.

Adult Day Registration (18+) \$20; Adult Member Day Registration (18+) \$15; Minor Day Registration \$10

**Land reservations and preregistration are available through **June 23rd.****

**See the [Camping Reservations page](#) for more details.**

No additional fees will be charged to have land reserved; but preregistration payments are non-refundable.

Make checks out to: SCA Inc.--Warriors and Warlords.

Gate times: Thurs., July 13<sup>th</sup> and Fri., July 14<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sat., July 15<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### PAS DE ARMS VI, FRIDAY, 9/22/17, 4 P.M.—SUNDAY, 9/24/17, NOON

**Hosted by the Canton of Nordleigh and the Canton of Blachemere**

**At: Claudine de la Tour's Home (Mason Poussard), 10922 E 270th St., Elko MN 55020**

**Event Steward: Master Frederick de Fulbert**

A Competition and Tournament in the style of King Rene of Anjou

Site is wet. Potable water and porta potties provided. Camping is available and covered by the site fee.

Site is outdoors on uneven ground, so plan for whatever you will need to be comfortable, based on the weather.

The format for this Pas de Armes is very fluid. Please pay heed to the Heralds as they will announce all changes and times.

Adult Registration \$20 (18 & above); Adult Member Registration \$15; Students w/ ID \$7; Minor (5-17) \$5; Kids under 5 free

Family Cap \$45; Family Cap \$35 w/two adult Membership Discounts; Family Cap is 2 Adults & 2 Minors+

Make checks out to: SCA Inc.--The Canton of Nordleigh.

### WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SITE AND SCHEDULE

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

**Meetings end at 9:00 p.m.**

**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 the corner of 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 Twelfth 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 p.m. Metal Parking slots are always offlimits.**

**6/07: Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing  
**6/14: Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing  
**6/21: Room 106A:** Business meeting & socializing  
**6/28: Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing

**Room 107:** Rapier practice  
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**Room 107:** Rapier practice

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