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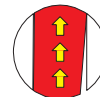
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## A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

*Greetings to the populace of Nordskogen, Nordleigh, and Blachemere!*

*We were very pleased with all of the wonderful things that happened at Warriors and Warlords this year. Lots of folks helped out in many visible and invisible ways to make the event a success. Though we may not have seen all of the activities that took place, we have heard the many compliments that our guests shared saying how the event was a great experience for all who attended. We thank the staff of the event for making everything run smoothly. Our Nordskogen event steward, Baroness Coquette, lead the team for many weeks prior to the event and empowered the rest of her staff to handle their individual areas with the skill that they demonstrated so well. To all of Our peoples who helped in so many ways, we Thank You! We also thank our friends from Jararvellir who demonstrated their many talents in running their activities with great skill. This is indeed an event which shows the best of what our two groups can do as one team! And finally, we thank the visitors from Northshield and other Kingdoms who shared in the magic, and often shared in the volunteerism alongside us. Thank you.*

*Now that we have recovered from Warriors and Warlords, we would ask you to tell us about gentles who We can recognize for their contributions. Please send recommendations to the email addresses listed for Us here in the Quill. We hope to present awards to these most noble individuals at our upcoming Thrown Weapons moot in August.*

*And speaking of the Thrown Weapons moot, we have set the date as August 26th at the home of The Honorable Lady Idonea la Lakere and Master Crispin. This is the same location that the normal thrown weapons practice is held. At this moot, we will choose our first Thrown Weapons Champion for the Barony. We are very excited to have a new champion for this activity represented in our court. As we get closer to the event we will announce other activities that will happen at the moot as well. As always, the quarterly moots are a great time to spend with our Baronial and Canton family.*

*For those of you traveling to Pennsic, travel safely and enjoy everything that most spectacular event has to offer.*

*In loving service,  
Baron Geoffrey and Sitt al-Thullaja*



**Notes from the Nordskogen Business Meeting, July 18, 2017**  
**Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail (Robyn Beth Priestley) presiding**  
**Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan G. Henry) recording**  
**Approx. 25 in attendance**

**Announcements**

Pirate Cruise, GPS fundraising event, Sunday, August 13, Stillwater. Take a handout!  
Warwick Consort House Concert at Duchess Anne's and Baron Geoff's, 8pm on Fri., July 21.  
GPS Ice cream social in Cherokee Park 12-5 Sat., Aug 5. Ice cream topping contest!  
Eight competitors for Kingdom Bardic Champion. The two finalists were from Nordskogen: Thomas Bordeaux and Eyja Bassadóttir. Eyja won!

**Exchequer and Financial Report**

**Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote**

May ending balance:	\$ 19,404.09
Income:	\$ 67.81
Expenditures:	\$ 1,323.00
June ending balance:	\$ 18,148.90
Balance Change:	(\$ 1,255.19)
Donations to date:	\$1,059.72

**Officers' Reports**

**Seneschal, Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail:** No Nordskogen bid for Spring Crown or Coronation is expected. There are proposed Kingdom law changes. Anti-bullying policy (including sign at every event and in event booklets) from Corporate. Clarification is needed on what is an event where this sign needs to be posted.

**Knight's Marshal, Sir Herjolf Eilifsson:** Practices are going well. There is a glut of new fighters getting authorized. Several fought in the Bad Baroness Tournament at WW. Average attendance of 15 per week. Herjolf reached 2 years of service at Knight's Marshal this month and is looking for a replacement.

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

**Thrown Weapons Captain, Lady Idonea le Lakere:** not present

**Signet, THL Una Duckfoot:** not present

**MoAS, Lady Helena the Quiet:** See activity nights below.

**Chatelaine, THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa:** Kingdom Chatelaine's Welcome Inn at WW very successful, especially Peer Lending Library. Still looking for a replacement.

**Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah:** Stuff went out to WW and is coming back except for one of our coolers. Shade flies are in Vidi's trailer. Haven't bought coffee pot yet. Haven't done inventory yet.

**Webminister, Lady Cecily of York:** Website is working fine. Researching other baronial sites to see if there are changes and improvements that can be made.

## Officers' Reports (con.)

**Rapier Captain, Baron Bastian de la Mesa:** Rapier practice is going just fine. Two rapier fighters are visiting from Lochac. Attendance averages 10-18 every week. Plenty of loaner gear. Many new authorizations at WW, including Her Majesty.

**Clerk of Precedence, Baroness Coquette du Lyons:** present but 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 to share the fun.

**Archery Captain, Lady Cyneburg:** not present

**Their Excellencies Nordskogen: Baron Geoffrey of Warwick and Sitt al-Thullaja:**

Thrown weapons moot will be Sat., 8/26 at Master Crispin and Lady Idonea's. Other activities plus court still being planned. Need award recommendations! Much work done at WW! Essentially no complaints! Writ of Gratitude (which was established by Baroness Khadijah & Baroness Eithni) went to Baron Bastien de la Mesa who spent 11 out of the last 12 weekends working at WW for the love of his lady and the Barony.

**Vote: Baron Thomas Bordeaux for Seneschal**

What can we do to help the Barony do more stuff together? We also need officer training and succession planning. For instance, could we automate some of the work load? Baron and Baroness: steer the bus. Seneschal: makes the bus run. Thomas was confirmed. Applause for Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail and Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke who gave her so many rides to meetings.

## Events Update

WW Update – Baroness Coquette du Lyons

THL Bazyli and Baroness Coquette were very proud at how many Nordskogeners contributed to the work weekends. Ask other baronies to sponsor weekends next year. Four people made all of the signs! Road signs and map really great! Thanks to Mistress Cassandra of the Western Green for the map! Thanks to the people of Nordskogen! Work weekends well planned by Coquette so much could be accomplished! Will make some money this year! Nordskogeners volunteering everywhere!

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## Additional Items

Lawn Sign proposal – Sitt al-Thullaja

Sold in packs of 10 for \$80. 18 x 24. In SCA colors, green and yellow. Buy one pack. Includes printing, sticks, double sided. THL Bazyli made the motion and Baroness Ekaterina Anastaseva seconded it. Motion passed.

Baronial fundraiser proposed: sell signs to other groups for \$100/10. Pre-orders, volume discount. Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke made the motion and Meistari Katriona ni Chonarain seconded it. Motion passed.

## Upcoming Project Nights

- July 26 – Color theory class, with Venetian insights.
- August 2 & 9 – Toys for Kingdom Toy Chest
- August 16 – Business Meeting
- August 23 – Italian Garb for 12<sup>th</sup> Night (Baroness Angelina, continuing)
- August 30 – Open project night

**Meeting adjourned.**

## **GEEK PARTNERSHIP SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITES**

### **GPS ICE CREAM SOCIAL, SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 FROM NOON TO 5PM**

GPS invites all members, partner members, and local geeks to come out for the annual ice cream get together. We will be providing ice cream and basic toppings, and have some games that are park appropriate. Feel free to bring homemade toppings - there may even be a contest!

**Location Cherokee Regional Park, 700 Cherokee Heights Blvd, St Paul, MN 55107**

### **2017 GPS PIRATE CRUISE, SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

Geek Partnership Society is hosting our 2nd annual Pirate Cruise fundraiser, out of Stillwater MN. There will be live entertainment, a cash bar, and raffle prizes.

Tickets start at Crew (\$65) and go through Captain (\$900)

Due to alcohol being served on the ship (cash bar), this is a 21 and up event.

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Funds raised go to support the mission and programs of the Geek Partnership Society, including a Space Camp scholarship and an education grants program.  
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Event site is: <http://www.geekpartnership.org/events/pirate-cruise/>

Tickets and level info: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2920146>

For more information about GPS and all of our activities go to our main site, [geekpartnership.org](http://geekpartnership.org).

- 5:00 is when the Photobooth opens
- 5:30 is the start of boarding
- 6:00 is embarkation
- 8:30 we are back at the dock

For questions you can message us here or email [piratecruise@geekpartnership.org](mailto:piratecruise@geekpartnership.org).

If you are interested in helping us with cash and/or in-kind sponsorship (e.g. raffle prizes), please email [sponsorships@geekpartnership.org](mailto:sponsorships@geekpartnership.org). -

Location- St. Croix Boat & Packet Co. 525 South Main St. Stillwater, MN 55082

<https://www.facebook.com/events/109030429648230/>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

I am looking to step down as Chatelain. If anyone is interested please contact me, [Lord Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa](#) at: 218-370-1678 or our Seneschal, [Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail](#), at: 651-776-5569. Please include what you consider to be your qualifications (mundane and SCA), and why you would like the job, or what you would hope to accomplish.

### **NEW SENESCHAL IS CHOSEN**

Baron Thomas Bordeaux was confirmed as Seneschal at our last business meeting on July 19 and will be taking office as soon as the paperwork is finished.

### **KNIGHT'S MARSHAL IS BEGINNING THE SEARCH FOR A SUCCESSOR**

If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact [Sir Herjolf Eilifsson](#). Your letter of interest is due to [Herjolf](#), our [Seneschal](#), and our [Baron](#) and [Baroness](#). Please include what you consider to be your qualifications (mundane and SCA), and why you would like the job, or what you would hope to accomplish.

### **EXCHEQUER SEEKS A SECOND TERM**

Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote is seeking a second term as Exchequer. If you are interested in challenging him for his position, your letter of interest is due to [him](#), to our [Seneschal](#), and to our [Baron](#) and [Baroness](#) no later than the July 19<sup>th</sup> business meeting. Please include what you consider to be your qualifications (mundane and SCA), and why you would like the job, or what you would hope to accomplish. A vote will be held at the August 16 business meeting.

### **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!

### **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.*

### THROWN WEAPONS MOOT

**Saturday, August 26, at Crispin and Idonea's, 2159 Belle Ln, Mounds View, MN 55112**  
**Other activities plus court are still being planned.**

**PAS DE ARMS VI—POSTPONED UNTIL 2018—SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**

### 12TH NIGHT: AN ITALIAN MASKED BALL

**Saturday, Jan.13, 2018—Sunday, Jan.14, 2018, Lord of Light Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey MN 55303**

**Event Steward:** Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa [olaughingson22@gmail.com](mailto:olaughingson22@gmail.com) (218) 370-1678

**Feast Stewards:** Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke, Lord Madoc ap Jones

**Dance Mistress and Master:** Domina Isabella Beatrice della Rosa (Belle), THL Dafydd Arth

**Registration:** \$20 (Includes Archery fee for Bwana on Sunday)

**Registration with Member discount:** \$15 (Includes Archery fee for Bwana on Sunday)

**Children 0-17:** Free (Still will have to pay for feast if old enough to occupy a seat)

**Feast Cost:** \$15 at gate, \$13 with pre-registration. Send copy of front and back of blue card along with note who you are registering for to: Denise Bell, 3608 Morgan Ave N., Minneapolis, MN, 55412.

**Pre-registration begins November 1st and closes December 31st.**

**Make checks payable to:** SCA Inc. - Barony of Nordskogen

Our Baroness has requested a masquerade of the Italian style for our 12<sup>th</sup> night celebration, and we, her humble stewards, are happy to provide.

Come! Join us for a joyous day of merry making and revelry.

In the midst of the dark days of winter, we shall dance by fairy light.

### 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.**

<b>8/02:</b>	<b>Room 106A:</b> Announcements & socializing <b>Project night: Making Toys for the Kingdom Toy Chest</b>	<b>Room 107:</b> Rapier practice
<b>8/09:</b>	<b>Room 106A:</b> Announcements & socializing <b>Project night: Making Toys for the Kingdom Toy Chest</b>	<b>Room 107:</b> Rapier practice
<b>8/16:</b>	<b>Room 106A:</b> Business meeting & socializing	<b>Room 107:</b> Rapier practice
<b>8/23:</b>	<b>Room 106A:</b> Announcements & socializing <b>Project night: Italian Garb for 12<sup>th</sup> Night (Baroness Angelina, continuing an earlier class)</b>	<b>Room 107:</b> Rapier practice
<b>8/30:</b>	<b>Room 106A:</b> Announcements & socializing <b>Open project night</b>	<b>Room 107:</b> Rapier practice

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