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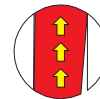
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## A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

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

*There has been so much activity in the recent past. We now have a new Baronial Thrown Weapons champion. Lord Wolfstanus did an amazing job during the tournament and even constructed part of the regalia for the new champion prior to his winning the tourney. Lord Tribaldi has restarted Youth Boffer for the school year, held alongside armored combat on Tuesdays. Ban Ollamh Orlaith has begun hosting Bardic Workshops in Saint Paul first Mondays, thank you for reviving it! Vivant!!!*

*The Caponi demo went very well even though the day was a bit rainy which limited the attendees. The modern folks that did come out enjoyed extra attention from all of us. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped out, your efforts were much appreciated.*

*It looks like we will continue to be busy in the future with many opportunities to travel within the Kingdom. Crown tournament will be held in the Shire of Noiregarde and should prove to be very interesting with a different format than we have seen in recent times. For those of you that are more artistically inclined SUN will be a great opportunity for you to get your Arts and Sciences geek on and visit friends in the Shire of Coldedernhale.*

*Locally we are planning another moot for the fall and are looking for gentles to run the activities. This is a great way to get some experience with running a small event and finding out if being an event steward is something you like doing. If you are interested, please contact us or our chamberlains and we will assist you with the theme and activities of the day or evening. Other future local activities will include a Toys for Tots tourney in December and of course Twelfth Night in January.*

*Speaking of Twelfth Night we will have many opportunities to learn Italian costuming, construct banners, make masks and learn new dances in advance of the event. Many of these activities have already been happening and will continue through the upcoming months.*

*As always we wish to recognize the contributions of individuals within the Barony by presenting them with awards at moots and events. This can only happen if you share your knowledge of their awesomeness with us. Our Web minister, Lady Cecily, has updated the Nordskogen website with a handy feature to submit recommendations for our attention.*

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



**Notes from the Nordskogen Business Meeting, September 20, 2017**  
**Baron Thomas Bordeaux (JP Andrews) presiding**  
**Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan G. Henry) recording**  
**Approx. 35 in attendance**

**Announcements**

Dance tomorrow! Come learn the Masked Ball dances!

SUN is looking for teachers.

There will be a short Financial Committee meeting after the business meeting.

Robyn Beth Priestley (Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail) will be having an art exhibition titled National Connections, expressing our connections to nature by highlighting natural areas and the plants and animals in our local, state and national parks. The exhibit will be held from Sept. 7-Oct. 1 in the North Gallery of the [Landmark Center](#), Mon.-Wed. & Fri., 8-5, Thurs., 8-8, Sat., 10-5, and Sun., noon-5.

**Call to order**

**Exchequer and Financial Report**

**Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote**

July ending balance:	\$ 18,098.45
Income:	\$ 553.79
Expenditures:	\$ 305.66
August ending balance:	\$ 18,346.58

Balance Change:	\$ 248.13
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Donations to date:	\$1,724.01
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Inventory lists by the end of Dec.

**Officers' Reports**

**Seneschal, Baron Thomas Bordeaux:**

Things are going well, he's getting on his feet and has attended several fighter practices. A new monthly additional meeting is being established for folks who can't come in the evenings. The first one will be held Wed., Oct. 11 from 10am-Noon. This new meeting will be put in the newsletter and calendar soon.

**Knight's Marshal, Sir Herjolf Eilifsson:**

Heavy fighter practices are going well and there is still lots of interest from new people. One person interested in job if they don't win Crown. A new Baronial job possibility?—Iron Key: looks after loaner fighter equipment (i.e., equipment manager.) It is okay for the Knight's Marshal to pick his own deputies. Please let us know. Lord Dietrich von Katzenwald has donated 4 shields to the Barony, all blue and flaky. As long as the rapier loaner stuff stored at GPS, the rapier folks probably don't need their own Iron Key.

**Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti (formerly Lord Ulf inn hugprúði):**

He's all fired up about Boffer. Tough part: getting everyone else fired up. Nobody showed up last night at the first practice. He will now be running a survey to see how many kids are interested and what nights and times are good for them. He is willing to run these practices even for just two children. At times, he has had up to nine children in attendance.

## Officers' Reports (con.)

**Thrown Weapons Captain, Lady Idonea le Lakere:** not present, sent report via email)

She is not well and not willing to share this with others. Practices have been small, one or two, but steady. Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote and Gisela have been the most faithful. Thrown Weapons Moot was held on Sunday, Sept. 17, at Green Jenny's.

**Signet, THL Una Duckfoot:** present but no report

**MoAS, Lady Helena the Quiet:** present, Niamh gave report

Upcoming Project Nights—Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail

Sept. 27: Italian Garb--Angelina

Oct. 4: Open Project Night

Oct. 11: Twisted Wire Brooches—Samia

Oct. 25: Italian Garb—Angelina

Nov. 1 & 8 & 22: Open Project Nights

Nov. 29: Italian Garb—Angelina

Dec. 6 & 13: Banner Making for 12<sup>th</sup> Night

**Chatelaine, THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa:** Pepper, Nima, Theodore new tonight. Bazyli is stepping down next month. He has no replacement so Baron Thomas & Sitt al-Thullaja will handle things. The office will be left vacant until someone expresses interest.

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

The fighting mats were lent to Shattered Oak for Coronation. Arrangements are being made for their return.

**Webminister, Lady Cecily of York:**

Website updates: the addition of an award recommendation form, officer pictures, and a new banner. Also, she wants to reorganize the site to make it easier for newcomers to use. Ongoing activities? Let her know so she can add them.

**Rapier Captain, Baron Bastian de la Mesa:**

He is looking for a successor. It has been an honor to serve and thanks for your support. The new captain will have a lot of support and resources, including Bastian and the Kingdom Rapier Marshal. Is there anyone here who would like to put their hat in the ring? They must be a fencer and at least a Marshal in Training. Bastian will step down next month. So, next month, take applicants from the floor. No candidate? Bastian has volunteered to continue to serve as an Interim Captain. Baroness Kolfinna Hrafnkelsdottir wants to be the new Rapier Captain. She says that we need loaner swords, cut & thrust equipment, bigger space, two practices. Next business meeting we will vote.

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

**Herald, Lady Checheyigen Oyugun:** not present and no report

## Officers' Reports (con.)

**Chronicler, Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn:** Things are going on just as usual with two important changes.

Lady Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky, has agreed to be my deputy. She and I made a list of all of the places I consult online for the Nib and then she made a list of these with live links! This means that I don't forget any of them and also saves me much time. Thanks to Lucky!!!

The Archery Marshals have instituted a Google spreadsheet system to keep track of who is running which practices and where. This makes everyone's lives easier and less stressful.

### **Archery Captain, Lady Cyneburg:**

We are having weekly practices with decent turn out. The loaner gear was touched up and a new bow bag created on Labor Day at Master Crispin's workshop. The loaner gear was loaned out to Pirate Day in Inner Sea.

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

Please consider donating to the Barony through your annual program at work. The thrown weapons moot was marvelous with excellent weather. There were trees & shade & visiting & food and music. Nine people competed, the most in any championship competition so far. A new TW champion (our first): Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote was chosen. They are seeking help with Baronial winter moot.

### **Vote on Term Extension: Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote for Exchequer**

Wants a second term. Next month we will have a vote of confidence.

## **Events Update**

### WW Update – Baroness Coquette du Lyons

Final numbers have come and there is a loss of about \$450 because there was no increase in attendance. Everything came in under budget except the Straw Boss who had to repair the Butt Ugly trailer. T-shirts made a profit for the event. About 650 attended. There was enough space for new people due to the clearing. New people came and replaced old people who came in the past and that's why the numbers stayed the same. Brush piles due to tornado have now been removed. On 9/31, autocrats from both groups will be meeting with campground owners for a post-mortem. Important year next year: 25! After the 30<sup>th</sup>, share your ideas! Want to be on staff, say that too. Precise attendance numbers: 549 adults, 99 minors, 648 total. 191 adults, non-members.

### Twelfth Night-- THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa

Increase prize budget. If prizes are paid for by SCA funds, prizes can't be worth more than \$25 each. Do donations get around that? Light on decoration money since still have many wonderful banners. Will add a line item for fighter food. 169 pre-reg: break even. 100 person feast planned. If you pre-reg., you get an assigned table. If everyone pre-reg's for feast, won't break even. Masked Ball probably 1:30-4, possibly including a 20 minute court. Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke will work with Bazyli to get the numbers right. Once this is done, the Financial Committee will approve it. Need someone to run the Raffle. If a team sets up this up on Friday, it will make things easier on this position. Do we need something on the website about weather cancellation policy?

### Schutzenfest 2018—Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn

Azizah Hatun bint Da'ud has agreed to be the cabin coordinator.

## **New Business**

### **Kingdom A&S—Baron Thomas Bordeaux**

This would be run the first weekend in Feb. There's an event scheduled then and the Super Bowl. However, there is nothing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in Feb. which is traditional time and NOT the Super Bowl. This would be three weeks after 12<sup>th</sup> Night. No feast needed. Just needs space and a steward. Due to a lack of overwhelming support for hosting this event because of already existing commitments, the Barony decided not to host this event.

### **Spring Coronation in April—Baron Thomas Bordeaux**

Other groups are pursuing hosting this. Due to a lack of overwhelming support for hosting this event because of already existing commitments, the Barony decided not to host this event.

### **Toys for Tots/Nordskogen Yule**

Second weekend in December, on Saturday. Looking for a coordinator. Elevate to a whole day event. Bwana would likely do the archery part. Backup site: GPS. No Fighter's Retreat has materialized yet but it is usually in November.

### **Bardic Champion, ban Ollamh Orlaith Ballach Inghean Fhlain:**

Orlaith will be hosting monthly bardic get-togethers on the first Monday of the month at her place starting Oct. 2.

Dance practice—Happening tomorrow. Will there be two a month now? Yes!

Baroness Kolfinna Hrafnkelsdottir—Would like to borrow a moot for cut & thrust competition.

Mistress Medb Renata: Rumpelstiltskein: same day, new time: 11 am-2 pm.

Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke: please pick up your tote bag today!

Baron Geoffrey of Warwick and Sitt al-Thullaja: not here next week.

Lewke/Rosanore: Don't forget Caponi on October 1!

Meistari Katriona ni Chonarain: Has plants that need a new home.

**Meeting adjourned.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHATELAIN POSITION IS NOW VACANT**

I have stepped down as Chatelain and this position is now vacant. Anyone is interested in this position should contact our Seneschal, [Baron Thomas Bordeaux](#), at: 562-552-7164. 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.

### **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.

### **RAPIER CAPTAIN IS LOOKING FOR A SUCCESSOR**

Our Rapier Captain, Baron Bastien de la Mesa, will be stepping down at the end of October. [Baroness Kolfinna Hrafnkelsdottir](#) has applied for this position and we will have a vote at our next business meeting, October 18.

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

Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote is seeking a second term as Exchequer. A vote of confidence will be held at the October 18 business meeting.

### **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

### **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!

### **INFORMATION ON VOLUNTEERING AT THE MEDIEVAL FAIR 2017**

In the past we have been allowed to set up stuff ahead of time on Saturday evening. If you would like to come and set up items Saturday, please let us know. We will be arriving Sunday morning at 8:00 am to meet with people who are setting up that morning and to get things ready for the demo.

As usual, parking will be available to us just beyond the site of the Fair. Please note that we would like to have everyone ready to go, in garb, modern items out of sight, and vehicles parked no later than 10:30 am. The demo is open to the public beginning at 11 am and ends at 4 pm. **Please do not expect to drive down to the demo area if you arrive on site after 10:30 am.**

There is no plan to cancel the demo unless the weather becomes severe. In the case of severe weather, we will post a notice on the Nordskogen list and attempt to call people who we know are coming so they can spread the word.

Please bring items to demonstrate, please wear your beautiful garb, and please be ready to speak to the public about what it is that we do (as the SCA) and what people did (in history). This is an excellent opportunity to present the SCA and the Barony as a fun activity and I hope that you all will consider coming and supporting that goal.

Remember that the site does not have running water so we would encourage people to bring their own. Please also remember that you are responsible for bringing all of the equipment necessary for the activity that you will be demonstrating.

We will be providing several shade flies and two large water containers which Caponi will be filling for us. There will also be a food truck, Potter's Pies, on site.

If this is your first time participating, please contact us so that we may answer any questions.

Further notes: As you plan your trip to Caponi, please be aware of road construction such as the closing of 35W this weekend and also please be aware of the road closures that will be caused by the Twin Cities Marathon.



## UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

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

### Demo of the SCA for Caponi Art Park, Sunday, October 1, 11 am-4 pm More information above.

### 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 off limits.**

<b>10/4:</b>	<b>Room 106A:</b> Announcements & socializing <b>Open Project night</b>	<b>Room 107:</b> Rapier practice
<b>10/11:</b>	<b>Room 106A:</b> Announcements & socializing <b>Twisted Wire Brooches for Largess (Sitt al-Thullaja)</b>	<b>Room 107:</b> Rapier practice
<b>10/18:</b>	<b>Room 106A:</b> Business meeting & socializing	<b>Room 107:</b> Rapier practice
<b>10/25:</b>	<b>Room 106A:</b> Announcements & socializing <b>Italian Garb for 12<sup>th</sup> Night (Baroness Angelina, continuing)</b>	<b>Room 107:</b> Rapier practice

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