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A Weekly Digest of Life in Nordskogen
(Formerly This Week in the SCA in the Twin Cities)



Week of November 12, 2017

Edited by Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn, O.L., Nordskogen Chronicler

Archery Practice, Sunday, November 12

There will be archery practice this Sunday from 1-3 pm at the Bwana Archery Range in Little Canada. Our host will be Master Crispin Fletcher, assisted by our archery marshals in training. Loaner gear will be available, and the entry fee will be covered by the Barony. If you have any questions, please contact Master Crispin at: crispinarrowslayer@gmail.com or at: 612-226-6012.

Directions to Bwana Archery, 3015 Country Drive, Saint Paul, MN, 55117:

Bwana Archery (651-482-9866) is located at the intersection of 35E and 694 in Little Canada.

Here's a link to a map: <http://www.bwanaarchery.com>

*Take your best route to 35E and Little Canada Road

*From 35E Northbound, turn left at the top of the exit ramp, then turn right on the frontage road on the west side of 35E.

*From 35E Southbound, make a U-turn to the right to get from the exit ramp to the frontage road. The range is about 1 mile up the frontage road. Look for the large yellow archery sign on your left.

Fee: The range fee is \$7.00 plus tax per shooter and will be covered by the Barony. Observers are free of charge.

Dance Practice, Now On First AND Third Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 pm

Our next practice will be on Thursday, November 16, in Room 107, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will continue learning and reviewing the dances for the masked ball at Twelfth Night. We may also learn another Ravenscroft round.

Staff Being Sought for Schützenfest 2018

The event steward, [Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn](#), is seeking the staff members for Schützenfest 2018 (first weekend in May). She has been tasked to seek them from among the ranks of those who do **not** shoot archery so that all of our archers can participate in the shooting. Staff members still being sought include: Webminister, Volunteer coordinator, Setup coordinator, and Clean-up coordinator. Please contact [Mistress Rosanore](#) if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering.

Chatelain Position Is Now Vacant

THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa has stepped down as Chatelain and this position is now vacant. Anyone who 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 Seeks A Successor

Our Knight's Marshal, Sir Herjolf Eilifsson, will be stepping down at the end of November. Baron Refkell Melrakki Einarsson has applied for this position and a vote will be held at the Nov. 15 business meeting.

We Have A New Rapier Captain

Baroness Kolfinna Hrafnkelsdottir has been confirmed in this position by a vote that was held at the October 18 business meeting.

Exchequer Will Serve A Second Term

Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote sought a second term as Exchequer. A vote of confidence was held at the October 18 business meeting and a second term was confirmed.

Dance List for Nordskogen's Masked Ball at Twelfth Night 2018

Dance instruction booklet is available at: <https://rosanore.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/twelfth-night-masked-ball-dance-booklet.pdf>

Set 1

Black Alman – Inns of Court
Salterello La Regina – SCA Heritage
LyBens Distonys – Gresley Manuscript
Gathering Peascods – English Country Dance (ECD)
Heralds in Love – SCA Heritage (ECD style)

Set 2

Madam Sosilia's Alman – Inns of Court
Petit Vriens – 15th Century Italian
Armyynn – Gresley Manuscript
Black Nag – ECD
Return of Spring – SCA Heritage (ECD style)

Set 3

Petit Rose – 15th Century Italian
Bransle l'Official – Arbeau
Prenes en gres de doubus – Gresley Manuscript
Sellenger's Round – ECD
Korobushka – SCA Heritage

Set 4

Contrapasso in Due – 16th Century Italian
Rufty Tufty – ECD
Bransle Montarde – Arbeau
Maid Peeped Out of the Window – ECD
Dargason – ECD

WEEKLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Heavy Weapons Practice: Tuesday Nights in South Minneapolis

Heavy weapons practice occurs each Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Brackett Park, [2728 39th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN, 55406](#). Here's a link to a map: <http://tinyurl.com/tuespractic>

Boffer Practice, Every Other Tuesday Night at 6:30-7:30 p.m

The next boffer practice for the Barony of Nordskogen will be Tuesday, Nov. 14. We will be meeting at the Barony's Heavy Weapons practice site in South Minneapolis at Brackett Park, 2728 39th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN, 55406. Above is a link to a map.

Canton of Blachemere's Thursday Meetings

The Canton of Blachemere (northern Twin Cities) generally meets on the first Thursday of the month for its business meeting. The starting time is 6 p.m. and the location is confirmed on Blachemere's Facebook page but generally is [Oak Roads Grill](#), 2351 181st Ave NW, Cedar, MN, 55011. Occasionally, A&S meetings occur on other Thursdays of the month and will be announced on the Blachemere Facebook page. For more information, contact the Seneschal, Baron Frederick de Fulbert, at: barrows_pronto@yahoo.com or at (763) 688-0108 (*no calls after 10 pm please*).

Newcomers' Classes: The handouts for these can be found at: <http://www.nordskogen.org/newcomers.html>

Blacksmithing and Woodworking on Thursdays at Master Danr's, 7-9 pm

Master Danr Ketilsmiðr and Meistari Katriona ni Chonarain invite you to weekly blacksmithing and woodworking sessions at their East Bethel home, Thursdays from 7-9 pm. **Please ALWAYS remember to contact them at: 763-434-1840 to confirm that shop night is happening before you head over.**

Monday Night Armoring & Sewing at Duke Vlad & Duchess Petranella's

Their Graces, Vlad and Petranella, are hosting armoring and sewing on Mondays starting at 6 p.m. in Roseville. **Please be sure to contact them for further details and to double check the schedule.** Please note that there is a large fuzzy dog in residence. Duke Vlad and Duchess Petranella can be reached at: 651-644-4685 or at: vlad.petranella@gmail.com

Scribes' Night--1st Tuesday, December 5, 7-9 pm

Always call and confirm your attendance by 9 pm on the prior Monday. If no one calls, that particular Scribes' Night will be canceled. Come create scroll blanks and learn new techniques! The gathering will be held at THL Una Duckfoot's home at 1023 Loeb St. in St. Paul (near the intersection of Como & Front & Dale). Please call Una at: 651-262-8079 if you need directions.

Embroidery Night/Stitch and B!tch, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, November 21 and December 5, 5 pm--?

Embroidery Night/Stitch and B!tch will be held monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Countess Aibhilin Fhionn's (Elizabeth Thomas's) house: 4971 207th St. N in Forest Lake. All are welcome as early as 5 p.m. Please bring a project you are working on, something you would like to start work on, or just come and hang out with us! Bring a snack or some booze to share if you like (because handwork is not completed without booze). For those with concerns over furry beasts: We have two cats (who pretty much stay upstairs) and a small dog (who is very friendly). If you need directions, drop Countess Aibhilin a note at: aibhilinfhionn@gmail.com

Rumplestiltskein: 2nd & 4th Sundays: 11 am-2 pm (NEW TIME): At the HarMar Barnes & Noble—Nov. 12 and 26

This Fiber Play Day is held on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month, at our new time from **11 am-2 pm**. All are encouraged to come knit, spin, nalbind, crochet, embroider, or whatever fiber craft you like. Parking is free and plentiful, and the snacks and drinks available at the Starbucks cafe are nice. Come socialize and show off what you have been working on, or just hang out with friends. The gathering will happen at the Barnes & Noble Starbucks Coffee Shop at 2100 N. Snelling Ave, Roseville, MN, just south of Hwy 36 in the HarMar Mall.

Weekly Thursday Night Sewing Gathering

Mistress Cassandra of the Western Green hosts weekly sewing nights on Thursday nights at her home. The gatherings begin at 7 pm and last until your hostess tells you it's time to go home. Contact her at cassandy@usfamily.net or at (763) 754-6725 for directions and to let her know that you are coming.

Bardic Get-Together On First Mondays

Our Baronial Bardic Champion, ban Ollamh Orlaith Ballach Inghean Fhlain, is hosting monthly bardic get-togethers at her house in Saint Paul on the first Monday of the month. The next gathering will be Monday, December 4. Starting time will be 7 p.m. and the evening will end at 9:30 p.m. The theme (although we're happy to hear all the songs you're working on) is Winter. The hostess will undoubtedly be making scones... Come and relax with good songs and good friends! If you need directions/her address, please contact her at: orlaithballach@gmail.com or message Rita Nauman on Facebook.

UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

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

TOYS FOR TOTS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

The Archery Toys for Tots Tournament will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 am at:

Bwana Archery, 3015 Country Lane, Little Canada, MN, 55117. For directions, see under the weekly archery announcement above.

The Barony covers the cost of participation for archers, and supporters attend for free.

Meistari Sefa Farmansdottir and Baroness Amalia St. Edmund are coordinating these efforts.

The Rapier and Armored Combat Toys for Tots Tournament will be held from 4:00-9 pm in Room 107

In 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).

For directions, see under the weekly meeting information below. THL Constanza de Sevilla will be coordinating these efforts for us.

The Toys for Tots Afternoon Extravaganza will open at 4:00 PM for setup at the Geek Partnership Society.

Participants are welcome from 4:30 to 9:00. Garb is encouraged.

We will start with a Rapier Tournament and Cooking Showcase, running concurrently.

After the rapier tournament, Cooking Showcase participants will briefly speak about their dishes, and the populace will vote on their favorite dish. Baron Geoffrey and Baroness Samia will further select their next Cooking Champion.

During the potluck dinner, there will be a Baronial Court. After court, at about 6:30, will be the Toys for Tots Armored Tournament.

Toys will be brought to KARE 11 for drop off after activities.

Garbed helpers are invited to join Their Excellencies to see if we can get on the 10:00 PM broadcast.

Archers and fighters as well as observers are invited to participate by donating toys.

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: THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa olaughingson22@gmail.com (218) 370-1678

Feast Stewards: Lord Madoc ap Jones assisted by Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke

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 has begun 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 12th 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.

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 **EASTERN SIDE** of the building. **Door 1121C** is the one closest to the rooms we are in.

Link to a map: <http://tinyurl.com/geekpartnersoc>

To get to the big parking lot on the eastern side 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, and 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: Metal Parking slots are always off limits.

11/15: Room 106A: Business meeting & Seneschal's Birthday

Room 107: Rapier practice

11/22: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing

Room 107: Rapier practice

Open Project Night

11/29: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing

Room 107: Rapier practice

Consultation On Italian Garb for 12th Night (Baroness Angelina, continuing)

12/06: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing

Room 107: Rapier practice

Banner Making for Twelfth Night

If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter, please feel free to contact the Chronicler at:

651-699-0714 (before 10 pm) or at chronicler@nordskogen.org