

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



Week of December 3, 2017

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

**Archery Practice, Sunday, December 3**

There will be archery practice this Sunday from 1-3 pm at the Bwana Archery Range in Little Canada. Our hostess will be Lady Cyneburg. Loaner gear will be available, and the entry fee will be covered by the Barony. If you have any questions, please contact Lady Cyneburg at: 608-347-1992 (call or text her between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.) or at: [emmadegner@gmail.com](mailto:emmadegner@gmail.com)

**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.

**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](mailto:orlaithballach@gmail.com) or message Rita Nauman on Facebook.

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

Our next practice will be on Thursday, December 7, 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.

**We Have A New Knight's Marshal!**

Baron Refkell Melrakki Einarsson has been confirmed in this position by a vote that was held at the Nov. 14 fighters' practice and at the Nov. 15 business meeting.

**GPS HOLIDAY EMPORIUM**

**Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 am-5 pm, Geek Partnership Society Rooms, Waterbury Building, Minneapolis MN**



Need <insert your Winter Holiday> presents? Join Geek Partnership Society and some very talented artists/crafters/artisans as we make your <holiday> dreams come true! Anime Twin Cities is currently planning to host ol' Saint Nick, as he makes GPS one of his stops on his Sit on Santa's Lap 2017 tour. There will be snacks and music and general festiveness. This is a fundraiser for GPS, bringing STEM programming to youth for almost 20 years.

**The Baron And Baroness Of Nordskogen Welcome  
Archers, Cooks, Rapier And Armored Combat Fighters, And The Populace  
To The Annual Toys For Tots Tournaments On 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.

This event will replace the regular Sunday archery practice for this day.

Details about the shoots to follow.

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

Hosted by Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir and Baroness Amalia St. Edmund, on behalf of Geoffrey and Samia

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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.

Hosted by the Honorable Lady Constanza de Sevilla and Lady Lewke verch Gwilim, on behalf of Geoffrey and Samia

4-4:30 pm: Set Up

4:30-6:00 Introduction and Rapier Tournament

4:30-6:00 Cooking and Brewing Showcase, Championship Challenge

6:00-6:30 Court and Potluck Dinner

6:30-8:00 Armored Combat Tournament

8:00-9:00 Clean up and Toy counting

9:00-10:00 Toy delivery to KARE 11, in garb and hoping for a slow news day

Please bring a potluck dish (modern or period) to share for dinner; labeling ingredients encouraged.

Cooking and Brewing Showcase: A Feast for the Senses! Participants will showcase during the Rapier Tournament, and before court each will have one minute to tell the populace what they are showcasing. The Populace will vote on their favorite Sensational entry.

From entrants who wish to serve as Cooking Champion, the Baron and Baroness will also select their next Champion.

Contact Lady Lewke if you will be participating in the Showcase alone, or the Showcase and Champion Challenge together.

The schedule may be adjusted if tournaments are running longer than planned. The tournaments will not begin earlier than the scheduled times. We do not have access to the space prior to 4 pm as there are other activities happening there until that time.

Tournament details forthcoming.

**If you have any questions, please contact the event stewards:**

Amalia St. Edmund [koko\\_bean2000@yahoo.com](mailto:koko_bean2000@yahoo.com); Sefa Farmansdóttir [tekaylin@gmail.com](mailto:tekaylin@gmail.com)

Constanza de Sevilla either on Facebook or by email at [gingerspaniard@gmail.com](mailto:gingerspaniard@gmail.com); Lewke verch Gwilim [erin@dilogy.net](mailto:erin@dilogy.net)

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

## **TWELFTH NIGHT 2018 A&S**

Join us for this year's Twelfth Night in Nordskogen on January 13, 2018 when we will be celebrating Carnivale in Venice! In addition to tournaments, and a fabulous feast, we will be having a Masked Ball (dancing!) and two very special A&S Competitions.

All are very welcome to enter either or both Competitions, no matter where you are in your creative journey – novice, apprentice or master! And we want to encourage artisans to explore a skill or craft that is new to them. This is an opportunity to get feedback and assistance on your creative journey.

INCOMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED in either Competition – we do this in order that artisans may receive feedback from judges and others and help in getting through “stuck places.”

Prizes will be given to the winners of the Competitions!

The theme for our Judged A&S Competition will focus on Carnivale in Venice, but we have expanded it to include anyone, any location or time period who might have traded with or visited Venice or Italy, or any masked ball, theatrical, performance or masked tradition, in order to include as many locations and personas as possible. This A&S Competition will be judged face-to-face.

A&S Competition information: You may create any item that fits within that loose theme. Documentation will be required. You might want to look at the Kingdom A&S Competition Handbook as a guideline (see <http://www.northshield.org/Posts/KingdomAandSComp.aspx?AS>). Be sure to mention in your documentation how your entry fits within the theme – is the item, created, traded to or from Venice or Italy, part of Carnivale or a different performance tradition, etc.

Here is a [link](#) to the entry form.

Entries need to be registered by December 15, 2017.

We will also be looking for judges for this part of the A&S Competition.

Our second A&S Competition is a Mask Free-for-All – no documentation, and winners will be chosen by bean count. Anyone may enter any mask – we just ask that you have adapted, created, decorated, or changed your mask in some way. Masks will be judged prior to the Masked Ball. Here is a [link](#) to the entry form.

Questions, early entry information, or volunteer judges contact information may be sent to:

Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail at: [niamhnordskogen@gmail.com](mailto:niamhnordskogen@gmail.com). Please include your SCA and mundane name, and your email in your note.

### **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 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 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 4**

Contrapasso in Due – 16th Century Italian  
Rufy 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 39<sup>th</sup> 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, Dec. 12, the last practice of 2017. 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 181<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Cedar, MN, 55011. Occasionally, A&S meetings occur on other Thursdays of the month and will be announced on the Blachemere page. For more information, contact the Seneschal, Baron Frederick de Fulbert, at: [barrows\\_pronto@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:vlad.petranella@gmail.com)

### Scribes' Night--1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, December 5 and December 19, 5 pm--?

Embroidery Night/Stitch and B!tch will be held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:aibhilinfhionn@gmail.com)

### Rumplestiltskein: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays: **11 am-2 pm (NEW TIME): At the HarMar Barnes & Noble—Dec. 10**

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. **There will be no Rumplestiltskein on the Fourth Sunday which is December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve.**

### 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](mailto:cassandy@usfamily.net) or at (763) 754-6725 for directions and to let her know that you are coming.

## 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

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### 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 Bazyl Boleslaw z Krakowa [olaughingson22@gmail.com](mailto: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. **More dance information above.**

**A&S Coordinator:** Lady Niamh ingen Dhonnail. **More A&S information above.**

**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 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 7:30p.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.**

**12/06: Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing  
**Banner Making for Twelfth Night**

**12/13: Room 106A:** Business meeting & socializing

**12/20: Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing  
**Banner Making for Twelfth Night**

**12/27: Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing

**Room 107:** Rapier practice

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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](mailto:chronicler@nordskogen.org)