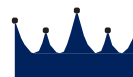




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&

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL NORDSKOGEN MEMBERS, PLEASE READ:

Baronial Polls

A Baronial Poll is a poll to advise the Crown. It is not a vote, per se. The Crown welcomes letters and comments along with a Poll. The Crown will make the final decision, taking into account the polls and other correspondence that they receive. Our TANG, THL Sigeric, will be tallying the polls. All polls received, from whatever source, will be destroyed once they are tallied.

Paid SCA Members

The Baronial Poll for the Baronage candidates has been sent out to all SCA members in Nordskogen via the USPS this week, you should be receiving it soon. Our TANG has a list of all the paid members, and will be tallying against the list, so if your membership was lapsed as of 8-1-15, you will not be included in this mailing, and will have to use a non-member poll.

Non-paid Members

The non-member poll will be posted on the Nordskogen website as soon as the members receive theirs, and the link will be posted here. You must include your name and zip code on your mailing envelope or email for tallying.

Update: The polls are out! Non-paid members may download a version of the poll below. If you are unable to make one of these options work for you, please contact the TANG directly.

[Non-paid member poll \(DOC\)](#)

[Non-paid member poll \(PDF\)](#)

[Non-paid member poll \(TXT\)](#)

Due date & mailing

All polls must be postmarked by September 15, 2015, both member and non-member polls. You must put your name and zip code on the envelope or in the e-mail so that multiple polls aren't received, and your residency in Nordskogen can be verified. The TANG is the only person who will ever see these names. If your poll is postmarked later, or not emailed to our TANG, by Sept. 15, your poll will not be counted. All polls must be mailed or e-mailed DIRECTLY to our TANG, THL Sigeric, at

Tim Fuerstenberg

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fuersty1@gmail.com

Do NOT send your poll to the Crown, or to the Northshield TANG address, or to any Nordskogen officer or the current Baronage.

Lastly, please participate in the poll! It is important that Crown receive information from the Barony.

Thank you, Lady Niamh, Nordskogen Seneschal

POLL FOR NON-PAID MEMBERS



Kingdom of Northshield Official Poll

Dear Nordskogen Member:

Enclosed is the poll list of the three applicants Nordskogen Baronial Successor(s). The candidates are The Honorable Lord Crispin Fletch & Lady Idonea le Lakere, Lord Bazyli Boleslaw Krakowska & Baroness Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke and Baron Geoffrey of Warwick & Sheikah Samia al Kaslaania.

Behind the candidates' names you will find numbers 1, 2 and 3. **Please rank the candidates from 1 to 3 by circling only one number you feel is appropriate for that candidate.** Choosing **Number 1** (one) would be the candidate you feel would be **most suitable** to serve Nordskogen. Choosing **Number 2** (two) would be your **second** choice and **Number 3** (three) as your **third favored** choice.

Remember, circle only one number per candidate; one and two. Polls having more than one number circled for a particular candidate will be disqualified. Also, use each of the two numbers only once. Duplicate numbers for different candidates will mean that poll will be disqualified.

Behind each of the candidates' name is space where you can write down comments, opinions or suggestions for Their Highnesses Toyaoka Katsuo & Aethelflaed. All advice, from you, Their Populace, concerning this decision, is welcome. Please do not hesitate; feel free to share your thoughts. Be assured that your comments will be kept confidential. If you feel you need more space, please attach another sheet of paper when submitting your poll. Please know Their Royal Majesties, Their Royal Highnesses and I will be the ***only*** individuals to see the comments and suggestions. Your polls and comments will be destroyed once the selection process is complete. If you would like to place your name with your comments, feel free to do so; but it is not a requirement.

Please fill out your poll and return it within 15 days of receipt using the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. I will be reviewing the polls and calculating the percentages and reporting to Their Majesties by September 25. All polls must be postmarked by September 15. If you cannot meet this requirement please contact me.

Should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (320)253-8621 or by e-mail Fuersty@aol.com

My thanks to you.

In Humble Regard and Service,

THL Sigeric

(mka Tim Fuerstenberg)

Northshield Transitions and New Groups Deputy

The Honorable Lord Crispin Fletch & Lady Idonea le Lakere: **1** **2** **3**

Lord Bazyli Boleslaw Krakowska & Baroness Siobhan Medhbh O’Roarke: **1** **2** **3**

Baron Geoffrey of Warwick & Sheikah Samia al Kaslaania: **1** **2** **3**

(NPM)

Notes from the Nordskogen Business Meeting, August 19, 2015
Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail (Robyn Beth Priestley) presiding
Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan Henry) recording
Approx. 30 folks in attendance

Meeting was called to order.

Introductions/Announcements

Lady Ulrica of Lincoln: OT: There is a purveyor of high quality second hand goods in downtown St. Paul in Lowertown: Practical Goods in Studio 310 in the Jax Building at 253 E. 4th St., open 11 to 6 daily, accept cash and checks only. Examples of things of interest to SCA folk: feastgear, Irish tweed, Pendleton wool, wool sweaters, THL Constanza de Sevilla: If you have needs from storage: talk to Baroness Amalia. If you're interested in becoming Quartermaster, talk to Constanza. Inventory taking will continue after Known World Metal and Glass (KWMG). There will be a trip to storage the week before KWMG.

Baroness Amalia St. Edmund: Tomorrow (8/20) between 5:30 and 6 is the last call for going to the storage locker before Pas. Text her first.

Lady Lleucu verch Gwilim, a.k.a. Lucky: wants feedback on website. There are comment cards in the yellow box with brownies.

THL Sefa Farmansdottir: She needs applicants for Kingdom Exchequer as she is supposed to step down at end of October. Please make suggestions! The work load is about 15 hours per week during quarterly reports (two weeks); a couple of hours per week otherwise.

Baroness Dejaneece Amidarium Vu: She is the Interim Kingdom Chronicler and is looking for a successor and a Northwatch Editor, too. Right before deadline, the work load is about 20-25 hours per week doing the content. It varies in the other weeks. There's also networking at events and emails go out. Maybe a Wednesday night project?

Officer Reports

Webminister, Lady Lleucu verch Gwilim, aka Lucky: See announcements above. Her quarterly report has been turned in.

Quartermaster, THL Constanza de Sevilla: See announcements above! Candidates are needed for her successor as no one has stepped forward yet!

Signet, THL Una Duckfoot: There is no Court list currently. Submit more award recommendations!

Archer Captain, Azizah Hatun bint Da'ud: Inventory is happening.

Knight's Marshal, THL Herjolf Eilifsson: Incident report filed with the Marshall.

Herald, Lady Checheyigen Oyugun: Not present.

MoAS, Sheikah Samia al-Kaslaania: Her report is due by 8-31-15 so she will be needling people for input. There has been an excellent response to Wednesday activities. Moot ideas are welcome, too. There will be a largesse competition again: Submit a set of 10 similar items. If the Ladies of the Rose think yours is best, you get to pick one item from each of the other sets submitted. She is getting the AoA coronet making project going again, too. Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail is thinking about doing a Book and Scribal Arts moot and possibly making paper.

Chatelaine, Lord Bazyli Boleslaw Krakowska: Two returning new folks from last week: Eric and Dave. Talk to them! He will bring the Gold Key garb to a Wednesday meeting soon for inventory.

Chronicler, Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn: My, you all keep me busy doing two newsletters a week and three at the beginning of each month.

Exchequer, Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote and Baroness Amalia St. Edmund: The second quarter ended 6-30-15. There was a net increase of \$1601.55. Nordleigh is opening their own account and took out their \$3325.52 in July. So, the third quarter will probably not show an increase.

Her Excellency, Baroness Dejaneece Amidarium Vu and His Excellency, Baron Edward of Kent: No report.

Officers Needed

Quartermaster

No candidates yet.

Rapier Captain Candidates

Lady Kolfinna Hrafnkelsdottir and Lord Bastian de la Mesa are the candidates. Their names will be published in the September Quill and voted on at next Business meeting on September.

Event Updates, Event Recaps, Equipment Requests, and Event Bids

Event Updates

Known World Metal & Glass: Labor Day Weekend

Meistari Katriona ni Chonarain: It is happening two weeks from tomorrow. There will be attendance from eight kingdoms (including Singapore)! Help is needed for gate, parking, setup, and cleanup. There will be a different setup than Pas because KWMG has no fighting and is bigger. The loan of chairs would be appreciated as the savings on rental would be a good idea. They are still looking for teachers. Goal: clean class list by tomorrow (8/20). There are no online signups for volunteers; contact staff person or Meistari Katriona.

Caponi Demo: Sunday, Sept. 27, 11-4

There is a Facebook page where volunteers can sign up: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1411154775854907>

Michaelmas: Saturday, Oct. 3

In Nordleigh at: Claudine de la Tour's Home, 10922 E. 270th St., Elko MN 55020

<https://sites.google.com/site/nordleighmichealmas/home>

Fiber & Fabric (for Fun & Fencing): Sat., Oct. 17?

This would be a Baronial moot, not an official Kingdom event. They want to reserve the day. Donations will be requested for room rent, some food? More details later.

Equipment requests

From Caer Anterth Mawr

THL Arnbjorn Karlsson, the event steward of Caer Anterth Mawr's 40th Anniversary event on Sept. 26, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, requested the use of the WW benches. Baroness Ekaterina Anastaseva made the motion and Erica Poitevins seconded it. The motion passed with one abstention.

A Vague Request for Money for Archery Equipment

Azizah Hatun bint Da'ud reported that she stepped up as Captain about two years ago, took inventory at that time. Much equipment is broken and lost and replacements needed. They need a baby bow, 20 pound bows, 35 pound bows, 5 gloves, a stringer and wax. This should cost no more than \$300. She will try to get used bows from Bwana Archery. So, she is asking for \$300. Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke moved and Lady Lleucu verch Gwilim, a.k.a. Lucky, seconded a motion for a shopping budget of \$300 for Azizah to get what she needs. All were in favor with one abstention.

Event Bids

12th Night Bids

From Lady Isabetta Viari; the full bid is included at the end of these minutes

Lady Lleucu verch Gwilim, a.k.a. Lucky, will be the gate person. There will be archery next day at Bwana who have already been talked to and are excited. The Bwana fee will be included in the site fee. Pre-registration? Yes, especially for feast. The line in the budget for contingency funds has been included for those emergencies that always happen, i.e., unexpected expenses. They will make sure that the feast pays for itself. The \$15 site fee is reasonable. The breakeven will be 250 at door. Motion to advance the bid was made by Master Viði Hovdestad with Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke seconding the motion. The motion passed with two abstentions.

2016 Fall Coronation

From Sheikah Samia al-Kaslaania

Sheikah Samia has put down \$100 on Camp Lakamaga for the appropriate weekend. The camp includes feast facilities; heated cabins, yurt, etc. If someone else would like to put together a bid, there you go! The camp is up by Forest Lake. She can get her \$100 back sometime in the next 6 months. The Kingdom has no bids for 2016 Crowns or Coronations yet. Would the Barony support Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke if she put together a bid? She will put an alternate autocrat in the bid in case she becomes Nordskogen's Baroness. This passed with two abstentions.

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Miscellaneous Topics

Baronage Fundraising Project Proposal: Something To Think About

Proposed by Baroness Dejaneece Amidarium Vu

A good thing to maybe have: a travel fund for the Baronage. New young folks, older folks with restricted budgets might feel they couldn't throw their hats in the ring. And, there is having to choose between events because of what you can afford. Her Excellency has suggested to the Kingdom that a Kingdom level travel fund be set up for the Baronages. Should we also do this locally, internally, have a presence online? Would this work for us? Let's try to get away from fundraising from our own pockets.

Let's look to other groups or even the general public. Let's think about this and talk about this in the future. Right now the Barony is doing okay but what would happen if we have an event snowed out?

Many malls have places where presents are wrapped for tips: could we do that? A Baronial t-shirt?

12th Night raffle: keep funds as a startup for a travel fund or something. Also, work with other Baronages on the travel fund thing, perhaps. Seneschal, Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail: keep your eyes open, get ideas, and we'll have a special meeting in the future about this and a financial plan as well.

Shade flies: THL Constanza de Sevilla

Maestra Giovanna d Battista da Firenze is making a new bag and a new stake bag. There may be a demonstration day when they get set up so everyone can learn how to set them up and take them down.

Transitions report from our Tang, THL Sigeric

THL Sigeric will be sending out paper Baronial polls to paid members. (You're not a paid member if you lapsed this week.) If you are a paid member, you'll get your poll next week. The instructions for filling it out and sending it back will be included. Non-members will also get a chance. Their polls will also go to THL Sigeric. The instructions will include the due date. Please remember that this poll is an advisory survey of the Baronial inhabitants for the Crown. Baronial residents can also send in letters of support and comments to the Tang. Only the Tang and the Crown see the names. Everything will be destroyed once the decision is made.

Donation box for room rental

Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke made an appeal for donations. The rental for this room is about \$600 or \$700 per quarter or about \$200 a month or about \$50 a week. This comes to about \$2400-2500 per year.

Meeting was adjourned.

OFFICER POSITIONS OPENING SOON IN NORDSKOGEN

Our Baron and Baroness will be stepping down in the New Year. Three sets of candidates have stepped forward: Lady Idonea le Lakere and THL Crispin Fletcher; Sheikah Samia al-Kaslaania and Baron Geoffrey of Warwick; Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke and Lord Bazyli Boleslaw Krakowska. The candidates' filled out questionnaires may be found at the following links: <http://nordskogen.northshield.org/wp/bazyli-and-siobhan/>
<http://nordskogen.northshield.org/wp/crispin-and-idonea/>
<http://nordskogen.northshield.org/wp/geoffrey-and-samia/>

Our Rapier Captain, Magnifico Niccolo Falconetto, also wishes to step down. The candidates for this position are: Lady Kolfinna Hrafnkelsdottir and Lord Bastian de la Mesa. The vote will take place at the September 16 business meeting.

In addition, our Quartermaster, Lady Constanza de Sevilla, also wishes to step down. Please submit your letter of intent to the following folks:

Lady Constanza at quartermaster@nordskogen.northshield.org

Their Excellencies at baron@nordskogen.northshield.org and at baroness@nordskogen.northshield.org

The just past exchequer, Baroness Amalia St. Edmund, at: koko_bean2000@yahoo.com

The incoming exchequer, Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote, at exchequer@nordskogen.northshield.org

The Seneschal, Lady Niamh, at seneschal@nordskogen.northshield.org

If you have any questions about the position, please feel free to talk to Lady Constanza or Baroness Amalia.

Bid for Nordskogen Twelfth Night, January 9, 2015

Site

Lord of Life Church in Ramsay, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303 (763) 427-1100

The date change has been approved by Stallari, per Countess Eilis.

The times for setup on the 8th are 15.00-23.00; the gyms will only be open for us to set up in from 22.00-23.00.

We will be on site at 08.00 on the 9th, with gate opening at 08.30, and cleanup completed at 23.00.

Site Fee:

Members: \$15

Students w/ ID: \$5 (+ applicable

NMS) Minor: \$5 (+applicable NMS)

Children 5 & Under: Free

Family Cap: \$35 (+ applicable

NMS). Non-Member Surcharge:

\$5

Feast

\$15 at gate

Staffing

When writing to the staff, please put "Nordskogen Twelfth Night Question" in the subject line.

Event Steward: Lady Isabetta Viari, lysdaea@gmail.com (952) 500-1810 – Karina Grimaldi

Assistant Event Steward: Lord Bazyli Boleslaw Krakowska, olaughingson@yahoo.com (218) 370-1678– Mark Olfson

Marshalls in Charge:

- **Rapier:** Magnifico Niccolo Falconetto, jarroganti@gmail.com (651) 698-3690 – Ernesto Maldonado
- **Heavy:** TH Lord Herjolf Eilifsson, coff0048@gmail.com (218) 340-5658 – Andy Coffman
- **Cut-n-Thrust:** Baron Jean-Robert LeMarchand du Sel, jrlmarchand@gmail.com (612) 802-6564 – Sean McNiff
- **Archery:** Crispin Fletcher, crispinarrowslayer@gmail.com (612) 226-6012 – Joe Gavin-Ballanger

Decoration/Set-up:

Clean-up: Lord Bastien De La Mesa, jestenrobinson@yahoo.com (612) 816-7121
– Jes Robinson

Royalty Liaison: Duchess Anne Geoffreys of Warwick, thewarwicks@compuserve.com (952) 831-5451– Nancy Cuno-Schmitz

A&S Competition: Sheika Samia al-Kaslaania, samia@idlelion.net; (651) 793-8684 – Julia May

Bardic Coordinator: Lady Idonea le Lakere, khar_ghatten@yahoo.com (612) 226-9128 – Kat Gavin-Ballanger

Merchants: Meistari Katriona ni Chonarain, katriona@irontreeworks.com (763) 434-1840 – Katherine Kretchmar

Raffle Coordinator: Baroness Khadijah, (763) 537-8846 – Kay Marszalek

Heraldic Coordinator: Baroness Anplīça Fiore, anplīca@gmail.com (507) 421-1231 – Rachel Gray

Feast Steward:

Head Feast Server:

Budget — Expenses

Item	Cost
Site Fee	\$935
Tokens	\$200
Prizes	\$300
Decorations/Printing	\$300
Royalty Room Food	\$75
Fighter Food	\$50
Feast	\$1,400
Scav Hunt, etc.	\$50
Archery	\$150
Contingency funds	\$150
Insurance	\$50
TOTAL:	\$3,660.00

NOTE: We may need to add to the budget for EMTs if we find that they are necessary to maintain at the event.

Budget — Income (250-350 Adults plus kids & students)/ Best case sell out (350 adults plus kids)

Item Fee	Cost Per Person	Estimated # People	Total
Event	\$15	300	\$4,500
Feast	\$15	80	\$1,200
Estimated TOTAL:			\$5,700

Proposed Events & Projects:

Theme: I am planning on theming this as “A German Twelfth Night.” (“Dreikönigsfest” in German, not that we need to use that) Feast, decorations, tournaments, heraldry, and more can follow the theme.

Children’s Activities/Scavenger Hunt: Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn (, (651) 699-0714) will be planning and running a scavenger hunt again this year, and possibly other children’s activities.

Heavy and Rapier Tourney: Anpliça and I are working on an idea for a (German-themed) heraldic tournament for both heavy and rapier, in which each fighter would be represented by a herald, who needs to answer pop quiz-style questions to gain their fighter a benefit, and not give them a penalty (such as no off-hand weapon/shield, etc., using offhand for main weapon, etc.) by answering incorrectly. Schtick and fun for fighters and heralds alike. Prizes could be themed with German heraldry.

Feast: German style feast, possibly with dessert including mini Three Kings cakes, one of which includes an almond to be found by one person in their cake— the recipient becomes Twelfth Night King or Queen for the evening per German (and many European) tradition(s); could join the royalty if that’s permissible.

Gambling Tournament Fundraiser: Bastien is planning and running a gambling tournament as a fundraiser for baronial armor.

A&S Competition: Prizes from Fire Mountain, SR Harris, etc.

Bard of Nordskogen Contest

Bardic Circle: Open Bardic Circle during the day in the Sanctuary.

Raffle: Khadjiah has volunteered to run this, with a “Suggested Donation” amount for tickets so we don’t need to apply for licensing.

Site Tokens: Per German tradition, Twelfth Night/Dreikönigsfest tends to remember the three Magi. As a callback to this (and the star they followed), I would like to have a simple star painted on a wooden token, or stamped on a metal token, to be hung from a ribbon.

Sternsingern (“Star Singers”): Jara choir will have a sort of caroling or similar “traveling” (around the main hall) performance of period/German music (some sung in English, perhaps), as with the German Twelfth Night tradition of Sternsingern. I have spoken with Jose São Pacian (ltopera@yahoo.com) about this.

Northshield Choir Rehearsal: Will be on the schedule.

BARONIAL CANDIDATES' QUESTIONNAIRES AND SCA RESUMES

Bazyli and Siobhan

Baronial Candidate Questionnaire Nordskogen 2016

1. What is your idea of the role of the Baronage?

The Baron and Baroness are leaders, cheerleaders, inspirations, and stewards for the Barony. They should work well with the traditional officer structure as well as with the various activities within the Barony.

- a. How should the Baronage interact with the various martial activities?
If not actively part of the martial communities, the Baron and Baroness should understand the basics of each martial activity, be a sponsor and cheerleader for the activity, and stay in close contact with the marshals for each activity. For example, we'd like to see the Yetis revived and have the awarding of Baronial fighting favors be part of the Wednesday night Folk Moot every month.
- b. How should the Baronage interact with the arts & science activities?
Similarly to the martial activities, the Baron and Baroness should work closely with the Arts leaders in the group (MOAS as well as small group activities) and help inspire not only individual activities but group activities. For example, using various arts to create Baronial panoply (Banners, tabards, tablecloths, etc.) can be a good use of the creative spirits in the Barony. On the other hand, the recent move to make circlets for the AOA recipients is another example of using the arts to benefit others.
- c. What kind of role should the Baronage have in service activities?
The Baron and Baroness should seek out and lead the Barony in performing service activities. For example, creating Gulf Wars favors or event tokens for WW could be service activities that the Barony could perform. Working with the Royal Family would be a strong way to find out about needs the Kingdom has that the Barony might be able to fill.
- d. How should the Baronage interact with the Baronial Officers?
The Baron and Baroness should know the reporting schedules and know whether or not each officer is reporting on time and performing their duties as prescribed in the job description. The Barons are part of the "hiring committee" when we are lucky enough to have more than one candidate for jobs, and to reach out and locate talent for positions when they come open. While the Baronial Officers do not report to the Baron and Baroness, they must know what's in the reports going to Kingdom and be able to help, if possible, with issues impacting each office.
- e. How should the Baronage interact with its satellite groups (Nordleigh, Blachemere, ARCC)?
The Baron and Baroness should show up at Business meetings in the satellite groups, and moots or other informal events that are held. If the satellite groups are sponsoring an event, the Baron and Baroness should be first to offer help and assistance and cheerlead the teams from each satellite group. They should grease the way (should assistance be needed) between each group so that relationships stay cordial and helpful.
- f. How should the Baronage interact with the Royal family of Northshield?
The Baron and Baroness hold the welfare of the Barony and its inhabitants in fief to the Kingdom. They should be open and available to the Royalty, as well as communicating with them in the manner the Royalty wishes, to make known the welfare and service opportunities the Barony can provide. The Baron and Baroness serve as advisors to the Royal Family, as needed. As well, the Barony should consult with the Royal Family and pay taxes that will assist them in gifting appropriately to other Kingdoms or at other events. For example, when the Royalty are assigned another Kingdom for a gift basket at major events, the Barony should contribute to that gift.

2. How long have you been in the SCA?

- a. Describe your past participation on a Local, Regional, Principality/Kingdom, and inter-Kingdom level.

Siobhan:

SCA History

Joined the SCA: April 1979, Barony of Northwoods (East Lansing, MI)

Member # 3404

Groups lived in:

- ☐ Northwoods, Middle
- ☐ Cynnabar, Middle (Ann Arbor, MI)
- ☐ Mountain's Gate, West (Cameron Park, CA)
- ☐ Crosston, West (Mountain View, CA)
- ☐ Bryn Gwlad, Ansteorra (Austin, TX)
- ☐ CAID (San Diego, largely Inactive)
- ☐ Nordskogen, Northshield (Twin Cities, MN)

Offices and Positions Held:

- ☐ Chronicler at local, regional, Kingdom (Midrealm), and Corporate levels
- ☐ Member of the Midrealm Curia
- ☐ MOAS at local and regional levels
- ☐ Pelican Secretary, Northshield
- ☐ Seneschal at local and regional levels
- ☐ List Mistress at large (Middle, West, Ansteorra)
- ☐ Regent for the Western Collegium (SUN equivalent)
- ☐ TI Editor
- ☐ Member of the Grand Council for the Midrealm and the West
- ☐ Feast Steward for over 50 feasts (I've stopped counting) at all size events (largest was 450 seated)
- ☐ Event Steward at upwards of 100 events in four Kingdoms
- ☐ Have run group projects of all sorts, including (most recently) the Banner project for Nordskogen.
- ☐ I am a Laurel and Pelican and have performed the various roles required by those accolades. I have eight liegemen (apprentices and protégés) and nine household members who are hangers-on because of our activities. I act as mentor and cheerleader for those folk.

Awards (In order of precedence)

- ☐ Laurel, Kingdom of West, 5/3/1997
- ☐ Pelican, Kingdom of Middle, 10/8/1988
- ☐ Court Baron/Baroness, Kingdom of Northshield, 1/10/2015, Nordskogen 40th Anniversary Twelfth Night Celebration, Vladimir II and Petranella II
- ☐ Dragon's Heart, Kingdom of Middle, 5/4/1985
- ☐ Grant of Arms, Kingdom of Middle, 8/14/1984
- ☐ Award of Arms, Kingdom of Middle, 9/6/1980
- ☐ Baton Gules, Award of, Barony of Nordskogen, 1/5/2013
- ☐ Friendly Castle, Order of the, Principality of Cynagua, 7/17/1999
- ☐ Wooden Spoon, Order of, Kingdom of West, 6/22/1996, 6/17/1995, 3/18/1995

Bazyli

SCA History:

Member # 141465

First newcomers event: August 1996, Shire (now Barony) of Wealdsmere, An Tir (Spokane, WA)

Various events from 1996 to 2012 in Inner Sea, Mare Amethystinum, and Vilku Urvas.

Became active in the Barony of Nordskogen November 2012 to present

Offices held:

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Kingdom awards:

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Baronial Awards (Barony of Nordskogen)

- Baronial Broom, 7/13/2013
- Baton Gules, 6/7/2014

Event Steward:

- Thaco 5 Apr 2014
- Thaco 6 Apr 2015
- 12th Night Jan 2015 (Co-steward)
- Crispen's Archery Thing (CAT) (Co-Steward) Aug 2014

Staff for Events:

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- 12th Night 2015: Decorations and set up.
- Bardic Madness XXV: Kitchen help

Projects participated in:

- Banner project 2012-2014
- Circlet project 2015
- Garb Book (ongoing) 2014

- b. Describe your experience with royalty, royal peers, and royal protocol.

Siobhan: I have been a member of the Curia, advising the royalty. As a peer of the realm, it is my job to advise and confer with the current Royalty both formally in meetings and informally when an issue arises. I have been a member of the entourage for Regional Princes and Princesses in the West as well as Royal Entourages, and have taken my turn as retinue for various Kings, Queens, Princes, and Princesses. I have respect for royal protocol and attempt to both exemplify respect for royals and teach appropriate protocol to my household members.

Bazyli: I have to be honest here, though I'm a kingdom officer, I have not had much experience conferring with royalty in an official context. I have had the good fortune to have conversations with current and previous royal peers, and can count a few of them as friends. I've retained at events for royals and have found it a wonderful experience. As Baron, I would have to rely on Siobhan's greater experience to guide me through the first few interactions, until I got my feet under me. However, I have tons of experience at learning as I go along.

3. Will your modern life permit you to attend Baronial/Canton/College meetings and events on a regular basis?

Siobhan: Yes, with the caveat that I have some chronic illnesses and a job that occasionally has overtime that affect my ability to do things on a random basis. For example, back pain or a migraine sometimes affects my schedule. However, the good thing about having two people who are not living together as Baron and Baroness is that our lives do not necessarily affect one another, and we can step up to cover for the other when needed.

Bazyli: Yes. I have attended most of the Baronial events and several of the Canton ones as well since becoming active in Nordskogen. Since becoming Chatelain I have attended almost all of our Wednesday night meetings and all of the business meetings. I would happily attend the Canton meetings as well.

- a. What sort of plans do you have in your modern life over the next few years?

Siobhan: update my house, keep my job, travel to England in 2017, visit my family across the US.

Bazyli: I am currently in a stable job and plan on keeping it for the foreseeable future. My Lady and I are planning a vacation to Venice, Italy inside the next two years, in March of either 2017 or 2018, which may affect us going to Gulf Wars that year.

- b. Do you have the resources to support a multi-year reign?

Yes.

- c. Do you have a network of staff/volunteers to assist with your reign? What type of discussion(s) have you had with this group?

Siobhan's household and loose affiliation with Gnomeworld, as well as Bazyli's association with several other households such as Temple Rose, should help us keep on top of things without burning out any particular group or person. So far, these groups have been uniformly positive about supporting us in the reign. In addition, we have had conversations with the other candidates and all see supporting the ones eventually chosen as part of our responsibilities to the Barony.

4. Where do you see the Barony in 5 years?

We would like to see the Barony grow by 50% in the next five years, and have the current depth of arts and sciences interests among our people grow to become Guilds or Associations for those interests. Regularly established activities and people doing them help absorb new people more easily and assist with recruiting. For example, the Rumplestiltskein fiber arts group has brought in many new people, some of whom have also expanded their activities to include mainstream life in the Barony. Her Grace Petranella's Monday night sewing open house has put clothes on the backs of many newcomers.

- a. What sort of plans/projects do you intend to implement during your reign?

- We would like to reach out to the 100 some members that don't come to meetings (Baronial or Canton) to see if there is anything that we could develop that they would like to be active in. Among other things, we would like to see our heavy fighters more integrated in the life of the rest of the Barony.
- Dance practice: Lady Isabetta started this a few months ago, and we fully intend to continue to support it.
- Choir: Dame Siobhan would like to see a choir formed, and is willing to lead it.
- A&S classes: We wish to increase the visibility of the Arts and Sciences. In that, we will be seeking out members of the barony that specialize in various arts and bring them in for hands on classes. Examples would be silk banners, tents, and leather working. Of note, we would also like to see regular workshops for newcomers that actually end up with clothes on their backs. Further, we wish to have more displays at moots and events.
- Siege weapons and thrown weapons: We love both of these, and will figure out how to do more and spread the joy.
- Our archers give us wordfame throughout the Known Worlde, and we want to continue to support their growth and prowess. We would seek their advice on items such as participation in IKAC events, forming a Baronial Cohort, or whatever they think will improve their cohesion.
- We would like to promote more personal and Baronial pageantry at events and the moots. Holding Court at Moots, giving our new fighters and archers their favors or Nordcords, perhaps giving out more local awards are all ways we see to increase interest and attendance at the folk moots. Commissioning a Baronial Pennant similar to the one Silfren Mere had at Castle Fever would increase our Baronial visibility on the field and in peaceful settings.

- b. What are your thoughts on recruiting and keeping new members?

Recruiting is a subject that comes up often in the SCA. For that matter, all volunteer organizations struggle with this subject. We feel that our best recruiting tool is the good word of our deeds. Word of mouth is a powerful force, if a slow one. It is also very hard to quantify or fit into a recruiting campaign. We feel that increasing public awareness that the Barony exist is a good use of time and resources. For instance, we could simply walk down Nicollet mall in garb and hand out business cards. It harkens back to the first event. Another idea is a bumper sticker campaign, with variations to window clings and magnetic decals.

That being said, we need to proceed carefully with recruitment, as there are only so many new people we are prepared to introduce to our community at a time. If we gotten new people a week, we would be lucky to retain one as the rest would not get the attention they deserve to be integrated to where their interests and feelings lie.

- c. What are your thoughts on the volunteer burnout rate in Nordskogen?

Burnout is a sad but common part of any volunteer organization. One way to mitigate burnout is for the leadership to keep clear lines of communication with the officers and regular members of event staffs. Another way is the increase the mentoring of new members. Duchess Petranella and Baroness Ivetta mentored Bazyli through his first few events. Similarly, Siobhan was mentored in the ways of Nordskogen by Samia and Oswald. This is a wonderful model that both increases the pool of experienced people and shares the knowledge of the Barony.

In addition, those people with needed skills (event stewardship, feast stewardship, gate, etc.) should be actively taking on new people and teaching them the ropes to expand our pool of talent. If we have bench strength, we have less burnout.

- d. What value do traditions have to the group? What are your thoughts on bringing back old ones, and/or strengthening existing ones and/or creating new ones?

Traditions are awesome. They weave the past into the present to enrich the future. That being said, we both feel that we're still learning the traditions of Nordskogen. The 40th Anniversary projects helped show all the group some of the rich tapestry that is the Barony.

The Barony has 40 years' experience under our belts, and has changed and adapted over the years. We feel that we should unearth some of those traditions of the past for our present day activities. At the same time, we feel it's completely appropriate to adapt traditions of the past (SCA and historical alike) to increase our celebration of history.

For example, a scholar in Æthelmarc is researching pageantry and traditional feast menus that go with 14th C Archery tournaments. We could adopt some of his learnings into our regular Schutzenfest event.

5. How should Nordskogen interact with our neighboring Shires/Baronies?

At first glance, one might think that we, being the largest group in Northshield, should export out our amazingness to all the smaller groups of our kingdom. But that's just not true. A great example is our dance practice group, where members from Silfren Mere and Jararvellir are coming here to participate and teach. There are people of such amazing skill and knowledge in our kingdom, and we would like to encourage the sharing of that pool of talent. Whether it be dancing or woodworking, arrow making or gold key collecting, we should find these individuals and find ways to get to them or get them to come to us so that we can, in the modern parlance, geek out together.

Samia, the MOAS, is working on workshops with folks from other parts of the Kingdom. We support those efforts wholeheartedly and would like to see those efforts continue.

- a. How should Nordskogen interact with the Kingdom? (volunteers/finances/physical resources)

When called upon we should contribute our funds as required (see the example of the SCA lawsuit settlement, for example). Our folks are strongly connected to the life of the Kingdom through our strong

and significant membership in orders such as the Tyr, Black Griffins, Aquila, Bridget's Flame, etc., as well as our many Peers. Our Barony volunteers provide the Aquila hoods, the collars for the MODs, as well as other regalia on a regular basis. We share our pavilion and Sunshades, as well as our Archery equipment and loaner gear. These are appropriate and should continue.

6. What personal associations (household(s), dependent relationships, etc.) do you have and what effect will they have on you being the Baronage? What effects will the Baronage have on them?

Siobhan's household, Cinqfoil, has several members among the Barony and Kingdom, and consist of her peerage dependents and "friends" of the household. It meshes into House Wortham with the overlap of several members. We can see only positive effect from these connections, as they provide a deep pool of talent and several current and former officers and Barons/Baronesses of the Barony in their number, giving us resources to call on for activities and guidance.

At the same time, Bazyli is a "friend" of both House Cinqfoil and Temple Rose, which provides overlap into that group of experience and talent.

No doubt we will call on them for guidance and assistance. They have promised to say "no" whenever a request is beyond their skill, resources, or would overcommit them, or impinge improperly on their personal lives. As all the folks in all these group are frank and honest in our relationships with them, we can expect no less than the truth from them.

SCA Resumes for Bazyli and Siobhan

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Circlet project 2015

Garb Book 2014



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SCA History

Joined the SCA: April 1979, Barony of Northwoods (East Lansing, MI)

Member # 3404

Groups lived in:

- Northwoods, Middle
- Cynnabar, Middle (Ann Arbor, MI)
- Mountain's Gate, West (Cameron Park, CA)
- Crosston, West (Mountain View, CA)
- Bryn Gwlad, Ansteorra (Austin, TX)
- CAID (San Diego, largely Inactive)
- Nordskogen, Northshield (Twin Cities, MN)

Teaches and is interested in:

- Cooking: Primary author of *Traveling Dysshes*
- Redaction and period sources
- Cooking for hordes of folk (feast stewardship)
- Modern sanitary cooking techniques
- Event stewardship and organization
- Lives of medieval women and medieval domestic culture
- Beginning costuming
- Simple Textile Arts

Offices and Positions Held:

- Chronicler at local, regional, Kingdom (Midrealm), and Corporate levels
- Member of the Midrealm Curia
- MOAS at local and regional levels
- Pelican Secretary, Northshield
- Seneschal at local and regional levels
- List Mistress at large (Middle, West, Ansteorra)
- Regent for the Western Collegium (SUN equivalent)
- TI Editor
- Member of the Grand Council for the Midrealm and the West
- Feast Steward for over 50 feasts (I've stopped counting) at all size events (largest was 450 seated)
- Event Steward at upwards of 100 events in four Kingdoms
- Have run group projects of all sorts, including (most recently) the Banner project for Nordskogen.
- I am a Laurel and Pelican and have performed the various roles required by those accolades. I have eight liegwomen (apprentices and protégés) and nine household members who are hangers-on because of our activities. I act as mentor and cheerleader for those folk.

BARONIAL CANDIDATES' QUESTIONNAIRES AND SCA RESUMES (con.)

Crispin and Idonea

Baronial Candidate Questionnaire

Nordskogen 2016

1. **What is your idea of the role of the Baronage?** The Baronage exists to encourage and inspire the members of its Barony. It is also there to assist with any issues that come up.
 - a. **How should the Baronage interact with the various martial activities?**

They should encourage the martial activities and participants thereof. This means visiting practices, holding tournaments, and having champions from those activities. The Baronage should also participate in those activities as much as they are able.
 - b. **How should the Baronage interact with the arts & science activities?**

They should encourage people to practice the arts and sciences they enjoy, and try their hand at others.
 - c. **What kind of role should the Baronage have in service activities?**

They should encourage people to participate at every level of the SCA and Barony, including encouraging new people to help out and more experienced people to share their knowledge. The Baronage should also serve the Barony and Kingdom when called upon as necessary.
 - d. **How should the Baronage interact with the Baronial Officers?**

They should help and assist the Baronial Officers as needed. They should encourage their populace to step up when a position needs to be filled and point people with topic-specific questions to the appropriate Baronial Officer.
 - e. **How should the Baronage interact with its satellite groups (Nordleigh, Blachemere, ARCC)?**

They should support the groups with what they need and encourage them to grow. They should be at every event of their satellite groups whenever possible.
 - f. **How should the Baronage interact with the Royal family of Northshield?**

The Baronage is the voice of the Crown for the people of the Barony, and the voice of the people for the Crown. The Baronage should also recommend the people of the Barony for awards, so that the Royals can hear about the cool things our people are doing and help with any mischief needed.
2. **How long have you been in the SCA?** We joined the SCA seven years ago.
 - a. **Describe your past participation on a Local, Regional, Principality/Kingdom, and inter-Kingdom level.**

Idonea: I have helped run gate and bardic circles at a variety of events. In addition, I have been the Baronial Minister of Arts & Sciences and Bardic Champion in 2014. I attended fighter practice for five years as a spectator and have regularly attended Wednesday night meetings since first joining the Society. Crispin: I have been active in the archery community from my very first event. I became a Marshall-In-Training (MIT) early on so that I could help Amalia be the group archery captain. When she had to step down, I became the group captain. After that, I continued submitting reports while other archers in the Barony took turns running practice. I stepped up as Regional Archery captain. I travel throughout the Kingdom teaching archery and fletching to groups. Additionally, I was a heavy fighter for a number of years until I had to stop due to doctor's orders. I have recently started rapier as well. I regularly attend the Wednesday night meetings and have worked with a number of the local blacksmiths.
 - b. **Describe your experience with royalty, royal peers, and royal protocol.**

Crispin: I have served as archery champion, and have advised other royalty on archery champions and the prowess of their archers. I have retained for royalty on multiple occasions. I have also helped Ilya and Saraidh as their retainer and armored champion.
Idonea: I have helped royalty retain on occasion.

3. Will your modern life permit you to attend Baronial/Canton/College meetings and events on a regular basis?
Yes.

a. What sort of plans do you have in your modern life over the next few years?

Continue improving the house and prepare for children.

b. Do you have the resources to support a multi-year reign?

Yes. We are already hitting many of the local events, a number of the surrounding events, and we try to make it to a Crown and/or Coronation each reign.

c. Do you have a network of staff/volunteers to assist with your reign? What type of discussion(s) have you had with this group?

We have had offers of help from our household and close SCA family. We have had the basic discussion about if they are willing to help us out.

4. Where do you see the Barony in 5 years? Even more awesome, no matter who is selected.

a. What sort of plans/projects do you intend to implement during your reign?

We do not have plans of implementing new things. We plan to strengthen some of the activities and traditions Nordskogen already has to make them even stronger. For example, the Toys for Tots tournaments and some of our smaller activities.

b. What are your thoughts on recruiting and keeping new members?

We should recruit where there are people with similar or sympathetic interests (e.g. history clubs, local conventions like MarsCon and CONvergence, gaming shops, etc.). The Baronage should also assist the Chatelaine as requested.

c. What are your thoughts on the volunteer burnout rate in Nordskogen?

One thing we have discussed doing as Baronage would be to give thankyou's to those who volunteer to show them that they are appreciated. This could take the form of a token, small scroll, cookies, or other small items.

d. What value do traditions have to the group? What are your thoughts on bringing back old ones, and/or strengthening existing ones and/or creating new ones?

Traditions have value to the extent that they continue to work for the Barony and continue to inspire its populace.

There are some traditions that we wish to strengthen, like the Toys for Tots tournaments and the tournaments for selecting Baronial champions. We are always open to ideas about bringing back old traditions and hearing people's ideas for new traditions.

5. How should Nordskogen interact with our neighboring Shires/Baronies? We should assist and play with them as much as possible. We are a large Barony with a lot of active members. We should reach out and support the groups as much as possible.

a. How should Nordskogen interact with the Kingdom? (volunteers/finances/physical resources)

We should support the Kingdom to the best of our ability without burning out.

6. What personal associations (household(s), dependent relationships, etc.) do you have and what effect will they have on you being the Baronage? What effects will the Baronage have on them?

We are both members of Iron Crescent. Crispin is apprenticed to Master Danr. Idonea is also a part of Gellisheim, and is a student to Master Ingus. Members of Iron Crescent have already volunteered their support and other members of our households can be called upon as needed.

SCA Resumes for Crispin and Idonea

Crispin Fletcher
mka Joe Gavin-Ballanger

Offices Held

Regional Archery Marshal – Central Region of Northshield	May 2013-Present
Group Archery Marshal – Barony of Nordskogen	August 2011-April 2013

Events Assisted

Security Volunteer – Warriors and Warlords	July 2013
Security Volunteer – Warriors and Warlords	July 2011
Emergency Archery Coordinator – Warriors and Warlords	July 2011
Clean-up Coordinator – Warriors and Warlords	July 2009
Archery Marshal at a variety of events	
➤ Warriors and Warlords yearly	
➤ CAT in 2012 and 2014	
➤ Schutzenfest in 2011 and 2013	
➤ Thatsa Mare in 2014 and 2015	
➤ Midsummar from 2012-2015	
➤ Castle Fever from 2009-2015	
➤ Quest for Camelot in 2015	
➤ Border Skirmish in 2015	

Kingdom Awards Held

Order of the Saltire	April 2015
Order of the Hand of Tyr	August 2014
Award of the Cygnus	October 2013
Award of the Black Flame	June 2013
Order of the Aquila et Fulmen	December 2012
Award of the Griffin and Sword	July 2011
Award of the Black Bolt	October 2010
Award of Arms	January 2010

Baronial Awards Held

Award of the Heliotrope	July 2014
Award of the Heliotrope	July 2012
Award of the Baton Gules	May 2012
Award of the Azure Gauntlet	July 2011
Order of the Baronial Broom	January 2010

Idonea le Lakere
mka Kat Gavin-Ballanger

Offices Held

Group Minister of Arts and Sciences – Barony of Nordskogen May 2010-May 2012

Events Ran

Schutzenfest September 2011
Crispin's Archery Thing August 2012

Events Assisted

Bardic Coordinator – Northshield Coronation April 2015
Gate Coordinator – 12th Night January 2014
Gate Volunteer – Schutzenfest Fall 2013
Waterbearing Coordinator – Warriors and Warlords July 2011
Clean-up Coordinator – Warriors and Warlords July 2009

Awards Held

Award of Arms – Kingdom January 2010
Order of the Baronial Broom – Baronial January 2010
Award of the Baton Gules - Baronial July 2012
Award of the Heliotrope – Baronial January 2015

BARONIAL CANDIDATES' QUESTIONNAIRES AND SCA RESUMES (con.)

Geoffrey and Samia

Baronial Candidate Questionnaire

Nordskogen 2016

7. What is your idea of the role of the Baronage?

We believe there are four main roles of the Territorial Baron and Baroness: Welcoming newcomers; serving existing members; cultivating new volunteers; and Promoting communication and visibility outside the Barony.

- a. How should the Baronage interact with the various martial activities? We should be working with the martial arts communities (armored, rapier, archery, thrown weapons, equestrian) to listen to how we can help with their activities and promote them to the all levels of the Society. We will take on the traditional and strong practices of special tournaments and court champions, and we will invite other initiatives of support from the populace.
- b. How should the Baronage interact with the arts & science activities? The Barony has many thriving arts communities which support participants and expand friendships. We will likewise support these through the traditional and strong practices of special tournaments and court champions. We would also like to revive the practice of fostering largess for the Crown at Coronation events.
- c. What kind of role should the Baronage have in service activities? One of the most important jobs we can help with is fostering the engagement of the middle ranks of the Barony.

A strong tool we have in this job is working with all officers in the Barony and Her Cantons to educate the populace that these officers are necessary but don't have to be scary. As a group, we have many gentles who will mentor new officers with these responsibilities. We believe we need to promote these positions as good job experience in the modern world as well. This job also focuses energy on garnering volunteers for staff roles at events, and small project management tasks for the Barony.

We would seek to promote group projects within the Barony and Cantons. These activities can generate the feeling of community and friendship which is very important to making the SCA feel more like a family than an organization.

- d. How should the Baronage interact with the Baronial Officers? We respect that a strong relationship the Territorials and the Baronial Seneschal is keenly important for supporting each other; and for understanding our goals, resources, and responsibilities to each other. In addition to fostering that association, we will support the other Baronial officers in their responsibilities and goals.
- e. How should the Baronage interact with its satellite groups (Nordleigh, Blachemere, ARCC)? We intend to support the Barony's Cantons of Nordleigh and Blachemere by setting the goal of attending their business meeting at least quarterly. We feel this is very important in making sure that communication between the Barony and Cantons remain open. This will also facilitate understanding of any frustrations that could happen because of the physical separation of our groups. Each of the Cantons has a unique culture which the Baron and Baroness need to be aware of, and foster. Of course, this also includes the ARCC student group as it continues to grow.
- f. How should the Baronage interact with the Royal family of Northshield? We believe that the roles of Territorial Baron and Baroness serve as ambassadors to the Royalty, to the Kingdom, and to the Known World. We are humbled and strengthened by the understanding that many impressions of the Barony are formed when people meet the Territorials, and see their actions in Kingdom courts and on social media such as email & Facebook.

8. How long have you been in the SCA? **Geoffrey—Roughly 30 years; Samia—just under 20 years**
- Describe your past participation on a Local, Regional, Principality/Kingdom, and inter-Kingdom level. **Rich and varied (Please see our SCA resumes).**
 - Describe your experience with royalty, royal peers, and royal protocol. **Geoffrey has been head chamberlain for Aubrey and Anne, Hrodir II and Anne, Hrodir III and Anne II. Samia has assisted with the reigns of Tarrach and Fiona, Hrodir II and Anne, Hrodir III and Anne II. Geoffrey has stood jointly with Her Grace Anne as the Royal Archery champions for Siegfried and Therica during the Principality and as Archery champion for Wulfgar and Devon during Their reign. As a previous Baron for Nordskogen Geoffrey has experience in working with numerous Royal families.**
9. Will your modern life permit you to attend Baronial/Canton/College meetings and events on a regular basis? **Yes.**
- What sort of plans do you have in your modern life over the next few years? **We're both homeowners in the area, we're both married and pretty stable.**
 - Do you have the resources to support a multi-year reign? **Yes.**
 - Do you have a network of staff/volunteers to assist with your reign? What type of discussion(s) have you had with this group? **Yes, we have friends and household-family who are supporting us.**
10. Where do you see the Barony in 5 years?
- What sort of plans/projects do you intend to implement during your reign? **We wish to continue the good work of the current and previous Territorials. We also wish to better understand what brought new members to our organization so that we may replicate this process on a wider basis.**
 - What are your thoughts on recruiting and keeping new members? **It's a large part of the role of Baron and Baroness. We feel the recruitment and keeping of new members is one of the most important tasks that the Baronage can help with.**
 - What are your thoughts on the volunteer burnout rate in Nordskogen? **As stated above, we would like to cultivate the middle ranks of volunteers in the Barony. No one should have to keep a volunteer role they can no longer feel strong in.**
 - What value do traditions have to the group? What are your thoughts on bringing back old ones, and/or strengthening existing ones and/or creating new ones? **People enjoy traditions! Toys for Tots Tourneys, Baroness' Whim, Twelfth Night, even moots and potlucks. We should not be locked into activities that spend more energy than they revive in the group (for example, National Night Out). We should also be open to ideas that enthusiasm brings to the table—some of our best ideas for fun and camaraderie will come from our newest members (Connie's Cosmic Sandbox, potlucks at the Moots).**
11. How should Nordskogen interact with our neighboring Shires/Baronies? **We always need to be good neighbors. We should frequently remind smaller groups that we can put down financial deposits for their events if their cash-on-hand is tight. We should invite them to our activities, and attend theirs. When Samia was new, and lived in a neighboring shire, she clearly remembers the Nordskogen Baron and Baroness as "her" baronage. We need to be that for other newcomers, too.**
- How should Nordskogen interact with the Kingdom? (volunteers/finances/physical resources) **We believe the Barony should continue to serve when asked and/or when the desire calls to us. We are all members of multiple layers of the organization – from guilds and households, to Cantons, Barony, Kingdom, and Society. We each find different ways to give to this community, while maintaining balance with other parts of our lives.**
12. What personal associations (household(s), dependent relationships, etc.) do you have and what effect will they have on you being the Baronage? What effects will the Baronage have on them? **Samia is protégé to Geoffrey and Anne. Both Geoffrey and Samia are members in House Wortham, a service household with members from across Northshield. Currently, House Wortham members David and Claire serve as Territorial Baron and Baroness of Castel Rouge. Clearly, if Geoffrey and Samia are selected to serve as Territorial Baron and Baroness, this would have an impact on House Wortham, largely by changing the focus of activities again, as Hrodir and Anne's reigns have done. Samia is also friend-participation of House Cinquefoil, run by Dame Siobhan.**

It is important for everyone to understand that the relationship of Samia and Geoffrey should they become Baroness and Baron will be as Equals not as Dependent and Peer. Also we want people to know that our shared household will not be favored above any one person or group in the Barony. We will be Territorials for all of the people in the Barony equally.

SCA Resumes for Geoffrey and Samia

Master Geoffrey of Warwick, Baron of the court of Finn II and Garlanda II
Persona: 14th Century English

Archery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I've participated in archery within the Society since the mid to early 80's. Her Grace Anne and I restarted interest in archery within the Barony (back in the 80's) when it was down to a single individual and grew it from there• I've held the position of Archery Captain for the Barony and have been an archery marshal for longer than I can remember• I've also had the honor of being the second archery champion for the Kingdom of Northshield during the reign of Wulfgar & Devon. I was also a member of Northshield Archery Champions team at Pennsic during the reign• I hold the titles of Companion of the Green Wood within the Kingdom of the Middle and the Aquila et Fulmen within the Kingdom of Northshield• I have been a Marshal in Charge of archery tournaments more times than I can remember
Exchequer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I held the office of local Exchequer for the Barony sometime during the 80's• I've also been the regional exchequer for the area known as Northshield prior to it becoming a Principality• I also held the office of "Bad Checks" within Northshield for 71 months (2004 to 2010)
Vicar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I was appointed by the Crown of the Middle Kingdom as Vicar to the Barony of Nordskogen during the tenure of Baron Caradoc and Baroness Bridget• During that time I held local courts and represented the Barony outside of the group
Territorial Baron	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I had the great honor of being the Baron of Nordskogen from 1994 to 2003• During that time Her Grace Anne & I created local awards for the Barony, held numerous local & regency courts and represented the Barony throughout the Known World• During our tenure weekly meetings would bring in upwards of 70 gentles on the high end of attendance
Rapier	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I was granted the privilege of joining the ACME school of swordplay where I learned most of my current skills at rapier• I authorized in rapier at the tender age of 50• I hold the award of the Queen's Glove and I'm a cadet to Magnifico Nicollo Falconetto• I've been the local Group Marshal for Rapier in the Barony and I'm currently a Marshal of the Field within the Society• I have been Marshal in Charge of numerous rapier tournaments
Arts & Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I'm NOT talented in the area of the Arts & Sciences but I have contributed in the past by being part of the tallying team during the Midrealm A&S Fairs for many years.

Sayyeda Samia al-Kaslaania, Baroness of the court of Hrodir III and Anne II
 Persona: 1066 in Egypt, Fatimid Caliphate

Service – Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy to the Seneschal – Transitioning and New Groups –Current • Deputy to the Minister of Arts and Sciences – Judge Coordinator -- Current • Herald at Large –Current • Assistant to SUN Chancellor – Schedule maven 2010
Service—Local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nordskogen – Minister of Arts and Sciences --Current • Warriors and Warlords – Exchequer 2011-12 • Nordskogen—Raffle coordinator to Bloomington –12th Night 2011 • Nordskogen – Raffle coordinator to City of Columbia Heights – 12th Night 2010 • Nordskogen—Deputy to the Chatelaine—Shepherd to a cohort of newcomers for six months in 2011-2012 • Nordskogen—Interim Exchequer 2008
Volunteer management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nordskogen site tokens – 30 volunteers – 2015 • Rockhaven –Soup Kitchen Manager—SUN 2014 • Nordskogen --Co-Event Steward – Crown Spring 2009 • Nordskogen-- Co-Event Coach for new event stewards—12th Night 2007 • Nordskogen-- Co-Event Steward –Coronation Spring 2007 • Activity Steward—Baronial Open House—Warriors and Warlords 2005-6 • Korsvag—Co-Event Steward-- Spring Investiture and Coronet Tourney 2002 • Korsvag –Event Steward – A Village Harvest Festival 2000
Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largess 10 for 10 Challenge – Spring Coronation 2014 • Baronial Cook's Champion – 2014 • Griffin Needle Challenge Judge 2013 • Griffin Needle Challenge Team Captain—six times • Calontir Arts and Sciences—Volunteer judge 2013 • Website www.IdleLion.net
Teaching (Class titles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in Arts and Sciences Competitions 2014 • Middle Eastern Dancers in Period Images 2012 • Middle Eastern Clothing Layers 2013, 2011 • Camp Cooking (with Sol and THL Alissende) 2010-2012 • Basic Middle Eastern Garb 2011, 2010 • Middle Eastern Tiraz 2007
Martial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equestrians – Camp cook and supporter 2006-2009

Samia SCA Resume 2015

UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

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

KNOWN WORLD METAL AND GLASS SYMPOSIUM, THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 9 AM THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPT. 6, 2 PM

Hosted by the Canton of Blachemere

New Site: Bellringer Estates, 19848 East Bethel Blvd NE, East Bethel MN 55011

<https://sites.google.com/site/knownworldmetalandglass/home>

Steward: Meistari Katriona ni Chonarain

Thurs./Fri. arrival: \$20 adult; \$10 age 7-17; age 6 & under free; Sat./Sun. arrival: \$10 adult; \$5 age 7-17; age 6 & under free

\$20 fee per tent for the weekend; \$5 fee for all non-members; Merchants free

Checks payable to: SCA Inc., Shire of Rivenwood Towers

DEMO OF THE SCA FOR CAPONI ART PARK, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 11 AM-4 PM

Here is a link to Nordskogen's site for demo volunteers: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1411154775854907>

Here is a link to the Caponi Art Park's site for the demo: <http://www.caponiartpark.org/programs/medievalfair/>

Here is a link to directions to the park: <http://www.caponiartpark.org/visit/hours>

MICHAELMAS, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Hosted by the Canton of Nordleigh

Claudine de la Tour's Home, 10922 E. 270th St., Elko MN 55020

<https://sites.google.com/site/nordleighmichealmas/home>

\$5 fee/person (+\$5 non-member surcharge); Free for children under 13

Outdoor event; Potluck meal; Alcohol allowed; Free camping; Goats and chickens on site

Archery (walking shoot); Bardic Activities; Dancing

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SITE AND SCHEDULE

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

Meetings end at 9:00 pm.

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 12th 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 pm. Metal Parking slots are always off limits.

9/2: Meeting cancelled so everyone can get ready for the Known World Metal and Glass Seminar

9/9: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing

Room 107: Rapier practice

9/16: Room 106A: Business meeting & socializing

Room 107: Rapier practice

9/23: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing

Room 107: Rapier practice

9/30: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing

Room 107: Rapier practice

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