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## A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

*Greeting to Blachemere, Nordleigh, and Nordskogen!*

*We have three new champions to support the Barony!*

- *Lady Lewke verch Gwilim presented a wonderful dish of Roman pork and takes the title of Baronial Cooking Champion.*
- *Lady Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig presented re-creation shoes from the early Irish period and takes the title of Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion.*
- *Master Viði Hovdestad presented skill and chivalry on the range and takes the title of Baronial Archery Champion.*
- *Vivant to each of the individuals—over 25 in all—who presented themselves for consideration of a Championship. You all delighted and impressed Us throughout the day.*

*A smaller soiree will take place on Wednesday, November 9 starting at 6:30—a Boffer Tournament! Garb is welcome for participants to support our younger armored participants. The early start time accommodates both the participants' "pumpkin time" and provides the generous fencers the remainder of the practice time. Please invite other young participants to see what we do and decide if it's right for them.*

*Speaking of armored and fencing—Blachemere will be hosting Fighter's Retreat on November 19, at Lord of Life Church. We will both be in attendance, and Baroness Samia would love company while watching the activities and sewing on Her projects.*

*Our next big Baronial shindig will be the Toys for Tots tournaments. While most people did not express a strong preference either way, the tournament will take place during a regularly scheduled weekly activity. We are working on a new variant to the theme where toys can be used to "buy" a card with a tournament disruption or combatant affliction. Of course, ultimately, the goal is to support local families for the holiday season and we hope you can join us for merriment and a great cause.*

*In faithful service to the dream,  
Baron Geoffrey and Sitt al-Thullaja*



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DANCE PRACTICE, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 6:30-8:30 P.M.**

We will be trying out Thursday evenings for dance practice for a couple of months. Our November practice will be on Thursday, Nov. 10, in Room 107. The time is 6:30-8:30 p.m. The theme is yet to be determined. Please rsvp to Rosanore of Redthorn at [susanhenry\\_46@yahoo.com](mailto:susanhenry_46@yahoo.com) or on Facebook by messaging Susan Guthmann Henry or by posting to the Nordskogen Dancers Facebook page.

### **YOUTH BOFFER TOURNAMENT, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, ROOM 107 AT THE GPS**

Please join us for a Youth Boffer Tournament! Doors will open at 6 pm and the tournament will begin at 6:30 pm. Garb is encouraged. The early start-time is to accommodate some of the participants' "pumpkin time". Fencing practice will continue after the tournament.

### **HEAVY WEAPONS PRACTICE: TUESDAY NIGHTS IN SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS**

#### **CANCELLED TUESDAY, NOV. 8, DUE TO THE ELECTION**

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 P.M.**

#### **CANCELLED TUESDAY, NOV. 8, DUE TO THE ELECTION**

The next boffer practice for the Barony of Nordskogen will be Tuesday, November 22. We will be meeting at the Barony's Heavy Weapons practice site in South Minneapolis at Brackett Park, 2728 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN, 55406. Here's a link to a map: <http://tinyurl.com/tuespractic>

### **MAKING 12<sup>TH</sup> NIGHT DECORATIONS AT THE NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup>, AND 30<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY MEETINGS**

We will be working on painting very large fabric maps as part of the decorations, to be used at the Barony of Nordskogen's Twelfth Night event in January of 2017. The theme is the Silk Road, so we will be depicting sites along the famous trade route. Materials for the work, (e.g. brushes, cups, and fabric paints) will be provided. Wear clothing that you don't mind getting paints on, or bring a smock if you would like to participate. No prior artistic experience is required. If you can color within the lines, you can help!

### **BLACKSMITHING AND WOODWORKING ON THURSDAYS, 7-9PM—CANCELLED INDEFINITELY**

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 or at: [irontreeworks@gmail.com](mailto:irontreeworks@gmail.com) before you head over.

**Notes from the Nordskogen Business Meeting, October 19, 2016**  
**Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail (Robyn Beth Priestley) presiding**  
**Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan G. Henry) recording**  
**Approx. 30 in attendance**

**Announcements**

**Twelfth Night website address is: [nordskogentn.wordpress.com](http://nordskogentn.wordpress.com)**

Duchess Petranella Fitzallen of Weston: Folks will be working on making tokens for Princess Aibhilin Fhionn at the regular Monday night sewing on Oct. 24 at her house. Exacto knives will be used and, therefore, band aids will be available.

Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn: OT announcement: RingRingPoetry.com is a source for interactive poetry, audible only, on a variety of sites around the Twin Cities, including a “choose your own adventure” style poem for the George Latimer Central Library in downtown Saint Paul.

Lady Gwyneth no Chonarain is selling Xmas wreaths tonight and maybe next week. This sale is to help fund a trip to Europe with her Girl Scout troop.

**Introductions**

**Call to order**

**Officers' Reports**

**Seneschal, Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail:**

A Survey Monkey skill survey on what folks can teach and what they wish to learn will soon be set up. Deputy seneschal and deputy chronicler are needed. Lady Niamh can get you the information on modifications to ad policy for Northshield's kingdom newsletter, the Northwatch. Please keep attendance counts of all of our gathering; an average is fine. The Kingdom Seneschal likes getting these figures.

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

Heavy practice is going smoothly.

**Boffer, Lord Ulf inn hugprudi:**

Attendance at boffer practice is waning a bit with the start of school, hopefully will revive.

**Thrown Weapons Captain, Lady Idonea le Lakere:**

Continuing as long as weather will allow. So, come out while you can! Some damage has happened to loaner equipment. Will be working on a proposal for replacement cost and will present it sometime this winter.

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

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

Thanks to those who came to the Fall Moot on October 9. New champions chosen at the Fall Moot:

**Archery:** Master Viði Hovdestad; **Cooking:** Lady Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky;

**A&S:** Lady Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig. Please consider making a donation to the Barony.

**MoAS, Lady Helena the Quiet:** not present (in Europe...)

**Chatelaine, Lord Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa:** not present (in Europe...)

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

Things go in, things go out. Will try to finish up the inventory on Saturday, Oct. 22.

**Exchequer, Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote:**

August ending balance:	\$ 21,485.42
Income:	\$ 259.70
Expenditures:	(\$ 891.10)
September ending balance:	\$ 20,854.02
Balance Change:	-\$ 631.40

Donations to the Barony to date: \$2,076.52

Early reminder: will need an inventory of Baronial property by the end of 2016.

**Webminister, Lady Lewke verch Gwilim (called Lucky):** not present but sent report  
Forms up and functioning. Also, 12<sup>th</sup> Night website is up and functioning. Officers need to get their individual g-mail forwarding set up. They should contact Lady Lewke if they have any questions.

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

Rapier practice is going along just fine. 5 sets of loaner gear completed and punch tested. 5 sets left to complete. A project night will be held at the October 26 Wednesday meeting to help finish the remaining sets.

**Clerk of Precedence, Baroness Coquette du Lyons:** not present

**Herald, Lady Checheyigen Oyugun:** not present

**Chronicler, Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn:**

Everything is fine and on time and I'm looking for a deputy.

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

**Fighters' Mats and Rack: Duke Vladimir Radescu**

The Barony has a rack that can hold 9 mats. Currently, we have 17 mats between us and Blachemere. Need to modify current rack or get a new one. Baron Frederick de Fulbert is working on a possible new one. Duke Vlad will come to next month's mtg. with estimates on repair or replacement. The current rack will be ok as long as it is not moved.

**Events****12<sup>th</sup> Night Update: Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke**

The website now open. (The address is listed under the announcements above.) Staff: check your information and send in additions/corrections. Original feast steward is now Her Highness. Never fear, Plan B is in effect, with Lady Niamh in charge, ably assisted by her band of merry helpers. Menu will be up shortly. The registration form is live. You can print out the form, fill it out, and send it to Lord Bazyli who will take care of things after he returns, starting on November 1. Dame Siobhan will be looking for volunteers soon, especially for gate and cleanup. There will be a form for volunteers to fill out. Banner painting will be happening at many Wednesday meetings before January.

**Folk Moot: Baron Geoffrey of Warwick**

Thinking of doing next moot in February, probably the first week. (The Baron's favorite holiday is Groundhog Day.) *[The Chronicler notes that Groundhog Day happens to fall on the period holiday of Candlemas.]*

### Toys for Tots: Baron Geoffrey of Warwick

Checking to see if Wed., 12/7 or Sat., 12/10 (week after Boar's Head; nothing on Kingdom calendar) will work. Location for possible Saturday is unsure at this point. Messing up by non-combatants will have some limits, maybe using cards. Archery Toys for Tots: maybe Sunday, 12/11. Decision will be made by next Wednesday. Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping (called Khadijah) noted that she is always willing to deliver the toys.

### BOD Meeting, April 22, 2017:

Her Highness Aibhilin Fhionn is still planning on doing the evening reception. Will probably need some help. Please mark this date on your calendars.

### **Proposed Calendar for the rest of 2016**

**All meetings are at our regular Wednesday site at GPS, unless otherwise indicated**

### **October**

Thursday 20: Dance Practice

Wednesday 26: Rapier Loaner Gear Sewing/Rapier Practice

### **November**

Wednesday 2: 12<sup>th</sup> Night Banners/Rapier Practice

Tuesday 8: Armored and Boffer Practice at Brackett Park Cancelled Due to the Election

Wednesday 9: Policy Committee/12<sup>th</sup> Night Banners/Boffer Tourney/Rapier Practice

Thursday 10: Dance Practice

Wednesday 16: Business meeting, Financial Committee mtg. after/Rapier Practice

Wednesday 23: Informal gatherings of rapier combatants and banner painters

Wednesday 30: 12<sup>th</sup> Night Banners/Rapier Practice

### **December**

Wednesday 7: Toys for Tots? If not, 12<sup>th</sup> Night Site Tokens

Saturday 10: Toys for Tots?

Wednesday 14: Business meeting/Rapier Practice

Wednesday 21: 12<sup>th</sup> Night Site Tokens/Rapier Practice

Wednesday 28: 12<sup>th</sup> Night Banners, etc./Rapier Practice

### **January 2017**

Wednesday 4: 12<sup>th</sup> Night Preparations/Rapier Practice

**Meeting adjourned.**



### **Hadrian's Wall: Life on the Roman Frontier - Free online course**

Explore the archaeology of the most heavily fortified frontier in the Roman Empire, its people and their lives.



Interested in the Romans in Britain? The University of Newcastle is repeating its popular online course (with FutureLearn) about Hadrian's Wall. To sign up for the course, go here:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/hadrians-wall>

There are also a series of blogs about facets of the Wall here:

<https://blogs.ncl.ac.uk/ltdev/category/moocs/hadrians-wall/>

These FREE online courses are a lot of fun. You can work on them anytime, go back to any sessions you may have missed, and often you can work ahead of the schedule.

*Recommended by: Countess Alys Katharine, O.L., O.P, of the Midrealm*

### **Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation**

October 30, 2016 - January 15, 2017

Target Galleries at MIA, 2400 Third Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN, 55404

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#### **Exhibition Overview**

Five hundred years ago, one man took a stand that shook Europe and changed the world. Now you can see the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation brought to life through astonishing artworks and historical objects, traveling outside Germany for the first time ever. Luther used art and the newly invented printing press to challenge Europe's leaders and spread a revolution of religious, cultural, and societal change. This exhibition includes paintings, sculpture, gold, textiles, and works on paper—as well as Luther's personal possessions and recent archaeological finds—that shed new light on an explosive era and the man who ignited it.



Organized in cooperation with the Minneapolis Institute of Art; Luther Memorials Foundation of Saxony-Anhalt, Wittenberg; Deutsches Historisches Museum, Berlin; Foundation Schloss Friedenstein Gotha; under the Leadership of the State Museum of Prehistory, Halle (Saale). Its realization has been made possible due to the support of the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany within the framework of the Luther Decade.

*Maestra Giovanna highly recommends this exhibition, saying: "We are getting items that have never left Germany and the accompanying exhibit guide is 2 volumes and about 400 pages."*



## UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

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

### FIGHTERS' RETREAT, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 9:00 A.M-5:00 P.M.

**Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303—BONE DRY**

Site Fees: \$15.00 at the door; Members pay \$10.00

Checks payable to: Canton of Blachemere

<https://sites.google.com/site/fightersretreat/>

Merchanting space will be available. To reserve space, please contact: Warren Barrows at [Barrows\\_Pronto@yahoo.com](mailto:Barrows_Pronto@yahoo.com)

### ON THE SILK ROAD - A NORDSKOGEN TWELFTH NIGHT, JAN. 7-8, 2017

**Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey MN 55303—BONE DRY**

**Event Steward: Dame Siobhan Medhbh O'Roarke ([patsmor@yahoo.com](mailto:patsmor@yahoo.com) ; 916-718-1982)**

<https://nordskogentn.wordpress.com/>

**Costs:** Registration: \$20 (Includes Archery fee for Bwana on Sunday); Children (0-17): Free

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

**Feast:** \$15 at gate, \$13 in advance. Capacity: 90. Menu will be posted. Off-board seating is available for free.

**Pre-Registration opens November 1 and closes December 20.**

Make checks payable to **SCA Inc. – Barony of Nordskogen**

Welcome to the Silk Road, the main conduit of trade between the East and West.

Running through Kiev, Capital of Khazania, from whence Their Majesties' titles come, our Silk Road theme lets you explore all the cultures involved in this immense trade route.

Come, bring your favorite garb or explore a new one!

As part of our celebration, on Sunday morning, we will have archery at:

Bwana Archery Club, 3015 Country Dr., Little Canada, MN

### WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SITE AND SCHEDULE

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

**Meetings end at 9:00 p.m.**

**All of our weekly Wednesday meetings are held at: The Geek Partnership Society's Event Horizon  
In the Waterbury Building, the big red building at the corner of Jackson St. NE and Broadway St. NE,  
(1121 Jackson St NE, Minneapolis, MN, 55413)**

Enter at the **BACK** of the building. **Door 1121C** is the one closest to the rooms we are in.

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

**To get to the big parking lot at the back of the building and near our entrance doors:**

Go north on Jackson, driving past the little parking lot on the right (we don't park there), go to the end of the building, take the first right onto the street there which is Twelfth Ave. NE.

If you go over the railroad tracks, you've gone too far!

**Note: the slots with the STS signs are only reserved until 3 p.m. Metal Parking slots are always off limits.**

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| <b>11/2: Room 106A:</b> Short business meeting, announcements & socializing & 12 <sup>th</sup> Night Banner Painting    | <b>Room 107:</b> Rapier practice          |
| <b>11/9: Room 106A:</b> Announcements & socializing & 12 <sup>th</sup> Night Banner Painting & Policy Committee Meeting |   |
| <b>Room 107:</b> Youth Boffer Tournament: 6:00 pm--? Rapier practice afterwards. More info. above.                      |   |
| <b>11/16: Room 106A:</b> Announcements & Business Meeting & Financial Committee Meeting afterwards                      | <b>Room 107:</b> Rapier practice          |
| <b>11/23: Room 106A:</b> Informal gathering of banner painters  | <b>Room 107:</b> Informal rapier practice |
| <b>11/30: Room 106A:</b> Announcements & socializing & 12 <sup>th</sup> Night Banner Painting                           | <b>Room 107:</b> Rapier practice          |

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