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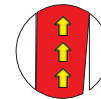
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Three important announcements have appeared from the Board of Directors this summer and are reprinted here to make sure that everyone has a chance to see them.

At the Board of Directors July 2018 meeting, the following changes to Corpora were approved and were to be considered effective immediately.

Corpora Article X, Grievances and Sanctions, A. General, Add Section 4: Hate Speech

Hate speech is not tolerated in the Society. Hate speech is speech or symbols that offend, threaten, or insult individuals or groups, based on race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or other traits. Such symbols and speech have no essential part of any discussion of ideas and are of so little value to the Society that any benefit that may be derived from them is clearly outweighed by the harm caused. The use by any participant in the Society may result in possible sanctions up to and including revocation of membership and denial of participation.

Please report any possible instances of hate speech to your Kingdom Seneschal, the Society Seneschal or the President of the SCA immediately. For more information about hate speech and the reporting of same, please refer to the Society Seneschal's Handbook.

SCA Statement of Core Values

In pursuing its mission, the SCA is committed to excellence in its programs, communications and activities and to

- act in accordance with the chivalric virtues of honor and service;
- value and respect the worth and dignity of all individuals;
- practice inclusiveness and respect pluralism and diversity;
- promote a safe and respectful environment for all SCA events;
- act with transparency, fairness, integrity and honesty;
- be a responsible steward of SCA resources; and,
- be committed to maintaining the trust of its members and participants.

It is the expectation of the SCA that its members and participants, in all events and activities of the SCA, will conduct themselves in accordance with these tenets.

[The following announcement appeared in August.]

SCA Mission Statement

After careful review and consideration of all feedback, the Board of Directors has decided to update the mission statement to be more in line with current society practices:

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is an international non-profit volunteer educational organization. The SCA is devoted to the research and re-creation of pre-seventeenth century skills, arts, combat, culture, and employing knowledge of history to enrich the lives of participants through events, demonstrations, and other educational presentations and activities.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank everyone who took the time to write in with their comments for the betterment of our society.

Should you have any comments, please send them with the subject line "Revised Mission Statement Aug 2018".

Comments on all three of these items are strongly encouraged and can be sent to:

SCA Inc.
Box 360789
Milpitas, CA 95036

You may also email comments@lists.sca.org.

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GENDER NEUTRAL TITLES FOR HOLDERS OF AWARDS OF ARMS

The SCA now has approved gender neutral titles for the AoA level. This information below is quoted from the Laurel Sovereign of Arms' July 2018 letter which can be found [here](#).

“From Pelican: Gender-neutral titles

The April LoPaD asked for commentary on three possible gender-neutral English titles at the Award of Arms level: Armiger, Gentle, and Noble.

Armiger literally means a person who bears arms. The word was used after names in our period, as in "Garl of Ducheman, Armiger". We approve its use as a title in the form "(Given Name), Armiger" or "(Name), Armiger."

We approve Noble as a title used before a given name, as in "Noble Sampsoun" or "Noble Edwarde".

The majority of commenters opposed restricting use of the word Gentle to Society members of a particular rank. Therefore, we are not protecting that word as a title at this time.”

[Notes from the editor:

The Laurel Sovereign of Arms is the highest ranking herald in the SCA.

“LoPaD” stands for “Letter of Pends and Discussions”. The LoPaD is defined as a letter written by the Sovereign(s) of Arms to identify submissions which have been pended and issues which require discussion by the College of Arms.

“Pelican” refers to the Pelican Sovereign of Arms. The Pelican Sovereign of Arms is one of the Laurel Sovereign of Arms’ two principal deputies and is responsible for the review of all name submissions for individuals and groups in the SCA and for determining if they should be accepted or returned for further work.]



A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings to the good people of Nordskogen,

Your generosity has supported scores of families again this year, through the gifts donated to Toys for Tots. Our Cousins in Jararvellir, the newly Invested Baron Toussaint and Baroness Jois, provided a good-natured challenge to the Barony to see who could bring the most gifts to support our communities. You continue to delight and honor our name both in the Kingdom, and in the Twin Cities. We particularly want to call out Lady Helisius, Lord Faelan, and Bwana Archery. Without their generous contributions of service, we would be a poorer community. Thank you.

In January, we will be stepping down after three years of service. We have taken great pleasure in serving you all and stepping down is a bittersweet experience. We are joyful to know those who will be Invested to succeed us, Gabriel and Caoilfhionn, will serve you well. Knowing you are in good hands, we are looking forward to dusting off projects that have gently called to us in these three years, patiently waiting for our hearts and hands to have room for them again.

*In loving service,
Geoffrey and Samia*



UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

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

ARCHERY TOYS FOR TOTS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018, 9-11 AM

Bwana Archery, 3015 Country Lane, Little Canada, MN, 55117

Steward: THL Faelan MacMillan (Will Perry), william.f.perry@gmail.com

For directions, see under the weekly archery announcement below.

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.

TOYS FOR TOTS TOURNAMENT AND POTLUCK, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018, 6-9 PM

The Geek Partnership Society's Event Horizon

In the Waterbury Bldg., the big red building at Jackson St. NE & Broadway St. NE

Steward: Lady Heliseus Morte d'Arbor (Stefanie Steele), steele104@gmail.com

Doors will open at 6:00 pm, the potluck will begin at 6:30 pm, and the tournament will begin at 7:00 pm.

There will be Armored and Rapier Combat lists, and, as always, the Toys for Tots event will feature some fun twists to the normal tournament style. Roll dice to determine the weapon type of your favorite fighter, bribe the list mistresses with toy donations, and witness family friendly shenanigans while enjoying a Minnesota potluck.

The potluck will be set up on tables outside of the tournament room. No need to sign up before hand, unless you need an outlet for a crock-pot; just show up and set up your delicious contribution. Although we enjoy those who show off their homemade cooking skills, store bought treats are also always welcome!

Please bring toy donations for the tournament, as you are able. All levels of donation are welcome! We are particularly looking for donations for the youngest and oldest age brackets (babies and teens), as they are the most typically under-donated groups. Here is a [link](#) to an article on buying toys for babies. Toys for Tots has some suggestions for teens: sporting equipment/bags/balls; books, backpacks, cosmetics, purses, watch/wallet gift sets, bath gift sets, board games, radio control cars/trucks, hand-held electronics, skateboards/helmets, curling irons, hair straighteners, and hair dryers.

Please be aware that realistic looking weapons and gifts with food will not be accepted by Toys for Tots.

NORDSKOGEN 12TH NIGHT, SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019, 8 AM-8 PM

Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN, 55303 Hosted by: Barony of Nordskogen

Event Steward: Lady Ceolwen ingen Adaim (Carrie Snyder), 715-577-2924, csnyder7496@outlook.com

Fees: Registration fee \$20 (includes Archery fee for Bwana on Sunday)

Registration fee with member discount \$15 (includes Archery fee for Bwana on Sunday)

Children 0-17: Free No merchant fee

Lunch Feast: \$5 Menu is available [here](#).

Please send any dietary questions or issues to the Feast Steward, [Lady Lewke verch Gwilim](#) / Erin Ahlstrom

Checks payable to SCA Inc-Barony of Nordskogen Pre-registration form is available [here](#).

Pre-reg ends January 5th.

Refunds must be requested no later than January 12th.

Site is handicap-accessible & has showers. As always, **the entire site, including the parking lot, is DRY.**

Activities will include armored combat, rapier, A&S display, dancing, youth boffer, and more!

Come and join us for a day full of fun, food, and family!!

NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe (Sarah Oldenburg Garcia) presiding
Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan G. Henry) recording
Approx. 25 in attendance

Call to order

Officers' Reports

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

Our Baroness is not here to share her germs because she loves us. This Saturday, 11/17: ToC/ToD sponsored by Blachemere--9-4:30 up at Lord of Life. Twelfth Night award recommendations are needed, mostly for the new Baron and Baroness. Sitt al-Thullaja and Baron Geoffrey will only be giving out the Rouge Bend. To make a recommendation, contact the [Baron](#) and [Baroness](#) or use the [awards recommendation form](#). THL Faelan MacMillan will be the archery Toys for Tots event steward. Date will be Sunday, December 9? Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir will talk to Bwana this weekend to confirm the date. Lady Helisius Morte d'Arbor will be the armored/rapier Toys for Tots event steward. The date for heavy/rapier Toys for Tots will be Wednesday, December 12.

Exchequer and Financial Report

Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote

September ending balance:	\$ 21,438.74
Income:	\$ 4,699.60
Expenditures:	\$ 6,173.69
October ending balance:	\$ 19,964.65
Balance Change:	(\$ 1,474.09)

Donations for the year 2018: \$2,079.32

Please note that a donation of \$3-10 per month per person would help us cover expenses. Harvest Home receipts are due by Nov. 21. Inventories of any Baronial property that you are holding are due by December 19. Need a new emergency Deputy. Exchequer wishes to step down by July 2019; please apply by May 2019. Short Finance Committee meeting after business meeting.

Seneschal, Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe: Need someone to talk to? Talk to her. Facebook or email.

Knight's Marshal, Sir Refkell Melrakki Einarsson: No injuries. Two newcomers this week. Need loaner armor to be returned and will be working on this.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: More people showing up and excited. 7 kids last time. Needs someone else to help out, preferably someone with heavy combat experience. This person will need a background check (there is no cost). This person can become a teaching marshal which is easier. There are 6 boffer marshals and 4 Marshals in Training in Northshield. We need to pick up some gear for older kids and some weight belts.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert: Not present. On hiatus until spring. Targets and target stands building planned.

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: Keeping germs at home. Via email, she reports that scribes are working on the backlog from Harvest Home and she says thanks for this. Scribal classes at SUN. Working on scrolls for Baronial court this weekend.

Officers Reports (con.)

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: Lady Niamh ingen Dhomnail: Quarterly report in on time. 11/28: Will be working on largesse for Jararvellir Baron and Baroness. Every other month: scribal arts project night. Samia: wants to set up a spoon carving class. No banner painting for Twelfth Night this year. Please let Helena know about your projects: SUN classes, new garb, whatever.

Chatelaine: Lady Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky: 5 contacts from new folks, 2 have actually come. Quarterly report submitted on time.

Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah: Still have stuff. Stuff left, stuff will be coming back. Sir Tom Tinninnabulum is taking care of them getting here for TOC/TOD.

Webminister, Lady Cecily of York: Not present.

Rapier Captain, Baroness Kolfinna Hrafnkelsdottir: Looking for a successor, wants to stop down at Twelfth Night.

Clerk of Precedence, Baroness Cynthia the Innocent: Working on having an up-to-date Baronial Order of Precedence for the new Baron and Baroness.

Herald, Lord Irial Féasruadh ó hIarnáin: Not present

Chronicler, Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn: Things are happening as usual.

Archery Captain, Lady Cyneburg: No injuries. Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir will be applying to be our Archery Captain. Archery practice is at Bwana this Sunday, Lord Augustein Baer Tesch is the MiC. Meistari Sefa is doing the next week. Barony hopes to put a year's worth of Bwana payments into the budget. Have enough for 53 shooters to last until the end of the year. If needed, Archery's \$100 budget can be put in.

Old Business

WWXVI

Dates: July 11-14, theoretical until contract is signed. WW website needs a new home.

Twelfth Night 2019

There is a new feast steward for the day board: Lady Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky.

Lady Lewke will need help on the day. Website goes up Saturday. There will be volunteer sign-ups. Pre-reg. will be live as soon as we have the form. Site tokens already done (a month and a half ago!). Need clean up volunteers.

Archery is covered.

Announcements

Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn: Dance tomorrow!

Baroness Amalia St. Edmund: There will be a jumble sale and silent auction at Twelfth Night. Will start collecting after Thanksgiving. Can be anything within reason: not dirty, not broken.

Meeting adjourned.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SITE AND SCHEDULE

Folks begin gathering between 6:30 & 7:00 p.m

Announcements are generally at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings end around 9:00 p.m.

Our weekly Wednesday meetings are held in:

The Geek Partnership Society's Event Horizon

In the Waterbury Building

The big red building at Jackson St. NE & Broadway St. NE,

(1121 Jackson St. NE, Minneapolis, MN, 55413.)

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

Enter at the **TRAIN TRACK (EASTERN) SIDE** of the building.

Door 1121C is the one closest to the rooms we are in.

To get to the big parking lot near our entrance door:

From Broadway St., 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., and take the next right into the parking lot. If you go over the railroad tracks, you've gone too far!

Note: Metal Parking slots are always off limits.

12/05: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing

Room 107: Rapier practice

Project Night: Spoon carving class: STARTS AT 6:45 P.M. Limited to 10.

Sign-ups are required. See under GENERAL NEWS below for more information.

12/12: Room 107: Toys for Tots Tournament and Potluck—more information above!

12/19: Room 106A: Business meeting & socializing

Room 107: Rapier practice

12/26: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing

Room 107: Rapier practice

Open Project Night: Bring your Twelfth Night Projects to work on!

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Toys for Tots Results

The total number of toys from both Toys for Tots events is 398! Many thanks to all of the participants!

Spoon Carving Project Night, Wednesday, December 5, 6:45 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

There has been an offer by Master Peter Joynar to teach spoon carving Wednesday, Dec. 5. He can take a total of 10 (two spots are already taken with a special request) so up to 8 additional people can take the class. Tools and materials will be provided so all that you need to bring is a willing attitude. The class will start at 6:45pm so that people have the full 2 hours plus some clean up time. Please comment in the [Barony of Nordskogen Facebook group](#) if you would like to participate. As of 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30, several openings remained.

Our New Baron and Baroness To Be

At Crown Tournament this weekend, Their Majesties Vlad and Petranella announced that the Honorable Lady Caoilfhionn inghen Cheallaigh ú Mhórdha [Colleen] and Baron Gabriel Kjotvason will be the next Baroness and Baron of Nordskogen. The transition will take place at Twelfth Night, Saturday, January 19, 2019.

Archery Captain Seeks A Successor

Our Archery Captain, Lady Cyneburg, is seeking a successor. Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir has applied for this position and a vote will be held at the December 19th business meeting.

Rapier Captain Seeks A Successor

Our Rapier Captain, Baroness Kolfinna Hrafnkelsdottir, wishes to step down at Twelfth Night and is seeking a successor. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact [Baroness Kolfinna](#). Your letter of interest is due to our [Seneschal](#). Please cc [Baroness Kolfinna](#) and our [Baron](#) and [Baroness](#). Please include what you consider to be your qualifications (mundane and SCA), and why you would like the job, or what you would hope to accomplish.

Nordskogen Exchequer Seeks New Deputy Exchequer

Our current Deputy Exchequer has expressed the desire to step down from the position so we need someone to step up and fill the position. Deputy Exchequer is a warranted position so you must be a paid member. Come and see me if you would like to take on the position of Deputy Exchequer or would just like to know more about the position. You can contact me on Facebook [here](#) or send me email at: exchequer@nordskogen.org.
Wolfstanus Lightfote, Exchequer, Barony of Nordskogen

Nordskogen Exchequer Seeks A Successor

Our Exchequer, Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote, wishes to step down in July 2019 and is seeking a successor. Applications are due by May 2019. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact [Lord Wolfstanus](#). Your letter of interest is due to our [Seneschal](#). Please cc [Lord Wolfstanus](#) and our [Baron](#) and [Baroness](#). Please include what you consider to be your qualifications (mundane and SCA), and why you would like the job, or what you would hope to accomplish.

WW Exchequer Seeks Successor

Greetings! It's [Arwa al-Jinniyya](#), your friendly neighborhood WW Exchequer. I'm looking for a new WW Exchequer to train up behind me next year and would love for that person to come from Nordskogen this time. Monthly duties are very light with most of the work taking place in the month of WW.

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

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