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A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings to the good folk of Nordskogen, Blachemere, and Nordleigh!

The harvest is gathered in, winds are rising, and temperatures are dropping. Those of you who, along with His Excellency, ventured out to Fall Crown have already experienced some snow on the way to an exciting tournament giving us our first ruler from Nordleigh. For Their Royal Highnesses Ciaran and Elis, skol! Congratulations also to THL Dane of Needham for winning the unbelt tourney.

We have set dates for this year's Toys for Tots tourneys, and be prepared: they're a bit early this year! The youth boffer tourney will be held at regular practice on Tuesday, November 19th. The rattan and rapier tournaments will take place at GPS during our Wednesday slot on November 20. Archery will most likely take place on Sunday, December 1, with an EARLY start time (pending approval by our site, Bwana). At these events, participants and attendees are encouraged (but not required) to bring items to donate to Toys for Tots. This year we will also be supporting a local organization, Holiday Socks of Love, which provides stockings filled with small gifts for Minnesota kids in foster care. We will select from donated small toys to fill stockings, so please consider including one or two small gifts (such as card games, markers or crayons, Play-Doh, gift cards, socks, ear buds, Mad Libs, kids' books) that will fit in a stocking.

Plans for Twelfth Night are well underway, and we're pleased to say that Lady Lia of Blackmore will be providing lunch at the event. The event stewards are still looking for someone to organize cleanup on Saturday evening. This position is important, but it doesn't take a lot of experience--just a willingness to find volunteers and direct them in putting away tables and cleaning. We're asking everyone to give an hour or two of time to help host this party: please talk to the stewards about running or volunteering for cleanup to help us maintain our reputation as a great rental client for the site!

Looking ahead, Blachemere is assembling a bid for Spring Crown and is looking for a feast steward. We have many experienced cooks in the area, so please consider volunteering or mentoring someone interested in running a feast. Contact Duke Tom Tinninnabulum (Thomas Holliday) if you're interested. Rumors of a regional fight practice in Nordleigh this spring have also come to our ears... stay tuned!

Outside of our lands, you will find Her Excellency at the Stellar University of Northshield in Inner Sea. We are also excited to attend the Feast of Boar's Head next month as our cousins Armond and Sofonisba of Caer Antherth Mawr celebrate the end of their term as baron and baroness and welcome Abelard and Ysolt to the baronial seats.

Please get your award recommendations in for Toys for Tots and Twelfth Night. The turning of the year is a busy time, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible despite the oncoming chill!

*As flakes fall,
Caoilfhionn and Gabriel, Baroness and Baron of Nordskogen*



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 the building on the **TRAIN TRACK (EASTERN) SIDE**.

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, drive 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.

11/06: **Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing **Room 107:** Rapier practice

First Wednesday: Scribal Arts Project Night!

11/13: **Room 106A:** Business meeting & socializing **Room 107:** Rapier practice

Note: Business meeting is a week early to make way for the Holiday Tourney.

11/20: **Room 106A and Room 107: HOLIDAY TOURNEY More info. below.**

11/27: **Room 106A:** Announcements & socializing **Room 107:** Rapier practice

UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

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

TOYS FOR TOTS/HOLIDAY SOCKS OF LOVE TOURNEY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020, 7-9 p.m.

The Geek Partnership Society's Event Horizon In the Waterbury Bldg., the big red building at Jackson St. NE & Broadway St. NE

More information coming soon!

Please bring toy donations for the tournament, as you are able. All levels of donation are welcome!

This year we will be supporting the Holiday Socks of Love project by selecting from smaller donated toys to fill stockings for MN kids in foster care so please consider including some smaller-sized toys in your donation. Examples of smaller toys include: card games, markers or crayons, Play-Doh, gift cards, socks, ear buds, Mad Libs, and kids' books.

We are also emphasizing 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.

Music CDs of popular teen music are also a fun idea. CDs from the "Now that's what I call Music" series are a safe bet.

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

TWELFTH NIGHT

SATURDAY, JAN. 11, 2020—SUNDAY, JAN. 12, 2020

Lord of Light Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey MN 55303

Event Stewards: Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah and Lord Irial Féasruadh ó hIarnáin

Planned activities currently include armored combat, rapier combat, archery (on Sunday), the jumble sale, and a scavenger hunt.

SCHÜTZENFEST XIII

5 PM, FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020--NOON, SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

Camp Singing Hills, 49496 193rd Ave, Waterville, MN 56096

Hosted by the Barony of Nordskogen in the lands of Rivenwood Tower

Use caution when locating the site via GPS. Please use directions given on the event website.

Event Steward: Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn

Join us for a weekend packed with archery, thrown weapons, and the competition for the title of Schützenkönig, king of marksmen!

OTHER WEEKLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

For more information on these meetings, see the current version of our weekly newsletter, the Nib, at this [link](#).

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Canton of Nordleigh's November A&S Meeting—Featuring Viking Garb

Nordleigh's November A&S meeting will be held on the second Thursday, November 14, from 7-10 pm at [St. Peter's Lutheran Church](#), 418 East Sumner St, Northfield, MN, 55057, in the Fellowship Hall. Enter the hall from the back parking lot. This month, we will focus on how to make a Viking lady's T-tunic chemise and outer gown, or a Viking man's T-tunic. As always, if you prefer, bring your own craft project suited to the tables and elbow room in a church hall. Questions? Please contact the MOAS, THL Ingeborg i Trondheimi, at: 443-813-2941 or at: lorraine.rovig@gmail.com

Twelfth Night A&S Competition

The A&S Competition at Twelfth Night is on the theme for the event, 40th Anniversary - Rubies.

We would ask the artisans and craftspeople - cooks and bards, armorers and moneyers, scribes and weavers - all our artisans of all levels to create wonderful Accessories to complement the theme - which means, accessories in red, with red gems, using the word red, etc. And we leave it to you to define the word "accessory" - it doesn't have to be an item for garb; it could be a meal accessory, an award accessory, a song or poem that accessorizes a person, place or thing... completely up to you!

Documentation is encouraged, but is optional, but please be prepared to at least provide a short (100-200 word) description of your entry.

And please remember that the site is completely dry - no alcohol of any kind is allowed on the premises, and that includes the parking lot, or we risk losing the site. This rule will be strictly enforced.

No pre-registration is necessary, but we do encourage notification with what you are bringing so that we can display it properly. We will try our best to accommodate your display needs, but if you have a special or very large item, please notify us.

Judging will be by populace bead count. And we are working on prizes. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Niamh.

Please contact THL Niamh ingen Dhonnail with questions and with notification of your items (including item size and any special display requests) at niamhnordskogen@gmail.com.

NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, OCTOBER 16, 2019

Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe (Sarah Oldenburg Garcia) presiding

Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan G. Henry) recording

Approx. 20 in attendance

Call to order

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel:

Her Excellency was sad that she missed largesse making for the Kingdom toy chest last week. Another round of kit making and instructions after meeting. Super easy to make! Examples of completed cute stuffed animals shown. Time for award recommendations for Twelfth Night!!!! Here are links to the recommendation forms:

Baronial recommendation form: <http://nordskogen.org/folks/order-of-precedence/make-an-award-recommendation/>

Kingdom recommendation form: <http://northshield.org/OrderOfPrecedence/Recommendation.aspx?Library/Awards>

The Baron went to Crown and had fun. The Baroness went to Kansas and spun wool for four days.

Seneschal, Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe:

Brought candy. Come get some! Has gone to a Kingdom level Seneschal meeting. Remember, always available for conversation, even if she looks busy.

Exchequer and Financial Report

Lady Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky

August 2019 ending balance: \$ 22,387.41

Income: \$ 2,142.82

Expenditures: \$ 130.00

September 2019 ending balance: \$ 24,400.23

Balance Change: \$ 2,012.82

Donations for the year 2019: \$3133.45

Please note that a donation of \$3-10 per month per person would help us cover expenses.

Officer budgets and inventories should be ready by the October business meeting.

Brief financial committee meeting after business meeting.

Chronicler, Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn: All is going well. Will be sending out a message about Quill deadline.

Herald, Lord Irial Féasruadh ó hIarnáin: Dormant.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: Scribal happened this month. Toys should be done by November business meeting, Nov. 20, week before Thanksgiving.

Knight's Marshal, THL Helgi Moosebane: Not present but reported via email. Not much to report. Average attendance: 5-6 knights; 7-10 unbelts. No injuries.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: Had three people and it went really well. Nordskogen's gear went to Crown and thanks to Kristin for taking it because otherwise there wouldn't have been any boffer at Crown.

Rapier Captain, THL Sven Asvaldaron: No injuries. Average: 12-14. Need new lock for storage locker. Has money in the rapier budget to spend on this.

Officers' Reports (con.)

Chatelaine, Jelena di Paganía: Three in person new folks, 1 via email (and this person was one of those who came to the meeting last week), 7 via Facebook. Jelena and Webminister meeting this Sunday. Wants to do a newcomers' evening before 12th Night. Looking for input. No injuries.

Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir: No reported injuries. Attendance: variable. In Bloomington, weather permitting. On the 27th, a Halloween theme—prizes and treats.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert: Not present.

Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent: Award recommendations!!!! (See links under Their Excellencies' report above.)

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: Not present. First Wednesdays continuing. Many scribal classes at SUN so check this out. 12th Night recommendations!!!! (See links under Their Excellencies' report above.)

Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah: Now TWO locks on the shed, including a new round lock. Inventory has been turned in. 13 tables; we should sell some or all. No injuries or mysterious presents. A Keurig may be donated. Get a big traditional coffee pot?

Webminister, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim: Not present but reported via email. Will be meeting with Jelena about marketing. Working on a hard copy of instructions on how to be a Webminister in Nordskogen.

Old Business

Twelfth Night 2020

Staff: Event Stewards: Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah/Kay Marszalek;

Lord Irial Féasruadh ó hIarnáin/Sean O'Leary;

A&S Competition: Lady Niamh ingen Dhonnail/Robyn Beth Priestley; **Archery:** Duchess Anne Geoffreys of Warwick;

Armored Combat: Sir Taion Orbanus; **Dance:** THL Dafydd Arth/Dave Lankford;

Gate: THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa/Markus Olsson; **Jumble Sale:** Jelena di Paganía/Tracie Hodgdon;

Merchant Coordinator: Master Tosten du Calais/Doug Van Beek;

Rapier: Herr Just Von Stichem/Jacob Aufderheide; **Royalty Liaison:** Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote/Ayron Edwards;

Scavenger Hunt: Lady Brigitta/Mary Fitzgerald; **Webminister:** Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn/Susan G. Henry
Need map and meeting requests. Royal meetings will be happening in the royalty room. Probably two vigils. Still need a few marshals. Lunch proposal has been received from Lady Lia of Blackmore and Lady Theophania Whitacres.

Proposed menu is 3 hand pies: a meat pie, a vegetarian option and a fig pie, along with fruit, sliced cheese, and pickled vegetables. All pies will have a gluten free crust option, and they are prepared to list all ingredients and supply the recipes as well. They would like to offer coffee and hot apple cider, and would have plates, napkins, and cups. They are hoping to make about 180 of the lentil and meat pies, and 250 of the fig pies. Each pie contains about a quarter cup of filling, and are nicely hand sized and stand up to eating with the hand. They would need 2-3 people to help bake the pies on the day of (from frozen) and possibly some help prior to the event to make the pies. \$5 lunch fee is suggested to cover the costs. The difficulties of baking this number of pies in the small ovens at Lord of Life was discussed. An alternative to this will be pursued.

New Business

Toys for Tots/stocking stuffers for foster children. Bigger toys or stocking stuffers requested. Need someone to run it. Tribaldi will run the rapier portion and Sefa will run archery portion on 12/1 if Bwana agrees. Business meeting on 11/13; Toys for Tots on 11/20. Boffer mini Toys for Tots at their regular practice on Tuesday, 11/19.

Announcements

No dance tomorrow!

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.