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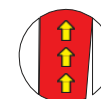
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A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

Unto all good folk of Nordskogen, Nordleigh, and Blachemere, greetings!

In December 1979, the Shire of Nordskogen became the Barony of Nordskogen. At Twelfth Night we therefore celebrate our fortieth anniversary as a barony with martial tournaments, an arts and sciences competition, a delicious lunch, dancing, shopping, and many other activities on Saturday, January 11, and an archery competition at Bwana Archery on Sunday, January 12. It will bring together many of the things that we love about our barony and the Society as we visit with old friends and meet new ones. We hope to see many of you there!

The new year is a time of resolutions and fresh starts, and the turn of a decade adds to the symbolic weight of change. All clichés aside, we have a serious plea for you: we need volunteers. We need them at all levels, from chair movers to event stewards to kingdom officers. Need training? We can help you find it. Got ideas? We can help you make them real!

Please start with Twelfth Night. Nordskogen has more than 300 active members, but as of this writing, only eight of us have volunteered to help make Twelfth Night happen. Three people from outside the barony have volunteered as well. Half of these people are filling more than one shift at the event.

We are sure that many of you are waiting until after the holiday rush, or perhaps planning to volunteer when you arrive at the event. Please take time now to find a shift you can cover. It is immensely helpful (and stress-relieving!) to the staff to have volunteers arranged ahead of time, especially when we have relatively short windows to set up and tear down the event.

If everybody wishes to attend but nobody is willing to make it happen, the event will not continue. This may sound alarmist, but our former home in Calontir had to cancel their 2019 Twelfth Night, after 35 years, due to lack of volunteers. We can't just assume that someone else will keep it going.

Friends, the event schedules have been posted. The volunteer signup is here:

<https://nordskogentn.wordpress.com/volunteer-signup/> Please commit an hour or two of time to make Twelfth Night happen. Many of us are stressed right now and looking to the SCA for a respite. But we ourselves are the only people who can maintain this Dream, this fleeting bubble of anachronism, in the years to come.

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.

01/01: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing	Room 107: Rapier practice
CANCELLED FOR THE HOLIDAY!	
01/08: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing	Room 107: Rapier practice
Scribal Arts Project Night!	
01/15: Room 106A: Business meeting & socializing	Room 107: Rapier practice
01/22: Room 106A: Announcements & socializing	Room 107: Rapier practice
01/28: 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.

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

Fees: Registration (18+) – \$15; Registration for Members (18+) – \$10; Minors (0–17) – *Free*

Lunch: \$5. Go [here](#) for the lunch menu.

Please preregister so we know how much to make for lunch. Preregistrations are due by **January 4, 2020.**

Schedule is [here](#).

Please signup to volunteer [here](#).

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

Event Steward: Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn Hosted by the Barony of Nordskogen in the lands of Rivenwood Tower

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

Twelfth Night Lunch Needs Cooking Help—Weekend of January 4th and 5th

Hello all! Lady Lia of Blackmore, our lovely lunchocrat for Twelfth Night. will be pre-cooking a lot of the food for the event the weekend of the 4th and 5th of January, all day both days and would love some help. If you can help, please contact her at: liisidi.ggt@gmail.com or message her [here](#) on Facebook

Greetings To Stabbing Inclined Griffins!

We would like to officially invite our fellow Northshields out for a big fencing practice on Sunday, Jan. 5, from 2 pm to 4 pm at the [UW Madison Stock Pavilion](#), 1675 Linden Drive, Madison, WI, 53706-1284. (We have the pavilion starting at noon, so while the official rapier practice starts at 2, we can start earlier to make it more worthwhile for those traveling from out of town.) Come fight folks outside your usual group, review melee strategy in prep for Gulf Wars, and I am sure at least a few folks will be grabbing dinner afterwards. Spread the word! Hope to see you there! YIS, THL [Clydwyn Gwehydd](#)

TOYS FOR TOTS/SOCKS OF LOVE FINAL TALLY
From Baroness Caoilfhionn

The totals for the 2019 Toys for Tots and Holiday Socks of Love tournaments are in, and my heart is bursting! With two hours of challenging shoots and unexpected rule changes, the archery tournament on Sunday brought in 213 toys total (151 donated that day and 62 donated early for Socks of Love after the tourney was rescheduled). Combined with 282 toys donated during the rapier tournament and 50 during the youth boffer tournament, we have donated a whopping 545 toys to kids who might not otherwise get gifts this holiday season.

My friends, I'm overcome by your generosity and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who donated, entered a tourney, marshaled, organized, counted toys, and otherwise made this multipart tourney happen!

Note from the Editor: Last year's final total was 398, so this is about a 37% increase!

TWELFTH NIGHT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check the [site map](#) for the locations of all Friday and Saturday activities listed below.

Archery **Marshal in Charge:** Duchess Anne Geoffreys of Warwick/Nancy Cuno-Schmitz; annegeoffreys@gmail.com

Saturday: Inspections for the Sunday tournaments will be held from Noon to 2:00 p.m. in the South Gym.

Sunday: The Twelfth Night Archery Tournaments will be held at the [Bwana Archery Range](#) in Little Canada from 9-11 am. See p. 2 above for directions. Loaner gear will be available. Fees are included in the Twelfth Night fees.

Armored Combat **Marshal in Charge:** Sir Taion Orbanus **Location:** Martial Activities Area

Schedule: 9 a.m.-10 a.m.: Inspection and Authorizations by appointment. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Magic Tourney
This year we are running a Magic Tournament. No consort is needed this year.

Everyone will get to fight every round. The best AoA/ non AoA fighter will win the AoA cup.

The best GoA fighter/ AoA/ non AoA fighter can win the GoA cup. The best overall fighter will win the Chiv cup.

The tourney will be determined by points with random draw to start. Then fighters will be matched by similar points. Each round will be worth a combination of 10 points.

Dance **Dance Master:** [THL Daffyd Arth](#) / Dave Lankford; davebearin@yahoo.com

Schedule and Location: Dancing will be held in the Youth Center room from 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

We are pleased to be able to offer dancing again this year. All skill levels are welcome to participate!

Proposed dance list for Twelfth Night:

Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Gathering Peascods	Gelosia	Earl Of Salisbury
Black Alman	Upon A Summer's Day	New Boe Peep
Petit Riens	Black Nag	Picking of Sticks
Montarde	Contrapasso In Due	Gracca Amorosa
Maid Peeped Out the Window	Horse Bransle	Washerwoman's Bransle
Vita di Cholino	Whirligig	Jenny Pluck Pears
Heart's Ease	Rufty Tufty	Trenchmore
Dance Game: Pinwheel	Dance Game: Clog Bransle	

Jumble Sale and Silent Auction—Seeking Donations and Organizational Help

Hi, Jelena Pagani here! I'm ready for you to start thinking about donations for the Twelfth Night Jumble Sale and Silent Auction! I will begin accepting donations at the first Wednesday meeting of December! Promissory notes for services will be gladly accepted. Make 'em pretty! If you can't get it to Wednesday meetings, we can arrange for some other option. As last year, I will not be taking anything the day of the event, but we're setting up the night before, and if you can get it to me by then, that's would be swell! I'm also accepting offers of volunteer help! The easiest way to get me is to private message me [here](#).

TWELFTH NIGHT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

Please check the [site map](#) for the locations of all Friday and Saturday activities listed below.

Jumble Sale and Silent Auction—Hours at Twelfth Night

Friday night, January 10th, 2020

- Setup 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Deadline for item drop-off: 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 11th, 2020:

- 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.: Setup
- 9:30 a.m.: Item drop off deadline for out-of-towners **by pre-arrangement only**
- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Jumble sale
- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Silent Auction
- 3:00 p.m.: Bidding ends and the highest bidder (or their representative) has 15 minutes to come to pay and collect their item.
- 3:15 p.m.: 2nd highest bidders (or their representative) have 15 minutes to come pay and collect for any item that has been defaulted by the highest bidder.
- 3:30 p.m.: 3rd highest bidders (or their representative) have 15 minutes to come pay and collect for any item that has been defaulted by the 2nd highest bidder.
- 3:45 p.m.: All sales end and clean up / tear down begins.

Lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the atrium **Fee: \$5**

Lunch Stewards: Lady Lia of Blackmore/Ana Shirley; ilisidi.ggt@gmail.com
Theophania Whittacres/Stephanie Zuercher; stephzuercher@gmail.com

Menu **Check here for recipes.**

Three Hand Pies: Meat, Vegetarian, and Fig

Accompaniments: Fruit, Sliced Cheese, and Pickled Vegetables.

Beverages: Coffee and Hot Apple Cider.

All pies will have a gluten free crust option. All ingredients and recipes will be listed.

Cooking help is requested for the weekend of January 4th and 5th. More information can be found under **General News and Announcements** above.

Meetings

Northshield Courtesans will be presenting an Informal Salon all day in their Ruby Red tent which will be set up along the east side of the South Gym.

Order of the Laurel Meeting: In the Royalty Room, time to be determined.

Order of the Masters of Defense Meeting: In the Royalty Room, time to be determined.

Seneschals Meeting: Noon-1:30 p.m. in the Library.

Farming Guild Meeting: Noon-2:00 p.m. in the Large Classroom which is marked "MoD Mtg." on the [site map](#).

Heralds and Scribes Meeting: 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Aquila et Fulmen Meeting: 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Small Classroom which is marked "Aq et Fu" on the [site map](#).

Masters of Defense Open Listening Session: 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Large Classroom which is marked "MoD Mtg." on the [site map](#).

TWELFTH NIGHT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

Please check the [site map](#) for the locations of all Friday and Saturday activities listed below.

Rapier Combat **Marshal in Charge:** Herr Just von Stichem **Location:** Martial Activities Area

Schedule:

9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.: Inspections 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: Authorizations 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Tourneys and Melees

Plans include a round robin novice tourney; bring your best tourney; melees; and, if time remains or people get tired of melees, open field combat.

Youth Boffer Combat **Marshal in Charge:** Lord Tribaldi de Gritti **Location:** Martial Activities Area

Schedule: **2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Theme: Gem Quest

Twelfth Night A&S Competition: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: In the hallway across from Merchants' Row

The A&S Competition at 12th Night is on the theme for the event- 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(s), 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 or feel free to message her at Robyn Beth Priestley on Facebook.

NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 2019

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 am

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel: Toys for Tots and Socks of Love was a stunning success. At the archery tourney, 213 toys total were donated (151 donated that day and 62 donated early for Socks of Love after the tourney was rescheduled). Combined with 282 toys donated during the rapier tournament and 50 donated at the boffer tourney, the Barony gathered a total of 545 toys. With the help of our contribution and those of many others, Socks of Love was able to fill 1200 stockings for MN foster children this year. We moved to our new storage unit in less than 4 hours and in one trip! Mats are out for 12th Night already. Ropes and flags for list missing from second theft. Replace ropes for heavy and rapier. Also stands for rapier. Need PVC pipe for that? Buy before the end of the year so that this will be in this year's budget. Boar's Head great; fabulous feast. 12th Night and Schutzenfest next year. No bids for fall Crown next year. Blachemere has spring Crown. Have permission from Sir Tom to use Lord of Life for fall Crown and there are folks interested in being the event stewards. Think during 12th Night about bids for next year, cool old stuff, cool new stuff. When it's warm again, going north to Castel Rouge's 50th! To join them in this adventure across the border, you will need an enhanced ID or a passport.

Seneschal, Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe: Very proud of Barony this past month: Toys for Tots/Socks of Love was really cool. So many came to help move storage unit. People said they would come and they did! Just one run! Encourage everyone to come to 12th Night and volunteer! We especially need help for set up on Friday and clean up on Saturday!

Exchequer and Financial Report

Lady Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky

October 2019 ending balance:	\$ 21,660.76
Income:	\$ 133.18
Expenditures:	\$ 276.06
November 2019 ending balance:	\$ 21,517.88
Balance Change:	(\$ 42.88)

Donations for the year 2019: \$3223.77

The best way to support the financial health of the barony is to plan future events, and to promote attendance. Please encourage others to attend Nordskogen events. Thank you for help moving storage unit.

Chronicler, Mistress Rosanore of Redthorn: Deadline for the Quill is upcoming; please stay tuned for further details.

Herald, Lord Irial Féasruadh ó hIarnáin: One request for device submission from Lady Jelena.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: Report is in. No injuries are reported. Still collecting stuffies for the kingdom toy chest for presentation at 12th Night. Right now at about 30. Please let Helena and Niamh know if you still plan on making some. A&S Competition at 12th Night: must be red; no alcohol. Please notify Niamh if you're bringing an entry.

Officers' Reports (con.)

Knight's Marshal, THL Helgi Moosebane: No injuries are reported. Soon to be Sir Helgi (elevation at 12th Night!) Had a practice last night.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: No injuries are reported. Cancelled practice last night due to illness.

Rapier Captain, THL Sven Asvaldaron: Average attendance of 12-15; no injuries; all is normal.

Chatelaine, Lady Jelena di Paganía: One new person. New person at Armored Combat reported by Sorcha and has just posted on the Armored Combat Facebook group.

Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmandóttir: Going well. Average attendance of 4-15 per practice. 24 at Toys for Tots tourney including 5 non-SCA all shooting traditional and 10 spectators. No injuries are reported.

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

Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent: Not present.

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: You should go to court at Twelfth Night. We have awards! We will have the monthly Scribal gathering on Wednesday, January 8.

Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah: Move to new storage unit complete. Really tall, cold, and darker than the old one. Concrete ground, roof over the aisle. Less money to rent! Four working cameras on our aisle! Can't enter or leave without use of the keypad. I am starting the search for a successor with the goal to step down in the spring.

Webminister, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim: Posting 'did you know' about baronial awards on a continuing basis on social media and website.

Old Business

Twelfth Night 2020

Walkthrough yesterday at Lord of Life Church. Questions are answered and we're good. Mats get put in the hallway on Friday 'cause we don't have access to the gyms on Friday. List person but no mic for boffer.

New Business

Twelfth Night Jumble Organization Hootenanny, Sat., 12/28 & Sun., 12/29, 11 am-9 pm, each day

This is a weekend long open house at Lady Jelena's place, 6916 Oliver Ave. S., Richfield MN, 55423, to help organize all the wonderful donations we've received for the Jumble Sale and Silent Auction. This will make set up go a lot more smoothly. Lady Jelena will still be accepting donations for the Silent Auction until the night before, and may even be able to open the Jumble Sale drop-off the morning of the event if this Hootenanny is a success! BYO Whatever! Holiday leftovers, beverages, snacks. We can order pizza, too, but she will need help covering the tab. There are two cats, if you need to load up on Benadryl first. It's a small house, but all are welcome!

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.