

# THE CRYSTAL QUILL

Barony of Nordskogen,  
Kingdom of Northshield



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**Wanna have some fun AND do good while in these times of Covid-19? Come and play **Gold Key Bingo!** See below for more information. Please note that Bingo ends on October 1!**

## **RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND IN-PERSON SCA ACTIVITY UNTIL JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2021**

During the July 23, 2020, Ad Hoc meeting of the Board of Directors for the Society for Creative Anachronism, the following Resolution was passed by a unanimous vote and made effective immediately:

[Resolution to Suspend In-Person SCA Activity until January 31st, 2021](#) (PDF)

- I. Whereas, the COVID-19 Global Pandemic has created an unparalleled challenge for the administration of the Society for Creative Anachronism. The Board of Directors acknowledges the health and well-being of the membership and participants of the SCA are of utmost importance;
- II. Whereas, the Crowns of the vast majority of North American Kingdoms have petitioned the board to suspend in-person SCA events in North America until January 31st, 2021;
- III. Whereas, following consultation with the Kingdom Seneschals of the North American Kingdoms, it appears that this petition is generally supported;
- IV. Therefore Now Be It Resolved, The SCA Board of Directors suspends all SCA in-person events in North America until Jan. 31st, 2021;
- V. Resolved, Small local gatherings including, but not limited to, archery practice, guild meetings, officer meetings, and local martial activities shall remain at the discretion of the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, in accordance with CDC, State, Provincial, and local health guidelines and recommendations. Virtual events as alternatives continue to be a viable option;
- VI. Resolved, The SCA Board of Directors directs the Society Seneschal to grant a blanket variance to Corpora waiving any required events such as Crown List and Coronation until January 31st, 2021, as well as extending all current reigns until a royal list can be held to determine suitable Heirs;
- VII. Resolved, If a Crown or Coronet steps down without Heirs for a Kingdom or Principality, a Regent shall be installed until such time as a royal list may be held to find suitable Heirs and a Coronation or Investiture held. This regent should be installed according to the Kingdom or Principality laws that govern the appointment of Regents, after consultation with the Society Seneschal. If the Kingdom or Principality has no such law, the Kingdom Seneschal (and Principality Seneschal when appropriate) must consult with the Society Seneschal and Society President to determine an appropriate selection method for a Regent;
- VIII. Resolved, the SCA Board of Directors invites Kingdoms who have determined that it is safe to host in-person events before January 31st, 2021, to request a variance from the Society Seneschal to be able to do so. The Society Seneschal shall have the authority to grant or deny these requests. These requests will be reviewed by the Board using the same review method used for variances to Corpora;
- IX. Resolved, the SCA Board of Directors commends the officers, royalty, hard-working membership, and participants who have made it possible for the SCA to continue activities during these trying times.

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Any commentary regarding this matter should be addressed to [sca-comments@lists.sca.org](mailto:sca-comments@lists.sca.org). Please use "Resolution" in the subject line. **NOTE: Please use the body of the email for commentary. Attachments will cause your message to be marked as spam, and it will bounce.**

In lieu of email, commentary may be sent by US Mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.  
RE: Resolution  
P.O. Box 360789  
Milpitas, CA 95036-0789

<https://www.sca.org/news/resolution-to-suspend-in-person-sca-activity-until-january-31st-2021/>

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to: SCA Inc., Box 360789, Milpitas, CA 95036  
You may also email [sca-comments@lists.sca.org](mailto:sca-comments@lists.sca.org).

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## **KINGDOM OF NORTHSHIELD'S REOPENING STATEMENT FOR SEPT. 2020—JAN. 31, 2021**

Per the announcement from the Board of Directors, all SCA in-person events in North America have been suspended until January 31st, 2021. Small local gatherings including, but not limited to, archery practice, guild meetings, and officer meetings, are allowed.

1. All groups will follow federal (including CDC), province, state and local mandates, recommendations, and guidelines regarding meeting sizes and emergency measures.
2. Please follow your local government guidelines for group gatherings. Masks for all attendees are highly recommended. They should be worn properly and cover the nose and mouth. It is the attendee's responsibility to provide their own mask. Anyone who has an underlying condition that may increase risk should not attend an event until the CDC has deemed it appropriate, please use your best judgement in these matters. Please practice social distancing and remain the suggested distance (6 ft) from one another when gathering.
3. Archery, Thrown Weapons, and Equestrian activities can resume as long as they meet the requirements of items 1 & 2. Armored, Rapier and Boffer combat as they do not allow maintaining a 6' distance shall continue to be prohibited at official activities. This will be revisited as CDC guidelines and as other similar activities change their recommendations.
4. Groups may hold practices and meetings as listed in points 1-3; however, they are limited to the local group only.

Thank you,  
Baroness Alinore Wyndover, Northshield Kingdom Seneschal  
Duke Vladimir Radescu, Northshield Kingdom Earl Marshal

## **KINGDOM OF NORTHSHIELD'S STATEMENT ON SCHEDULING THE NEXT CROWN TOURNEY**

From the Ancient and Honorable Stallari Council to the prudent and stalwart populace of Northshield, greetings.

We know the uncertainty regarding the change-over of royalty is deeply unsettling for everyone. To this end, Stallari would like to share our discussion regarding the scheduling of the Crown Tournament of Ciaran and Elis to select the heirs to the kingdom. At this time, the modern border between the United States and Canada is closed. The US State Department has declared a Global Level 4 Health Advisory advising against all international travel. The Government of Canada has similarly confirmed a Global Travel Advisory to avoid non-essential travel outside of Canada. This means that no royal pair can satisfy the requirement to be able to travel to all parts of the Kingdom (Northshield Law - III-900-6).

Given these constraints, Stallari has decided to wait to schedule the Crown Tournament of Ciaran and Elis until such a time as III-900-6 can be met and guidelines from the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States reflect a safer opportunity to gather together. We share this information with you in the interest of transparency, and will ensure that we share our plans as they become available.

Please direct any questions to [seneschal@northshield.org](mailto:seneschal@northshield.org).

In Service to You and the Kingdom,  
Ciaran and Elis, King and Queen  
Alinore Wyndover, Seneschal  
Bayard the Turner, Exchequer  
Berenice Calvina, Minister of Arts and Sciences  
Vladimir Radescu, Earl Marshal  
Xanthippe Botaneiatissa, Chronicler  
Katerinka Lvovicha, Polaris Herald

## **LETTER ON REOPENING FROM THE BARONIAL SENESCHAL FOR SEPT.-DEC. 2020**

Hey all,

Things continue to look like it is best to not meet in person and with the announcement that the SCA cannot officially meet until February 2021, I have made the decision to not meet in person through the end of the year. I still feel that we are not ready or suited space wise to meet yet in person for social gathering, dance, or bardic at this time. We have Zoom and the Baroness has been so kind to allow us to meet on her account every Wednesday. If you would like to meet for a more specialized meet or do a themed Wednesday, please ask. I know it is hard but we need to be vigilant to keep us all safe. I want to see every one of your faces when we can meet again. Any questions, please contact me at [seneschal@nordskgen.org](mailto:seneschal@nordskgen.org) or at Sarah Oldenburg Garcia on Facebook Messenger.

YIS, Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe, Seneschal



## **A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS**

*Unto the good people of Nordskogen, Blachemere, and Nordleigh, greetings!*

*We, perhaps like many of you, are startled to find that it is already September. Summer has somehow slipped away despite feeling impossibly long without the usual cycle of events to mark it. The hottest of days are once again behind us, and we look forward to the bright, cool season of harvest.*

*Practices for activities that can be practiced outdoors at a safe distance, such as archery, thrown weapons, and limited sword arts, began in August and will, we hope, continue until the weather makes them impractical. Equestrian will resume later this month, too! (Watch our Facebook group, the *\_Nib\_*, and activity-specific lists and pages for up-to-date information on practice times and locations.) It has been a pleasure to recapture a few of the things that drew us to the SCA! For those who do not yet feel comfortable with in-person gatherings, Wednesday night Zoom hangouts continue, and we are all working to ensure that the usual SCA activities may resume once the coast is clear.*

*In August we hosted a combined Zoom hangout with Castel Rouge and Jararvellir, who also meet on Wednesdays, and anyone else who wished to stop by. People from across Northshield as well as Calontir, the Midrealm, and Avacal joined us for an evening of storytelling. We had a wonderful time, and we look forward to doing it again this fall!*

*In SCA online, His Excellency will host an arts and sciences (and more) show and tell on Wednesday, September 2. Post what you're working on in the Facebook event, share what you're doing on the Zoom meeting, or both! Performances and demonstrations welcome! Northshielders have also been attending events of the known world without travel and lodging costs, thanks to the number of classes, courts, and other activities offered online. If you have observed or learned something new in your virtual travels, please consider sharing it in a short article for the *\_Quill\_*.*

*We miss you all terribly! It will be hard to face the long, dreary months of winter without our usual distractions, so we need to create some new ones to tide us over. Do you have an idea for a new online activity or challenge? Let us know, and we'll work to make it happen. Don't forget that award recommendations are always welcome (<http://nordskogen.org/folks/order-of-precedence/make-an-award-recommendation/>), especially if someone has gone above and beyond with SCA activities during this strange interim. We look forward to hearing from you!*

*Until we meet again, be well, be kind, and stay strong.*

*Yours in service,*

*Caoilfhionn and Gabriel, Baroness and Baron of Nordskogen*



**WEEKLY ONLINE WEDNESDAY MEETING LINK AND SCHEDULE FOR SEPT. 2020**  
**IN PERSON MEETINGS CANCELLED THROUGH DECEMBER 31**

[Nordskogen Wednesday Night Online, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm](#)

Join us for an online gathering while our usual Wednesday SCA social time is on hold. We will be gathered in a Zoom Meeting. The invitation will be posted in a pinned post in the Facebook discussion at the link above each week. Please remember that you are muted when you join in. Video is encouraged but not required. Drop in and out as you wish.

**09/09:** Socializing & announcements  
**09/16:** Socializing & Business Meeting at 7:30 pm  
**09/23:** Socializing & announcements  
**09/30:** Socializing & announcements

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**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](#).

**NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, AUGUST 19, 2020**

Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe (Sarah Oldenburg Garcia) presiding  
Dame Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan Guthmann Henry) recording  
Approx. 20 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

**Officers' Reports`**

**Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel:** Last week, on Wednesday, we had a mega zoom with Castel Rouge and Jararvellir. 40 folks came and the gathering lasted until midnight. Will do it again sometime. Next Wednesday, the Baron is hosting an A&S display. Post pictures, videos and show us what you're working on during this lockdown time.

**Seneschal, Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe:** Mega zoom was awesome. Lovely to see the extra faces. Should we tell GPS we won't be back for the rest of the year? Yes.

**Exchequer and Financial Report from Lady Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky:** Not present. Sent the info. below.

Starting balance:	\$ 20,843.50
Income:	\$ 200.16
Expenditures:	\$ 1,306.00
Ending balance:	\$ 19,737.66
Balance Change:	\$ (1,105.84)

Donations for the year 2020: \$ 445.11 (\$200 pending donations for July so far, 150 unrestricted)

Thank you, donors! If you would like to continue to donate during this distanced SCA time and help us to stay financially strong for when we eventually reopen, send a check by mail to Erin Ahlstrom, 2964 Patton Road, Roseville, MN 55113. Checks should be made out to: SCA, Inc.—Barony of Nordskogen. Financial committee will meet after the business meeting. Have reached out to groups in our area to check on financial health. Lewke was the point person. Fortunately, all is well.

**Chronicler, Dame Rosanore of Redthorn:** All is ok. Quill will be published Tues., Sept. 1. Soft deadline is Wed., Aug. 26. The hard deadline is Monday, August 31.

**Herald, Lord Irial Féasruadh ó hIarnáin:** Not present. Nothing to report.

**Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet:** Not present. THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa presented her report. No injuries. One person reported: Dame Rosanore who made period custard. Please report your activities to her. MoAS happy to help with any needed coordination to make a & s things happen online.

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**Knight's Marshal, Sir Helgi Moosebane:** Last night, the first social distanced unarmored practice was held. Lots of stuff can be done unarmored. Next week we'll do it again. There were 6 participants and 2 spectators. No injuries to report, naturally.



## **notes from the nordskogen business meeting, august 19, 2020 (con.)**

**Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti:** Can't have practices because there is no way to do social distancing.. There is so much loaner gear and sharing of weapons. He is encouraging parents to work with kids at home. May write something up about this.

**Rapier Captain, THL Sven Asvaldarson:** Not present. Nothing to report.

**Chatelaine, Lady Jelena (YAY-len-ah) di Pagania:** Not present. Seneschal reported that there are several new folks on Facebook page.

**Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir:** Things going well. 5-8 archers are coming to practice. The Marsh Lake Range may get too busy later due to hunters coming to practice. THL Faelan MacMillan will be the MiC at the Brooklyn Park Range this Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am-Noon.

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

**Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent:** Not present. Nothing to report.

**Signet, THL Amary Fairamay:** Not present. Nothing to report.

**Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah:** Not present. Just fine and working on the August 27 wedding says her nephew-in-law to be, THL Eyricke Rycard.

**Webminister, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim:** All items paid for. All updates are done. No injuries and safely social distancing on the Web.

### **Old Business**

Twelfth Night: won't be on the 2021 calendar. WW: Will be talking to the Financial Committee about the need to pay for storage. T-shirt fundraiser is coming to a close. Order soon!

### **New Business**

Possibly doing a Kingdom A&S in February, 2021 on the second weekend (Feb. 13 & 14). Recognizing that it may not be possible. There may also be limitations on attendance. Hold it at Lord of Life Church? Pre-registration probably would be required. Kingdom needs to know soon. Crown would like to give out some peerages that evening.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

## **A LIST OF ONLINE SCA GATHERINGS IN THE TIME OF COVID-19**

**\*--Facebook Group All times are CDT unless otherwise noted.  
An updated version of this list can be found at the link above.**

### **Nordskogen**

\*[Nordskogen Wednesday Night Online, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm](#)

Join us for an online gathering while our usual Wednesday SCA social time is on hold. We will be gathered in a Zoom Meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81721758031?pwd=OXdFUjF1Q1JDZlhFNlEtT1B0WC92UT09>

The Zoom meeting invitation will be posted in a pinned post in the discussion at the link above each week. Please remember that you are muted when you join in. Video is encouraged but not required. Drop in and out as you wish.

On Sept. 2, the meeting will include the Baron's Arts and Sciences Online Lockdown Display Redux, a chance for us all to "show off the A&S stuff you've made, partially made, thought about finishing, or worked on during this time of no-SCA" thing. No pressure, no voting, no prizes, just showing off the stuff you've done so we can all appreciate it and be happy.

[Nordskogen Channel on Northshield Unofficial Discord Server](#)

### **Northshield Activities, Classes and Events**

\*[Fencer's Tavern](#)

Zoom Meeting, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 7:30pm, starting Wed., June 10

Wednesdays: 7-7:30pm, session of called footwork, calisthenics, and various drills.

<https://zoom.us/j/99320237126>

Meeting ID: 993 2023 7126

[Northshield Unofficial Discord Server](#)

[SUN \(Stellar University of Northshield\)—The Virtual Edition 2020, Friday, Nov. 13-Sunday, Nov. 15](#)

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### **Northshield Royal Activities, Courts, and Events**

Ethereal Q&A With Their Majesties, May 8, 2020

\*Their Royal Majesties of Northshield's Facebook Page

### **Future Ethereal Northshield Courts**

The next ethereal Northshield court will be held Saturday, September 26, 2020, 7 pm. **Send in award recommendations!**

All courts will be broadcast on:

Kingdom Official FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SCANorthshield/>

Kingdom YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU3tGV18QKVnunclqxxMMDw>

### **Past Ethereal Northshield Courts**

Northshield Ethereal Royal Court, April 4, 2020

Northshield Ethereal Coronation, April 18, 2020

Northshield Ethereal Royal Court, May 9, 2020

Northshield Ethereal Royal Court (Schützenfest and Mermaids Retreat), May 29, 2020

Northshield Ethereal Royal Court (Border Skirmish, Castle Fever, Castel Rouge 50th), June 13, 2020

Northshield Ethereal Royal Court (Mimisbrunnr), June 27, 2020

Northshield Ethereal Royal Court (WW), July 11, 2020

Northshield Ethereal Royal (All Garbed Up and Nowhere To Go), Aug. 22, 2020

### **Greater SCA**

#### **General Lists**

Countess Jehanette's Unofficial Calendar of SCA Classes, Videos, and Streams

Dahrien's List of Online Bardic Circles

Known World Entertainment Guide—Google Spreadsheet

\*Known World Entertainment Guide—Visual Guides on Facebook

#SCAatHome Highlights 11, June 19, 2020

SCA Classes On YouTube (List maintained by Countess Jehanette)

#### **Kingdom Specific Lists**

An Tir Online Events

East Kingdom Master List of Online A&S Webinars

Virtual Atlantia

#### **Individual Events--Ongoing**

ARTemisia Virtual University

Drachenwald Try-athlon Challenge

\*The Honorable Clover

Need some SCA, but can't make it to an event? Come hang out with us!

Interkingdom Bardic Showcase, a [post] Pennsic tradition, 2020 Edition, Now on YouTube

Knowne World Bardcast

\*Royal University of the Midrealm (RUM) Goes Online

\*SCA Online Virtual Bardic Night

They meet via Skype once a month: on the second Saturday during fall/winter/spring and on Thursdays during the summer.

SCA State of the World Chat April 2020

SCA Topical Town Hall Sessions

\*SCA Virtual Classroom and Artisan Display

#### **Individual Events—One Offs**

\*An Tir ONLINE Grand Ithra, Fri., Sept. 4-Mon., Sept. 7, 2020



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### **SCA Individuals**

[Dahrien's Online Bardic Circles via Zoom](#)

\*Meeting ID:\* **850-6206-6750**

Join in browser or installed Zoom app/program: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85062066750>

Join by Skype for Business: <https://us02web.zoom.us/skype/85062066750>

[Hypatissa Anna Dokeianina Syrakousina/Angela Costello-Perrone Moves Into The Digital World](#)

[Owen Alun's Bardic Whatnot on Zoom, Thursday, Sept. 17, 6-11 p.m.](#)

Stop by to share what you're working on, to discuss any Bardic related topics, or simply to hang out with friends.

## **GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Baron's Arts and Sciences Online Lockdown Display Redux, Wednesday, September 2**

The first one was fun enough that I'm going to do it again! On Wednesday, Sept. 2, on the Baronial Zoom meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81721758031?pwd=OXdFUjF1Q1JDZlhfNEtoT1B0WC92UT09>, we'll be having a "show off the A&S stuff you've made, partially made, thought about finishing, or worked on during this time of no-SCA" thing. No pressure, no voting, no prizes, just showing off the stuff you've done so we can all appreciate it and be happy.

If you want to show up Wednesday night, bring what you have and we'll randomly go around and see what it is you've been working on. Also, I ask that you post pictures of what you're showing off to this event, so those who can't make it can also appreciate your work.

If you can't show up on Wednesday, just post pictures, video, or descriptions of what you've been doing. This is meant to be fun and I really do love seeing what people are doing.

One more thing, this invitation is open to all. The last time we had a couple different out of Barony and out of Kingdomers. I'm good with that. If you want to come over and show off what you've been making, we'll look and we don't care where you are from!

I look forward to seeing everyone there!

--Baron Gabriel

### **Donations to the Barony**

As of our business meeting on August 19, \$445.11 has been donated to the Barony. (There are at least an additional \$200 in pending donations for July.) Thank you, donors! If you would like to continue to donate during distanced SCA time and help us to stay financially strong for when we eventually reopen, send a check by mail to:

Erin Ahlstrom, 2964 Patton Road, Roseville, MN 55113. Checks should be made out to: SCA, Inc.—Barony of Nordskogen.

### **From the Corporate Headquarters of the SCA**

There has been an extremely generous response from our members, wanting to gift memberships to people in need.

If you would like to gift a membership for a specific individual, [please download and follow these instructions](#).

### **Annual Baronial Inventory File Update and Officer Budget Requests**

Chancellor of the Exchequer, here:

Welcome to the third quarter! As usual, I am asking elected officers to examine and begin updating their inventories and budget requests for my end-of-year accounting extravaganza! I have created a [read-only master inventory file](#) so you can verify the items you are responsible for are on the list. It would be \*super\* helpful if you could email me ([exchequer@nordskogen.org](mailto:exchequer@nordskogen.org)) any changes between now and the November business meeting.

### **Nordskogen Archery Captain Seeks A Successor**

The term of our Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir, expires at the end of December 2020 and she is seeking a successor. If you are interested in applying for this position and have any questions, please contact [Meistari Sefa](#). Your letter of interest is due to our [Seneschal](#). Please cc [Meistari Sefa](#) 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.

## **GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)**

### **Northshield Kingdom Advocates**

I am pleased to announce the creation of Kingdom Advocates. In Northshield, we strive to build a close-knit, respectful, inclusive community, and while we recognize that conflicts occasionally occur, we can often find ways to work through them constructively. To support this goal, I have created the Advocate Office to provide a network of community volunteers with diverse backgrounds and a willingness to provide policy education and support through unbiased conversation and coaching.

I am happy to introduce you to the Northshield Advocate Team: The Honorable Lady Kate de Mallow, Lady Audrey Cross, and Sir Taion Orbanus.

THL Kate de Mallow likes making weird things. She enjoys encouraging others to find their passions.

Lady Audrey Cross, called Stabby, joined the SCA almost a decade ago because she was offered swords. She has since discovered many other passions in the Society, including garb-making and helping others find their geek.

Sir Taion Orbanus is a Knight of Northshield and is sometimes known as a Gnome. He has been playing since last century.

Advocates are not formal investigators; their focus will be on finding functional resolution through supporting improved communication, assisting the populace with understanding policies and best practices, identifying trends and opportunities for improvement of systemic issues, and connecting members with additional resources as needed. Advocates can also assist complainants with submitting an official report, if it is determined that further investigation may be needed. As we learn more about the challenges facing our members and as the needs of the community evolve, the resources offered by Advocates may be expanded to address those needs. If you have questions, or would like to engage the Advocate Office for support, please visit <http://nsproceduresandreporting.weebly.com/> or email the Advocacy Team at [advocate@northshield.org](mailto:advocate@northshield.org).

Thank you, Alinore, Northshield Kingdom Seneschal

### **Help Wanted!**

Our Seneschal is looking for a good volunteer to be the **Baronial Social Media Officer**.

Now - you don't have to live in that area to be a part of this plan but you should know the groups and dynamics involved.

\* Estimated work: Answering emails, working with local groups to get them up to speed, being on FB and other platforms to moderate/admin, creating local events on Pages, and other duties as assigned.

\* Requirements: Join and interact on a NS Social Media FB Group, be a paid member that gets the Northwatch (required for warranting), and have fairly swift access to the internet and discussions over the course of a day.

If you are interested in applying - please send an email to [seneschal@nordskogen.org](mailto:seneschal@nordskogen.org) and include some info about yourself (and a link to your NS website profile). If you have any questions or want more information - just contact the Seneschal through the same email.

Thank you! Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe, Seneschal

### **Fencer's Tavern, Zoom Meeting, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 7:30 pm**

Wednesdays: 7-7:30pm, session of called footwork, calisthenics, and various drills.

<https://zoom.us/j/99320237126>

Meeting ID: 993 2023 7126

### **Greetings!**

This is an invitation, to all fencers and their supporters, to stop by this \*humble\* waystation, built by weary travelers just like yourself. Swashbucklers, soldiers, Queen's men (& non-men), duelists, rogues, and even the occasional German, can find a moment of conversation and good company, in our Fencer's Tavern.

### **How does it work?**

\*Starting Wed., June 10\*, every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the Tavern opens its doors at 7:30pm. At this time, the common room is open to all, fencers, and supporters alike. You may not always see the elusive barkeep/host, but the doors will be open to any who might wander in.

### **Workout Wednesdays**

Since travel has been much reduced in our kingdom, followers of the blade may find they need some help in oiling their rusty parts. Every Wednesday, at 7:00pm, the barkeep/host will hold a 30-minute session of called footwork, calisthenics, and various drills, for any interested parties. No, you do not need your video on to participate.

### **Mondays and Fridays**

Normally the Tavern is closed. However, if any enterprising folk have reached out to the barkeep/host for the keys, a learning or discussion session may be hosted. These sessions can be either public or by invitation only, at the discretion of the holder of the keys, Lady Heliseus Morte d'Arbor ([Stefanie A. Steele](#)).

## **GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)**

### **Nordskogen Seneschal Seeks A Successor**

The term of our Seneschal, Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe, expires at the end of December 2020 and she is seeking a successor. She is beginning her search early so that she has plenty of time to train the next Seneschal. If you are interested in applying for this position and have any questions, please contact [Baroness Sorcha](#). Your letter of interest is due to our [Seneschal](#). Please cc her 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.

### **Greetings Nordskogen from your Archery Marshals!**

We are pleased that we will be able to start holding archery practices once again. Due to the Kingdom, MDH, and CDC guidelines and recommendations, there will be a few extra things for you to think about.

First, if you are sick, please stay home, even if you don't know if it is COVID-19. Staying home will help you recover faster, so that you can come back to archery sooner, when you are healthy again. And it protects the others who go to archery practice.

Second, everyone should consider the risks of coming to practice, and determine whether it makes sense for them or not. We know that people want to see each other again, and people don't want to miss out, but we will still be here and holding practices later, so if you aren't comfortable coming to practice yet, don't worry. We'll miss you, and look forward to seeing you when it is safer.

Third, some changes to how practices will be run. Please read these carefully.

- We will NOT have loaner gear available. We cannot sanitize most of the equipment without damaging it, so we will not be able to provide loaner gear. If you are looking to buy your own gear, we would be happy to give you advice on what to get.
- We strongly recommend that you wear a mask. We understand that a mask can interfere with shooting (or even be damaged by shooting), so masks can come off when you are on the line, but we'd really appreciate it if everyone wore a mask when off the line.
- Please keep social distancing in mind, and stay 6 feet apart from those not in your household while at the range (including on the line). We know this will be difficult, but it's part of keeping everyone safe.
- You will need to bring your own hydration, sunscreen, bug spray, etc. We also recommend that you bring your own seating, as there is not enough at the range to allow for social distancing.
- We have fluctuating numbers for archery, but we do sometimes have as many as 15 archers, plus others who come to watch and hang out. Given the size of the ranges, and the fact that these are public ranges and are often in use by multiple other groups and families, we want to be very careful about the 25 person limit for outdoor gatherings. While not everyone at the range will be part of our group, the size of the ranges mean that when officials are counting, they may not separate groups, but just count that there are more than 25 people in a small area, and decide to close the ranges, which would be sad for everyone. To avoid that, we have the following two items.
  - First, we've negotiated with Thrown Weapons to have our practices at 10am on Sunday mornings, which is a time when both ranges are often less busy, especially compared to our usual time.
  - Second, for at least the first few weeks, we'd like to minimize the number of onlookers. If it turns out our practices aren't too big, we'll remove this request. The one exception is that children are still required to have a responsible adult in attendance.
- Depending on the number of archers at the practice, the marshal may set up a rotation for which rounds people shoot, and at which bales. We need to keep social distancing in mind when we retrieve arrows, so there will likely be a limit to 2 archers per bale per round (which will also minimize having to touch another person's arrows while pulling your own).

Lastly, locations for practices are changing a bit. The Marsh Lake range in Bloomington will still be in use for the southern range, but the Marsden Lake range in Arden Hills does not have many bales in even moderately good condition, so we are switching our northern range to the Brooklyn Park Archery Range, which is a lovely range with lots of shade at all times of the day. We will not be holding practices inside, so if it rains (or looks like it will rain), practice will be canceled, and we will do our best to make that announcement Saturday evenings.

## **A SPECIAL SURPRISE FROM OUR CHATELAINE:** **GOLD KEY BINGO!**

Are you bored in your isolation?

Are your closets too full?

Is your fabric stash ready to explode?

Our Nordskogen Chatelaine, Lady Jelena di Pagania, has a quick fix for you! You can solve your problems, help out our collection of loaner garb, play a fun game, and win Fabulous Prizes all at the same time! Just play Gold Key Bingo! On the following pages, you will find several score cards for this game.

### **The Rules**

Items may be dropped off with the Chatelaine at any time before October 1st in a socially distant compliant manner, along with your score sheets. Email Lady Jelena at: [jelena.pagani1986@gmail.com](mailto:jelena.pagani1986@gmail.com) for directions to her house.

Items may be purchased or handmade.

Used items must be repaired and in good condition to qualify.

Also, if you are hand-making or re-purposing anything and totally want to geek out and document what you're making for the archives, Lady Jelena is so down with that.

All squares must be from one card to qualify for a bingo.

You must put your name (modern and/or SCA) and contact information on the card to qualify.

Each completed card qualifies for a prize opportunity.

Participants may reuse an item for another card or they can make one for each card. If you use one item for multiple cards, an "x" must be placed in the upper right hand corner of the square, so Lady Jelena doesn't go looking for items that aren't there.

If you are really good at making one thing, making five of those things qualifies as a Bingo.

### **Deadline and Prizes**

The soft deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup> so that prizes can be distributed at Twelfth Night.

Prizes will be awarded for 5-Across, 5-Down, Diagonal, Four Corners, and Black Out.

There will be participation tokens for all who enter.






If there are a lot of entries, there will be a drawing in each category.

Special recognition will be given for those who don't complete a "Bingo" but who complete any combination of items or a lot of one item.


**Questions?** Contact Lady Jelena at: [jelena.pagani1986@gmail.com](mailto:jelena.pagani1986@gmail.com)

**Many thanks** to Lady Rúna Úlfriðardóttir for her helpful ideas.

# Nordskogen Gold Key






				
Simple veils (bonus for adding a means of attaching them to head/hair)	XL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)	Feast gear bag (preferably snowflake fabric, approx. 14"x14" with sturdy drawstring closure)	Grow-with-me toddler tunic in washable, soft yet durable fabrics	XL cotton or linen chemise (not wool)
Grow-with-me toddler trou in washable, durable fabrics	Grow-with me Child size chemise	Youth adjustable cotehardie (I know where to get pattern)	Adult adjustable cotehardie (I know here to get pattern)	XXL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)
Youth T-tunic Cotton or linen (Not wool)	XXL Long T-Tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Nordskogen- inspired Populace- Appropriate Accessories (no circlets)	Populace- appropriate belting	Adult drawstring trou
XL Long T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)	Youth T-tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Anything wool	Youth drawstring trou	Sturdy tubs or trunks for storage
Nordskogen Gold Key Identification Tags (Small fabric tag with a snowflake and gold key insignia stamp or embroidered)	Underpinnings and layers	Anything Viking. Because, Nordskogen  SKOL!	Feast linens (cloth napkins, tablecloth)	Gold Key Ambassador ribbons (1 yard x ½-1" blue & white ribbons with a gold key on either end – extra points for snowflakes!)






# Nordskogen Gold Key

				
Adult adjustable cotehardie (I know here to get pattern)	XL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)	Portable clothing rack (preferably with wheels)	Adult Hood (Not to be confused with adulthood)	Nordskogen Gold Key Identification Tags (Small fabric tag with a snowflake and gold key insignia stamp or embroidered)
Grow-with-me toddler trou in washable, soft yet durable fabrics	1 full Set of Feast Gear (1 plate, 1 bowl, 1 drinking vessel, and cutlery)	Youth adjustable cotehardie (I know where to get pattern)	Muslin garment bag with tie closures, no zips	XL Long T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)
Youth T-tunic Cotton or linen (Not wool)	XXL Long T-Tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Mending kit	Camping-appropriate gear (open to interpretation)	Anything Viking. Because, Nordskogen  SKOL!
Sturdy tubs or trunks for storage	Youth T-tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Nordskogen Gold Key Identification Tags (Small fabric tag with a snowflake and gold key insignia stamp or embroidered)	Youth drawstring trou	Simple veils (bonus for adding a means of attaching them to head/hair)
XXL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)	adult coif	Nordskogen-inspired Populace-Appropriate Accessories (no circlets)	Feast linens (cloth napkins, tablecloth)	XL cotton or linen chemise (not wool)



				
Muslin garment bag with tie closures, no zips	Grow-with-me toddler tunic in washable, soft yet durable fabrics	1 full Set of Feast Gear (1 plate, 1 bowl, 1 drinking vessel, and cutlery)	Mending kit	XL cotton or linen chemise (not wool)
Feast gear bag (preferably snowflake fabric, approx. 14"x14" with sturdy drawstring closure)	Adult coif	Youth adjustable cotehardie (I know where to get pattern)	Sturdy tubs or trunks for storage	XXL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)
Youth T-tunic Cotton or linen (Not wool)	XXL Long T-Tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Simple veils (bonus for adding a means of attaching them to head/hair)	Populace-appropriate garters	XXXL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)
XXXL Long T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)	Youth T-tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Anything wool	Adult adjustable cotehardie (I know here to get pattern)	Camping-appropriate gear (open to interpretation)
Nordskogen Gold Key Identification Tags (Small fabric tag with a snowflake and gold key insignia stamp or embroidered)	Underpinnings and layers	Anything Viking. Because, Nordskogen  SKOL!	Feast linens (cloth napkins, tablecloth)	Gold Key Ambassador ribbons (1 yard x ½-1" blue & white ribbons with a gold key on either end – extra points for snowflakes!)

				
Muslin garment bag with tie closures, no zips	XL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)	Feast gear bag (preferably snowflake fabric, approx. 14"x14" with sturdy drawstring closure)	Grow-with-me toddler tunic in washable, soft yet durable fabrics	XL cotton or linen chemise (not wool)
Cloth or leather pouch	Populace-appropriate garters	Gold Key Ambassador ribbons (1 yard x ½-1" blue & white ribbons with a gold key on either end – extra points for snowflakes!)	Adult adjustable cotehardie (I know here to get pattern)	XXL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)
Anything wool	XXL Long T-Tunic cotton or linen (not wool)	Wrap or cloak	Populace-appropriate belting	Youth adjustable cotehardie (I know where to get pattern)
Adult drawstring trou	Feast linens (cloth napkins, tablecloth)	Feast linens (cloth napkins, tablecloth)	Youth drawstring trou	Sturdy tubs or trunks for storage
Nordskogen Gold Key Identification Tags (Small fabric tag with a snowflake and gold key insignia stamp or embroidered)	Underpinnings and layers	Sturdy tubs or trunks for storage	XL Long T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)	Adult Hood (Not to be confused with adulthood)

				
Nordskogen-inspired Populace-Appropriate Accessories (no circlets)	XL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)	Adult coif	Grow-with-me toddler tunic in washable, soft yet durable fabrics	XL cotton or linen chemise (not wool)
Grow-with-me toddler trou in washable, durable fabrics	Nordskogen Gold Key Identification Tags (Small fabric tag with a snowflake and gold key insignia stamp or embroidered)	Youth adjustable cotehardie (I know where to get pattern)	Adult adjustable cotehardie (I know here to get pattern)	XXL T-tunic in cotton or linen (not wool)
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