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Kingdom of Northshield



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RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND IN-PERSON SCA ACTIVITY UNTIL JANUARY 31ST, 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.

Any commentary regarding this matter should be addressed to 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.

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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.

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 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, Nordleigh, and Blachemere, greetings!

We are pleased to announce that the Barony of Castel Rouge will host the next Wednesday barony mixer on October 14! Watch Facebook and the baronial email list for details.

We have gone through some confusing policy changes on Facebook recently, and we appreciate your forbearance as the barony and kingdom iron out best practices. While protection from online abuse is very important to us, we also want newcomers to be able to find and meet us, whether on Facebook or off. Many of us are already deeply connected to baronial communication lines, which can make it hard to see the gaps. If you discover a place where communications fail, please let an officer or the two of us know so we can fix it. The pace of change isn't likely to slow down, but we will find our friends, old and new, regardless.

As cooler weather arrives, chances for outdoor practices grow rarer. Watch our online venues and the Nib for the latest information, and consider what we can do to stay active and connected as winter comes. If you have ideas, bring them to your activity captains or officers: we will face the darkness together!

For now, light a fire, warm up some spiced cider, and welcome the month of ghosts and gourds.

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.

10/07: Socializing & announcements

10/14: Socializing & announcements

10/21: Business meeting (at 7:30 pm), socializing, & announcements

10/28: Socializing & announcements

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, SEPTEMBER 17, 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: Virtual Royal court on the 26th. Virtual SUN on Nov. 13. Stuck in this situation until the 1st of the year. Looking for ideas for virtual fun. 6-Midnight mega zoom for multiple groups happened in July. Castel Rouge would like to host next one. Probably will be in Oct. Baroness has gone to a couple of archery practices which were fun!

Seneschal, Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe: Looking for the next Seneschal. Currently have one candidate: Lady LÍadan inghean Cheallaigh also known as Tif. Position is open until the October business meeting. In lieu of the paper ballot we will not be able to take, the Seneschal will put up a Google poll on Monday, October 19th and will compile it by the business meeting on Wednesday, October 21st. Our current Webminister, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim, will take over being our Social Media Officer.

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

Starting balance:	\$ 19,737.66
Income:	\$.17
Expenditures:	\$ 134.00
Ending balance:	\$ 19,603.66
Balance Change:	\$ (133.83)

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. No injuries.

Chronicler, Dame Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. Quill will be published Thurs., Oct. 1. Soft deadline is Sat., Sept. 26. The hard deadline is Wednesday, September 30.

Herald, Lord Irial Féasruadh ó hIarnáin: Nothing to report.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: Lady Neave inghean Domhnaill for Lady Helena: Thanked everyone who participated in the A&S show off on Wednesday a while back.

Knight's Marshal, Sir Helgi Moosebane: Last night: 5 including one new person plus echo the dog. No injuries to report obviously. Seeking a replacement. Biweekly partial practices.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: Not present. Nothing to report.

notes from the nordskogen business meeting, september 17, 2020 (con.)

Officers' Reports (con.)

Rapier Captain, THL Sven Asvaldarson: Nothing to report.

Chatelaine, Lady Jelena (YAY-len-ah) di Paganía: Not present. Seneschal reports one new person contact sent to us by the Kingdom.

Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir: Have continued having practices. No injuries to report. Bloomington at end of Aug.: 6 of us and 13 other people. 2 weeks before bow hunting opener. 3-8 coming. Still looking for a replacement.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert: Not present. Comtesse Guenievre and Lord Lachlann del Glen are the attendees usually says Baroness Sorcha.

Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent: Not present. Baroness says that Cynthia had added the WW awards. Hopes to do more work on the order of precedence now that work has calmed down.

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: Has some outstanding scrolls that need to be signed and then delivered. Needs to get contact info. for some folks. If you're owed a scroll and don't hear from her soon, please feel free to shoot her an email.

Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah: Not present. Still have a shed the Seneschal thinks.

Webminister, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim: Not present (family obligations). Nothing to report.

Equestrian, THL Masina Vitus: Had first practice on September 12th. Six of the ten who made reservations came. Did horse archery. Horses did well considering they had never had bows near them before. No injuries though someone slipped off of a stationary horse. She expects more people to come to the next practice.

Old Business

Still need a bid for A&S in Feb. 2021. Have told GPS we're cancelling until the end of the year.

New Business

Toys for Tots: Baroness: can't have the usual. The Toys for Tots organization is figuring out how to handle things this year. Lady Neave: a game night? Lady Rúna Úlfríðardóttir would edit a video, if needed. Baroness will seek ideas on Facebook and email. Seeking to have ideas by Oct. business meeting.

Announcements

THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa: His daughter, Lady Nezzeta, is getting married next year up in Canada.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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

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Nordskogen

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[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](#)

Northshield Royal Activities, Courts, and Events

[Ethereal Q&A With Their Majesties, May 8, 2020](#)

*[Their Royal Majesties of Northshield's Facebook Page](#)

[A LIST OF ONLINE SCA GATHERINGS IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 \(con.\)](#)

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Northshield Royal Activities, Courts, and Events (con.)

Future Ethereal Northshield Courts

The next ethereal Northshield court, It's the GREAT Nordfest, Charlie Brúnn, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at 7pm.

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 Court \(All Garbed Up and Nowhere To Go\), Aug. 22, 2020](#)

[Northshield Ethereal Royal Court \(Venturing Forth\), September 26, 2020](#)

Greater SCA

General Lists of Events and Classes

[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 of Events and Classes

[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](#)

[Interkingdom Bardic Showcase, a \[post\] Pennsic tradition, 2020 Edition, Now on YouTube](#)

*[The Honorable Clover](#) Need some SCA, but can't make it to an event? Come hang out with us!

[Knowne World Bardcast](#)

Open A&S Social with Mistress Ellen DeLacey

Weekly on Tuesdays, until Sep 30, 2020, 5PM-Midnight

Zoom Meeting info. posted each Tues. on the Kingdom of Meridies Facebook Group page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/meridies/>

*[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

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/j/85062066750>

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

*[Owen Alun's Bardic Whatnot on Zoom, Thursday, Oct. 15, 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

The Queen of Doom's Prize

Details are still being worked on, including a Web site, so here is the short version to get everyone going. Watch for changes and additions as the event is finalized.

Please join us for this virtual celebration of the Arts and Sciences! The Kingdom of Northshield will be hosting an online Queen's Prize Tourney in place of the postponed Kingdom Arts & Sciences Competition. The entries and voting will largely take place on Facebook but details, documentation, and some non-Facebook user content may be found on the event website, which is under construction.

Entries will be accepted starting January 25, 2021.

There will be several categories, with various judges, including a populous prize.

Voting on entries will end at 9 PM on Sunday, February 7, 2021

Winners of the official Kingdom sponsored categories will be announced at court on Saturday, February 13, 2021.

Categories for entries:

Entrants must be from Northshield except for the All Geeks Welcome category.

- **SCA Life** – Have you made something awesome to improve your life in the Current Middle Ages? This could be a cooler masquerading as a sea chest or a banner to enhance the beauty of your campsite.
- **Performing Arts** – Post a video of you performing a song, dance, story, or other nerdy pursuit that is better captured in film than in still images.
- **Martial Arts** - Use these seasons of enforced peace to spruce up your kit! This category is open to any entry that can be used in any of the martial activities.
- **Extreme Documentation** - There's never enough time at an A&S Competition to have people read your 98 page opus... Here's your chance! Enter an item along with as much documentation as your heart desires!
- **Pandemic Prowess** - Entries must either be the result of a skill you learned through distance learning (Zoom or YouTube classes) during the pandemic or using only items that were in your stash at the beginning of the pandemic. Please link to the class and/or tag the teacher.
- **Show Us Your Stuff** - Any entry that does not fit one of the above categories is welcome! Perfect.
- **All Geeks Welcome** - This category is for our friends from across the Knowne World who may want to join us! We want to see what fabulous things you are up to while we can't travel to see you!

Some of the prizes to be given out:

- **Queen's Prize** - The Queen of Doom will select her favorite entry from each category above.
- **King's Awesome Award** – His Majesty will select his favorite overall entry.
- **Kingdom MOAS Prize** – The KMOAS will select her favorite overall entry.
- **Populace Choice** - The winner will be chosen based on the entry with the greatest number of likes on the primary image.
- **Patron Sponsored Prizes** - see below
- There probably will be more; staff is still working on this.

Patrons:

Not into the Arts and Sciences yourself? Or do you have a type of art you would especially like to encourage? Sign up to be a Patron! Patrons will offer a prize in a category of their choosing using criteria of their own devising. Patron prizes will be announced on the event web page but may not be announced in court. See Full Patron Rules below.

Rules for Entrants:

1. Registration will open on January 25, 2021.
2. Entries must have been completed in the year since the last Northshield Kingdom Arts & Sciences Competition (defined as March 1, 2020 – February 7, 2021).
3. All entries must be suitable for posting on an official SCA web presence.
4. All entrants must be from Northshield unless they are entering the "All Geeks Welcome" category.
5. Documentation is welcome but not required for any category except "Extreme Documentation."
6. There will be a release form available soon that all entrants must agree to and complete.
7. Photos of entries should be posted in the Facebook group on or after January 25, 2021.
8. If you do not use Facebook, have difficulty completing the release form, or otherwise have some issue but would still like to participate, please contact Eithni for alternative options. Watch this space for her contact link.
9. Voting on entries for the "Populace Choice" will close at 9 PM on Sunday, February 7, 2021.

Rules for Patrons:

1. There will be a mandatory sign-up form for patrons available soon - it is under construction.
2. Patrons may be from Northshield or any Kingdom of the Knowne World.
3. Patrons should contact Eithni with their chosen winner between 9 PM Sunday, February 7 and 9 PM Tuesday, February 9, 2021.
4. Patrons will make private arrangements with their chosen winner to deliver the prize.

Northshield, it's time to MAKE STUFF!!

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

First Virtual Elevation in Northshield—THL Eyja Bassadóttir

THL Eyja Bassadóttir will be elevated to the noble Order of the Laurel on Sunday, December 20, at 7 p.m. More details including the time of her vigil will be forthcoming soon.

Online Open A&S Social in Meridies with Mistress Ellen DeLacey

Please note that this is a social gathering as much as it is an A&S thing. It happens weekly on Tuesdays from 5PM-Midnight (Central time). A new link is posted each Tuesday and may be found on the [Kingdom of Meridies Facebook Group page](#). I'll be going to that group, finding the link, and sharing it with you all each week.

Nordskogen Knight Marshal Seeks A Successor

Our Knight Marshal, Sir Helgi Moosebane, needs to find a successor as soon as possible. If you are interested in applying for this position and have any questions, please contact [Sir Helgi](#). 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.

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. A candidate has stepped up: Lady Líadan inghean Cheallaigh, also known as Tif. In lieu of the paper ballot we will not be able to take, our Seneschal, Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe, will put up a Google poll on Monday, October 19th and will compile it by the business meeting on Wednesday, October 21st.

Donations to the Barony

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—Establishment of the Membership Assistance Fund

In 2020, we are seeing the impact of the pandemic seriously affecting our members and their families. To help where we can, our community suggested the Society set up a donation fund to support those participants who may be unable to continue their memberships. You spoke and we listened.

The purpose of the “Membership Assistance Fund” is to allow the members of our community to request assistance directly from our Corporate Office for new memberships and renewals.

To submit a request, please follow the instructions in the [letter from the Membership Office](#). SCA Membership forms are available on our [Document Library page](#). Form Requests will be processed as funds allow. All requests will be treated confidentially.

To make a donation: Due to our not-for-profit status, we need your donations to make this fund work. All donations designated ‘Membership Assistance Fund’ will be used for that purpose and that purpose only. You can donate online to the fund [here](#) or you can mail your donation to Membership Assistance Fund, SCA Inc., P.O. Box 360789, Milpitas, CA, 95036-0789.

For more information, please email membership@sca.org.

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.

Thank you, Alinore, Northshield Kingdom Seneschal

We Have a New Baronial Social Media Officer!

Our Baronial Webminister, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim, has volunteered to take on this position as well. Thank you, Coelwen!

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) any changes between now and the November business meeting.

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 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.

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.