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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 Tif Puderbaugh on Facebook Messenger.

YIS, Lady Liadan inghean Cheallaigh, Seneschal



A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

Autumnal greetings to the good folk of Nordskogen, Nordleigh, and Blachemere!

The first snowflakes have mixed with the last of the green leaves this fall, and we hope that all of you are staying warm.

We would like to thank the Barony's outgoing seneschal, Baroness Sorcha, for her years of service to the barony and its people. Being seneschal during a baronial changeover is hard, and being seneschal during a pandemic is unprecedented. She has done both with grace, humor, and patience.

We also welcome our new seneschal, Líadan Nobilis, and thank her for volunteering for this multifaceted job. Knowing both her sense of humor and her common sense, we look forward to working with her.

A big thank-you to the Barony of Castel Rouge for hosting October's online Mega Moot with us and Jararvellir! We had visitors from several other kingdoms, pet cameos, project geekery, and generally a great time. We plan to schedule another in the future and hope to see you there.

While our usual Toys for Tots Tournament is not possible this year, we can still send toys to kids this holiday! The Honorable Lord Faolan Macmillan has volunteered to coordinate a challenge to donate, whether toys or financial support, in a friendly competition between martial groups. Look for more information later in 'The Quill' and online. And, once all donations have been received, we will draw one name at random among all donors to receive a one-year gift membership to the SCA.

Although we are not able to have Twelfth Night in the new year, we will be holding an online court on January 9 to do the business of our barony. Please make your award recommendations at <http://nordskogen.org/folks/order-of-precedence/make-an-award-recommendation/> ASAP so that our scribes have plenty of time to prepare! We are especially interested in hearing about the service and art done by members of our populace during this pandemic. Where normally we'd be able to see what people are doing, at events, meetings, practices, and such, in this distanced SCA, we are not able to always observe it.

We have the option of hosting other electronic/virtual Twelfth Night activities on January 9, too. Are you interested in organizing or coordinating such events? If so, please contact us and Seneschal Líadan as soon as possible.

Winter's arrival is usually a time of good-natured griping, getting out the cozy garb, and stocking up on mulling spices, but this year, when we are unable to meet in person, the season seems darker and more chill. Please keep reaching out to one another as the days grow short. We are grateful to have a strong network in this barony, and we hope you will use it to check in with friends and neighbors, and to reach out if you need a delivery, help with shoveling, or even just a friendly call. Together, we will get through the winter and welcome the sun's return.

Caoilfhionn and Gabriel, Baroness and Baron of Nordskogen



WEEKLY ONLINE WEDNESDAY MEETING LINK AND SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER. 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.

- 11/04:** Socializing & announcements
- 11/11:** Socializing & announcements
- 11/18:** Business meeting (at 7:30 pm), socializing, & announcements
- 11/25:** 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, OCTOBER 21, 2020

Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe (Sarah Oldenburg Garcia) and Lady LÍadan inghean Cheallaigh (Tiffany Puderbaugh) presiding
Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn, O.L. (Susan Guthmann Henry) recording
Approx. 25 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel: Our guests tonight include Annie Schoonover (first time) and Felix Needleworthy (haven't seen him for a long time). The mega moot lasted until after midnight! Another one may be sponsored by Jararvellir in six or eight weeks. May be looking for additional activities in the New Year. No Twelfth Night due to the plague. So, there will be an Ethereal Court on January 9, 2021, when Twelfth Night would have happened. Send award recommendations! Particularly interested plague related services. Baron: In all seriousness, the Seneschal job is hard, for a Barony, during a changeover, a pandemic that kills everything but eSCA, problems with reopening. Sorcha has done a MARVELOUS job. Baroness: Our honor and intense good luck to have someone rock solid, patient, and present which makes a huge difference.

Seneschal, Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe: Online vote for new Seneschal: almost 50 people voted! A resounding yes for Lady LÍadan inghean Cheallaigh, also known as Tif. Sorcha has already sent her part of the paperwork to Liadan. Had fun, worked with two Baronial teams, both great. All officers were fab. A special callout to Lord Wolfstanus Lightfote and THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky for handling the Exchequer position, one of the hardest in the SCA and to Baroness Rosanore, Chronicler, for keeping us on task. This has been a great learning experience and she hopes to be part of the Barony for a long time.

Exchequer and Financial Report from THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky:

Starting balance:	\$ 19,603.83
Income:	\$ 500.16
Expenditures:	\$ 134.00
Ending balance:	\$ 19,969.99
Balance Change:	\$ 366.16

Donations for the year 2020: \$ 1145.11

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.

notes from the nordskogen business meeting, october 21, 2020 (con.)

Officers' Reports (con.)

Chronicler, Dame Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. Quill will be published Sunday, Nov. 1. Soft deadline is Monday, Oct. 26. The hard deadline is Saturday, October 31.

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

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: Lady Neave inghean Domhnaill for Lady Helena: Please report projects, etc., to Helena. Remember the Queen of Doom's Prize and SUN in just a few weeks. Attend an out-of-Kingdom A&S thing? Please report that too.

Knight's Marshal, Sir Helgi Moosebane: Biweekly partial practices. No injuries to report obviously. One candidate, THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa, has expressed interest. Any other candidates need to apply by the Nov. 18 business meeting for a vote at the Dec. 16 business meeting. Will do a Google form vote like Baroness Sorcha did for the new seneschal. Sorcha will help as needed.

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

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

Chatelaine, Lady Jelena (YAY-len-ah) di Paganía: On leave of absence for the next three months.

Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir: Have continued having practices. No injuries to report. Attendance has been as low as 2-3 people, as high as 11. Practice was cancelled last Sunday, Oct. 18. With snow and cold and more snow on Sunday, end of outdoor archery for a while. Marshals will discuss possibilities for holding occasional indoor practices over the winter. No injuries to report. Still looking for a replacement until Nov. 18 business meeting. Vote in Dec.?

Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert: Not present. Practice was cancelled last week on Sunday, Oct. 18. Practices are done until the spring.

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

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: Not present. Sent in the following report: "I have no new business and no known injuries to report. Congratulations and good luck to our own Lady Judith of Northwode, who will be the next Polaris Signet handling kingdom awards! It is good to be Nordskogen."

Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah: Not present.

Webminister and Social Media Officer, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim: One plug in update done with Lucky's help! Baronial Facebook discussion group has been made private; the Facebook page is still public. All other discussion groups need to be unlinked and made unofficial or will have to be made private and Coelwen has to be an administrator. Coelwen is willing to do this. Less administrators are needed on each page. Baroness Sorcha will talk to Coelwen about that.

Equestrian, THL Masina Vitus: The one practice since the last business meeting went well. Will be having practice this weekend, on Sat., Oct. 24.

Old Business

Toys for Tots: THL Faellan MacMillan has agreed to organize. Archery vs armor vs rapier vs boffer vs equestrian will compete in toy collection. MN Toys for Tots is collecting toys this year in person and collecting funds as well. Proof: pictures of toy donations or receipts. Baroness would host toy collection, leave stuff on her step. Amazon Smile (SCA): ship to Baroness. Time limit for donations: ten days to two weeks. Does Toys for Tots have an Amazon wish list? Or could we create one? Money is probably the best, simplest, most straightforward way to go. Simplest: give money yourself and send receipt proof as indicated above to the Seneschal, the Baronage, and THL Faellan. Those present voted in favor.

New Business

Twelfth Night: Ethereal Court, Saturday, January 9, 2021. Does anyone want to organize anything else on the 9th? E-feast? Other ideas? Let the Baron and Baroness know. Baroness: Likes idea of revel after court. Several Zooms and multiple revels?

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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Zoom for Eyjukava (Eyja's Vigil), Saturday, Nov. 21 1-5pm (CST)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89184775103...> Meeting ID: 891 8477 5103 Passcode: eyja-vigil

Baronial Twelfth Night Court, Saturday, January 9, 2021

[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](#)

[Virtual Fighter's Symposium, Saturday, Nov. 21, 8:30am-5:00pm](#)

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

Send in award recommendations!

SUN, Sat., Nov. 14, 2020, 7pm

The Elevation of Eyja Bassadóttir to the Order of the Laurel will be held on Sun., Dec. 20, 2020, at 7pm.

Virtu -L Twelfth Night, Sat., Jan. 16, 2021

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](#)

[Northshield Ethereal Royal Court \(It's the GREAT Nordfest, Charlie Brúnn\), October 24, 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 Atlantis](#)

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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](#)

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

[SCA Board of Directors October 25, 2020 Meeting Now Available on YouTube](#)

*[SCA Online Virtual Bardic Night](#)

They meet via Skype once a month: on the second Sat. during fall/winter/spring and on Thurs. 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/skype/85062066750>

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

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Message from the Baroness of Nordskogen

Unto the many and delightful flakes of Nordskogen, greetings!

At last Wednesday's business meeting we discussed the possibility of online Twelfth Night activities. We will be holding a baronial court on Saturday, January 9. Is anyone interested in organizing or coordinating other virtual activities that day? Classes, bardic, a garbed Zoom revel, demonstrations, A&S display? We don't have to do more than court, but then again, we can! Please comment or message me on Facebook, or email baroness@Nordskogen.org if you are interested or have ideas or questions.

Regardless, we will mark this important day in our Baronial calendar, celebrating getting through 2020 and entering 2021 in the company of friends.

Yours in service, Baroness Caoilfhionn

Nordskogen Has A New Seneschal!

Lady Liadan inghean Cheallaigh, also known as Tif, has been confirmed as Nordskogen's new Seneschal! Thanks to her for stepping up and to Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe for her service during these challenging times.

Former Seneschal's Letter of Thanks

Dear Nordskogen,

I just want to say thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be your seneschal for these last 2+ years. I have made some wonderful friends and learned many new things because of this position. I will always be grateful for all you have shown me.

In all of this, I would also like to say welcome to my successor Lía ([Tif](#)). I know you are in good hands.

Thank you.

YIS, Sorcha Bhuidhe, Baroness of the Crown

Former Seneschal of the Great Barony of Nordskogen in the Kingdom of Northshield

2020 SCA Census Results

The 2020 SCA Census results are now available at this link: <https://www.sca.org/news/2020-sca-census-results/>

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

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.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

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](#) by the Nov. 18 business meeting. 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. We will be holding an online vote for this office at the Dec. 16 business meeting. One candidate has stepped up so far: THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa.

Eyja Bassadóttir's Vigil and Elevation to the Order of the Laurel

A [Zoom for Eyjukava \(Eyja's Vigil\)](#) will be held on Sat., Nov. 21, 1-5pm (CST) at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89184775103>.

Meeting ID: 891 8477 5103 Passcode: eyja-vigil

Any and all who would like to visit and give her counsel are welcome. There will be social "space" as well as private vigil "space" in the Zoom call. A bardic circle could break out in addition, too! For more information, please contact [Owen Alun](#) on Facebook.

Eyja will be elevated to the noble Order of the Laurel in an Ethereal Court on Sun., Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

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.

Virtual Fighter Symposium Seeks Classes

The Virtual Fighter Symposium is less than a month away on Saturday, November 21st from 8:30am-5:00pm CST. Class schedules and descriptions have been updated on the website: <https://kristyanapplegate.wixsite.com/fighterssymposium>

They are still looking for more classes on Armored combat, Rapier combat, thrown weapons, archery, equestrian, and anything related to the marshal activities. If you are interested in teaching, please fill out the Google form at: <https://forms.gle/Lxk6p3cj7dYBESA97>

A Message from the Baronial Chancellor of the Exchequer

As a reminder, welcome to Financial Quarter 4, which means if you are an officer and have materials that you hold for the Barony, I need to have a list of that. If as an officer you have financial needs for the coming year, you need to prepare to request it before the Financial Committee Meeting for November. That is a hard requirement, because I need time to compile it as part of the Domesday (Annual Report) that I submit at the beginning of January. Otherwise we are gonna guess a nice round sum, which may or may not be a goose egg for your area. Needs can be anything from a line item for lozenges if you are a herald, to a new net if you are archery captain. I cannot guarantee you will get the funds for everything you request, but I can promise we will consider everything.

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 and is mainly meant for the folks of Meridies, though visitors are welcome. 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](#). Zoombomb protection is in place, and anyone whose name Mistress Ellen does not recognize must show themselves on camera before they can gain admission to the Social in the breakout room. Baroness Rosanore will be trying to remember to put the link up on the [Nordskogen Facebook Group](#)

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.)

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](#)).

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