

# THE CRYSTAL QUILL

Barony of Nordskogen,  
Kingdom of Northshield



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## UPDATED RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND IN-PERSON SCA ACTIVITY—NOW THRU MAY 31, 2121

Greetings:

At the end of July, the Board of Directors issued a proclamation suspending most in- person SCA activities in North America until January 31, 2021, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. In November, we asked the Kingdom Seneschals and Crowns of the known world to give us their counsel on how to proceed in the first part of 2021. We received very thoughtful responses from nearly all Crowns and Kingdom Seneschals as well as many other concerned people. We wish to thank everyone who responded for taking the time to do so, and for putting such effort into your responses.

After reading and discussing the feedback received, the Board decided at their conference call meeting on 12/01/2020 to continue the suspension of in-person activities in North America through May 31, 2021. That action reads as follows:

Motion by Ross Rougher to extend the *Resolution to Suspend In-Person SCA Activity until January 31, 2021*, originally issued by the Board of Directors on July 28, 2020, for a period of four (4) months, until May 31, 2021. Second by Gigi Coulson. Opposed: none. Absent: Jennifer Krochmal. Motion carried.

The original document can be found here:

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

While there is good news on the horizon regarding effective vaccines and other ways to treat and manage COVID, implementation of those treatments is still in the future. The current situation shows that infection rates are continuing to increase in many places throughout North America. The most important concern at this time must be the safety of all participants.

Please remember that federal, state, provincial, and local health directives and guidelines must continue to be followed whenever Kingdoms decide to authorize smaller local in- person meetings and local fighter practices. These local activities remain under the discretion of the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal. Kingdom Earl Marshals are welcome to give advice to the Crowns and Kingdom Seneschals when approving local practices.

Virtual events, as have been happening in many kingdoms, are of course allowed, and encouraged to continue. If a Kingdom believes that the circumstances in their area allow for an in-person event, beyond approved local practices and meetings, to be held safely before May 31, 2021, the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal are welcome to discuss a variance with the Society Seneschal.

Such variances for events beyond local practices and meetings will be considered, but please keep in mind that limits on participants, mask requirements, local government approval, insurance questions, vaccine availability, and actual conditions regarding the epidemic in the Kingdom requesting the variance are all important issues that will be considered and discussed for any requested variances prior to the May 31, 2021 date.

Further, as stated in the original *Resolution*, if a Crown or Coronet feels the need to step down without heirs, a regent may be installed according to the laws of the kingdom or principality. If those laws are not adequate for the situation, the kingdom is invited to work with the Society Seneschal to create a solution that will be in the best interests of the kingdom or principality.

Live events and personal interactions are a large part of the way the Society has continued over the last fifty-plus years. These restrictions on live events in the SCA are painful, but the state of the world, and the well-being of everyone involved, currently require we be as careful as possible.

It does look like there will be vaccines available soon and once the epidemic is under some semblance of control, we can have live events again and celebrate all our interests and community safely.

If there are any questions, or further concerns or comments, please send them to us.

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or

John Fulton  
Society President  
[President@sca.org](mailto:President@sca.org)

If you would prefer to send something directly to the Board as a whole that can be done using [sca-comments@lists.sca.org](mailto:sca-comments@lists.sca.org). You may also contact your Kingdom's Board Ombudsman. The list of the Board members and the Kingdoms each represents can be found here: <https://www.sca.org/about/officers/#board>.

In service, respect, and the sincere desire to see everyone safely again, John and Lis

## **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.-JAN. 31, 2021**

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 Tif Puderbaugh on Facebook Messenger.

YIS, Lady Liadan inghean Cheallaigh, Seneschal



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

*Unto the flakes, squirrels, and blades of our barony, greetings!*

*We wish you a very happy new year as the light begins to return. In-person activities remain paused due to covid, but we hope to see you at some of the many eSCA gatherings or just hear from you as we push through the winter. We know that online activities are not the same for many of you, but we miss you and look forward to seeing you again when we can do so safely.*

*On January 9 at 7:00 p.m. Central we will hold a baronial court to do our Twelfth Night business. Doors open at 7:00, and court begins at 7:15. Social Zoom time and a bardic circle hosted by Bard of Nordskogen Eyja Bassadóttir will follow and run until folks want to log off. Because this is a Zoom meeting, you have the option to appear on camera and chat with others after court, though neither garb nor video is required. The court will not be recorded. Click [here](#) to register for the meeting.*

*We hereby summon to our Twelfth Night court the following gentles:*

*Ceolwen ingen Adaim  
Farolfus filius Richardi  
Kersteken Arends  
Neave inghean Domhnaill  
Solveig  
Sorcha Bhuidhe*

*On January 16 we look forward to celebrating a [Virtu-L Twelfth Night](#) with Castel Rouge. This online event will include classes, an arts and sciences display, and even a virtual feast! Yes, you can use ingredient lists and directions to cook a historic meal to share with friends across the kingdom and beyond!*

*Looking ahead, the [Queen of Doom's Prize](#) begins on January 25th. There's still time to create an arts and/or sciences entry for the competition, and there are many wonderful prizes to be won from a variety of sponsors. Her Excellency is sponsoring a String Things challenge for the best fiber arts entry--see the event website for details.*

*Vaccines have brought some much-needed hope for an eventual return to normal activities, but we will remain online through the spring--and we would welcome new ideas for alternative activities! Do you have an idea for an online gathering or game, or perhaps SCA-by-mail? Please [contact](#) our seneschal, Lady Liadan, and Their Excellencies, and we'll see about making it happen!*

*Until then, friends, be safe and take care of each other.*

*Yours in service,*

*Caoilfhionn and Gabriel, Baroness and Baron of Nordskogen*



**WEEKLY ONLINE WEDNESDAY MEETING LINK AND SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY, 2021**  
**IN-PERSON MEETINGS CANCELLED THROUGH MAY 31, 2021**

[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.

**01/06:** Socializing & announcements

**01/13:** Socializing & announcements

**01/20:** Socializing & announcements; **Business meeting at 7:30 pm**

**01/27:** 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, DECEMBER 16, 2020**

**Baron Gabriel (Patrick Anderson) presiding for Lady LÍadan inghean Cheallaigh (Tiffany Puderbaugh)**

**Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn, O.L. (Susan Guthmann Henry) recording**

**17 in attendance**

**Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.**

**Officers' Reports**

**Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel:** Having a Heather Dale concert tomorrow online at 7 pm. Announcement on Facebook. Get a coupon to attend for free by emailing Baroness VERY SOON so she won't miss any of the concert. Can tip the band! Will be heavily SCA. Court on Sunday for Eyja's elevation to Laurel. Bard of Nordskogen!

**Lady LÍadan inghean Cheallaigh:** Closure of in-person SCA through May 31, 2021. Must discuss in the future what we're going to do about our rental of GPS for meetings. Will continue Wednesday Zooms.

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

Starting balance:	\$ 20,302.16
Income:	\$ 200.17
Expenditures:	\$ 0
Ending balance:	\$ 20,502.33
Balance change:	\$ 200.17

Donations for the year 2020 to date: \$ 1295.11

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.

**Chronicler, Dame Rosanore of Redthorn:** All is ok. Quill will be published Saturday, Jan. 2. Soft deadline is Sunday, December 27. The hard deadline is Thursday, December 31.

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

**Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet:** Nothing to report.

**Knight's Marshal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa:** No injuries to report. No practices being held at this time. Looking into possible indoor practice site. Nothing else to report.

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

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

## **notes from the nordskogen business meeting, december 16, 2020 (con.)**

**Chatelaine, Lady Jelena (YAY-len-ah) di Pagania:** On leave of absence.

**Interim Chatelaine:** Solveig Anderson: Not much happening.

**Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir:** Not present. Stepping down December 31 and still looking for a successor.

**Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert:** Not present. Nothing to report.

**Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent:** Not present. Work proceeding slowly in the face of the pandemic.

**Signet, THL Amary Fairamay:** Has one volunteer scribe so far for Twelfth Night. No Kingdom award crush so will have time to do scrolls!

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

**Webminister and Social Media Officer, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim:** Not present. Reported by email that "All is good and there is nothing new to report."

**Equestrian, THL Masina Vitus:** Nothing new happening.

### **Old Business**

#### **Twelfth Night court, Their Excellencies:**

January 9<sup>th</sup> in the evening. TRM present but not giving out any awards. May be a bardic circle afterwards. Baron Bazyli will hold a non-bardic get-together also. More details to follow.

#### **Schützenfest XIII, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn:**

Cancelled for 2021, but will be happening in 2022. Site rental for 2021 has been rolled over for 2022 and date has been reserved. All the staff has been contacted.

#### **Toys for Tots, THL Faolan Bacach MacMillan, aka Faelan:**

Very successful! 17 donors! \$1425.00! and 34 direct toy donations! Since we have gone over \$800 and then \$1300, both stretch goals were met so Master Viði Hovdestad and Dame Marwen de Rivere decided that Faolan will be dying his arial hair blue and THL Ingeborg i Trondheimi will get to choose his court garb for the next in-person Court. Baroness Caoilfhionn donating a mug by random number generator to: #2 (Duchess Anne Geoffreys of Warwick).

### **New Business**

#### **WW 2021, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa:**

A camping event will not be happening. A one day event might be possible: same site? Syr Durand Fitz Robert (speaking as a health professional): Regular folks won't be getting vaccinated until summer maybe. Other possible problem: mutations of the spikes on the virus which is what the current vaccines work on. If we stayed totally outside, might be able to have a limited attendance event. Hard for equestrian folks to travel for a one day event. Put this discussion on hold until later, like March? Virtual WW? Re: resuming live events: concerns about ramping up. THL Faolan proposes: no WW, have a moot instead. Smaller, easier to process. THL Dafydd: Would a one day WW be financially viable? (not worth it to travel, folks scared to attend even if it's technically ok). Baron Bazyli: likes the moot idea. Have different moots (armored, rapier, etc.)? Even with discussed limits, several hundred likely. Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe: Nordskogen and Jararvellir could have simultaneous moots plus online moots, i.e., a hybrid event. THL Dafydd: Moot In My Backyard. THL Masina: Virtual equestrian and also local practices. Would this compete with Jararvellir? Baroness Caoilfhionn: Distributed WW! Lady Neave inghean Domhnaill: Liked idea of pods and smaller groups. Feels folks won't want to travel for one day and/or be afraid to. State parks fill up quickly so suggested we reserve a park or two right away in January. Baron Bazyli: Likes Three Rivers Park in Coon Rapids. Baron Bazyli and Their Excellencies will confer before talking to the Baron and Baroness of Jararvellir.

#### **Exchequer, THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky:**

Stepping down eventually. Would like to train a deputy so THL Wolfstanus Lightfote can retire! The Exchequer is the group treasurer and is a required position for us to remain a Barony! Would like to have a deputy by June 2021 and will have a year to train gradually.

### **Announcements**

Live meetings of Rumpelstiltskein suspended through March 31, 2021.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.**

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

\*--Facebook Group All times are Central Time 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](#) [Next business meeting is 1-20-20, 7:30 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 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.

\*[Baronial Ethereal Twelfth Night Court & Festivities, Saturday, January 9, 2021, 7-10pm](#)

Register for court [here](#) to get your personal link to the Zoom meeting.

[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](#)

### **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!**

*Virtu -L* Twelfth Night Court, Saturday, January 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/UCU3tGV18QKVnunc1qxxMMDw>

### **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](#)

[Northshield Ethereal Royal Court \(SUN Court\), Saturday, November 14, 2020](#)

[Northshield Ethereal Royal Court \(Boar's Head Court--\*This Little Piggie Stayed Home\*\), Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020](#)

[Northshield Ethereal Court \(Elevation of Eyja Bassadóttir to the Order of the Laurel\), Sunday, December 20, 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](#)



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

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### **Greater SCA (con.)**

#### **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](#)

[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**

Passcode: **1** (yes, just that single digit)

Join in browser or installed Zoom app/program:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85062066750>

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

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

## **GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Final Results of the Toys for Tots Virtual Edition**

Greetings Unto The Most Excellent and Generous Flakes of Nordskogen from THL Faolan!

The grand total is \$1,425.00 for monetary donations and 34 direct toy donations!

Since we have gone over \$800 and then \$1300, both stretch goals have been met.

Master Viði Hovdestad and Dame Marwen de la Rivere broke the \$800 goal and they have decided that I will be dying my facial hair blue!

THL Ingeborg i Trondheimi broke the \$1300.00 mark and she will choose my court garb for the next in-person Court.

Baroness Caoilfhionn held a random number drawing at the Wednesday business meeting for the mug she donated.

The person chosen to receive the mug was Duchess Anne Geoffreys of Warwick.

### **Final Totals Per Activity**

We had a total of 17 people making donations. There was a total of 34 toys donated in addition to the totals listed below.

Here is a breakdown of the donations based off of activities:

Archery	\$ 355
Armored	\$ 315
Equestrian	\$ 140
Rapier	\$ 190
Thrown Weapons	\$ 280
Youth	\$ 145

So the Archers of Nordskogen hit the bullseye but the Real Winners are the Children that will benefit from these donations.

YIS, THL Faolan Bacach MacMillan aka Faelan, Your Friendly Neighborhood Helpy HoTtie!

### **Nordskogen Archery Captain Stepped Down At The End of December 2020 And A Successor Is Needed**

Our Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir, **stepped down at the end of December 2020** and a successor is needed.

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.)**

### **Nordskogen Ethereal Twelfth Night Court & Festivities, Saturday, January 9, 2021, 7pm to 10pm CST**

Unto Nordskogen, greetings from Baron Gabriel and Baroness Caoilfhionn!

Please remember to register ahead of time for Nordskogen's Twelfth Night court and celebration on January 9!

Click [here](#) to register.

To complete the business of our court, we request the presence of the following gentles:

Ceolwen ingen Adaim

Farolfus filius Richardi

Kersteken Arends

Neave inghean Domhnaill

Solveig

Sorcha Bhuidhe

Doors open at 7:00, and court begins at 7:15. Social Zoom time and a bardic circle hosted by Bard of Nordskogen Eyja Bassadóttir will follow and run until folks want to log off.

Because this is a Zoom meeting, you have the option to appear on camera and chat with others after court if you wish, though neither garb nor video is required. Festive backgrounds are encouraged!

The court will not be recorded.

If you have questions, please email Her Excellency at [baroness@nordskogen.org](mailto:baroness@nordskogen.org).

See you there!

### **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](mailto:membership@sca.org).

### **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](#)

### **October 25, 2020 SCA Board of Directors Meeting Now Available on YouTube**

The Board of Directors Meeting for October 25, 2020, video is now available on our SCA YouTube channel.

For more info please [click here!](#)

**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**

Please join us at <https://eithni.com/artsofDOOM/> 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.

Entries will be accepted starting January 25, 2021.

There will be several categories, with various judges, including a populace 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!

### **The following prizes will be awarded:**

- **Queens Prize** – The Queen of Doom will select her favorite entry from each category above
- **Kings 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
- **Each Entry Category** will have a winner chosen by TRM and a committee
  - **SCA Life** – Prize sponsored by the Pelicans of Northshield – coordinated by Eithni – \$50 gift certificate to the SCA merchant or reenactment good merchant of your choice.
  - **Performing Arts** – Prize sponsored by Kudrun the Pilgrim – TBA
  - **Martial Arts** – Prize sponsored by the Knights of Northshield – coordinated by Sir Ajax – Something martial related the winner needs
  - **Extreme Documentation** – Prize sponsored by Eithni ingen Talorgain – assistance finding and purchasing a desired research book (up to \$50)
  - **Pandemic Prowess** – Prize sponsored by the MoDs of Northshield – coordinated by Baron Robert Talbot – \$100 gift certificate for Fabrics-store.com
  - **Show us Your Stuff** – Prize sponsored by the Laurels of Northshield – coordinated by Eithni – \$125 to the materials or book vendor of your choice AND assistance from the members of the Order if you need help sourcing the material/book of your dreams!
  - **All Geeks Welcome** – Prize sponsored by The Royal Peers of Northshield – coordinated by Duchess Aethelflaed – TBA

### **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. For a full listing of the Patron Challenges, go to the [website](#).

### **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 and 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 the "Extreme Documentation" category. Documentation that is submitted as a PDF will be posted [HERE](#). Contact Eithni if you have documentation to post.
6. Each participant is limited to THREE entries. Entries should be registered in one of the Kingdom categories. If you would like to also enter a Patron challenge, tag the sponsoring patron in a comment. You may enter as many patron challenges as you want as long as your entry(ies) meets the criteria for those challenges. (Rule change to allow up to three items on 11/19/2020.)
7. All entrants must register [HERE](#).
8. All entrants must agree to and complete [THIS FORM](#).
9. Photos of entries should be posted in the Facebook group on or after January 25, 2021.
10. 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 (see contact form at the bottom of this page) for alternative options. Off-Facebook entries will be posted [HERE](#).
11. Voting on entries for the Populace Prize will close at 9PM on Sunday, February 7, 2021.

### **Rules for Patrons:**

1. All patrons must sign up [HERE](#).
2. Patron sign up is open as of Monday, September 28, 2020.
3. Patrons may be from Northshield or any Kingdom of the Knowne World.
4. Patrons will be responsible for creating their own challenges and criteria to determine the winner(s) of their challenge.
5. Patrons should contact Eithni with their chosen winner between 9PM Sunday, February 7 and 9PM Tuesday, February 9, 2021.
6. Patrons will make private arrangements with their chosen winner to deliver the prize.

## **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**).

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