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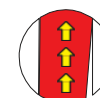
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UPDATED RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND IN-PERSON SCA ACTIVITY—NOW THRU MAY 31, 2121

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.

Lis Schraer
Society Seneschal
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or

John Fulton
Society President
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. 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 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



A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

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

As wibbly-wobbly as time has gone in this plague period, we welcome February as the beginning of winter's end.

Thank you, once again, to those who made our Twelfth Night celebrations possible: Eyja and Owen, for hosting the bardic circle; our fabulously talented scribes Farolfus, Muirenn, Amary, Cecily, Marguerite, Judith, Nezhka, and Ellen, and our Signet, Amary, for organizing them; and our Zoom event staff, Cynthia the Innocent, Sorcha, and Bazyl. And, of course, to everyone who attended and made a pleasant evening to celebrate our award recipients and the beginning of another baronial year.

Also last month, Her Excellency had a diverting weekend at Castel Rouge's A Virtu-L Twelfth Night, including cooking for her first Zoom feast! And Jararvellir hosted another MegaZoom with attendees from at least four kingdoms as well as folks from across Northshield. While eSCA is never quite the same, it has been good to connect with different collections of people onscreen and hear about what's up across the Known World.

If you signed up for [Nordskogen baronial trim](#), or if you're still interested in ordering some, good news! Orders have reached the quantity needed to drop the price to \$2.50 per yard. If you'd like to make or adjust your order, add your information to the form [here](#).

The big event this month is the [Queen of Doom's Prize](#) for arts and sciences in many forms. In addition to Her Majesty's categories, Her Excellency has sponsored a String Things category for SCA-period fiber arts. Winners will be announced at kingdom online court on Saturday, February 13, at 7pm Central.

The A&S competition is just one of the alternate SCA ideas we've seen to keep this game going until we can meet again in person. Do you have an idea for a distanced SCA activity? Please contact our seneschal, Lady Liadan, and Their Excellencies, and we'll see about making it happen!

Yours in service,

Caoilfhionn and Gabriel, Baroness and Baron of Nordskogen



WEEKLY ONLINE WEDNESDAY MEETING LINK AND SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY, 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.

02/03: Socializing & announcements
02/10: Socializing & announcements
02/17: Socializing & announcements plus **business meeting at 7:30 pm**
02/24: 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, JANUARY 20, 2021

Lady LÍadan inghean Cheallaigh (Tiffany Puderbaugh) presiding
Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn, O.L. (Susan Guthmann Henry) recording
21 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm.

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel: Twelfth night went really well. Giant thanks to all who helped and attended. Ended at about 1:30 am! Mega Zoom last week hosted by Jararvellir. Hosting pool will probably expand to Caer Anterth Mawr, probably in March. Queen's Prize starting 1/25. Baroness is sponsored a string challenge. The Queen's Prize Court will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 7 pm. Go and see what folks have done! Ideas for things to do on or offline! Virtual feast? A hint: A Korean recipe book is being compiled by Lady Isabella Tinker for a February elevation in Meridies!

Lady LÍadan inghean Cheallaigh, Seneschal: Nothing to report.

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

New spreadsheets! Inventory all transcribed! THL Lewke is looking for a deputy to be trained and become her successor so THL Wolfstanus Lightfote can stop being the emergence deputy. The Barony is in a financial good place! We are continuing to look for a place to meet when we come back in person. 2020 is in the can!

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, january 20, 2021 (con.)

Chronicler, Dame Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. Quill will be published Monday, Feb. 1. Soft deadline is Tuesday, January 26. The hard deadline is Sunday, January 31.

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

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: Lady Neave inghean Domhnaill: Things to do: Enter the Queen's Prize; Attend the Meridies Open A&S gathering online on Tuesdays. Next A&S report is due the end of February. Let her know what you are doing! Pictures are great. Nothing else to report.

Knight's Marshal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa: No injuries to report. Will be culling loaner equipment over the next month or two. Looking into possible indoor practice site. No practices being held at this time. Will check into procedures for documenting loaner equipment. Nothing else to report.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: Not present. No group practices happening.

Rapier Captain, THL Sven Asvaldarson: Not present. No injuries to report. No group practices happening.

Chatelaine, Lady Jelena (YAY-len-ah) di Paganía: Nothing to report.

Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir: Stepped down December 31, 2020 and is still looking for a successor.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert: Not present. No group practices happening.

Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent: Not present. Baroness: Twelfth Night awards were reported.

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: Thanks to all of the scribes who worked so hard: Lord Farolfus filius Richardi, Lady Judith of Northwode, THL Cecily of York, Lady Marguerite Larchier.

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

Webminister and Social Media Officer, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim: Website going well. Clean out your email boxes from time to time. Hard to get the Barony on as the owner of Facebook stuff. May have to archive and make new ones. Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe will help.

Equestrian, THL Masina Vitus: Nothing new happening.

Announcements

[January 24, 2021 Quarterly SCA Board of Directors Meeting Goes Live!](#)

Please register for the January 2021 SCA Inc. Quarterly Board Meeting on Jan 24, 2021 10:00 AM PST at:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7268442973953495820>

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 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](#)

[The Queen of Doom's Prize, Monday, January 25—Sunday, February 7](#)

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!

Northshield Ethereal Royal Court (Queen's Prize), Saturday, February 13, 2021, 7 pm

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 Board of Directors Meeting, January 24, 2021 Now Available On YouTube](#)

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

[SCA Classes On YouTube](#) (List maintained by Countess Jehanette)

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

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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](#)

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

*[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/skype/85062066750>

The next bardic circle will be: Tuesday, 2/2/21, 6 pm Central Time (official start).

[Sometimes he opens things early, though.]

End: When his last bardic playmate leaves him.

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

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.)

Nordskogen Trim Update

Here is a [link](#) to an image of the trim.

If you would like to order, or if you already signed up and would like to confirm or change your order, please do so at

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1i2Lib-ZwooHM_jtZvaL1l_YKQ7xLhiOsyzC2Vs0YqrM/edit#gid=0

We have reached the bulk order amount that will drop costs to \$2.50/yard!

You can still find full details at <http://nordskogen.org/wp/nordskogen-baronial-trim-update/>

Let us go forth and decorate!

Baroness Caoilfhionn

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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.

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.

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](#)

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.

2020 SCA Census Results: The 2020 SCA Census results are now available at this link:

<https://www.sca.org/news/2020-sca-census-results/>

January 24, 2021 SCA Board of Directors Meeting Now Available on YouTube

The video playback can be found on the SCA YouTube channel here: <https://youtu.be/YXltzDCbzRA>

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

The video playback can be found on our SCA YouTube channel here: <https://youtu.be/d5Mbq6nw2Pc>

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](#)).