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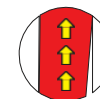
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WELCOME TO ANNO SOCIETATIS 56!

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN:

Be it known to all
who may be lovers of
Chivalry
that there will be held on the first of May
12:00 to 6:00 P.M.
an
International Tournament
~ for that it is Spring.

All knights are summoned to defend in single combat the claims of their ladies to the title of "fairest," signified by the crown which will be awarded to him who the Judges deem fights most bravely. And for the increase of joy to both them who fight and they who watch, there will be both singing, and dance.



All guests are encouraged to wear the dress of some age of Christendom, Outre-mer, or Faerie, in which swords were used.

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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
Seneschal@sca.org

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

RESOLUTION TO LIFT SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON ACTIVITY IN THE SCA AS OF JUNE 1ST, 2021

The Resolution follows, or you may also click here for more information: <https://www.sca.org/news/resolutiontoliftsuspensionapril2021>

From: The Board of Directors, and the offices of the Society Seneschal, and President

On March 23, 2021, the Board of Directors passed the following:

Resolution to Lift Suspension of In-Person Activity in the SCA as of June 1st, 2021

- I. Whereas the challenge created by the COVID-19 Global Pandemic demanded heightened safety standards which led to a suspension of in-person activity in North America by the SCA Board of Directors;
- II. Whereas the crisis of the Pandemic is being addressed through a combination of social policy, as well as scientific and medical advancements;
- III. Whereas the SCA Board of Directors continues to prioritize the health and well-being of the membership and participants of the SCA; and
- IV. Whereas the directed suspension of in-person events in North America expires after May 31st, 2021; now, therefore, be it
- V. *Resolved*, that the SCA Board of Directors lifts the suspension of in-person activity in North America, effective June 1, 2021, provided adherence to the items in this resolution;
- VI. *Resolved*, that all attendees in North America must follow all province, territory, state, and local health guidelines at SCA events. In addition, at all North American SCA events:
 - A. Masks that fully cover the mouth and nose must be worn by all attendees over the age of 4 at all times and during all activities except for eating and drinking;
 - B. Court, bardic circles, or any activity that involves voice projection shall also require that masks be worn at all times. Sound amplification devices are highly recommended;
 - C. No day board, water bearing, or food of any kind shall be provided by event staff or attendees to other attendees. All attendees must provide their own food and beverages;
 - D. While consuming food or beverages, attendees are required to remain stationary and follow social distancing rules;
 - E. No overnight camping shall be allowed;
 - F. All events shall be held outdoors;
 - G. There shall be a maximum of 150 people at any event; and,
 - H. All events shall require preregistration.
- VII. *Resolved*, that the SCA Board of Directors mandates applicable Kingdoms who have determined that it is safe to host in-person events before June 1st, 2021 or who propose any deviation from the above restrictions to request a variance from the Society Seneschal in order to hold the proposed event. 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;
- VIII. *Resolved*, that small local gatherings including, but not limited to: guild meetings, officer meetings, and local martial activities including archery and thrown weapons shall remain at the discretion of the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, in accordance with province, territory, state, and local health guidelines. Virtual events as alternatives continue to be a viable option;
- IX. *Resolved*, that enforcement of this resolution will be handled by the Society Seneschal and President of SCA Inc.; and,
- X. *Resolved*, that the SCA Board of Directors commends the hard-working officers, royalty, membership, and participants who have allowed the SCA to continue to flourish virtually as we lift this suspension and transition forward in a manner consistent with recommended health and safety standards.

The President and the Society Seneschal have been given the responsibility of implementing the resumption of events within the rules above and adjusting the strictures as needed with Board approval.

As per item (H) in the Resolution, SCA, Inc. has available the Event Module for the mandatory pre-registration process. All kingdoms are encouraged to utilize this tool. More information will be forthcoming from the SCA Accounting Specialist, Mazelle Attiya. If you would like to contact her about this available option, she can be reached at treasurer@sca.org.

Questions or comments should be sent directly to president@sca.org and seneschal@sca.org or your board Ombudsman.

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

This is our first step toward the resumption of SCA events. Working with the corporate officers and with input from the various kingdoms, we will continue to assess the pandemic environment and make changes going forward as needed, either to add further restrictions or relax existing ones as the situation allows.

No matter what safety precautions we put in place, there is no substitute for each individual being educated about the risk to themselves and their loved ones, and making responsible choices to protect themselves and others from this virus.

We look forward to seeing many of you, in person and in garb, as we prepare to begin in-person events again.

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.

THE CROWN OF NORTHSHIELD'S LETTER ON SCHEDULING THE NEXT CROWN TOURNEY

Greetings Northshield,

We know that everyone has been anxious to hear details about the Crown Tournament and the SCA reopening. Hopefully by now you have seen the official reopening notice from the BOD. If not please see: [BOD Resolution to Lift Suspension of In-Person Activity in the SCA as of June 1st, 2021](#)

We have received a variance from the BOD to hold our Crown Tournament as scheduled in June and to allow the Northshield Law that one member must have the ability to cross the border to be waived for this crown. Coronation is planned to be held, as normal, in September.

We feel it is important to get the kingdom back to a normal royal rotation as soon as possible, which is the reason we are not waiting longer to hold crown.

We hope that Our Heirs will have the task of bringing SCA back to in person activities. We foresee this will be challenging due to the pandemic not being completely eradicated and various people will be hesitant to attend events in person for a myriad of reasons. We may have to live in a hybrid SCA world for a while.

At this time, it is hard to say what our summer will look like. We plan to step down in September. We hope that much of Northshield will be able to attend the coronation of our Heirs. We would also like to give our Heirs the opportunity to plan a Coronation and have time to plan their reign. Hopefully, the pandemic will have improved by September and US States and Canada will have less restrictions. We would also like to be able to attend some events in person. We have not forgotten the people on vigil and will be contacting them about their peerage ceremony plans. We feel a slow reopening will give everyone time to readjust back to in person events.

Here are the current crown plans:

Crown will be held at Duchess Mary and Duke Lars's home. The Crown bid Duchess Mary submitted had an alternative option to host it at their home. Due to the event size limitations from the state of MN, holding the event at Lord of Light is cost prohibitive.

At this time, the border is closed and our combatant in Canada while thoroughly acceptable to the Crown will most likely be unable to attend. We hope that Canadian combatant can join us, but if they cannot we will be moving forward with the tournament. While the border being closed has never happened before it is not the first time combatants have not been able to compete due to forces outside of our control. Deciding this has been very difficult for us. Our Canadian groups are very important and they are integral to Northshield. We have no control over the border situation nor do have any insight to predict what the governments will do.

Attendance to Crown will be limited to Combatants, Consorts and one attendant per couple. The rest of the attendance spots will be reserved for essential officers and event staff. Pre-registration will be required.

We wish to have as safe and healthy an event as possible. We will abide by local and state pandemic regulations, as well as the SCA rules from the Resolution to Lift Suspension of In-Person Activity in the SCA as of June 1st, 2021 - <https://www.sca.org/news/resolutiontoliftsuspensionapril2021/>

We do plan to livestream Crown.

Listed below are the combatants and consorts for the next Crown Tournament. In no particular order and without titles here are the potential heirs to the Stellar Throne.

- Gwenhwyvar verch Owen ap Morgan fighting for Rhys ap Owein ap Gwyn
- Kaydian Bladebreaker fighting for Cassandra Antonelli
- Wu Yun daren fighting for Tom Tinntinnabulum
- Geoffrey de la Brugge fighting for Tatiana Marana Melville
- Murdoch McArthur fighting for Serena Ordonez
- Hanman Hebenstreit Ritter von Mare Amethystinum fighting for Guenievre du Dragon Vert
- Hans Volsch fighting for Genevieve MacArtne
- Ulrich Aeowulf MacNaughtine fighting for Æsileif Glyfisdóttir
- Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa, fighting for Helena the Quiet

We have taken a lot of time and deliberations to come to these resolutions. Please know that we did not make these decisions lightly or easily. For We, like you, want what is best for Northshield.

As always, if you have questions or need further clarification, please contact us. If you have questions regarding the SCA event rules, please contact Baroness Alinore at seneschal@northshield.org

Ciaran and Elis



A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

To all the people of Nordskogen, Nordleigh and Blachemere, greetings:

Happy SCA New Year! (May 1). Although in this new year of AS 56 we are still dealing with the pandemic, closures of a lot of the SCA, and not holding events, there is a light at the end of this tunnel! As you may have seen, the Kingdom is permitting limited group meetings and practices between now and June 1. After June 1, the SCA permits events to be held, although they will be of limited size and have certain other restrictions.

See <http://northshield.org/Posts/Display.aspx?ID=62581> for Northshield restrictions from now until May 31, and <http://nordskogen.org/wp/resolution-to-lift-suspension-of-in-person-activity-in-the-sca-as-of-june-1st-2021/> for the SCA rules after 6/1,

On June 19, Blachemere will host Northshield Crown Tournament. In-person attendance is closed due to state restrictions, but the tournament will be streamed live and recorded for all to see.

Practices are beginning again! When weather allows, thrown weapons, armored combat, and rapier are meeting. Again, these gatherings have limitations based on SCA and state guidelines. For armored combat in specific, if you need to use our loaner armor, you must tell the knight marshal, Baron Bazyl, no less than 24 hours in advance that you are planning on to attend. More information can be found on the three practices can be found at:

<http://nordskogen.org/wp/thrown-weapons-practice-sunday-april-18-1-3-pm/>

<http://nordskogen.org/wp/armored-combat-practice-tuesday-nights-in-south-minneapolis-suspended-through-apr-30-2021/>

<http://nordskogen.org/wp/rapier-practice-wednesday-nights-in-lauderdale-park-7-9-pm-weather-permitting-restarting-5-5-21/>

We want to remind people of one important thing: At this time, no matter what you're doing, if you're at an official SCA event, practice, meeting, or other gathering, you must wear a mask. Fighters and fencers, you need to wear a mask under your helm or fencing mask. This is mandatory.

Online activities continue as well! In addition to our usual Wednesday Nights Online, Caoilfhionn will host a fiber arts breakout room in the baronial Zoom on May 5 starting at 7:30. And, as always, keep an eye on the Northshield calendar for online courts and events.

Speaking of events, we are still planning our Wishes and Waiting event in July! We expect to host a variety of activities, some of which will be local small gatherings (such as a practice or social moot) and some online, including classes and an online court. If you have ideas for Wishes and Waiting activities, please contact the event steward, Baron Bazyl, and copy us. Baron Bazyl's email address is in this newsletter under Knight Marshal.

Might we also have some small, local events this summer? That is up to you! If you would like to dip a toe into running events, now is a great time. Please reach out to us if you have ideas!

As we plan for a slow opening of SCA activities, we need officers. At this month's business meeting we will have a vote of confidence for the office of Chatelaine, and we will meet candidates for Archery Captain. In June we will vote on the next Archery Captain and meet candidates for Herald. We will vote on candidates for Herald in July. If you are interested in any of these offices, please email the current officeholder and the two of us to let us know of your interest.

At the April business meeting, Seneschal Liadan announced that she must be away from the barony for an extended time due to work and is seeking someone to serve as interim baronial Seneschal through the month of August. If you are interested in this role, please email her and the two of us by the May business meeting.

One last thing: we know this has been a hard year, and we all are waiting anxiously to see how the SCA will return to something resembling normal. In this we ask that everyone have patience. There is a great deal in flux right now, and information changes often. Please keep an eye on the Barony and Kingdom webpages for updates to rules on gatherings, practices, and events, and keep state guidelines in mind as well. Everyone from the Board on down is working toward gathering again as we once did, but it is going to be a slow and careful trip—and that is a good thing.

Until then, be well, and we will see you online and in small, masked groups!

Yours in service, Gabriel and Caoilfhionn, Baron and Baroness of Nordskogen



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

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

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.

- 05/05:** Socializing & announcements
Fiber break-out room: around 7:30 pm to around 9:30 pm
- 05/12:** Socializing & announcements
- 05/19:** Business meeting, socializing & announcements
- 05/26:** 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, APRIL 21, 2021

Líadan inghean Cheallaigh Nobilis (Tiffany Puderbaugh) presiding
Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn, O.L. (Susan Guthmann Henry) recording
24 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel: The Queen's Royal Birthday Court was awesome and it's [here](#) on YouTube. Two gentles from Nordskogen were recognized: Master Danr Ketilsmiðr was inducted into the Order of the Saltire and bantiarna Grainne Dhonn was given an Award of the Cygnus. The Baroness also announced that the [Known World Italian Salon & Symposium](#) is coming up on Friday, Apr. 23, 2021 from 4pm Pacific Time until 8pm Pacific Time on Saturday, Apr. 24, 2021. Event registration is free. If you have any ideas for the upcoming hybrid WW, please send an email to [Baron Bazylí Boleslaw z Krakowa](#), cc to [Baroness](#). This hybrid will probably include local gatherings around the Kingdom and a virtual court. The Baron noted that the [Technical Symposium for the Virtual SCA](#) is coming up on Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 11am CDT - Sunday, May 1, 2021, 8pm CDT. Event entry is free. The event announcement is on Facebook, but the event is open to anyone, on or off Facebook. He also noted that the April SCA Board of Directors meeting is now up [here](#) on YouTube. Go, watch it, and see your Baron in a suit!

Líadan inghean Cheallaigh Nobilis, Seneschal: Because Lia Nobilis is scheduled to be out of town until the end of July, talking about getting an interim Seneschal. Need to figure out if we have a policy and Their Excellencies will get back to her. Interested in being interim Seneschal? Send an email to [Lia](#), the [Baron](#) and the [Baroness](#). Please note that from May 3 until the end of July, Lia will be in Connecticut.

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

Starting balance:	\$ 19,500.81	
Income:	\$ 150.17	
Expenditures:	\$ 291.00	(two months of storage unit rent)
Ending bank balance on statement:	\$ 19,359.98	
Balance change:	\$ -140.83	

Donations for the year 2021 to date: \$150

If you would like to donate and help us to stay financially strong, 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, april 21, 2021 (con.)

Exchequer and Financial Report from THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky (con.):

The Exchequer's warrant expires in August and she is not quite ready for a new person to step up. So, she is asking to be reelected for a year to train her successor. At that time, she would step down and be deputy exchequer.

Reports to Kingdom are in and on time.

We are continuing looking at other meeting space options for when this pestilence has passed. If you have an option in mind in your community, drop me a line at exchequer@nordskogen.org

There will be a financial committee meeting after the business meeting to resolve the Warriors and Warlords budget.

Chronicler, Dame Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. Quill will be published Saturday, May 1. Soft deadline is Monday, April 26. The hard deadline is Friday, April 30.

Herald, Lord Irial Féasruadh ó hIarnáin: Has stepped down and is seeking a successor. Baron Geoffrey of Warwick is the interim herald. Nothing to report. Also, no injuries.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: Lady Neave inghean Domhnaill: No art related injuries as far as she knows. Nothing to report.

Knight's Marshal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa: Resuming full on practice after the first of May on May 4. 6-9-ish or when everyone wears out. At Brackett Park as in the past. Outdoors of course with masks. Pells will be provided. No injuries to report.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: Not present. No group practices happening. Resumption is delayed due to lack of vaccines for youth.

Rapier Captain, THL Sven Asvaldarson: Not present. Baron says that there is no current plan for resuming practice as of yet.

Chatelaine, Lady Jelena (YAY-len-ah) di Paganía: Solveig Andersen, the interim chatelaine, has filed her first Chatelaine report. There has been some activity on the Facebook page. A newcomer was sent to the Newcomer event. Have heard from Shona, the not so new newcomer, who has started attending the weekly Zoom meetings.

Archery Captain: Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir stepped down December 31, 2020 and still looking for a successor. Candidate can be an MIT but then there will need to be a marshall in attendance. Training is available! Have one applicant. Will have questions for the candidates at the May meeting and vote in June. THL Faellan Bacach MacMillan says that the Brooklyn Park range is in good shape. Baron Geoffrey and Duchess Anne Geoffreys of Warwick say that the Bloomington range is also in good shape.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert: Not present. Group practice has restarted! Five people showed up last Sunday. Planning on practice at 10am this coming Sunday, weather permitting.

Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent: Not present. Discussed with Baroness returning to the order of precedence update project.

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: No news. No injuries.

Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah: Not present. Baroness talked to her last week. No updates. Soon will need to be a visit because Blachemere will be borrowing mats for Crown. When it is safe, we will need to put up shelves.

Webminister and Social Media Officer, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim: Website and Social Media Officer (SMO): All is well with the website. Owner of the dance group on Facebook needs to be changed. No update to social media policies has been posted yet.

Equestrian Activities, THL Masina Vitus: Nothing to report.

notes from the nordskogen business meeting, april 21, 2021 (con.)

Old Business

Chatelaine election: We have one applicant, our interim chatelain, Solveig Andersen (Ida Sansom). So, we will have a vote of confidence at the May 19 business meeting. Here is her interview response: I would like to be your chatelaine and here's why. I am excellent at approaching at strangers. I really enjoy talking to new people. Looking forward to learning about the SCA by teaching new folks about it since I am recently new. Would like to have a robust loaner garb closet. Email templates and packets. Wants to work on making sure that there are still internet options for meetings and events.

Interim herald: Baron Geoffrey of Warwick. Interview for permanent herald at June 16 business meeting, vote at July 21 business meeting.

Archery captain: Interview at May 19 business meeting, vote at June 16 business meeting.

Wishes and Waiting report: Is gonna happen but exactly how is still being discussed. Will be locally in person here and possibly in other groups and also online. . Please give ideas to Baron Bazyli via [email](#). Want to have an A&S component. Liked the Queen of Doom model. Tiers of competition? If you have strong feelings about in person and virtual activities or have any ideas, please let [Lady Neave](#) and [Lady Helena](#) know via email. We will talk more about this online after the meeting adjourns.

Exchequer vote of confidence: At the August 18 business meeting.

New Business

Fiber breakout room at Wed., May 5 Zoom meeting, around 7:30-9:30 or whenever. Bring your projects and questions, or just visit!

Small local (Baronial) events may be possible after June 1, depending on SCA, Kingdom, CDC, state, and local regulations.

If you are a Champion and want to changeover, email the [Baron](#) and [Baroness](#). There will also be a general email from them to all the Champions soon.

Announcements

SCA Covid-19 Reopening Q&A Town Hall, Friday, April 23, 2021, 8-9:30 pm CDT

Join John Fulton, SCA Inc President, and Lis Schraer, Society Seneschal, for a question and answer session on the recent announcement that allows Kingdoms to reopen if safe and compliant with local law requirements.

Questions can be submitted using the request form located here: <https://www.sca.org/topical-town-hall-request-form/>

Lis and John will go live on the [Society Facebook page](#) and a recording of the Town Hall will be placed on the [Society's YouTube channel](#). [#MySCA](#) [#YouAskWeAnswer](#) [#TownHall](#)

[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>

The next bardic circle will be: Friday, 4/23/21, Noon Central Time (official start).

[Sometimes he opens things early, though.] **End:** When his last bardic playmate leaves him.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baronial Seneschal Is Out of Town For An Extended Period And Is Seeking To Appoint An Interim Seneschal

Because Lia Nobilis is scheduled to be out of town until the end of July, there is need of appointing an interim Seneschal. If you are interested in being interim Seneschal, please send an email to [Lia Nobilis](#) and cc the [Baron](#) and the [Baroness](#) by the May 19th business meeting.

Baronial Herald Has Stepped Down And Seeks A Successor

Our Herald, Lord Irial Féasruadh ó hIarnáin, has stepped down and a successor is being sought. The herald is one of the mandatory officers for a Barony and is responsible for seeing that names and heraldic devices are properly registered and for seeing that a herald is provided for being the "master of ceremonies" for baronial courts. The herald does not have to be able to do all of these things themselves; ideally, they will have an interest in one or both areas and be willing to connect to other heralds as needed. Your letter of interest is due to our [Seneschal](#). Please cc our [Baron](#) and [Baroness](#). Please include in your letter what you consider to be your qualifications (mundane and SCA), and why you would like the job, or what you would hope to accomplish. **Letters of interest are due by the 6/16 business meeting with the vote being at the 7/21 business meeting.**

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

Baronial Chatelaine Stepping Down As Soon As Possible And Seeks A Successor

Our Chatelaine, Lady Jelena di Pagania, wishes to step down as soon as possible and she is seeking a successor. The chatelaine is the official welcomer of newcomers, online and in person, and also maintains our collection of loaner garb. One candidate has stood forth: our interim chatelaine, Solveig Andersen. A vote of confidence will be held at the May 19th business meeting.

Baronial Archery Captain Stepped Down At The End of December 2020 And Seeks A Successor

Our Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir, **stepped down 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. **Letters of interest are due by the May 19 business meeting with the vote being held at the June 16 business meeting.**

Baronial Exchequer Seeks A Vote Of Confidence

Our Exchequer, THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky, has a warrant that expires in August and she is not quite ready for a new person to step up. So, she is asking to be reelected for a year to train her successor. At that time, she would step down and be deputy exchequer. We plan on having this vote of confidence at the August 18th business meeting. Please email the [Exchequer](#) and cc the [Baron](#) and the [Baroness](#) if you have any questions about this.

Donations to the Barony

Thank you, donors! If you would like to donate and help us to stay financially strong, 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.

Looking For A New Meeting Space

We're looking at other options for meeting spaces for when this dark period has passed—and it will someday pass. If you have an option we can explore in your community, drop me a line at exchequer@nordskogen.org



Nordskogen Baronial Trim Is Now Available at Calontir Trim!

If you would like to get some of the lovely trim depicted above, here is the [link](#) to the website.

Helping Out GPS (Geek Partnership Society)

GPS has a GoFundMe! Those who are concerned about the future of our meeting space (which has only raised half of its \$40,000 goal in seven months, and that due to a grant they won) can consider donating personally to <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/savegps>

Online Open Social in Meridies with Mistress Ellen DeLacey

This online gathering 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. Look for the link in the [Nordskogen Facebook Group on Tuesdays!](#)

The First Bardic War

Hosted by: [Kingdom of Middle](#), Saturday, May 15, 2021, 8am, Eastern Daylight Time through Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 11:45 pm, Eastern Daylight Time. Event registration is free.

Co-stewards: Laila al-Sanna' al-Andalusiyya (Krishna Alexandra) at Houseofthelotus@gmail.com or 415-202-4478 and Hilla Stormbringer (Pam Wolff) at hilla@bardicproject.org or 773-495-3050.

You're invited to The First Bardic War! The lines have been drawn and alliances have been set. The [Shire of Ravenslake](#) of the Middle Kingdom has graciously agreed to host this virtual war, which will occur on Zoom and YouTube. For more information on how to participate go to <http://www.bardicwar.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? 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](#)).

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/>

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

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

April 18, 2021 SCA Board of Directors Meeting Now Available on YouTube

SCA Covid 19 Reopening Q&A Town Hall, April 23, 2021, Is Available on [Facebook](#) and Will Be Available on [the SCA YouTube Channel](#)

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

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Nordskogen

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

Fiber breakout room on May 5, around 7:30-9:30 or whenever. Bring your projects and questions, or just visit!

Next business meeting is May 19.

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.

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

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[Nordskogen \(con.\)](#)

Canton of Nordleigh Monthly Business Meeting and Social Gathering on first Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm.

For more information, see their Facebook [group](#).

[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](#)

[Virtu-L Birthday Party and Social Afternoon](#), Sat., May 1, 2021, Noon to 6 pm Central Daylight Time

Hosted by: [Barony of Castel Rouge](#), Zoom link to be announced. Bring your own cake to enjoy at 2 pm and toast the Barony of Castel Rouge with the beverage of your choice.

[Northshield Royal Activities, Courts, and Events](#)

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

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

Northshield Crown Tournament, Saturday, June 16, 2021, 9 am-8:30 am—Live stream and Zoom room coverage of the tournament.

Future Ethereal Northshield Courts [Send in award recommendations!](#)

[The Elevation of Dane Of Needham to the Order of Chivalry](#), Saturday May 1, 2021, 6 pm CDT

[Feast of the Venerable Bede](#), Saturday May 22, 2021, 7 pm CDT

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

[Royal Court, April 4, 2020](#)

[Coronation, April 18, 2020](#)

[Royal Court, May 9, 2020](#)

[Schützenfest and Mermaids Retreat, May 29, 2020](#)

[Border Skirmish, Castle Fever, Castel Rouge 50th, June 13, 2020](#)

[Mimisbrunnr, June 27, 2020](#)

[Warriors and Warlords, July 11, 2020](#)

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

[Venturing Forth, September 26, 2020](#)

[It's the GREAT Nordfest, Charlie Brúnn, October 24, 2020](#)

[SUN Court, Saturday, November 14, 2020](#)

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

[Elevation of Eyja Bassadóttir to the Order of the Laurel, Sunday, December 20, 2020](#)

[Queen's Prize, Saturday, February 13, 2021](#)

[Royal Birthday Court, Saturday, April 10](#)

[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](#)

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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 Meeting, October 25, 2020, Now Available on YouTube](#)

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*[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 Time

[Technical Symposium for the Virtual SCA](#), Saturday, May 1, 2021, 11am CDT - Sunday, May 1, 2021, 8pm CDT. Event entry is free. Event announcement is on Facebook, but the event is open to anyone, on or off Facebook.

The First Bardic War, Hosted by: the Kingdom of Middle, Saturday, May 15, 2021, 8am, EDT through Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 11:45 pm, EDT. Event registration is free. Event registration is free.

[Known World Italian Salon & Symposium](#), Fri., Apr. 23, 2021, 4pm Pacific Time - Saturday, Apr. 24, 2021, 8pm Pacific Time. Event registration is free.

[Known World Colegio de Iberia](#), Friday and Saturday, June 4-5, 2021

[Known World Sciences Symposium](#), Saturday June 12, 2021

[Virtual Pennsic University](#) courses will be available during the month of August, from July 31, 2021 to Labor Day, September 6, 2021. Watch this space for more information as the time draws nearer!

SCA Individuals

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