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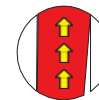
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**RESOLUTION ON COVIDSAFE PROOF OF FULLY VACCINATED STATUS
OR NEGATIVE COVID TEST POLICY**

SCA Board of Directors Resolution Dated: September 25, 2021

The SCA Board of Directors aims to balance getting Society participants back to doing the things we love with measures that support Kingdoms in protecting all that people have worked so hard for. Our COVIDSafe Resolutions provide a flexible, risk-based framework that allows Kingdoms in the United States and Canada to put in place a core set of requirements that event organizers and attendees must adhere to, based on their current environment and public health directions and advice.

As more information becomes available, the Board reviews and updates its resolutions in line with its responsibility to act diligently, with due care, and in good faith. This is never more important than with issues related to the health and safety of our fellow participants. In line with this approach, based on changing circumstances and updated expert advice, on September 25, 2021, the Board has resolved the following:

Proof of Fully Vaccinated Status Or Negative COVID Test

In addition to the existing policy allowing Kingdoms to establish a mask policy, Kingdom Seneschals in consultation with the Crown shall have the discretion to implement the following policy requiring proof of COVID vaccination or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of an event start time from all event attendees:

1. Events are any activities defined in Corpora II.A, Society Events Defined.
2. Proof of being fully vaccinated must be in form of a government issued card (original or photograph) or an electronic record.
3. Proof of negative covid test must be issued from a licensed medical provider and presented in such paper form or electronic form that the event staff can verify its authenticity. Letterhead from a medical provider or an email address clearly identifying the medical provider as the sender of an electronic record shall constitute authentic proof.
4. All persons over the age of 18 must present government issued photo identification along with the proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test. Parents and guardians of minors must present their own identification along with proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test for all minors attending an event in their care.
5. Proof of vaccine or a negative test shall not be required for children under 12. Children that are aged 3 through 11 shall wear a mask.
6. In addition to the normal sanctions process, anyone challenging event staff regarding the enforcement of this COVID policy shall be denied entry to or be immediately removed from the event.
7. The Kingdom must have one person at a time checking the proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test at an event. The event organizer, or their designee, shall maintain a list of names and times of the person(s) conducting the check at the entrance. Once the entrance is closed at the event, said person(s) will sign a statement at the bottom of the list of names and times, which reads:

“I have monitored the event entrance at the times noted above, and I have verified that each person entering the event during that time has shown me proper identification, along with either proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of the start of the event.”

The event organizer, or their designee, shall forward the signed statement to the Kingdom Seneschal, or their designee, who shall maintain such records in accordance with the standards for retention of waivers.

8. Kingdom Seneschals shall notify the Society Seneschal where local, state, provincial, or national law supersedes this policy.
9. This policy shall not apply to Lochac and Drachenwald.

Questions or comments should be sent directly to president@sca.org and seneschal@sca.org, or your Kingdom's [Board Ombudsman](#).

A copy of this resolution is available at: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/COVIDsafeVaccination-and-Testing-Policy-9-25-21.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions Related to the Policy are also available at: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/COVIDSafe-Proof-of-Vaccination-or-Negative-COVID-Test-Policy-FAQs.pdf>

RESOLUTION TO FURTHER LIFT SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON ACTIVITY IN THE SCA AS OF AUGUST 1, 2021

The SCA Board of Directors further lifts the suspension of in-person activity in North America, **effective August 1, 2021**, provided adherence to the items in this resolution;

1. All attendees in North America must follow all national, province, territory, state, and local health guidelines at SCA events. In addition, at all North American SCA events:
 - a. Kingdoms may continue to require the use of masks at their events as they deem necessary;
 - b. As research has shown that minimal transmission occurs from food, the serving of feasts, inns, day boards, and buffet-style food is now allowed at the Kingdom's discretion;
 - c. Large coolers to dispense water into individual personal containers are now permitted;
 - d. To facilitate contact tracing, all who attend any SCA-sponsored event in North America (including local meetings, fighter practices, etc.) must be signed in on a roster prior to entering the event; and
 - e. The following language is required to appear on all event notices, flyers, online announcements, and advertisements, as well as being posted in multiple locations (including gate) at any and all SCA-sponsored functions going forward:
Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.
2. Any Kingdoms that propose any deviation from the above restrictions must 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; and,
3. Enforcement of this resolution will be coordinated by the Society Seneschal and President of SCA Inc. Questions or comments should be sent directly to president@sca.org and seneschal@sca.org, or your Board Ombudsman.

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.

Link to document PDF: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/AugustInPersonActivityResolution.pdf>

**KINGDOM OF NORTHSHIELD LETTER CONCERNING
COVIDSAFE PROOF OF FULLY VACCINATED STATUS OR NEGATIVE COVID TEST POLICY**
September 28, 2021

Dear Northshield,

The Board has recently announced an optional policy that the kingdom may implement requiring proof of fully vaccinated status or negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of entering an SCA event. This policy would apply to any event as defined in Corpora II.A, Society Events Defined:

The term “Society event” refers to tournaments, feasts, and other activities whereby participants can display the results of their researches into the culture and technology of the period in an environment which evokes the atmosphere of the pre-17th century Middle Ages and Renaissance. It also refers to educational activities involving either one-time classes or ongoing Society university organizations, and meetings where participants share skills or discuss the business of the group. All Society events must be sponsored by official branches of the Society, registered with the Seneschal of the sponsoring branch, publicized at least to the members of that branch, and conducted according to Society rules.

<https://www.sca.org/news/covidsafe-proof-of-fully-vaccinated-status-or-negative-covid-test-policy-resolution/>

Their Majesties and I attended an extensive webinar with members of the Board of Directors, the President of the SCA, and the Society Seneschal where we had an opportunity to ask questions about how this policy is intended to be implemented. Additionally, we met to discuss how this would affect all the regions of our kingdom and our diverse population. After considerable discussion, Their Majesties and I have agreed that we will not be implementing this policy at this time in Northshield.

If you have questions, please email us at TRM and Seneschal at northshield.org

Thank you,
King Hans and Queen Genevieve

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Northshield Kingdom Seneschal

NORTHSHIELD EVENT PROCEDURES AS OF SEPTEMBER 2021

The Board of Directors has decided to loosen many of the SCA-imposed restrictions effective August 1, 2021. Below spells out the requirements for in-person events going forward from that August 1 date:

All attendees in North America must follow all national, province, territory, state, and local health guidelines at SCA events. In addition, at all North American SCA events:

- a. Kingdoms may continue to require the use of masks at their events as they deem necessary;
- b. As research has shown that minimal transmission occurs from food, the serving of feasts, inns, day boards, and buffet-style food is now allowed at the Kingdom's discretion;
- c. Large coolers to dispense water into individual personal containers are now permitted;
- d. To facilitate contact tracing, all who attend any SCA-sponsored event in North America (including local meetings, fighter practices, etc.) must be signed in on a roster prior to entering the event; and
- e. The following language is required to appear on all event notices, flyers, online announcements, and advertisements, as well as being posted in multiple locations (including gate) at any and all SCA-sponsored functions going forward:

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

The following language is required to appear on all event notices, flyers, online announcements, and advertisements, as well as being posted in multiple locations, including Troll [Registration], at all events:

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

As has been stated all along, any and all state, provincial, or local health regulations and guidelines will of course need to be followed, including keeping up with changes to government policy based on updated information. Be aware that some local jurisdictions have stricter requirements than their state/province. We also strongly recommend following the safety guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Public Health Agency of Canada.

Additional Requirements for Northshield in-person activities (after September 1, 2021):

With concern over rising COVID-19 rates, especially the Delta strain, masks or face shields that fully cover your face will be required at all official Northshield in-person gatherings of any size or type (practices, meetings, events).

Effective September 1, all attendees over the age of 4, including fully vaccinated individuals, will be required to be masked at all times, except for fully vaccinated individuals actively engaged in (wearing a helmet or mask) combat activities (rapier and armoured) outdoors.

At outdoor activities, masks that fully cover the mouth and nose must be worn by all attendees over the age of 4 at all times except for eating, and drinking. The mask must be worn properly over the nose and mouth and be recognizable as an effective mask. The one exception is that fully vaccinated individuals may choose to remove their mask while actively engaged in combat activities. Masks must be put on immediately when leaving the field. If an individual is not fully vaccinated they are still required to wear a face mask when actively engaged in combat activities.

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Additional Requirements for Northshield in-person activities (after September 1, 2021) (con.)

At indoor activities, masks will be required for all attendees over the age of 4, at all times including when engaged in combat activities. The mask may be removed briefly for eating and drinking while socially distanced.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

In addition to the requirements of state/province and local governments and the SCA, Inc.'s Board of Directors, in-person events in Northshield at this time must:

- Submit a plan to the Kingdom Seneschal by email:
 - Showing that the type and size of the event is allowed under current federal, state or province, and local guidelines. A copy of or link to the relevant part of government re-opening language is sufficient, but should include issue and effective dates.
 - Showing the organizer's specific plans for complying with government and current Kingdom guidelines.
 - The Kingdom Seneschal must approve the plan in writing before the event will be added to the Northshield calendar. "In writing" includes by email or postal mail.
 - All events will take measures to limit the risk of infectious disease transmission.
- Sign-in Roster:
 - All in person activities shall require all who attend to sign in on a roster that provides the legal name of the attendee and some method of contact. That can be email, phone number, or street address.
 - If you do not sign in at the roster you will not be allowed to attend the in-person activity.
 - This roster will be sent to the Minister of Waivers at waivers@northshield.org
 - Preregistration is still allowed and encouraged. If events wish to utilize PayPal for paid pre-registration please email exchequer@northshield.org to coordinate with the Kingdom Exchequer.

Personal responsibility of activity attendees:

Do not attend an in-person activity if you are experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>).

A statement of concern for our Populace:

If you have an underlying condition which increases your risk, strongly consider your own health and safety before attending an in-person activity (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>).

This document can also be found here: <http://northshield.org/Posts/Display.aspx?ID=63128>



A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

Unto all the people of Nordskogen, greetings!

How, we ask, can it already be fall?! September was a month of good weather for outdoor practices, and we hope to enjoy crisp nights and autumnal colors in the coming month.

Last month we welcomed new leaders in two of Northshield's baronies: Their Excellencies Gabriel and Nadrah of Castel Rouge and Their Excellencies Hamish and Markéta of Windhaven. Vivant, cousins!

Soon also we will welcome new heirs to continue the line of Northshield royalty. On October 9, the Shire of Inner Sea will host Crown Tournament. We will be there to be part of the festivities.

At our last business meeting we had a request for classes and roundtables to be held on Wednesday nights, perhaps on a monthly basis. Do you have a class you'd like to teach, or perhaps wish to practice online instruction? Let Her Excellency know, and we will arrange a class space!

Speaking of classes, SUN--the Stellar University of Northshield--is coming up on November 13 in nearby Rockhaven. And, the week after that, on the 20th, Blachemere is hosting a free Tournament of Chivalry. The first 250 people to preregister by October 20 will get a free T-shirt as a site token!

If you are at all interested in attending Boar's Head in the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr in December, please visit their website and RSVP to the event as soon as possible. An RSVP is not a pre-registration, but it will help them gauge whether attendance will be high enough to host the event. Let them know if you'd like to attend!

And, as the weather grows colder, it is time to think of Twelfth Night. We have one tentative bid, and once we have an approved bid, there will be a call for volunteers. Please think about giving your time to assist in putting on this wonderful event.

Although we look forward to seeing more and more of you, stay safe all, and take care. It has been a long year, but we continue to come together in fun and fellowship.

Gabriel and Caoilfhionn, Baron and Baroness of Nordskogen



WEEKLY ONLINE WEDNESDAY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 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 and will also be sent to the Baronial email discussion group. Please remember that you are muted when you join in. Video is encouraged but not required. Drop in and out as you wish.

10/06: Socializing & announcements

10/13: Socializing & announcements

10/20: **Business meeting at 7:30 pm**, socializing & announcements

10/27: Socializing & announcements

UPCOMING CANTON AND BARONY SPECIAL EVENTS

FREE TOURNAMENT OF CHIVALRY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2021

Lord Of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Site will be open 6-8:30pm on Friday, Nov. 19, for setup. Site closes at 8:30pm on Sat. (must be out by 10pm)

Hosted by the Canton of Blachemere This is a single level site with ADA compliance.

Event steward: Duchess Mary of Carrigart; mka Kate Luthner, Kate79@gmail.com

Pre-registration is required at the link below and is open until Friday, November 19, 2021. Fee: Free
Blachemere is hosting this event in the hopeful optimism that we can continue to gather together. Blachemere wants to throw a grand event without the barrier of site fee and infuse some fun and whimsy in this canton's finale event. We invite the Knights of the Kingdom to come together and teach. In order to volunteer, please contact the MIC, Sir Tom Tinninnabulum, at holliday.thomas.71@gmail.com. There is space for rapier, boffer, classes, an artisan row, and populace space. If you would like to organize something at this event, please reach out.

A Few Other Items of Note:

1. The site token is a free t-shirt (pre-reg form has space for size you want) for first 250 who pre-register by Oct. 20. Blachemere is gifting the first 250 a t-shirt as a token not just of the event but as a thank you for their support of Blachemere over the years and as a lasting reminder of how we are all in this together. Pre-registration after 250 or 10/20 will still be accepted but the t-shirt will not be guaranteed.
2. For food, there will be a pizza party sponsored by the Chivalry.
3. There will be a post revel nearby after the event (still working out details on location).

Link to Form for Pre-registering

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzfupVLKeUw0QUFLhemR5lGlrE120btRPjdH-6DMRdymJ_PQ/viewform

OTHER WEEKLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

For more information on these meetings, see the current version of our weekly newsletter, the Nib, at this [link](#).

NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

Countess Jehanette de Provins (Anne Rosebery)

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

25 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel: Baroness Caoilfhionn: Went to St. Radekund's. Have several awards from that event for Nordleigh folks. Showed Ingeborg's scroll. Wonderful to see folks recognized who are still doing so much. Upcoming events: Pirate for a Day, Rock-Haven in the Shire of Rockhaven, Provost Challenge XVI, . Crown will be up in the Shire of Inner Sea on Oct. 9. SUN which is still looking for teachers will be on Nov. 13. Check carefully for possible cancellations before you head out to any of these events. Nov. 20—Tournament of Chivalry in Blachemere. Baron Gabriel: If we get no Twelfth Night bids, there will be no Twelfth Night and that's okay. Someone got her Laurel last Saturday, Sept. 11, at a Regency court.....

Countess Jehanette de Provins, Interim Seneschal: Not a lot to report. SUN is looking for teachers on any topic, guild meeting, round table discussion, open to anything. Really nice site with real classrooms which make social distancing easy to accomplish.

Officers' Reports (con.)

Exchequer Report from THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky:

Starting balance:	\$ 18,990.62
Income:	\$ 100.16
Expenditures:	\$ 155.00
Ending bank balance on statement:	\$ 18,935.78
Balance change:	\$ -54.84

Donations for the year 2021 to date: \$500 through August statement; plus \$150 going in tomorrow.

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.

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 THL Lewke a line at exchequer@nordskogen.org

Potential deputy Exchequers, please see me for training. This is an extremely desirable skillset as groups MUST have exchequers to continue to exist. If you read the Northwatch (and you SHOULD be) you'll have noticed how many Dare I mention that Nordskogen has not put forth a WW exchequer candidate in several years now...? Volunteers are also being sought for a 2-year term on the financial committee. Only requirement: paid up SCA membership.

Officers: Inventory of Baronial property is due by November bus. Mtg. Please don't make me hunt you down.....

Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. Quill will be published Friday, October 1. Soft deadline is Saturday, September 26. The hard deadline is Thursday, September 30.

Interim Herald, Baron Geoffrey of Warwick: Nothing to report. Video of Baroness Caoilfhionn's elevation is out on YouTube. Here is a [link](#) to that video.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: Not much to report.

Knight's Marshal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa: Practice goes on apace. One shoulder injury to report. Contacted by community center yesterday and can go back inside next week. Not open to public, only to registered groups. Hours will change from 6-9. Average attendance is about 8. Baroness says it was a great champions tourney, thanks to Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe for running it.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: Not present.

Rapier Captain, THL Sven Asvaldarson: Would like to step down. Wonders when we go back inside. It was noted that we do have a reservation that can be activated at GPS.

Chatelaine, Solveig Andersen: One person reached out that she referred to experts. Had a video chat with Danielle on Facebook which is better than an email! Tells folks about Rumpelstiltskein and shares the Nib with them. Will be having a garb day on October 3 with Tabby. If you were planning on making a donation, please do so before then! Needs storage bins.

Archery Captain, THL Faellan Bacach MacMillan: Attendance about 2-3 people. Carefully alternating between north and south sites. Always brings loaner gear even though it's not been needed.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert: Attendance about 3 people. Would like more folks to come. Can use indoor privies if masked and vaccinated. Will bring everything up to Pirates next Sat. Still planning on having practice on Sunday, though.

notes from the nordskogen business meeting, september 15, 2021 (con.)

Officers' Reports (con.)

Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent: Nothing to report.

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: Nothing to report. Seneschal says should be reporting the totally awesome Laurel scroll she made for the Baroness!

Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah: Not present. May be seeking a successor.

Webminister and Social Media Officer, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim: All is going swimmingly. WordPress doesn't really have a help desk though many tutorials are available out there.

Equestrian Activities, THL Masina Vitus: Had surgery on Friday, June 18, so this is suspended for a while.

Old Business

Herald Vote

Lady Gwenlliana Clutterbooke (Sarah Swafford): Willing to be the Official Baronial herald. Baron Gabriel: made the motion, Dame Mary Elizabeth seconded it. Motion passed.

Dame Mary Elizabeth Fairweather of Priors Hardwick: Will be the Court herald (loud person). This was the personal choice of Their Excellencies in consultation with the candidates so this doesn't need a vote.

Seneschal posting [Their Excellencies]

Reach out to Countess Jehanette or Baroness Sorcha if you have any questions.

Call for Twelfth Night bids by September 15 [Their Excellencies]

At least one or two people would like to receive their Peerages at this event. But there are no bids at this point. It's very ok to not have this event next year. Lord of Life Church is taking reservations at this point if one wants to have the event there. Currently no income coming in which is something that it would be nice to change. Twelfth Night brings in event fee income and income from the raffle. Countess Jehanette is more than happy to help with the requirements with the bid. Dame Mary Elizabeth willing to front it if she has a local assistant. Their Excellencies will be talking to her offline. Jehanette willing to be that native guide. Discussion of food will happen later.

New Business

Seneschal: Request from Blachemere to use the mats for ToC (and they own half of them, anyway). THL Faelan moved that we say yes. Blachemere is part of the Barony so we don't need to do the usual motion. Baroness Sorcha says they don't have to go through all of the red tape since they are part owners and helped set up the procedures.

THL Lewke: We will not be paying third quarter bill sent by Geek Partnership Society since we haven't used it and we've told them we're not going to use it until further notice and please clear the schedule.

Baroness Caoilfhionn: Fund raiser for Barony of Concordia that had a fire. Willing to send ear marked donations? Will go to Financial Committee to get this set up properly.

Can Nordskogen do an auction? Our financial policies say not, due to the complicated MN laws. No 12th Night, will consider a fund raiser after that.

Baron Gabriel: Rapier captain would like to step down. Only one of the local rapier marshals is interested. So have the vote at next month's meeting? Put out the request and due date will be the Monday before the October business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

A VOTE ON OUR FINANCIAL POLICIES & PROCEDURES AT THE 10-20 BUSINESS MTG.

We will be voting on the Barony's Financial Policies and Procedures at the October 20, 2021 business meeting. These are listed below. Please give them a read.

Financial Policies & Procedures

These are the Official Financial Policies of the Barony of Nordskogen, the Twin Cities metropolitan branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. a 501(c)3 educational nonprofit, as of **September 15, 2021**.

The following financial policies exist as addenda to Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. financial policy and the kingdom of Northshield financial policy, to be followed by Nordskogen members and officers.

These policies may be changed at the discretion of the Nordskogen financial committee. All changes shall be proposed and voted on at a group meeting, then submitted to the kingdom of Northshield for approval. In the event the kingdom and/or society handbooks have any policies that are contrary to the policies listed here, the Kingdom and/or society policies will be upheld first and foremost.

Definition: The Nordskogen Territorial Baron(s) and/or Baroness(es) shall be referred to as the "B&B."

I. Nordskogen Financial Committee

- A. The purpose of the Nordskogen Financial Committee (the "Committee" or "Financial Committee") is defined within the Chancellor of the Exchequer Kingdom Officer's Reference Handbook.
- B. The Financial Committee will be composed of the individuals required within the Chancellor of the Exchequer Kingdom Officer's Reference Handbook, B&B as a collective (one) vote, and a minimum of three paid members of the Baronial populace.
- C. Members of the Baronial populace wishing to volunteer on the Financial Committee may apply to the Baronial Chancellor of the Exchequer for approval.
 1. Members must meet the requirements defined in Chancellor of the Exchequer Kingdom Officer's Reference Handbook
 2. Committee Members will serve for a term of **two years**.
- D. Meetings will be called and conducted by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
 1. A Quorum of the Committee is defined as a minimum of three, including the Seneschal, Chancellor of the Exchequer and at least one other Committee member.
 2. The Committee will review the current status of Baronial funds quarterly, with meetings scheduled and convened by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in February, May, August and November.
 3. These Financial Policies and Procedures shall be reviewed by the Financial Committee annually.

II. General Policies

- A. The Financial Committee shall consider all continuing expenses and encourage fundraising to help ensure the Barony brings in enough funds to meet those expenses and has a reasonable balance.
- B. Funds allocated for each Baronial office and not used within the calendar year will be reallocated to the Baronial General Fund, unless specifically approved otherwise by the populace.
- C. Changes to the Baronial budget must be created by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, reviewed by the Financial Committee, and approved by the populace at a regular business meeting.
- D. Non-event-related receipts are due to the Chancellor of the Exchequer no more than 30 days after the expenditure. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer only.

III. Events

- A. Events should be budgeted to break even or make a profit. It is understood that circumstances may prevent an event from doing so, but the event should be initially planned with an eye toward fiscal responsibility. The populace recognizes that some events will have a significant financial outlay. The Financial Committee will weigh the expense with the desires of the populace in its decisions.
- B. Once the populace approves the detailed event proposal, then the budget is forwarded to the Financial Committee. If the Financial Committee approves the budget, the Seneschal may sign the contract, and expenses may be paid for the event.
 - 1. Expenditures not included in the detail budget and/or changes to the detailed budget must be approved by the Financial Committee.
 - 2. Event related receipts are due to the Chancellor of the Exchequer no more than 30 days after the Event. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer only.
- C. B&B and one retainer do not have to pay site or feast fee for any Event financially sponsored by Nordskogen. This privilege will also include the Sovereigns plus one retainer, and the Heirs plus one retainer. Further exemptions regarding site and feast fees will be included with the budget presented to the Financial Committee. All persons receiving free site fees must be paid members.
- D. Event fee refunds must be requested no later than two weeks prior to the event, by default.

IV. Special Purpose Funds

- A. Special purpose funds are defined in greater detail in SCA Financial Policy.
- B. Special purpose monies must come from fundraising designated for the purpose.
 - 1. These funds must have a defined primary purpose and secondary purpose.
 - 2. The default final purpose for any special purpose fundraising is the Baronial General Fund, unless specified otherwise.
 - 3. Any funds raised over the need for the primary purpose will be applied towards the next purpose.
- C. When the fund is created a timeline must be established to determine when funds will roll to the next purpose with a default of two years.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vivat To Our Baroness!

Congratulations to Baroness Caoilfhionn who was elevated to the Laurel in a Regency ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021. Here is a [link](#) to the YouTube video of the ceremony. Below is a portrait of her at the ceremony in her beautiful new garb specially made for her by Lady Brigid ingen Maol-Mhichil. The three Laurel medallions she is wearing include the Kingdom Legacy medallion and the Baronial Legacy medallion which is the largest one. This portrait is used with the permission of its maker, Lord James Wyndover.



Seeking A New Baronial Seneschal

Oyez, oyez! Nordskogen seeks a seneschal! Liadan inghean Cheallaigh Nobilis has confirmed that their job will keep them away from the barony for an extended term, so we need to seek their replacement. The seneschal is the president of the group; they run business meetings, report to the kingdom, answer questions about policy, and generally help keep the barony running.

The call for applicants is open until our November 17 business meeting, at which we will interview applicants. The vote will take place at our December 15 business meeting.

To apply, please send a letter of interest to Their Excellencies and to the Interim Seneschal, Countess Jehanette, with a brief summary of your experience and interest in the position. If you have questions about the position, please email Countess Jehanette at seneschal@nordskogen.org.

Without a seneschal, we cannot have a group. If you think you might serve the barony in this capacity, please get in touch!

Seeking A New Rapier Captain

Our Rapier Captain, THL Sven Asvaldaron, would like to step down and is seeking a successor. If you are interested in applying for this position and have any questions, please contact [THL Sven](#). Your letter of interest is due to our [Seneschal](#) by **October 18, 2021**. Please cc [THL Sven](#) and our [Baron](#) and [Baroness](#). Please include what you consider to be your qualifications (mundane and SCA), and why you would like the job, or what you would hope to accomplish.

We Have A New Baronial Herald!

Our new herald will be Lady Gwenlliana Clutterbooke. Court heraldry duties for Their Excellencies will be handled by Dame Mary Elizabeth Fairweather of Priors Hardwick.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

Flaky Aid Update From Our Baroness!

A while back, I posted news from the Barony of Concordia of the Snows, Kingdom of the East, which lost the entire contents of its storage unit to fire last spring. After ironing out details, we agreed at our last business meeting to hold a simple fundraiser for this group that shares our heraldic snowflakes and our love of this game.

I will match the first \$50 in donations, and I will also draw a name from all participants for a surprise gift after the check is sent.

The best way to work with Concordia's financial structure is an inter-group transfer, aka a check from our barony to theirs. Thus, we have two ways to donate:

1. Send a check, made out to SCA, Inc.—Barony of Nordskogen to our exchequer (Erin Ahlstrom, 2964 Patton Road, Roseville, MN 55113) with “Concordia fundraiser” in the memo field. If you would like your SCA or modern name included in the letter we send with the donation, please also specify which name to use (a sticky note is fine).

2. If you don't have checks, you can send your donation to me, at kmhultgren@gmail.com, via PayPal with “SCA Concordia” in the notes field, and I will write a check to the barony for the collected funds. Be sure to select “sending to a friend.” If you would like your SCA or modern name included in the letter we send with the donation, please also specify which name to use in the note.

I know it's a lean time for many of us, but even a couple of dollars adds up to help them replace \$30K in equipment while activities are reduced. If you have already donated directly, email me at baroness@nordskogen.org to be entered in the drawing.

Please send donations by October 20, our next business meeting. Thank you!

Our Seneschal Is Published!

Long ago, in December 2016, our Seneschal, Countess Jehanette de Provins, wrote an article for the Crystal Quill on finishing the edge of knotted hairnets and now she is the author of the latest Compleat Anachronist: The History and Construction of Netted Hairnets in Medieval Europe. If you do not subscribe to the Compleat Anachronist, you can buy a copy from the [SCA Marketplace](#). We can all look forward in the near future to her next creation on how to actually make netted hairnets. Congratulations, Jehanette!

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.

2021 A&S Largess Competition Will Now Be Hosted at Fall Crown Tournament, Saturday, October 9th

Please use the form at this [link](#) to register for the 2021 A&S Largess Competition, hosted by Shire of the Inner Sea at Fall Crown Tournament on Saturday, October 9th. All items must be easily transportable to and from their display location on the day of the event. You do not need to be present to compete, but you do need to provide the contact information of the person responsible for the delivery of your items to the competition, in case of questions.

A Special Invitation to a Special (Non-SCA) Event

St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church (100 Oxford Street North, Saint Paul) will celebrate Martin Luther's 1523 “Formula Missae et Communionis” in commemoration of Reformation Day on **Sunday, October 31 at 5 p.m.** Luther's “Formula” was the first revision of the Lutheran mass, and will be celebrated with period music and ceremonial as it would have been in the 1520's at St. Mary's Church in Wittenberg, Germany. A special invitation is extended to members of the SCA to come in period dress; masks and social-distancing will be observed in the building. All are welcome, and more information can be found at: www.stpaulref.org. *Note from the editor: it is possible that this will be live-streamed but this possibility had not been confirmed by the time of publication.*

Baronial Exchequer Seeks More Deputies To Train

Potential deputy Exchequers, please see THL Lewke for training at exchequer@nordskogen.org. This is an extremely desirable skillset as groups MUST have exchequers to continue to exist. If you read the Northwatch (and you SHOULD be) you'll have noticed how many deputies our Kingdom exchequer has. Dare I mention that Nordskogen has not put forth a WW exchequer candidate in several years now...? Volunteers are also being sought for a 2-year term on the financial committee.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

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 our Exchequer 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 which you can find [here](#) and also has a [membership drive](#) with nifty perks including a rental discount. The information about becoming a member can also be found at the GoFundMe link above.

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 5 pm-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. Here is a [link](#) to the full schedule for the Social. Look for the link to the Social in the [Nordskogen Facebook Group](#) on Tuesdays.

From the Corporate Headquarters of the SCA—Establishment of the Membership Assistance Fund

In 2021, 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 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.

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 \(often runs longer\)](#)

Next business meeting: October 20 at 7:30pm

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 and also will be posted to our Baronial email discussion group. 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](#)

Northshield Activities, Classes and Events

[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](#)

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

All courts will be broadcast on: Kingdom Official FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SCANorthshield/>

Kingdom YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU3tGV18QKVnunc1qxxMMDw>

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Past Ethereal and Live Northshield Courts Available Online. Live courts are starred.

[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, 2021](#)

[Feast of the Venerable Bede, May 22, 2021](#)

*[Elevation of Dane of Needham to the Order of Chivalry, June 12, 2021](#)

*[Courts at Northshield Spring Crown Tourney and Crown Tourney Itself, June 19, 2021](#)

[Royal Court at Wishes and Waiting, Sunday, July 11, 2021](#)

[The Last Baronial Court of Baroness Clara and Baron David and The Investiture of Gabriel De Lion and Nadrah al-Zahara as Shaikh and Shaikha Castel Rouge, Saturday, September 4, 2021](#)

*[The Elevation of Baroness Caoilfhionn inghen Cheallaigh úí Mhórdha to the Order of the Laurel, Sat., 9-11-21](#)

*[The Final Court of Elis and Ciaran and Fall Coronation of Hans and Genevieve, Saturday, September 11, 2021](#)

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)

[An Tir Online Events](#)

[East Kingdom Master List of Online A&S Webinars](#)

[Virtual Atlantia](#)

Individual Events--Continuing

[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!

[Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium](#)

[Knowne World Bardcast](#)

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

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

[SCA Board of Directors Meeting, January 24, 2021 On YouTube](#)

[SCA Board of Directors Meeting, April 18, 2021 On YouTube](#)

[SCA Board of Directors Meeting, July 18, 2021 On YouTube](#)

[SCA Covid 19 Reopening Q&A Town Hall, April 23, 2021 On Facebook](#)

SCA Iberia [Webpage](#) and [YouTube Channel](#)

*[SCA Online Virtual Bardic Night](#)

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Greater SCA (con.)

Individual Events—Continuing (con.)

[SCA State of the World Chat April 2020](#)

[SCA Topical Town Hall Sessions](#)

*[SCA Virtual Classroom and Artisan Display](#)

[Virtual Known World Arts and Sciences Display—A Pennsic Activity](#)

Virtual Pennsic University courses are available on their [YouTube channel](#).

Individual Events—One Time

[Daigaku-Ryū Pan Asia University, Constantinople to Heiankyō , October 1-3, 2021](#)

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>

The next bardic circle will be: Saturday, 10/9/21, starting at Noon, Central Time (official start) and running Until Whenever, Including Evening And Night AND Overnight so that anybody with interest and free time can check in whenever they want to! For information on future bardic circles, go [here](#).

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

If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter, please feel free to contact the Chronicler at: 651-605-1085 (before 10 pm) or at chronicler@nordskogen.org