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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 and Updated: October 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 individuals 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 where necessary 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 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:

Events are any activities defined in Corpora II.A, "Society Events Defined"

Proof of being fully vaccinated must be in the form of a government issued card (original or photograph) or an electronic record.

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.

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.

Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test shall not be required for children under 12. Children that are aged 3-11 shall wear a mask.

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.

(UPDATED 25 OCTOBER 2021) The Kingdom must check for proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test at an event. The event organizer may designate multiple people to perform the vaccination/negative COVID test check where each person performing the check is responsible for all people whose last name begins within a specified subset of the alphabet (for example, one person for A-H, one person for I-M, etc.)

The event organizer, or their designee, shall maintain a list of names and times of the person(s) conducting the check at the entrance. A separate list shall be maintained for each alphabet group. 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 age 12 and over with last names through _, entering the event during that time to have 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(s) to the Kingdom Seneschal, or their designee, who shall maintain such records in accordance with the standards for retention of waivers.

Kingdom Seneschals shall notify the Society Seneschal where local, state, provincial, or national law supersedes this policy.

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/2021/10/COVIDsafeVaccination-and-Testing-Policy-10-25-21.pdf>

UPDATED: Frequently Asked Questions Related to the Policy are also available at: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/20210829-Proof-of-Vaccination-or-Negative-Test-Policy-FAQs.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

**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>

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:

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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:

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

Much as we hate to see it, winter is creeping ever closer and our outdoor activities have ceased or moved indoors. While in-person activities are a possibility for many of us, they are not right for everyone and we support you in participating as is best for your safety, time, and energy levels. We hope to meet up again without worries in the future, and we want everyone to be there for it.

November brings us two events, the Stellar University of Northshield in Rockhaven on 11/13 and Blachemere's Free Tournament of Chivalry on 11/20. If you are up for in-person events this season, we hope to see you there!

Nordskogen Wednesday Nights Online will continue this winter, and Her Excellency has had a request to add CLASSES! If you would like to teach on a Wednesday (open to anyone, not just the barony), please contact Lady Helena, our minister of arts and sciences, at moas@nordskogen.org. This is a great place to practice a new class! We would also gladly host games and other family-friendly activities.

The barony currently has officer openings!

- * Seneschal: group operations leader who runs meetings, reports on baronial activities to the kingdom level*
- * Social Media Officer: keeps tabs on our social media presence (Facebook and a few minor odds and ends)*
- * Quartermaster: manages the barony's property and storage unit*
- * Deputy Exchequer: backs up the group treasurer; may train to become group exchequer but is not required to do so*

Please consider whether you might fill one of these roles. We have several veterans of each role who can train and support new officers. I know it's a tough time to dig up energy for anything, but we can't have a group or activities without officers!

To find out more about the jobs or to apply, please email the current holder of the office and the baron and baroness (see <http://nordskogen.org/folks/baronial-officers/>). Applications for seneschal are due 11/10; for social media and quartermaster by 12/15; and for deputy exchequer at any time (rolling application).

Twelfth Night plans are in progress with a planned date of January 15 and regular updates on state, local, and SCA public health restrictions. Please watch social media and the event website for all the latest information, and please plan to donate an hour of your time at the event. This year more than ever we need everyone to give a little rather than depending on a few to give a lot.

*Yours in service,
Caoilfhionn and Gabriel, Baroness and Baron 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.

11/03: Socializing & announcements

11/10: **Business meeting at 7:30 pm**, socializing & announcements
Please note change of date!

11/17: Socializing & announcements

11/24: **CANCELLED DUE TO THANKSGIVING**

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. This is a spacious site. If you would like to organize an activity 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 the first 250 who pre-register by October 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 October 20 will still be accepted but the t-shirt will not be guaranteed.
2. Food is to be announced: covid/SCA rules will dictate.
3. There will be a post revel nearby after the event (still working out details on location).
4. If you were wondering "will there ONLY be fighting at ToC?" the answer is no! We have a Scribal gathering, an informal artisan row anchored by stamping time with Tatiana, and Calontir Trim is confirmed as a merchant. There will also be the vigil of Nell the Innocent as well as plenty of fun social time with those not participating in the heavy fighting.

Link to Form for Pre-registering

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzfupVLKeUw0QUFLhemR5IGlrE120btRPjdH-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, OCTOBER 13, 2021

Countess Jehanette de Provins (Anne Rosebery)

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

20 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel: They went to Crown which was outdoors and lovely as the weather was kind. It was nice to have a mostly normal event. SUN will be on 11/13. The Tournament of Chivalry will be on 11/20. They are planning to go to Boar's Head, first weekend of December. If you are also planning on going to Boar's Head, **PLEASE RSVP**. The Concordia of the Snows fundraiser ends on October 20. So far, we have raised over \$300!!!

Countess Jehanette de Provins, Interim Seneschal: Pre-reg. for SUN is open. Please also pre-reg for the Tournament of Chivalry by 10/20, especially if you want a t-shirt.

Exchequer Report from THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky:

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| Starting balance: | \$ 18,935.78 |
| Income: | \$ 150.16 |
| Expenditures: | \$ 155.00 |
| Ending bank balance on statement: | \$ 18,930.94 |
| Balance change: | \$ -4.84 |

Donations for the year 2021 to date (through September): \$650; more will be reported next month.

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 THL Lewke 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 exchequer positions there are. 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. The only requirement for that is a paid up SCA membership.

Officers: Inventory of Baronial property is due by November 11 business meeting. Space is also time or money! Please don't make the Exchequer hunt you down..... Confirm her records, any additions or deletions, and let her know if you are considering getting rid of things in the future.

Financial committee meeting after business meeting.

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

Herald, Lady Gwenlliana Clutterbooke: The Baroness noted that the Herald had nothing to report.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: Nothing to report. Having technical difficulties joining the Zoom. Kingdom is desperate for an A&S bid. Consider a possible Kingdom A&S event bid (second week in February; in person). Will be mentioned again next month and will send Rosanore information on the bid requirement for the Nib/Quill. This information can be found below on p. 13.

Knight's Marshal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa: 6 fighters came to practice last night. No injuries to report.

notes from the nordskogen business meeting, october 13, 2021 (con.)

Officers' Reports (con.)

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: Not present. Sent an email update. Boffer is on hold right now due to health concerns, safety and liability. Waiting for circumstances to change.

Rapier Captain, THL Sven Asvaldarson: 6 came to practice tonight, last week eight came. All is going well. Still getting used to new indoor area.

Chatelaine, Solveig Andersen: Not present. Sent an email update. No new inquiries but Lady Heliseus Morte d'Arbor, Baroness Caoilfhionn, Lady Iðunn (aka Tabby Cat), and **Solveig** all got together to go through all the loaner garb which was hugely successful! Still working through cataloging it all and a time **has been** set up to fix a lot of the loaner garb that was found to need mending.

Archery Captain, THL Faelan Bacach MacMillan: Very small attendance, 2-3 per week. Leaning towards suspending practice in November until spring and not having weekly practice at Bwana, but maybe go there monthly and rent the whole range for just us. Used to cost \$200 plus \$5 per over 40 people. Would be happy to rent Bwana for Twelfth Night.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert: Not present. Sent an email update. Attendance at Thrown Weapons has really dropped. It's mostly just the marshals now. Hoping to encourage folks to come to the next few weekends... She is planning to arrange for unofficial "outings" to the Axe Throwing places around town (there's at least three now) over the winter months, mostly for fun and socializing.

Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent: Not present. Nothing to report.

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: Not present.

Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah: Seeking a successor.

Webminister and Social Media Officer, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim: Website is good. No injuries. She was the Emergency Kingdom Social Media Officer. She has now become the Kingdom Social Media officer as the former Kingdom office holder has had a sudden promotion and is now His Highness. She is willing to do both Social Media positions until a successor is found.

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

Old Business

Seneschal posting [Their Excellencies]

Applications due by November 11 business meeting. Reach out to Countess Jehanette or Baroness Sorcha if you have any questions.

Open Officer Positions

Quartermaster applications and Social Media Officer applications are due at the December 15 business meeting.

Rapier Captain Vote

Candidate interview of Dona Alianor Rowan: Has been fencing for 18 years in 3 different Kingdoms and a warranted marshal in all of them. Order of the Golden Rapier and White Scarf. Lots of experience putting classes together. Would like to pursue having a bit more structure in our fencing practices. A priority to find a longer term site that will better fit our needs. Would like to know where we stand with GPS. Would like to have one set of loaner kit for cut and thrust. Looking for donors to help increase number of loaner swords. Countess Jehanette moved, Baroness Caoilfhionn seconded, motion passed.

notes from the nordskogen business meeting, october 13, 2021 (con.)

Old Business (con.)

GPS Status and Our Need For Meeting Space

Prohibitively expensive. We have received a gracious offer for free space for rapier practice. However, this space only has room for two pairs of fencers at once and the light is not great. (For comparison, GPS had room for three pairs of fencers.) Immediate space need is for fencing, not social practice at this point but we should be looking for both. Note: interest in the Zoom Wednesday meeting has dropped precipitately.

Twelfth Night

Bid with proposed budget will be forthcoming. The date will be January 15, 2022. Countess Jehanette will be making the site tokens: custom made pins. No food or beverages will be served. Coolers for water with strict rules will be provided in the fighting areas. No cups will be provided. Note: no food is allowed in the gyms. A **good** restaurant list will be provided. Site cost in proposed budget is accurate. Re: Covid-19 concerns: the event will be three weeks after the holidays. Vote held to approve event. Baroness Rosanore moved to approve, Duchess Anne seconded, motion passed.

New Business

Schützenfest XIII 2022—Looking for a new archery marshal. Will confirm staff by the Nov. 11 business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inventory of Baronial Property Is Due By The November 10th Business Meeting!

Officers, activity captains, people who have places of holding, please get your reports on what STUFF you have to the Baronial Exchequer at: exchequer@nordskogen.org **BEFORE** the 11-10 business meeting (which is a week early!).

HELP WANTED

We have several offices coming open in the barony. Could YOU be the one to take up the job?

- * **Seneschal**: group operations leader who runs meetings, reports on baronial activities to the kingdom level
- * **Social Media Officer**: keeps tabs on our social media presence (Facebook and a few minor odds and ends)
- * **Quartermaster**: manages the barony's property and storage unit
- * **Deputy Exchequer**: backs up the group treasurer; may train to become group exchequer but is not required to do so

Without officers, we can't have a group, so please give volunteering serious consideration. I know it's a tough time to dig up energy for anything, but if you have capacity, we need help.

To find out more about the jobs or to apply, please email the current holder of the office and the baron and baroness (see <http://nordskogen.org/folks/baronial-officers/>). Applications for seneschal are due 11/10; for social media and quartermaster by 12/15; and for deputy exchequer at any time (rolling application). *[You can also get more information about the positions by reading the appropriate descriptions below.—Editor]*

Yours in service, Baroness Caoilfhionn

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 10 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 the [Baroness](#), the [Baron](#), 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!

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

Seeking A New Social Media Officer

Our Social Media Officer, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim, has now become the Kingdom Social Media Officer, due to the sudden promotion of her boss (he's now our Prince...). She is seeking a successor. If you are interested in applying for this position and have any questions, please contact [Lady Coelwen](#). Your letter of interest is due to our [Seneschal](#) by our December business meeting, **December 15, 2021**. Please cc [Lady Coelwen](#) 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.

Seeking A New Quartermaster

Our Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah, 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 [Baroness Khadijah](#). Your letter of interest is due to our [Seneschal](#) by our December business meeting, **December 15, 2021**. Please cc [Baroness Khadijah](#) 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.

Baronial Exchequer Seeks More Deputies To Train

Are you a potential exchequer? Do you like money? Just interested in bookkeeping? You can participate in the greater financial health of our barony as a deputy or a committee member! 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.

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 our Exchequer a line at exchequer@nordskogen.org

We Have A New Rapier Captain!

Our new rapier captain will be Dona Alianor Rowan. Many thanks to THL Sven Asvaldaron for his service.

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. Many thanks to Lord Irial Féasruadh ó hIarnáin for his service and to Baron Geoffrey of Warwick for standing in as Interim Herald.

Information from the Kingdom A&S Event Deputy, Baroness Anpliça Fiore, on the requirements for bids for the 2022 Kingdom A&S Faire which is on the calendar for February 12, 2022

Here is what the Kingdom is looking for (in order of importance):

- A very large, gym-style room for the display and competition entries.
- A large populace area.
- A royalty room large enough for peer meetings.
- A room for judges.
- Facilities for serving lunch or nearby lunch options.
- Access on Friday night for set-up.
- Wet site or able to accommodate small amounts of liquor for judging purposes.
- Ability to accommodate entries which must be outside.

Baroness Anpliça would be glad to work with us to get the bid ready and make things work. Please let me know if there is interest. I would be happy to assist but cannot lead at this time.

Thank you, Lady Helena the Quiet (Suzanne Lewis), Nordskogen MoAS

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

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

If you missed seeing St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church's celebration of Martin Luther's 1523 "Formula Missae et Communionis" on October 31, you get another chance! This church puts all of its livestreamed services up on its Vimeo channel at: vimeo.com/user9999987. Once the service has been edited and put up there, we'll let you all know. The period music is lovely, by the way!



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.

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: November 10 at 7:30pm—Please note change of date!

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](#)

Blachemere November Online Business and Social Meeting

Blachemere will be having an online business and social meeting on Monday, November 8, from 8-9 pm on Google Meet at this link: meet.google.com/gyd-bzdp-pbx

Northshield Activities, Classes and Events

[Northshield Unofficial Discord Server](#) [Northshield Official 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](#)

Kingdom YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU3tGV18QKVnunclqxxMMDw>

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Northshield Royal Activities, Courts, and Events (con.)

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

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

Past Ethereal and Live Northshield Courts Available Online. Recordings of live courts are double 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 uí 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](#)

**[Fall Crown Tournament: Morning Court and Tournament, Saturday, October 9, 2021](#)

**[Fall Crown Tournament: Evening Court, Saturday, October 9, 2021](#)

Greater SCA

General List of Events and Classes

[Countess Jehanette's Unofficial Calendar of SCA Classes, Videos, and Streams](#)

[#SCAatHome Highlights 11, June 19, 2020](#)

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

Kingdom Specific Lists of Events and Classes

[Virtual Atlantia](#)

Individual Events--Continuing

[ARTemisia Virtual University](#)

[Dahrien's List of Online Bardic Circles](#)

[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](#)

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Greater SCA (con.)

Individual Events—Continuing (con.)

[SCA Board of Directors Meeting, October 25, 2021 On YouTube](#)

[SCA Concert Index](#)

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

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

*[SCA Online Virtual Bardic Night](#)

[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

SCA Individuals

[\(The Wrong\) and Honorable Master Dahrien Cordell'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, 11/2/21, starting at 6pm, Central Time (official start).

[Sometimes he opens things early, though.]

End: When his last bardic playmate leaves him.

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