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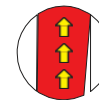
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RESOLUTION ON COVIDSAFE PROOF OF FULLY VACCINATED STATUS OR NEGATIVE COVID TEST POLICY

SCA Board of Directors Resolution Dated: September 25, 2021 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](mailto:trm@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 people of Nordskogen, Blachemere, and Nordleigh, greetings!

The year is coming to an end, we are packing for Boar's Head, and our lands have been graced already by very non-heraldic snowflakes. That, of course, means a call for award recommendations for Twelfth Night is in order!

Visit <http://nordskogen.org/folks/order-of-precedence/> to refresh your memory of baronial awards and click through to make a recommendation. Our scribes need time to do their work as well, so please submit Twelfth Night recommendations by December 15.

Last month, we had the bittersweet pleasure of attending Blachemere's Free Tournament of Chivalry, a fine day of fighting and friendship which was also the canton's final event. After thirteen years of events and camaraderie, it was a fitting final gift to the kingdom. Our thanks to Duchess Mary, event steward and seneschal, and to the event staff, mat wranglers, teachers, volunteers, and attendees for a memorable day.

The Twelfth Night event staff is keeping a close eye on public health updates over the next weeks. Many of us are not yet ready to return to indoor events, too, and we encourage everyone to attend only as they feel is right for them (and remember: you need not attend to submit or receive awards). If you do plan to attend, please set aside an hour of your time to volunteer! Every one of us is tired right now, and that means that now, more than ever, we must ALL pull together to make events happen.

Likewise, as the new year begins, we are seeking officers who are willing to support the barony over a longer term: we currently have openings for seneschal (group president), social media officer, quartermaster (manager of baronial inventory), and chatelaine (welcome wagon). Please contact the current holder of the office and/or the baron and baroness if you are interested in an office or have questions about it.

Finally, midwinter is celebrated across time and many cultures with lights in the darkness. It has been a difficult year, the second in a row. As we pass through this month, this darkest period of the astronomical year, we are grateful to have all of you with us, you stars and clusters and constellations that brighten the darkness. Thank you for lighting our way.

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



WEEKLY ONLINE WEDNESDAY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 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.

12/01: Socializing & announcements

12/08: Socializing & announcements

12/15: Socializing & announcements; **Business meeting at 7:30 pm**

12/22: Socializing & announcements

12/29: Socializing & announcements

UPCOMING CANTON AND BARONY SPECIAL EVENTS

[TWELFTH NIGHT](#)

Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303, 9:00 AM until 8:30 PM

Royalty, staff, and merchants are allowed in at 7:00 AM

Event stewards:

[Countess Jehanette de Provins](#) and [Dame Mary Elizabeth Fairweather of Priors Hardwick](#)

SITE FEES: Adult(18 & above): \$20; Adult Member: \$15; Minors (under 18): Free

Pre-registration for Twelfth Night is **open**.

PRE-REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Note: Pre-registration is strongly encouraged but not required.

By Paypal: Follow this [link](#) to the online form and follow the instructions there.

By Mail:

Fill out the fillable pdf [Pre-Registration Form](#) legibly and print it out.

Mail your filled-out pre-registration form and check to our gate officer at:

Elizabeth Jensen, 28 Arbor Lane, Farmington MN 55024

Checks should be made out to SCA, Inc. - Barony of Nordskogen.

Pre-registration materials should be received by the gate officer post-marked by Jan. 7th, 2022.

Site Restrictions: Site is BONE dry. Candles and live flame are forbidden.

[SCHÜTZENFEST XIII](#)

Hosted by the Barony of Nordskogen in the lands of Rivenwood Tower

Camp Singing Hills, 49496 193rd Ave, Waterville, MN 56096

5:00 PM on Friday, May 20 Until Noon on Sunday, May 22, 2022 (No early arrivals, please)

Event steward: [Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn, O.L.](#)

[WARRIORS & WARLORDS XXVII THREE TIMES LUCKY](#)

Tomah Recreation Park, 1625 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI, 54660

July 14-17, 2022

Hosted by the Baronies of Nordskogen and Jararvellir

Event Stewards: [THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa](#) and [Theign Nikolaus der Auslander](#)

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, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Countess Jehanette de Provins (Anne Rosebery)

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

15 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel: Looking for people to teach classes on Wednesday Zooms. Good for developing new classes.... Please contact Helena at: moas@nordskogen.org. Job openings in the Barony: Seneschal, Social Media, Quartermaster, Deputy Exchequer. SUN will be on 11/13 in person in Crosby, MN. The Tournament of Chivalry will be on 11/20 in person at St. Francis in Blachemere. A&S row will be anchored by Mistress Tatiana Marana Melville's fabric stamping. Their Excellencies are planning on going to Boar's Head 12/4 in person in Milwaukee, WI. If you are also planning on going to Boar's Head, **PLEASE PRE-REG (without paying is fine)**. Princess's Sleeve tourney is tentatively being planned for Twelfth Night. We raised \$670 for the Barony of Concordia of the Snows to help with their recovery from the fire in their storage unit.

Countess Jehanette de Provins, Interim Seneschal: Happy to train folks for the open jobs so please feel free to throw your hat in the ring. Can't run the Barony without officers so your volunteering is appreciated! Lots of cool classes at SUN this Saturday 11/13 in person. Don't have to pre-register.

Exchequer Report from THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky:

Bank statement has not yet arrived from the bank so the figures below are from the ledger only.

Starting balance:	\$ 18,930.34
Income:	\$ 1,452.92
Expenditures:	\$ 1,375.00
Ending bank balance on statement:	\$ 19,008.86
Balance change:	\$ 77.92

Donations for the year 2021 to date: \$700

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.

Needs inventories from folks **NOW**.

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.

Financial committee meeting after business meeting.

Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. Quill will be published Wednesday, December 1. Soft deadline is Friday, November 26. The hard deadline is Tuesday, November 30.

Herald, Lady Gwennliana Clutterbooke: Nothing to report and no injuries. Mary needs to consult with her about heraldic consultation at Twelfth Night.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: One class volunteer so far. Kingdom is still looking for bids for the A&S Faire in February.

notes from the nordskogen business meeting, november 10, 2021 (con.)

Knight's Marshal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa: 8 came last night after missing practice the week before due to the election. No injuries to report and looking forward to upcoming events.

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

Rapier Captain, Dona Alianor Rowan: No injuries to report. Planning on doing inventory of the rapier gear this weekend. Looking into sites: Hennepin County, Mpls. Schools, St. Paul Public Schools. Inspecting gym at Webster Elementary in Mpls northeast near to old GPS meeting site.

Chatelaine, Solveig Andersen: Not present. Baroness: Garb repair session last weekend. 8 or 10 pieces mended. Plan for more mending. Mary Fairweather asked for invite. After Twelfth Night, probably have a chemise and shirt construction manufacturing session.

Archery Captain, THL Faelan Bacach MacMillan: Good turnout on Halloween. Probably no practice on Sunday because it will be close to freezing. May suspend until warmer weather. No injuries except for broken arrows. Targets remained uninjured.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert: Thrown Weapons has slowed *way* down. We might have had our last practice of the season this past Sunday. If the weather holds, we might (might!) host a practice on the Sunday after ToC (maybe). In unofficial news, there's been enough interest that "a group of folks who just happen to be in the SCA" are going to plan a monthly "gathering" at various Axe clubs around the Twin Cities during the off-season. I don't suppose anyone knows if I'm permitted to post info about such a gathering to either the TW and/or Baronial Facebook page(s)?? [*Info. cannot be put in any official venue.*] I owe y'all one inventory list of the TW items - I took pictures, I just need to type it up...

Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent: Not present and Baroness said that Lady Cynthia had nothing to report.

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: If you want to have a Twelfth Night court, well, there's only nine weeks between now and then which include many holidays. Send in award recommendations!!!!

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

Webminister and Social Media Officer, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim: Webpage is doing well. No updates recently. Now have automatic saving. Nothing new to report on the Facebook page.

Equestrian Activities, THL Masina Vitus: Equestrian activities are suspended until it is safe again.

Old Business

Open Officer Positions

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

Twelfth Night

On the Kingdom calendar, sca.org has acknowledged receipt of insurance request, Lewke has put together flyer for the Northwatch and got a Paypal pre-reg link for us. Will be talking to Rosanore about website and putting in request for official Facebook event page. After SUN, Jehanette will be helping us fill in staff gaps. Thanks to all the helpers!

notes from the nordskogen business meeting, november 10, 2021 (con.)

Schützenfest XIII 2022

Event steward, Baroness Rosanore, is working on confirming the Schützenfest staff and is mostly done with that. Archery MiC, Master Crispin Fletcher, must resign and is seeking his replacement. Called Girl Scouts of MN and WI River Valleys and talked with Kyria Tarnowski, the Property Manager, and confirmed that we have all of Singing Hills Friday, May 20-Sunday, May 22, 2022. It's fully paid for. She stated that their clear policy is that if non-Girl Scout folks rent the whole camp, they have full access to all of the sleeping possibilities. (Girls Scouts are forbidden to sleep in the cabins and must sleep in tents.)

Some improvements at the camp: Tent cabin tents have been replaced with new versions that have screen "doors" which received rave reviews from last summer's users.
Yurts now have electricity and large fans.

Whether or not they will be renting porta-potties for the summer depends on troop rentals. Will know more about that by January or early Feb. Will check back in with Kyria around Jan. 15, 2022 unless there is a need to check in with her sooner.

New Business

Blachemere

The canton is dissolving. ToC is their last event and will be free, using up as much of their money as they can. Plan on gifting their half of the mats to the Barony. Would like to give the rest of the money in their treasury (1-2 thousand dollars) to us as well. Separate fund? Extant fund? General fund? Archers: Eternal need for arrows. Armored combat: Some new loaner helms. Buy loaner garb or fabric for it? Need budget requests or money must go into the general fund and be requested in the future. Need a plan to report to Blachemere. Don't know exactly when this will happen. They will need to close their books after ToC and stuff.

Boar's Head

Jehanette publicly encouraging carpooling and seeking a ride or riders. Talk to her or Their Excellencies.

Toys for Tots

No volunteer for this year. So unless someone wants to volunteer to do this remotely, we'll pause this until next year. Rosanore will put something in the Nib.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, social media officer, and quartermaster are due by 12/15/21; 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

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

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 **December 15, 2021 business meeting**, at which we will interview applicants. The vote will take place at our January 19, 2022 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](#).

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 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

Toys for Tots and Twin Cities Geek Holiday Toy and Book Drive in 2021

The Barony is not having a Toys for Tots campaign this year. However, Their Excellencies would like to encourage all of us to donate this season anyhow. Here is the link for online donations:

https://marinetoysfortots.salsalabs.org/localdonationform/index.html?fun_local_campaign_designation=MN-Minneapolis&scf_unit_code_supporter=MN-Minneapolis&fun_unit_location=MN-Minneapolis

You can also go to this link to find out where you can donate toys: <https://minneapolis-mn.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/donate-toys.aspx>. The deadline for in-person donations seems to be Dec. 16 though this varies from site to site. Be sure to double check the deadline for the in-person site you are planning to use.

Please also consider donating in-person or online to the [Twin Cities Geek Holiday Toy & Book Drive](#). This drive supports books and toys for the [Hallie Q. Brown Center](#) in Saint Paul and books for the [Women's Prison Book Project](#) in Minneapolis. More information on the drive is available at this [link](#). This drive runs from Nov. 15-Dec. 10, 2021.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)



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.

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!

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: December 15 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 Official Discord Server](#)

Northshield Royal Activities, Courts, and Events

*[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/UCU3tGV18QKVnunclqxxMMDw>

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

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/join/85062066750>

The next bardic circle will be: Saturday, 12/4/21, starting at Noon, 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