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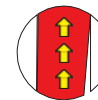
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A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

Unto the people of Nordskogen, Nordleigh, and Blachemere, greetings and good wishes for the New Year! We hope that you all rang out the old year with celebrations as lively or quiet as you desired.

Last month we attended Boar's Head in the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr, and while it did remind us how out of practice we are at road tripping, it was a pleasure to see people in person whom we have of late met only within a Zoom frame.

Sadly, as has been announced widely, our own Twelfth Night event has been canceled due to the rising Covid numbers and transmittal rates. It is disheartening to lose yet another event after the cautious optimism of the summer, but it is even more important to keep all healthy. Our thanks to Dame Mary Elizabeth and Countess Jehanette for organizing the event, to HL Lewke for setting up PayPal, and to Meistari Sefa for launching preregistration, and to the whole staff for volunteering despite the uncertainty. We will mark Twelfth Night this year with an online baronial court during the weekend of January 15th.

This is a disappointing starting point for the new year indeed. Fencing practice is also on hold until February due to the current COVID numbers. We hope that numbers will decline quickly and the events scheduled for February will continue as scheduled. Wednesday Zooms will continue, and a few people have answered our call for classes to be held at Nordskogen Wednesday Nights Online. Watch for announcements of class dates to come!

We had hoped that this road would be shorter, but it seems we have a while to walk yet. Hang in there, and we will get through this together.

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.

01/05: Socializing & announcements

01/12: Socializing & announcements

01/19: Socializing & announcements; **Business meeting at 7:30 pm**

01/26: Socializing & announcements

UPCOMING CANTON AND BARONY SPECIAL EVENTS

TWELFTH NIGHT IS CANCELLED

Unto all who read these words,

It is with heavy heart that we announce that we are cancelling the Barony of Nordskogen's Twelfth Night event. Due in part to the omicron variant, COVID cases in Minnesota are rising, and as I write this there are only 1% of the ICU beds in the Nordskogen area open. Given that, and looking at the spike in COVID cases that occurred two weeks after Thanksgiving, we believe that it is best for the Barony and Kingdom if we cancel this event. While we want to see our friends and family at our event, we do not want to have any of you catching COVID from this event. If you had pre-registered for the event, please contact our exchequer (exchequer@nordskogen.org) about a refund.

Their Excellencies will be having an online court that weekend, with the details to follow.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding in these difficult times.

In service,

Gabriel and Caoilfhionn, Baron and Baroness of Nordskogen

Countess Jehanette, Baronial Seneschal

Dame Mary Elizabeth, Event Steward

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

July 14-17, 2022 in Tomah Recreation Park, 1625 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI, 54660

Hosted by the Baronies of Nordskogen and Jararvellir

Event Stewards: [THL Bazyl 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, DECEMBER 15, 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: Boar's Head was fantastic as was the Tournament of Chivalry. Need award recommendations for Twelfth Night TONIGHT.

Countess Jehanette de Provins, Interim Seneschal: There are a number of job postings to be filled and no applications have been received. She is stepping down at February business meeting so we need a new seneschal by then. Need to talk to our friends and suggest that they inquire about the job or step forward. Send your questions to Jehanette; if she can't answer, she'll pass it on.

Exchequer Report from THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky:

Starting balance:	\$ 20,228.86
Income:	\$.16
Expenditures:	\$ 1,170.00
Ending bank balance on statement:	\$ 19,059.02
Balance change:	\$ -1,169.84

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.

Money is coming in as pre-reg. for Twelfth Night and as donations.

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.

Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. Quill will be published Saturday, January 1. Very soft deadline is Boxing Day, Sunday, December 26. The hard deadline is Friday, December 31.

Herald, Lady Gwennliana Clutterbooke: Not present. Report from Facebook message: I don't have any updates.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: Present. Not much to report. Working on getting classes set up. January is earliest possible starting point. Has some good ideas. Looks like Korsvag is doing the A&S Fair on February 19 in Wahpeton, ND

Knight's Marshal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa: Present. 6 or 7 fighters attending most practices. No injuries to report. New director at Brackett, now have a guy named Dave. Officially we're a park program so our individual participants need to enroll. In two or three weeks, we'll start that. No practice in two week.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: Present. There is officially boffer in Northshield. Not a lot of people are doing it. However, he personally does not feel that it is safe right now because of the pandemic. TE fully support Tribaldi's decision. Abelard is trying to get it setup for Twelfth Night, though.

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

Rapier Captain, Dona Alianor Rowan: Not present. Report from Facebook message: Attendance is steady, we've had a couple of visitors from other areas and we're hoping that seeing our new practice format was helpful for them. Search continues for a long term site. Bottom line, renting a gym space is going to be comparably expensive to the GPS. After the holidays, I'm going to post a call for anyone with potential site connections.

Chatelaine, Solveig Andersen: Not present. Nothing to report but that she's seeking a successor.

Archery Captain, THL Faelan Bacach MacMillan: Present.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert: Not present. Report from Facebook message: Not practicing until spring.

Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent: Not present. Report from Facebook message: Nothing to report on my end, but hoping to have more "zoom" energy soon.

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: Not present. Report from Facebook message: I have no business updates except Their Excellencies will be getting court information to me soon, hooray!

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

Webminister and Social Media Officer, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim: Present. Website looks great. Social media: One of the other Kingdoms reports their Facebook page was getting spammed and warned the rest of us. Ceolwen checks often but let her know if you see anything suspicious.

Equestrian Activities, THL Masina Vitus: Not present.

Old Business

Twelfth Night

Check delivered. Plan to get mats there on Thursday, warmed up, and set up on Friday. No volunteer for jumble sale. Not pressing for that. If you know someone who might be interested, please let them know. Need clean-up crew badly. Please help them recruit young and healthy folks. Helena will contact the event stewards about that. Mary will have the keys and will take pictures of the original state of the place, possibly on Thursday when the mats are delivered. 32 pre-reg by now. Encourage folks to do this! Safer and easier for gate! Tribaldi willing to come specially to help with clean up. Melrakki juggling many requests for tourneys.

Schützenfest XIII 2022

Staff is all confirmed, a private Facebook group has been set up for the marshals to do their planning, and some questions about tenting and camping have been clarified with the Property Manager at Girl Scouts River Valleys. Please note that personal tents can be set up anywhere on the property that does not block emergency access (so, no tents in the middle of roads or paths!). Also, if extra-long stakes are being used, we must check with Property Management so that they can make sure that the stakes don't compromise water or electrical stuff.

Motion for adjournment made by Countess Jehanette, seconded by THL Lewke, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP WANTED

Hello, friends! There are a few positions open in the Barony that need to be filled. If you have ever thought of how you can help our Barony, please consider if you would be willing to step up into one of our open Officer positions. There are positions open that are critical for us to even be able to continue as a Barony. We need volunteers to keep our game alive. We need you.

Please check out the Baronial website at <https://nordskogen.org/> for information on the different positions. Or reach out to us directly and we would be happy to talk to you about the different positions. *[You can also get more information about the positions by reading the appropriate descriptions below.—Editor]*

Open Positions:

[Baronial Seneschal](#): group operations leader who runs meetings, reports on baronial activities to the kingdom level

[Baronial Social Media Officer](#): keeps tabs on our social media presence (Facebook and a few minor odds & ends)

[Baronial Quartermaster](#): manages the Barony's property and storage unit

[Baronial Chatelaine](#): welcomes new members

Deputy Exchequer: backs up the group treasurer; may train to become group exchequer but is not required to do so

Applications for seneschal, social media officer, quartermaster, and chatelaine are due by January 19, 2022; and for deputy exchequer at any time (rolling application).

LONG LIVE NORDSKOGEN!

Yours in service, Baroness Caoilfhionn

Seeking A New Baronial Seneschal—Critically Needed!

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 **January 19, 2022 business meeting**, at which time we will interview applicants. The vote will take place at our February 16, 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 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 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 next business meeting, **January 19, 2022**, at which time we will interview candidates. The vote will take place at our February 16, 2022 business meeting. 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 next business meeting, **January 19, 2022**, at which time we will interview candidates. The vote will take place at our February 16, 2022 business meeting. 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.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

Seeking A New Chatelaine (New Person Welcomer)

Our Chatelaine, Solveig Andersen, 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 [Solveig](#) and cc our [Baron](#) and [Baroness](#). Your letter of interest is due to our [Seneschal](#) by our next business meeting, **January 19, 2022**, at which time we will interview candidates. The vote will take place at our February 16, 2022 business meeting. Please cc [Solveig](#) 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.

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Looking For A New Meeting Space

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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 5PM-Midnight (Central time). A new link is posted each Tuesday and may be found on the [Kingdom of Meridies Facebook Group page](#). Zoombomb protection is in place, and anyone whose name Mistress Ellen does not recognize must show themselves on camera before they can gain admission to the Social. 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 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>

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)

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Greater SCA (con.)

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](#)

[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: Wednesday, 1/5/22, 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](#)

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 and November 29, 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.

Paragraph 4 of the procedure was updated 11-29-21.

All persons over the age of 18 must present government issued photo identification or a current SCA membership card 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:

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>

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