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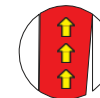
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## **RESOLUTION TO LIFT SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON ACTIVITY IN THE SCA AS OF JUNE 1ST, 2021**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Questions or comments should be sent directly to [president@sca.org](mailto:president@sca.org) and [seneschal@sca.org](mailto:seneschal@sca.org) or your board Ombudsman.

In lieu of email, commentary may be sent by US Mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., RE: Resolution, P.O. Box 360789, Milpitas, CA 95036-0789

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

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

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

Comments are strongly encouraged and can be sent to: SCA Inc., Box 360789, Milpitas, CA 95036

You may also email [sca-comments@lists.sca.org](mailto:sca-comments@lists.sca.org).

## **KINGDOM OF NORTHSHIELD REOPENING PLANS AS OF JUNE 1, 2021**

Dear Northshield,

I have received a couple questions about the Board of Directors announcement of reopening after June 1 and here is our plan for implementation of the reopening and what needs to be done to hold an event. I am happy to help you set up your pre-registration and work with you to make sure you are in compliance with the new rules.

<http://northshield.org/Resources/PDF/Seneschal/NorthshieldEventsProceedure-June2021.pdf>

Please let me know if you have any questions or need help - [seneschal@northshield.org](mailto:seneschal@northshield.org)

Additionally, I have a resource for you on healthy events, both attending and hosting.

<http://northshield.org/Resources/PDF/Seneschal/HealthyEvents.pdf>

Thank you, Alinore, Northshield Kingdom Seneschal

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

Greetings Northshield,

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Here are the current crown plans:**

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

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

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

We wish to have as safe and healthy an event as possible. We will abide by local and state pandemic regulations, as well as the SCA rules from the Resolution to Lift Suspension of In-Person Activity in the SCA as of June 1st, 2021

- <https://www.sca.org/news/resolutiontoliftsuspensionapril2021/>

We do plan to livestream Crown.

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

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

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

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

Ciaran and Elis

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

From the Board of Directors and the offices of the Society Seneschal, and President.

On May 25, 2021, the Board of Directors passed the following:

### **Resolution to Further Lift Suspension of In-Person Activity in the SCA as of July 1st, 2021**

I. Whereas the challenge created by the COVID-19 Global Pandemic demanded heightened safety standards which led to a suspension of in-person activity and a subsequent partial lifting of that suspension in North America by the SCA Board of Directors;

II. Whereas the crisis of the Pandemic is being addressed through a combination of social policy, as well as scientific and medical advancements;

III. Whereas the SCA Board of Directors continues to prioritize the health and well-being of the membership and participants of the SCA; and

IV. Whereas the directed suspension of in-person events in North America expires after May 31st, 2021, and the previous partial lifting of said suspension takes effect on June 1, 2021; now, therefore, be it

V. **Resolved**, that the SCA Board of Directors further lifts the suspension of in-person activity in North America, effective July 1, 2021 provided adherence to the items in this resolution;

VI. **Resolved**, that all attendees in North America must follow all province, territory, state, and local health guidelines at SCA events. In addition, at all North American SCA events:

A. Kingdoms may require the use of masks at their events;

B. The SCA may not provide shared drinking containers or any food served in a buffet-style. Attendees who accept shared drinking containers or buffet-style food from other attendees do so at their own risk. Feast will not be allowed at this time; and

C. All events shall require preregistration.

VII. **Resolved**, that the SCA Board of Directors mandates any Kingdoms who propose any deviation from the above restrictions to request a variance from the Society Seneschal in order to hold the proposed event. The Society Seneschal shall have the authority to grant or deny these requests. These requests will be reviewed by the Board using the same review method used for variances to Corpora;

VIII. **Resolved**, that enforcement of this resolution will be handled by the Society Seneschal and President of SCA Inc.; and,

IX. **Resolved**, that the SCA Board of Directors commends the hard-working officers, royalty, membership, and participants who have allowed the SCA to continue to flourish virtually as we lift this suspension and transition forward in a manner consistent with recommended health and safety standards.

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

As per item (C) in the Resolution, SCA, Inc. has available the Event Module for the mandatory pre-registration process. All kingdoms are encouraged to utilize this tool. If you would like to contact the SCA Accounting Specialist, Mazelle Attiya about this available option, she can be reached at [Mazelle@sca.org](mailto:Mazelle@sca.org)

Questions or comments should be sent directly to [president@sca.org](mailto:president@sca.org) and [seneschal@sca.org](mailto:seneschal@sca.org) or your board Ombudsman.

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

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

Link to pdf of document: [Resolution to Lift Suspension of In-Person Activity in the SCA as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021](#)

**FROM THE SOCIETY SENESCHAL:**  
**RE: RESOLUTION TO FURTHER LIFT SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON ACTIVITY IN THE SCA**  
**AS OF 7-1-2021**

MAY 28, 2021

Greetings to the SCA:

In April of this year, the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc. issued a proclamation allowing in-person events to resume in North America as of June 1, 2021, subject to any federal, state, provincial, or local government health restrictions, and subject to restrictions imposed by the Board to try to ensure the safety of our participants, given conditions of the pandemic at the time. It was stated then that these restrictions would be revisited as appropriate.

At their May 25, 2021 conference call meeting, the Board of Directors of the SCA, Inc. discussed the latest guidance from the CDC, as well as current trends in the United States in particular with regard to the increasing availability of COVID vaccinations and the decreasing incidence of illness and hospitalizations in the United States. The Board then decided to loosen many of the SCA-imposed restrictions effective July 1, 2021. The attached proclamation spells out the requirements for in-person events going forward from that July 1 date.

The Board further took the following action:

*Motion by Dale Fong-Frederick to approve the following language, and require that it 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.*

*Seconded by Gigi Coulson. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

This language will be required to appear on all event notices, flyers, online announcements, and advertisements, as well as being posted in multiple locations at any and all SCA-sponsored functions going forward. A PDF of this language can be found here: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/052021EventSign.pdf>

A few important notes:

1. During the month of June, all current restrictions including mask requirements and the 150-person attendance limit remain in effect. The new proclamation does not take effect until July 1.
2. As always, any and all federal, state, provincial, and local health rules and restrictions must be followed. If your local government does not allow gatherings above a certain size, or requires masks, those restrictions of course must be enforced.
3. Individual kingdoms are always allowed to impose more restrictions than those imposed by the SCA, Inc. No kingdom is required to begin holding in-person events if the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal do not believe it is safe yet; a kingdom may continue to require face coverings, impose size limits on events, or prohibit overnight camping if it wishes. The President, Society Seneschal, and Board will support kingdoms in resuming events in the way that seems safest for them. Please contact the Society Seneschal at [seneschal@sca.org](mailto:seneschal@sca.org) and the President at [president@sca.org](mailto:president@sca.org) with questions.
4. The SCA has always been built on the ideals of chivalry and courtesy. We expect that people will continue to display these values at all times, and respect individuals' personal choices regarding their own health and safety.

The Society Seneschal and the President will continue to work with Kingdom Seneschals to implement the SCA's return to live events in a safe and responsible manner. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we move forward.

PDF version of this document: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-05-28-SScover.pdf>



### A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

*Unto the people of Nordskogen, Blachemere, and Nordleigh, greetings!*

*As of June 1, restrictions on SCA activities have partially lifted. We are excited to take this careful step toward regular activities! Keep in mind that masks are still required at all SCA activities and other limits still apply. Check local guidelines and the helpful guides at <http://northshield.org/Posts/Display.aspx?ID=62604> to stay up to date and remember that preregistration for events is required. Plan ahead!*

*Many of us are delaying the return to in-person events for a while yet, and we encourage everyone to participate at their own level of comfort. Online activities will continue for those who enjoy them. In-person activities will be there when each of us is ready, however long it takes to decide that it's a good choice for ourselves.*

*The first small events of the summer are on the calendar. Send your award recommendations for kingdom and baronial awards ASAP!*

*On June 12, the Canton of Nordleigh will host an afternoon Kegslayer tourney (unbelt only) and the elevation of Dane of Needham to the Order of Chivalry. Preregistration is required and limited to 150 attendees. June is also host to three online Known World events and the live broadcast of Northshield Crown Tourney.*

*Would you be interested in hosting a small event later this summer? We hope to see more activities on the line of Nordleigh's tournament event: a small, straightforward, outdoor gathering of just a few hours. Now is the perfect time to try out event organization on a small scale.*

*We are also looking ahead to Wishes & Waiting, the hybrid event that will take the place of Warriors & Warlords this year. It will combine online court and classes with the possibility of in-person martial practices and tournaments and, if desired, local in-person gatherings. Watch warriorsandwarlords.org for updates!*

*We also need an event steward for Twelfth Night! If we want this event to happen in 2022, we need a bid soon. If you are interested but feel that you need more information, please contact Their Excellencies and the seneschal.*

*At the May business meeting we welcomed a new chatelaine, Solveig Andersen. We also welcome Countess Jehanette as our interim seneschal, as Liadan Nobilis has had to step away from the office until the end of August due to modern considerations. Thank you both for filling these important roles!*

*At the June 16 business meeting we will have a vote of confidence for archery captain and meet candidates for baronial herald. (If you are interested in the role of herald, you can still send a letter of intent to Their Excellencies before June 16.)*

*On June 23, Her Excellency will host another fiber breakout room. Bring your string projects (or any projects) and visit!*

*We look forward to seeing you!*

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



## **WEEKLY ONLINE WEDNESDAY MEETING LINK AND SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2021**

**LIMITED IN-PERSON MEETINGS (OUTDOORS ONLY, ETC.) HAVE RETURNED  
MORE RESTRICTIONS WILL BE LIFTED JULY 1, 2021**

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

Join us for an online gathering while our usual Wednesday SCA social time is on hold. We will be gathered in a Zoom Meeting. The invitation will be posted in a pinned post in the Facebook discussion at the link above each week. Please remember that you are muted when you join in. Video is encouraged but not required. Drop in and out as you wish.

- 06/02:** Socializing & announcements
- 06/09:** Socializing & announcements
- 06/16:** Business meeting, socializing & announcement
- 06/23:** Socializing & announcements  
Fiber break-out room: around 7:30 pm to around 9:30 pm
- 06/30:** Socializing & announcements

### **UPCOMING CANTON AND BARONY SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **KEGSLAYER TOURNEY AND ELEVATION OF DANE OF NEEDHAM TO ORDER OF CHIVALRY SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021, 1 PM-3:30 PM (approx.)**

**Hosted by: Canton of Nordleigh at Miesville Ravine Park Reserve, 2790 Orlando Trail, Cannon Falls MN, 55009**  
**Event steward: Andrew McClain (Neil Wilson); [nwilson@northfieldwifi.com](mailto:nwilson@northfieldwifi.com) Event is free & limited to 150 people total.**  
**All participants will have to pre-register to attend. The form can be found at:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VKIwshz6o1g0p-fTMzIQOWDijOyEc6fJnxViirBYy80/edit?ts=60b235da>

Included in the event will be an unbelt only double elimination heavy combat tournament, where the victor shall receive the traveling Kegslayer Keg! This tourney is hosted by the candidate for elevation. Time and participant energy dependent, a second bear pit and pick up list will be organized; it will be awesome! Armor inspections will begin at 1pm and the tournament will commence at 1:30pm or so.

#### **NORTHSHIELD CROWN TOURNAMENT, SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021, 9 AM-8:30 PM**

**Hosted by: Canton of Blachemere at the Home of Duke Lars Wolfsblut and Duchess Mary of Carrigart  
18627 Jennings St NE, Forest Lake MN, 55025**

**Event Steward: Duchess Mary of Carrigart (Kate Luthner): [Kate79@gmail.com](mailto:Kate79@gmail.com)**

**Pre-registration will be required. Site Fees: Adult \$20; Adult Member \$15; Family Max \$30**

**The site will be open from 6-8:30 PM Friday, June 18, for set up.**

Attendance is limited to Combatants, Consorts, and one attendee per couple. The rest of the attendance spots will be reserved for essential officers & event staff. There will be a live stream and Zoom room for the rest of the Kingdom.

#### **Warriors and Warlords XXVII Has Become: WISHES AND WAITING: A HOPEFUL HYBRID**

After long deliberation, the Baronies of Nordskogen and Jararvellir have decided to reschedule Warriors & Warlords XXVII one more time, to July 2022. We will instead host **Wishes and Waiting: A Hopeful Hybrid** on July 8-11, 2021. Plans for this event are still in the works, but we hope to include both online and limited in-person activities hosted across the kingdom, depending on local and national health precautions. Watch <http://warriorsandwarlords.org/> for updates, and if you have an idea for a challenge or activity, please email the Nordskogen WW steward, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa at: [bazyli1592@gmail.com](mailto:bazyli1592@gmail.com)!

#### **Baronial Award Recommendations For Wishes And Waiting Requested**

With Wishes & Waiting coming up, we are planning for court--and that means we need award recommendations! If you have seen someone doing something exceptional, please let us know about it.

The Award Recommendation Form is here: <http://nordskogen.org/folks/order-of-precedence/make-an-award-recommendation/>

To view the list of baronial awards and check the Order of Precedence (awards already given) see <http://nordskogen.org/folks/order-of-precedence/>. The OP is still a little out of date due to pandemic delays, but don't worry! If you're not sure whether someone has an award or not, please recommend them anyway. We can't be everywhere and see what everyone is doing, so we want to hear from you!

If you want to recommend someone but know that they are uncomfortable with public recognitions, please include that information in your recommendations. (Did you know you can do this at the Kingdom level as well? You can!)

For more info on Wishes & Waiting, keep an eye on <http://warriorsandwarlords.org/>. We still need sponsors for local and online activities!

Yours in service, Baroness Caoilfhionn



## **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, MAY 19, 2021**

Countess Jehanette de Provins (Anne Rosebery) presiding  
Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn, O.L. (Susan Guthmann Henry) recording  
22 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

#### **Officers' Reports**

**Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel:** Please remember to sign in at practices for safety. Royal Court is happening online this weekend. If you would like to host some activity at the Wishes and Waiting event, please email [Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa](#). You have until next business meeting to apply for the Baronial Herald position. Please consider applying!

#### **Líadan inghean Cheallaigh Nobilis, Seneschal:**

Interim seneschal (through end of August) vote of confidence was held for Countess Jehanette de Provins. Lady Neave inghean Domhnaill made the motion that we have a vote. THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky seconded the motion. The vote of confidence passed.

#### **Exchequer Report from THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky:**

Starting balance:	\$ 19,359.98
Income:	\$ .16
Expenditures:	\$ 0.00
Ending bank balance on statement:	\$ 19,360.14
Balance change:	\$ 0.16

Donations for the year 2021 to date: \$150

If you would like to donate and help us to stay financially strong, send a check by mail to Erin Ahlstrom, 2964 Patton Road, Roseville, MN 55113. Checks should be made out to: SCA, Inc.—Barony of Nordskogen.

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](mailto:exchequer@nordskogen.org) Suggestion of site: Hidden Minnesota.

**Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn:** All is ok. Quill will be published Tuesday, June 1. Soft deadline is Wednesday, May 26. The hard deadline is Monday, May 31.

**Interim Herald, Baron Geoffrey of Warwick:** Nothing to report. So, no injuries.

**Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet:** There has been some planning for various activities. Watch for more info. Please let her know about any projects!.

**Knight's Marshal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa:** Three practices since the restart. 6-9 people per practice, knocking rust off skills and armor. No injuries to report.

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

**Rapier Captain, THL Sven Asvaldarson:** Two practices so far. 6-7 at each practice. Practicing in a park in Lauderdale. Tonight's practice was cancelled due to rain.

**Chatelaine, Solveig Andersen:** A vote of confidence was held for Solveig. Lady Shona of Red Wolf made the motion that we have a vote. THL Lewke seconded the motion. The vote of confidence passed. Solveig reported that the chatelaine stuff has been passed on to her.

**Archery Captain:** Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir stepped down December 31, 2020 and is still looking for a successor. One candidate has stood forth: THL Faelan Bacach MacMillan. A vote of confidence will be held at the June 16 business meeting.

## notes from the nordskogen business meeting, may 19, 2021 (con.)

**Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert:** Not present. Group practice has restarted! Seven people attended last weekend including two new folks. Loaner equipment in good shape. Practices are up in Maple Grove for now and they hope to also have practices somewhere in the south as well.

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

**Signet, THL Amary Fairamay:** Nothing to report. Award recommendations are requested for the Wishes and Waiting court.

**Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah:** Not present. No report. Baroness will be talking to her tomorrow. Baroness says that Blachemere will need list poles and ropes for Crown Tourney, not the mats.

**Webminister and Social Media Officer, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim:** Facebook groups are 100% done. Ownership all taken care of! Social media officers of Northshield are meeting Thursday and hopefully will be hearing that the final draft of the policies is approved.

**Equestrian Activities, THL Masina Vitus:** Nothing to report. No practices just yet. Masina is still on the injured list due to a work injury.

### Old Business

**Archery captain candidate presentation from THL Faelan:** Has been a warranted archery marshal for a couple of years. Has also been a warranted rapier marshal since we went Kingdom. Baronial Seneschal for the shortest period of time; Baronial Rapier Champion for the longest period of time. Likes archery as it is zen and relaxing. Likes how things are currently going for archery in the Barony. Wants to go to various locations in addition to the ranges in Bloomington and Brooklyn Center. Open to other possibilities, especially in the east and west. Will need to discuss use of Bwana in the future with the seneschal, Baronage, and other archery marshals. If he gets the job, he will need to drive down to Northfield to get the loaner gear from Meistari Sefa. Willing to be interim archery captain if that is allowed. It may be that Baron Bazyli will need to be in charge and appoint an archery marshal. This will be checked on. Note for loaner gear: the virus dies after 5 days and after two hours in sunlight. THL Faelan will check on this with Sefa.

**Wishes and Waiting:** Nothing new to report.

### New Business

**GPS** has Wednesdays reserved for us. We did not initiate this. If they are willing to hold the space for us without charge, great. Can't meet indoors for the foreseeable future. THL Lewke and Countess Jehanette will figure out how to handle this.

**Virtual Officer's Day:** Countess Jehanette and the Kingdom Seneschal, Baroness Alinore Wyndover, are interested in having an entirely virtual Officers' Day and are asking for Nordskogen to sponsor it. It would happen in the late summer or early fall, probably in October or November. There would be no fee and no physical site. Group consensus is yes, the Barony can do this.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.**

## GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### We Have An Interim Baronial Seneschal Through The End of August!

Because Lia Nobilis is scheduled to be out of town throughout the summer, there is need of appointing an interim Seneschal. Countess Jehanette de Provins has volunteered to help us out and received a vote of confidence at the May 19<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

### We Have A New Baronial Chatelaine!

Solveig Andersen received a vote of confidence at the May 19<sup>th</sup> business meeting and is our new chatelaine. Many thanks to Lady Jelena di Pagania for her service!

### Baronial Herald Has Stepped Down And Seeks A Successor

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

## **GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)**

### **Baronial Archery Captain Seeks A Successor**

Our Archery Captain, Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir, is seeking a successor. One candidate has stood forth: THL Faelan Bacach MacMillan. A vote of confidence will be held at the June 16 business meeting.

### **Baronial Exchequer Seeks A Vote Of Confidence**

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

### **Donations to the Barony**

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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.

### **Looking For A New Meeting Space**

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

### **Helping Out GPS (Geek Partnership Society)**

GPS is closing down its GoFundMe and will be starting up a new membership drive instead. There will be new information posted here soon.

### **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!](#)

### **Fencer's Tavern, Zoom Meeting, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 7:30 pm**

Wednesdays: 7-7:30pm, session of called footwork, calisthenics, and various drills.

<https://zoom.us/j/99320237126>

Meeting ID: 993 2023 7126

### **Greetings!**

This is an invitation, to all fencers and their supporters, to stop by this \*humble\* waystation, built by weary travelers just like yourself. Swashbucklers, soldiers, Queen's men (& non-men), duelists, rogues, and even the occasional German, can find a moment of conversation and good company, in our Fencer's Tavern.

**How does it work?** Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the Tavern opens its doors at 7:30pm. At this time, the common room is open to all, fencers, and supporters alike. You may not always see the elusive barkeep/host, but the doors will be open to any who might wander in.

### **Workout Wednesdays**

Since travel has been much reduced in our kingdom, followers of the blade may find they need some help in oiling their rusty parts. Every Wednesday, at 7:00pm, the barkeep/host will hold a 30-minute session of called footwork, calisthenics, and various drills, for any interested parties. No, you do not need your video on to participate.

### **Mondays and Fridays**

Normally the Tavern is closed. However, if any enterprising folk have reached out to the barkeep/host for the keys, a learning or discussion session may be hosted. These sessions can be either public or by invitation only, at the discretion of the holder of the keys, Lady Heliseus Morte d'Arbor ([Stefanie A. Steele](#)).

## **GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)**

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

In 2020, we are seeing the impact of the pandemic seriously affecting our members and their families. To help where we can, our community suggested the Society set up a donation fund to support those participants who may be unable to continue their memberships. You spoke and we listened.

The purpose of the “Membership Assistance Fund” is to allow the members of our community to request assistance directly from our Corporate Office for new memberships and renewals.

**To submit a request**, please follow the instructions in the [letter from the Membership Office](#). SCA Membership forms are available on our [Document Library page](#). Form Requests will be processed as funds allow. All requests will be treated confidentially.

**To make a donation:** Due to our not-for-profit status, we need your donations to make this fund work. All donations designated ‘Membership Assistance Fund’ will be used for that purpose and that purpose only. You can donate online to the fund [here](#) or you can mail your donation to Membership Assistance Fund, SCA Inc., P.O. Box 360789, Milpitas, CA, 95036-0789. For more information, please email [membership@sca.org](mailto:membership@sca.org).

### **2020 SCA Census Results Are Now Available On The SCA Webpage**

**[October 25, 2020 SCA Board of Directors Meeting Now Available on YouTube](#)**

**[January 24, 2021 SCA Board of Directors Meeting Now Available on YouTube](#)**

**[April 18, 2021 SCA Board of Directors Meeting Now Available on YouTube](#)**

**[SCA Covid 19 Reopening Q&A Town Hall, April 23, 2021, Is Available on Facebook](#)**

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

\*--Facebook Group All times are Central Time unless otherwise noted. An updated version of this list can be found at the link above.

#### **Nordskogen**

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

**Next business meeting is June 16.**

**Fiber breakout room on June 23, around 7:30-9:30 or whenever. Bring your projects and questions, or just visit!**

Join us for an online gathering while our usual Wednesday SCA social time is on hold. We will be gathered in a Zoom Meeting. The meeting invitation will be posted in a pinned post in the discussion at the link above each week. Please remember that you are muted when you join in. Video is encouraged but not required. Drop in and out as you wish.

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

#### **Northshield Activities, Classes and Events**

\*[Fencer's Tavern](#) Zoom Meeting, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 7:30pm, starting Wed., June 10  
Wednesdays: 7-7:30pm, session of called footwork, calisthenics, and various drills.  
<https://zoom.us/j/99320237126> Meeting ID: 993 2023 7126

[Northshield Unofficial Discord Server](#)

#### **Northshield Royal Activities, Courts, and Events**

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

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

**Northshield Crown Tournament, Sat., 6/19/21, 9 am-8:30 am—Live stream and Zoom room coverage of the tournament.**

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

[The Elevation of Dane Of Needham to the Order of Chivalry](#) **No longer Ethereal! More information is available above or just follow the link.**

All courts will be broadcast on: Kingdom Official FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SCANorthshield/>  
Kingdom YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU3tGV18QKVnunc1qxxMMDw>

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

#### **Past Ethereal Northshield Courts**

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

[Coronation, April 18, 2020](#)

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

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

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

[Mimisbrunnr, June 27, 2020](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### [Greater SCA](#)

#### **General Lists of Events and Classes**

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

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

[Known World Entertainment Guide—Google Spreadsheet](#)

\*[Known World Entertainment Guide—Visual Guides on Facebook](#)

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

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

#### **Kingdom Specific Lists of Events and Classes**

[An Tir Online Events](#)

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

[Virtual Atlantia](#)

#### **Individual Events--Ongoing**

[ARTemisia Virtual University](#)

[Drachenwald Try-athlon Challenge](#)

[Interkingdom Bardic Showcase, a \[post\] Pennsic tradition, 2020 Edition, Now on YouTube](#)

\*[The Honorable Clover](#) Need some SCA, but can't make it to an event? Come hang out with us!

[Knowne World Bardcast](#)

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

[SCA Board of Directors Meeting, October 25, 2020, Now Available on YouTube](#)

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\*[SCA Online Virtual Bardic Night](#)

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

[SCA Topical Town Hall Sessions](#)

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

#### **Individual Events—One Time**

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

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

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

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### SCA Individuals

[Dahrien's Online Bardic Circles via Zoom](#)

\*Meeting ID: \* **850-6206-6750**

Passcode: **1** (yes, just that single digit)

Join in browser or installed Zoom app/program:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85062066750>

Join by Skype for Business: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/85062066750>

The next bardic circle will be: Thursday, 6/3/21, 6pm Central Time (official start).

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

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