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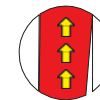
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RESOLUTION TO FURTHER LIFT SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON ACTIVITY IN THE SCA AS OF AUGUST 1, 2021

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>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Personal responsibility of activity attendees:

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

A statement of concern for our Populace:

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

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



A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS

Unto all good folk of these lands of Nordskogen, greetings!

We write to you having just returned from our Armored Championship Tourney, and we are pleased to announce that His Lordship O'no Kagemori is our next baronial champion. Vivat! Many thanks to THL Skio for organizing the tournament and for his long service as our outgoing champion: we know he will serve well as His Highness's champion. Vivant also to Sorcha for running the list and to our heralds, Faelan and Mary Elizabeth.

Last weekend we attended St. Radegund's Faire and so enjoyed the chance to visit, learn, and see the business of the kingdom done without the need for a webcam. Many thanks to the Shire of Rivenwood Tower for their hospitality, including in hosting Caoilfhionn's vigil. At the end of July, we also had a lovely afternoon at Silfren Mere's Rapier Clinic and Princess's Sleeve Tourney. They were a welcome reminder of what we hope to return to next summer.

Remember that Northshield's updated pandemic safety guidelines take effect on September 1: see Events Procedure in the news section of the kingdom website for the latest.

This weekend we will watch from afar as a new baron and baroness are elevated in Castel Rouge at Life Begins after 50. As you may already have read, Northshield Coronation the following weekend has closed to new registrations out of concern for increasing covid numbers. Events are scheduled in Inner Sea, Rockhaven, and Windhaven as well: please remember that we're not yet out of the pandemic woods, and event plans may need to change more than once. Be kind and patient with your friends as we navigate these waters together!

Finally, bids for Twelfth Night 2022 are due by business meeting on September 15. If you have questions about bidding, please get in touch with us and/or with the seneschal, Countess Jehanette, for answers.

As always, please take care of yourselves and participate within your own comfort zone. We will see you wherever you wish to join us!

Caoilfhionn and Gabriel, Baroness and Baron of Nordskogen



WEEKLY ONLINE WEDNESDAY MEETING LINK AND SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 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.

- 09/01:** Socializing & announcements
- 09/08:** **Next Newcomers' Night at 7:30 pm**, socializing & announcements
- 09/15:** **Business meeting at 7:30 pm**, socializing & announcements
- 09/22:** Socializing & announcements
- 09/29:** Socializing & announcements

UPCOMING CANTON AND BARONY SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

Pre-registration is required at the link below and is open until Friday, November 19, 2021. Fee: Free

Blachemere is hosting this event in the hopeful optimism that we can continue to gather together. Blachemere wants to throw a grand event without the barrier of site fee and infuse some fun and whimsy in this cantons finale event. We invite the Knights of the Kingdom to come together and teach. In order to volunteer, please contact the MIC, Sir Tom Tinninnabulum, at holliday.thomas.71@gmail.com. There is space for rapier, boffer, classes, an artisan row, and populace space. If you would like to organize something at this event, please reach out.

A Few Other Items of Note:

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

Link to Form for Pre-registering

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzfupVLKeUw0QUFLhemR5IGlrE120btRPjdH-6DMRdymJ_PQ/viewform

OTHER WEEKLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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

NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, AUGUST 18, 2021

Countess Jehanette de Provins (Anne Rosebery) and

Baroness Sorcha Bhuidhe (Sarah Oldenburg Garcia) presiding

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: Went to Princess's Sleeve to watch the action (Baroness) and to fence (Baron). Attending last week's Newcomers' meeting were 4 newcomers and Dame Mary Elizabeth Fairweather who has moved in from the West. BYOM will be happening this weekend and St. Radebond's at the end of the month. Gimli will be online in Sept. and will include Castel Rouge's Baronial changeover, classes, and a distributed feast. Countess Jehanette will host the weekly Zoom next Wednesday. Armored Champion tourney on Aug. 31 to choose a successor because the current incumbent, THL Skio, has been chosen to be the Prince's champion! It will be a magic tourney.

Countess Jehanette de Provins, Interim Seneschal: Will be doing the next Seneschal's report which is due soon. SUN is still hoping to happen. Watch for events to pop up with not so much advance notice.

Exchequer Report from THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky:

Starting balance:	\$ 19,145.46
Income:	\$.16
Expenditures:	\$ 155.00
Ending bank balance on statement:	\$ 18,990.62
Balance change:	\$ -154.84

Donations for the year 2021 to date: \$400

notes from the nordskogen business meeting, august 18, 2021 (con.)

Officers' Reports (con.)

Exchequer Report from THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky (con.):

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

No quorum present so no financial committee meeting this month.

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

Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. Quill will be published Wednesday, September 1. Soft deadline is Thursday, August 26. The hard deadline is Tuesday, August 31.

Interim Herald, Baron Geoffrey of Warwick: Nothing to report.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet: Nothing new to report. Will be doing the quarterly report in a couple of days.

Knight's Marshal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa: Going apace. 5-12 in attendance. Lots of moderns stopping by and asking questions. Park will be opening up the rec. center in October sometime and we can use it. One injury to someone's shoulder, still pursuing the details.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: Not present. Reported via e-mail that they are allowing youth Boffer again but he's not sure when he's going to be able to start practices up again though as he's still working out the details.

Rapier Captain, THL Sven Asvaldarson: Not present. Practices are now at 6:30-8:30. No injuries or anything to report.

Chatelaine, Solveig Andersen: Not present. Reported via email that "I have no updates other than my loaner garb collection is growing and I'm still happy to accept more donations!"

Archery Captain, THL Faelan Bacach MacMillan: Not present. Reported via email: "Attendance at archery practice has been very light. Not sure why."

Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert: Not present. Reported via email: "TW has also slowed down somewhat."

Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent: Not present (was at rapier practice). Nothing to report.

Signet, THL Amary Fairamay: Not present. No new business to report.

Quartermaster, Baroness Kateryn of Roseberry Topping, called Khadijah: Not present. Baroness reports that she says that we still have stuff.

Webminister and Social Media Officer, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim: Present. Everything is going great, nothing to report right now. Has a social media meeting later this week. "I apologize, but I am not able to make the meeting tonight. No updates. Website and FB page are going great. I have a Social Media Officer meeting on Friday, so I may have more to share after that."

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

Old Business

Herald Interviews (vote at next month's business meeting)

THL Gwenlliana Clutterbooke: Has been Principal Herald of An Tir. Primarily a book and protocol herald. Not loud. Will be at St. Radegond's if folks have more questions.

Dame Mary Elizabeth Fairweather of Priors Hardwick: From the Mists in the West. Got started back in the '90's, going to Frederick's consulting herald classes. Has done a lot of court heralding in Cynagua, the Mists, and the West. Was Green Cloak (field heraldry and encouraging new talent) in the West. Was Principal Herald (Vespa) for a term and has supported other Vespas. No problem being the helpful herald to those who actually hold the job. Enthusiastic about heraldry. Likes book heraldry as well as court heraldry. Will be at St. Radegond's if folks have more questions.

Proposal to sell some of the loaner gear (Baron Bazyli)

Wants to make kits of gear and sell it to folks after six weeks or so of attendance. Has a photographic inventory that needs to be run against the written list from last year. Needs to submit list of kits and prices at the next financial committee meeting next month.

New Business

Help for Avonwood [Baron Bazyli]

Need help with their heavy practices since the group is going into hiatus. Advised to talk to the Kingdom Earl Marshall.

Loan of the mats [Baron Bazyli]

Inner Sea wants to borrow the mats for Crown Tourney. Have been advised but Sayyid Mahir bil Tabla still needs to see the care and feeding form. No rental fee but there's always a letter of agreement or the use of Baroness Sorcha's form and we take a vote which will happen at the September business meeting.

Seneschal posting [Their Excellencies]

Nobilis Liadan will not be able to come back here to be Seneschal. So we need to open up a call for a permanent Seneschal. Two business meetings of call, one of interview, one of vote? Countess Jehanette willing to serve during the full process. So, we will have the full process.

Call for Twelfth Night bids by September 15

Will probably be able to hold Twelfth Night in January. But we have no bids, not even glimmers of bids. Not having a Twelfth Night in 2022 needs to be an active, not a passive decision. Let's not just let this slide! It is suggested that a notice needs to go out on Facebook and the Baronial email list. Dame Mary Elizabeth volunteered to help and lives close to our probable site, Lord of Life Church. Have we checked with Lord of Life for availability? Should be possible but this needs to be confirmed.

Old Business

Vote of confidence for Lewke. Motion made and seconded by Their Excellencies. No no's, one abstention, 15 yes's, so motion passed.

Announcements

Lady Shona of Red Wolf needs a ride to St. Radegond's. Advised to put it on the Baronial email list. She has been putting up archeological and historical goodies on the Nordskogen Discord.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Have A New Baronial Armored Combat Champion!

Thank you to everyone who attended tonight's tournament. We are honored to welcome the Honorable Lord O'no Kagemori as our new baronial armored champion.!

We bid farewell to our departing champion, the Honorable Lord Skio, with gratitude for his greatly extended service and for organizing tonight's tournament.

Thank-you's are due to Baroness Sorcha for running the list and to THL Faelan and Mistress Mary Elizabeth for voice heraldry.

Thanks also to everyone who came out to see the tournament. It was delightful to see so many of you out tonight, and I wish I'd had more time to visit before darkness brought an end to the evening. Thank you all for a lovely Tuesday night tourney! -Baroness Caoilfhionn

Note from Rosanore: Here is a [link](#) to Baroness Sorcha's statistics on the tournament.

Reminder: Submissions Deadline for Fall Coronation A & S Largesse Competition

Lady Jelena is reminding anyone who wishes to participate in the Queen's A & S Largesse competition to contact her (Lady J) by Thursday September 9th to be entered in the competition. If you will be in attendance at Fall Coronation in Rokeclif, you need only let her know (email below) if you need a ¼ or ½ table for your display (18" or 36"). Bear in mind that there needs to be space for the 8.5"x 11" voting paper and, while research is not required, an index card with your name, local group name, and a brief description of your entry will be provided for you to fill out. If you are not attending Fall Coronation but still wish to enter to competition, email Lady Jelena right away to get her mailing address and you may ship your entry (please include an index card with your information if you go this route) to her directly. Be sure your entry is sent in time to meet the September 9th deadline.

Yours in Service, Lady Jelena Pagani Jelena.pagani1986@gmail.com

Note from Rosanore: The rules for the Competition appear on p. 12 below.

Call For Twelfth Night Bids By September 15

From Gabriel and Caoilfhionn, Baron and Baroness, greetings!

Twelfth Night is one of the highlights of the year in both Nordskogen and Northshield. As you all know, we were unable to have the event last year due to COVID, but it is now time to consider whether we want to have it this coming January! We need to make this decision soon in order to have planning time.

We have held Twelfth Night at Lord of Life Church over the last several years, and they are currently open to outside rentals. However, if you have a different site, we are always willing to consider it. Several experienced members have expressed interest in mentoring or serving on staff, so help is already available.

In all seriousness, it will be fine if we do not hold a Twelfth Night this year. COVID rates are spiking again, and the rapidly changing public health situation means every plan must be flexible. We are also open to bids for a moot or an online-only event. That said, if it turns out to be possible to hold the usual event, planning must begin next month.

If you are interested in being our event steward for Twelfth Night in January 2022, please submit a bid by the next business meeting, September 15, for the Barony to consider. If we have no bids, we will officially put the event off until 2023.

If you are interested but not sure of procedure, please email Seneschal Jehanette at seneschal@nordskogen.org. The policies for event bids are available at <http://nordskogen.org/.../2014/12/2013-General-Policies.pdf>

Seeking A New Baronial Seneschal

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

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

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

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

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

Herald Vote At September 15 Business Meeting

Two experienced candidates have stood forth: THL Gwenlliana Clutterbooke and Dame Mary Elizabeth Fairweather of Priors Hardwick. You can learn more about them by reading the business meeting notes on p. 9.

Baronial Exchequer Sought A Vote Of Confidence

At the August 18th business meeting, our Exchequer, THL Lewke verch Gwilim, called Lucky, got a successful vote of confidence and will be with us for another year, training her successor.

Baronial Exchequer Seeks More Deputies To Train

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

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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



Nordskogen Baronial Trim Is Now Available at Calontir Trim!

If you would like to get some of the lovely trim depicted above, here is the [link](#) to the website.

Helping Out GPS (Geek Partnership Society)

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

Vivat To Our Baroness!

Their Royal Majesties Ciaran and Elis are pleased to announce that Baroness Caoilfhionn inghen Cheallaigh uí Mhórdha will be inducted into the Order of the Laurel at [Northshield Coronation](#) in the Shire of Roteclif, on September 11, in our last court. i.e., morning court. An in-person vigil at [St. Radegund's Fair](#) on August 28 will be held from noon until 4 pm.

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!](#)

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 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.

Requirements For The Arts & Sciences Queen's Largest Competition At Northshield Coronation, Sat., 9-11-21

1. Each participant will create 10 of the same/similar items to be donated to the Kingdom Largesse.
2. All (10) items per contestant entered must be displayed in the competition (if possible — this is preferred by Her Highness).
3. The winner of The Populace Vote will get a cool thing (as yet a **MYSTERY!** Ooooooh!)
4. Her Highness will also be choosing her second A & S Champion for the Queen’s Guard from the participants (MAY be the Populace Vote Winner, MAYbe not!)
5. As this is a bone dry site, you should not enter adult beverages, and food is also not accepted.
6. Documentation is **optional** but if you choose to include it, be sure to take that into consideration when reserving your spot. The space on the provided tables is first come, first served, so keep that in mind when choosing a size for your project. In the event that all provided table space is reserved, you will have the option of bringing your own table, but we won’t start accepting extra tables until after the 12 tables have been filled, keeping available (floor) real estate in mind.
7. The tables are approximately 3’x6’ and they will be divided into halves and quarters.
8. **Please keep in mind the portability of largesse.** It is for this reason, and to offer space for more creators to participate, that we have chosen not to offer a whole table to any one contributor.
9. To register for the competition, please send an email to: Lady Jelena Pagani jelena.pagani1986@gmail.com with your SCA name and your desired display size (1/4, 1/2, 3/4). You don’t have to say what you’re making.

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](#)).

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

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

Next Newcomers' Night: September 8

Next business meeting: September 15

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.
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[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](#)

Future 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>

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

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

[Coronation, April 18, 2020](#)

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

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

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

[Mimisbrunnr, June 27, 2020](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Royal Birthday Court, Saturday, April 10, 2021](#)

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

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

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

[Royal Court at Wishes and Waiting, Sunday, July 11, 2 p.m.](#)

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](#)

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Greater SCA (con.)

General Lists of Events and Classes (con.)

[#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--Continuing

[ARTemisia Virtual University](#)

[Drachenwald Try-athlon Challenge](#)

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

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

[Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium](#)

[Knowne World Bardcast](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*[SCA Online Virtual Bardic Night](#)

[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](#)

Individual Events—One Time

Virtual Pennsic University courses are available during the month of August, from July 31, 2021 to Labor Day, September 6, 2021 on their [YouTube channel](#).

[Ninth Known World Cooks Collegium and Bards Congress, Friday, Sept. 10, 2021--Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021](#)

[Known World Symposium of the Americas, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, 8am CDT—Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021, 6pm CDT](#)

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/skype/85062066750>

[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