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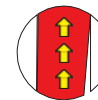
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## **IN PERSON ACTIVITIES RESUME: NORTHSHIELD EVENT PROCEDURES AS OF MARCH 2021**

With the decrease in cases we will be going back to the following rules that were in place prior to the pause in activities:

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.

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 March 1, 2022):**

With concern over COVID-19 rates, especially the Delta and Omicron strains, masks will be required at all official Northshield in-person gatherings of any size or type (practices, meetings, events).

Effective March 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.

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>

### **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](mailto:waivers@northshield.org)

Preregistration is still allowed and encouraged. If events wish to utilize PayPal for paid pre-registration please email [exchequer@northshield.org](mailto: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>).

Thank you, Baroness Alinore Wyndover, Northshield Kingdom Seneschal

This document can also be found here: <http://northshield.org/Posts/Display.aspx?ID=63950>

## **WEEKLY ONLINE WEDNESDAY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 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.

**03/02:** Socializing & announcements

**Special brief business meeting at 7:00 pm**

**Online class at 7:30 pm: Intro. to Korean Clothing (Hanbok) and Sewing Perfect Corners with Su Ha Jin**

**03/09:** Socializing & announcements

**03/16:** Socializing & announcements

**Business meeting at 7:30 pm:**

(Vote on seneschal candidates; Meet chatelaine/welcome wagon candidates)

**03/23:** Socializing & announcements

**Online class: Persona Development with THL Faolan Bacach MacMillan**

**03/30:** Socializing & announcements

## **UPCOMING BARONY SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **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 Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa and THL Clydwyn Gwehydd**

## **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](#).



## **A MISSIVE FROM OUR BARON AND BARONESS**

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

*As you may already have heard, March brings a cautious resumption of some in-person SCA activities in Northshield. The full details are available at <http://northshield.org/Posts/Display.aspx?ID=63950>, but for now masks are still required for almost all activities--keep them on hand! This also means that rattan practices will resume on Tuesdays and fencing practices will resume on Wednesdays. Hurrah! Other official gatherings may resume or begin afresh as folks have interest and capacity as well, and rescheduled events are popping up again on the Kingdom calendar.*

*February brought us several excellent classes and discussions during our Wednesday-night Zoom, and we send our thanks once again to the Honorable Lady Helena for coordinating classes, to the teachers who shared their knowledge and enthusiasm, and to the attendees who joined the discussion, some from as far off as Lochac! (Special thanks as well to the pets who provided delightful cameos.)*

*March brings classes on Korean clothing and persona development. Slots are still open for teachers/presenters on March 30 and April 6: if you'd like to share something you've learned or perhaps rehearse a new class in a laid-back setting, please email Helena at [moas@nordskogen.org](mailto:moas@nordskogen.org) to reserve a time.*

*Mark your calendars for our business meeting on March 16, at which we will vote on our next Seneschal. If you'd like to help keep the barony running through this challenging time, we have other offices in need of volunteers.*

- Chatelaine (welcome wagon): applications due by March 16; candidates will be introduced at the March meeting and voting will take place at the April 20 business meeting.*
- Quartermaster (property coordinator): applications due by the April 20 business meeting, when candidates will be introduced; voting on will take place at the May 18 business meeting.*
- Social Media Officer: applications due by the April 20 business meeting, when candidates will be introduced; voting on will take place at the May 18 business meeting.*

*If you'd like to apply for an open role, please email your letter of interest and a short SCA resume (informal is fine) to the current holder of the office and to the Baron and Baroness: email addresses can be found at <https://nordskogen.org/folks/baronial-officers/>. Training is available, and we have many experienced folks to answer questions!*

*While the weather will remain cold for another few months, we look forward with hope for more SCA fun ahead!*

*Yours in service,*

*Caoilfhionn and Gabriel, Baroness and Baron of Nordskogen*



## THIS THING CALLED "COMPETITION"

By Mistress Elli Lutemaker

Former Minister of Sciences for Nordskogen and for the Midrealm

Pentathlon, Decathlon, Competition, Day of Arts and Sciences -- the words provoke reactions. Judges, entrants -- the words can cause an us/them problem.

Let's try another way of looking at these events.

They are occasions when members of the Society come together, bringing artifacts and performances and expertise, to determine what is worthy of praise and what might be done to make the artifacts or performances better still.

Who are the entrants? Who are the judges? They are us. More than once I have been judge in some categories, entrant in others. They are us -- and just as few of us are professionals in our art or craft, few of us are professionals in our judging. We all must join together in helping one another.

For the **judges**, this means judging only categories where we feel capable of rendering honest evaluations and making useful suggestions. We are not there to pad egos, nor to crush them. We try to match all entries against the same pre-established criteria, so results can be compared between entrants, between competitions at different places, between competitions in different years. And we try to give commentary that will help entrants create a better entry next year, and strengthen their hearts to try.

For the **entrants**, "helping one another" boils down to providing information for the judges and the other viewers. Remember, judges aren't professionals either! They simply have, on average, been at our common activities a bit longer. But they scarcely know it **all**.

Information? Well, to start off, what **is** our entry? When and where was it modeled after? Who wore it, or danced it, or used it to carve wood? Judges haven't a prayer of saying how good our shot was, unless they know our target.

Why do we think so? What books had pictures of it? Maybe the judges would like to see a period picture? I tried it five different ways, and this is the one that worked best? My cousin works in a museum, and let me see the original?

So **much** of an entry is below the surface! If I used only hand tools, there is every chance the judges won't notice unless I tell them -- and if they don't know, how can they properly evaluate my work? Suppose my entry is a wooden box. The same box could be the twelfth century's "sturdy and robust" and the fifteenth century's "crude and hulking". How is the judge to know which I intended? (Many judges -- **and** the criteria -- laud a well-documented and successful re-creation of a "crude and hulking" original. But it helps if we tell them we **meant** it that way.)

Competitions are a time and place for pride -- but equally, they should be occasions for **humility**. None of us are perfect. Dancers stumble, clothiers rip out hems, judges miss things that **are** there and see things that aren't. The criteria change, hopefully for the better.

We're all living in the same world, in the same human flesh. I know how many mistakes have gone into even my finest artifacts: how can I expect perfection of the judges? I've had other judges tell me things I didn't know: how can I expect more knowledge from the contestants? And having written criteria (and having watched them get rewritten) I have few illusions **there**.

So let's all go out there, and have a good time, and do the best we can -- for we can do no better. If we think of combat, let the image be one of the Olympics, or of kittens each trying to corner the ball of yarn away from the other kittens. If we think of learning, let us remember we are all students, we are all teachers. And above all, let us remember **chivalry**: the noble ideal that every man and woman among us shall give and receive both justice **and** mercy, in the politest way we can.

**NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

**Interim Seneschal, Countess Jehanette de Provins (Anne Rosebery) presiding**

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

**20 in attendance**

**Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.**

**Officers' Reports**

**Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel:** Crown is having ethereal court on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 5pm. At tonight's meeting, we are having Seneschal interviews. Next month Chatelaine and Quartermaster candidate interviews. Deadline is March 14.

**Countess Jehanette de Provins, Interim Seneschal:** Nothing to report. Still successfully a Barony. THANK YOU to all of the officer applicants!

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

Starting balance:	\$ 17,484.18
Income:	\$ 1,221.12
Expenditures:	\$ -197.45
Ending bank balance:	\$ 18,507.85
Outstanding debits:	\$ -41.97
Ending ledger balance:	\$ 18,465.88
Balance change:	\$ 981.70

Donations for the year 2021 to date: \$850

There will be a financial committee meeting to follow business this evening, one of our four required yearly meetings.

You can participate in the greater financial health of our barony as a deputy or a committee member! The only requirements are that you must be a legal adult and that you have a current SCA membership and be willing to share your contact information with the exchequer. Just contact me via email at [exchequer@nordskogen.org](mailto:exchequer@nordskogen.org).

You can also donate and help us to stay financially strong! Send a check made out to SCA, Inc. - Barony of Nordskogen (that part is very important!) by mail to Erin Ahlstrom, 2964 Patton Road, Roseville, MN 55113.

Has three deputies now: the emergency deputy, THL Wolfstanus Lightfote plus Oban and Lord Lachlann del Glen.

**Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn:** All is ok. Quill will be published Tuesday, March 1. Soft deadline is Saturday, February 26. The hard deadline is Monday, February 28. Will accept material in any format

**Herald, Lady Gwenlliana Clutterbooke:** From email: I did one consult last night and otherwise have nothing to report.

**Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Helena the Quiet:** Continuing to work on getting classes set up for Wednesdays. Will get the updated info. to the Chronicler by 2/28. Will be filing her report on time.

**Knight's Marshal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa:** No practice since January. Looking forward to resuming armored combat in two short weeks hopefully.

**Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti:** Not present.

**Rapier Captain, Dona Alianor Rowan:** From email: Nothing to report for rapier this month as all activities have been cancelled.

## notes from the nordskogen business meeting, february 16, 2022 (con.)

**Chatelaine, Solveig Andersen:** From email: two newcomer inquiries came through — still looking for a replacement and will be speaking to a potential candidate soon. Otherwise, nothing to report!

**Archery Captain, THL Faelan Bacach MacMillan:** Ready for spring when we can start shooting again.

**Thrown Weapons Captain, Comtesse Guenievre du Dragon Vert:** What Faelan said.

**Clerk of Precedence, Lady Cynthia the Innocent:** Nothing to report!

**Signet, THL Amary Fairamay:** From email: No news to report at this time. Baroness added that all Twelfth Night awards have been delivered.

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

**Webminister and Social Media Officer, Lady Coelwen ingen Adaim:** From email: Not a whole ton to report. Website is doing well. There are a couple of people I am going to try and get photos from again for the Who's Who page. As to SMO, things are going well. I am still looking for a replacement. A post will go up later this evening regarding that position. If you know anyone who you think might be interested please let me know. Ceolwen

### New Business

#### **Seneschal Interviews**

**Duchess Mary of Carrigart:** Has lived in Nordskogen for 20 years. Been officer in other kingdoms and reigned here as Queen here in Northshield twice and then concentrated on being a mom. Now at last has more time! Currently is Seneschal of the Canton of Blachemere (35 members on paper, but really 4) which is folding at WW. Has permission from the Kingdom to be Seneschal for both if voted in. Has an MBA and has held management and leadership positions. Has been in the SCA most of her life. If elected, will do her best to do her best.

Question: If you have an attack of real life, are you willing to step down? Answer: Yes.

Question: Do you have any goals as Seneschal? Answer: Help rationalize some of the rules that have someone's name on them. Do we still need these in 2022 and moving forward?

Question: How do you feel about electronic formats? Answer: Just fine.

**THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa:** Has lived in Nordskogen for 10 years. Will need a waiver from the Barony to be WW Autocrat and Seneschal simultaneously. Has been event steward at many events. The first time was at THACO, 12<sup>th</sup> Night several times, WW for a while now. A lot of practice working with people in the SCA getting things done. Good at communications and helping people work at their best and happiest abilities. This is his last year as WW Autocrat. Event steward of WW is a team. Deputy will step in as necessary. Will stay on as Knight Marshal. Need Kingdom permission for that?

Question: If you have an attack of real life, are you willing to step down? Answer: Yes.

Question: Do you have any goals as Seneschal? Answer: Support the other officers to transition into their positions, especially in the area of training and available resources.

Question: How do you feel about electronic formats? Answer: Just fine.

As part of the election, could we say that a vote for Bazyli would assume the waiver?

They will serve as emergency deputies for each other in case either of them is part of a team that wins Crown.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:11 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

LONG LIVE NORDSKOGEN!

Yours in service, Baroness Caoilfhionn

### **Seeking A New Baronial Seneschal—We Have Candidates!**

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.

Two candidates have stepped forward: THL Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa and Duchess Mary of Carrigart. The vote will be held at the March 16<sup>th</sup> business meeting. More information about each candidate can be found in the February 16<sup>th</sup> business meeting notes which will be published in the March issue of the [Crystal Quill](#).

### **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 application letter should be sent to our [Seneschal](#) and 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. The deadline for your application is April 18. Candidates will be introduced at the April 21<sup>st</sup> business meeting and voting will take place at the May 18<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

### **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 application letter should be sent to our [Seneschal](#) and 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. The deadline for your application is March 14. Candidates will be introduced at the March 16<sup>th</sup> business meeting and voting will take place at the April 21<sup>st</sup> business meeting.

### **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](#). Your application letter should be sent to our [Seneschal](#) and 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. The deadline for your application is March 14. Candidates will be introduced at the March 16<sup>th</sup> business meeting and voting will take place at the April 21<sup>st</sup> business meeting.

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

### **Donations to the Barony**

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

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

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

### **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](mailto:membership@sca.org).

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

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### **Nordskogen**

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

#### **Online Classes at 7:30 pm:**

**March 2: Introduction to Korean Clothing (Hanbok) and Sewing Perfect Corners with Ha Su Jin**

**March 23: Persona Development with THL Faolan Bacach MacMillan**

**Next Business Meeting: March 16, 2022 at 7:30pm**

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

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

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

[Northshield Unofficial Discord Server](#)

[Northshield Official Discord Server](#)

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

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

#### **Future Ethereal Northshield Courts**

[Send in award recommendations!](#)

All ethereal 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. 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 Brunn, 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](#)

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### Greater SCA

#### **General List of Events and Classes**

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

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

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

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

[Virtual Atlantia](#)

#### **Individual Events--Continuing**

[ARTemisia Virtual University](#)

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

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

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

[Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium](#)

[Knowne World Bardcast](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

[SCA Board of Directors Meeting, January 24, 2022 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**

[Virtual West Coast Culinary Symposium. Sat., Mar. 12 at 11AM CST– Sun., Mar. 13 at 3PM CDT](#)

*Note: Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13.*

[Known World Italian Symposium III, Saturday, May 7, 2022, 8am-9pm CST](#)

#### **SCA Individuals**

[\(The Wrong\) and Honorable Master Dahrien Cordell's Online Bardic Circles via Zoom](#)

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

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

**Join in browser or installed Zoom app/program:**

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

**Join by Skype for Business:**

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

The next bardic circle will be: Wednesday, 3/2/22, starting at 6pm, CST (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.

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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 Kingdom's [Board Ombudsman](#).

A copy of this resolution is available at: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/COVIDsafeVaccination-and-Testing-Policy-10-25-21.pdf>

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

**KINGDOM OF NORTHSHIELD LETTER CONCERNING  
COVIDSAFE PROOF OF FULLY VACCINATED STATUS OR NEGATIVE COVID TEST POLICY**

September 28, 2021

Dear Northshield,

The Board has recently announced an optional policy that the kingdom may implement requiring proof of fully vaccinated status or negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of entering an SCA event. This policy would apply to any event as defined in Corpora II.A, Society Events Defined:

The term “Society event” refers to tournaments, feasts, and other activities whereby participants can display the results of their researches into the culture and technology of the period in an environment which evokes the atmosphere of the pre-17th century Middle Ages and Renaissance. It also refers to educational activities involving either one-time classes or ongoing Society university organizations, and meetings where participants share skills or discuss the business of the group. All Society events must be sponsored by official branches of the Society, registered with the Seneschal of the sponsoring branch, publicized at least to the members of that branch, and conducted according to Society rules.

<https://www.sca.org/news/covidsafe-proof-of-fully-vaccinated-status-or-negative-covid-test-policy-resolution/>

Their Majesties and I attended an extensive webinar with members of the Board of Directors, the President of the SCA, and the Society Seneschal where we had an opportunity to ask questions about how this policy is intended to be implemented. Additionally, we met to discuss how this would affect all the regions of our kingdom and our diverse population. After considerable discussion, Their Majesties and I have agreed that we will not be implementing this policy at this time in Northshield.

If you have questions, please email us at TRM and Seneschal at [northshield.org](mailto:northshield.org)

Thank you,  
King Hans and Queen Genevieve

Alinore  
Northshield Kingdom Seneschal

**FOLLOW UP TO THE KINGDOM OF NORTHSHIELD LETTER CONCERNING  
COVIDSAFE PROOF OF FULLY VACCINATED STATUS OR NEGATIVE COVID TEST POLICY**

November 11, 2021

Greetings to our Northshield family,

We would like to follow up with you regarding the previous communiques on the SCA’s COVIDsafe resolution and the Kingdom’s decision in response.

Early in October, in the spirit of transparency, we posted a detailed list of reasons why those tasked with deciding whether to take advantage of the resolution decided to opt out. At that same time there was also a parallel effort that sought the issuance of multiple variances addressing those reasons so we could, in good conscience, adopt the COVIDsafe resolution in its current form. Now that matters of procedure and propriety have been satisfied in regard to that, we can detail those efforts further.

COVIDsafe, unfortunately, was not a ‘one size fits all’ policy, as evidenced by the ways in which multiple Kingdoms have struggled with it. An attempt was made, however, to make it fit Northshield to an acceptable degree. To that end, three variances to the resolution were requested in the areas of; the size and type of official gatherings subject to it, the ability to enforce it effectively, and the type of procedures used to adhere to it. Should those three variances be deemed reasonable by the BoD, the Kingdom would have reevaluated its stance on COVIDsafe.

The BoD took an understandable amount of time to respond, given other pressing issues it has had to contend with. Last week we received a reply. Unfortunately, none of the variances were granted. Although the Society Seneschal sympathized with Northshield’s position, and appreciated that we raised some good points, they could not grant our request at this time.

This does not mark the end of the discussion. We will continue to monitor the Society’s position on this issue. We will also continue to seek out as many avenues as we can to ensure the health and safety of all of us.

In related news, now that vaccines are becoming available to all age groups eligible for participation in SCA sanctioned activities, new guidance on youth combat activities should be forthcoming from the marshalate in the next few weeks.

We wish everyone a joyous holiday season and look forward to seeing all of you in the coming months.

Their Majesties Stallari Council

## **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](mailto:president@sca.org) and [seneschal@sca.org](mailto: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>

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](mailto:chronicler@nordskogen.org)

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