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## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2023

### Nordskogen Wednesday Nights, 7-9pm

In-person social gatherings are now being held indoors alongside fencing practice at [Olivet Congregational Church](#), 1850 Iglehart Ave, St. Paul MN 55104 on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. (This may change around holidays, so watch the Nib and [Facebook](#) for updates.) **No historic clothing is required.** Use the side entrance of Olivet Congregational Church on Dewey St, through the garden. Parking is on the street. Masks and distancing are not required by the site but are welcome and recommended. **We must be out of the space by 9:00 p.m. sharp.** Our business meetings on the third Wednesday will continue to happen online via Zoom. The Zoom invitation will be posted in a pinned post in the Facebook discussion at this [link](#) and will also be sent to the Baronial email group. Please remember that you are muted when you join in. Video is encouraged but not required. Drop in and out as you wish.

**10/11: In-person social practice** indoors at [Olivet Congregational Church](#)

**10/18:** Socializing & announcements online via Zoom. **Business meeting at 7:30pm.**

**10/25: In-person social practice** indoors at [Olivet Congregational Church](#)

## UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

### STELLAR UNIVERSITY OF NORTSHIELD

**November 11, 2023, Hosted by the Barony of Nordskogen**

**Coon Rapids Evangelical Free Church, 2650 128th Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448**

**Event Steward: Petranella Fitzallen (Salli Weston) [vlad.petranella@gmail.com](mailto:vlad.petranella@gmail.com) 651/644-4685**

Site opens: 8am to staff and Royalty; 8:30am to populace

Site closes: 6pm Hard offsite: 7pm

Site is dry, handicap accessible with ample parking.

NO lunch is planned but there are many restaurants within 3 miles of the site.

Site fees: \$20 Adult registration (age 18 & over); \$15 SCA Member adult registration; Under 18 free

Checks payable to: SCA Inc-Barony of Nordskogen

Electronic pre-registration will be available and you can pay site fees using PayPal. In addition the event will be piloting using PayPal to take credit cards at the door, because this is the first time this has been attempted please have an alternate way to pay if it is unsuccessful.

### TWELFTH NIGHT AND NORDSKOGEN 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**Sat., Jan. 13, 2024, at Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey MN 55303**

**Event stewards: [Lord Aleksander Valahul](#) and [Lord Aelfwine](#)**

Please note that this is a bone-dry site. Site is ADA accessible.

**FEES: Adult: \$20; Adult Member: \$15; Minors (under 18): Free**

A lunch for a fee of \$5 is planned.

**Checks payable to:** SCA Inc-Barony of Nordskogen

Pre-Registration (with PayPal option) will be available, and announced as soon as the details are confirmed.

### **SCHEDULE**

Set-up: Friday: 6-8:30pm; Saturday: 7am

Gate opens: 9am for the populace

Gate closes: 2pm

Activities until: 8:30pm

Site close: 10pm hard deadline, including clean up

**Planned activities** include armored combat, rapier combat, youth boffer, bardic, arts and sciences, a dance and archery on Sunday.

Please follow announcements in all the usual places to watch the schedule firm up.

**Volunteer needs** are listed under **General News and Announcements** below.

## 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 BARONIAL MISSIVE**

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

*At Sharp Pointy Things, this very weekend, Their Majesties, having consulted with the inhabitants of the barony, announced that the next baronage of Nordskogen will be THL Heliseus Morte d'Arbor and Lady Cynthia the Innocent. Skol! Many thanks as well to THL Judith of Northwode & Lord Rikkar Fundinn, our other candidate pair, for stepping up and applying for the job when the barony called. And, of course, thank you to the Transitions and New Groups Deputy, Mistress Wu for overseeing the polling, and to the Kingdom Exchequer, Duchess Æsa, for tallying the poll.*

*Sharp Pointy Things was a delightful event, and we stabbed creatively all day. We held our baronial rapier championship, and our new champion is Lord Yagüe Antolínez. Skol! Special congratulations also to the last fighter standing in the tourney, El Gran Senor Antolin el Tunante de Treburgos. And many thanks to the event staff, marshals, teachers, and clean-up crew for a perfect fall event!*

*The barony is still looking for volunteers to fill officer positions: the roles of archery captain, herald, seneschal, signet, Warriors & Warlords event steward, youth boffer captain, and clerk of precedence are either open or looking for replacements to begin training. Without someone to provide an organizing force in these areas, we all miss out on fun activities. And, in the case of seneschal and herald, we must fill the offices to maintain our group status. These jobs involve different degrees of in-person attendance and different amounts of time per week or month--perhaps one of them will fit the time you have to invest! We have many experienced folks here to train and support new officers, so if you think "I could do that!" consider asking the sitting office or the baronage for more information.*

*We are looking forward to Crown Tourney in Border Downs later this month. After that, please consider volunteering for the Stellar University of Northshield event, which we will be hosting in November, and of course Twelfth Night, the kickoff to our fiftieth anniversary year and the installation of the new baronage.*

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





## **WANT ADS FOR BARONIAL OFFICERS**

Hello Nordskogen! Here are the want ads for your Barony (in alphabetical order). Please email your job application to the current job holder at the emails listed below and send a copy to the [Seneschal](#), [Baroness](#), and [Baron](#) as well.

Archery Captain:	Position is open.
Chatelaine:	<a href="mailto:chatelaine@nordskogen.org">chatelaine@nordskogen.org</a>
Herald:	<a href="mailto:herald@nordskogen.org">herald@nordskogen.org</a>
Schützenfest XIV Event Steward:	<a href="#">Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn</a>
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Signet:	<a href="mailto:signet@nordskogen.org">signet@nordskogen.org</a>
Warriors and Warlords Event Steward:	<a href="#">Mistress Nell the Innocent</a>
Youth Boffer Captain:	<a href="mailto:youthboffer@nordskogen.org">youthboffer@nordskogen.org</a>

The **Archery Captain** cares for the loaner gear, ensures there is a warranted marshal at each practice (usually themselves) and submits a report to the Kingdom quarterly. Term of office is 2 years.

The **Chatelaine** is the new person welcomer. They care for the loaner garb collection, called Gold Key. They receive and promptly reply to inquires via email and sometimes social media. They are a liaison to new persons and whatever activities they are interested in. Chatelaine also reports to the Kingdom quarterly. See the [Northshield Chatelaine handbook](#) for a full description. Term of office is 2 years. Interviews for this position will be held at the October 18<sup>th</sup> business meeting and the vote will be held at the November 15<sup>th</sup> business meeting. A letter of intent has been received for this position.

The **Herald** is the resource to the Barony for both book and court heralding. They assist in helping people through the process of registering their name and or devices. They are asked to herald Baronial courts at events if available. They report to the Kingdom quarterly. See the [Northshield Herald handbook](#) for a full description. Term of office is 2 years. Interviews for this position will be held at the November 15<sup>th</sup> business meeting and the vote will be held at the December 20<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

The **Schützenfest XIV Event Steward** is responsible for running the site for the archery/thrown weapons event, Schützenfest, which happens every other year. This person does not have to be a participant in archery or thrown weapons. The traditional site for this event, Camp Singing Hills, has already been reserved in May 2024.

The **Seneschal** is the business president of the group. The Seneschal is responsible for ensuring that monthly business meetings occur, and that official baronial business is appropriately published. The Seneschal is responsible for the maintenance and annual review of baronial policies in accordance with the timeline set in the Barony's General Policies. Seneschal reports to the Kingdom quarterly. See the [Northshield Seneschal handbook](#) for a full description. Term of office is 2 years.

The **Signet** is the Barony's resource for scribal arts, calligraphy and illumination and ensuring that scrolls for Baronial awards are made. The Signet is a deputy of the Baronial Herald, and works with the Herald, the Baronage and the scribal community. Term of service is 2 years. Interviews for this position will be held at the November 15<sup>th</sup> business meeting and the vote will be held at the December 20<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

**The Warriors and Warlords Event Steward.** Warriors and Warlords (WW) is a cooperative event held annually between the Baronies of Jararvellir and Nordskogen. It is a 4 day event with three to four days of set up currently held in Tomah WI in mid-July. The Event Steward (ES) is part of a team comprising of alternating lead ES from each Barony and a deputy who is learning the process. Our candidate would be a deputy for 2024, the junior ES for 2025 and the lead ES for 2026. There are planning meetings that occur throughout the year. Depending on what the team plans there may be gatherings for projects before the event. Our candidate would be expected to be on site for at least part of the set up days and the entire event. It is highly encouraged that our candidate have been an event steward for a smaller event, however there is time to do this in the lead up time.

**The Youth Boffer Captain** is in charge of youth foam weapon combat in the Barony. They hold care for the loaner equipment, set the schedule, and run practices. The Kingdom requires Youth Boffer Marshals to pass a background check. See the [Kingdom Youth Combat handbook](#) for a full description. Term is 2 years.

## **NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

**Seneschal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa (Markus Olfson), presiding  
Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan G. Henry), recording  
17 in attendance**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

### **Officers' Reports**

**Their Excellencies Baroness Caoilfhionn and Baron Gabriel:** Baroness Caoilfhionn: Baronial polling closes tomorrow. Don't mail in a poll if you haven't yet. Use the online form! Sharp Pointy Things at the end of September. Many awesome classes and Baronial Rapier Championship and archery walkthrough. Volunteer for Twelfth Night.

**Seneschal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa:** Current officer openings: Archery Captain, Chatelaine, Herald, Schützenfest XIV Event Steward, Seneschal, Signet, Warriors and Warlords Event Steward, Youth Boffer Captain. Have received one letter of intent for Chatelaine.

### **Exchequer Report from Lord Lachlann del Glen:**

Starting Balance:	\$26,062.53
Event Income:	\$ 625.00
Donations:	\$ 28.00
Expenses:	-\$ 818.06
Bank Interest:	\$ 5.52
Ending Balance:	\$25,902.99

Income:

+\$625.00: Gate Proceeds from Crispin's Archery Thing

Expenses Included:

-\$175.00 Carefree Storage (Baronial Storage)

-\$300.00 Rapier & In-Person Meeting Site Fees

-\$308.06 Site Fee & Insurance for Crispin's Archery Thing

-\$35.00 NMR from Crispin's Archery Thing (Sent to Kingdom)

**Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn:** All is ok. The Quill will be published Sunday, October 1. Soft deadline is Tuesday, September 26. Hard deadline is Saturday, September 30.

**Herald, Lady Gwennliana Clutterbooke:** Not present. Nothing to report this month

**Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Hedwyg:** Starting to do stuff at in-person social. Last week, painted archery targets. Next week: Handsewing for complete beginners. Planning to have easy to make collar for tunics class from Samia. Glad to hear more ideas for classes. Anya: does Egyptian style knitted stockings. People have expressed interest in that online.

**Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti:** Still have plenty of gear. Still looking for a successor from within the heavy community. Will do boffer at Toys for Tots if we have one.

**Rapier Captain, Doña Alianor Rowan:** From email: Fencing stuff is going well. We are back at our winter site and everyone seems to have found their way there. No new faces so far this month, but several folks who were new over the summer have stuck with us. I made a sign-up sheet that lives with the attendance/waiver paperwork. It is for people to volunteer to run either a warm up or a drill/lesson at each practice. I've got people signed up for each role through mid-October! The camaraderie factor seemed really high last week, and my hope is that the practice will continue to have personal investments from all our fencers.

**Chatelaine, Ronan Mac Duibh:** Not present.

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**Knight's Marshal, THL O'no Kagemori:** From email: I do have some developments to report. (Also, the standard "yay fighting" still applies.)

I was pulled into a meeting with a Minneapolis parks director last night. After our meeting, I asked her for a recap email, just to have a digital copy of what we discussed on hand.

In the wake of the pandemic, the parks department is taking stock of facilities usage. They would like us to essentially count ourselves as being active on their website. I've pasted in the email from Jacqueline at the parks department below.

I cannot stress enough how much we need every armored combatant in the barony to do this. Showing the parks department that we have a high level of attendance and participation will help ensure that not only do we retain our practice site, but also prevent us from being charged any rental fees.

Essentially, follow the link to the parks activities website, create a login, and "enroll" in the armored combat program.

I'm going to create some screenshots of me doing this later tonight to share in the baronial and combat Facebook groups.

If a more concise version of this could be added to The Nib, I would appreciate it.

In Service,  
O'no Kagemori

(email from Jackie below)

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Hi Josiah,

The Activity #143334

Please have any interested parties for your group register so I can advocate for the group to remain no cost and

Keep it on the same night at Brackett.

My phone is 612-559-1452

[http://apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolisparcs/Activity\\_Search/141708](http://apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolisparcs/Activity_Search/141708)

**Archery Captain:** Position open.

**Thrown Weapons Captain, Lord Lachlann del Glen:** Practice continuing. A couple of one time new folks. Will go as long as weather allows. All of the Baronial thrown weapons loaner gear will be going to Sharp Pointy Things.

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

**Signet, THL Amary Fairamay:** From email: I will be traveling for work on Wednesday, so won't be able to attend the business meeting. I would just have a reminder about the job posting, and as discussed the plan is to have interview/discussion in November, vote in December so plenty of time. Thanks!

**Quartermaster, THL Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig:** Got nothing. Sharp Pointy Things: only will be getting coolers from storage. Tribaldi offers weights for tents (no stakes allowed).

**Webminister, Baroness Coelwen ingen Adaim:** Not present.

**Social Media Officer, Sitt Samia al-Lulu bint Isa:** Nothing new to report. Second signature has been obtained.

### **Old Business**

#### **Twelfth Night**

Lord Aleksander Valahul and Lord Aelfwine are now the event stewards. This will be a blended event: martial activities, ball, court. Ball is in honor of THM Belle who loves to dance. They already have a dance coordinator who will put steps and stuff up online for advance learning. Are also hoping for a dance night on some Wednesday. Looking for folks to do Gate, bardic coordinator, jumble coordinator, royalty liaison as well as setup, cleanup leads and decoration coordinator. Trying to get some smaller banners together. Lor (Brian Peterson) from Rivenwood Tower has been asked about doing a catered lunch. Also will be having a free of charge dessert revel after lunch. Talking to Lady Marguerite Larchier about that. Also planning on having A&S with Lady Hedwyg's help. Talking with moneysers about making site tokens of brass ("gold" for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary). Will be asking Bard of Nordskogen, íþróttakona Eyja Bassadóttir about bardic activities. Will be having tables for Nordskogen history.

#### **Policies**

Officer policies reviewed and re-formatted. Will be published in the October Crystal Quill and then will be voted on at the October business meeting.

#### **Sharp Pointy Things**

Things looking good, lots of activities. Unexpected fee of \$150 from the park 'cause there are more than 50 folks. Should be covered by underages in other areas.

#### **Chatelaine**

Lady Iðunn Álfðísardóttir has been a member for four years in Nordskogen but she joined right before the pandemic so feels like one year! Enjoys crafty and martial stuff. They have no big plans but feel that it's important for this position to be filled. Since they're still newish, they know what it's like!

### **New Business**

#### **Toys for Tots Moot**

Proposed date: Saturday, December 9th. Proposed event steward: Lord Gospatric de Reynes. Four possible options are listed below.

- A. We chose not to have a Toys for Tots Tournament in 2023.
- B. Have a Toys for Tots Tournament December 9th at Lord of Life in Ramsey MN for a site rental of \$387 (minimum fee to rent site covers more space and time than the moot used last year).
- C. Have a Toys for Tots Tournament December 9th at Olivet in Saint Paul for a site rental of \$80.
- D. Please research alternatives and present them to the October Baronial business meeting

If B or C are winning options, do we want a specific time range? Evening, Afternoon, Midnight... Let's keep it a moot and make it simple. Good time range: Noon to four. Munchies? Hot drink? At least have hot water for coffee, tea, cider?

#### **Schützenfest XIV Information presented by Baroness Rosanore**

Seeking a new event steward. Don't have to do archery/thrown weapons to be the event steward. A new fee: \$500 charge for alcohol. So, let's not do it! Rent will be \$804 more. If we can't use the dining hall, we can't use this site so must go for a September date. Not first or second weekend in Sept. Rosanore will present budget alternatives at the October business meeting to see if there is any way to cover the \$500 for alcohol.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Baron Bazylly and seconded by Lord Lachlann.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.**



## **GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Important Notice From the Knight Marshall**

In order to keep on using the indoor facilities at Brackett Park every week for no cost, it is critical that each individual registers their participation in practice with the Minneapolis Parks department. Please use the link below to make this one time sign up. Thanks so much! THL O'no Kagemori, KM

### **Nordskogen Twelfth Night and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Seeks Volunteers**

Though January is an unfathomably long way away, Twelfth Night is currently in its early stages of production. If you would like to volunteer at all, we have a post over in the discussion on the [Twelfth Night and Nordskogen 50th Anniversary](#) Facebook page looking for coordinators and general volunteers. If you've never volunteered before, fear not! We all have to start somewhere.

If you have any questions, ideas for events/fun stuff, need to reserve a space for vigils/meetings, etc., feel free to reach out to the event stewards. These are:

Lord Aleksander Valahul at [alexolfson@gmail.com](mailto:alexolfson@gmail.com) or on Facebook at: [Alexander Olfson](#))

Lord Aelfwine at [trevor@gersch.com](mailto:trevor@gersch.com) or on Facebook at: [Trevor Gersch](#)).

We want to make the 50th Anniversary for Nordskogen a good one.

### **Nordskogen Makes The TV News**

Maurly Glover has done a story segment on us. Here is the link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQkJpi\\_j0V8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQkJpi_j0V8)

### **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 W. Lloyd Hudson, 18281 84th Ave N., Maple Grove, MN, 55311. Checks should be made out to: SCA, Inc.—Barony of Nordskogen.



### **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.

### **Weekly Silent Herald / ASL Practice Every Thursday via Zoom**

Want to brush up on your signing skills? All sign levels are welcome. The Silent Herald / ASL Practice Session is a repeating weekly Zoom meeting. We practice every Thursday evening starting at 9pm Eastern (8pm Central, 7pm Mountain, 6pm Pacific). Contact Maestra Suzanne de la Ferté, Society Silent Herald Deputy, at [Suzanne Booth](#) via Facebook Messenger if you need the link to the practice session.

### **Known World Chatelaine (Hospitaller) Biweekly Tuesday Mtgs., starting July 11 and ending on Dec. 30, 2023**

The Autocrats of Known World Chatelaine (Hospitaller) Symposium-2023 are inviting you to the following scheduled Zoom meetings. We are looking for Volunteers to assist with this Event and Instructors.

The Goal of this event is to unite the SCA in what works in Recruitment and Retention of Members and instilling a feeling of Belonging for all Members current and future.

If you are interested, please come to our bi-weekly Zoom Meeting or email [chatelaine@atenveldt.org](mailto:chatelaine@atenveldt.org) with “KWCS” in the subject line.

These meetings will occur every 2 weeks starting on Tues., July 11th, then ending on Dec. 30th when we have our event.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89104849735...> Meeting ID: 891 0484 9735 Passcode: 295584

Times: Tuesdays: 8:30pm Eastern Time; 7:30pm Central Time; 6:30pm Mountain Time; 5:30pm Pacific Time

Wednesdays: 1:30am Greenwich Mean Time; 12:30pm Australian Eastern Time

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

In 2021, we saw 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 “Signorotti 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 for membership assistance, follow the instructions [here](#). SCA Membership 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 ‘Signorotti Fund’ will be used for that purpose and that purpose only. To make a donation, please follow the instructions [here](#) on the SCA website.

\*Renee Signorotti, the recently retired Vice President for Corporate Operations and Membership Services, headed up the Member Services Office for over forty years.

## **A LIST OF SOME ONLINE GATHERINGS OF INTEREST TO SCA FOLK**

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

### **\*Nordskogen Business Meetings Online, 7-8:30 pm (often runs longer) Next business mtg.: Oct. 18 at 7:30pm**

Join us for an online gathering via Zoom. The meeting invitation will be posted in a pinned post in the Facebook discussion group at the link above 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, 4-4-2020**

**Coronation, 4-18-2020**

**Royal Court, 5-9-2020**

**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**

**Evja Bassadóttir to the Order of the Laurel, Sunday, 12-20-2020**

**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**

\*\***Elevation of Baroness Caoilfhionn inghen Cheallaigh úí 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, Sat., Sept. 11, 2021**

\*\***Fall Crown Tournament: Morning Court and Tournament, Saturday, October 9, 2021**

\*\***Fall Crown Tournament: Evening Court, Sat., Oct. 9, 2021 \*\*Spring Crown**

**Tournament, Saturday, May 14, 2022**

\*\***Spring Crown Tournament: Afternoon Court, Sat., May 14, 2022**

\*\***Fall Coronation: Saturday, September 10, 2022**

\*\***Fall Crown: Saturday, October 8, 2022**

### **Northshield Special Interest Facebook Groups**

Anglo-Saxons of Northshield and Friends

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/279315155938918>

Clan Blue Feather

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/683301623830034>

Northshield Arts & Sciences

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/532690726749947>

Northshield Bards

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1552940374967878>

Northshield College of Heraldry

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/308940499761457>

Northshield College of Scribes

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/107714786015764>

Northshield Cooks

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/706755262740309>

Northshield Equestrians

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/111719882243075>

Northshield Farming Guild

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/855993841238202/>

## [A LIST OF SOME ONLINE GATHERINGS OF INTEREST TO SCA FOLK \(con.\)](#)

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

### Greater SCA

#### General List of Events and Classes

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

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

#### Kingdom Specific Lists of Events and Classes

[Virtual Atlantia](#)

#### Individual Events--Ongoing [ARTemisia](#)

[Virtual University](#)

[Bardic Circles and Classes Online](#)

[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](#)

[Pennisic 49 House Sans Nomen Concert](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

[SCA Board of Directors Meeting, January 24, 2022](#)

[SCA Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, April 24, 2022](#)

[SCA Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, July 24, 2022](#)

[SCA Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, October 16, 2022](#)

[SCA Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, January 22, 2023](#)

[SCA Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, July 23, 2023](#)

[SCA Concert Index](#)

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

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

[Silent Herald / ASL Practice 8pm \(Central\) Every Thurs. via Zoom.](#) Facebook message [Suzanne Booth](#) for link.

[Sunday Night With The Scribes](#)

Extended calendar, class times for multiple time zones, event descriptions, and zoom links are at the link above. Zoom opens at 6p Central and the classes start at 7p Central. It's also a great place to share your work and group think solutions and ideas.

[Virtual Known World Arts and Sciences Display—A Pennsic Activity](#)

[Virtual Pennsic University](#) courses are available on their [YouTube channel](#).

#### Individual Events—One Time

[Known World Chatelaine \(Hospitaller\) Biweekly Tuesday Meetings, starting 7/11 and ending on 12/20/23](#)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89104849735...> Meeting ID: 891 0484 9735 Passcode: 295584

Times: Tuesdays: 8:30pm Eastern Time; 7:30pm Central Time; 6:30pm Mountain Time; 5:30pm Pacific Time

Wednesdays: 1:30am Greenwich Mean Time; 12:30pm Australian Eastern Time

#### SCA Individuals

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

\*Meeting ID: \* **850-6206-6750** Passcode: **1** (yes, just that single digit)

Join in browser or installed Zoom app/program: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85062066750>

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

The next bardic circle will be Sun., 10/1/23, starting at 6pm, Central Time (official start)

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

For information on future bardic circles, go [here](#).

[Website of Dúgū Jinán \(Kasia Gromek\)](#)

[HRM Tom's Fighting Videos](#) Including fighting in the snow in Jan. 2023.

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

## **General Policies and Procedures**

These are the official policies of the Barony of Nordskogen, approved and effective 19 July 2023. In the event of a conflict between these policies and any policies, regulations, or laws of the Kingdom of Northshield, the Corporation, the State of Minnesota, or the United States; the policies, regulations and laws of the other entity shall take precedence. The override of any single policy shall only negate that policy; all others shall stand. These policies do not apply to Nordskogen's Canton, as it may maintain its own policies.

### **I. GENERAL POLICIES**

- A. These policies should be reviewed annually in the month of February and published in the Crystal Quill. These policies may be approved by a simple majority vote of the populace of Nordskogen present at the next general business meeting.
- B. Any policy amendment outside of the February review shall be proposed in writing at any general business meeting. This proposal will then be published in the Crystal Quill and will be voted on by the populace of Nordskogen present at the next general business meeting.
- C. This final policy must also be published on the Baronial website.
- D. It is the decision of the people of Nordskogen that there be no requirements for citizenship in the Barony. On matters put up for a vote or poll, the general populace of Nordskogen can participate. The populace need not be paid members of the SCA, unless the question being voted on has a membership requirement instituted by Corpora or Kingdom, i.e., recommendation of Baronage.

### **II. POLICIES REGARDING EVENTS**

These are the policies for proposals and management for events in Nordskogen. It is the Barony's responsibility and option to deviate from these policies in the best interests of the SCA or the Barony. The intent of these policies is to make proposing and running events easier and more equitable.

It is strongly encouraged that all first-time event stewards be mentored by an experienced event steward. It is also encouraged that would-be event stewards shadow experienced event stewards, in preparation for becoming an event steward. It is expected that event stewards will read and understand the financial policies of the barony.

#### **A. Baronial Events**

- 1. Proposals for Warriors & Warlords (WW) are specifically exempted from this section of policy.
- 2. Event Proposals
  - a) Event Proposals should include the event date, featured activities/themes, site selection and costs, event budget and break-even numbers, and volunteers for all major event staff positions and should be presented at least three months before

the event date. If the populace approves, the bid is given to the financial committee. See Nordskogen Financial Policy for more information.

- b) Event Proposals will be considered at any business meeting. Requests to be added to the agenda should be sent to the Seneschal at least one week prior to the business meeting. The agenda should be sent to the Barony at least one week prior to the business meeting.

### B. Moots

1. Moots are understood as smaller or more focused events, with limited staffing needs and budget requirements, and are not placed on the Kingdom calendar.
2. Proposals for moots will be considered at any business meeting. Proposals should include date, theme/activities, support needed, and any budget required.
3. Proposals for moots must be approved at least two months prior to the moot date.

### C. Warriors & Warlords

1. As Warriors and Warlords (WW) is a joint event with the Barony of Jararvellir, and because the dates for the event are set far in advance, planning and approvals will be handled differently than all other events.
2. WW Event Co-Steward: Nordskogen will provide an event co-steward. The standard term of office is two years. A year as Deputy Steward in advance is highly recommended. Approval of the Nordskogen WW Event Co-Steward will be made by the Nordskogen Seneschal, in consultation with the Baronage of Nordskogen and the Jararvellir Baronage, Seneschal, and WW Event Co-Steward. If there are no applicants, the Seneschal will open the position for applicants using the Officer Policies.
3. WW Staff Positions are appointed jointly by the Event Co-Stewards in consultation with the two Baronial Seneschals. It is recommended that open positions be publicized.
4. The Nordskogen WW Event Co-Steward will report progress to the Barony on the normal reporting schedule.
5. Both the Nordskogen and Jararvellir must approve the WW Budget, per each group's financial policies.
6. Major changes to the WW structure (dates, site, budget, major activities) require approval from both baronies.

### D. Kingdom Level Events Including Coronation & Crown Tournament

1. The Baronial Seneschal should be informed of any intended proposals for Kingdom Events and be included in communications with the Kingdom Seneschal.
2. Proposals must follow the guidelines set by the Kingdom, rather than Baronial policies.

3. The Event Steward must present the proposal to the Barony prior to final submission to the Kingdom, as the Barony is the official sponsoring entity. If the Barony does not approve the proposal, it may not be submitted to the Kingdom.
  4. Kingdom Event Proposals will be considered at any business meeting. Notification of this agenda item should be sent to the Baronial Seneschal at least one week prior to the business meeting.
  5. First time event stewards may not submit a proposal for a Kingdom Event without an experienced event steward as an active mentor.
  6. Society level events should be treated similarly to Kingdom-level events. See Northshield Law and Society policies for further information.
- E. Event Management
1. Votes for events, moots, or changes to Warriors and Warlords are not required to be held by secret ballot.
  2. Neither Nordskogen's Seneschal nor Exchequer may be an event steward for an official event during their tenure. This policy does not restrict these officers from running moots. This policy also does not affect other local officers or anyone holding a regional or kingdom office.
  3. Progress Reporting: In the interest of coordinating the efforts of the various officers concerned, and of responsibly managing the Barony's financial and other resources, progress reports are expected to be conveyed to general business meetings as follows:
    - a) Pre-event: The event steward, in person or by deputy (who is expected to be well-informed), shall report at the general business meetings 6 months, 3 months, 2 months and 1 month prior to the event. The reports shall include any changes to the approved bid and updates on activities etc. and any other pertinent information.
    - b) Post-event: The event steward working with the Baronial exchequer will present a written report of personal views on the event and two general business meetings after the event. This report shall include a financial report, attendance figures, problems encountered and suggestions for other event stewards (this last being the main reason for the post-mortem). After the event steward report is given, any questions, comments, or suggestions from the populace present at the post-mortem may be given. These items shall be noted and kept in mind for future events. The Seneschal shall file the post-mortem findings to increase the shared knowledge.
  4. The event steward will keep items lost and found at their event and provide a list to the appropriate populace. If unclaimed for 60 days after being published, the items will be considered donations to the Barony. The event steward, Seneschal, and Quartermaster shall decide disposition of the items.

### III. POLICIES REGARDING BARONIAL PROPERTY USE AND STORAGE

- A. The territorial Baronage, or their designated proxy, have day-of authority to allow people to use the baronial pavilion at events where it's already set up and not otherwise committed (i.e. meetings, meals for royalty, etc.). Requests for use of the pavilion outside of Baronial events and moots must be made in writing to the baronial seneschal. Then must be approved by the Barony's populace at a general business meeting. This approval must be ratified by the Baronial Financial committee.
- B. Property Management
  1. The Quartermaster will supervise the planning, loaning, storage, and maintenance of Baronial property.
  2. The Quartermaster shall maintain an inventory of all Baronial property, including such property as is held by officers, others, or property not stored in the baronial storage.
  3. All Baronial officers with Baronial property in their care will provide an accurate inventory to the Quartermaster on an annual basis. This inventory is due to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by the end of November, two months before the Consolidated Year-End Report is due. The Quartermaster shall collect inventories of items held by officers and the populace and include it in their report.
  4. The Quartermaster, the Seneschal, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer shall each hold keys to the baronial storage. They may also approve additional deputies as key holders. These deputies must be members. One of these individuals must be present when property is taken from or returned to the baronial storage.
- C. Policies
  1. Planning
    - a) The Quartermaster must be included in any discussions regarding the purchase or creation of any new Baronial property, to ensure that storage and maintenance is being planned for. All decisions must be ratified by the Financial Committee.
  2. Loaning property to groups outside of Nordskogen
    - a) Nordskogen and its canton have precedence for the use of Baronial property.
    - b) To make a request contact the baronial Exchequer. The baronial financial committee will review the request.
  3. If approved, contact the Quartermaster to arrange pickup and return.
  4. Groups or individuals requesting the use of baronial property are responsible for arranging transportation of the gear to and from the storage unit.
  5. A group may request the loan of baronial property and takes responsibility for the property from when it is removed from storage until it is returned. It is expected to ensure due care is taken with Baronial property, protecting it from the elements as

appropriate, and trying to minimize any damage. The Quartermaster shall provide care instructions for items being loaned.

6. When loaning property, the key holder will ensure that the borrower has signed out the items using the master sign-out book and will also complete two itemized lists of the property loaned – one for the borrower and one for the Quartermaster's records. Event stewards should make their copy of the list available for event staff to use in repacking the property.
7. The sign-out book and a current copy of the inventory will be stored inside the baronial storage. Everyone, including the Quartermaster or any other key holder, will sign out items before removing any item from the baronial storage. This includes removal for cleaning, repair, labeling, etc.
8. Property shall be returned to the baronial storage within a week of the event using the itemized list and sign-out book. Upon return, the "Return Date" column of the sign-out sheet will be completed, and any necessary comments recorded. Exceptions to the one-week policy will be at the discretion of the Quartermaster.
9. The individual who signed out the property is responsible for ensuring that all property is returned.
10. For reasons of sanitation, maintenance, and general courtesy, all property returned to the baronial storage, especially feast gear and any other property involved in the preparation and serving of food or drink, must be cleaned and fully dry before its return.

### D. Storage

1. When storing items in the baronial storage, items must be put back in their designated location. Shelves, wall hooks, etc. will be labeled to aid in returning things.
2. Consumable property is defined as property which is used up through normal use, for example, duct tape, art supplies, paper archery targets, twine, plastic bags, paper plates, etc. The inventory will clearly state when something is considered consumable, and the sign-out sheet has a column to reflect this.
3. The baronial storage is a paid-for public storage facility. Therefore, care should be taken to only store things that are in usable condition and that can be reused in the future.
4. Food or property with a known use-by date may not be kept in the baronial storage. The event steward is responsible for distributing any such items left over from any event.

### E. Maintenance

1. Should any non-consumable item of Baronial property be damaged, lost, or destroyed while on loan, the loanee will alert the Quartermaster of this and give details of the loss. Losses will be reported by the Quartermaster to the general business meeting.
2. The Quartermaster shall alert the Barony, via the general business meeting, to property maintenance and replacement needs as they occur.



3. Contact the Quartermaster with any questions about cleaning or maintenance of property. It is better to make slightly more work for the Quartermaster than to replace items damaged by improper care.
4. If the Quartermaster has doubts whether an expensive, damaged item can be salvaged, the Quartermaster shall contact the baronial financial committee for this decision. If an item is determined to be unsalvageable, it will be announced to the populace to give someone else an opportunity to find a use for the item.

#### **IV. Use and Transport of Fighting Mats**

- A. The mats are kept in a storage facility with limited access hours. Anyone wanting to use the mats must contact the Nordskogen Quartermaster to arrange a date and time for pickup and return. At least two people capable of lifting and carrying the mats must meet at the storage facility to load and unload them.
- B. There are 17 mats. Nine are 8'x20'. There are 8 more mats in two different sizes 7'x16' and 7.5'x18'. When rolled up the mats are ~8.5'x12" diameter and weigh approximately 80 pounds each. The mats do not roll perfectly straight. Do not attempt to bend or fold the rolled-up mats while transporting them. They will not bend or fold on the rolls.
- C. The total weight of the mats is ~1500 pounds.
- D. You need a 3/4-ton truck with an 8' bed or a trailer to haul them.
- E. Mats are to be used with the ridges up.
- F. When in use, the seams between the mats should be covered with tape. Four-inch tape is preferred over two-inch tape. You will use a bit less than two 60-yard rolls of tape.
- G. When rolling up the mats, make sure the flat side (non-ridged) is facing out as you roll the mats around the tubes. This makes the mats easier to stack and move.
- H. If you are using mats in the winter months, mats should be brought inside and rolled out on the floor for a half hour or so to allow the mats to warm up and flatten out. Flipping the mats over (ridges down) so that they curl down will help this process.
- I. The tubes that the mats are wrapped around cost approximately \$17 each to replace if one is damaged.
- J. Please contact the Seneschal of Nordskogen to obtain permission to borrow the mats.
- K. According to Baronial Policy, it is the responsibility of any group borrowing the mats to transport them to the event and back to storage in Nordskogen on a timeline agreed to with the Nordskogen Quartermaster before the mats are checked out. Nordskogen is not responsible for transporting the mats. Any damage to the mats is the responsibility of the group borrowing them.
- L. Nordskogen is not responsible for any vehicle damage incurred by hauling the mats.

### V. BARONIAL AWARDS

Anyone may make recommendations for these orders at any time. Direct written Give written recommendations to the Baron and Baroness via the website form or email.

**The Order of the Baronial Broom (OBB)** is given to those who have given the Barony excellent service by performing that most disliked and most overlooked of tasks - cleaning up.

**The Award of the Baton Gules (ABG)** is the Barony's junior service order. It is given for service to the Barony. This award can be given more than once.

**The Award of the Heliotrope (AH)** is given for ability in the arts and sciences and for sharing that excellence with others, particularly by teaching. This award can be given more than once.

**The Order of the Rouge Bend (ORB)** is the Barony's senior service order. It is the only polling order in the Barony.

**The Order of the Silver Snowdrift (OSS)** may only be given to someone who has greatly benefited the Barony, and does NOT live within Nordskogen, or is NOT a member of the SCA.

**The Award of the Azure Gauntlet (AAG)** is given for notable prowess and level of participation within the Barony in a martial activity. This award can be given more than once for different martial pursuits.

**The Order of the Bronze Acorn** is an award for those who for gentles who have given service to the Baronial Canton of Nordleigh.

**The Order of the Heavy Cross** is an award for those gentles that have given service to the Baronial College of Nordleigh. This order is now closed.

**The Order of the Azure Torch** is an award for those gentles that have given service to the Canton of Tor Aerie. This order is now closed.

**The Award of the Prodigal Child** is for previous members of Tor Aerie returning to service after a long absence. This order is now closed.

## Nordskogen Financial Policies

These are the Official Financial Policies of the Barony of Nordskogen, the Twin Cities metropolitan branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. a 501(c)3 educational nonprofit, as of (date to added upon approval).

The following financial policies exist as addenda to Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. financial policy and the Kingdom of Northshield financial policy, to be followed by Nordskogen members and officers.

These policies may be changed at the discretion of the Nordskogen financial committee. All changes shall be proposed and voted on at a business meeting, then submitted to the kingdom of Chancellor of the Exchequer for approval. In the event the kingdom and/or society handbooks have any policies that are contrary to the policies listed here, the Society, then Kingdom policies will be upheld first and foremost. All policy changes must be published in the Crystal Quill. Once approved Policies must be published in the Crystal Quill and on the Baronial website.

### I. Nordskogen Financial Committee

- A. The purpose of the Nordskogen Financial Committee (the “Committee” or “Financial Committee”) is defined within The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. Chancellor of the Exchequer Handbook (thereafter SCA Exchequer Handbook)
- B. The Financial Committee will be composed of the Baronial Seneschal, Exchequer, and territorial Baronage as a collective (one) vote as required by the SCA Exchequer Handbook, and a minimum of two other paid members of the Baronial populace to ensure there is an odd number of votes.
- C. Members of the Baronial populace wishing to volunteer on the Financial Committee may apply to the Baronial Chancellor of the Exchequer for approval.
  1. Financial committee members must meet the requirements defined in the SCA Exchequer Handbook.
  2. Committee Members will serve for a term of two years.
- D. Meetings will be called and conducted by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. An emergency meeting or change of date of a scheduled meeting is permissible. A baronial officer may request from the chancellor of the exchequer an emergency financial meeting.
  1. A quorum of the financial committee is defined as a minimum of three, including the Seneschal, Chancellor of the Exchequer and at least one other committee member.
  2. The financial committee will review the current status of Baronial funds quarterly, with meetings scheduled and convened by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in February, May, August and November. Meetings may be held outside these months as needed.
  3. These Financial Policies and Procedures shall be reviewed by the Financial Committee annually at the August meeting.

## II. General Policies

- A. The Financial Committee shall consider all continuing expenses and encourage fundraising to help ensure the Barony brings in enough funds to meet those expenses and has a reasonable balance.
- B. Funds allocated for each Baronial office and not used within the calendar year will be reallocated to the Baronial General Fund, unless specifically approved otherwise by the financial committee.
- C. The Baronial budget must be created by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, published to the populace, and approved by a simple majority of the financial committee at the November business meeting. Changes to the baronial budget must be approved using the same procedures.
- D. The annual budget must be published in the January issue of the Crystal Quill.
- E. Non-budgeted expenses are submitted to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, published to the populace, and approved by a simple majority of the financial committee at any financial committee meeting before the expense is incurred. Any expenses without prior approval may be rejected by the financial committee even if they have been paid.
- F. Non-event related receipts are due to the Chancellor of the Exchequer no more than 20 days after the expenditure. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer only.

## III. Events

- A. Events should be budgeted to break even or make a profit. It is understood that circumstances may prevent an event from doing so, but the event should be initially planned with an eye toward fiscal responsibility. The populace recognizes that some events will have a significant financial outlay. The financial committee will weigh the expense with the desires of the populace in its decisions.
- B. Once the populace approves the detailed event proposal, then the budget is forwarded to the financial committee. If the financial committee approves the budget, the Seneschal may sign the contract(s), and expenses may be paid for the event.
  - 1. Expenditures not included in the detailed budget and/or changes to the detailed budget must be approved by the financial committee.
  - 2. Event-related receipts are due to the Chancellor of the Exchequer no more than 20 days after the event. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer only.
- C. The Baronage and one retainer do not have to pay site or feast fee for any event financially sponsored by Nordskogen. This privilege will also include the Crown plus one retainer, and the Heirs plus one retainer. Further exemptions regarding site and feast fees will be included in the budget presented to the Financial Committee. All persons receiving free site fees must be paid members.

- D. Event fee refunds must be requested no later than two weeks prior to the event.

#### **IV. Dedicated Funds**

- A. Dedicated Funds are a provisioning of Baronial Funds for specified purposes, the allocation of which will be contingent on discussion and approval by the Financial Committee and the designation of a primary and secondary reason for the fund. Unless otherwise set forth, the secondary purpose of any Dedicated Fund is that the funds revert to the General Fund. A two thirds majority vote of the Financial Committee is required to add or amend a dedicated fund. A majority vote is required to remove a dedicated fund. Any dedicated fund which receives an allocation from the General Fund has the caveat that the allocated funds will be used last, after any funds received from donations and fundraising efforts have been exhausted. This is to ensure donated funds will be used for the purpose intended by the donors.
- B. Temporary Funds: In the event that there is a special project which receives funds from donations or fundraising effort, a temporary dedicated fund may be created using the same set up as permanent dedicated funds. The list of temporary dedicated funds shall be maintained by the Baronial Exchequer and published in the Crystal Quill when the budget is published. Such funds will be maintained as temporary funds no longer than two years. Should a project continue for more than one year, the Financial Committee will assess the viability of the project and either continue the project for a second year or cancel the project. If a project needs to continue for more than two years, it should be made into a permanent dedicated fund.

#### **V. Fighting Mat Fund**

- A. Primary Purpose: The Fighting Mat Fund is used to offset the costs associated with replacement of fighting mats as they reach the end of their service life or are damaged.
- B. Secondary Purpose: At such time when the Fighting Mat Fund has served its purpose, the money may be moved into the General Fund by a simple majority vote of the Financial Committee.
- C. Allocation: Use of the mats, including by the Barony of Nordskogen, will require a \$50 payment that will be added to the fighting mat fund. Donations will also be accepted to this fund.

## Nordskogen Officer Policy

These are the official policies regarding the officers of the Barony of Nordskogen, approved (date to be inserted upon approval). These policies apply to the Barony of Nordskogen proper, and not its Canton, as such bodies may maintain their own bylaws and policies. However, as per SCA Governing Documents and Kingdom Law, Canton officers are required to copy their Baronial counterparts on all reports to the Kingdom.

Because the selection process and the duties of the Territorial Baronage are defined by SCA Governing Documents, Kingdom Law, and the Baronial Transition Policies, no further mention is made here of this office.

### I. OFFICERS

- A. The baronial populace recommendations for these offices are determined via poll. Required officers are marked by “\*”.
  - 1. \*Seneschal (president) – responsible to Kingdom Seneschal.
  - 2. \*Chancellor of the Exchequer (vice-president and treasurer) – responsible to Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.
  - 3. \*Herald– responsible to Polaris Herald.
  - 4. \*Chronicler – responsible to Kingdom Chronicler.
  - 5. \*Martial Captain(s) as needed to support baronial activities – responsible to the Kingdom Deputy Marshal for corresponding activity (one needed). Possible officers: Armored (Knight Marshal), Rapier, Thrown Weapons, Archery, Equestrian, Youth Boffer, Youth Armored, and Youth Rapier.
  - 6. \*Minister of Arts and Sciences – responsible to Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences.
  - 7. Chatelaine – responsible to Kingdom Chatelaine.
  - 8. Social Media Officer - responsible to Kingdom Chronicler.
  - 9. Quartermaster – responsible to Baronial Chancellor of the Exchequer.
  - 10. Signet – responsible to Baronial Herald.
  - 11. Clerk of Precedence – responsible to Baronial Herald.
  - 12. Web Minister – responsible to Baronial Chronicler and Kingdom Web Minister.
- B. Deputies: Deputies are optional offices that have clearly defined duties. While no poll is required for filling these positions, it is recommended that openings and appointments be announced to the Barony.
  - 1. Event Stewards – responsible to the Seneschal.

2. Any event money handler – responsible to Event Steward and Chancellor of the Exchequer.
3. Baronial officers may appoint additional deputies as needed on a formal or informal basis, as the appointing officer believes necessary. The appointing officer should inform the other Nordskogen officers promptly.

### II. Officer Selection

- A. The Barony imposes no fixed term for officers, but two years is recommended. If an officer wishes to hold office beyond two years, a vote of confidence of the populace is advised. See B. and F. below.
- B. A warranted officer serves according to the will (including any term limit) of the warranting authority, the Crown, and a Kingdom Great Officer. An individual who serves as deputy to another local officer serves at the will of that local officer. Therefore, polls and votes of confidence are recommendations, expressing the preference of the people of the Barony [as prescribed in the SCA Governing Documents].
- C. Officers are asked to announce their intention to resign at least six months in advance.
- D. After an officer announces their resignation, the subsequent issue of the Crystal Quill will carry the announcement of the posting, while the following issue will carry the list of candidates.
- E. Applications for an open office should be made to the current officer and communicated to the Seneschal and the Baronage.
- F. At the business meeting after the issue of the Crystal Quill which lists the candidates, a poll of the meeting attendees will be taken, and the results of that poll will be used to recommend the candidate to the warranting authorities. All candidates must have applied or been nominated in advance; nominations from the floor will be taken only if no candidates have applied.
- G. The Baronage and outgoing officer may choose to make separate recommendations to the warranting authority. This is especially advised if either recommendation differs from the Barony's.

### III. Officer Responsibilities and Expectations

- A. Education
  1. Baronial officers are expected to read and remain current with all educational materials for their office from the Society, Kingdom, and Baronial level.
- B. Reporting
  1. Baronial officers are expected to turn in a report to their kingdom superior according to the kingdom reporting schedule.

2. Baronial officers are expected to report in person at the monthly business meeting. If they cannot report in-person, they should email the Baronial Seneschal at least two days in advance of the meeting.
- C. Specific Responsibilities
1. The Seneschal is responsible for ensuring that monthly business meetings occur, and that official baronial business is appropriately published. The Seneschal may reschedule the monthly business meeting at their own discretion, ideally at least a week in advance.
  2. The Seneschal is responsible for the maintenance and annual review of baronial policies in accordance with the timeline set in General Policies.
  3. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will publish a yearly Balance Sheet and Income Sheet in the Crystal Quill to coincide with the completion of the Consolidated Year End Report.
  4. The court herald, in cooperation with the Clerk of Precedence, is responsible for ensuring that baronial court reports. The report should also be sent to the Kingdom Clerk of Precedence.
  5. The Chronicler is responsible for the production of the Crystal Quill. The Crystal Quill is a monthly publication, 12 issues per year, and each issue will be made available to the populace on or prior to the first of the month, but after the previous general business meeting (to receive meeting notes whenever feasible).
  6. The Martial Captains are responsible for maintaining the Barony's equipment and loaner gear for their specific activity and must report year-end inventory to the Nordskogen Chancellor of the Exchequer and Quartermaster. The Captains also have discretion over the Barony's loaner gear in their care, and the authority to decide when and what to loan and to whom. The Captain is responsible for signing out the gear to anyone keeping it for over a day and must have contact information(s) for the one borrowing it.

#### IV. Other Expectations

- A. Officers will maintain historical files appropriate to their office. At a minimum, these files will include, but not be limited to, their official reports to kingdom superiors and a current copy of the Barony's General Policies and Officer Policies for the last seven years. These files shall be available for review, upon request, to any member of the Barony, except where they are required to be kept confidential by Society or Kingdom Laws and Policies. These files shall be turned over to the officer's designated successor in usable condition, and in a timely fashion.
- B. In an emergency, decisions may be made by a quorum of Baronial officers, defined as the Seneschal, one member of the Baronage, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and at least 2 other Baronial officers. The Baronage jointly holds one vote for quorum. The officer whose area of responsibility is most closely affected by the decision should be included if possible.



## Territorial Baronage Transition Policies

These are the official policies regarding the transition of the Territorial Baronage of Nordskogen, determined by the populace and approved 19 July 2023.

### I. GROUP STATUS

It is the will of the people of Nordskogen to remain organized as a Barony within the Society for Creative Anachronism.

### II. TERM OF OFFICE

The maximum term of the office of the territorial Baronage will be five (5) years. At the end of that time, there will be another poll to determine the baronage.

### III. TERM LIMITS

There will be no limitation on the number of terms that a member of the territorial Baronage can serve. At the end of any term, the sitting Baronage may run again.

### IV. JOB DESCRIPTION

The duties and responsibilities of the territorial Baronage will remain as set by Corpora and Kingdom Law, with one additional amendment: The baronage is expected to make a reasonable attempt to visit the Barony's canton as often as possible.

### V. CANDIDATE CRITERIA

Polling will be by ticket. A ticket can consist of one or two people. The populace will be recommending to the Crown who they prefer for the territorial Baronage.

### VI. POLLING CRITERIA

Any person in the Barony of Nordskogen, whether an SCA member or a non-member, may be included in polling for territorial Baronage.

- A. If more than four tickets are received, an initial internal vote of the populace will be conducted by the Seneschal to narrow down the numbers. If four or less tickets are received, a single poll will be conducted by the TANG office (Transition and New Groups).
- B. Members will receive their polls through membership information received from the SCA corporate office.
- C. Polls will be made available electronically or with paper as necessary for both members and non-members at announced baronial gatherings.
- D. It is the responsibility of those persons to complete and return the poll, at their own expense.

**VII. STYLE OF THE POLL**

The poll will contain the names of all the candidates, organized as tickets, from which the populace will then select their choices, and rank them as first, second, etc.

**VIII. PUBLICATION OF CANDIDATES**

The list of candidates will be published on a continuing basis as nominations are accepted. This listing will be made available on the Barony of Nordskogen’s website, on official Baronial Social Media, and in the Crystal Quill.

**IX. CANDIDATE MEETING**

There will be at least one candidate meeting for the populace to meet and talk with the potential candidates. The format for this meeting will be determined by an ad-hoc committee and will be duly announced in advance of the event.

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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