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Kingdom of Northshield



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Baronial Motto: Be Curious!

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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2024

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. **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.

03/13: In-person social practice is cancelled due to Gulf Wars.

03/20: Socializing & announcements online via Zoom. Business meeting at 7:30pm

03/27: In-person social practice at [Olivet Congregational Church](#)

UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

“GOOD ENOUGH GULF WARS”—BARONIAL MOOT

Sat., Mar. 9, 2024, Noon-5pm, Olivet Congregational Church, 1850 Iglehart Ave., St. Paul, MN, 55104

Not going to Gulf Wars? No problem, Nordskogen has something that is just good enough - GOOD ENOUGH GULF WARS! Come to our Baronial Moot, bring a friend (new folks ESPECIALLY welcome!) and a contribution for the potluck. Gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options encouraged to bring; please bring an ingredient list!

Activities planned: Historically accurate games, Indoors Thrown Weapons, Heraldic Consultation Table, Arts & Sciences, Book Binding Demonstration, Crafting Together Table, Populace space.

Concerning the **potluck**: Please bring your favorite dish, side dish, or dessert. There are a limited number of outlets, so if you're planning on bringing a crockpot or something that needs electricity, please reach out to Rowan ([Emily Rasely](#)) or myself to be able to check if we have outlets available. ****Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian items are HIGHLY encouraged!**** PLEASE bring an ingredient list! We want to make sure that most of the items on the table will be welcoming and inclusive to all dietary needs and restrictions.

Any questions? Want to volunteer? Please contact either [Emily Rasely](#) (Dona Rowan) or [Alexander Olfson](#) (Aleksander Valahul).

APRIL ARTISAN FAIRE

Saturday, April 13, 2024

[Olivet Congregational Church, 1850 Iglehart Ave, St. Paul MN 55104](#)

Steward: Baron Gabriel Kjotvason

Site fees: Member: \$10, Nonmember: \$20, Child 0-17: \$0

SCHÜTZENFEST XIV

Website link [here](#) Facebook page link [here](#)

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 17 Until Noon on Sunday, May 19, 2022 (No early arrivals, please)

Event steward: His Excellency Tarien Dane (Jeremy Kittleson), [jeremykittleson@gmail.com](#)

Site Fees: Adult: \$30 pre-registered; \$35 at the gate; Adult Members: \$20 pre-registered; \$25 at the gate.

Children 6-17: \$10 Children 5 and under: Free Family site cap: \$50

Weekend meal plan \$30 (5 and under are free); Saturday only meals \$20

Lodgings: \$15 per person cabin or yurt; \$10 per person in lower program center, \$5 per person unheated platform tent. Camping is free.

Checks payable to: SCA Inc: Barony of Nordskogen Pre-reg. opens March 15.

WARRIORS AND WARLORDS

Website link [here](#) Facebook page link [here](#)

9am, Thurs., July 11, 2023—4pm, Sun., July 14, 2024 Tomah Recreation Park, 1625 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI, 54660

Hosted by the Baronies of Nordskogen and Jararvellir

Event Stewards: Baroness Nell the Innocent (Nordskogen) and THL Meadhbh inghean Uí Néill (Jararvellir)

Contact the Event Stewards here: [wweventplan@gmail.com](#)

Fees: Adult Registration (18+): \$50; Adult Member Registration (18+): \$40

Adult Day Trip (Fri. or Sat.): \$30; Adult Member Day Trip (Fri. or Sat.): \$20

Minors (0-17): \$0; Printed Site Booklet: \$2; RV: \$10 per day

Checks payable to: SCA Inc: Warriors and Warlords Pre-registration opens April 15.

Merchant Registration is now open: <https://forms.gle/trikwMeGa3yCET3s8>

Class submission is open now and closes April 1st 2024. Class submission form: <https://forms.gle/YT8igyWFFS4TxYuf9>

Fun Activities: Do you want to host something that isn't a class or martial activity?

Please let us know. Here's a form: <https://forms.gle/y9A4CS9NBHkyrXXp9>

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

Happy Leap Year to the Barony of Nordskogen and the Canton of Nordleigh,

What a February to remember! Despite record breaking high temperatures, we managed to provide six inches of snow for our Valentine's Day celebration. For those able to make the wintery trek, thank you for sharing in snacks, games, and reminiscing about elementary valentine boxes.

While we will not be gathering the second Wednesday in March, we hope that all of you who are not travelling south can attend the Good Enough Gulf Wars moot on March 9th, in St. Paul. It promises to be a fun day of games, food, A&S, crafting, and even thrown weapons (indoors.) This would be an especially great introductory event for any new folk, or family, to join in, and see what we are all about.

We will be attending Gulf Wars in the far off Kingdom of Gleann Abhann and look forward to witnessing our Barony's and Kingdom's prowess. Those of you going to war, please take note of any impressive actions you see, as we are always looking for award recommendations!

If you miss us while apart, come join the March 20 Business Meeting to vote on our newest rapier captain applicant, THL Yagüe Antolínez, hear the Q&A for our new Herald applicant, THL Ciana Scolari di Polcenigo, and to greet our new Seneschal, THL Judith of Northwode in her new role. We want to thank her predecessor, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa, for his extensive service to the Barony in this critical role during such a transitional time these past two years; please enjoy some well-deserved time off.

Looking ahead to April, we will be attending Elevation Celebration court (WI), hosting a local A&S gathering (St. Paul, MN) and attending Coronation (SD). Don't forget Schützenfest and WW will be here before we know it! We appreciate all of those who represent our Barony at these events with their volunteerism and support of one another.

As we head into the Third? Fourth? Seventh? spring of our Barony's 50th year, this renewing season is an excellent time to be curious. Learn or share a new skill or piece of knowledge. Find new ways to stretch and move into the warmer weather. We can't promise no snow for the rest of the year, but we'll certainly try!

Yours in service,

Heliseus and Cynthia, Baroness and Baroness 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.
Warriors and Warlords Event Steward:	Mistress Nell the Innocent
Youth Boffer Captain:	youthboffer@nordskogen.org

We have a candidate for the **Rapier Captain** position, Lord Yagüe Antolínez, and will hold a vote of confidence at our March 20th business meeting.

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 **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. We have a candidate for this position, THL Ciana Scholari Di Polcenigo, and will be having a questions and answers session at our March 20th 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, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Cynthia and Baroness Heliseus: Church reserved for social practice on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays throughout the year except for Gulf Wars (Mar. 13), WW (July 10), and Christmas Day. Looking for structured activities for the meetings. No meetings at church for rapier or social in June, July, August? Definitely no meetings in August. Will check with Rowan and her successor candidate about rapier practice.

Seneschal, Baron Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa: Upcoming events will be discussed below. Please send in pictures for the Baronial officer page.

Exchequer Report from Lord Lachlann del Glen:

Barony of Nordskogen Exchequer Report January 2024

Starting Balance:	\$23,276.16
Event Income:	\$3,887.00
Deposits:	\$350.00 (Seed Money from 12th Night Gate & Jumble Sale)
Donations:	\$354.00
Withdrawals:	-\$1,085.00
Bank Interest:	\$5.43
Ending Balance:	\$26,787.59

Withdrawals included:

- \$100.00: Social Practice x 2 (Olivet Congregational Church)
- \$200.00: Rapier Practice (Olivet Congregational Church)
- \$175.00: Baronial Storage (Carefree Self Storage)
- \$460.00: Kingdom of Northshield (12th Night NMR)
- \$150.00: Bwana Archery (12th Night Archery)

Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. The Quill will be published Friday, Mar. 1, 2024. Soft deadline is Monday, Feb. 26. Hard deadline is Thursday, Feb. 29.

Herald, Lady Gwenlliana Clutterbooke: Not present.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Hedwyg: Not present.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: Not present.

Rapier Captain, Doña Alianor Rowan: Not present.

Chatelaine, Lady Iðunn Álfðísardóttir: Is email from Kingdom working? Gold Key inventory is finished. Aleksandr has made us a cool flyer.

Knights Marshal, THL O'no Kagemori: First - my quarterly report has been filed, hooray. Second - fighting continues, we regularly have at least 10 people in armor each week, with that number climbing after the holidays and with Gulf Wars coming up. Third - NEW PEOPLE!!! I've had a couple new folks interested into getting into armor, and one or two have shown up to try, including our Baroness. (hell yeah brother!) Fourth - Bracket Park is requiring that everybody participating in armored combat on Tuesday nights also registers for the program through the Parks Activities website and check in at practice. Everybody has been pretty great about this new process, so there's a big thank you from me. Fifth - yay fighting! In Service, THL O'no Kagemori

Archery Captain: Position open.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Lord Lachlann del Glen: Still no thrown weapons until the backyard dries out.

Clerk of Precedence: Having vote of confidence today. See below.

Signet, Lord Aleksander Valahul: No new scrolls quite yet. Need award recommendations so I get to keep this job! Delivered two Nordskogen scrolls successfully to Fighter School last Saturday.

Quartermaster, THL Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig: Everything is back from Twelfth Night except dirty tablecloths that need laundering. Everything is back in its proper bins. Banners will be needed for the Moot.

Webminister, Baroness Coelwen ingen Adaim: Need to be on Kingdom hosting must migrate to that. Kingdom must have access to our emails for emergencies. Can't be paid for by anyone locally. Will be working with Abelard on this.

Social Media Officer, Sitt Samia al-Lulu bint Isa: Not present; via Facebook Messenger: I have nothing to report and much sewing to do for Gulf.

Old Business

Warriors and Warlords (WW) Update—Mistress Nell the Innocent

Any questions for Nell? What are you going to do about the shade? (Baron Bazyli) No good answer this year. Long term goal. Will there be fencing at WW? (Baron Gabriel Kjotvason) Yes. Bounce house? (Baron Gabriel) Being discussed. Our Baronesses have a source for a reduced rate bound house (which is not in the WW budget). WW staff will need to know its size, and power requirements for the site layout.

The only folks comped for WW are Their Majesties, Their Highnesses and the Baronages from Jararvellir and Nordskogen. WW staff is looking to include foreign royalty, foreign Baronages, two retainers for all royalty and one retainer for all Baronages. This offers a better welcome to all, which should add to the success of this event. Looking for approval from Jararvellir and Nordskogen Seneschals and Exchequers. Need to make sure that a role is being comped, not a person. Will publish final decision in the Baronial newsletters. WW is now on several other Kingdom calendars including the Middle Kingdom, Calontir (conflicts with Calontir Spring Coronation), and Outlands. Class and merchant registration are open. Other fun activities form is available. 140 days to WW. Pre-registration opens Apr. 16 this year. Pre-paid only. This makes record keeping easier. Event fee not increased in spite of Non-Member Registration increase. Looking for a Social Media person. Communication team: Privy Press, Webpage, Info. Point, Criers.

Clerk of Precedence vote of confidence

Baron Geoffrey of Warwick (in trailer from Amarillo, TX). Motion passes unanimously!

Schützenfest update—THL Tarien Dane (transmitted by Baron Bazyli)

Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir will be our archery MiC and still has the certification for archery that the Girl Scouts require. Master Vidi will bring the archery wagon. THL Aine ingen MaelPatraic (Teri Hinds) will be our Thrown Weapons MiC. Tarien is talking to Lor (Bryan Peterson) about feast. He has emailed the Girl Scout contact about finalizing payment and a few details (such as the platform tents and the portable toilets) but hasn't heard back. He will try to have more information next week. The SCA has raised the price for Non Member Registration starting

Schützenfest update (con.)

this spring. At first, it sounded like any event already published with the \$5 rate would be able to honor it, but that has been changed. We will need to update to \$10. This will be his first time taking PayPal prepay, so he hopes to have reservations up this week. (Baron Bazyli will tell him that he needs to reach out to the PayPal Deputy, Mistress Nell.)

New Business

April Artisan Affair—Baron Gabriel Kjotvason

See proposal below.

Penciled in at Olivet Congregational Church for 4/13/24. Small arts and sciences event, displays, judged if you want, space to work on projects, use kitchen for classes. Planning to advertise in Northwatch if possible. Not a Kingdom event. A small Nordskogen event.

Considering having Paypal pre-registration. Will be presenting all of this to the Financial Committee right after this business meeting. 8am: Setup; 9am: Gate opens. Event ending TBA. Remind people to bring their own food. Will ask Rosanore for restaurant recommendations. Was noted that the church is very close to the art supply store, Wet Paint. The site is dry. Open flame? Sewing machines? Baron Gabriel will check on those. Motion made by Baron Bazyli and seconded by THL Ciana. One abstainer, motion passed.

Spring 2025 Coronation Bid, Sat., Apr. 19,, Lord of Life Church--Lord Aleksander Valahul and Lord Aelfwine

See bid sheet below.

Aleksander is happy to set up a hotel block at his hotel or another hotel. Seneschal will send bid to Stallari. Open to a bid for lunch. Kitchen is reserved. Lunch persons will need to be aware that they will miss morning court. Have many ideas! Motion made by Baron Bazyli and seconded by Mistress Nell. Passed unanimously.

Rapier Captain Letters of Intent

One letter of intent from Lord Yagüe Antolínez. Will vote next month at the March 20 business meeting.

Herald Letters of Intent

One letter of intent from THL Ciana Scholari Di Polcenigo. Will have a question and answer session next month at the March 20 business meeting.

Flyers—Lord Aleksander Valahul

Has drafted a publicity flyer which will be posted at various venues around town. It's cool! See it below.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Motion made by Baron Bazyli and seconded by Lord Aleksandr.

APRIL ARTISAN FAIRE PROPOSAL

Proposed date: Saturday, April 13, 2024

Steward: Gabriel Kjotvason

A&S Coordinators: Amary Fairamay & Farolfus filius Richardi

Royalty Liaison: Petranella Fitzallen of Weston

Gate: Aleksander Valahul and Nell the Innocent

Setup/Teardown: Aelfwine

Site fees:

Member	\$10	
Nonmember	\$20	\$10 for the non-member registration fee
Child 0-17	\$0	

EXPENSES

Site costs:

Hall and Kitchen	-\$250
Sanctuary	-\$200
Parlor	-\$75
Small Classroom	-\$25
Library	\$0
Deposit	\$0

PROPOSED INCOME

Event:

Deposit refund:	\$0	
Member adult	60	\$600
Nonmember adult	5	\$50
Child 6-17	10	0

Cashbox return \$200

Event Income \$850

Event costs:

Misc. (printing, pens, etc.) -\$100

Cashbox -\$200

Event planned to break even only

Event Cost Total: -\$850

I am considering PayPal pre-registration. There is a cost to it, approximately \$.03 per \$1. This might cause the break even to be 61 attendees.

Event times TBD

SPRING CORONATION 2025 BID PACKAGE

EVENT:

- Northshield Spring Coronation 2025 for Saturday, April 19.
- Host Group: Barony of Nordskogen (Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN)
- Site: Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey MN 55303
- Fees: \$15/person*. Children 17 & under free. No lunch or food planned. *(\$15 is what we did for 12th Night.)

PICTURES OF SITE:

- Pictures of the site empty or during an SCA event are not available, however, it is the same site where Nordskogen hosts the 12th Night in January. The Church's website has pictures of it in use at other events ([link](#)).

DESCRIPTION OF SITE:

- The site includes three full size gymnasiums with cloth dividers, an ample populace area in the lobby with seating and round tables, and a large sanctuary we have use of for court. There are numerous side rooms and hallways available for our use. In the past, the side rooms have been used for vigils, while the hallways are for merchants, Arts and Sciences events, or classes.
 - Additionally, the Church has ample green space around the building, permitting outside events if the weather is favorable.
- The Church features a large sanctuary, holding 250+ people comfortably at 12th Night. There were no issues raised with the acoustics in the Sanctuary. However, the Church does have sound equipment if needed.
- The Parking Capacity of the site, based on a count of parking spaces in Google Maps, is easily sufficient for 250+ vehicles, especially when the Church's overflow lots are taken into account. To my knowledge there has been no issues with parking at 12th Night, which has attendance of 250-300 people.
- The site has bathroom facilities appropriate to large Church events, which is approximately equivalent to the number of people expected in attendance.
- The site is located about 20 minutes away from Minneapolis, which is conveniently located near two major interstates – I-35 and I-94.
- Ample hotels are available nearby due to the site's proximity to Minneapolis and the northern suburbs. If there is sufficient interest, a pre-reserved hotel block can be arranged for reduced fees.

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVITY:

- The site is an indoor church with an immediately adjacent parking lot. The entire church is on one level. The Church's website also noted it is routinely rented out by the City of Anoka for the Senior Expo and Community Forums. The city of Anoka's Diversity / EEO policy can be found [here](#).
- Lord of Life Church has shown nothing indicating there is any potential conflict with the SCA's commitment to inclusivity during our long relationship with the facility. The Church had no objections to us featuring a Pride Garb Show in the Sanctuary. There is nothing on the Church website suggesting anything that would put them in conflict with the SCA's commitment and there have been no issues in the past when hosting 12th Night there.

SITE PERMISSIONS AND RESTRICTIONS:

- The site is bone-dry. Alcohol is not permitted on site and is not permitted to be used in food prepared or consumed on site.
 - This is not expected to be a problem and has not been a problem in the past. Other sites evaluated in the Twin Cities area are either similarly dry, or have additional fees if alcohol is to be present.
- We have not consulted the Church on their non-service animal policy but expect unless required by law animals are prohibited inside the Church building and are to be kept under tight control outside.
 - As Spring Coronation is dominated by extended court sessions, this is not expected to be a problem.
- Outside food and drink is permitted. There are no onsite food options. However, the Church is close to numerous fast and semi-fast food options.

spring coronation 2025 bid package (con.)

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- The focus of Spring Coronation is on the two court sessions. The court sessions will occupy the morning and late afternoon periods.
- Other planned activities in the early afternoon include martial activities (rapier, armored, and youth). No plans have been established for A&S or Bardic activities. At the 2024 12th Night, we debuted an “Ask A&S” table, which had strong positive reception and we plan to continue offering.
 - The ample internal space means planning is not needed this far out to secure space. People also may be unable to plan their availability for classes or teaching events eight to nine months out.

FOOD:

- Food is not planned to be served. As noted above, the site permits offsite food and we may explore running a lunch potluck.

EVENT STAFF LISTING:

- Aelfwine / Trevor Gersch
 - trevor@gersch.com, cell 612.817.4100, easily available on Facebook under Trevor Gersch
 - With the planned Co-Event Stewart for Spring Coronation, Alex Olfson, we stepped in to run Nordskogen’s 2024 12th Night after the prior Event Stewarts stepped down. Based on feedback during and after the event, the event was run smoothly with few problems. Outside of 12th Night 2024, I have not run any other events. However, since 2015 I have been a staff member with American Model United Nations. Every November, we run a model United Nations conference and simulation for over 1,000 college students over several days at a large hotel in downtown Chicago. As a staff member for those events, I have gained a strong understanding of how to run large events.
- Alexander Valahul / Alexander Olfson
 - alexolfson@gmail.com, cell 218-370-0262, FB is Alexander Olfson
 - I coordinate small online events that focus more on volunteer coordination, raffles, and communication. Trevor and I balance each other's opinions and ideas and spread the load evenly between us so we can divide and conquer effectively. Both Trevor and I have a large number of supporting members behind us with lots of experience and information for what we might be in for. We are budding players in the SCA, focusing on rapier, A&S, and service between the both of us, and we would love to be able to serve the Kingdom by hosting this event.

BUDGET:

We expect approximately 250 to 300 people to attend given the kingdom-wide nature of coronation. Additionally, as the event would be located in the Twin Cities area, we have a guaranteed large pool of people easily able to attend.¹ We are planning on a site fee of \$15.

INCOME:

250 attendees (pessimistic assumption)* \$15 paying attendees = \$3,750 (\$4,350 if attendance is the same as 12th night)

EXPENSES:

\$2,000 for the entire site and on-site Church staff

\$600 in other expenses (insurance, pay pal, NMR to Northshield, etc.)

\$100 for reimbursable expenses

Total Expenses: \$2,700

Expected Net Profit:

Approximately \$1,000 to \$1,650

(Additionally, Lord of Life is easily the most affordable location in the Twin Cities for the event’s needs. Other sites were either too small, lacked indoor gym space, had late weekend openings, or were prohibitively expensive.)

¹ When we hosted 12th Night in the same space we had about 290 people attend despite major winter storms affecting the Dakotas and much of Wisconsin.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCA.ORG: Commentary Request – Deadline Apr. 2 – Draft Corpora Wording – Omnibus Peerage Proposal

The Board welcomes all feedback on the draft wording for Corpora for a proposed omnibus martial peerage. Follow the link above for more info. Note: if you are a financial member of the Society, please provide those details.

Important Notice From the Knight Marshall To All Armored Combatants

It's time for the quarterly sign up for the armored combat class through the parks website. As a reminder, this helps us continue to use the Brackett Park facilities free of charge. Here's the link to the activities section of the Mpls Parks website:

https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/mp lsparkandrec/activity/search?onlineSiteId=0&activity_select_param=2&activity_keyword=armored%20combat&viewMode=list

You'll need to login or create an account if needed. When you search for "armored combat" in activities, there's 2 results for some reason. They're exactly the same except for the numbers. (I'm waiting on an explanation for that...) For now, select the #2349 and add it to your cart, then check out. (There's no cost.) In Service, THL O'no Kagemori

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 Makes The TV News

Maury Glover has done a story segment on us. Here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQkJpj_j0V8



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.

The Signorotti Membership Assistance Fund **From the sca.org website**

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to seriously affect our members and their families. In response to suggestions from our community, the Society has set up a donation fund to support those participants who may find it difficult to continue their memberships.

Members of our community can request assistance from our Corporate Office to purchase or renew memberships using this fund, named in honor of Renee Signorotti who recently retired after heading up the SCA's Membership Office for over 40 years.

To submit a request for membership assistance, follow the instructions [here](#). SCA Membership will be treated confidentially.

To make a donation: Donations are tax-deductible. Online payments are accepted, or you can mail your donation to the address below. All contributions to the Signorotti Fund will be dedicated for Membership Assistance.

Donate online to the Signorotti Membership Assistance Fund.

PayPal and credit/debit cards accepted.

DONATE ONLINE

If sending a check, please make it payable to SCA, Inc., and mail to: SCA Inc., Attn: The Signorotti Fund, P.O. Box 611928, San Jose, CA 95161. For more information, please email membership@sca.org.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

Membership Fee Increase Effective February 15, 2024 From the sca.org website, January 30, 2024

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA, Inc.) is announcing an increase in membership fees and non-member registration fees for events.

This decision comes after careful consideration and extensive discussion among the Board of Directors, office staff, and Corporate officers. The effects of inflation across all sectors of operation, as well as other factors impacting the organization's operational costs, including insurance premiums, legal expenses, and general business expenses, necessitated a comprehensive review of membership rates.

Annual membership fees have not been adjusted in over a dozen years, and non-member registration fees have not increased in over 15 years.

In response to the evolving financial environment, the organization streamlined operations during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic and significantly reduced corporate expenditures. The relocation of the office to San Jose, CA resulted in an annual savings of over \$35,000, and upgrades to software and CRM systems have netted a further savings of over \$100,000 annually. While membership numbers have rebounded post-pandemic, operational costs continue to rise.

SCA, Inc. Corporate is solely funded by membership fees, including the Non-Member Registration fee, and does not currently seek operational funds from its Kingdoms or subsidiary organizations, including those overseeing Pennsic and Gulf Wars.

At the January 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board approved the following changes, effective February 15, 2024:

Raise the Sustaining membership price from \$45 a year to \$55 a year (This represents an \$0.83 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

Raise the Associate membership price from \$30 to \$40 a year. (This represents a \$0.83 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

Raise the Family membership price from \$10 a year to \$15 a year, per person. (This represents a \$0.42 cents per-month increase over the previous monthly rate.)

No changes to Canadian or International memberships have been announced at this time.

Note: this change will take effect for all renewal transactions processed on or after February 15, 2024. Renewal transactions prior to that date will be processed at the previous rate, regardless of membership expiration date.

The Board also approved the following changes to Non-Member Registration fees, effective April 1, 2024:

- Raise the Non-Member Registration Fee from \$5 to \$10 per event. As always, this only applies whenever there is an actual event fee charged.

Both Sustaining and International Membership allow subscriptions to printed publications, as well as the ability to add Family memberships.

It should be noted that these increases remain less than the cumulative U.S. inflation increase of 36.5% which has occurred since 2011. (*Data calculated using the US Inflation Calculator*).

SCA, Inc. emphasizes its commitment to transparency and sustaining a vibrant community. These fee adjustments aim to ensure the organization's fiscal health, support ambitious initiatives in 2024 and beyond, and keep the Knowne World thriving and dreaming for years to come. For more information, please contact John Fulton at president@sca.org.

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Nordskogen

***Nordskogen Business Meetings Online, 7-8:30 pm (often runs longer)**

Next business mtg.: Mar. 20 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

Nordskogen Special Interest Facebook Groups

Barony of Nordskogen Discussion Group

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

Canton of Nordleigh

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

Nordskogen Archery

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/304828682244883>

Nordskogen Thrown Weapons

Nordskogen Dancers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1587325938146072>

Nordskogen Armoured Combat

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Nordskogen.armored>

Nordskogen Rapier Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nordskogen.fencing>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1697917837116667>

Northshield

Northshield Activities, Classes, and Events

Northshield Unofficial Discord Server

Northshield Official Discord Server

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/>

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>

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[Northshield \(con.\)](#)

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

Past Ethereal & 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, 10-24-20](#)

[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, 12-20-2020](#)

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

[Royal Birthday Court, Saturday, 4-10-21](#)

[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 & Crown Tourney Itself, 6-9-21](#)

[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 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, 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](#)

[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 & 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](#)

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Greater SCA (con.)

Individual Events—Ongoing (con.)

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

[SCA Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, 10-25-20](#)

[SCA Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, 1-24-21](#)

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

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

[SCA Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, 10-25-21](#)

[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, 10-16-22](#)

[SCA Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, 1-22-23](#)

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

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

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[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

[I Sing a New Song: The Epic Journey of a Traveling Musician in the Middle Ages--A Collaboration Between The Newberry Consort and Trobár](#)—Available streaming online March 20-April 18. General admission tickets to the streaming concert are \$25 and there is a pay-what-you-want option as well. The Newberry Consort presents a program of music that would have been performed by musicians who undertook the perilous journeys to Europe's famous menestrel schools in the Middle Ages.

The word *menestrel*, literally "minstrel," refers to the secular musicians who were active in Europe between 1250 and 1500. *I Sing a New Song* tells the story of a menestrel and her companions as they journey from Paris to a menestrel school in Brussels. These schools were international conventions where musicians gathered to buy instruments, network, compete for prizes, and learn new songs to take back to their home cities. France, Germany, and the Low Countries were popular locations for *menestrel* schools, though participating musicians came from around Europe, sometimes traveling hundreds of miles through challenging territory.

Renaissance Perfume: A Practical Approach, Thurs., Mar. 28, 7-8:30pm, taught by Dugu Jinan and hosted by the Kingdom of Calontir's Royal University of Scir-Hafoc

Learn how to start your own still room in your kitchen and recreate historical fragrances. This class will cover an introduction to perfumery in Renaissance Europe and the best ways to start your own journey into the art of compounding historical fragrances. Topics will include reputable sources of aromatics, the cheapest way to start your own still room, and safety precautions.

Link to class notes: <https://kasiagromek.com/2020/05/17/starting-your-own-journey-into-historical-perfumery-equipment-tools-aromatics-suppliers/>

Join the class: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85173031510?pwd=Tmhlb1daVzhKVFBvS1JUOFBmSHJIUT09>

Meeting ID: 851 7303 1510Passcode: 138393

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Greater SCA (con.)

Individual Events—One Time (con.)

[A Beginner's Guide to the Calontir Song Book, Thursday, Apr. 4, 7-9pm, taught by Master Johan Steinarrsson, organized by Ottar Surterson, and hosted by the Kingdom of Calontir's Royal University of Scir-Hafoc](#)

This will be a Google Meets class, introducing newcomers to some of the most popular songs in the Calontir songbook, and will also serve as a roundtable to allow Calontir veterans to share some of their favorites that might not be so well-known.

Google Meet joining info.: Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/rgy-abiw-okc>

Or dial: (US) +1 615-952-0610 PIN: 945 362 734#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/rgy-abiw-okc?pin=4414047170782>

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 Mon., 2/5/24, starting at 6pm, Central Time (official start)

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

For info. 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](#)

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