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Kingdom of Northshield



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Baronial Motto: Be Curious!

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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2024

Nordskogen Wednesday Nights, 7-9pm

In-person social gatherings are now being held indoors alongside rapier practice at [Olivet Congregational Church](#), 1850 Iglehart Ave, St. Paul MN 55104 on the 2nd and 4th Wed. 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.

04/10: In-person social practice at [Olivet Congregational Church](#)

Featuring a structured class/gathering to make your own drawstring leather dice pouch. Materials and tools will be provided, as well as instruction, and there will be two patterns to try; both an easy and an advanced model. There will also be Nordskogen themed dice to accompany the pouches.

04/17: Socializing & announcements online via Zoom. Business meeting at 7:30pm

04/24: In-person social practice at [Olivet Congregational Church](#)

UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

APRIL ARTISAN FAIRE

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 9am-5pm, [Olivet Congregational Church](#), 1850 Iglehart Ave, St. Paul MN 55104

Event Stewards:

THL Amary Fairamay(Elizabeth Beerman), art at amary.eml.cc

Magister Farolfus filius Richardi (Sebastian Renfield), farolfus at gmail.com

Site fees: Adult: \$20; Adult Member: \$10; Child 0-17: \$0 Pre-registration is open until Mar. 31, 2024 at this [link](#)

The site is on one floor with ramps. There is on-street parking only.

Lunch will not be provided; outside food is permitted and there are many nearby food options.

Artisans of Northshield, we welcome you to a day of crafting & companionship. This Faire will feature displays, demos, & plenty of time and space to work on whatever brings you joy. There will be no formal classes or competition, but we encourage folks to learn from one another, show off your projects (finished or not), ask questions, & Make Stuff!

See under **General News and Announcements** below for a form to use to reserve space for displays & demos.

SCHÜTZENFEST XIV

Hosted by the Barony of Nordskogen in the lands of Rivenwood Tower

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

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 at 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: Free.

Checks payable to: SCA Inc: Barony of Nordskogen Pre-registration is now open until May 3, 2024 at this [link](#).

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>

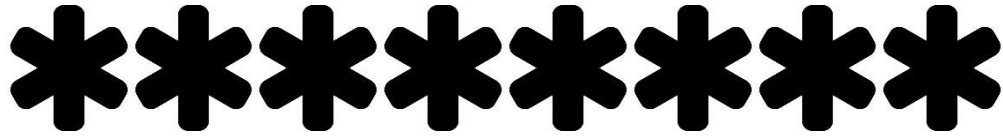
Class submission is open now and closes April 1st 2024. Class submission form: <https://forms.gle/YT8igyWFFS4TxYuf9>

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/y9A4CS9NBHkvrXXp9>

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](#).



NOT A BARONIAL MISSIVE

Oyez! Oyez!

‘Ware! There has been an invasion!

It is our duty to let all good gentles know, that on today, the great Feast of the Folly of Aprilis, dread pirates have been seen abroad in our good Barony! We find ourselves awash in mustaches, eye patches, peg legs and parrots. All nobles of good repute are advised to run around flapping their arms wildly while wearing the brightest plumage possible; perhaps this will confuse the pirates and parrots enough to save our souls.

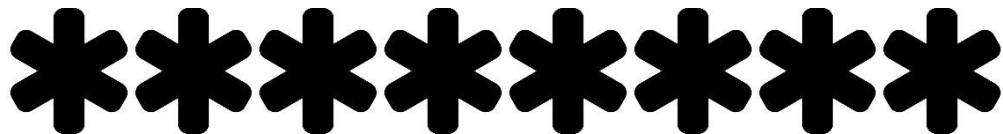
While these pirates are most easily identified by their plastic canteens, towering powdered wigs and machined lace, they have also been heard to speak loudly of their intentions to switch all the bread for butter and fill the kegs with naught but barley water. Our Baronesses were last seen trying to turn all the snowflakes back right-side-up after their inversion by these perfidious fiends, but that was some hours ago, and several pearls have been seen floating by since, in the various lakes of the Barony.

The only possible solution, as we’ve been told by a very reputable man (with a note-worthy mustache) selling snake oil, is to slather yourself in as much of the stuff as you can afford, and tell bad jokes until midnight, when you should click your turnshoes together three times, while chanting “no documentation required.”

Yours Truly,

Most Certainly Not The Dread Pirates of Ill Repute

(This has been a production of 100% satire and is in no way the official stance of the Barony of Nordskogen or its officers. This concludes our scheduled annual joke, on this, the official day of untruths. Thank you in advance for your eyerolls, groans, laughter and forgiveness.)





A BARONIAL MISSIVE
(for real this time)

From the Baronesses Nordskogen;

Once we have successfully repelled any possible invasion of our Baronial lands by pirates, we look forward to traveling to both ends of the kingdom during this fine month of April.

March was a busy month for our Barony! Our populace hosted a successful moot of peace, with lots of fun games, heraldry, and a potluck. The stories made it clear that the event far surpassed its "Good Enough" moniker. We are very excited to bring that same energy to more and future moots. We were sorry to miss the day, though we had a great time representing the Barony at Gulf Wars in far flung Gleann Abhann. The folks there were very welcoming, and our kingdom performed amazingly across all disciplines. It was, as always, good to be Northshield.

Now onwards to celebrating our Kingdom's populace and their notable achievements at the upcoming Spring Elevation Celebration. We are also excited to represent our Barony during the first Coronation of our tenure. We have loved being a part of the current reign, with the thoughtful support, fun stories, and measured guidance provided by Their Royal Majesties. It has been an honor to serve them. As the sun rises on the upcoming reign, we look forward to seeing the continued legacy of laughter, leadership and generosity of their predecessors.

If the wind is not in your favor for travel, two local gatherings will be held this month at Olivet Church in St. Paul, MN. The Artisan Faire on Saturday, April 13 will be a relaxing affair (no pirates allowed) full of A&S displays, demos, and workshops. We hope to see you all there!

A workshop will be held the Wednesday prior to the event, on April 10. To help our populace keep their treasures safe from nefarious pirates, the Barony is hosting a structured gathering to make your own drawstring leather dice pouch. We hope the pouches, and the Nordskogen dice provided to fill them, will make an appearance at future moots, events, and gaming tables.

The next structured class on Wednesday, May 8, will be pottery based. Additional details will be posted as we draw closer to the date.

As Spring starts, be sure to add Schützenfest to your calendar! Warriors and Warlords also fast approaches, so please reach out to us with any questions, award recommendations, or hours you might be able to volunteer to Barony or Kingdom. As always, your time and efforts are deeply appreciated by your community. Without you all, this game, and these activities, would not be possible.

Yours in Service,

Baroness Heliseus & Baroness Cynthia





WANT ADS FOR BARONIAL OFFICERS

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

Archery Captain: Position is open.

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 April 17th 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. Duchess Mary of Carrigart is willing to take up this position. Since this job is a deputy of the Seneschal, the Seneschal may waive the vote of confidence and she has done so.

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. The candidate for this position, Lord Gospatric de Reynes, will have a vote of confidence at the April 17th business meeting.

NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, MARCH 20, 2024

Seneschal, THL Judith of Northwode (Sara Simon), presiding
Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn (Susan G. Henry), recording
15 in attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Cynthia and Baroness Heliseus: Baroness Heliseus: Had a great time at Gulf Wars. Barony and Kingdom did really well. Looks like the Good Enough Gulf Wars moot was the star of the show, though. 54 people came, including 8-10 new folks. Food was really good. We will skip the war and do the moot next year. Saw everyone from the Barony who attended the War. Baroness Cynthia: In April, we will be attending the Elevation Celebration, April Artisan Faire (short meaningful court), and Coronation. Baroness Heliseus: Looks like Faire is getting popular. Can we have a heraldry consultation table there?

Seneschal, Baron Bazyl Boleslaw z Krakowa: Voted on this position a couple of months ago. The new Seneschal is THL Judith of Northwode who is now taking over the meeting.

February 2024 Exchequer Report from Lord Lachlann del Glen:

Starting Balance:	\$26,787.59
Event Income:	\$ 1,875.51 (12th Night Paypal)
Deposits:	\$ 306.26 (Unspent Funds from 12th Night Lunch/Desert Revel)
Donations:	\$ 0.00
Withdrawals:	-\$ 964.94
Bank Interest:	\$ 5.69
Ending Balance:	\$28,010.11

Withdrawals included:

- \$100.00: Social Practice x 2 (Olivet Congregational Church)
- \$250.00: Rapier Practice (Olivet Congregational Church)
- \$175.00: Baronial Storage (Carefree Self Storage)
- \$350.00: 12th Night Seed Money Paid Back
- \$89.94: 12th Night General Supplies

Checks sent to Lord of Life and Schützenfest site. THL Judith will be available at in person events for signing.

Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. The Quill will be published Monday, Apr. 1, 2024. Soft deadline is Tuesday, Mar. 26. Hard deadline is Sunday, Mar. 31. Submissions of silly things would be appreciated.

Herald, Lady Gwennliana Clutterbooke: Not present. A Q&A session for the candidate to succeed her will be held at the April 17th business meeting..

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Hedwyg: A&S participants at the Good Enough Gulf Wars moot were Doña Alianor Rowan with a cloak and gloves; Graham Peterson with a leather belt bag (winner); Lord Aelfwine with tablet weaving; and Sayf al-Qamar Tarik ibn Abdul with a glasswork chain. Please note that the April Artisan Faire is coming up on Saturday, April 13.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti: Nothing to report except I'm still looking for a replacement. Have an interested candidate. Will take 3-6 months to get the process including background checks done. Candidate is Lord Gospatric de Reynes. Will work with him to get things going. Lord Gospatric has already contacted the Kingdom Youth Armored Combat Marshal, Baron Abelard die Elster.

Rapier Captain, Doña Alianor Rowan: Practice is awesome. 10 people in attendance tonight which is light attendance for us. There are a couple of new people here. Having vote of confidence today for the new Rapier Captain. See below. Practice will be at Olivet Congregational Church through the end of May. At Brackett Park June-August.

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Chatelaine, Lady Iðunn Álfðísardóttir: Not present. From Facebook: Nothing to report.

Knight's Marshal, THL O'no Kagemori: Not much to report. Fighting continues, a couple of new fighters since last month's meeting. No injuries.

Archery Captain: Position open.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Lord Lachlann del Glen: Still closed down for the winter. Shot of snow may mess that up. Will need to replace one of the targets that chickadees have colonized. May restart mid-April?

Clerk of Precedence, Baron Geoffrey of Warwick: The COP has nothing to report for tonight as they are still traveling down south.

Signet, Lord Aleksander Valahul: Nothing to report. Send in award recommendations so Their Excellencies can have fun giving out awards!

Quartermaster, THL Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig: Baronesses, Marshalls, need to tell THL Muirenn what Baronial stuff they have so the inventory can be updated. Message them with preferred email address and you will be sent the appropriate section of the extant spreadsheet (from 2015).

Webminister, Baroness Coelwen ingen Adaim: From Facebook: Nothing to report as yet.

Social Media Officer, Sitt Samia al-Lulu bint Isa: Not present. From Facebook: Social Media has nothing to report--sewing never ends.

Old Business

April Artisan Faire Update From Baron Gabriel Kjotvason

Have the site reserved. Mistress Nell the Innocent will be the gate person. THL Amary Fairamay and Magister Farolfus filius Richardi have taken over as event stewards. Will be a lot of fun, many activities, displays and demos. Official event on Kingdom calendar which makes Kingdom business possible. Two vigils will be held for Baroness Caoilfhionn inghen Cheallaigh uí Mhórdha and Baroness Gwenllian verch Rhys de Goer. Could there be a heraldry consultation table? Lord Aleksander will put the Good Enough Gulf Wars moot heralds in touch with Baron Gabriel.

Rapier Captain Vote of Confidence: Lord Yagüe Antolínez was voted in.

Herald Q&A

Candidate is THL Ciana Scholari Di Polcenigo. Bazyli didn't remind her so she is not present. Put off the Q&A session to the April 17th business meeting.

New Business

Duchess Mary of Carrigart is interested in being Nordskogen's WW Event Steward. Has talked to Baron Matthias of Rolling Oaks (aka Moose) about his wish list for continuity and setup/takedown. Has experience running large events and working with volunteers. In comparison with other groups, SCA does pretty darn well with its volunteers. This position is a deputy to the Seneschal so the Seneschal can decide whether or not a vote of confidence is needed. THL Judith has confidence in this candidate and sees no need for a vote of confidence.

Lord Gospatric de Reynes wants to serve as Youth Boffer captain. He has thought about it for a while. His oldest is going to turn 6 and his youngest is 8 months so it's a good fit now. Their Excellencies excited to see what he will do with it. The vote of confidence will be held at April 17th business meeting.. Will need a background check and fill in Brackett Park. Will probably need to sign in with the Minneapolis Parks website like the armored combatants need to.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm. Motion made by THL Judith and seconded by Lord Lachlann.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Artisan Faire Display and Demonstration Application Form

The Artisan Faire is planned as a relaxing and collaborative day for Northshields to share their arts & sciences, in a different format from Kingdom A&S or Stellar University of Northshield. Rather than a day of competition or structured classes, the Artisan Faire will focus on displays, informal demonstrations, and a small number of workshops. There will also be plenty of populace space for you to work on projects, ask others for help or feedback, and explore rabbit holes. We hope to see you there!

To help us plan space, please fill out the Google Form linked below if you are interested in a display or demonstration.

Display: Show off your finished project, work in progress, research, or that thing you tried that went horribly wrong (and what you learned from it)! Documentation is not required, but please feel free to bring books, photos, a short writeup, a list of good websites, or anything else to help a curious person understand more about what you have been working on.

Demonstration: Bring your tools and materials and let people see how your marvelous things are actually done! Share your techniques, tips and tricks. As with displays, documentation is not required, but information to share is encouraged.

If you'd like to offer a hands-on experience in addition to your display or demonstration, the event site can accommodate a small number of workshops. This can be a skill-sharing opportunity (teaching a craft) or a collaboration (a group of people working on a specific project together).

The Form Link: forms.gle/7Vgwadcdx9nKWg6ZA

For questions, contact THL Amary Fairamay (art at amary.eml.cc) or Magister Farolfus filius Richardi (Farolfus at gmail.com).

Pelican Vigil and Elevation Announcement for Baroness Caoilfhionn!

I, Aaron Palomides of Buckminster, Companion of the Right Noble Order of the Pelican, would make bold to approach you all virtually with joyous tidings!

I would like to announce the Vigil and Elevation for my protégé, Baroness Caoilfhionn inghen Cheallaigh ú Mhórdha (Kellie Hultgren).

Baroness Caoilfhionn will sit her vigil at the April Artisan Faire on April 13th, 2024 in the Barony of Nordskogen (Saint Paul, MN). All are welcome to attend and give her counsel.

Baroness Caoilfhionn will be elevated at Spring Coronation, on April 20th, 2024, in the Shire of Border Downs (Sioux Falls, SD). Her Elevation will take place during morning court at Coronation. No sleeping in if you want to make this party! :)

We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact me if you have any questions.

In service, Baron Aaron Palomides of Buckminster, OP, KSCA, rustmon at gmail.com

Governing Documents Commentary Request - Newsletter References - Governing Documents

In 2022, the Board of Directors decided to remove kingdom newsletters from behind a paywall and make the newsletters freely accessible from the SCA.org website. This change caused all references in the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc. to “subscribing memberships” and requirements for immediate access to a newsletter at one’s home to become obsolete. The Board of Directors is seeking commentary on the changes to the Governing Documents necessary to bring them in line with the reality that the newsletters are no longer of limited access. Please go to <https://www.sca.org/news/commentary-request-newsletter-references-governing-documents/> to access the areas of Corpora, the Bylaws, and Corporate Policies where changes will be needed to bring these documents in line with current practice.

Please email all commentary to SCA-Comments@sca.org and use the title “Newsletter References” in the subject line. NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will mark your message as spam and it will be rejected by the server. You can also send commentary by mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., RE: Newsletter References, P.O. Box 611928, San Jose, CA 95161.

Corpora Commentary Request –Patron Membership--Deadline May 3

As part of the upcoming addition of a Patron membership, you are invited to provide commentary on the language changes in Corpora that this update will require. This commentary will assist the Board in forming further decisions relevant to its consideration of this matter. Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora change must be received by the Board no later than May 3, 2024. Please email all commentary to SCA-Comments@sca.org and use the title “Patron Level Membership” in the subject line. NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will mark your message as spam and it will be rejected by the server. You can also send commentary by mail, Postage-Prepaid, to: Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., RE: Patron Level Membership, P.O. Box 611928, San Jose, CA 95161.

For more information, go to: <https://www.sca.org/.../patron-membership-corpora.../>

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

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/mplsparkandrec/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**

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.

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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.

A LIST OF SOME ONLINE GATHERINGS OF INTEREST TO SCA FOLK

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Nordskogen

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

Next business mtg.: Apr. 17 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>

Northshield College of Scribes

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

Clan Blue Feather

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

Northshield Cooks

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

Northshield Arts & Sciences

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

Northshield Equestrians

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

Northshield Bards

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

Northshield Farming Guild

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

Northshield College of Heralds

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

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/UCU3tGV18QKVnunc1qxxMMDw>

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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](#)

[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

[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.

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 Steinarsson, 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>

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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., 4/1/24, 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

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