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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2024

Nordskogen Wednesday Nights, 7-9pm

Our in-person social practices will be outdoors at [Brackett Park](#), (the armored combat site), 2728 39th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN, 55406, throughout the summer, as weather permits. **No historic clothing is required.** Masks and distancing are not required but are welcome and recommended. 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.

08/14: Outdoors in-person social practice at [Brackett Park](#)

Stamping largesse for Caer Anterth Mawr, Jararvellir and Windhaven

08/21: Socializing & announcements online via Zoom. **Business meeting at 7:30pm**

08/28: Outdoors in-person social practice at [Brackett Park](#)

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](#).

UPCOMING BARONIAL SPECIAL EVENTS

DEMO, LONG LAKE PARK, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

TWELFTH NIGHT

Sat., Jan. 18, 2025, at Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey MN 55303, 9am-8pm

Event steward: Talaitha Nyfferyn (Annika Virginia)



A WANT AD FOR A BARONIAL OFFICER

Hello Nordskogen! Here is the want ad for your Barony. Please email your job application to the [Seneschal](#) and the [Baronesses](#).

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.



A BARONIAL MISSIVE

Greetings Nordskogen and Nordleigh!

Summer days can last forever or pass like a whirlwind. Warriors and Warlords was both! We had a fantastic time and can't thank all of the volunteers enough for supporting a wonderful event. If you haven't already, please fill out [Warriors and Warlords Survey](#). Your feedback is invaluable!. As we didn't get a chance to announce the young yeti's name at the gaming salon, we would like to share it here: Bleu is the winner! Thank you for all who voted.

Nordskogen has already started to land at Pennsic, with more good gentles on their way. Wishes of safe travels, good company, and many stories upon your return! Have a camping fix but are unable to attend Pennsic? Consider Poor Man's Pennsic or St. Radigund's in August. If you need to beat the heat, we hear Gimli (in Canada) is pretty cool!

At home we will be stamping away at Brackett Park on August 14, creating largess for Caer Antherth Mawr, Jararvellir, and Windhaven's new territorial baronages. Please consider creating, donating, or helping with items to support their transition. They do not have to have specific themes or colors beyond fun items to hand out, however here is some inspiration:



Our last outside social gathering at Brackett Park will be on Wednesday, August 28, before returning to Olivet Church in the fall.

We hope everyone's taking full advantage of the nice weather, but request you all to briefly think ahead to fall and winter. Nordskogen received a request to do a demo / limited activities on Wednesday, September 25, between 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to share our dream, however we recognize this may be during the workday and can limit volunteers. Seneschal Judith is sharing additional information and if you're interested in demonstrating, please reach out. Next consideration is Twelfth Night is less than six months away! We have a date and an event steward, and now need volunteers. If you like to see / support an activity, reach out to Talaiitha Nyfferyn (Annika Virginia) as these seasons start to fly by!

Alright, that's enough to keep us busy for the rest of the summer. Get out there and stay cool!

*Yours in service,
Baronesses Heliseus & Cynthia*





Seneschal's Letter

Hellooo Nordskogen!

Hope your July was exceptional! I want to thank everyone for their attendance and involvement at Warriors and Warlords! Aside from the short amount of weather, it was an amazing gathering! If you have any thoughts, comments, concerns, or suggestions, please send them my way! August is soon upon us and summer is coming to its close! I hope you all get out and enjoy the summer while we have it! Maybe come to the social gatherings or a practice! We have many different things throughout the month. My event this month is St. Rad's and the Rose Tourney, I am looking forward to seeing all the teams that take the field and gathering with everyone. After that, I plan a day trip to Coronation, which will be my last event at the kingdom level until Twelfth Night. I hope to see many of you! OOH! Twelfth Night! Thank you to Talaitha for answering the call and becoming event steward! We are looking for volunteers, so please keep a watch for signups.

Next up, I want to take a moment to remind people of The Signorotti Fund. This fund is meant for those who may be unable to afford their memberships. Those in need of assistance should visit <https://www.sca.org/membership-assistance-fund/>. The fund also accepts donations which are tax-deductible and are devoted to memberships. Secondly, while not advertised, to anyone who may be new to our group or of limited funds: if you want to attend a local event and cannot afford it... please let myself or Their Excellencies know of your interest/need. We will find a way for you to attend! While entry fees and memberships drive our organization, we want to welcome everyone and a helping hand is a part who we are.

Coming soon..... there will be a demo at Long Lake Park on Wednesday, September 25th. It is a closed event for Ramsey County Employees. Times and signup are still being organized, but there will be armored, rapier, and thrown weapons. Additionally, anyone wanting to share their A&S projects are welcome to do so! We are also looking for someone to organize and lead the Toys for Tots drive, if you are interested let me know.

Thank you for all you do! Have a great month!
Judith



NOTES FROM THE NORDSKOGEN BUSINESS MEETING, JULY 17, 2024

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

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Officers' Reports

Their Excellencies Baroness Cynthia and Baroness Heliseus: Baroness Cynthia: Glad we were told where the storm shelters at WW were. Community came together during the storm. Saturday court was fun. Baroness Heliseus.: Next events: St. Radegund's and Gimli. Coronation at Castle camp. Be announcing soon the August structured topic. Hood making has been suggested. Have a pattern that only takes 45 min. to make! Maybe that will be the August topic? Hedwyg: Aug. sewing needs to be set up. Maybe make the hood for that? Baroness Cynthia: Wednesday is not the best day for everyone. We have other possibilities for venues—Axel and Jaquette have access to libraries.

Seneschal, THL Judith of Northwode: Had a great time at WW. Love cooking. Great excuse to stay in camp for those who like that. Next event for me is St. Radegund's. Thanks to all who helped out at WW. Much appreciated. Kept me sane!

June 2024 Exchequer Report from Lord Lachlann del Glen

Starting Balance:	\$26,912.01
Event Income:	\$ 0.00
Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Donations:	\$ 0.00
Bank Interest:	\$ 5.63
Withdrawals:	-\$ 944.38
Ending Balance:	\$25,973.26

Withdrawals included:

-\$175.00	Carefree Self Storage-Baronial Storage
-\$100.00	Archery Repairs after Schützenfest
-\$339.38	Loaner Arrows for Barony
-\$90.00	Coolers for Barony
-\$40.00	Cupcakes for Barony at WW
-\$200.00	Seed Money for Schützenfest repaid

Savings account has been advised as a security measure. Will discuss under new business and in the financial committee after the business meeting. Thanks to all the gate volunteers.

Chronicler, Baroness Rosanore of Redthorn: All is ok. The Quill will be published Thursday, August 1, 2024. Soft deadline is Friday, July 26. Hard deadline is Wednesday, July 31. More information about our Baronial publications: The Nib is our nimble weekly list of announcements and news. The Quill is our publication of record, including things like our business meeting notes, officer letters, and items from the SCA Board of Directors. The online classes list appears in both publications.

Herald, THL Wolfstanus Lightfote: Still learning the job. Not able to attend WW so got a substitute to do court there. There was a court at our small moot for the choosing of the heavy champion. He has turned in paperwork and hasn't heard anything back yet.

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Lady Hedwyg: No sewing day yet in July. 23 or 30 (Tuesdays) would be nice. Have a volunteer for hoods. Will discuss possible July dates for hood thing with Their Excellencies later.

Boffer Captain, Lord Tribaldi de Gritti/Boffer MiT Gospatric de Reynes: Gospatric: have had two p. but with no kids in armor. Three more planned next is July 23. Armored combat at WW was greatly enjoyed. Two persons from the Twin Cities showed up at WW so maybe we'll see them in the future. Tribaldi sent a note online reminding that there are practices every other week.

Rapier Captain, Lord Yagüe Antolínez: From Facebook: Nothing new for rapier.

Officers' Reports (con.)

Chatelaine, Lady Iðunn Álfðísardóttir: From Facebook: Continuing to email new folks. Took a new person to Castle Fever who loved it and hope that we'll see them at local meetings. Loaner garb was brought to WW and apparently went unused.

Knight's Marshal, THL O'no Kagemori: From Facebook: Nothing to report for armored combat.

Archery Captain: Position open.

Thrown Weapons Captain, Lord Lachlann del Glen: Some days there are 5 or 6 in attendance, some days less. Will let Rosanore know about future practices.

Clerk of Precedence, Baron Geoffrey of Warwick: Their Excellencies had a court at WW so he will have some work to do and will reach out to make that happen.

Signet, Lord Aleksander Valahul: Need recommendations for Twelfth Night. Baroness Cynthia: Lovely irony that his service kept him from attending Baronial court to get his Baronial service award.

Quartermaster, THL Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig: Who has the keys? Judith has just hers. Will check with Bazyli. Was the lock working? Judith hasn't been up there since Schützenfest. Will let her know after that. Judith got a tub of stuff used at WW. Don't buy more paper goods! Their Excellencies have the coolers and will get them back to storage.

Webminister, Baroness Coelwen ingen Adaim: From Facebook: Nothing to report from the Webminister.

Social Media Officer, Sitt Samia al-Lulu bint Isa: Not present

Old Business

Twelfth Night 2025

Judith will reach out to Lord of Light this week to get our date of January 18 on the calendar.

WW--Nell the Innocent

Went really well, more things went well than didn't. It was fun, hanging out with friends and doing neat stuff. Asking for feedback. Have forms for attendees, staff, merchants, and group land coordinators. Non-member registration report already done. Total attendance: 692, 619 adults and 3 minors. Paid and comped included in that number. More than last year. 2023 numbers: 581 adults, 94 minors for a total of 675 attendees. 2.46% increase in overall attendance. All receipts not yet in. Accounting won't be done until after Pennsic. Thanks to the many marshals from the Barony: Yagüe and Bazyli for rapier, Fergus and ? for armored. Rosanore was patient with learning new website. Rosanore and Anne seamlessly handled new info and changes. Geoffrey was great as RV Coordinator. Lachlann and Richard were so perfect with gate. They were patient with Nell and the custom gate sheets for the event. Please give feedback on the custom sheets so we can get the different perspectives from folks and see them through other people's eyes. City has WW penciled in for the next two years. These dates have been taken to Stallari. Need to discuss the possible change to June. Nell was organized, good at passing on info, was careful to find out about the storm shelters. This is her last year on the event staff. Thanks to Nell from Their Excellencies. Have Info . Point do hospitality next year? Might need an official coordinator for Nordskogen camping in the future. Baroness Cynthia handled that this year. Anne: It would be nice to have multiple oases throughout the site. Would need a new coordinator for that. Nell stressed self-care while camping and held an online class on heat related injuries. The oasis really helped over heated folks. People knew to come there for water and ice. Aoife Cno Capaill (Gretchen Tischer) did a great job on the oasis and did a twice a day refill of water and snacks. Judith: Need a sign that says, "welcome to Nordskogen"? Equestrians had a really cute sign. Aleksander: Silk banners are nice. Baroness Cynthia: We do have two portable holes. Current banner is v-e-r-y long.

Old Business (con.)

Twelfth Night

Talaitha Nyfferyn (Annika Virginia) is interested in being Twelfth Night event steward. Knows there's a lot of support. Aelfwine and Aleksander: Have documentation and feedback forms and extensive notes. Can get together on a Wednesday and talk. Rikkar is going to do a feast. Plans are for a baker's potato with Swedish style meatball and gravy and bread and a dessert bar. The feast in 2024 had a limit of 125 and \$5 a head. May need to raise that fee. Were able to make up the difference with the entry fee. Baroness Cynthia will put Marguerite on their radar as a baker.

Spring Coronation Update

Aelfwine and Aleksander are the event stewards. In the reverse of 2024 Twelfth Night, Aelfwine is the main steward and Aleksander will put out fires. April 12 on the calendar. Proposal sent to Stallari. Date is reserved at Lord of Life.

New Business

Request from Ramsey County for a Wed., Sept 25 event for county staff in Long Lake Park in New Brighton. The request comes from Francisco Gonzalez, DEI Director for Ramsey County. No archery range but a lot of land. Can provide equipment. Time is flexible at their end. Can follow up archery and rapier and armored combat demo. Would love to have those. Probably not safe for archery. Thrown weapons could probably be done safely though and something that folks can participate in. May be the first time a government entity has asked us to do something like this. Could use costumed folk helping around the edges. Meistari Sefa Farmansdóttir: The one place you could maybe set up archery would be in the baseball field, but I would limit it to 10-15yards, and only if they're willing for us to put stakes in the ground for the net. Even then, I'm not certain we'd have the safety margins we would want (couldn't say for certain without seeing the space in person). Would want the opinion of at least one other marshal..

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Motion made by Lady Judith & seconded by Baroness Ekaterina Anastaseva.

Financial Committee Meeting

In attendance: Judith, Their Excellencies, Lachlann, Sefa, Ekaterina, Talaitha, Hedwyg, Aleksander, Wolfstanus.

Savings account proposal was made.

Regional Exchequer thinks it would be a good idea to have a second bank account to protect our money. Will need to talk to the bank to see if there are any issues with it. Kingdom Exchequer approves. Aleksander: Is it ok to have investment accounts? No, said Lachlann, 'cause of our non-profit status. We are the one of the only SCA groups that still get paper statements. If no objections, can we have electronic statements. Lachlann will still print it out and keep it in the records. Unanimous approval of second account. In favor of electronic statement. Motion passes.

Judith needs a site deposit for Lord of Light for Twelfth Night. First we need an event proposal that the Barony and Financial Committee must approve. Will be okay to wait for the site deposit for a month. The proposal should be an outline of the projected costs for site, feast, etc. Judith can tell Talaitha the Lord of Life site cost. Deadline for event proposal would be the August 21 business meeting. R. will send the 2024 event bid to new event steward, the exchequer, Their Excellencies, and the seneschal. Baroness Cynthia.: Heraldic sashes were made for the Barony last month. We need to reimburse Dame Katerinka Lvovicha \$60-70 for the linen. Motion to approve this expenditure passed. The heraldic sashes are currently in Katerinka's possession as they need a bit of finishing work. We need to heck with Katerinka to see where they will be kept. Also they need to get on to the Baronial inventory.

Motion to adjourn made by Lord Lachlann del Glen and seconded by Baroness Ekaterina Anastaseva.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance at Warriors and Warlords XXIX

We had 692 in attendance this year, 619 adults and 73 minors. Our 2023 numbers were 581 adults, 94 minors for a total of 675 attendees. So, we had a 2.46% increase in overall attendance. Hurray! Also, our food truck, Mr. Burger, did so well that he wants to return next year with an expanded menu!

Warriors and Warlords XXIX Seeks Feedback

Thank you for attending WW! The event stewards are taking a survey to get your view on what worked well and should be repeated, what didn't work, and what to do differently. Your responses will be summarized in the event report and used for planning next year. Please follow this [link](#) to the survey form.

The Baronesses of Nordskogen's Report on Warrior and Warlords XXIX: A Whimsical, Wacky, Warm, (and Wet!) WW

TLDR: A WW with fun memories, camaraderie in the face of challenges, and gratitude for all of our volunteers, participants, friendly faces, and newcomers.

We are in awe of the amazing work of the event stewards, event staff, and volunteers. Months of preparation and planning certainly paid off for a great event. Highlights for the Baronesses:

Heliseus discovered the challenges of a glow in the dark night throw, though lived up to her name, Mort d'Arbor, by exploding a round wooden target. A certain good gentle has collected to make into a trophy that will revisit future events, with possible shenanigans. Baroness Jois finally defeated the golden balloon of impopability, to great acclaim.

The loveliest Newcomer breakfast, hosted and served by The Orphanage, was a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends. It gave newcomers a chance to meet new folks, ask questions, and provide service.

On the Youth Boffer field, our energetic fighters saved the Young Yeti and Cat Fish from large monsters, several times. We were blown away to see the collaboration and communication on the field of our youngest fighters; the future of the Kingdom is in good hands!

Blowing bubbles and painting faces at the Family Faire was delightful, as some of the older youth helped the younger kiddies with face painting, and picking out garb. We appreciate the donations of rubber duckies and dragons, which the children loved.

At Friday night court, we had the pleasure of announcing Aleksander and Alfwine to the order of Baton Gules. We also sponsored our newest armored champion in our very first Bad Baronage Torchlight Tourney. Salvatore, after only 8 months on the field, fought bravely and well, representing the force of Nordskogen. All of the contestants fought honorably, and we were so happy to present the Baddest Baronial crown to our cousins from Caer Antherth Mar, and Windhaven.

Friday morning was the Baronesses Whim, as our snowflake raiders took long ships to capture the fleece of Jararvellir. We are happy to report that we have a supply of warm wool for the upcoming winter. Shenanigans abounded, from medical bills to bribes, there was wonderful and fun fighting.

Baroness Cynthia enjoyed watching the youth of Northshield hunt the many, many stuffed animals that worked their way onto the archery range. She was pleased to see the older youth assist the youngest in working together to take down all of their quarry under the warm sun. We were disappointed the heat canceled Saturday's afternoon's activities, but we had a grand time presenting her majesty with a rainbow mount that befits her beauty, a proven champion of the Golden Fruit Cup. So, so happy to see the stick horses still came out to play during court. With the difficult weather of Saturday evening, the Concordance of Game Salon was postponed to a future event.

That being said, we feel the Young Yeti has waited long enough for a name. Thank you all who participated in contributing and voting. In third place was Eddy the Yeti. The name with the most votes was Bleu! Please all welcome Bleu, the Yeti of Nordskogen. Second place was Nordbert, and so, as Robin Hood had Little John, Bleu decided he too needed a boon companion. Please also welcome Nordbert, the Squirrel of Nordleigh.

Phew! And none of this would be possible without our volunteers. Nell, your initiatives were most impressive, and all of the extra effort paid off. Event staff and Straw Boss, thank you for the incredible heart you give to this event; literally none of this would be possible without you. Thank you to Rikkar and the Embercap Inn for feeding us, we know this was your focus and the food was delicious! Viði, we're grateful for your generosity in transporting and storing the Baronial Pavilion.

GENERAL NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (con.)

The Baronesses of Nordskogen's Report on Warrior and Warlords XXIX: A Whimsical, Wacky, Warm, (& Wet!) WW (con.)

Bastian, Alwin, Dean, Karen, Vincent, and Giovanni, thank you for helping us set up the pavilion. Axle, we were grateful for the planned court interruption and last minute assistance in ensuring our words were heard at the Tournament. Tales have spread of your quesadillas and boudain, and most charming hospitality. The company of all our retainers was delightful: Celestria, Aleksander, Tamara, Kellie, Coquette, Alfwine, Brandon, and Tabby. Our champions: you represented us well on and off the field. Thank you for your presence and protection in our court and assistance with set-up and tear down. Crispin, Yague, and Sammi, we saw you everywhere, always with a willing hand to help. To our biggest and supportive fans, our most wise and venerable ancestors, we feel your ongoing support in and out of court. Lia, while still supporting equestrian, you still managed to check in and retain for us. Christa, the 35,000+ steps you walked for two days doesn't begin to represent how much you supported us, the volunteers you gathered, the time you shared, the help with set-up and tear down, and the laughter you gave all around.

WW is near and dear to us and despite the weather's interference; we saw a community come together in both challenging and rewarding times. We're very much looking forward to next year! Yours in Service.

Important Notice From the Knight Marshal To All Armored Combatants

All Armored Combatants and Those Who Enjoy Armored Combat:

It's time for the quarterly sign-up through the MPRB website. Doing this, along with our weekly sign-in at the park, ensures we continue to get use of the rec building at no cost.

Please go to the link below and register for the #5726 Armored Combat class. If you have a login already, this is quick, if not you can create a login relatively quickly.

YIS, Kagemori

<https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/.../activity/search>

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 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.

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

*Nordskogen Social Practice and Business Meetings Online, 7-8:30 pm (may run longer)

Next business meeting: August 21st 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 Group

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

Nordskogen Armoured Combat

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

Nordskogen Dancers

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

Nordskogen Group Camping

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/7456272577774535>

Nordskogen Rapier Group

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

Nordskogen Thrown Weapons

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

Northshield

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Anglo-Saxons of Northshield and Friends

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The Army of Northshield

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/656097414404272/>

Artillery Arts Martial in Northshield

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/144334776010909>

Clan Blue Feather

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

Companions of the Stellar Hart (Northshield Courtesans)

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

Kingdom of Northshield Glass Workers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1529244790687790>

Northshield Arts and Sciences

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

Northshield Bards

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

Northshield Barter and Trade

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/469057956444539>

Northshield Brewer's Guild

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1702958423277864/>

Northshield College of Heraldry

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

Northshield College of Scribes

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

Northshield Combat Archery/Siege

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/569152006574803>

Northshield Cooks

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

Northshield Early Music

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1219008355459586>

Northshield Equestrians

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

Northshield Farming Guild

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

Northshield Hand of Tyr

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

Northshield History

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthshieldHistory>

Northshield "I Am No Bro" Interdisciplinary Fighter Squadron

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

The Northshield Inn

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/462797700463779/>

Northshield Moneyer's Guild

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/477072765762866/>

Northshield Rebated Steel Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/220595020772855>

Northshield Youth Boffer Combat

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/479972685536766>

Unofficial Northshield Forester's Guild

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1247898808582127/>

[Virtual A&S Display—Entries from the June 1, 2024 Northshield Arts and Sciences Competition](#)

Northshield Royal Activities, Courts, and Events

*[Their Royal Majesties' Facebook Page](#)

*[Their Royal Highnesses' Facebook Page](#)

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Northshield (con.)

Future Taped Northshield Courts and Tourneys [Send in award recommendations!](#)

All taped courts and tourneys will be broadcast on the Kingdom Official Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SCANorthshield/> and on the Kingdom YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU3tGV18QKVnunc1qxxMMDw>

Past Ethereal and Live Northshield Events Available Online. Recordings of live events 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, 6-13-20

Mimisbrunnr, June 27, 2020

Warriors and Warlords, July 11, 2020

All Garbed Up and Nowhere To Go, 8-22, 2020

Venturing Forth, September 26, 2020

It's the GREAT Nordfest, Charlie Brúnn, Oct. 24, 2020

SUN Court, Saturday, November 14, 2020

**Courts at Northshield Spring Crown Tourney & Crown Tourney Itself, 6-19-21

Royal Court at Wishes and Waiting, Sunday, July 11, 2021.

Last Baronial Court of Baroness Clara & Baron David & Investiture of Gabriel De Lion & Nadrah al-Zahara as Shaikh and Shaikha Castel Rouge, Saturday, September 4, 2021

**The Elevation of Baroness Caoilfhionn inghen Cheallaigh uí Mhórdha to the Order of the Laurel, Sat., 9-11-21

**The Final Court of Elis and Ciaran and Fall Coronation of Hans and Genevieve, Saturday, September 11, 2021

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

**Fall Crown Tournament: Evening Court, Saturday, October 9, 2021

Royal Court at the Feast of Isabelle, Saturday, February 26, 2022

**Spring Crown Tournament, Saturday, May 14, 2022

**Spring Crown Tournament: Afternoon Court, Saturday, May 14, 2022

**Crown Tournament: Saturday, September 10, 2022

**Fall Coronation: Saturday, September 10, 2022

**Fall Crown: Saturday, October 8, 2022

Greater SCA

General Lists of Events and Classes

Countess Jehanette's Unofficial Calendar of SCA Classes, Videos, and Streams

#SCAatHome Highlights 11, June 19, 2020

SCA Classes On YouTube (List maintained by Countess Jehanette)

Kingdom Specific Lists of Events and Classes

Virtual Atlantia

Individual Events--Ongoing

[ARTemisia Virtual U.](#)

[Virtual Bardic Circles](#)

Bardic Circles and Classes Online

Dahrien's List of Online Bardic Circles

Interkingdom Bardic Showcase, a [post] Pennsic tradition, 2020 Edition, Now on YouTube Known World Colour

[Known World Chatelaine Symposium 2023—YouTube Playlist of 27 videos](#)

Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium

Knowne World Bardcast

*The Honorable Clover Miss the SCA, but can't make it to an event? Come hang out with us!

Meridies Open Social Zoom, Tuesdays, 5pm-Midnight, Central Time—Link to Schedule

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Greater SCA (con.)

Individual Events--Ongoing (con.)

[Pennsic 49 House Sans Nomen Concert](#)

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

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

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

[SCA Board of Directors Quarterly Mtg, Apr. 18, 2021](#)

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

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

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

[SCA Board of Directors Quarterly Mtg, Apr. 24, 2022](#)

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

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

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

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[SCA Concert Index](#)

[SCA Iberia Webpage and YouTube Channel](#)

*[SCA Online Virtual Bardic Night](#)

*[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](#) (more details below under Individual Events—One Time)

Sunday Night with the Scribes is an evening spent in the company of other Scribal Arts folks from around the Known World. Whether you're here to learn a skill, share your success or simply hang out with your Art friends, there is room at the table for you. Come for the Community, Stay for the Art! Extended calendar, class times for multiple time zones, event descriptions, & zoom links are at the link above. Zoom opens at 6p Central & classes start at 7p Central.

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

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

West Kingdom's Past and Future Newcomer 101 Classes

Go to westkingdom.org Click on Calendars. Then click on Activities. Scroll through for the various Newcomer 101 classes. Click on them to get information and meeting links and the programs web link. You can even add them to your own electronic calendar. Visit/Subscribe to the [West Kingdom YouTube Channel](#) to see the taped versions when they are posted after the fact.

[Winter Viking Experiment Presentation In English](#) A video of this presentation is available at the link.

Individual Events—One Time

Sunday Night with the Scribes--August 4, 2024—Working on Black Paper—Nykerá Drago D'Argento

- FB Page (zoom links can be found here) <https://www.facebook.com/ScribalSunday>

- Webpage with Google Calendar for multiple time zones (zoom links are in each calendar entry) <https://scribal.art/>

- Zoom Opens at 6pm Central; Classes Start at 7pm Central; Zoom Closes at 10pm Central.

Sunday Night with the Scribes

August 11, 2024—Painting Trees—Hands-On Kyna

August 18, 2024—Ten Tips for Calligraphers—Elizabeth Ann Morley

August 25, 2024—Sunday Sampler--TBD

- FB Page (zoom links can be found here) <https://www.facebook.com/ScribalSunday>

- Webpage with Google Calendar for multiple time zones (zoom links are in each calendar entry) <https://scribal.art/>

- Zoom Opens at 6pm Central; Classes Start at 7pm Central; Zoom Closes at 10pm Central.

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Greater SCA (con.)

Individual Events—One Time (con.)

[Dog Days of Summer Virtual Collegium](#), Saturday, August 10, 2024 (on Zoom)

A cool day of online classes for those of us missing Pennsic. Teacher/Moderator sign-up form is at this [link](#).

[History of Pigments \(until early 18th c.\), Thurs., Sept. 26, 2024, 0900 Greenwich Mean Time-5, About 90 min.](#)

In this seminar, Tracey Chaplin discusses the pigments used in painting from prehistoric times until the early 18th century. Cost is £25 (about US \$33). “This virtual seminar discusses the pigments used in painting from prehistoric times until the early 18th century, looking at their chemistries, sources and production methods.”

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 Wed., 8/7/24.

Official Start: 6pm, Central Time [Sometimes he opens things early, though.]

End: When his last bardic playmates leave him.

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

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

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

REQUESTS FOR INPUT FROM THE SCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New Ranged Martial Peerage – Potential Name and Armory Feedback Sessions

On June 5, the Board of Directors approved a new peerage for ranged martial arts and directed Laurel Queen of Arms to start the process for devising and registering a name and armory for the order.

Devising a name and armory for a new peerage order is not an easy task. Since February 1970, we have registered close to 60,000 pieces of armory and around 5,000 order names, household names, and heraldic titles, and while it is still relatively easy to register new ones, the protection we offer to Society-wide peerage orders is broader than that accorded to the badges of individual people or the names of kingdom or lower-level orders. This makes it difficult to find a design that does not infringe on already-registered items.

To manage this task, Laurel set up a working group on June 9. Built around a nucleus of heralds who had been on the Board-appointed Peerage committee, the group has a significant overlap with the ranged martial arts communities and consists of senior heralds whose expertise includes dealing with conflicts and studying names of orders. Its work has proceeded as expected, and is now approaching a stage where it would be good to have further input from the communities involved, to make sure the suggestions have no hidden issues that haven't been considered.

There will be two meetings at the Pennsic War on August 8, at 9 am at the thrown weapons range and at 10:30 am at the archery range, where it will be possible to ask about the process and voice any concerns.

For those not able to attend these, there will be Zoom meetings on August 12, at 9 am and 8 pm Pacific Time (UTC-8). Anyone with interest is invited to attend the virtual or in person sessions.

From now on, any new submissions for names and armory that would conflict with the proposed name or armory of the order will be pended until these have gone through the registration process.

REQUESTS FOR INPUT FROM THE SCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (con.)

Commentary Call – Removing ‘Courts of Chivalry’ References in Corpora

The Board of Directors is seeking feedback on a proposed edit to Corpora to remove references to ‘Courts of Chivalry’.

Explanation: In the early days of the SCA, “Courts of Chivalry” were used to deal with completely in-game behavioral issues such as failure to acknowledge blows on the tourney field, lack of what was seen as proper courteous behavior toward ladies, etc. Sometimes these “courts” were codified in kingdom laws, and sometimes they were not. Often there was confusion. However, over the decades the SCA has developed standardized policies with which to deal with these issues that do not include public courts conducted by the Crown, peerage bodies, or other entities. These policies have the benefit of providing consistency across the Society, regardless of Kingdom. While many kingdoms still have laws regarding such “courts”, they are seldom or inconsistently used. Often the courts are not in compliance with Society policies on investigative procedures and sanctions, and can set up an expectation that the SCA will function akin to a law court, which is problematic as it is untrue. As a result of the creation of new policies to handle these problems, some kingdoms have chosen to eliminate all references to such courts from their laws. Unfortunately, Corpora still implies they are required (Corpora II.C.4.h, below).

To clarify the matter, the Board seeks commentary on a proposal to eliminate from Corpora all references to Kingdom Courts set up to deal with disciplinary issues. This would not necessarily prevent a kingdom from continuing “courts of courtesy” or other mechanisms that work for them as long as those mechanism are in compliance with Society policies, but would remove the Corpora expectation that such “courts” are required.

Commentary is requested by September 25, 2024.

Glossary:

- **Court of Chivalry / Court of Inquiry:** A panel, defined according to kingdom law, convened to investigate issues and possibly recommend action to the appropriate Society authority.

Corpora III.C.4: Branches-Branch Designations-Kingdom:

4. Kingdom: A kingdom is a sovereign entity within the Society which has the right to select a ruling King and Queen Sovereign and Consort by armored combat. A branch or contiguous group of branches may petition for kingdom status if the resulting entity would fulfill the requirements listed below:

(Note: Changing “King and Queen” to “Sovereign and Consort” is an editing change to bring this language in line with other parts of Corpora. It is not relevant to the elimination of courts of chivalry.)

.....
h. A body of kingdom law which provides for the maintenance and succession of the Crown; for the definition and advancement of local branches; for the appointment and removal of territorial Barons and Baronesses; for the conduct of such courts as may be required for the maintenance of the realm; and for such other matters as are found necessary. Draft laws, in the form to be presented to the victors of the first Crown Lists, must accompany a petition for kingdom status.

Corpora IV.G.9: Royalty-The Crown:

- The Crown may establish and call such courts as may be necessary for the governance of the realm, in accordance with kingdom law and custom.
 - Any courts within the Society are presumed to be within the historical context of the Society and pertain only to conduct within the structure and definitions of the Society.
 - The primary purpose for these courts within the Society is for the investigation of questions and issues, for opening communications on issues; and for the clarification of issues. Only secondarily are courts considered to be for the purpose of trying members of the Society for alleged behavior or incidents. No courts of the latter type are to be established by any branch below kingdom level.
 - No court shall be held within any kingdom on individual behavior that falls within the jurisdiction of a civil or criminal court maintained by the nation or other political division where it takes place, nor shall any recommendation about individuals be made on such issues. However, a given action may have implications both in law and in the Society’s rules of courteous behavior. A court which restricts itself to the latter may be held as long as the act in question occurred in a Society context.
 - If a court concludes that the appropriate action is one beyond the powers of the Crown or Kingdom to enact, the judgment should be issued in the form of a request to the Society Seneschal.

Commentary Call – Removing ‘Courts of Chivalry’ References in Corpora (con.)

Corpora IV.H.6-8: Royalty-The Coronet:

- The Coronet may call courts of inquiry only if the Crown approves.

7. Reservations to the Crown

1. When the Crown believes the Coronet has overstepped the bounds of law and custom, the normal recourse should be to attempt in-kingdom mediation and then a Court of Chivalry, if needed and then referral to the Board, if needed.

- If the Board upholds the judgment of such a Court, the affected parties may be subject to loss of any honors and privileges deriving from their reign, and nullification of any official acts dating back to the incident which led to the invocation of the Court.
- If the Crown feels that rapid action is essential to protect the Society, it has the option of banishing the Coronet from the realm issuing an Exile from the Kingdom against the Coronet, effectively putting the principality reign into abeyance until either conditions change within the kingdom or the Board acts. countermands the order. However, if the Board does not agree with the Crown’s judgment regarding the urgency of the situation, the Board may choose to take action against the Crown as well as or instead of the Coronet.

8. Reservations to the Board

- The Board reserves to itself the final determination regarding discipline of members for actions taken while serving as Sovereign or Consort of a Principality. However, the Coronet remains subject to the Crown, and provisions regarding **Courts of Chivalry and banishment Royal sanctions** still apply.

Corpora X.B.4.b: Grievances and Sanctions-Sanctions-Reservations to the Board of Directors:

b. Sanctions upon Individuals for Actions taken as Coronet

The Board reserves to itself the final determination regarding discipline of members for actions taken while serving as Sovereign or Consort of a Principality. However, the Coronet remains subject to the Crown, and provisions regarding Courts of Chivalry and Royal sanctions. If the Crown believes the Coronet has overstepped the bounds of law and custom, the normal recourse should be in-kingdom mediation and then referral to the Board. a Court of Chivalry. If the Board upholds the judgment of such a Court, the affected parties may be subject to loss of any honors and privileges deriving from their reign, and nullification of any official acts dating back to the incident which led to the invocation of the Court. If the Crown feels that rapid action is essential to protect the SCA, it has the option of imposing an Exile from the Kingdom Proscription from Active Participation upon the Coronet from the realm, effectively putting the principality reign into abeyance until either condition change within the kingdom or the Board acts. countermands the order. However, if the Board does not agree with the Crown’s judgment regarding the urgency of the situation, the Board may choose to take action against the Crown as well as, or instead of, against the Coronet.

(Note that the above section contains outdated language regarding available royal sanctions; this has also been changed to current terminology.)

Corpora, including the By-Laws, can be found in its entirety can be found here: <https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/govdocs/>

Please email all commentary to SCA-Comments@sca.org and use the title “**Courts of Chivalry**” in the subject line.

NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will cause your message to be marked as spam, and it will be bounced.

In lieu of email, commentary may be sent by US Mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

RE: Courts of Chivalry

P.O. Box 611928

San Jose, CA 95161

Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora change, whether sent by email or US Mail, must be received by the Board no later than September 25, 2024.

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