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Northshield Event Calendar

NOTICE: All events are subject to being canceled if, at the time the event is to be held, modern civil authorities have issued restrictive orders related to public gatherings pursuant to their COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

January 2026 (AS LX)

- 17 **Nordskogen's 12th Night – Snow on Mt. Fuji**, Barony of Nordskogen (Ramsey, MN) ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞
- 20 **Deadline for March 2026 Northwatch (TBD)**
- 23-25 **Virtual Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium**, Kingdom of the Outlands (Virtual)
- 25 **January BOD Meeting (TBD)**
- 31 **Wacky Garb Ball: Illumination**, Barony of Jararvellir (Stoughton, WI) ☞ ☞
- 31 **Midwinters Day Feast: A Gaelic Imbolc**, Shire of Shattentor (Rapid City, SD)

February 2026 (AS LX)

- 7 **Northshield Rapier Melee Practice**, Shire of Silfren Mere (West Concord, MN) ☞ ☞ ☞
- 10-16 **War of the Phoenix**, Kingdom of Atenveldt (Avondale, AZ)
- 14 **Lupercalia**, Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Garden City, MN) ☞ ☞
- 14 **St. Valentine's Day Massacre**, Kingdom of the Middle (Kalamazoo, MN) ☞ ☞
- 20 **Deadline for April 2026 Northwatch (TBD)**
- 21 **Fighter's School 2026**, Barony of Windhaven (Fond du Lac, WI) ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞
- 28 **FITS**, Barony of Jararvellir (Madison, WI) ☞ ☞
- 28 **Castel Rouge Lantern Festival**, Barony of Castel Rouge (Winnipeg, MB)
- 28 **Winter Games II**, Shire of Silfren Mere (Pine Island, MN)

March 2026 (AS LX)

- 14-22 **Gulf Wars XXXIV**, Kingdom of Glenn Abhann (Lumberton, MS) ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞
- 20-22 **That Moot Thingy XXVI**, Canton of Coille Stoirmel (Tomah, WI)
- 20 **Deadline for May 2026 Northwatch (TBD)**



☞ Sovereign will attend ☞ Sovereign's Consort will attend ☞ Royal Heir will attend ☞ Royal Heir's Consort will attend
 ☉ Laurel Meeting ☉ Pelican Meeting ☉ Defense Meeting ☉ Chivalry Meeting ✦ Stallari Meeting

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Listing your event on the calendar does not place an ad in the *Northwatch*. To submit your event advertisement for publication in the *Northwatch*, submit the required information to the Event Information Officer (calendar@northshield.org) before the 15th of the month before the month of publication (i.e., May 15th for the July issue). To contact the Northshield Event Information Officer, send a message to calendar@northshield.org.

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings start at 10:00 am. Note: Attendees are asked to wear modern clothing to Board meetings. (Agenda deadlines are first of month of meeting.) **Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the following locations; however, depending on "safer-in-place" regulations in effect, meetings may be handled by VoIP. Groups interested in hosting a meeting should contact the Executive Assistant (ea@sca.org) for information on meeting requirements and how to submit a bid. **January 25, 2026 meeting: TBD. April 25, 2026 meeting: Hybrid. July 19, 2026 meeting: TBD. October 17, 2026 meeting: Hybrid.**



Their Royal Majesties

No missive this month.

Wu & Tom

Their Royal Highnesses

No missive this month.

Jacquette & Axel

Royal Proclamation – Griffin's Nest

With the blessings of Their Majesties King Tom and Queen Wu, do We, the Heirs of Northshield, Prince Axel and Princess Jacquette, issue the following Royal Proclamation:

This winter, none in the lands of Northshield shall know hunger. To that end, Their Highnesses establish the Griffin's Nest Food Pantry. Their Highnesses request that at every event the autocrats dedicate one table be designated on site for the donation of non-perishable food and goods. Their Highnesses will make a donation at every event and encourage members of the populace who are able to join them. These food items will be made available to any and all populace members and non-members without question. Populace members may take from the table any items they need. They may also take items for individuals not in attendance to be delivered. At the end of each event, remaining items will be donated to the Minneapolis Veterans Hospital Food Bank or local pantry.

This proclamation shall expire at the completion of Jacquette and Axel's tenure as Royals.



Kingdom Seneschal

No missive this month.

Morgaine



Chancellor of the Exchequer

No missive this month.

Lachlann



Kingdom Polaris Herald

Greetings, from the Polaris Herald (pro tem)!

First, I want to thank the group heralds and heralds of the field for submitting their domesday reports in a timely manner. I especially want to thank our acting Keythong Herald, Seán mac Labhráis, who has been doing an excellent job since October. I also want to thank everyone for their support during this transitional period. I have ideas about things that I want to do while I'm serving in this office and there will be announcements once firm plans have been put in place. One of the main things is to encourage communication between myself, the heraldic community, and the populace.

The position of Polaris Herald has been posted and applications are being accepted until the end of January.

Cheers,

Clara



Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings, Northshield,

Recently, I realized that this year is an anniversary of my journey in the SCA. When I was first introduced to the SCA decades ago it was an exciting time. It was an opportunity to explore what historical recreation had to offer. It has been the arts and sciences, and the found family, that has kept me involved.

This is an important point for each of us to reflect upon. How has A&S affected your personal journey in the SCA? What skills have you learned, what rabbit holes have you, or are you going down that you can share? Can you reach out to someone new to help them along their journey? Is there something that you would like to learn? Your local MOAS officer and I are here to support you.

Our formal events – A&S Faire and SUN – are one way to get involved, but there are many more. Informal

networking, moots, demos, social media, displays and classes at events are all ways that you can spread what you are doing and also learn.

And, we are looking for bids for the Northshield A&S Faire in June of 2026, and SUN for next November.

Feel free to reach out to me at moas@northshield.org

Yours,

Neave



Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings unto Northshield,

At the time I am writing this, the first winter storm is about to descend upon my region, and I thought it would be fitting for my first issue of the *Northwatch* as interim editor to celebrate winter. I hope everyone is staying warm and staying busy with a project or two.

Speaking of, one of my goals for the next few months is to create a supplementary issue for the *Northwatch* celebrating culinary delights from across the Kingdom. Additional information will be coming soon so please watch this space.

Yours in Service,

Sarra



Northwatch Editor

We are still looking for someone to take over the role of the Editor of the *Northwatch*. Please contact chronicler@northshield.org if you are interested in this position or have questions about the role.

The *Northwatch* is a fantastic way to showcase all the great work being done in Northshield. Did you teach a class at a recent event? Do you have a new A&S project or bardic piece? Please consider sharing some of your information for a future issue. The deadline for *Northwatch* items is the 20th of the month (and always listed in the calendar at the start of the issue).





Kingdom Webminister

Greetings! It's been a few months since we launched the shiny new website. As a general reminder, please log in and edit your profile (Resources -> For Members -> Edit Persona) to make the scribes happy. When you're editing your profile you should see options to change things like your Group and Pronouns and the like. If you see options to change site colors and a profile, you're in the WordPress Profile editor, and that information doesn't display on the website. The WordPress Profile also says 'WordPress Profile' at the top of the page. Please contact us at support@northshield.org if you can't find the place to edit your profile, or can't log in. (We are aware that there are still people who haven't been able to log in for technical reasons, and we're still working with them on it; most people who have contacted us are now able to log in.) Believe me, we are trying to make it all less confusing without breaking anything in the process.

My deputies and I have been writing documentation and how-to guides, and hope to record some videos soon. We have been leading sessions (usually labelled as classes) at events and will continue to do so, during which we show off various features and answer questions. And lately we have also set up tables at events to provide on-site assistance and ad-hoc sessions. If you run into us there and have questions or suggestions or complaints or problems, please let us know and we will work with you to get them addressed. (You can also send us email any time.)

We continue to add and activate back-end tools and features. Some areas of the website are visible but not populated yet – most of those are waiting for a Kingdom Officer to make a decision about precisely who is going to populate that content. (Yes, the Web team is capable of populating things like the registered names and devices for all of Northshield, but there are other things we should be working on instead.) If you see an area which appears to be empty and you don't think it should be, go ahead and ask us about it.

If you come across content which you think we've put in the wrong place, please let us know. Our team of librarians provided us with a menu structure, but we're willing to discuss changes.

And as we add pages, we usually make decisions amongst ourselves about where something belongs. And we don't always make good choices. Email support@northshield.org and set us straight!

As of the time I'm writing this, Domesday reports for almost every officer are due. For reference sake and for the future, all of the reports can be found at <https://northshield.org/reports/>. We will be making changes to all of the reports as the site progresses, but we will keep this page up to date. In addition, each of the Kingdom Officers should be able to log in and view the reports for their area of expertise and region. For instance, the Kingdom Armored Combat Marshal can view the Armored Combat report results, and the Central Regional Deputy Armored Combat Marshal can view the Armored Combat reports from the central region. The Kingdom Seneschal can view all of the Seneschal reports, and the Eastern Regional Seneschal can view the Seneschal reports from the Eastern region. And so on. If you're an officer who should be seeing reports and you're not, let us know.

Which brings up a related note. In addition to their personal profiles, officers – and I mean all officers, whether they are Kingdom officers or local officers – have office-specific logins to connect to the website. There are some functions available to some of the group officers which many people don't know about yet, such as the ability for a Baronial Herald to manage that Barony's order of precedence, or for a Group Seneschal to submit event requests, or for a Group Webminister to manage email accounts for your group. If you are a group officer and would like to have access to those tools, please contact us at support@northshield.org. Behind the scenes you're logging in with google accounts and have access to various tools and functions as a result, and y'all should take advantage of that fact.

Stay tuned for more updates!

In service,

-Abelard



Kingdom Earl Marshal

No missive provided this month. However, the KEM position transitioned from Armond to Joseph Leveson at Boar's Head on December 6, 2025. KEM is currently seeking a new Kingdom Rapier Marshall and Kingdom Emergency Deputy Rapier Marshall

If you want to be considered for one of these roles, please submit your application/resume and your stated intent for your preferred role to be considered.

The KEM will be accepting applications from 12/6/2025 thru 1/4/2026. The new KRM and DKRM will be announced at 12th Night in Nordskogen on 1/17/2026



SCA Corporate Announcements

New Rapier Combat Handbook Commentary Request

The Society Marshal and Society Rapier Marshal are pleased to make available for commentary the approved draft of the new Rapier Handbook. Commentary accepted through Feb 20, 2026.

This new Rapier handbook is part of the modernization effort, which is updating ALL the marshal handbooks along with the marshal related sections in Corpora, to better reflect the current structure, culture, and safety best practices we use today in our SCA martial activities.

One of the most significant changes is the modernized format, designed for easy online access and usability. With clearer layout, improved navigation, and consistency across all marshal handbooks, this new format makes it easier for both newcomers and experienced participants to find the information they need quickly and confidently.

The new online Rapier Combat handbook and supporting material can be found at https://society-rules.fullmesh.co.nz/index.php/Main_Page. Also available at this site:

- A PDF version of the new handbook
- A FAQ on the rules moderation process and the new handbooks and format
- Rapier Handbook Cliff notes, with a summary of the changes

Important Dates: A modified 6-month process has been developed to improve communication and transparency, based on lessons learned from the AC Rattan roll-out. Many thanks to everyone who provided feedback on the AC-rattan handbook over the last 4+ months.

Nov 20 thru Feb 20th: Rapier Handbook is open for commentary. This version has been approved by the BoD for commentary for 3 months.

Feb 20 thru March 30: Updates to the handbook will be developed based on the commentary.

April 1: New handbook with updates from feedback will be submitted to the BoD for final review and approval.

May 20: New handbook will be in effect (if approved during the April BoD meeting).

The Cut & Thrust Handbook is in progress, and will be added to this timeline.

Please email all commentary to marshal@sca.org and rapier@sca.org, and use the title "New Rapier Handbook – commentary" in the subject line. CC'ing your Kingdom Rapier Marshal is highly recommended.

Commentary must be received no later than Feb 20, 2026.

October 2025 President's Report Now Available

The most recent report from Bao Pham, SCA Inc. President, is now available.

This report contains the publishable summaries and commendation sections from each Corporate and Society Officers' reports. It also includes publishable summaries submitted by various Board committees.

The report can be located here: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2025-10-After-Board-Meeting-Report.pdf>

The October 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting is available at the Society's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4r-WSt2Yb7g>

Questions or comments regarding this report should be directed to Mr Pham via email at president@sca.org

If you send comments, please use the subject line "President's Report October 2025". Comments are welcomed and strongly encouraged.

People on the Move – Director Elect Seat G

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Carl Chipman (Duke Jean Paul de Sens, Viscount, KSCA, OP) as the Director-Elect for Seat G. He will assume the position from Director Mark Faulcon at the close of the April 2026 quarterly meeting.

Carl C. Chipman is Director of Identity Services at Teledyne, Inc., specializing in secure identity management and enterprise IT solutions. With a B.S. in Electrical Engineering (Computer Option), he combines technical expertise with leadership to strengthen complex infrastructures. Carl holds two patents for his innovative contributions to technology and is recognized for advancing secure, scalable systems that align with business strategy. He lives in Stillwater OK with his spouse April and their two dogs, Mazikeen Furiosa and Tucker Taggart. When not at SCA events or work, he enjoys both board and video games.

Duke Jean Paul de Sens is a late 15th century Burgundian from the town of Sens. Service with the Landsknecht honed his fighting skills, which he brought when he moved to Ansteorra. He has been resident in the Province of Mooneschadowe since it was a shire, and remains involved in his local group.

As new Directors are seated each April and October, candidates for the Board are continually being solicited. SCA Inc or affiliate individuals may be nominated by SCA members and participants or can be self-nominated. No special experience is required, and candidates do not need to have specialized modern degrees. They also need not be peers – experience from every aspect of the Society is desired.

To make a nomination, (or to nominate yourself), please forward a Modern Name, SCA Name, and email address to recruiting@sca.org

FAQ for AC Rattan Handbook Updates

Greetings from your Society Marshal!

To boost and broaden communications on the new AC-Rattan Handbook and future updates, we've created several FAQs and a "Cliff notes" of changes. Many thanks to everyone who provided feedback (either directly or through your KEM) on the new handbook. We've made several changes based on received feedback, and those are working their way through the approval process.

1) Part 1 – FAQ on new handbook process and updates.

https://society-rules.fullmesh.co.nz/images/a/a1/FAQ_-_new_AC_Rattan_Handbook_Part_1.pdf

2) Part 2 – FAQ on Rules we received feedback on, changes and/or explanations.

https://society-rules.fullmesh.co.nz/images/2/27/FAQ_-_new_AC_Rattan_Handbook_Part_2.pdf

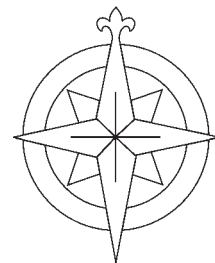
3) Cliff notes on changes – AC rattan handbook

https://society-rules.fullmesh.co.nz/images/7/7c/Cliff_notes_on_changes_-_AC_Rattan_Handbook.pdf

These FAQs, along with the online versions of the handbooks can also be found at:

https://society-rules.fullmesh.co.nz/index.php/Main_Page

-Arabella, Society Marshal





Courts of TRM Tom & Wu

Stellar University of Northshield (SUN)

Here follows the Court Report of the Court of Wu Yun and Tom Tinninnabulum, Queen and King of Northshield, from SUN, held on November 1, 2025, in the Barony of Nordskogen.

Herald in Charge: Derbáil ingen Néill (Additional herald: Abelard die Elster); Signets: Derbáil ingen Néill, Abelard die Elster

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Gwenhwyvar verch Owen ap Morgan	Beare of Northshield	Calamus Schrieber
Quinn of Falcons Keep	Award of the Cygnus	Judith of Northwode
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Ekaterina Anastaseva	Vigil, Order of the Pelican	
Ottar Ormaugr	Vigil, Order of the Laurel	



Tournament of Champions

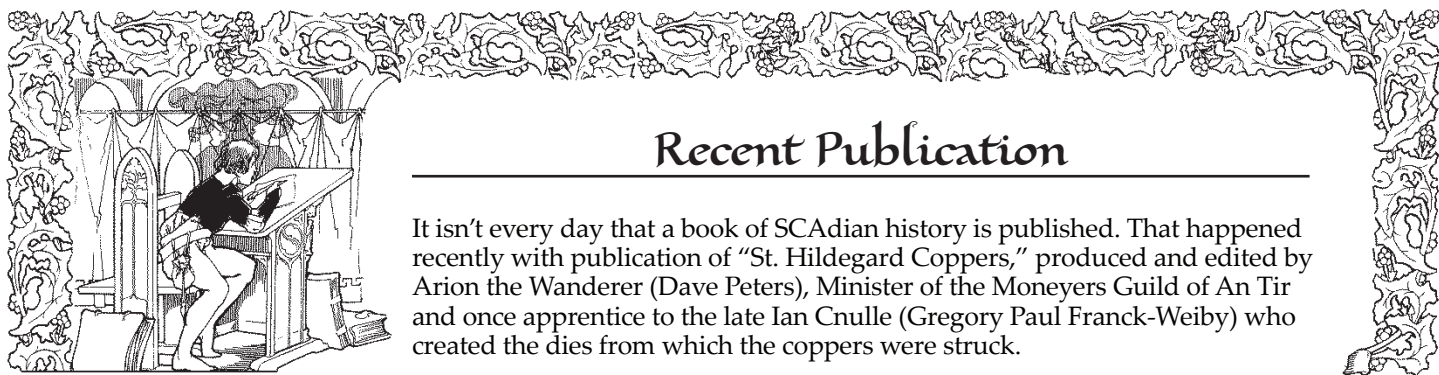
Here follows the Court Report from Tournament of Champions, held on November 8, 2025, in the Shire of Skerjastrend. The Court was presided over by, Her Majesty, Queen Wu. His Highness, Prince Axel, was also in attendance..

Herald in Charge: Svena Gandalfsdottir; Seneschal: Hjorleif Ottarson

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
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Ragnarr Jafnkollr	Award of the Cygnus	
Margareta de Wevere	Award of the Black Flame	
Margareta de Wevere	Order of the Hand of Tyr	



A correction to the December 2025 issue of the *Northwatch* was posted on the Kingdom of Northshield website to both the Chronicler's and Editor's pages. The goal of this was to correct a formatting issue to address an error. To view this information, please visit: <https://northshield.org/correction-to-december-2025-law-change/>



Recent Publication

It isn't every day that a book of SCAdian history is published. That happened recently with publication of "St. Hildegard Coppers," produced and edited by Arion the Wanderer (Dave Peters), Minister of the Moneyers Guild of An Tir and once apprentice to the late Ian Cnulle (Gregory Paul Franck-Weiby) who created the dies from which the coppers were struck.

Cnulle, together with Watt Kidman (Walt Patrick), produced the first St. Hildegard coppers in November AS 27 (1992), a project that continued for the next 13 years. Hot-struck on 1-inch diameter, 3/32-inch thick copper blanks, each copper weighed in at about 14 grams. Their size gave a delightful period heft and jingle in the hand and pouch. Traded at \$1 face value, the coppers quickly became informally popular among populace and merchants, a way to shop, trade and wager forsoothly.

The front of each copper bears the emblem of the University of St. Hildegard, an SCA household named for the 12th Century German Abbess Hildegard of Bingen, with its highly recognizable "+H" surrounded by inscription "SANCTA HILDEGARDENSIS."

The back of each copper type is unique, minted for kingdoms, royals, households, merchants and, on occasion, organizations outside the SCA.

The coppers were popularly known as "baraks" in honor of Barak Ravensfuri, any early King of An Tir for whom the first coppers were struck.

Additional types were regularly minted thereafter, including type No. 43, "Lynn the Weaver Lucets," minted in in AS 38 (2003) in honor of a well-know, SCA merchant.

The final St. Hildegard copper, No. 45, the "Mjolnir Heatherlands/Thor's Hammer" type, was minted in AS 40 (2005).

The outer world also recognized the uniqueness of the St. Hildegard coppers, which feature in multiple volumes of Krause Publications' "Unusual World Coins." The St. Hildegard coppers' collector base today is international.

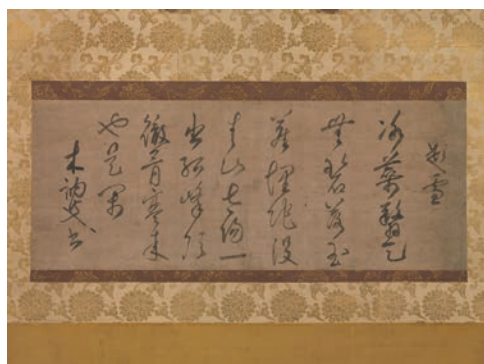
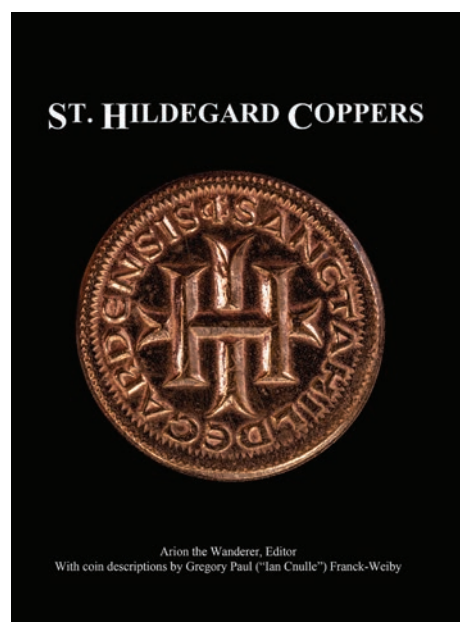
From Karen Kidd (Contributor)

Book: St. Hildegard Coppers by Gregory Paul "Ian Cnulle" Frank-Weiby (Author), Arion the Wanderer (Editor), Bill Edgar (Photographer), Karen Kidd (Preface)

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This poem is attributed to Musō Soseki. A translation after Edwin A. Cranston:

"Icy flowers fall, obscuring the color of the sky.
Jade dust buries the earth, masking the blue mountains.
As the sun rises over the peak—
Bone chilling silence"

"POEM ON THE THEME OF SNOW" HANGING SCROLL. INK ON PAPER. JAPAN
CA. 14TH CENTURY CE
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HELP WANTED

See the Kingdom website at <https://northshield.org/help-wanted/> or email the contact below for complete descriptions of the following positions. Email addresses on page 2. See Kingdom Directory for other current vacancies.

- *Northwatch* Editor: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- Polaris Principal Herald: Send inquiries & applications to the Polaris Herald.
- Keythong Submissions Herald: Send inquiries & applications to the Polaris Herald.
- Emergency Deputy MOAS: Send Inquiries & applications to Kingdom MOAS. Open until filled.
- Kingdom Rapier Marshall: Applications accepted through 1/4/2026. Replacement announced at Twelfth Night on 1/17/2026.
- Deputy Kingdom Rapier Marshall: Applications accepted through 1/4/2026. Replacement announced at Twelfth Night on 1/17/2026.
- Eastern (Woodlands) Regional Deputy Seneschal: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- Central (Lakes) Regional Deputy Seneschal: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- Transitions and New Groups Deputy: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- Kingdom Youth Officer: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
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JANUARY AND FEBRUARY FROM "THE PEASANTS' FEAST" OR "THE TWELVE MONTHS" ENGRAVING.
GERMAN 1546 CE.
MET MUSEUM (NY)

JANUARY 17, 2026

BARONY OF NORDSKOGEN

Nordskogen 12th Night: Snow on Mt. Fugi



Lord of Life Church
14501 Nowthen Blvd, Ramsey, MN, 56034
Site opens Saturday 9am to Populace. Site closes 9pm

Fees:	17 and under: Free
Adult (18+): \$30	Pre-reg will be from December 1,
Adult Member: \$20	2025 through January 4, 2026

Checks payable to SCA WI Inc- Barony of Nordskogen

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Archery, A&S Display, A&S Challenge-a Pet inspired Masterpiece, Bardic, Classes, Rapier Combat, Youth Activities, Youth Boffer Combat, Heraldic Consultation

Site is accessible. Populace/presence space available. Children's activities. Merchants must register by 12/31 with event steward. Lunch will be available for purchase.

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<https://northshield.org/calendar/1505/>

JANUARY 31, 2026

BARONY OF JARARVELLIR

Wacky Garb Ball: Illumination



VFW Stoughton
200 Veteran Rd. Stoughton, WI 53589
Site opens 10am for populace. Site closes 7pm.

Fees:
By Donation
No Reservation

Planned Activities: A&S Display, A&S Competition, Bardic, Classes, Dancing, Fashion Show. Class space and dancing space available for those interested. There will be a Wacky Garb Fashion Show that will be judged.

Site is accessible. Populace/presence space available. No merchant space available. Outside food is allowed, but no outside drink is allowed. All beverages must be bought on site.

Event Steward

Evelein Jantz
(There is a Facebook listing for this event)

<https://northshield.org/calendar/1478/>



CHANSONNIER DE MONTPELLIER (MANUSCRIPT) FROM
FRANCE CA. 1280-1300 CE.

COURTESY OF THE BU HISTORIQUE DE MÉDECINE,
UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTPELLIER LIBRARY (LONDON)

JANUARY 31, 2026

SHIRE OF SHATTENTOR

Midwinter's Day Feast



Canyon Lake United Methodist Church
3500 Canyon Lake Road. Rapid City, SD, 57702
Site opens 9am for populace. Site closes 9pm.

Fees:
Members: \$10
Non Members: \$20
Children under 17: Free

Checks payable to SCA WI Inc- Shire of Shattentor.

Planned Activities: Feasting, Games, Rapier Tournaments, Classes, Singing, and Dancing

Populace/presence space available. Lunch will be provided at cost. Feast is Potluck. Please sign up at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/potluck-sign-up-sheet/home>

Event Steward: Joshua (Schattentor)

<https://www.blackhillssca.org/midwinters-day-feast.html>

<https://northshield.org/calendar/1526/>

DEAR ABBESS,

I AM IN GREAT NEED OF SOME ASSISTANCE. I JUST GOT A JOB AT THE CASTLE AND THE LADY OF THE HOUSE HAS TASKED ME WITH ARRANGING ENTERTAINMENT FOR THEIR TWELFTH NIGHT BALL. LAST YEAR, THE MUSIC WAS SO TERRIBLE, THE REVELERS SPENT TOO MUCH TIME DRINKING THE WINE AND COMPLAINING ABOUT THE CAKES. I'M AFRAID I WILL SOON BE UNEMPLOYED. WHAT DO I DO? -FLUMMOXED IN FOLKESTONE



DER FLUMMOXED,

BE NOT AFERED. PUT MUSES OR SOM SMOL BEASTES IN MUSICKERS LUTE OR UNDER DRUM. PEY WILL SWAT AND YOWL UP SUCH A FRENZY! DANCERS WOL BE TO TYRED TO EAT, SO CATTES WILL EAT THE FOOD, NO COMPLAINTS. PERFECT.

~~-ABBESS~~ THE ABBEY CATTE

Do you have a medieval problem or quandary? Send your message to northwatch@northshield.org and include "Dear Abbess" in the subject line to get some expert advice.

FOR A PIECE OF LIVELY MUSIC INSTEAD, THE MUSICIANS COULD PERHAPS TRY THE "ALLE PSALLITE CUM LUYA". THIS IS A THREE-PART MOTET FROM SOME TIME BETWEEN THE LATE 13TH OR EARLY 14TH CENTURIES. THIS PIECE IS FOUND ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS IN THE FRENCH MANUSCRIPT THE MONTPELLIER CODEX.

[HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1017/S0261127900001248](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0261127900001248)

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ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION IS TO SERVE HYPOCRAS AND WAFERS TO THE GUESTS. HYPOCRAS IS A SPICED WINE, AND WHILE THERE ARE MANY VARIATIONS DESCRIBED IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH COOKING AND MEDICINE TREATISES FROM THE 12TH TO 16TH CENTURIES, REFERENCES TO SIMILAR BEVERAGES DATE BACK TO THE ROMANS AND PLINY THE ELDER. SIMILARLY, RECIPES FOR SWEETENED WAFERS WERE FOUND AS EARLY AS 11TH CENTURY FRANCE. BOTH OF THESE DISHES CAN BE MADE IN ADVANCE TO TAKE THE PRESSURE OFF OF THE HOST. THERE ARE MANY VARIATIONS ON THESE RECIPES (AND THEIR SPELLINGS) THAT CAN BE FOUND ACROSS EUROPE DURING THE MIDDLE AGES.

HYPOCRAS	
SOURCE: - HIEATT, CONSTANCE B. AND SHARON BUTLER. CURYE ON INGLISH: ENGLISH CULINARY MANUSCRIPTS OF THE FOURTEENTH-CENTURY (INCLUDING THE FORME OF CURY). LONDON: FOR THE EARLY ENGLISH TEXT SOCIETY BY THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 1985.	
5. potus ypocras. take a half lb. of canel dried; of gyngyuer dried, a half lb.; of greynes [of paradise], 3 ounce; of longe peper, 3 ounce; of clowis, 2 ounce; of notemugges, 2 ounce & a half; of carewey, 2 ounce; of spikenard, a half ounce; of galyngale, 2 ounce; of sugir, 2 lb. [If you don't have] sugir, take a potel of honey.	
☞	1 BOTTLE (750 MLL) OF AN INEXPENSIVE, SWEET WINE
☞	1 - 1 1/2 CUPS SUGAR (OR: 1 - 2 CUPS HONEY)
☞	1 TBS. EACH OF GINGER, CINNAMON, GRAINS OF PARADISE, PEPPERCORNS, GALYANGAL, CLOVE, NUTMEG, & CARAWAY SEED*
In a sealable decantor, add the wine and sugar. Adjust sweetness as needed. Add the spices to the wine. Allow it to macerate covered for 24 hours. After resting, decant the wine and filter through a funnel lined with cheesecloth. add to bottles with an air tight seal and store in a cool place. It should keep for about a month.	
*substitutions: grains of paradise are similar to cardamom pods. Long pepper is difficult to find so peppercorns are listed. Galangal can be found at some asian grocery stores. Spikenard in the original is very hard to source food grade.	

WAFERS	
SOURCE [THE ENGLISH HOUSEWIFE, MICHAEL R. BEST (ED.)]:	
<i>"To make wafers: to make the best wafers, take the finest wheat-flowers you can get, and mix it with cream, the yelks of eggs, rose-water, sugar, and cinamon, till it be a little thicker than pancake-batter, and then warming your wafer irons on a charcoal-fire, anoint them first with sweet butter, and than lay on your batter, and press it, and bake it white or brown at your pleasure."</i>	
☞	1/2 CUP FLOUR
☞	1/3 CUP CREAM
☞	1 EGG YOLK
☞	1 TBSP. ROSE WATER
☞	3 TBSP. SUGAR
☞	PINCH CINNAMON
☞	PINCH SALT
Mix ingredients together well. spoon out into a pizzelle-style wafer maker* and cook to desired doneness. The wafers will keep for weeks in a sealed, airtight container. Makes about 15 wafers.	
*the batter for this wafer is thick like a cookie and won't work in a traditional waffle iron. Pizzelle irons work well as do krumkake irons.	



BOOK OF HOURS. "FOLIO IV. JANUARY" NETHERLAND CA.
1530-35 CE.
MET MUSEUM (NY)



AUTUMN AND WINTER: TWO HEADS MADE FROM FLORA TYPICAL OF THOSE
SEASONS. ETCHING. ITALY CA. 1580-1620 CE.
MET MUSEUM (NY)



TEXTILE FRAGMENT. PROBABLY MADE IN
SPAIN CA. 14TH CENTURY CE.

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CONTAINS INTERLACING CALIGRAPHY
WISHING HAPPINESS, GOOD FORTUNE, AND
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