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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.

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)

7 **The Most Excellent Winter Archery Extravaganza and Clinic**, Shire of Korsvag (**Portland, ND**)

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)**

April 2026 (AS LX)

11 **HOLD - Northshield Spring Coronation (TBD)**   

20 **Deadline for June 2026 Northwatch (TBD)**

24-26 **Provost Challenge**, Shire of Coldedernhale (**Ft. Pierre, SD**)

24-26 **Missile Mayhem: We're Back!**, Barony of Windhaven (**Clintonville, WI**)



 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

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. **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.

Abelard has set up a mailing list for heralds in the kingdom, and I started using it in January. If there are any heralds who haven't received any emails from Polaris, please check your spam folders. If you still don't see a message, reach out asking to be added to the list.

We want to build a stronger heraldic community here in Northshield. To facilitate this goal "Heraldry is a Team Sport" quarterly meetings have been added to the Kingdom's Zoom calendar. The meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of February, May, August, and November, from 7pm to 9pm central time. These meetings will give us time to not only talk about heraldry but also get to know each other. All heralds are welcome.

Heraldry adds to the atmosphere at events. If you want help in choosing a name or designing a device, talk to your local herald or any herald about it. If you want to get involved in being shouty at events let us know.

Cheers,

Clara

Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

No missive this month

Neave

Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings unto Northshield,

I wanted to share a little bit of Northshield history this month. At one point, the kingdom had a quarterly A&S newsletter called *Northstar*, and it included a supplement focused on food and beverage related arts and sciences called *Mead, Meat & More*.

It was exciting to see a new edition of the *Well-Versed* in AS 59, and I decided to publish a *MMM* supplement in the next year as well. If you would like to be involved, please see page 12 for more information.

In that same line, it would be great to include more supplementary issues of the *Northwatch* related to other A&S topics as well as issues dedicated to service and martial fields as well. I would be happy to chat with folks who have ideas.

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!

We've gotten through the Domesday process! The reports on the website continue to be updated, and the ones that y'all fill out for the first quarter should go much more quickly and more smoothly. We continue to make improvements which are so minor you probably haven't noticed them. (Did you see that the 'Log In' button goes away when you log in? I love that.) We have some larger improvements under way as well. We're still working on some quality-of-life improvements, such as the ability to make persona profiles as long as you want and displaying users' photos (if they want them to appear). We have the usual code issues to work through (testing and troubleshooting is more difficult than you'd expect), but have added some new team members who should make the work easier.

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 have also been working with the Kingdom Earl Marshal and his team of deputies to ensure that everyone's authorization data is up to date. In conjunction with this effort, we will be running a poll to determine which is everyone's favorite background for the Authorization Cards. Watch for that on Facebook and via the Northshield Hall mailing list.

We hope to make instructional and how-to documentation and videos available soon. If there's a particular thing you'd like to see, or would like more instruction about, please let us know at suggestions@northshield.org.

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 this month.

-Joseph



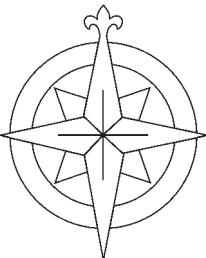
SCA Corporate Announcements

Approval of Revised Society Financial Policy

After more than a year of dedicated collaboration, the Board of Directors has formally approved the latest revision of the Society Financial Policy. The updated policy will take effect on January 1, 2026, reinforcing our commitment to sound financial governance and operational transparency.

To facilitate implementation, a comprehensive handbook detailing the revised procedures will be released by the end of the year, ensuring all stakeholders are fully prepared for the upcoming fiscal cycle. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone involved in this important work and look forward to a smooth transition to the updated standards.

The approved revised financial policy is available at: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/SCA-FinPol-2025-Revised.pdf>



Substantive Law Changes for Commentary

The following substantive law changes are open for commentary until 20 February 2026.

Pursuant to Kingdom Law I-700, "Should the majority of the quorum of the Stallari Council believe a change to statutory law to be substantive, the Crown must publish the proposed law change in the Northwatch and allow one month from publication for comment before proceeding."

These changes were determined to be substantive by Stallari on 6/13/2025.

You may send any thoughts or concerns to lawclerk@northshield.org and seneschal@northshield.org. Please include "law commentary" in the subject line.

Purpose: Formally add Kingdom Arts and Sciences as a kingdom-level event and add A&S Chancellor as a Kingdom Lesser Officer (KLO).

V-3600 --- Chancellor of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire

The Chancellor of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire of Northshield (KA&S Chancellor) is a Lesser Officer to the Minister of Arts and Sciences. The KA&S Chancellor may coordinate additional activities and/or events with permission from the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences. See also: XII-1000 --- Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire of Northshield

XIII-1000 --- Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire of Northshield

The Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire of Northshield (KA&S) is established for the dissemination of knowledge related to the research and re-creation of pre-17th century skills, arts, combat and culture. The format of the Faire will be determined by the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences in collaboration

with the *KA&S Chancellor* on an annual basis. See also: V-3600 --- *Chancellor of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire of Northshield*



A MEDIEVAL BAKERY, FROM THE BOOK OF PROBLEMS OF PSEUDO-ARISTOTLE,
TRANSLATED INTO THE FRENCH BY ÉVRART DE CONTY. CA. 1400.

THIS BOOK FEATURED QUESTION-AND-ANSWER DISCUSSIONS TO EXPLORE EVERY DAY PROBLEMS. IN THIS CASE, IT DISCUSSES HOW GRAIN BECOMES BREAD

Met Museum (NY)



CHESS PIECE, ROOK.
ATTRIBUTED TO WESTERN ISLAMIC LANDS. 8-10TH CENTURY.

Met Museum (NY)

Torta Bianca: White Tart

This recipe is an adaptation of recipe found in: Redon, Odile, Francoise Sabban, and Silvano Serventi. Translated by Edward Schneider. *The Medieval Kitchen: Recipes from France and Italy*. University of Chicago Press. 1998.

For the crust: I used flour, butter, salt, and water. I rolled it out and laid it in a pie pan to bake for about 15 minutes at a higher temperature before adding the filling. The crust should be allowed to cool for at least 10 minutes after removing it from the oven. This will prevent the butter from separating once the filling is added.

For the filling:

12-16 ounces homemade cheese at room temperature (depends on what type of cheese you use. It should be a soft white cheese. You can also use 16 ounces of cream cheese)

6 egg whites

1 cup of sugar

4 tablespoons of butter, softened

1 tsp ginger

1 cup milk

salt (to taste)

Rosewater/additional sugar

I beat the cheese and butter together until smooth, added the sugar, salt, and ginger. I mixed the egg whites and milk together and gradually beat these into the cheese mixture. This was poured into a pie shell and baked at 350-375 (depending on your oven) for 1 hour.

Sprinkle lightly with rosewater and sugar.



Courts of TRM Tom & Wu

Boar's Head

Here follows the Court Report of the Court of Wu Yun and Tom Tinntinnabulum, Queen and King of Northshield, from Boar's Head, held on December 6, 2025, in the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr.

Herald in Charge: Baroness Svena Gandalfsdottir. Seneschal: THL Magnus Vargsson. Background Check Populace Member: Sir Abelard die Elster

Court was opened in the morning. Lord Charles Vaux was placed on vigil for entry into the Order of the Chivalry. Court was then suspended. Court was later reopened and Lord Charles was presented with induction into the Order of the Black Griffin. Court was then re-suspended.

Evening Court included Their Majesties as well as Prince Axel, Princess Jacquette, and the Baronages of Caer Anterth Mawr, Jararvellir, Nordskogen, and Windhaven

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Deonisia of Rye	Vigilant for the Order of the Laurel	
Liz of Jararvellir	Award of Arms	
Yoseph the Contrary	Award of the Cygnus	
Davin of Jararvellir	Award of the Compass	
Helgulfr Argeirsson	Order of the Hand of Tyr	
Elysia Walker	Award of Arms	
Abelard die Elster	Herald Extraordinaire	
Charles Vaux	Elevation to the Order of the Chivalry	
Etain inghen Duibh Rea	Award of the Black Flame	
Bufficeda of Caer Anterth Mawr	Award of Arms	
Violet	Award of the White Owl	
Bozena Z Kutna Hora	Award of Arms	
Aaron of Caer Anterth Mawr	Award of Arms	
Jois Corbet	Elevation to the Order of the Mark	



A correction to the previously published Court Reports in the January 2026 issue of the *Northwatch*. The event held on November 8, 2025, should have read *Tournament of Chivalry* and not *Tournament of Champions*.



LEFT: TILE WITH WOMEN PLAYING A BOARD GAME. CHINA. 13TH CENTURY.
MET MUSEUM (NY)



RIGHT: CHESS SET ATTRIBUTED TO IRAN, NISHAPUR. 12TH CENTURY
MET MUSEUM (NY)



CHESS AND GOOSE GAME BOARD. INDIAN, GUJARAT. LATE 16TH CENTURY.

MET MUSEUM (NY)



February 6-8, 2026

the Universities of the **Kingdoms of Drachenwald, Atlantia and Lochac** are coming together to create a 27-hour online University. It will be an opportunity for teachers and students from all Kingdoms of the Known World to come together to share knowledge and companionship in a way never before seen.

Information on the event, including how to submit class proposals can be found on the event web site.

Event: <https://tinyurl.com/TriKingdomUniversity>

Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/TKU-Facebook>



This Month in History – February

In studying books of hours and calendar illustrations in manuscripts from the Middle Ages, the images for February frequently depict figures warming themselves before a fireplace. Individuals frequently are seen stoking or maintaining the fire. There are also regular images of cooking food over flames, carrying bundles of wood, or individuals wearing heavy furs. Additionally, some manuscripts also show the zodiac sign, Pisces, with two fishing lying head to tail. The labors of February were similar in style to those of December and January with folks gathered around a hearth cooking or feasting. There are some illustrations showing individuals getting ready for spring planting by digging fields or pruning hedges. However, you are spending these last weeks of winter, may you be warm and well.

- 202 BC - Han dynasty begins a four-hundred-year rule with the coronation of Liu Bang as Emperor Gaozu of Han.
- 399 BC - Philosopher Socrates is accused of corrupting the minds of the youth in the city and sentenced to death in Athens
- 1301 – Edward of Caernarfon, the son of King Edward I of England, becomes the first English Prince of Wales.
- 1354 – Students at Oxford University participate in a street battle with local townspeople which results in several deaths and many people injured.
- 1461 – Forces for Lancaster defeat the forces for York at the Second Battle of St. Albans.
- 1473 – Astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland.
- 1478 – George Plantagenet, Duke of Clarence died in the Tower of London said to have been drowned in a butt of his favorite wine.
- 1564 - Astronomer and Physicist Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa, Italy
- 1570 – Queen Elizabeth I of England is excommunicated by Pope Pius V.
- 1582 – Pope Gregory XIII corrected mistakes on the Julian calendar by dropping 10 days. The Gregorian calendar was adopted by Catholic countries. Reforms of the Julian Calendar also began the regularly occurring leap year every fourth year.
- 1587 - Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, is beheaded at Fotheringhay, England, after 19 years as a prisoner

FEBRUARY 07, 2026

SHIRE OF SILFREN MERE

Northshield Rapier Melee Practice



Historical Museum and Community Center
600 W 1st Street. West Concord, MN 55985
Site opens 9 am. Site closes 6 pm

Fees:

Adult (18+): \$20
Adult Member: \$10

Checks payable to SCA Inc- Shire of Silfren Mere

Planned Activities: Rapier Combat. Populace space is available.

Event Steward: Duke Yngvar (Jason Colton)
banegrost@yahoo.com.

<https://northshield.org/calendar/1522>

FEBRUARY 21, 2026

BARONY OF WINDHAVEN

Fighter's School 2026



Fond du Lac Fair Grounds Rec Center
520 Fond du Lac Ave. Fond du Lac, WI 54935
Site opens 9am to Populace. Site closes 8pm

Fees:

Adult (18+): \$25
Adult Member: \$15
Youth (5-17): \$5:

Checks payable to SCA WI Inc- Barony of Windhaven

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Classes, Rapier Combat, Youth Boffer Combat Lunch will be available for purchase. Site is accessible. Populace/presence space available. Merchant space is available. Contact event steward to reserve a spot.

Event Steward: Eyja Edmundsdottir (Tara Lager) Eyja.
Edmundsdottir@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.baronyofwindhaven.org/fighter-school.html>

<https://northshield.org/calendar/1481/>

FEBRUARY 14, 2026

SHIRE OF RIVENWOOD TOWER

Lupercalia



Garden City Community Center
114 West Pleasant Street. Garden City, MN 56034
Site opens 9 am. Site closes 10 pm

Fees:

Adult (18+): \$20
Adult Member: \$10

Food \$15 for ages 18+
Youth (17 and under) are Free
for site and food
Feast menu on website.

Checks payable to SCA Inc- Shire of Rivenwood Tower

Reservation Deadlines: Pre-reg opens January 3rd and closes January 30th <https://tinyurl.com/Lupercalia-2026>

To mail paid registration: Richard Tate 2040 Cadbury Ct. North Mankato, MN 56003 (must receive by 1/30)

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Rapier Combat, Games. There will be child friendly activities. Site is accessible. Populace space is available.

Event Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/lupercalia/home>

Event Steward: Baroness Nell the Innocent (Linda Herbert Prahl), 507-463-4593 (prefer texts to calls), ldhprahl@gmail.com. Please put Lupercalia in the subject line of emails.

<https://northshield.org/calendar/1520>

FEBRUARY 21, 2026

BARONY OF WINDHAVEN

Fighter's School 2026



Fond du Lac Fair Grounds Rec Center
520 Fond du Lac Ave. Fond du Lac, WI 54935
Site opens 9am to Populace. Site closes 8pm

Fees:

Adult (18+): \$25
Adult Member: \$15
Youth (5-17): \$5:

Checks payable to SCA WI Inc- Barony of Windhaven

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Classes, Rapier Combat, Youth Boffer Combat Lunch will be available for purchase. Site is accessible. Populace/presence space available. Merchant space is available. Contact event steward to reserve a spot.

Event Steward: Eyja Edmundsdottir (Tara Lager) Eyja.
Edmundsdottir@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.baronyofwindhaven.org/fighter-school.html>

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

BARONY OF CASTEL ROUGE

Castel Rouge Lantern Festival



Valour Community Centre-Clifton Site
1315 Strathcona St. Winnipeg, MB R3M 0R2
Site opens 11 am to Populace. Site closes 9pm

Fees: (All Canadian Dollars)

Adult (18+): \$30
Adult Member: \$20
17 and under: Free
Feast reservations and allergy notifications must be received by February 7th.

Checks payable to SCA Inc- Barony of Castel Rouge (Must be Canadian Dollars)

Planned Activities: Lantern Decorating, Classes, Armored Combat, Rapier Combat. Lunch will be provided and is included in site fee. Site is accessible.

Event Site: <https://www.castelrouge.ca/castel-rouge-lantern-festival/>

Registration Site: <https://tinyurl.com/Castel-Lantern-Fest>

Mail any checks to: Barony of Castel Rouge PO Box 68008 Osborne Village Winnipeg, MB R3L 2V9

Event Steward(s): Lord Luca Stefano da Polonia, Lady Catherine Marie Hayes, THL Gal Mergan. events@castelrouge.ca

<https://northshield.org/calendar/1519/>

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

SHIRE OF SILFREN MERE

Silfren Mere Winter Games II



Pine Island United Methodist Church
200 N. Main Street. Pine Island, MN 55693
Site opens 9 am. Site closes 5 pm

Fees:

Site Fee is free will donation

Checks payable to SCA Inc- Shire of Silfren Mere

Planned Activities: Period Games. Site is accessible. Children's activities available. Populace space is available.

Event Steward: Anplica Fiore (Rachel Gray) 507-421-1231, anplica@gmail.com.

<https://northshield.org/calendar/1523>

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

BARONY OF JARARVELLIR



Fighting in the Shade

UW Stock Pavilion
1675 Linden Drive, Madison, WI 53706
Site opens 7am. Site closes 6pm

Fees:

Donation Only
No Food allowed inside
the Stock Pavilion

Checks payable to SCA WI Inc- Barony of Windhaven

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Combat Archery authorization, Melee. No children's activities.

Building and arena floor have ramps.

Wheelchair/scooter accessible. Cement arena seating open to participants and spectators.

Event Steward: Svala Leifsdottir (Lauren Perry)
svalaleifsdottirsca@gmail.com

<https://northshield.org/calendar/1521/>

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.
- 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.
- Kingdom Advocate: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- Emergency Deputy Kingdom Exchequer: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer. Open until filled.

DEAR ABBESS,

WITH THE JOY OF THE EARLY WINTER FEAST DAYS HAVING PASSED, I FIND MYSELF AT LOOSE ENDS. I HAVE OF COURSE ATTENDED TO ALL MY HOUSEHOLD CHORES AND HAVE GOTTEN CAUGHT UP ON MY KNITTING, SPINNING,



AND MENDING. HOWEVER, I CONFESS I LONG FOR THE LIVELY ACTIVITIES OF THE SPRING AND SUMMER. WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?
-TRAPPED IN THE Tedium.

DER TRAPPED,

REMEMBER THE SMOL CATTES IN THE HAUS.
PEY NEED MOR PETS AND STRINGGES TO CHAYSE.

CATTE HAZ NAPS WITH ABBESS AFTER SOPS. PERFECT.
ALWAYS BE LIKE CATTE.

-ABBESS—THE ABBEY CATTE

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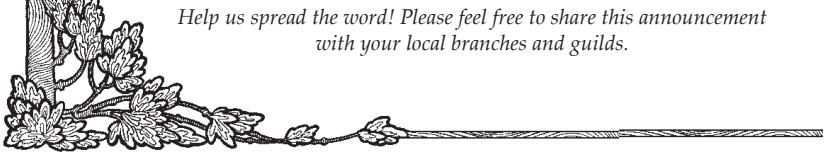
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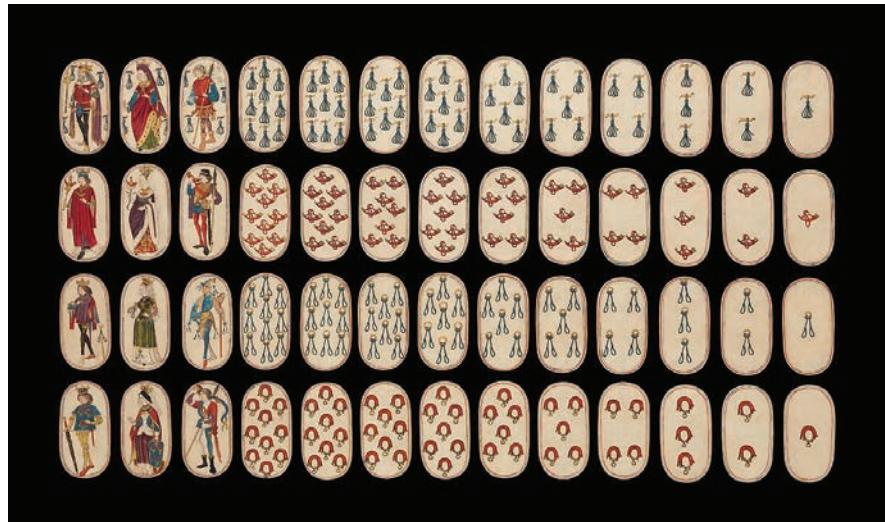
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