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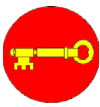
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Northshield Event Calendar

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 2025 (AS LIX)

- 14-16.....Ædult Swim, Kingdom of Æthelmarc (Johnstown, PA) 🏰 🏰
- 15.....Hertzkrieg 28, College of Svatý Sebesta (Vermillion, SD) 🏰 🏰
- 17-21.....Officer's Week, Kingdom of Northshield (online)
- 20.....Deadline for April 2025 *Northwatch* (Nonsense)
- 22.....Fighter's School 2025, Barony of Windhaven (Fond du Lac, WI) 🏰 🏰 🏰
- 22.....The Most Excellent Winter Extravaganza & Clinic, Shire of Korsvag (Portland, ND)

March 2025 (AS LIX)

- 1.....Silfren Mere Winter Games, Shire of Silfren Mere (Pine Island, MN)
- 1.....Fighting in the Shade, Barony of Jararvellir (Madison, WI)
- 8-16.....Gulf Wars, Kingdom of Gleann Abhann (Lumberton, MS) 🏰 🏰 🏰
- 14-16.....That Moot Thingy 25, Canton of Coille Stoirmeil (Tomah, WI)
- 20.....Deadline for May 2025 *Northwatch* (New Year)
- 22.....Medieval Religions, Spiritual Practices, and the Supernatural Symposium, Barony of Jararvellir (Madison, WI)
- 29.....Tournament of Chivalry, Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Garden City, MN) 🏰 🏰

April 2025 (AS LIX)

- 19.....Northshield Spring Coronation, Barony of Nordskogen (Ramsey, MN) 🏰 🏰 🏰 🏰
- 20.....Deadline for June 2025 *Northwatch* (Pride Colors)
- 25.....Provost Challenge, Shire of Coldebernale (Ft. Pierre, SD)
- 26.....Spring Fling!, Barony of Jararvellir (Madison, WI)

May 2025 (AS LX)

- 10.....Northshield Spring Crown Tournament, Barony of Windhaven (Fond du Lac, WI) 🏰 🏰
- 17.....Bardic Madness XXXII – The Silk Road, Shire of Inner Sea (Duluth, MN)
- 20.....Deadline for July 2025 *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

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.

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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.

April 2025 meeting: Hybrid. July 2025 meeting: Virtual. October 2025 meeting: Hybrid.



Their Royal Majesties

Hail, Northshield!!

The timing of *Northwatch* submissions does not allow for a lot of opportunity to discuss events that have just happened while also addressing upcoming activities. This month the timing for submissions is right after Nordskogen's Twelfth Night, which was an absolutely excellent event. There was a huge arts and sciences display, as well as tournaments, good food, and social time. There was an excellent turnout for the Royal Armorer's competition. Northshield's armors, past and present, have inspired many armorers, His Majesty included, to take up the art. Hopefully We can rekindle that fire. The courts were indeed busy, with multiple peerage elevations, worthy gentles placed on vigil, and some entertainment.

While the midwinter central Northshield weather certainly did not feel like warming was upon Us, at Twelfth Night We consulted with Our Team of Thirteen about the dread fire-breathing Wyrms that has appeared on the northern borders of Our realm, seeking to form a plan to handle the beast. We asked Our legal expert, Baron Gabriel, whether the realm has any laws concerning dragons. With the aid of his law clerk, he consulted the weighty tome of kingdom law and revealed to Us that Northshield has but one law concerning dragons; namely that it is legal in Northshield to keep a dragon as a pet, if one has a permit. Astonished, We asked who can grant such a permit, and found that, lo, it is the monarchs of the kingdom who have that power. We Ourselves can grant that permit, which Gabriel did produce for Us. Hmm. We marvel that that aspect of Our power was not previously relayed to Us, but surmise it has seldom been needed!

Next, We conferred with Martin, who has great skill in engineering, to see if he had ideas for devices that might kill or capture the Wyrms. Our request for proposals resulted in several interesting ideas that were discussed in court and will be followed up on. The initial item was a tiny crossbow. While it looked like it needed to grow a bit, it appears promising. Also, it could possibly throw a net to capture a Wyrms. We wonder how the clowder would deal with a new friend.

By the time this missive is out, Northshield will have had a busy February. Their Highnesses will have held their first regency courts. The Crowns will have visited Æthelmearc and the Midrealm. And the Kingdom will have had excellent Archery, Rapier and Armored training experiences.

We have been consulting with the other Crowns to decide who Northshield will fight with at Gulf Wars. The numbers look very close, so the fighting should be challenging. Having consulted Our fighters, Our initial plan is that the Northshield Armored Army will support Trimaris. Our Rapier Army will support Ansteorra. We Ourselves plan to fight with both armies. Unless We must change things up to balance sides, Northshield will win the war.

Thora & Thorbrandr

Their Royal Highnesses

To the populace of Northshield do Their Highnesses Skio and Aelina send salutations.

We spent the beginning of the mundane year with Our very first relatives, the West Kingdom, for their Twelfth Night and Coronation. We engaged in some interkingdom anthropology as We attended many vigils and peerages and a humorous retelling of classic fairytales. We saw old friends and made new ones, and We enjoyed some incredible Persian food (try Skewers if you wind up in Modesto, CA). One great highlight of this visit was seeing Jane the Changed receive Knighthood as the second out trans person to do so in the SCA. A peer indeed! Unfortunately, new strains of plague brought Her Highness low, and She was forced to miss Her own Twelfth Night in Nordskogen and ask entrants in the Princess's Sleeve Tournament to sheathe their blades until its rescheduled date at Lupericalia. His Highness enjoyed a

fine day of fighting, visiting, and well-deserved awards, and Her Highness spent the day in bed and reaped the benefits of cookies and stories when He returned. Many thanks to the staff for a splendid event and to Duke Vlad and the rapier marshals for managing the unexpected change of schedule with grace. This month We look forward to seeing Our traveling fighters, archers, artisans, teachers, and ambassadors at Gulf Wars. Travel safe, and wash your hands, lest you too fall prey to the plague!

Respectfully,

Skio & Aelina



Kingdom Seneschal

Dearest Northshield,

The first rumblings of spring are upon us! The warm winds of the south are starting to blow north. As we leave our homes to adventure out to events, I hope your travels are safe and full of fun and glad tidings! Spring is my favorite time of year and I look forward to warmer and longer days. My favorite part of spring is the new animals that are born. Since I was little, I always enjoyed watching the new lambs with springs in their steps, the new foals discovering their long legs and the calves bounding with endless energy. I also loved watching the chicks hatch and explore the world. This year I encourage you to spring into action! We are still in need of many deputy and officer positions within the Kingdom. If you (or someone you know) might be interested in a position, please reach out.

It has been and continues to be my greatest honor to serve you.

Morgaine



Kingdom Polaris Herald

No missive this month.

Calamus



**Chancellor of the
Exchequer**

Greetings, Exchequers!

I announce with great joy that I have located my successor, THL Lachlann

del Glen! Lachlann is currently serving as Nordskogen's exchequer and, once he finds and trains a replacement, we will transition the role. The general target is Spring Coronation, but may happen later depending on the Nordskogen transition.

In service,

Æsa



Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings, Northshield,

When it came time to write this month's letter, I had initially planned on sharing my deep and abiding love for medieval bestiary illuminations, along this month's theme. Instead, I want to talk about something more personal.

Over the decades I've been in the SCA, many people have asked why I participate, and I usually say, "I like to make things." But this year's magical 12th Night/Frosty Fete demonstrated a deeper truth, showing the integration of the arts and sciences into every aspect of our game, something we often overlook.

I either witnessed or participated in talking about the impact of teaching, sharing fiber art and wonderful food. I heard merchants making beautiful music, saw stunning garb, jaw-dropping scrolls, deep discussions about armor, how the turn of a wrist can affect a fencer's combat, and more. But even more importantly, I was struck by the connections between the arts and service to our kingdom, discussed again and again during the elevations of new peers and other awards. It's this joy in sharing the beauty of the SCA that keeps me coming back.

Opportunities for creating, connecting and learning can be made formally, through events like A&S and SUN (watch for more information on both!) or informally. If we can make space for sharing and connection, they can be invaluable to us personally and to our kingdom.

Yours in service,

Neave



Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace of Northshield,

I am looking forward to Officers' Week, to be held online during the weeknights of February 17-21. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the local and kingdom officers to meet each other and meet prospective officers, share ideas, ask questions, and learn more about the offices. The webministers will meet on Monday, February 17th, and the chroniclers & SMOs will meet on Thursday, February 20th.

My term as Kingdom Chronicler ends on June 1, 2025, the end of a full third year in office. At that point, I will be term-limited and must step down. Letters of Intent are due by March 1, 2025, to chronicler@northshield.org, to provide time for Stallari to review the applicants, and provide training to my successor. At the time of writing this missive, six weeks before March 1st, I have not received any applicants. Should anyone wish to apply and step up into the office before then, I will gladly retire earlier. **The office is a required office for a kingdom.** It is a largely administrative position, overseeing the specialized deputies who do much of the day-to-day work of their areas. The Kingdom Chronicler is also a voting member of the Stallari Council and Kingdom Finance Committee. If anyone has any interest in serving in this office, or any of the many deputy positions, please let me know, I am always glad to talk about is involved with the offices.

Baroness Ceolwyn, the kingdom social media officer, is looking for volunteers to manage the Northshield Discord, Instagram, and Tik Tok accounts. If you are interested in being a content creator, please contact Baroness Ceolwyn at socialmedia@northshield.org. Her Excellency is also looking for a deputy that she can train as her successor.

Please review the Help Wanted section in the *Northwatch* and the kingdom website.

Ever in service to Crown, Kingdom, and you,

Arnbjörn



Northwatch Editor

Cén scéal? What's the news?

I am looking for a successor. The Newsletter Editor position involves about 10 hours of work per month. **The application deadline has moved up! If you are interested in the job, please apply by March 1.**

Thank you to Morgaine for sharing all the wonderful images of her Beastes for this issue. Our upcoming newsletter themes are as follows, but please submit art and articles about anything at all for the edification of the kingdom.

- February 20 – Nonsense – It's time again for an April celebration of Foolishness, Jokes, and Nonsense of all varieties!
- March 20 – Happy New Year! – What are you looking forward to in AS LX?
- April 20 – Show Your Colors – Share your fanciest, favorite looks for Pride.

Please send all questions or submissions to northwatch@northshield.org.

Grainne



Kingdom Earl Marshal

Greetings,

Here are the changes to the Northshield Rapier Rules for Spears.

2.2. Weapons and Parrying Devices

Previous:

A. Weapons

Heavy rapier blades are the only sword blades allowed for use in Northshield. A list of rapier and dagger blades approved for use in Northshield are listed in Appendix 1 of this handbook.

Revised:

A. Weapons

Heavy rapier blades are the only sword blades allowed for use in Northshield. Spears are allowed per rules and regulations found in the SCA Fencing Marshals Handbook. A list of rapier and dagger blades approved for use in Northshield are listed in Appendix 1 of this handbook.

Previous:

B. Prohibited Blades and Weapons:

Foils and epees are expressly prohibited for use in rapier combat in Northshield. Rigid steel "parrying-only" daggers, such as those made from cut down blades, will not be allowed. Flexidaggers are prohibited in Northshield. Rapier Spears are not legal for use in Northshield.

Revised:

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A4.3 Weapons and Parrying Devices

A. Weapons

Previous:

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Foils, epees, schlaggers, fiberglass blades, and rattan blades are expressly prohibited in Cut and Thrust combat in Northshield. All blades marked as great swords, spadones, or montantes are also prohibited for use in Northield. Rapier spear/pole arms cannot be used in Cut and Thrust combat.

Revised:

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Foils, epees, schlaggers, fiberglass blades, and rattan blades are expressly prohibited in Cut and Thrust combat in Northshield. All blades marked as great swords, spadones, or montantes are also prohibited for use in Northield. ~~Rapier spear/pole arms cannot be used in Cut and Thrust combat.~~

Armond



SCA Corporate Announcements

Feedback Request – Policy on Conduct

The Board of Directors is asking for feedback on the addition of a "Policy on Conduct" to the Corporate Policies

of SCA, Inc. which is suggested by the Society President.

Background:

The Society President listened to feedback from members about having more transparency. SCA, Inc. has concerns about legal risk to the corporation and harm to its members. There is a balance on how much information can be shared. Most people who wrote to the President mentioned sanctions (punishments for breaking rules). Many wanted clear rules to better understand what kinds of actions lead to sanctions.

Purpose:

The SCA has always valued keeping some things private, in order to protect the corporation and its membership, and has not talked much about sanctions in the past. The organization doesn't want to focus on the personal stories of those who break the rules or are investigated as this could lead to the very real danger of retaliation. However, members have asked for more transparency about why sanctions are given.

The Policy on Conduct helps balance the need for privacy with the desire for transparency. Sanctions can be upsetting, but the rules are important for the safety and fairness of everyone who participates in the SCA.

Design:

The Policy on Conduct brings together all the main reasons someone might break the rules of the SCA. These rules aren't new, but they are now organized in one place to make them easier for everyone to find. The rules are kept simple but clear enough to give guidance without putting the organization at risk. More detailed explanations of the rules are found in other handbooks and policies.

Benefits:

This policy helps the Board of Directors explain their decisions more clearly. It also gives a guide for investigations and helps members understand the reasons for sanctions. It should assist to build trust between the Board and the members by showing clear expectations for how everyone should behave in the SCA.

Summary:

It is suggested that a "Policy on Conduct" be added to the SCA Corporate Policies. Taking existing rules and gathering them into one policy helps the membership

better understand what leads to sanctions. Stating the rules with more flexibility allows the Board to explain their decisions in a way that is less risky to the Corporation. This "Policy on Conduct" allows more transparency for sanctions and helps the members know what rules not to break.

XX. Policy on Conduct

To promote a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all participants, this Policy on Conduct outlines the expectations for behavior during all SCA events, activities, and interactions, both in-person and online. This policy does not supersede modern law. Violations of modern law should be reported to the law enforcement authorities.

A. Adherence to SCA Rules and Laws

1. All participants must adhere to the SCA's governing documents (Corpora, Corporate Policies, and By-laws), as well as Board-approved SCA Officer Policies, Kingdom Law, and any event-specific rules. Understanding and following these rules is the responsibility of all participants

2. Participants are expected to respect the decisions and directions of SCA officers, marshals, and event staff. These individuals are responsible for upholding the rules and safety standards of the SCA. Disagreements may be addressed through the chain of appeals as necessary.

3. Participants shall not behave in a manner which could put the SCA or its participants at risk or fear of imminent harm.

4. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to warnings, or Sanctions up to and including temporary removal of participation or revocation and denial of membership in the SCA. The degree of the action will depend on the nature, frequency, and severity of the violation(s).

B. Responsible with Resources

1. Corporate and Kingdom financial policies must be followed. This policy may be further defined in the "Society Financial Policy," individual Kingdom policies, and SCA Corporate Treasurer documents.

2. Officers and members responsible for managing SCA funds must ensure that

financial resources are used prudently, with transparency and accountability. See also "Exchequer's Handbook."

C. Respect towards Participants

1. The SCA promotes an environment free of bullying and harassment of all individuals and groups. This policy may be further defined in the Seneschal Handbook Policy on "Harassment and Bullying" and the SCA Conduct and Behavior Documents.

2. The SCA is committed to creating a welcoming environment for all participants. Discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability, age, or background is not allowed.

3. The SCA prohibits non-consensual sexual behavior including but not limited to sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, and sexual violence. This policy may be further defined in the Seneschal Handbook "Sexual Misconduct Policy" and the SCA Conduct and Behavior Documents.

D. Responsible with Minors

1. The responsibility for the care, supervision, and behavior of minor children rests solely with their parents or legal guardians at all SCA events, activities, and gatherings at all times. This policy may be further defined in the Seneschal Handbook "Dealing with Minor/Youth-Related Policies."

2. Parents and legal guardians are not relieved of their primary responsibility for the welfare and behavior of minors under their supervision when participating in SCA Youth Activities. This policy may be further defined in the Seneschal Handbook "Dealing with Minor/Youth-Related Policies."

E. Safety and Well-being

1. All participants must prioritize the safety of themselves and others during all activities.

2. Compliance with SCA established safety regulations and procedures is mandatory.

3. The possession of modern firearms at SCA events is prohibited. This policy may be further defined in the Seneschal Handbook "Firearms Policy."

F. Animals

1. The responsibility for the care, supervision, and behavior of pets and/or service animals rests solely with their owners at all SCA events, activities,

and gatherings at all times. This policy may be further defined in the Seneschal Handbook "Service Animals Policy" and "Pets at Official SCA Activities Policy."

2. Where animal restrictions apply, the only service animals allowed are those permitted under modern law. This policy may be further defined in the Seneschal Handbook "Service Animals Policy" and "Pets at Official SCA Activities Policy."

3. The hunting or slaughtering of live animals is prohibited at SCA functions. This policy may be further defined in the Seneschal Handbook "Policy on Hunting, Slaughtering, and Butchering."

G. Reporting and Enforcement

1. Members are encouraged to report any violations of this policy to the Office of the Seneschal. Reports must be made in good faith.

2. Reports of misconduct must be a non-anonymous first-person account. The SCA will document and keep reports confidential. Should an investigation become necessary, it will be conducted fairly and confidentially, respecting the rights of all parties involved.

The Organizational Handbook of the SCA, including Corpora, the By-Laws, and Corporate Policies of the SCA, Inc. can be found in its entirety here:

<https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/govdocs/>

Please email all commentary to SCA-Comments@sca.org and use the title "Policy on Conduct" in the subject line.

NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will mark your message as spam and it will be rejected by the server.

You can also send commentary by mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
RE: Policy on Conduct
PO Box 66347
Scotts Valley, CA 95067

Please provide commentary by February 28, 2025.

Applications for Society Webminister Open

Are you passionate about effective, accessible web sites and timely communication?

Do you want to ensure that SCA websites across the world are:

- effective,
- functional,
- appealing,
- easily found, and
- compliant?

Does the idea of working across the Known World to help others and to sustain the SCA's web presence bring you joy?

If you answered yes to these questions then the role of Society Webminister might be for you!

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is seeking candidates for the position of Society Webminister.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

- Supervision and warranting of kingdom webministers.
- Oversight of kingdom websites for content and compliance.
- Assist kingdom webministers in developing and enforcing kingdom-level guidelines for local SCA group websites.
- Act as subject matter expert and resource regarding issues related to websites at the kingdom and local levels including technology, copyright and privacy-related issues.
- Maintain communications with kingdom webministers to ensure both timely reporting from kingdoms and distribution of policies to kingdoms.
- Report quarterly to the Manager of Information Technology and the Board of Directors.

Qualifications:

- Experience as a SCA webminister; kingdom webminister experience highly desired
- Moderate to expert knowledge of web technologies (e.g. HTML, CSS, PHP, Java, ASP, web hosting, domain names)
- Moderate Microsoft Word proficiency

- Thorough knowledge of webminister policies and procedures
- Professional verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to effectively communicate and work with all webministers and officers
- Dependable email and phone access

The Society Webminister is appointed by the Board but will report directly to the Vice President of Information Technology and the Board of Directors. The Society Webminister is warranted for a three-year term of service.

Copies of résumés (both professional and SCA related, including offices held and honors received) must be sent to resumes@sca.org, it@sca.org, and webminister@sca.org

Résumés must be received by February 28th, 2025

Our P.O. Box has Changed!

Our P.O. Box has changed and it's time to update your address books and bookmark this post.

As of January 1, 2025, the official PO Box for the Corporate Office has been updated.

Please update your records and send all future correspondence to:

PO Box 66347

Scotts Valley, CA 95067

We have been working to ensure that all relevant documents and websites are updated, and mail forwarding from the San Jose PO Box will continue for some time to ensure all mail sent reaches its intended destination while the change occurs.



MORE CHICKENS!

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Court of TRM Thorbrandr & Thora

Twelfth Night, part 1

A report from the Court of Northshield held 18 January AS 59 (2025 CE) in the Barony of Nordskogen at Twelfth Night before court in the Royalty room.

Herald of Record: Katerinka Lvovicha; Seneschal: Morgaine Scott Blood.

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Peter Joyner

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Royal Consort's Cypher

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Maestra Margalit's Paired Poetry Challenge

By Margalit Medicus <feldm010 at umn.edu>

Welcome to the Challenge!

Poetry challenges were common across the pre-Modern (Period) world. For example, formal *utaawase* (waka) poetry contests existed in the Japanese Heian period (794-1185 CE), and Chinese challenges are documented during the Tang dynasty. European, Middle Eastern, and African poetic challenge traditions are less well documented, but have included response, debate or answer poems, in which one poet responds to a theme, dichotomy or specific poem presented by another.

All are welcome to join in the Challenge. It is NOT a judged contest.

Basic rules:

1. Two-person "teams" enter the Challenge. A team can enter together, or you can enter solo and be randomly matched with a partner.
2. Each team will choose a) one of the themes, b) a Challenge Level, and c) which of the pair writes first.
3. Team member #1 composes their poem, then passes it to Team member #2, who composes their response, both using the same theme. Team member #2's poem must clearly reference/respond to Team member #1's poem.
 - a. All poems must be in a documented Period style/format

(i.e., sonnet, waka, quintain, etc.),
length limited to 1 page.

- b. Each author should briefly state the style/format, the approximate time period and place of that style, and a description of the style (see below).
- c. Other limitations as per the Challenge Level.

Challenge Starts: Feb. 14, 2025

Challenge Ends: May 14, 2025

Themes: Love, the Moon, Spring, Honor, Northshield, Margalit's die role (random off an eight-sided die).

Challenge Level I: Initial Poem and Response Poem can be from different styles, places, and times within Period (example: sonnet/Masnavi).

Challenge Level II: Initial Poem and Response Poem can be from different styles, but must match either the same approximate time period or the same approximate place within Period (example: Both Persian styles, but used in different time periods, or two styles circa 1500-1600's but one Western European and one Slavic).

Challenge Level III: Initial and Response Poems both using the same style (and thus same time period and place).

Challenge Bonus Points: One or both authors use a language other than

English. An English translation must accompany their poem.

Submission format:

Initial Poem first, Response Poem follows (or side by side).

Typed in legible font.

Include: theme, SCA name, modern name, poem style, time period and place, brief description of structure of the style.

Email to: feldm010 at umn.edu.

Example:

Theme: Moon

Lord William Not Shakespeare (Bill Smith)

"Ode to the Harvest Moon"

(Poem here)

Petrarchan or Italian sonnet

Initially Italy 1200's, through Western Europe, England throughout Period. Structure:

- Fourteen lines
- Iambic pentameter
- An octave (8 lines) followed by a sestet (6 lines)
- Octave rhyme scheme of ABBAABBA
- Sestet rhyme scheme of CDCCDC or CDECDE

BABY BUNNY!

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FROM MY HATCHING ADVENTURE,
WHITE PEAFOWL CHICK

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FROM MY OWN SILKWORM-
RAISING ADVENTURES

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A GOOD FARM IS LOST
WITHOUT A COLLIE
GUIDING IT

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[FROM A PIECE OF RICE PAPER BATTED UNDER THE BED]
DEAR ABBESS:

Is a monkey smart or foolish? Sometimes the stories have monkeys tricking people or yokai or other animals like the powerful, often-naughty Son Goku, but my mother also told me a story about a monkey who tried to catch the moon in a pond. Even my little brother knows you can only touch *water* in the pond and he only celebrated Hakamagi-no-Gi this year.

—CURIOUS AS A MONKEY



DER CURIOUS,

(I think a monkey must
be a kind of grabbing
thing lyk a childe...)

Lik mony beastes,
including cattes, som
maybe wicked, som
gentil, som foolish, som
wyse. Do þe stories tell

of monkeys as real beastes or insted som lesen for yow to
leran?

—ABBESS THE ABBEY CATTE

HAKAMAGI-NO-GI IS A RITE OF PASSAGE CELEBRATION FOR A FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY. JAPANESE FOLKLORE ABOUT MONKEYS OFTEN CASTS THEM AS LONG-LIVED TRICKSTERS, AND SPIRITS WHO LOOK LIKE MONKEYS ARE ALMOST ALWAYS WICKED (POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS THE ANIMALS OFTEN CAUSE FARMERS). SON GOKU, OR SUN WUKONG IN THE ORIGINAL CHINESE, IS THE HERO OF THE NOVEL *JOURNEY TO THE WEST* BY WU CHENG'EN (PUBLISHED 1512 CE), AN ABRIDGED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE VERSION OF WHICH CAN BE READ HERE: [HTTPS://THEJOURNEYTOWEST.COM/](https://thejourneytothewest.com/) OR THE ORIGINAL IN TRADITIONAL CHINESE HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.GUTENBERG.ORG/EBOOKS/23962](https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/23962)

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.

HELP WANTED

See the Kingdom website at <http://northshield.org/Posts/Display.aspx?ID=5722> or email the contact below for complete descriptions of the following positions; see email addresses on page 2. See Kingdom Directory for other current vacancies.

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APRIL 19, 2024

BARONY OF NORDSKOGEN



Northshield Spring Coronation

Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303, USA

Site opens 9am. Site closes 8:30pm.

Fees:

Adult \$25
Adult member \$15
Youth free

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc-Barony of Nordskogen.

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, A&S Display, Classes, Rapier Combat.

Populace/presence space available. ADA accessible.

Site is dry.

Event Stewards

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<https://northshield.org/Events/EventAd.aspx?ID=4559>

MARCH 1, 2025

BARONY OF JARARVELLIR

Fighting in the Shade



UW Stock Pavilion
1675 Linden Dr., Madison, WI 53706, USA
Site opens 9am. Site closes 4pm.

Fees:

Donation only.

Planned Activities:

 Armored Combat.

Building and arena floor have ramps. Wheelchair/scooter accessible. No children's activities or merchant space. Cement arena seating open to participants and spectators. No food/drink allowed in building. Snacks and drinks will be available outside the building.

A day of authorizations and armored combat, with a focus on melee and combat archery.

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<https://northshield.org/Events/EventAd.aspx?ID=4759>

MARCH 14-16, 2025

CANTON OF COILLE STOIRMEIL

That Mooty Thing XXV: The Forest in the Fish Wait What?



Tomah Recreation Park Recreation Building
1625 Butts Ave. Tomah, WI 54660, USA
Site opens 9am Friday. Site closes noon Sunday.

Fees:

Wkend Adult (18+) \$30	Day Trip Youth \$5
Wkend Member \$20	Under 5 free
Wkend Youth (5-17) \$10	Family Cap \$70
Day Trip Adult \$20	Family Member Cap \$50
Day Trip Member \$10	Feast \$20, lap sitters free

Make checks payable to: SCA WI Inc-Canton of Coille Stoirmeil.

Planned Activities: Games. Site is accessible. Children's activities available. Populace/presence space available. No merchant space. Showers available. Travelers feed Friday night, Breakfast Saturday and Sunday, Lunch Saturday, all by donation.

Our usual array of games and contests for all ages!

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<https://northshield.org/Events/EventAd.aspx?ID=4749>

MARCH 22, 2025

BARONY OF JARARVELLIR

Medieval Religions, Spiritual Practices, & the Supernatural Symposium



Edgewood College
1000 Edgewood College Dr., Madison, WI 53711, USA
Site opens 9am. Site closes 7pm.

Fees:

Donation only.

Make checks payable to: SCA WI Inc-Barony of Jararvellir.

Planned Activities: Classes. Site is accessible. There are two on-site food vendors for lunch. Offboard seating available. Site is dry. No open flame.

This will be a day of classes involving anything related to medieval religions, spiritual practices, and the supernatural. This may include classes about medieval religious figures (popes, saints, etc.), divination (like attempting to tell the future using cheese, yes that was a real thing), the pantheons of different cultures (like Greek gods and goddesses), the supernatural (like classes on the medieval concept of fairies), and much more.

Event Stewards

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MARCH 29, 2025

SHIRE OF RIVENWOOD TOWER

Tournament of Chivalry



Garden City Community Center
114 West Pleasant St., Garden City, MN 56034, USA
Site opens 9am. Site closes 7pm.

Fees:

Adult (18+) \$20	Ages 17 and under free
Adult Member \$10	

*Make checks payable to: SCA Inc-Shire of Rivenwood Tower. Pre-reg deadline 3/14/25. <https://sites.google.com/view/toc-2025/home> or mail paid reservation to: Richard Tate
2040 Cadbury Court, North Mankato, MN 56003.*

Planned Activities: Armored Combat. Site is accessible. Populace/presence space available. Merchant space available (free). Lunch, beverages, & snacks included in site fee.

Unbelted Fighters! Come show your prowess and fight against members of the Chivalry. Fight and Learn!

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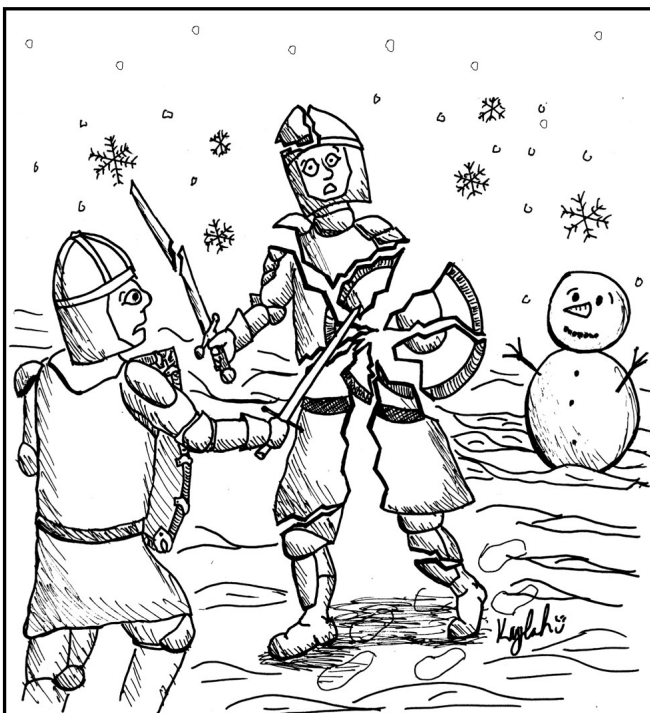
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- the Change of Officer form on the website is only for new,
incoming officers. **New seneschals** must also send the
appropriate paperwork to the Kingdom Seneschal to be listed.

Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful



Caution: items may
shatter upon impact when cold.