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Inuenta conspicilla sunt, quæ luminum Obscuriores detegunt caligines .

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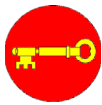
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Northshield Event Calendar

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.

June 2024 (AS LIX)

- 7-16 **Lilies War 2024**, Kingdom of Calontir (**Smithville, MO**)
- 15 **Untitled Rapier Event**, Barony of Jararvellir (**Madison, WI**) 👑
- 20 **Deadline for July 2024 Northwatch** (Heraldic Decoration)
- 22 **Castle Fever**, Shire of Silfren Mere (**Oronoco, MN**) 🏰
- 29 **Hero's Feast**, Shire of Colderdernihale (**Pierre, SD**)
- 29-30 **Known World Heraldic & Scribal Symposium**, Kingdom of the East (**Philadelphia, PA**)

July 2024 (AS LIX)

- 2-7 **An Tir West War XXXVIII**, Kingdom of An Tir (**Gold Beach, OR**)
- 3-7 **Battlemoor**, Kingdom of Outlands (**Aguilar, CO**)
- 4-7 **Known World Dance and Music Symposium XIV**, Kingdom of Middle (**Danville, IN**)
- 5-7 **Midsummer's Eve XXI: Academy of Arts & Sciences**, Shire of Trewint (**Wessington Springs, SD**)
- 5-7 **Thatsa Mare – Gone to Plaid!**, Shire of Mare Amethystinum (**South Gilles, ON**)
- 11-14 **Warriors and Warlords XXIX**, Barony of Nordskogen (**Tomah, WI**) 🏰 🏰 🏰
- 20 **Deadline for July 2024 Northwatch** (Advice)
- 26-8/11 . . . **Pennsic War 51**, Kingdom of Æthelmearc (**Slippery Rock PA**) 🏰 🏰 🏰

August 2024 (AS LIX)

- 15-18 **BYOM XX/Vilku Urvas XXV**, Shire of Vilku Urvas (**Deer River, MN**)
- 16-18 **Poor Man's Pennsic**, Shire of Falcon's Keep (**Wisconsin Rapids, WI**)
- 20 **Deadline for July 2024 Northwatch** (Cartography)
- 22-25 **St. Radegund's Rose Tourney**, Shire of Rivenwood Tower (**Mankato, MN**) 🏰 🏰
- 30-9/2 . . . **Known World Cooks & Bards**, Kingdom of Æthelmearc (**Deposit, NY**)
- 30-9/2 . . . **Constantinople to Istanbul - A Gimli Event**, Barony of Castel Rouge (**Gimli, MB**)



👑 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.**

July 2024 meeting: Virtual (Tentative). October 2024 meeting: TBD. January 2025 meeting: TBD.



Their Royal Majesties

No missive this month.

Hans & Genevieve

Their Royal Highnesses

Hi, Northshield!

The Northern Lights were indeed smiling upon us at Crown. We are very honored to be the Heirs of this fine kingdom. In our time visiting here over the years, and now living here, we have really come to love Northshield. We look forward to holding our first reign together here.

First, we would like to thank everyone who lent a hand at Crown: during the tournament, through the day helping with the event, and when we needed to pack out early to catch a flight. The extra hands really helped us make it out in time. To our advisors on Northshield history and precedent, again, thank you. It is appreciated! This includes the fantastic handbook prepared by the Stallari council. Having seen firsthand how things are done in other kingdoms, this handbook highlights how well Northshield is run.

We will be announcing the format for our Crown Tournament soon. In the meantime, practice! For those for whom this Crown could lead to your first reign, please know that Northshield and the Stallari have things well in hand to help

Planning is well under way for the reign and we are getting some of the projects up and running. This should be fun. In the near term, we plan on attending Warriors and Warlords and Pennsic. We look forward to seeing Northshield there!

Finally, please get award recommendations in.

Thora & Thorbrandr



Kingdom Seneschal

Dearest Northshield,

Where did spring go? I hope to see you at one of our amazing summer events and will plan to hold a Seneschal meet-and-greet at WW.

We have lots of kingdom positions open. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions. Take a look and see if any of them fit your interests! We need help running this amazing kingdom we all love.

Truly it is great to be Northshield.

In grateful Service,

Morgaine



Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings, Exchequers!

Things are still quiet with the Exchequer's office. I am still looking for a replacement.

Speaking of a replacement, we have one for Mistress Nell, our hard-working PayPal deputy! Baroness Annora le Spindlere will replace Nell in the near future.

All of my thanks to Nell for her hard work in the job, as well as building on the strong foundation laid by her predecessors. She refined the process and has worked to make it as easy as possible for groups to use.

In service,

Æsa



Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings!

As July is almost upon us, the Kingdom Arts & Sciences Faire has come and gone and the Kingdom is looking forward to Warriors & Warlords. As usual, this event will be one of the largest gatherings in Northshield and there will be classes and other learning opportunities to enjoy. Stay tuned for the schedule of classes – I hope to see you there!

Farolfus



Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace of Northshield, Welcome to Summer! I am still waiting for the nominations and winners of the William Blackfox Awards for AS LVII to

be announced at the time of this writing. At Warriors & Warlords, I plan to hold a meet-and-greet for the kingdom chronicler staff and local chroniclers. Anyone interested in learning more about the chronicler's and social media officer's offices, either at the local or kingdom level, are more than welcome to attend.

In the meanwhile, I have some good news to report. First, the new edition of the *Well-Versed Northwatch* is available on the Society website, under "Newsletters". Thank you to all the contributors and bantiarna Grainne, the *Northwatch* editor, for all her work putting it together. And my very long list of office openings is shorter now. Welcome aboard to The Honourable Lady Aemilia Tacita as the kingdom's new Media Relations Deputy and The Honorable Lady Dyonisia Buleheued as the kingdom's new File Clerk. Thank you both for volunteering and thank you to Baronössa Xanthippe staying on as the Deputy File Clerk.

My term as Kingdom Chronicler technically ends June 1, 2024. I will ask for an extension for a few months to find a successor. I would like to receive letters of intent by July 1, 2024, to provide time for Stallari to review the applicants, and provide training to my successor. 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 what is involved with the offices.

Ever in service to Crown, Kingdom, and you,

Arnbjörn



Northwatch Editor

Cén scéal? What's the news?

We have some belated court updates, period accessibility images, and a story this month! Our upcoming newsletter themes are as follows, but please submit art and articles about anything at all for the edification of the kingdom.

- June 20 – Heraldic Decoration – So you have a coat of arms, possibly a badge... Now what do you do with it?
- July 20 – Advice – Offer your best (or worst!) or silliest advice to newcomers to your favorite activity.

- August 20 – Maps & Cartography – How do we picture the world?

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

Grainne



Kingdom Earl Marshal

No missive this month:

Armond



A missive from the Thrown Weapons Marshal:

Greetings to the Northshield Thrown Weapons community! On June 1, THL Ronin the Bowleg concluded his term as the Kingdom Deputy Earl Marshal for Thrown Weapons; many thanks to THL Ronin for his service these past three years!

As the incoming TW DEM, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and make known some of my goals while in the position. I'm Aine ingen MaelPtraic, mka Teri Hinds, and have been active in the SCA for over 25 years, participating in thrown weapons activities since 2016 and becoming a warranted TW marshal in 2017 (in Atlantia until my warrant was transferred when I returned to Northshield during the pandemic).

My biggest priority as DEM for Thrown Weapons is to promote the growth of thrown weapons community and increase thrown weapons activity across Northshield. I'm excited to be able to work across the Kingdom to effectively "up our game" — including offering thrown weapons at more events, activities to encourage & sustain participation from newcomers, and fostering competitive challenges to more advanced participants. To support that community, we need an active marshallate with the ability to run ranges, teach participants, design engaging activities and competitions, and maintain inclusivity within our game.

Specifically, I will focus on the following items:

1) Update the Northshield TW rules including a community-based review and comment process. Our kingdom rules are nearly a quarter century old, and our game has advanced and evolved significantly in that time. New weapons styles have been added and recent efforts to create a cross-Society standardized Royal Round require throwing at distances Northshield ranges are currently not designed to allow (throwing from 20 and 30 feet). I feel strongly that an update to the Northshield Thrown Weapons rules include broad opportunities for input and comment

by both marshals and participants across the kingdom.

2) Clarify and communicate the TW Training Marshal criteria and review process. The number of Training Marshals across the kingdom is very small and it's unclear what the process is for becoming a TW Training Marshal.

3) Establish at least annual TW Marshals' meetings to facilitate sharing ideas and learnings across our community, as well as discussions of how we can participate in and contribute to broader conversations and competitions across the SCA. These gatherings could be done virtually or as part of an Officer's Day or University event. Participation would be voluntary, though I would strongly encourage active TW marshals, MITs, and those interested in becoming marshals to attend both to learn and to share their own experiences and perspectives.

4) Identify or establish a forum for resource and idea sharing, including target and stand construction plans, tourney ideas, etc.

5) Work to create a culture of fostering growth in the TW community, including by encouraging event TW MICs to announce range activities ahead of time, collaboration for marshal coverage of ranges (especially at multi-day events like WW), creating banners that can be shared with marshals to hang at ranges to create a common visual for participants to look for to find the range at events, and/or encouraging photos of newcomer "first sticks" that can be shared (with appropriate permissions) with Social Media officers for sharing and celebration.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve Northshield in the role of Kingdom DEM for Thrown Weapons. If you have any questions, ideas, feedback, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me using the thrown-weapons@northshield.org!

In service,

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**SCA CORPORATE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

APRIL 2024 PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The most recent report from John Fulton, 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: <http://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Presidents-After-Board-Meeting-Report-for-04-14-2024-meeting.pdf>

The April 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting is available at the Society's YouTube channel here: <https://youtu.be/QZ9w8dAM2XU>

Questions or comments regarding this report should be directed to Mr. Fulton and Mr. Pham, SCA Inc. President Elect, at president@sca.org.

If you send comments, please use the subject line "President's Report April 2024". Comments are welcomed and strongly encouraged.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE – DEPUTY SOCIETY SENESCHAL FOR INVESTIGATIONS/ ASSISTANT VP FOR OPERATIONS

The Society Seneschal is pleased to announce the appointment of Amanda Grayson (Baronessa Attia Prima, OP) as the new Deputy Seneschal for Investigations/Assistant VP for Operations. This position reports to the Society Seneschal/VP for Operations and is a warranted deputy working under that officer.

Amanda Grayson works as an Enterprise Applications Administrator and has worked in IT or Law for over 25 years. Her first job at age 16 was a file clerk in a law office. When she is not changing her hair color, you can usually find her playing with her dog Sobek; hiking; camping, or reading her book on kindle. She also did one night stint at stand-up comedy.

Baronessa Attia Prima, OP is a 2nd century Roman lady; that is about all she knows of herself. Attia's major focus in the SCA is in event stewarding and administration. She has served as Kingdom Seneschal for An Tir and event-stewarded An Tir West War about five times, amongst other things.

Ms Grayson can be contacted via email at investigations-deputy@sca.org



A Missing Report from the Court of TRM Ajax & Gaia

KINGDOM ARTS & SCIENCES

Law changes read into the court of Ajax and Gaia on June 11, 2022, at Kingdom A&S in the Shire of Korsvag by Petranella Fitzallen of Weston.

Officers

V-100

All Officers are responsible for upholding the laws and policies of the Society and Kingdom, including those set forth in handbooks approved by the Board of Directors of the Society.

V-200

All Officers shall keep a record of important communications and activities related to the duties of their offices. This record may be viewed by the Group Great Officers and is turned over to the successor in the office.

V-300

All Officers of the Kingdom are accountable for the equipment, property, money, and regalia they hold for their offices, for the Crown, or for the SCA.

V-420

At the time a new officer is appointed, the outgoing officer will prepare an accounting of all equipment, property, money, and regalia for that office being passed to the successor. Both outgoing and incoming officers shall sign that accounting and a copy is to be sent to the Group Chancellor of the Exchequer.

V-450

All Officers will report any major changes in the equipment, property, money, and regalia they hold to the Group Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Great Officers

V-1000 (new)

No officer will be warranted until all the appropriate paperwork has been completed.

V-1000 - strike

~~6. If a separate bank account exists for an office, maintaining the account and providing financial reports as required by Society Policy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.~~

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7. Attending all Stallari Council meetings, either personally or through an alternate, if permitted by VI-500.

Lesser Officers

~~Strike V-3020 Each Lesser Officer is responsible for the coordination, training, and appointment of any subordinate branch officers, deputies, and assistants in Northshield.~~

Warranting, Suspension and Removal of Officers (Revised heading)

Was V-600

V-4000

All Great Officers are warranted by the Crown and the appropriate Society Superior Officer, after consultation with the outgoing Great Officer and the Stallari Council.

V-4010

Great Officers are warranted for a term of two years. Their term of office and warrants may be extended, by agreement of the Crown and Society Superior but no Great Officer will serve for a continuous period of more than three years.

Was V-2700

V-4020 – Special Deputies

The appointment and term of office of any Special Deputy is at the discretion of the Crown or the appropriate Great Officer.

V-4030

Emergency Deputy Great Officers are warranted by the Crown and Great Officer, after consultation with the Stallari Council.





V-4040 was V-3020

Lesser Officers are warranted by the Crown and Great Officer, after consultation with the Stallari Council.

V-4050

A Regional Officer who is also a Local Officer in the same reporting chain will not be warranted until the Great Officer specifies, in writing to both the Regional Officer and the Crown, an alternate Regional Officer in the same reporting chain for the Local Officer to receive their group's reports. This notification must be repeated when someone new takes over any other these roles.

V-4060

Kingdom level deputies can be appointed as needed and are warranted by the appropriate Great Officer and the Crown. Special Deputies are warranted in the same manner as other kingdom level deputies.

V-4070 (new)

Local Officers are warranted by the appropriate Great Officer and the Crown.

V-4080 (new)

At-Large Officers are warranted by the appropriate Great Officer and the Crown.

V-4090 (new)

Marshals in Training are warranted by the KEM and the Crown.

V-4100 (new)

Territorial Baronage and Peerage Secretaries are warranted solely by the Crown.

V-4120

All officers except for Great Officers are warranted for the length of a reign. Warrants are signed at Coronation by the appropriate warranting authorities. Either the Crown or the Great Officer may choose to not renew a warrant at this time. Such a lapse of warrant or tenure is without prejudice towards the outgoing officer.

V-4130

The Crown and a Great Officer may remove a subordinate officer for just and stated cause at times other than Coronation. Removal for just and stated cause requires that the Crown and Great Officer act together. The just and stated cause for removal from office must be given in writing to the officer removed, but may not be published. A copy of the removal for just and stated cause must remain in the permanent files of the respective Great Office. The Great Officer should also inform their Society superior of the removal. For a local officer, the local Seneschal must also be informed of the removal, but not the reasons for it.

V-4140

A subordinate officer may resign by sending written notice to the appropriate regional and kingdom superior. A local officer must also inform their local Seneschal. Officers of a Canton must also inform the appropriate baronial officer. Failure to send in required reports can be viewed as a resignation from office by the respective Great Officer. Resignation from office is without prejudice..



Court of TRM Yngvar III & Isabella

SPRING CORONATION, CONT.

Some omissions from the previously-published final Court Report of Isabella and Yngvar, Queen and King of Northshield, on April 20, Anno Societatis 58, at Spring Coronation in the Shire of Border Downs.

Herald of Record: Abelard die Elster; additional Heralds: Derbáil ingen Néill, Katerinka Lvovicha, Bazyli Bolesław z Krakowa; Silent Herald:

RECIPIENT

HONOR

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Joint King/Queen's Cypher

Yngvar inn Hepni

Jehanette de Provins

Joint King/Queen's Cypher

Yngvar inn Hepni





Courts of TRM Hans II & Genevieve II

SPRING CORONATION

Here follows the Court Report of Hans and Genevieve at Spring Coronation in the Shire of Border Downs held on April 20, AS 58.

Herald of Record: Katerinka Lvovicha; additional Herald: Derbáil ingen Néill; Silent Herald: Christiana Galyard de Caen; Signet: Sofonisba Vespasiana Gabrielli; Seneschal: Morgaine Scott Blood.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Isabella Beatrice della Rosa	Order of the Rose	none
Isabella Beatrice della Rosa	County	Ellen de Wynter & Katerinka Lvovicha
Kaulder of Blackgate	Award of the Cygnus	Eysteinn meinfretr
Shire of Coldedernhale	Award of the Hearthstead	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinsson
Eadmund sweordhwita	Award of the Black Flame	Eysteinn meinfretr
Ekaterina Anastaseva	Order of the Courtesy of Northshield	Sofonisba Vespasiana Gabrielli on a blank
Guenievre du Dragon Vert	Order of the Courtesy of Northshield	Thora Heri on a blank
Kita Jiru Toramassa	Order of the Courtesy of Northshield	Tatiana Marana Melville
Farolfus filius Richardi	Award of the Cygnus	Eysteinn meinfretr



NORTHSHIELD SPRING CROWN TOURNAMENT

A report from the Court of Northshield held the 11th Day of May, AS 59, at Crown Tournament, held in the Shire of Rockhaven.

Herald of Record: Katerinka Lvovicha; additional Herald: Derbáil ingen Néill, Ysolt Pais de cuer; Silent Herald: Christiana Galyard de Caen; Signet: Sofonisba Vespasiana Gabrielli; Seneschal: Morgaine Scott Blood.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Gunnlaugr Westergaard	Award of the Black Flame	Judith Krahe vom Schwarzwald
Alianor Rowan	Award of the Cygnus	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinsson
Líadan inghean Cheallaigh	Order of the Golden Peacock	Marcial de Salas & Hermina Mathilde de Ainesleah de Metedene
O'no Kagemori	Award of the Black Bolt	Tatiana Marana Melville
Shamus of the Frozen North	Award of the Cygnus	Marcial de Salas
Tribaldi de Gritti	Ordo Circini Vitruvii	Judith Krahe vom Schwarzwald
Aine ingen MaelPatraic	Aquila et Fulmen	Meilan Hua
Valka Ragnarsdottir	Vigil for Laurel	
Thorbrandr Olafsson	Heir	
Thora Heri	Heir's Consort	





SCHÜTZENFEST

Here follows the Court Report of Genevieve, Queen of Northshield, on May 18, Anno Societatis 59, at Schützenfest in the Barony of Nordskogen.

Herald of Record: Abelard die Elster; Silent Herald: Christiana Galyard de Caen; Seneschal: Sandrine Kleinschmidt.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Niall Einarsson	Award of the Black Bolt	Judith of Northwode
Moira nicConnell the Strongbow	Augmentation of Arms	Judith of Northwode
Bazyli Bolesław z Krakowa	Order of the Courtesy of Northshield	Judith of Northwode
Niccoli Falconetto	Order of the Golden Peacock	none



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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.

- **Kingdom Chronicler:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler ASAP. Letters of Intent due June 1.
- **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.
- **Woodlands A&S Regional Deputy:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences.
- **Kingdom Youth Officer:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- **Emergency Deputy Kingdom Chronicler:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Emergency Deputy Kingdom Exchequer:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer. Open until filled.
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Dickon and the Cocoon

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Once upon a time, plus twice makes three, there lived a young boy named Dickon. When he wasn't helping his parents, Dickon loved to walk through the fields and watch the birds and insects. One day he came across a fuzzy black and yellow caterpillar on a stem. He broke off the stem and took it home. He put it in a box and each day brought the caterpillar tender leaves and grasses to munch on. The caterpillar grew bigger and fatter. One day, it began to spin a cocoon on the stem. Dickon watched as it disappeared into the silken threads. Day after day he waited to see if it was ready to hatch from the cocoon. Finally, one morning, the stem twisted and turned as the caterpillar attempted to break free. Hour after hour Dickon watched, but the caterpillar didn't come out as a butterfly, and the wiggling and the jiggling became weaker. "Please, please," he begged, "Come out, butterfly, and fly around." The cocoon wiggled and jiggled, and the stem twisted and turned, but the butterfly didn't come out. Dickon went to his mother. "Oh, mother, the butterfly won't come out and it's getting weaker. What can I do?"

"We must ask the priest," said his mother. "Perhaps he can pray for it." So they picked up the box and went to the church to ask the priest.

"Please, Reverend Priest," asked Dickon. "Can you help me? I begged and begged, but the butterfly wouldn't come out."

"I will try," said the priest. "Oh, most gracious Lord, let the butterfly come out and fly around to show us your glorious world." The cocoon wiggled and jiggled, and the stem twisted and turned, but the butterfly didn't come out. "I'm sorry," said the priest. "We must take it to the Mayor." So they picked up the box and went to see the Mayor.

"Please, Lord Mayor, can you help me?" asked Dickon. "I begged and begged, and the priest prayed, but the butterfly wouldn't come out."

"I will try," said the Mayor and he harrumphed, "Butterfly, I proclaim that you should emerge right now. Come out and I will give you the keys to the city." The cocoon wiggled and jiggled, and the stem twisted and turned, but the butterfly didn't come out. "I'm sorry," said the Mayor. "We must take it to the Baron." So they picked up the box and went to the fortress to see the Baron.

"Oh, please, Sir Baron, can you help me?" asked Dickon. "I begged and begged, and the priest prayed, and the Mayor proclaimed, but the butterfly wouldn't come out."

"I will try," said the Baron, and he trumpeted, "Now hear this, butterfly! You must fight with all your strength to come out and stand on your own two feet, or else!" The cocoon wiggled and jiggled, and the stem twisted and turned, but the butterfly didn't come out. "I'm sorry," said the Baron. "We must take it to the King." So they picked up the box and went to the palace to see the King. The chamberlain ushered them into the Royal Presence.

"Oh, please, Your Majesty, can you help me?" asked Dickon. "I begged and begged, and the priest prayed, and the Mayor proclaimed, and the Baron threatened, but the butterfly wouldn't come out. And now it's getting tired and I'm afraid it will die."

"Let me see the box," said the King. He took the box and lifted out the cocoon. He turned it this way and that way in his hand. He furrowed his brow and then he smiled at Dickon. "I think I can help you," he said. "Come with me, chamberlain." And the King and the chamberlain went into the next room.

Dickon waited. His mother waited. The priest and the Mayor and the Baron waited. Finally, the chamberlain opened the door and the King came out – with a beautiful orange and black-striped butterfly on his arm.

"Oh!" cried Dickon. "The butterfly is free! Please, Your Majesty, how did you do that?"

The King smiled at Dickon as he gave him the butterfly. "Well," replied the King. "It really wasn't too difficult, but only I could have done it. You see, I had to use my monarchy!"

DEAR ABBESS:

Since the time of my grandmother's grandmother's grandmother, my family has been accustomed to paying our rent to the monastery (and later the bishopric) of Ely in the form of eels. Ever since the Normans came, this custom has been dwindling in our lands, and now it seems some landlords even prefer coin. My family is not wealthy, nor do we have many other things to offer as rent for the lands we farm. What should we do if the eel-rent is done away with entirely? Are there other things we could diversify into that might satisfy the bishop?

—EEL-Y IN ELY



DEAR EEL-Y,

Of all the foodstuffs in East Anglia, the eel is one of the most consistently used forms of food-rent. For example, in your grandmother's

grandmother's grandmother's time, your neighbors in Wessex would have paid King Ine 100 eels a year if they held an estate of ten hides. A quick review of East Anglia in these new times under our Norman overlords shows that at least 16 priories, abbeys, and bishoprics in your vicinity still require eels from their tenants, and this practice seems likely to continue for many generations to come. A better tactic might be to practice good eel husbandry to ensure a sufficient supply of the wriggling things in the next few centuries, but otherwise you should have nothing to fear.

—ABBESS

Believe it or not, many people in medieval England paid their taxes in the form of eels for centuries. This practice continued into the 17th century in some places. For a look at where historical records show eels owed as rent, take a look at this fascinating website and interactive map.

<https://historiacartarum.org/eel-rents-project/english-eel-rents-10th-17th-centuries/>

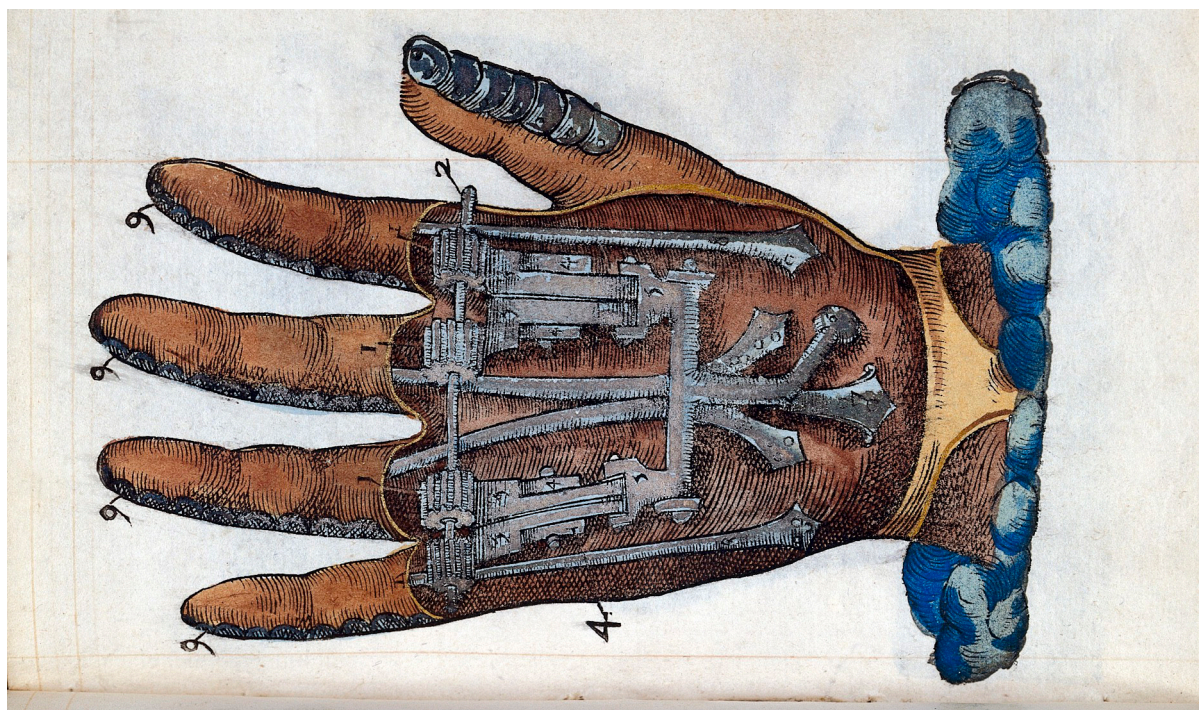


ILLUSTRATION OF A PROSTHETIC HAND FROM *INSTRUMENTA CHYRURGIAE ET ICONES ANATOMICAЕ* BY AMBROISE PARÉ, FRANCE, 1564 CE

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BRONZE FINIAL OF
TWO WARRIORS,
ONE SUPPORTING
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JULY 5-7, 2024

SHIRE OF MARE AMETHYSTINUM

Thatsa Mare Gone to Plaid!

Gilles Community Center

1835 Hwy 595, South Gilles, Ontario P0T 2V0, Canada

Site opens at noon Friday. Site closes at noon Sunday.

Fees:

Adult (18+) \$25

Family cap \$50

Adult Member \$15

All fees are in CAD

Youth 17 & under \$10

*Make checks payable to: SCA Inc-Shire of Mare Amethystinum
(MUST BE IN CANADIAN DOLLARS).*

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

Main building upper floor is accessible. Populace/Presence space available. Contact Steward for merchant space – no charge. No showers. Large camping space available – free. Site is discreetly damp. No wood fires allowed on site. Propane cooking fires permitted. Flush toilets (one accessible) and running water are available in the main building. Water is not potable.

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JULY 6, 2024

SHIRE OF TREWINT

Midsummer's Eve XXI: Academy of Arts & Sciences



Field House in the Wessington Springs City Park
418 Second St SW, Wessington Springs, SD 57382, USA

Site opens at 8am. Site closes at 8pm.

No Site Fees.

Camping fees paid to city.

Camping:

Non-electric \$10/night

Electric hookup \$15

Contact Steward for more information. Electric sites limited.

Planned Activities: Armored Combat & Rapier – marshals needed, Archery, Games, A&S.

Accessibility: Rough, hilly terrain in city park, some level sidewalks around the field house, field house IS accessible. Outdoor, limited indoor Populace/Presence space available. Contact Steward by June 15 for merchant space – no charge.

Bring your A&S projects and work on them with friend or hang out. Bring some medieval games to play. We have some new people who want to try combat. If there are those from outside willing to help train them and bring loaner equipment it would be appreciated. Some archery depending on interest and marshal availability.

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JULY 11-14, 2024

BARONY OF NORDSKOGEN

Warriors & Warlords XXIX



Tomah Recreation Park

1624 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI 54660, USA

Site opens at 9am Thursday. Site closes Sunday at 4pm.

Fees:

Weekend: Adult (18+)

Day pass: Adult \$30/day

\$50

Adult Member \$20/day

Adult Member \$40

Youth 17 & under free

Site book \$2, RV \$10/day

*Make checks payable to: SCA Inc: Warriors & Warlords, Pre-reg
deadline June 1st, <https://forms.gle/CyJoRiBF8vfHMH7C8>.*

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Archery, A&S Display, Bardic, Classes, Dancing, Equestrian, Rapier Combat, Thrown Weapons, Youth Activities, Youth Boffer Combat.

Grounds are flat, but roads can be rough. Showers available. Merchants must pre-reg by June 1st: : <https://forms.gle/zDNj25LAeURDcWwp6>

Join your Friends for Three Days of Joy!

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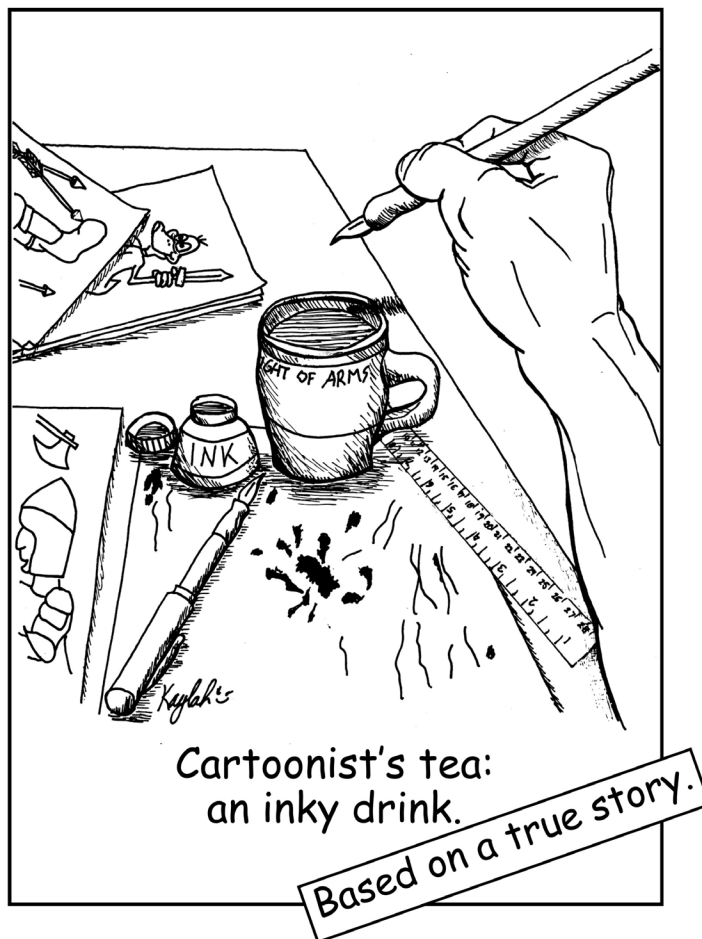
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