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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.

October 2024 (AS LIX)

11-13 **Fall Brawl LIX**, Kingdom of Calontir (**Emmetsburg, IA**)

11-14 **Chilies War**, Kingdom of Calontir (**Smithville, MO**)

19 **40th Northshield Crown Tournament & 20th Kingdom Anniversary** **DATE CHANGE BY STALLARI**, Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr (**Delafield, WI**) ☞ ☞

20 **Deadline for December 2024 Northwatch (Book Recs)**

November 2024 (AS LIX)

9 **SUN: Stellar University of Northshield**, Barony of Castel Rouge (**Winnipeg, MB**) ☞ ☞

16 **Toys for Tots Tournament**, Barony of Nordskogen (**Minneapolis, MN**)

20 **Deadline for January 2024 Northwatch (New Year)**

December 2024 (AS LIX)

7 **Feast of the Boar's Head**, Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr (**West Bend, WI**) ☞ ☞

20 **Deadline for February 2024 Northwatch (Love & Romance)**

January 2025 (AS LIX)

18 **Nordskogen Twelfth Night**, Barony of Nordskogen (**Ramsey, MN**) ☞ ☞

20 **Deadline for March 2024 Northwatch (Your theme here!)**

25 **Wacky Garb Ball: Blast From the Past**, Barony of Jararvellir (**Stoughton, WI**) ☞ ☞

February 2025 (AS LIX)

14-16 **Ædult Swim**, Kingdom of Æthelmearc (**TBD**) ☞ ☞

20 **Deadline for April 2024 Northwatch (Your theme here!)**

22 **Fighter's School 2025**, Barony of Windhaven (**Fond du Lac, 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.

October 20, 2024 meeting: Zoom or Courtyard Denver Airport (Denver, CO). January 2025 meeting: TBD. April 2025 meeting: TBD.

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Their Royal Majesties

Hail, Northshield!!

We had a splendid time at Coronation. The day was very full, and we had a great turnout that included many visitors from afar. Holding Coronation in a castle was a real treat, not least because it allowed the rapier tourney finals to be fought on the parapets...! And holding court within the walls of the “keep” serendipitously provided excellent acoustics. Everyone could hear what was said in court, we were told. It was a wonderful site overall. Hats off to the Shire of Korsvåg and the event stewards Ulrich and Scyid.

Alas, there were Signs and Portents seen during court! A comet flew overhead, and so we consulted a seer to interpret this omen for us. She foresaw a great trouble to our realm and advised us to assemble a team of 13 warriors of all skills, one of whom should not be from Northshield, to seek out the cause and protect the Kingdom.

This will be a theme during the reign. We know how the story started (at Coronation), but how will it end? We hope everyone will have fun following along until next Coronation. Each of our Royal Progress events will have new developments, which we will report here in the *Northwatch* each month.

Along those lines, we declare the movie *The 13th Warrior* to be a true and accurate historical account, being based on both the writings of Ahmed Ibn Fahdlan, an Arab poet who traveled north to the Viking lands in the 10th century, and the saga of Beowulf. This is our word, and thus is beyond contestation!

By the time you read this we will have heirs for Northshield, and knowing the quality of each of the entrants in the list, we know whoever wins the tourney will be a good steward of this kingdom, and we look forward to working with them.

Finally, concerning award recommendations: Please provide a unique recommendation from any given submitter for each recommended person. Receiving identical

recommendations from multiple people increases the work of the online staff and Signet office and does not improve chances that an award will be given.

Thora & Thorbrandr

Their Royal Highnesses

Coming soon!

TBD



Kingdom Seneschal

Dearest Northshield,

I hear the winds of winter blowing through our halls. I hope your fall harvests have been bountiful and your travels have been full of mirth and joy. We also have new heirs! Please welcome them with love and warmth as they join the royal family!

As we start the doldrums of winter, I'm filled with thankfulness. I have now been your Kingdom Seneschal for over six months and it has been my honor and privilege to serve you. I'm still honored and thankful for this amazing opportunity. The SCA is truly a great organization; it has been truly fulfilling to serve in this way.

I ask you all as you enjoy your harvests and gather for the feasting of the fall and winter to be thankful and celebrate each other.

As always, do not be a stranger, reach out and say hello if you catch me at an event!

I am thankful for you all. It is truly great to be Northshield.

Morgaine



Kingdom Polaris Herald

Greetings, Heralds of Northshield!

There are several Kingdom Heraldic Offices available! Notably, Noble Ulfhildr Thegjandi has served as our Clerk of Precedence for over five years (!) and wants to step down. The term of office is normally two years. The CoP is responsible for maintaining the Order of Precedence on the Kingdom website.

There are several other open offices. The full list is on the Kingdom website, under “Officers,” “Help Wanted.” Please head over to the website and check them out. If you have any questions, you can ask the current office holder or Polaris!

<https://northshield.org/Posts/Display.aspx?ID=5722>

I look forward to hearing you!

Ysolt



Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings, Exchequers,

Things are still quiet with the Exchequer's office. There are no Society policy changes to report.

I'll take this opportunity to thank group exchequers for submitting NMR reports after events in a timely manner. Every month, that information is collated into a report that is sent to Society and tracked closely by the Society NMR deputy. Timely NMR submission helps keep Northshield in Society's good graces – thank you all for your efforts!

As of this writing, I am in the middle of gathering supporting documentation for the Society's 3rd party financial audit. It is normal for documentation to be requested as a spot-check, and I am happy to report that the few groups asked to send info have responded quickly. I also appreciate this effort, and it means you are all doing your jobs regularly. I'll also give a shout out to Rycharde, the Book Reviews Deputy, who helps ensure groups have the correct records – that way, when these types of requests come in, it is easier and faster for exchequers to respond.

In closing, and as usual – many thanks for your diligence!

In service,

Æsa



Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings!

On numerous occasions, folks have said to me “I want to participate in the wider A&S community, but it is hard for me to travel.” For this year's Stellar University of Northshield, we have expanded our online component to provide even more classes virtually. But if there is something you want to teach, you don't need to wait around for one annual event! Several of our baronies, shires, and interest groups host periodic virtual meetings and some would likely be delighted to have a guest teacher from another part of the kingdom. The Ministry of Arts & Sciences is also happy to work with you to create and promote a one-time online class if that is something you are interested

in. As much as we love the Middle Ages, this office is ready and willing to leverage modern technology to help connect artisans across Northshield.

Farolfus



Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace of Hochland? TirnaLoch? Westerbant? Saxum Antiquum?

While Northshield has been the name of our region, principality, and kingdom for decades, there were a couple opportunities for us to have another name. More on that later.

News the First: Please welcome Lady Svala Leifsdóttir as Jararvellir's new chronicler. And thanks to Lord Valamer Schwarzemfuchs for his years of service.

News the Second: Speaking of local chroniclers, a reminder to all local chroniclers, webministers, and social media officers, your annual Domesday reports are due next month, by November 25, 2024.

News the Third: I have applied to extend my term to 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 provide time for Stallari to review the applicants and provide training to my successor. 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 what is involved with the offices.

News the Fourth: bantiarna Grainne Dhonn, the *Northwatch* Editor, has announced that she wishes to step down from her office next autumn, after what will be five years in office. Letters of Intent are due to chronicler@northshield.org by May 1, 2025, to give plenty of time for training as the Deputy Editor.

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

Twenty years of the Kingdom of Northshield

Did you know that Northshield could have had a different name? In 1978, as the region was becoming organized, there was a "Name

the Region" contest in the *Nordljós-Pibroch* (the regional precursor to the *Northwatch*). The final four choices were "March of the Midnight Fire", "(Great) Northern Marches", "Saxum Antiquum", and "Northshield". In a second round vote, "Northshield" edged out "(Great) Northern Marches".

In 1994, as the Stallari committee was organizing the efforts to establish the principality, there was a poll of what the official name of the principality should be. The options were "Northshield," "TirnaLoch" (Irish Gaelic for "Land of Lakes"), "Westerbant" ("bant" is Germanic for large territorial units like principalities), "Uplands," "Hochland" (German for "High Ground"), "North," "[Number]undaland" (Swedish, "undaland" is an administrative unit, and "[Personal Name]huntari" (Germanic, "huntari" comes from the same root as "hundred"). Northshield was the overwhelming choice.

By the way, "Northshield" follows the naming pattern of the English towns of South Shields and North Shields, on the North Sea coast. A "schele" in Middle English is a "temporary shed or hut used by fishermen."

Next month in "What If?", I'll share some of the other options for devices for Northshield. We need not have worn black in the summer.

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. Reach out; I'm happy to tell you all about it! In this issue, please enjoy some items found in shipwrecks and trash piles. Our upcoming newsletter themes are as follows, but please submit art and articles about anything at all for the edification of the kingdom.

- October 20 – Book Recommendations – What's a text that has been particularly useful to you?
- November 20 – New Year, New You? – What are your goals for the new year?
- December 20 – Love & Romance – Share your songs or art or stories of loooove.

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

Grainne



Kingdom Earl Marshal

No missive this month.

Armond



SCA CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENTS PEOPLE ON THE MOVE – DIRECTOR-ELECT SEAT D

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Joan Steurer (Gerefa Rhianwen ferch Bran ap Gruffydd, KSCA, OL, OP) as the Director-Elect for Seat D. She will assume the position from Director Gabrielle Fisher at the close of the October 2024 quarterly meeting.

Joan Steurer is a Senior Technical Consultant with a major software company specializing in geospatial technologies. She assists clients of all sizes, both domestic and international, with spatially enabling their workflows. She works across a broad variety of sectors, including natural resources, land records, and disaster response. Joan lives in the Midwest with her partner and their new puppy. She enjoys travel for both work and leisure, and she considers the SCA to be her chosen family.

Gerefa Rhianwen ferch Bran ap Gruffydd, KSCA, OL, OP, is a 9th Century Saxon huscarl who has had the honor of leading the Crown's armies on four fields of battle and on a castle in Wealas. She is a maker of tents and enjoys lending a hand wherever she can. Rhianwen also revels in singing with shoulder-companions around a fire and creating fun for others.

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

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

UPDATE ON NEW RANGED MARTIAL PEERAGE

SCA Inc. is excited to share an update on the ongoing work toward the creation of a new peerage for practitioners of the ranged missile arts. This peerage, which will recognize the dedication and skill of those in the archery, thrown weapons, and siege weaponry communities, is progressing steadily.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the College of Arms for their tremendous efforts in preparing an initial option for the name and heraldry of this peerage. Their expertise and dedication have been invaluable in shaping this important recognition.

We also want to thank everyone who has taken the time to provide feedback thus far. Your input is vital in ensuring that this new peerage truly reflects the values and identity of this community. We continue to encourage all members to share their thoughts and perspectives as we refine this proposal.

The Board of Directors is committed to a transparent and inclusive process as possible. In keeping with this, the Board will consider the College of Arms' primary proposal alongside other options that will be submitted. This will occur at the same time to keep things moving forward as swiftly as possible.

We are listening to our membership and the communities involved, and the Board is eager to move forward with a decision that honors the contributions of those who excel in the ranged missile arts.

Thank you for your continued engagement in this process.

APPLICATIONS OPEN – SOCIETY EXCHEQUER

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) Inc. is seeking candidates for the position of Society Exchequer. This position reports to the SCA Inc. Corporate Treasurer.

Duties and responsibilities:

1. Help Kingdoms balance their Consolidated report with group reports;
2. Review documents compiled by NMR deputy;
3. Review quarterly reports on kingdom-level accounts;
4. Review Kingdom and inter-Kingdom financial policies to make sure they are in compliance with the Society Financial Policy and submit revised financial policies to the SCA Inc. Board of Directors for approval;

5. Review inter-Kingdom Event Financial Policies and submit to the Corporate Treasurer and the Board for approval;
6. Report quarterly to the Corporate Treasurer and the Board of Directors and report the meeting results to the Kingdom Exchequers;
7. Travel as required to support Kingdom Exchequers, including for training, book reviews, and theft investigations;
8. Conduct supplemental training of Kingdom Exchequers and assist training of local exchequers;
9. Oversee book reviews of Kingdom books and ensure Kingdoms are reporting;
10. Maintain the Kingdom Exchequer email list for the SCA Inc. IT manager and notify the IT manager of any changes;
11. Notify Kingdom Exchequers of any changes in policy or procedure, including consulting with them to develop any necessary new policies;
12. Maintain the various exchequer handbooks/manuals and republish them at least every three years;
13. Maintain the various exchequer reporting forms and update them as needed;
14. Serve as subject matter expert for questions from the Kingdom Exchequers as well as the general populace;
15. Warrant Kingdom Exchequers and special deputies;
16. Communicate with banks where necessary;
17. Monitor use of PayPal and the training by PayPal Specialist;
18. Work with the SCORES deputy to address questions or concerns regarding the online payment system;
19. Work with IT to provide Exchequer access to Sharepoint exchequer files.

The Society Exchequer receives a stipend for their services and will receive an American 1099 for tax purposes. Workload will vary but expect to put in an average of 15-20 hours per week.

Required for this position are:

- dependable email access;
- dependable phone access;
- moderate Microsoft Excel proficiency;
- moderate Microsoft Word proficiency; and
- the ability to clearly communicate verbally and in writing, i.e. in person and via email, phone, and in written reports.

- Prior experience as an exchequer in the SCA is required;
- prior Kingdom Exchequer experience is highly desired.
- Bachelor or Associate degree in accounting preferred. Experience with QuickBooks is strongly preferred.
- Working knowledge of SCA Inc.'s accounting procedures is necessary.
- Individuals with accounting backgrounds or training are highly desired.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, together with modern and SCA qualifications to resumes@sca.org. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2024.





Court of TRM Hans II & Genevieve II

FALL CORONATION

Here follows the final Court Report of Hans and Genevieve from Fall Coronation held on September 15, AS 59 (2024 CE), at the Shire of Korsvåg.

Herald of Record: Beatrice Domenici della Campana; Day Signet: Sofonisba Vespasiana Gabrielli; Seneschal of Record: Morgaine Scott Blood.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Frug Marchand	Order of Chivalry	none
Calamus Schreiber	Order of the Hand of Tyr	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinsson
Lydia Talbot	Award of Arms	Paige of Northwode
Brigid ingen Maol-Mhichil	Order of the Pyxis	Goda von Ulm
Godefroy du Lyon	Award of the Cygnus	Henriette Osanne Torchier
Godefroy du Lyon	Court Barony	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe
Isabelle Montfort de Bretagne	Court Barony	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe
Katja Borsukska	Court Barony	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe
Skio inn riki	Court Barony	Clydwyn Gwehydd
Wayne Knox	Joint Sovereign & Consort's Cypher	none
Celestria de Clare	Joint Sovereign & Consort's Cypher	none
Vincente Montoya	Joint Sovereign & Consort's Cypher	none
Rosamund Redmare	Joint Sovereign & Consort's Cypher	none
Yagüe Antolinez	Joint Sovereign & Consort's Cypher	none
Hans Reutter	Joint Sovereign & Consort's Cypher	none
Takeda Shinjiro	Joint Sovereign & Consort's Cypher	none
Fergus O'Dea	Joint Sovereign & Consort's Cypher	none
Martin of Northshield	Joint Sovereign & Consort's Cypher	none
Thorbrandr Olafsson	Sovereign of Northshield	
Thora Heri	Consort of Northshield	



Courts of TRM Thorbrandr & Thora

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1st Court:

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Hans Volch	Duke	Scyid Del Aquilla, Kazimari Albrecht Faustus von Hamelin, & Sandrine Kleinschmidt
Genevieve MacArtne	Duchess	Scyid Del Aquilla, Kazimari Albrecht Faustus von Hamelin, & Sandrine Kleinschmidt

Banishment from the Royal Presence

On September 15, 2024, Thorbrandr and Thora, The Crown of Northshield, issued a Banishment from the Royal Presence against Nikolas Weeks, known in the Society as Nikolas of Rockhaven or Nicolas De St. Angelo. This banishment is in effect for the duration of the reign to be concluded in April 2025.





FALL CORONATION, CONT.

2nd Court of Thorbrandr & Thora:

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Konrad der Lowe von Ulm	Consort's Cypher	none
Refkell Melrakki Einarsson	Order of the Hand of Tyr	Judith of Northwode
Graven of Mare Amethystinum	Award of Arms	Sarra Romney of Mermaids Inn
Dagrún Björnsdóttir of Nordskogen	Award of Arms	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinsson
Liadan inghean Cheallaigh	Order of the Destrer	Marguerite Larchier
Gazenda da la Rocha	Order of the Aquila et Fulmen	Judith Krahe vom Schwarzwald
Dyonisia Buleheued	Order of Brigits Flame	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe
Dragy Dichkov	Award of Arms	Decimus Marius Tacitus Ajax
Aziz ibn Raheem	Award of the Black Bolt	Síthmaith Eccnaidh, Samson Muskovich
Nell the Innocent	Award of the Pantheon	Judith of Northwode
Meadhbh inghean ui Neill	Award of the Pantheon	Thora Heri, Marian Lemarchand
Matthias of Rolling Oakes	Award of the Pantheon	Decimus Marius Tacitus Ajax
Adelaide of Eblesborne	Award of the Cygnus	Judith Krahe vom Schwarzwald
Bre of Mare Amethystinum	Award of Arms	Sarra Romney of Mermaids Inn
Vincente Montoya	Award of the Glove	Judith Krahe vom Schwarzwald
Tamsyn Seamarke	Order of the Hand of Tyr	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe, Deonysia of Rye
Decimus Marius Tacitus Ajax	Order of the Pelican	none
Vladimir Radescu	Order of the Pelican	none



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. Letters of Intent due 3/1/ 2025.
- **Kingdom Exchequer:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer ASAP.
- **Clerk of Precedence:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Polaris Herald ASAP.
- **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.
- **Stallari Council Secretary:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Letters of Intent due ASAP.
- **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.
- **Kingdom Archivist/Historian:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Northwatch Editor:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Letters of Intent are due 5/1/2025.
- **Deputy Northwatch Editor:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Western, Central, & Eastern Regional Deputy SMOs:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler.

DEAR ABBESS:

I am only fourteen, but when I run, I sometimes get a stabbing pain in my side. My father says it is because an unseen elf or fairy has shot me with a dart, but my mother says this is nonsense and tells me to walk it off. I am already the slowest among my fellow youths in our village. Are the elves just choosing me as an easy target? What can I do?

—SUDDEN STITCH IN SWYNCOMBE



DEAR STITCH,

It sounds as though you may simply be dehydrated or forgetting to breathe while running. But just in case, there are charms that you can recite to “turn away” the pain, whether it is elven or not. I suspect some older folks in your village may know

the whole thing, but the most memorable bit is here, and you may chant it aloud to repel the magical spears, whatever their origins:

“They were loud, yes, loud, when they rode over the mound.
They were of one mind, when they rode over the land.

Now shield yourself — you must escape this hostility.
Out, little spear, if it is in here!
I stood under a linden [board], a light shield,
When the mighty women deliberated their power,
And they sent spears yelling,
I will send them back another,
A flying arrow in return.
Out, little spear, if it is in here!”

—ABBESS

THE EXCERPT ABOVE IS FROM AN OLD ENGLISH METRICAL CHARM, “FOR A SUDDEN STITCH,” THAT COMBINES HERBAL MEDICINE, POETRY, AND STRAIGHT-UP MAGIC. TO READ IT (AND MANY OTHERS) ONLINE, VISIT [HTTPS://OLDENGLISHPOETRY.CAMDEN.RUTGERS.EDU/THE-METRICAL-CHARMS/](https://oldenglishpoetry.camden.rutgers.edu/the-metrical-CHARMS/). TO HEAR IT READ ALOUD, VISIT [HTTP://MDROUT.WEBSITE.WHEATONCOLLEGE.EDU/CATEGORY/FOR-A-SUDDEN-STITCH/](http://mdrout.webspace.wheatoncollege.edu/category/for-a-sudden-stitch/). AND FOR A DEEP DIVE INTO THIS GENRE OF OLD ENGLISH VERSE, AN EXCELLENT DISSERTATION BY KAREL FRAAIJE IS FREE TO READ ONLINE AT [HTTPS://DISCOVERY.UCL.AC.UK/ID/EPRINT/10132535/7/KAREL%20FRAAIJE%20-%20MAGICAL%20VERSE%20FROM%20EARLY%20MEDIEVAL%20ENGLAND%20PHD%20THESIS%20DEPOSITED.PDF](https://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/id/eprint/10132535/7/KAREL%20FRAAIJE%20-%20MAGICAL%20VERSE%20FROM%20EARLY%20MEDIEVAL%20ENGLAND%20PHD%20THESIS%20DEPOSITED.PDF)

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FESTIVAL BUILDING, EGYPT, CA. 1390-
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1802-1450 BCE

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NOVEMBER 16, 2024

BARONY OF NORDSKOGEN

Toys for Tots Tournament



Bethel Lutheran Church (ELCA)
4120 17th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55407 USA
Site opens 9am. Site closes 4pm.

Fees:	toys. Any generosity to
In place of a site fee at-	cover the rental fee is
tendees are asked to bring	welcome.

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc-Barony of Nordskogen

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Rapier Combat, Youth Boffer Combat. Populace/presence space available. Site is ADA accessible. The best entrance for wheel chairs is on the E 42nd Street side of the building on a path straight from the parking lot to the building.

Join us for a tournament of skill, silliness, and generosity in support of Toys for Tots! Rapier, armored and youth fighters can enter the tourneys by donating a toy or being sponsored by a toy donor (there will be plenty of extras!).

Participants are encouraged to bring a potluck contribution, or to partake of the many great nearby restaurant options!

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DECEMBER 7, 2024

BARONY OF CAER ANTERTH MAWR

Feast of the Boar's Head



Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center
3000 County Hwy PV, West Bend, WI 53095 USA
Site opens 8am for royals & merchants, 9am for populace. Site closes 9pm.

Fees:	adult & 2+minors) \$45
Adult (18+) \$30.	Family cap (2 adult & 2+ minors) \$65
Adult Member \$20	Merchants \$10/space
Youth (6-17) \$5	Feast \$15 at door, \$12 in advance
5 and under free	
Member Family cap (2	

Make checks payable to: SCA WI, Inc-Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr. Pre-registration available soon, including Paypal.

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Rapier Combat, Youth Boffer Combat, Classes. Fully ADA accessible. Populace/presence space available. Service animals only, no pets. No smoking indoors. Drinks must be purchased on site, outside food permitted.

There will be a Baronial transition, lots of fighting, the cookie caper, classes, feast and more!

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