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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.

March 2025 (AS LIX)

- 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**)
- 22 **Bring Out Your Wool, part Deux!**, Shire of Coldedernhale (**Pierre, SD**)
- 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 Coldedernhale (**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**) ☞ ☞
- 16-18 **Newcomers Archery Demo**, Shire of Schattentor (**Sturgis, SD**)
- 17 **Bardic Madness XXXII – The Silk Road**, Shire of Inner Sea (**Duluth, MN**)
- 20 **Deadline for July 2025 Northwatch (Summer Advice)**
- 22-25 **Great Western Regional FARE II**, Shire of Korsvag (**Fargo, ND**) ☞

June 2025 (AS LX)

- 5-8 **Bardic Blades**, Shire of Dreibrucken (**Elgin, ND**)
- 6-15 **Lilies War XXXVII**, Kingdom of Calontir (**Smithville, MO**)
- 7 **Kingdom A&S Competition**, Kingdom of Northshield (**TBD**)
- 13-15 **War Practice at the Roost III**, Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr (**Mukwonago, WI**)
- 20 **Deadline for August 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

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

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

All meetings start at 10:00 am. Note: Attendees are asked to wear modern clothing to Board meetings. (Agenda deadlines are first of month of meeting.) **Meetings are tentatively scheduled for the following locations; however, depending on "safer-in-place" regulations in effect, meetings may be handled by VoIP.

April 2025 meeting: Hybrid, see announcements. July 2025 meeting: Virtual. October 2025 meeting: Hybrid.



Their Royal Majesties

Hail, Northshield!!

We have had an excellent time travelling the Kingdom and visiting with and hosting Our cousins in the Middle Kingdom, Kilian and Jalida. Gulf Wars will have passed by the time this letter is published, but it has shaped up very well. We have made a lot of fine memories and friends and have been graced with the support of a tremendous staff and help from Northshield.

However, the end of Our time as Monarchs of Northshield is near. A comet flashed overhead on Our coronation day, and We learned to Our consternation that it portended a great threat to Our realm. To protect Northshield, We chose a team of thirteen mighty warriors that day, to help Us find and defeat that threat.

It soon became clear that the threat was in fact a great fire-breathing wyrm that had moved into Our lands to the north. We received news at Fighters' School that the dread wyrm to Our north had begun laying waste to Our town of Kings Fjord. Villagers have described losing livestock, byres and sheds to the wyrm's appetite and deadly breath. It appeared to be eating its way ever closer to the town, and Our people cried out for help.

A King and Queen's greatest duty is to protect Their people.

We have armed Ourselves and prepared to confront the dread beast ourselves in company with Our Team of Thirteen. The enterprise entails great risk to Our persons, so it seems wisest to ask Our heirs, Prince Skio and Princess Aelina, to assume the thrones. If We do not return, this Kingdom, soon to be their Kingdom, will be well served by their youth and wisdom.

Thora & Thorbrandr

Their Royal Highnesses

Greetings from your Prince and Princess!

We had a wonderful time attending Our second out-of-kingdom event, though this time We had a lot of Northshielders with Us. We attended St Valentine's Massacre – a Tournament of Chivalry in Kalamazoo, MI. Midrealm hospitality saw to it that We had every need met, and We saw old friends and made new ones.

During Our Coronation on April 19th, We will be holding a King's Prowess Rapier Tournament. All authorized rapier combatants are encouraged to enter. It will be a magic points tourney, and the winner will be Our King's Rapier Champion. See the website for further details.

We are eagerly awaiting letters of intent from the populace who wish to compete in Our Crown Tournament. Letters of Intent are due on Saturday, April 19, 2025, by 11:59 pm. They shall be emailed to TRH@northshield.org and seneschal@northshield.org. We look forward to finding out who Our potential heirs will be.

By the time this issue is released, Gulf Wars will be underway. If you are joining Northshield during that time, please come by Royal Encampment and say hello. For those who are not attending, We know you will keep the hearthfires of Northshield lit.

Vivat!

Skio & Aelina



Kingdom Seneschal

Spring!! It's here!!! Do you have a goal? A plan? Something fun?

Spring is my favorite time of year; if you have something fun and SCA-related, please share it! If you see me at a event, tell me all about your spring plans!

New heirs are here as well! Welcome them!

As always, it is an honor to serve you. In gratitude,

Morgaine



Kingdom Polaris Herald

No missive this month.

Calamus



Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings, Exchequers,

First – the 2025 Northshield Kingdom budget has been published later in this newsletter. It also includes a summary of Kingdom-level spending for 2024 so that the populace can get an idea of how the Kingdom spends its money.

Second – just before I wrote this missive, I had the pleasure of hosting an online Officers' Day session with exchequers and gentles who are interested in helping out exchequers. It was a great night! The conversation highlighted a few things I want to note:

- Bank statements can be printed from online account access. Per the most recent Society Financial Policy (10-16-22), IV.E. Groups can utilize online bank statements.
- For monthly bank reconciliation, it is OK to use the form on the back of the statement. This can work well for small groups that don't have a lot of transactions that might be outstanding.
- I heard loud and clear that the forms on the Northshield web page need to be updated. More to come on that, soon – I totally agree that these need an overhaul and my amazing deputies offered to help coordinate this effort.

In other good news, there is a large scale Special Project at the Society level that is looking at all aspects of the exchequery, from better utilization of online tools, Quickbooks or other accounting software, to other ways to modernize and make the exchequer job easier. There is not a timeline for any outcome from this project, however I find it very encouraging that people are assigned to various aspects of the project. This indicates commitment at the Society level; most, if not all, kingdoms struggle to find exchequers and the current system is clearly unsustainable.

What was really amazing about the Officers' Day discussion was the passion and support for the Society. THAT is why I keep participating – the community we have built. Thank you all so much for reminding me again of why I love this hobby.

In service,

Æsa



Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings, Northshield,

Soon Spring will be here, leading to a busy event-filled summer, including Kingdom A&S in June. I hope that you are working on your entries! Please consider teaching a class or being a judge – judging is a great way to learn and network.

As I write this, it's the day after Virtual Officers Week. Our A&S meeting was full of great ideas. One question asked was how can we, as artisans, serve the entire populace? Worth considering, but also, how can we, as a Kingdom, as local groups or as individuals, support our artisans?

Making things can be solitary – many times we work alone creating things, often for other people. It a fulfilling way to be. But no matter how self-sufficient we are, we can use support in some way. What is the support that you would like to have?

One idea brought up in the discussion would be a quarterly online artisan meeting, with a brief discussion/presentation and time to network/solve problems. We'll be looking into this possibility, but reach out with other thoughts on how we can support you, either to your local MOAS or to me.

Yours in service,

Neave



Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace of Northshield,

I want to thank everyone who attended the Chroniclers' and SMO session during Officers' Week. We had great discussions and good ideas for updating the Kingdom Chronicler's Handbook.

Baronial chroniclers, please work with the baronial heralds on publishing baronial court reports. That is the principal reason why baronies are still required to have newsletters.

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 ASAP 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, in late February, I have not received any applicants. 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 in any of the many deputy positions, please let me know. I am always glad to talk about what 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,

Arnbjørn



Northwatch Editor

Cén scéal? What's the news?

Thank you to Dear Abbess for a sillier-than-usual letter this month for our April Foolery! Our upcoming newsletter themes are as follows, but please submit art and articles about anything at all for the edification of the kingdom.

- March 20 – Happy New Year! – What are you looking forward to in AS LX?
- April 20 – Show Your Colors – Share your fanciest, favorite outfits in all the colors of Pride.
- May 20 – Summer Fun – It's the height of camping season! Share your favorite tips for keeping cool, improving your camp Presence, or enjoying the summer weather.

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

Grainne



Kingdom Earl Marshal

Hello, Northshield,

Please see the new Thrown Weapons Handbook on the website:

<https://northshield.org/Resources/PDF/Martial/handbooks/>.

A very special thank you to ban tigherna Aine ingen MaelPatraic, Northshield Kingdom Thrown Weapons Marshal (KLO), for all her hard work on this.

In service,

Armond



SCA Corporate Announcements

April Quarterly Meeting – Loch Salann, Artemisia

The April Quarterly Meeting of the SCA Inc. Board of Directors will be held in the Barony of Loch Salann, Kingdom of Artemisia on 12 April 2025. Society members and participants are invited to attend the public sessions and a question and answer session will be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting will also be streamed to allow for people to participate virtually.

DATE: Saturday, April 12, 2025

TIME: 11am Mountain Daylight Time (GMT-6)

LOCATION:

Home2 Suites Murray
4927 S State Street
Murray, UT 84107

The meeting will also be broadcast virtually as usual via Zoom Webinars:

Visit https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u6dNqB5RuSGsaOkgbOpSA to register to attend the meeting virtually via Zoom.

Planning on attending in person? Let us know by providing your details here: Board Meeting | April 12, 2025: <https://sca.app.neoncrm.com/forms/board-meeting--april-12-2025>.

Please note that meeting space is limited and seating is on a first-come first-served basis; there is no formal pre-registration.

Completing this form is for informational purposes only and does not guarantee your space.

January 2025 President's Report Now Available

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

This report contains the publishable summaries and commendation sections

from each Corporate and Society Officers' reports. It also includes publishable summaries submitted by various Board committees.

The report can be located here: /wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-01-After-Board-Meeting-Report.pdf

The January 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting is available at the Society's YouTube channel.

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

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

Relaunched Poll – Heraldry of New Peerage

Thank you for your patience while we resolved the error with the original opinion poll of the heraldry of the new peerage order.

The poll is open to all SCA participants, regardless of membership (i.e. members, affiliate members, participants) In order to participate, SCA Inc. members will be prompted to log in to their existing accounts. Affiliate and non-members can create an account without purchasing a membership.

The poll contains all the options presented by the College of Arms that the Board had identified an affirmative

decision could be reached on (e.g. a majority of the Board would vote yes). This decision was taken in order to keep the process moving. The Board thought it disingenuous to ask people to provide information on options that would not progress through a Board vote.

Some options identified as registrable did not pass this threshold. The Board acknowledges the extensive work done by the College of Arms and appreciates that this approach will not please everyone.

Some options suggested by the populace had previously been ruled out by the College of Arms due to conflicts with existing heraldry (white belt/white livery collar).

The poll has been reset. People who provided their opinion in the original poll are asked to answer it again.

Your input will help guide the Board of Directors in making the best decision for our Society.

The poll will be open for two weeks, giving everyone the opportunity to share their preferences, using preferential ranking.

It is available here:

<https://sca.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/sca/survey.jsp?surveyId=5&>

We encourage everyone to participate and make their voices heard.

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. 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 are 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.
- **Eastern Region Armored Combat Marshal:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Earl Marshal. Open until filled.



Court of TRM Thorbrandr & Thora

Twelfth Night, part 2

A report from the Courts of Thorbrandr and Thora, held 18 January AS 59 (2025 CE) in the Barony of Nordskogen at Twelfth Night.
Herald of Record: Beatrice Domenici della Campana; Signet: Sofonisba Vespasiana Gabrielli; Seneschal of Record: Wu Yun.

Morning Court

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Crispin Fletcher	Award of the Bravura	no scroll
Vidi Hovdestad	Award of the Bravura	no scroll
Rikkar Fundinn	Award of the Black Flame	Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig
Paige of Northwode	Award of the Golden Lamp	Tatiana Marana Melville
Kristina	Award of Arms	Tatiana Marana Melville
Heliseuis Morte d'Arbor	Award of the Black Flame	Judith of Northwode
Aine ingen MaelPtraic	Order of Brigits Flame	Judith of Northwode
Sorcha Bhuidhe	Order of the Pelican	no scroll
Una Duckfoot	Vigilant for the Order of the Pelican	

Royalty Room

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Marguerite Larchier	Order of the Hand of Tyr	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe

Evening Court

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinson	Order of the Pelican	no scroll
Idunn alfdísardóttir	Award of Arms	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinson
Hedwyg (Hetty)	Award of the Cygnus	Tancorix inigena Bivaidonas
Wu Yun	Order of the Golden Peacock	Marguerite Larchier
Aelfwine	Award of the Cygnus	Svena Gandalfsrdóttir
Talaitha Nyfferyn	Award of Arms	Eyvor Sigurdsdóttir
Antolin el Tunante de Treburgos	Award of the Black Flame	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinson
Sibilia d'Orange	Vigilant for the Order of the Laurel	
Guinevere de Barry	Award of the Cygnus	Finna kotr Goðormsdóttir
Olaf Kristsson	Vigilant for the Order of Chivalry	
Tribaldi de Gritti, Kristina, & family	Award of the Hearthstead	Constanza de Sevilla
Una Duckfoot	Order of the Pelican	Amary Fairamay & Katerinka Lvovicha
Mary of Carrigart	Vigilant for the Order of the Pelican	





Hertzkrieg XXVIII

A report from the Regency Court of Northshield, held 15 February AS 59 (2025 CE) by Elis Godbeare at the College of Svatý Sebesta at Hertzkrieg.

Herald of Record: Decimus Marius Tacitus Ajax; Seneschal of Record: Eadmund swordhwita.

RECIPIENT

HONOR

SCRIBES

Spurius Valerius Iulianus	Order of the Pyxis	Decimus Marius Tacitus Ajax
Yin Yun	Award of Arms	Decimus Marius Tacitus Ajax
Hrodir Vigageirr Toreson	Order of the Golden Peacock	Scyid Del Aquilla & Sandrine Kleinschmidt



"KAI KAVUS FALLS FROM THE SKY", FOLIO FROM A SHAHNAME BY ABU'L QASIM FIRDAUSI, IRAN, CA. 1330-1340 CE

THE SHAH KAI KAVUS FOOLISHLY TRIED TO FLY UP TO HEAVEN BY TYING EAGLES TO HIS THRONE AND LEGS OF LAMB ABOVE THEM, SO THAT IN STRIVING TO REACH THE MEAT THE EAGLES WOULD LIFT HIM SKYWARD. WHEN THE EAGLES EVENTUALLY TIRED, ALL PLUMMETED TO EARTH.

MET MUSEUM (NY)

**Kingdom of Northshield
2025 Budget
Submitted 10/30/2024
Reviewed 12/11/2024
Approved 12/11/2024**

	2025 Budget	Subtotals	2024 Actual	Fund Balance YTD
Projected Income				
Income from Kingdom Events	\$3,500.00		\$4,193.69	
Interest Income & Transfers from Investments	\$50.00		\$12.40	
Donations - unspecified	\$500.00		\$653	
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME	\$4,050.00		\$4,858.59	
Projected Expenses				
Seneschal				
		\$2,350.00		\$17,301.38
Seneschal Symposium	\$1,200.00		\$0.00	
Meetings	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Mailings	\$50.00		\$0.00	
TANG deputy supplies & postage, travel	\$600.00		\$404.27	
Background Checks	\$500.00		\$275.00	
Chatelaine	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Exchequer				
		\$3,700.00		
Symposium	\$1,200.00		\$0.00	
Quickbooks	\$800.00		\$645.00	
Postage	\$75.00		\$0.00	
Ink and Paper	\$100.00		\$0.00	
Book Reviews/Warrants (Travel)	\$500.00		\$200.00	
Education Printing	\$25.00		\$0.00	
Storage Unit Rental - for Regalia Minister	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	
Chronicler				
		\$1,355.00		
Webminister: web hosting (2 web sites during dev	\$600.00		\$216.00	
Webminister: Domain Ownership	\$120.00		\$0.00	
Managed WP Essential	\$0.00		\$132.00	
Kingdom Zoom Account	\$200.00		\$168.70	
Office 365	\$85.00		\$0.00	
Editor: InDesign Subscription	\$350.00		\$278.39	
Website - initial set up, software & tech support	\$0.00		\$0.00	
KEM				
	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Herald				
		\$1,200.00		
KWHSS	\$1,200.00		\$0.00	
Keythong (submissions herald)	\$0.00		\$0.00	
KMoAS				
Kingdom A&S	\$150.00		\$0.00	
General				
		\$0.00		
War Beautification	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Dedicated Funds				
Royal Travel	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$1,842.04
Regalia	\$0.00		\$250.00	\$8,132.69
Regalia - Signet Supplies (from Regalia)	\$300.00		\$0.00	
Regalia repairs discretionary (from Regalia)	\$150.00		\$0.00	
Regalia - Royal Herald tabard (from Regalia)	\$0.00		\$250.00	
Regalia - coffre for Princess' Sleeve	\$0.00		\$85.00	
Scroll of Honor	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,092.07
Scribal	\$0.00		\$156.54	\$1,774.53
SUN	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$3,560.01
War Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,187.31
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSE	\$12,205.00		\$7,060.90	
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	\$4,050.00		\$4,858.59	
ESTIMATED INCREASE/DEFICIT	-\$8,155.00		-\$2,202.31	

DEAR ABBESS:

I AM A PROFESSOR AT OXFORD, AND AM EXCEEDINGLY PRONE TO FLATULENCE. WISHING TO MAKE THE BEST OF MY UNFORTUNATE SITUATION, I HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE INSPIRATION FROM THE MANY FIGURES FOUND IN THE MARGINS OF BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY WHO TOOT UPON AN INSTRUMENT FROM THEIR POSTERIOR END. I INTEND TO LEARN TO PLAY A TRUMPET OR OTHER TYPE OF WIND INSTRUMENT IN THIS LESS CONVENTIONAL MANNER. WHAT SORT OF INSTRUMENT DO YOU RECOMMEND? AND DO YOU HAVE ADVICE ON THE SORT OF MUSICAL REPERTOIRE MOST SUITABLE FOR THIS TYPE OF PERFORMANCE?

—BREAKING WIND AT BALLIOL

DEAR BREAKING,

WHILE I HAVE NO DIRECT, FIRST HAND (FIRST BUTT?) EXPERIENCE IN THIS MATTER, I TOO HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS ARTISTIC DEPICTIONS OF THIS TYPE OF WIND INSTRUMENT. MOST ILLUSTRATIONS SHOW A LONG, NARROW INSTRUMENT WITH A FLARED OR CONICAL BELL, AND WHILE THE MOUTHPIECE IS USUALLY OBTUSCURED



IN ARTWORK, IT MUST, BY NECESSITY, BE NARROW ENOUGH TO FIT BETWEEN THE BUTTOCKS. A REVIEW OF DOZENS OF EXAMPLES SHOWS THAT THEY RANGE IN LENGTH FROM HALF A METRE TO AS MUCH AS TWO METRES (ASSUMING THE FIGURE PLAYING IT IS AN AVERAGE-SIZED ADULT, FOR SCALE). BASED ON THIS, I THINK THAT WHILE SOME RARE INSTANCES MAY DEPICT A SHAWM OR SIMILAR WOODWIND, MOST ARE A MORE TYPICAL HERALD'S TRUMPET OR BUISINE, SO THAT IS WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST.

AS FAR AS WHAT SORT OF REPERTOIRE WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE, I CAN OFFER NO BETTER RECOMMENDATION THAN THE TUNE INSCRIBED DIRECTLY ON THE BUTTOCKS OF AN UNFORTUNATE PERSON CONDEMNED TO HELL. IT CAN BE SEEN IN HIERONYMUS BOSCH'S "GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS." WHILE YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DECIPHER THE NOTATION, IF YOU FIND IT IS HELPFUL TO LEARN BY EAR INSTEAD, SEVERAL BARDS HAVE MADE RECORDINGS OF THE SONG.

—ABBESS

P.S. I AM QUITE PARTIAL TO THE PIPE ORGAN RENDITION, <https://youtu.be/Jwa3REvuMBU>, BUT THE CHORAL ARRANGEMENT (<https://youtu.be/OKwQh4lqciU>) AND HURDY-GURDY VERSION (https://youtu.be/SKr2pW_eNBc) ARE ALSO DELIGHTFUL.

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.

DETAIL FROM "THE GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS" BY HIERONYMUS BOSCH, NETHERLANDS, C. 1495-1505 CE. COURTESY OF WIKIMEDIA COMMONS





DETAIL OF BEAKER
WITH TRICKSTER
APES, NETHERLANDS,
CA. 1425-1450 CE
COURTESY OF THE
MET MUSEUM (NY)

APRIL 19, 2025

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
Children (10 and under) 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. No feast/food planned at this time. If you would like to offer your services, please contact one of the event stewards.

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APRIL 25-27, 2025

SHIRE OF COLDEDERNHALE

Provost Challenge



Oahe Downstream Lodge /Campground
20439 Marina Loop Rd., Ft. Pierre, SD 57532, USA
Site opens 5pm Friday. Site closes 11am Sunday.

Fees:

Weekend \$25	Park Entrance fee: \$4/
Weekend Member \$15	person or \$6/car per day

Make checks payable to: SCA INC- Shire of Coldedernhale.

Planned Activities: Bardic Activities, Classes, Rapier Combat, Cut & Thrust Combat. Site is accessible. Populace/presence space available. Merchant space available. Lunch included in site fee, potluck dinner Saturday. Camping free, limited crash space in lodge. Showers available.

Join your fellow fencers in a day of challenge as you push your skills, learn from each other, and see who becomes the next Provost Champion! Youth fencers welcome!

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<https://pierrezca.org/provost-challenge/>

APRIL 26, 2025

BARONY OF JARARVELLIR

Spring Fling!



UW Stock Pavilion
1675 Linden Dr. Madison, WI 53706, USA
Site opens 7am. Site closes 5pm.

Fees:

Donations only

Planned Activities: Archery, Thrown Weapons, Classes. Site is moderately accessible. There are ramps for entry and onto the main floor, but the floor is packed dirt/rock. Dusty. Important: The UW Stock Pavilion is an animal use building. All food and drink prohibited inside (items can be brought and consumed outside after washing hands).

Join us for a day of archery and thrown weapons classes, with time to apply what is taught. Proposed classes include Combat Archery 101, Personal instruction on the range, Effective feedback, Making your own equipment, Inspections and Marshalling.

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MAY 10, 2025

BARONY OF WINDHAVEN



Northshield Spring Crown Tournament



Fond Du Lac Fair Grounds Rec Center, 520 Fond Du Lac Ave. Fond du Lac, WI 54935, USA
Site opens to combatants and royalty 8am, to populace 9am. Site closes 7pm.

Fees:

Adult (18+) \$25	Children under 5 free
Adult member (18+) \$15	Family cap (2 adult members, 2 youth)
Youth (5-17) \$5	\$40

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

Planned Activities: Armored Combat.

Populace/presence space available but limited. ADA accessible. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Join the Barony of Windhaven for Spring Crown Tournament!

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