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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 2023 (AS LVIII)

- 9-17 **Lilies War**, Kingdom of Calontir (Smithville, MO)
20 **Deadline for August 2023 Northwatch (Home Goods)**
23-25 **Midsummer's Eve: Academy of Arts & Sciences**, Shire of Tremont (Wessington Springs, SD)
23-25 **Known World Heraldic & Scribal Symposium**, Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr (Milwaukee, WI) ☪

July 2023 (AS LVIII)

- 7-9 **Thatsa Mare: Better Late than Never**, Shire of Mare Amethystinum (South Gillies, ON)
13-16 **Warriors & Warlords 28**, Barony of Jararvellir (Tomah, WI) ☪ ☪ ☪ ☪
20 **Deadline for September 2023 Northwatch (Youth)**
28-Aug 13 . **Pennsic War 50**, Kingdom of Æthelmarc (Slippery Rock, PA) ☪ ☪ ☪

August 2023 (AS LVIII)

- 18-20 **BYOM (Bring Your Own Marshal)**, Shire of Vilku Urvas (Deer River, MN)
18-20 **Poor Man's Pennsic**, Shire of Falcon's Keep (Wisconsin Rapids, WI) ☪
20 **Deadline for August 2023 Northwatch (Summer Stories)**
26 **Crispin's Archery Thing**, Barony of Nordskogen (Otsego, MN) ☪ ☪ ☪

September 2023 (AS LVIII)

- 1-4 **The War of the Roses**, Barony of Castel Rouge (Gimli, MB) ☪ ☪ ☪ ☪
9 **Northshield Fall Coronation**, Shire of Silfren Mere (Rochester, MN) ☪ ☪ ☪ ☪
15-16 **The Griffin Needle Challenge**, Barony of Jararvellir (Waterloo, WI)
15-17 **Pirate for a Day 4: ARRRmageddon**, Shire of Inner Sea (Makinen, MN)
15-17 **Hrothgar's Hall XII**, Shire of Trewint (Cavour, SD)
20 **Deadline for July 2023 Northwatch (TBD)**
22-24 **Haustblot – A Norse Harvest Festival**, Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr (Valders, WI)
23 **Harvest Festival**, Shire of Rockhaven (Big Lake, MN)



☪ 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.
July 23, 2023 meeting: TBD. October 2023 meeting: TBD. January 2024 meeting: TBD.

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Their Royal Majesties

No missive this month.

Lars & Mary

Their Royal Highnesses

Greetings unto the populace of Northshield!

His Highness Yngvar and I are so excited to have joined the Royal Family and equally excited to see where this year takes us. We truly appreciate the outpouring of love and support you have given us and we will certainly take the assistance you have graciously offered. Should you wish to help us in our reign, please reach out to our Chamberlains, Countess Jehanette de Provins and Countess Gwenhyvar verch Owen ap Morgan at chamberlain37.northshield@gmail.com and let them know how you wish to assist us. We also wish to express our gratitude to Their Royal Majesties, Lars and Mary, in their guidance and love. We will do all in our power to support them in their goals and to be there for them as they represent this Stellar Kingdom.

We are excited to know that the theme of this month's *Northwatch* is Newcomers! Newcomers always hold a soft spot in our hearts and we hope those of you that are new take a moment to introduce yourself to us. Every person in the SCA remembers their first event and how being new felt, and we will do all we can to ensure that you feel welcomed, included, and safe. We encourage you to ask all the questions and be fearless in trying the things that seem interesting to you. Ask that gentle what they are wearing and how they made it. Ask that blacksmith if you can try doing what they do. Ask the armored combatant or the fencer if you can learn a thing or two about how they fight. I promise you will learn so much from our talented and inclusive community! Remember, there

is a Newcomers tab on the banner of the Kingdom's website, Northshield.org, with great resources for you to use as you navigate our community.

In July, His Highness and I will be attending Warriors and Warlords in Tomah, Wisconsin. I am honored to share that my Princess' Sleeve Tourney will be held at this event. I encourage all members of the Rapiere community to attend! I know how important this tournament is and I feel so honored to be, even in some small way, a part of it.

We look forward to seeing you all at events in the future and hope you all remember to stay hydrated and to wear your sunscreen. Also remember to fight well, dance to the best of your ability, and have all the fun this summer!

Yours Ever in Service to the Dream,

Isabella & Yngvar



Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings to the Kingdom,

Another month has passed. Summer is here. Some changes have been made and others are soon to come.

Insurance costs have gone up for the first time in a very long time, or possibly ever. The change came more suddenly than we expected, but we adapt well in this kingdom of ever-changing climate. There are also changes in reporting at Society level which have caused some glitches with updating our website and people getting their cards/memberships updated. They are being ironed out slowly but surely.

For future changes, we need to start looking for the next seneschal for our great kingdom. Please consider serving the kingdom! I need all interest letters sent in by September 1st.

YIS,

Sorcha



Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings, kinsfolk!

I am pleased to report that Northshield's updated PayPal policy, which will allow us to accept donations and heraldic fees via PayPal, has been approved! As of this writing, we are just getting up and running with heraldic fees.

The Kingdom received several thousand dollars in donations from a private fundraiser – thank you to all those who

donated! Donations were received via PayPal and check, and the process went smoothly, based on feedback so far. If you have heard of any issues or concerns, please feel free to forward them to me or to Mistress Nell the Innocent, our PayPal Deputy.

By the time you read this, I will have distributed a survey requesting feedback on what support exchequers need – formal training, office hours, financial support, or anything else. I want to educate existing exchequers and start training the next generation of folks, to build strength and depth in the office. This won't be a quick process, and it is vital to the Society. Stay tuned for more on that.

In service,

Æsa



Kingdom Polaris Herald

No missive this month.

Ysolt



Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings to all.

After an incredible showing at Kingdom A&S in late April, I would first like to commend all of you who showed off your work and competed or displayed. I could not be more proud of Northshield's artisans. As we approach the summer event season, let's keep up that momentum! Be on the lookout for the A&S showcase that will be at Warriors & Warlords this year, where we hope to see more of everyone's excellent and interesting work and invite everyone to check it out.

Farolfus



Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace of Northshield,
Your Kingdom Needs You

The SCA is, except for a handful of corporate positions, an all-volunteer organization. As Baroness Sorcha, the Kingdom Seneschal, pointed out, it takes 100-150 people to volunteer for the various kingdom offices, from Great Officers of State to the regional deputies to the various specialist deputies. The Chronicler's office has an above-average number of open or vacant positions, starting at the top.

I am stepping down as **Kingdom Chronicler** at Boar's Head on December 2, 2023. The office is officially open for letters of intent for my successor to step up then. As a great office of state, the office has a voice and the responsibility of being a member of the Stallari Council. It is largely an administrative position, overseeing the more specialized deputies and making sure those positions are filled. One of my favorite duties is submitting nominations for the William Blackfox Awards, the Society chronicler awards. While experience as a chronicler, webminister, and/or social media officer can be helpful, it is not required. If you have questions about the kingdom chronicler position, or would like to be a deputy kingdom chronicler to get a feel for the office, let me know.

Please submit letters of intent to chronicler@northshield.org by September 1, 2023.

Bâro Johannes' tenure as **Kingdom Webminister** comes to an end this November. Please submit letters of intent to chronicler@northshield.org by September 1, 2023.

In addition to the Kingdom Webminister, we are looking for volunteers for the new website development team. There are four positions the website development team needs volunteers for these positions:

Special Deputy: Web Service Developer

This is a limited-term role under the Webminister. This individual will assist in the creation of the new Northshield website. Desired skills or knowledge includes MySQL, PHP, JSON, and Git Experience.

Special Deputy: Web Plug-In Developer

This is a limited-term role under the Webminister. This individual will assist in the creation of the new Northshield website. Desired skills or knowledge includes programming for WordPress. Plug-In Maintainers and database Programmers with knowledge of WordPress Security Architecture, Object Oriented PHP, JSON, JQuery, MySQL and Git experience are also desired.

Special Deputy: Web Front End Developer

This is a limited-term role under the Webminister. This individual will assist in the creation of the new Northshield website. Desired skills or knowledge includes WordPress theme design/development (website designer, GUI designer, PHP programmer, all in one), JSON, AJAX, and Git experience. Javascript knowledge a plus.

Special Deputy: Web Administrator

This is a limited-term role under the Webminister. This individual will assist in the creation of the new Northshield website. Desired skills or knowledge includes DNS administration, website backup administration, general administrative tasks, and Git experience.

All four positions are open until filled. Applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler (chronicler@northshield.org) and Kingdom Webminister (webminister@northshield.org).

Additionally, these positions continue to remain open. They include:

- Emergency Deputy Kingdom Chronicler
- Kingdom Archivist/Historian
- Media Relations Deputy
- Deputy *Northwatch* Editor
- Western, Central, and Eastern Regional Deputy SMO
- TikTok Deputy SMO

Many hands make light work. If anyone is interested in learning more about the chronicler's office, and/or is interested in becoming either a local group chronicler, a deputy kingdom chronicler, or the kingdom chronicler, please let me know. I will be very glad to talk to you about it.

Ever in service to Crown, Kingdom, and you,

Arnbjorn



Northwatch Editor

Cén scéal? What's the news?

Thanks to Her Royal Highness for sending in her advice to newcomers on personae this month! Our upcoming newsletter themes are as follows, but please submit art and articles on any topic for the edification of the kingdom.

- June 20 – Homely Goods – What physical items make your table, camp, or presence space more homey? What (e.g., dishes, furniture, or lighting) do you have that is period-appropriate for you and where did you get it or how did you make it? What period items would you like to have (practical/realistic or not)?
- July 20 – Youth of the Kingdom – The (parents/guardians/teachers of) children and teens of Northshield are encouraged to send in our youngest members' A&S projects, fighting kit or garb photos,

stories, or any other spiffiness they would like to show off. Let's celebrate the future of Northshield!

- August 20 – Summer Adventures – Camping season is the SCA's busy time. Share the best pictures and tales from your summer, whether it's a friend's elevation, a new piece of garb, a campfire story from the bardic circle, or a recipe that turned out well!

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

Grainne



Kingdom Earl Marshal

No missive this month.

Siegfried



SCA CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 2023 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: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-05-25-Presidents-Letter-FINAL-.pdf>

A video of the meeting will shortly be available on the Society's YouTube Channel.

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

If you send comments, please use the subject line "President's Report April 2023". Comments are welcomed and strongly encouraged.

2022 YEAR END REPORT

Released May 27, SCA Inc.'s 2022 Year End Report highlights some of the amazing work done as we began to return to normal

Society activities across the Known World. It provides a high-level overview of a range of society activities as well as some corporate highlights and information. A more in-depth report is planned for future years.

The report is available here: <https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/SCA-Inc-2022-Annual-Report.pdf>

Our thanks to all the officers, volunteers and members of our Society community for their continuing work and support. The Known World is richer because of you.

Questions or comments regarding this report should be directed to communications@sca.org

If you send comments, please use the subject line "2022 Year End Report". Comments are welcomed and encouraged.

Our thanks to the photographers who have given permission to use their art for Society purposes.

DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR COMMENTARY

CORPORATE POLICY XIX. DELEGATION OF INVESTMENT AUTHORITY POLICY

The Board of Directors is currently considering the following addition to the SCA's Corporate Policy:

XIX. Delegation of Investment Authority Policy

The Board shall ensure that fiduciary responsibilities concerning the proper management of SCA, Inc.'s institutional funds are fulfilled through appropriate investment structure, internal and external management, and portfolio performance consistent with all policies and procedures. Based on the advice and recommendations of the Treasurer and its external fund manager(s), the Board shall approve investment policies and objectives that reflect the long-term investment-risk orientation appropriate to the organization. The Board may, at its sole discretion, create or eliminate committee(s) to advise the Board in furthering its duties and may select, appoint, and remove members thereto.

The Board hereby delegates supervisory responsibility for the management of its invested funds to the Corporate Treasurer, subject to the financial limitations specified in Corpora, as noted below:

- determine that institutional funds are prudently and effectively managed with the assistance of management and any necessary investment consultants and/

or other outside professionals, if any. • recommend the retention and/or dismissal of investment consultants and/or other outside professionals.

- receive and review reports from management, investment consultants and/ or other outside professionals, if any.

- periodically meet with management, investment consultants and/or other outside professionals management, investment consultants and/or other outside professionals.

- report to the Board (as needed) whether this policy, investment activities, risk management controls and processes continue to be consistent with meeting the goals and objectives set for the management of institutional funds.

- execute such investment transactions as are necessary to ensure that SCA, Inc.'s investment portfolio reflects the asset allocation, investment-risk orientation, or other direction regarding the investment portfolio as has been established by the Board.

Corpora in its entirety can be found here: <https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/govdocs/>

Please email all commentary to SCA-Comments@sca.org and use the title "Corpora – Investment Authority in the subject line. NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will cause your message to be marked as spam, and it will be bounced.

In lieu of email, commentary may be sent by US Mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

RE: Corpora – Investment Authority

P.O. Box 611928

San Jose, CA 95161

Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora change, whether sent by email or US Mail, must be received by the Board no later than September 15, 2023.

SCA CELEBRATES PRIDE!

Throughout June, the Society celebrates the role of LGBTQIA+ people in history, the contributions they have made and their ongoing resilience and courage. The Society is enriched by the presence of our LGBTQIA+ participants and we thank them for their ongoing support!

Throughout June, we'll be sharing stories, articles and information about the role of LGBTQIA+ people in history.

Note: a reminder that unfortunately it is not always safe for LGBTQIA+ people to publicly identify themselves. Please seek permission before publicly linking or naming anyone.

Pride is part of the SCA Corporate Recognition Calendar. The calendar acknowledges our global membership and celebrates internationally recognised events. Proposals for inclusions in the calendar can be sent to communications@sca.org

ARTS & SCIENCES UPDATE – JUNE 2023

Arts and Sciences make up a major cornerstone of the SCA. Whether people are creating new garb, forging a blade, preparing a feast, or learning something new, this area of our Society remains a constant hive of activity.

Many of our Ministers of Arts and Sciences had the chance to meet up this March at Gulf Wars! Ideas were exchanged and all had a great time. This meet up was followed up with Sarah, our Society Minister of Arts & Sciences, visting Aethelmarc for their all embroidery event St. Clare, where she gave a keynote talk "Opus Anglicanum: Beyond the Shiny Stitches."

Arts & Sciences offices are always changing and evolving, each quarter sees this office welcoming new Ministers of Arts and Sciences who each bring unique ideas and talents to the role. They are a key part of answering A&S related questions and cultivating interest in the arts & sciences across the SCA. We are thrilled to welcome the new Scribal Deputy, Mistress Ellen DeLacey, OP to her role! Additionally, We will soon be looking for a new Sciences deputy, so keep your eyes peeled for further information about office openings!

Moving forward, we are looking to hold more Known World events. We are accepting proposals for events on a rolling basis, so if you have an idea or would like to submit a proposal, please contact the Society Minister for Arts & Sciences at scamoas@sca.org.

From June 2023, our Society and Corporate Officers will be providing blog updates to share what is happening in their areas.



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.

- **Lakes Regional Deputy Seneschal:** Inquiries and applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- **Woodlands A&S Regional Deputy:** Inquiries and applications should be sent to the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences. Open until filled.
- **Kingdom Youth Officer:** Inquiries and applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- **Regalia Minister:** Inquiries and applications should be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer. The anticipated changeover is ASAP.
- **Emergency Deputy Kingdom Chronicler:** Inquiries and applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Kingdom Archivist/Historian:** Inquiries and applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Media Relations Deputy:** Inquiries and applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Deputy Northwatch Editor:** Inquiries and applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Western Regional Deputy, Central Regional Deputy, and Eastern Regional Deputy SMOs:** Inquiries and applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **TikTok Deputy SMO:** Inquiries and applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- See Kingdom Directory for other current vacancies.



DEAR ABBESS:

I am a wealthy merchant in London and I enjoy entertaining guests while showing off the lovely things in my possession that I have accumulated from far and wide. I recently acquired a beautiful dish from Andalusia, which I was very proud

of until I had the misfortune to dine with a well-travelled acquaintance. He has been to Spain, the Barbary Coast, and even the lands of the Ottoman Sultan, where he has seen much of the beautiful calligraphy produced by the followers of the Prophet Mohammed, and he tells me that the decoration on the rim of my lovely dish is nonsense, illegible gibberish – a poor imitation of Arabic calligraphy. I have enclosed an image of the plate and was hoping you might be able to tell me if what he says is true.

—A MORTIFIED MERCHANT

DEAR MORTIFIED,

Your friend is, unfortunately, quite correct. The decoration on the rim of your plate is not legible Arabic calligraphy. But do not worry! What you have is a fine example of a type of decoration that will eventually be described as “pseudo-Arabic” or “pseudo-Kufic,” depending on its style and age. Europeans have been imitating the look of Islamic calligraphy since your English king Offa ruled in the 8th century and had gold coins minted that looked like Abbasid dinars, complete with poorly-copied Arabic text. The lovely Islamic architecture your well-travelled friend is likely familiar with often uses calligraphic text as a design element. Europeans copied this decoration in

architecture and art, often in Spain, where Islamic aesthetics persisted after Islamic rule had ended – your plate is a fine example of this. Another common example is that of the decorative bands shown in many paintings, often the trim at the hems of garments, but painters like Giotto or Mantegna could not read or write Arabic, so their decorations are lovely but illegible. My advice is that you should just enjoy your plate as part of a long European tradition and tell your friend to go to Toledo and try to read the “writing” around the interior window at the Church of San Roman if he thinks he is so smart. (Hint: it doesn’t say anything either.) Happy Eating!

—ABBESS

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE USE OF IMITATION ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY IN EUROPEAN LATE MEDIEVAL/EARLY RENAISSANCE ART, LOOK FOR ROSAMOND MACK'S BOOK *BAZAAR TO PIAZZA : ISLAMIC TRADE AND ITALIAN ART, 1300-1600* IN YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY.

DO YOU HAVE MEDIEVAL PROBLEMS? ASK DEAR ABBESS BY WRITING TO NORTHWATCH@NORTHSHIELD.ORG, PUTTING “DEAR ABBESS” IN THE SUBJECT.

ANDALUSIAN DISH
WITH PSEUDO-
ARABIC SCRIPT,
EARLY 16TH C. CE,
LONDON

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Courts of TRM Lars III & Mary III

SPRING CROWN TOURNAMENT

Here follows the Court report for the Court of Their Stellar Majesties, Lars III and Mary III, held on the occasion of Their Crown Tournament on Saturday, May 13, A.S. 58 (2023), hosted by the Shire of Darkstone.

Herald of Record: Ysolt Polaris; Other heralds: Katerinka Lvovicha, Derbáil ingen Néill, Judith of Northwode, Abelard die Elster; Signet: Sofonisba Vespasiana Gabrielli; Seneschal: Sorcha Bhuide.

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Gruffydd Coedwr	Award of the Cygnus	Clydwyn Gwehydd
Margareta de Wevere	Award of the Cygnus	Marguerite Larchier
Apolonia Wiktoria Rózaska	Award of the Cygnus	Hellen of Haldane
Władysława Glinikiska	Award of Arms	Tatiana Marana Melville
Angelo Carevello	Award of Arms	Eysteinn meinfretr
Christian Blood	Order of the Hand of Tyr	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinson



RAID THE BREWERY

Here follows the Court Report of Lars III and Mary III from Raid the Brewery, held on May 27, 2023 (A.S. 58), at The Shire of Rivenwood Tower.

Herald of Record: Guenievre du Dragon Vert; Signet: Judith of Northwode; Seneschal: Celestria de Clare.

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Persona Development Questions

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When developing and building on a persona, consider using some of these questions to assist. None of these questions HAVE to be answered in order for you to participate in the SCA, but they are a great way to broaden your skills and to better "play" while at an event. A lot of these questions can also assist in what to wear for garb or things to aspire to during your SCA journey. Have fun! Be creative! Don't forget to ask for help or direction if you need it!

Basic Questions:

1. Where in the world are you from?
 - a. Country
 - b. Region in that country
2. When in the world are you from?

Intermediate Questions:

1. What kinds of clothes are you comfortable wearing?
2. What kinds of clothes are you not comfortable wearing?

Advanced Questions:

1. What religion do your people practice?
2. Are there sumptuary rules where you live?
3. Are there other rules for clothing?
 - a. Would women cover their faces or hair?
 - b. Would men be required to wear hats or fight for their liege lord?
4. Is there a middle class of people?
5. What was the political system like?
6. What kind of holidays or celebrations might you observe?
7. What is the social climate like where you live?
 - a. Is there a war going on?
 - b. Is there plague?
 - c. Any political or religious rebellions going on?
 - d. Are you living at a time and place where there is a new form of thinking or behaving (i.e., Humanistic thought, the advent of the printing press, the Reformation)
8. Do you know how to read? If so, what kind of books might you read?
9. Do you know how to write? If so, what language would you write?
10. What kinds of stories or songs are being performed in your homeland?
11. What kind of art is being made in your homeland?
12. What kinds of food do you eat?



DOOR PANEL WITH A BEVELED DESIGN,
9TH C. CE, EGYPT
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Online Resources for Newcomers!

By Grainne Dhonn <kyria.thalia@gmail.com>

While it's great to get help in person from your new SCA friends, here are some useful web resources for newer folks to explore.

Basics:

1. SCA.org's Newcomer's Portal: welcome.sca.org – Learn more about the basics of all activities and aspects of the SCA.
2. A newcomer's guide: www.sca.org/new-to-the-sca/ – Advice and directions for early SCAdians.
3. Names in the SCA: www.s-gabriel.org/ – Lists of researched names from various time periods and cultures.
4. Clothing yourself: www.virtue.to/articles/in_depth_garb.html – Some simple patterns for basic clothing.
5. Intro to jargon: www.sca.org/jargon/ – What all those archaic/unusual words mean.

Northshield Resources:

1. Group locator: northshield.org/Branches/Search.aspx – Find your nearest group by zip code or county.
2. For more information: northshield.org/Resources/RequestMoreInformation.aspx – Message a Chatelaine (hospitality officer) with any questions you have. They can connect you to people who share your interests, events, or group meetings.

Disability Accommodations:

1. Service Animal policy: www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/ServiceAnimalPolicy.pdf
2. Silent Heralds (Sign Language interpreters): heraldry.sca.org/signheraldry.html – Volunteers who can make official presentations accessible to d/Deaf/HOH members.
3. ADA accessibility: www.northshield.org/Events/ – Feast menus and ingredient lists are usually available from food coordinators, whose contact info should be listed under the event posting. Event announcements should provide physical accessibility notes.



IRON KEY, 13TH C. CE, GERMANY
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A Meditation on Courtesy and Clothing

By Sibillia d'Orange <danelle.orange@gmail.com>

I'm a huge nerd. I am still mad that some of my clothing isn't historical simply because I value my tendons and muscles more than historically-accurate shoes. I am raging against a pattern because the historically-accurate way is confusing and doesn't work with my current sample bodice.

I am also making a horrifically ahistoric morretta mask. I am still a giant nerd about this stuff.

Listen, the SCA isn't reenactment. It isn't a LARP, because you are who you are regardless of what time you are. Everyone needs to start somewhere. "Somewhere" could be anything from a t-tunic to a lolita dress. We don't get to dictate how people come to us. We can only address our own behavior and how we welcome them. We can help them continue more historically or continue with t-tunics and a doublet.

Can I judge people based on their sartorial choices? *Absolutely*, but I don't judge new people. Do I say *any* of my judgements out loud? Absolutely not, and that goes triple for new people.

Any time you want to say something about someone's clothing or body, it needs to pass the following test: Is it necessary? Is it kind? Is it solicited? Can it be fixed in 5 minutes? If the answer to *any* of these questions is no, then keep your mouth shut.

Did someone accidentally tuck their tunic into their underwear? *By all means, tell someone.* Spinach in the teeth? *Tell them.*

Their cotehardie isn't being worn with the correct shoes? *Say nothing.* It can't be fixed in 5 minutes and it's not kind to point that out.

We're all on a journey, and we don't know where others are on that journey. The person we critique today about something relatively minor may have had a lot to offer later, but if we were a jerk about it, then they may have just decided not to deal with us – with the Society, at all.

Come on in! (a selection of door-knockers)

All images courtesy of the Met Museum (NY)



BRASS KNOCKER,
1560-1570 CE,
GERMANY (LEFT)



IRON KNOCKER, LATE
16TH C. CE, SPAIN
(RIGHT)

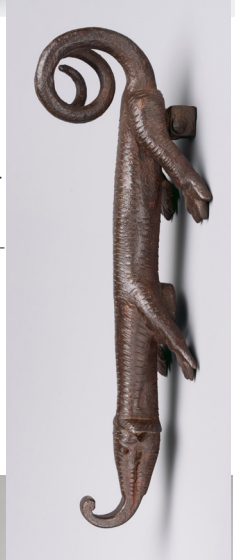


FIGURAL KNOCKER, 15TH-16TH C. CE, EUROPE

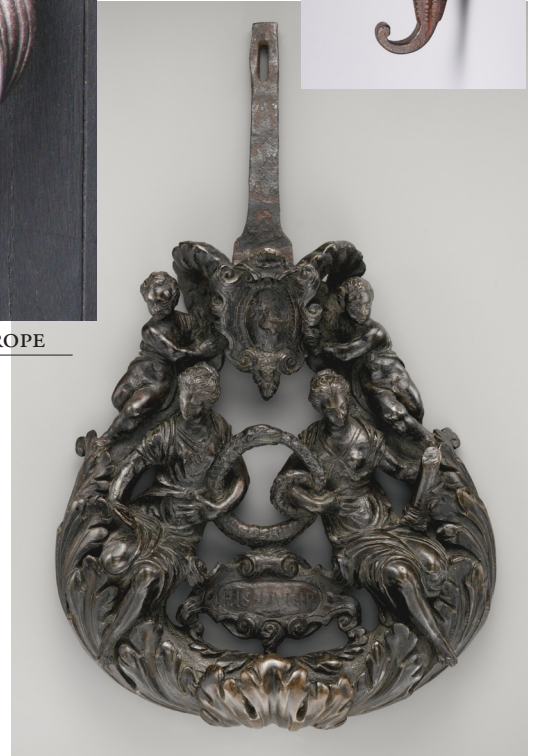


DOOR KNOCKER, 15TH-16TH C. CE, EUROPE

KNOCKER IN
THE SHAPE OF
A LIZARD-LIKE
CREATURE, 15TH-
16TH C. CE,
SPAIN (RIGHT)



DOORKNOCKER WITH
PRUDENCE AND FORTITUDE
JOINED ETERNALLY, MID-16TH
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JULY 7-9, 2023

SHIRE OF MARE AMETHYSTINUM

Thatsa Mare: Better Late than Never



Gillies Community Centre
1895 Highway 595, South Gillies, ON P0T 2V0 Canada
Site opens noon Friday. Site closes noon Sunday.

Fees:	
Adult (18+) \$20	Youth (17 and under) \$5
Adult member \$15	All fees in Canadian Dollars

Checks payable to SCA Inc-Shire of Mare Amethystinum.

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Bardic Activities, Classes. Merchant space available. Majority of site is accessible, including washroom. Lower level/kitchen area is not accessible. Potluck dinner Saturday.

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try 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.

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JULY 13-16, 2023 BARONIES OF JARARVELLIR & NORDSKOGEN



Warriors & Warlords 28



Tomah Recreation Park
1625 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI 54660 USA
Site opens 7/12 for merchants, 7/13 at 9am for populace. Site closes 7/16 at 4pm.

Fees:	
Adult (18+) weekend \$45	Adult member day trip \$20/day
Adult member weekend \$40	Youth (17 and under) free
Adult day trip \$25/day	Printed site booklet \$2
	RV \$10/day

Checks payable to SCA Inc-Warriors and Warlords. Pre-reg closes 6/5, form available here: <https://forms.gle/5MLk1qXpdUuG4swf8>.

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Archery, A&S Display, Bardic Activities, Classes, Equestrian, Rapier Combat, Thrown Weapons, Youth Activities, Youth Boffer Combat, Cut & Thrust Combat. Populace/presence space available. Showers available. Merchants must pre-reg. Site is ADA accessible, but some rough ground.

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Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful

