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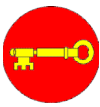
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Northshield Event Calendar

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.

December 2024 (AS LIX)

20Deadline for February 2025 *Northwatch* (Love & Romance)

January 2025 (AS LIX)

18 Nordskogen Twelfth Night, Barony of Nordskogen (Ramsey, MN) ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀

20Deadline for March 2025 *Northwatch* (Bestiary)

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

25 A Midwinter's Day Feast, Shire of Schattentor (Rapid City, SD)

February 2025 (AS LIX)

1 Feast of Lupercalia, Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Garden City, MN) ♀ ♀

1 A February Frolicking of Fools, Barony of Castel Rouge (Winnipeg, MB)

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

15 Hertzkrieg 28, College of Svatý Sebesta (Vermillion, SD) ♀ ♀

20Deadline for April 2025 *Northwatch* (Nonsense)

17-21 Officer's Week, Kingdom of Northshield (online)

22 Fighter's School 2025, Barony of Windhaven (Fond du Lac, WI) ♀ ♀ ♀

22 The Most Excellent Winter Extravaganza & Clinic, Shire of Korsvag (Portland, ND)

March 2025 (AS LIX)

1 Silfren Mere Winter Games, Shire of Silfren Mere (Pine Island, MN)

8-16 Gulf Wars, Kingdom of Gleann Abhann (Lumberton, MS) ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀

14-16 That Moot Thingy 25, Canton of Coille Stoirmeil (Tomah, WI)

20Deadline for March 2025 *Northwatch* (Your theme here!)

22 Medieval Religions, Spiritual Practices, and the Supernatural Symposium, Barony of Jararvellir (Madison, 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

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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.

January 2025 meeting: TBD. April 2025 meeting: TBD. July 2025 meeting: TBD.



Their Royal Majesties

Hail, Northshield!

While at SUN, we heard ominous warnings of roiling and steaming waters on the edges of the lakes and fires on the shore from Their Excellencies. Indeed, while we were at SUN it was unseasonably hot. It appears the great Wyrms we have been hearing about is causing Climate Wyrming. We are dispatching our runners to keep afoot of this development.

We are looking forward to Twelfth Night in Nordskogen. There will be a fair bit of court business, as well as Royal Armourer's competition. The prize for the competition, besides bragging rights, will be a custom hammer made by His Majesty for rolling edges.

Gulf Wars is fast approaching, and there have been war practices already by the time you read this – thank you, General Wu – and more coming. We would like to get a headcount as early as possible to know who will be able to make it. We encourage all who are planning on fighting at Gulf Wars to make it out for Fighter School in Windhaven. Wu is working on identifying who will be General at Gulf Wars (as of the time of this writing in November, some things are in the air). Follow updates on line to stay up to date here please.

Thora & Thorbrandr

Their Royal Highnesses

Unto the good folk of Northshield, greetings!

As winter settles in at last, Her Highness Aelina hopes to see the fencers of Northshield in their most skilled and honorable fights at Her Princess's Sleeve Tournament, which

will be held at Nordskogen Twelfth Night.

After that, We look forward to the return of the Feast of Lupercalia. It is Our honor and joy to serve as Heirs to the stellar kingdom, and we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Our travels through the winter.

Be well and travel safely!

Aelina & Skio



Kingdom Seneschal

Dearest Northshield,

Winter is now upon us. I hope you stay warm, surrounded by love and mirth. The Kingdom continues to do well and as always it is my greatest honor to serve you.

Winter for me is a time to take advantage of what I was able to store for winter projects and that means spinning and weaving. Having two Border Collie dogs, there is something truly magical about working with wool while my dogs keep my feet warm. I work my craft of spinning and weaving, waiting for the warm breath of spring to return. Until then I keep my hands and heart warm with the wool that I have prepared. My own hall will fill with the joy of company as we relate the epic adventures we had over the previous seasons while we share in midwinter feasts.

I hope you get an opportunity to spin great tales and weave them into great stories! May your halls be warm, may your plates be full of joy and your cups flow over with a favorite beverage.

Please do not be a stranger; if you catch me at an event, say hi!

Yours in ever grateful service,

Morgaine



Kingdom Polaris Herald

Greetings unto the Heralds of Northshield!

It has been an honour to be your Kingdom Herald, my friends. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve! Now it is time for me to step aside and leave you in my successor's capable hands. For Calamus Polaris, VIVAT!

Ysolt Pais de cuer
Polaris Herald Emergency Deputy

To All and Singular whom this notice does present, I hereby introduce myself as Calamus Polaris, Principal Herald of Northshield.

One fall day several years ago, during Jaravellir's weekly Sunday Practice, I inquired of a visiting Baron Abelard what his thoughts were on the job of Polaris. To the best of my recollection, he said "It's a lot like herding cats." We shared a good chuckle but then I thought that it was really quite true and accurate.

So I stood for a moment in thought, and replied, "Well, I think the best way to herd cats is to toss a bunch of boxes on the floor and let them sort it out themselves."

Since that conversation, I have been working on my Cat-Herding Theory of Herald Management. Our college has so much remarkable potential and I want, first and foremost, to encourage each and every herald to develop themselves into the herald they wish to be. I want to let them know when the other heralds see potential in them that maybe they yet do not. I want every herald to find their box and to enjoy it, and then find a new box, train up a replacement for the old one, and go have more fun in a new role. Or, if they're not ready, to go have herald zoomie time for a while. Most importantly, I want every herald in our kingdom to feel that their success and growth is important to Polaris, to the College, and to Northshield.

Recruitment, Training, and Retention are the three pillars of building a solid College. Tackling these challenges is my foremost goal. And I would never dream that I could tackle these issues myself. We are a Kingdom with a depth of Heraldic knowledge held by many who are ready and willing to share. My job will not be to build these three pillars myself, but to encourage and support those who can teach and share their vast knowledge with all in the College. It is my quest to find the best heralds to sit in the right boxes where they can shine.

As Polaris, I stand between the Northshield College of Heralds and the Society-wide College of Arms. I stand as the hand of Birgitta Laurel Sovereign of Arms in Northshield, representing

her and the whole of the Senior College to Northshield. I stand also as the representative of Northshield in that same College of Arms, making sure that our voice is heard at the Society Level. As such, I look forward to holding Polaris Office Hours. These will be open meeting times via Zoom and in person to help answer questions concerning what we do in the Northshield College of Heraldry, and in the Society College of Arms. I aim to engage with everyone who has questions or concerns, to address issues, and to encourage communication.

I look forward to serving Northshield, our College of Heraldry, and the College of Arms.

Calamus



**Chancellor of the
Exchequer**

No missive this month.

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**Kingdom Minister of
Arts & Sciences**

Greetings!

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Minister of Arts & Sciences for the past two years, and as I write this final missive before leaving office, I look back on all the wonderful accomplishments of our populace during that time. I have had the delight of watching many of you grow in your craft and fall further down the rabbit holes of curiosity. I have seen long-time members rediscover their joy through a new project or interest. I have witnessed many new Northshields take their first steps into the pursuit of historic art forms. Worthy artisans have been elevated to the Order of the Laurel. Our teachers have brought their knowledge and skill to the Knowne World at Pennsic, Gulf Wars, and many online University events in other lands, gaining word-fame along the way. I am so very proud of what you have all learned, done, and taught one another. Thank you all for the work and joy you have put in – this Kingdom is what YOU make it, and it is truly good to be Northshield.

Yours in service,

Farolfus



Kingdom Chronicler

Happy Gregorian New Year unto the populace of Northshield,

Looking for a New Year's resolution? Please consider volunteering to serve as an officer, either at the local or kingdom levels. It takes about 100 paid members to minimally staff all the local groups (baronies, shires, cantons, villages) in Northshield. It takes about another 100 paid members to have the kingdom fully staffed. That works out to needing 25-30% of all paid members in Northshield to volunteer as officers, assuming no one holds more than one office. We are well short of that.

My term as Kingdom Chronicler ends on June 1, 2025, the end of a full third year in office. At that point, I will be term-limited and must step down. Letters of Intent are due by March 1, 2025, to chronicler@northshield.org, to provide time for Stallari to review the applicants, and provide training to my successor. 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.

Bantiarna Grainne Dhonn, the *Northwatch* Editor, has announced that she wishes to step down from the 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.

Baroness Ceolwyn, the Kingdom Social Media Officer, and I have agreed to thin the number of deputy kingdom SMOs by closing the regional SMO positions. What we really need are 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.

If you would like to learn more about what being an officer in Northshield entails, I encourage everyone to attend the various officer online sessions being held during Officers' Week, February 17-21, 2025.

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

I want to thank Baroness Tatiana Marana Melville, OP, OL, for her service as baronial chronicler for the past two years. She is stepping down as she steps up as territorial baroness of Caer Anterth Mawr.

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.

Happy New Year! This month, please enjoy some of the newest, most fashionable art styles. Our upcoming newsletter themes are as follows, but please submit art and articles about anything at all for the edification of the kingdom.

- December 20 – Love & Romance – Share your songs or art or stories of loooove.
- January 20 – Beasts and Bestiaries – Which creatures are unfairly maligned by medieval and ancient zoologists? Which fantastical creatures mean something to you?
- February 20 – Nonsense – It's time again for an April celebration of Foolishness, Jokes, and Nonsense of all varieties!

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

Grainne



Kingdom Earl Marshal

A Missive from the Society Earl Marshal

Greetings all,

Now is the time for going over your kit and making adjustments, repairs, and replacing questionable pieces. Looking forward to seeing you all on the field.

Policy Clarification – People have been “kingdom shopping” for authorizations for various reasons. We’ve seen reasons ranging from they don’t like the armor rules in their resident kingdom, or they’ve been banished from their kingdom. This is not allowed – people must authorize in the kingdom they reside in.

Note – Exceptions to this rule exist for (a) people who live in a kingdom that does not have a program in that discipline (i.e., they don’t have a Siege or EQ program), or (b) their kingdom doesn’t have a program in that sub-discipline (i.e., jousting). Then they can authorize per joint agreement between the KEMs of both kingdoms.

Also, when visiting other kingdoms, people must adhere to that kingdom’s armor, weapons, and equipment standards. Their authorization as a visitor may be recognized. (Wars and other large events may establish different standards, which must be adhered to.)

Per Marshals Handbook:

“All persons who wish to participate in SCA combat activities must authorize under the Society and Kingdom-of-residence authorization procedures.”

Arabella,
Society Marshal

forwarded by Armond



**SCA Corporate
Announcements**
**People on the Move –
Society Chatelaine**

The Board of Directors is pleased to appoint Andrew Harness (His Lordship Ottar Surtson) as Society Chatelaine for a three year term.

Andrew Harness believes in making the best of all situations. Neither his degree in Culinary arts, Professional Catering, and Special Event planning, nor his training in that field, could have prepared him for the life he now enjoys. Married to his beautiful wife of 16 years, and a stay-at-home dad to their teenage son; he never intended for family to be his life’s work, and now wouldn’t trade it for anything.

He enjoys music, long walks to coffee shops with his leader dog, Bailey, and helping others that are learning to live with diabetes and visual impairment. The most important thing though is his family, whether blood-related or chosen. He cherishes all the relationships formed throughout his journeys and is looking forward to his next adventure, whatever it may be.

His Lordship Ottar Surtson is a Norseman who wandered through Europe (and history) until he found his home in the Mongolian Steppe. Taking a lovely Persian woman as a wife, she bore him a son, and they settled down to ensure the clan lineage would continue with distinction (...or at least with some level of reputation). Supported by his “battle-hound” Lord Bailey, Ottar spends his time encouraging others throughout the Knowne World to come join the SCA horde.

The Society Chatelaine is the officer responsible for supporting the training, advising, and coordinating of public outreach, newcomer introduction, acclimation and retention for the SCA.

People on the Move – Director Elect Seat E

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Kate Poore (Boiarynia Ekaterina Kirkovna Holopova, OP) as the Director-Elect for Seat E. She will assume the position from Director Pug Bainter at the close of the April 2025 quarterly meeting.

Kate Poore is a Recordkeeping Specialist for July Business Services based out of Longmont, CO. She resides north of Denver and within sight of the mountains, with her fat cat, George! Her work background is retirement finance, primarily on the operations side. Kate

been part of the SCA since birth with her fondest memories running around Lilies War with her friends causing mischief or swimming in the lake in the late ‘90s and early ‘00s. Yoga, board games, travel, and trivia nights provide plenty of enjoyment in her life. She also has a goal to hit an event in every SCA kingdom by the time she is 40; only 10 more to go!

Boiarynia Ekaterina Kirkovna Holopova, OP, is a 15th Century Russian noble with a love of adventure, duty, and knowledge. She supports her friends by giving safe spaces to land in times of need as well as celebration. She loves meeting new people and hearing their stories of war, mischief, and joy. Ekaterina has a hard time staying in one place as there are so many sites to see and histories to learn.

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

Call for Applicants for *Tournaments Illuminated* Editor

The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. is seeking candidates for the position of Editor for *Tournaments Illuminated*. This is a part-time stipend position with a three-year warranted term of service.

The successful candidate will be primarily responsible for the publication of the quarterly SCA magazine, *Tournaments Illuminated*.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Editor include, but are not limited to the following:

- Working with the TI Art Director, staff and authors to produce the quarterly magazine on schedule;
- Answering queries in a timely, courteous, and professional manner;

- Developing and maintaining relationships with authors and other content providers;
- Developing manuscripts with authors based on the audience of *Tournaments Illuminated*, general readability and (where appropriate) historical accuracy;
- Developing and working with a volunteer staff of reviewers (TI Review Panel);
- Recruiting (as needed), overseeing, working and communicating with column contributors;
- Developing new coverage areas and varieties of content that reflect the interests and priorities of TI readers and the wider SCA community;
- Developing a program for close communication with Kingdom representatives to help determine interest areas and contributors;
- Establishing and managing a team to support TI ventures, such as gathering and disseminating information, promoting the

- publication, and SCA community outreach for reader involvement;
- Reaching out to potential subscribers and authors and generally raising awareness of TI and SCA publications via virtual events, podcasts, social media, and other online opportunities;
- Managing the Tournaments Illuminated Team of volunteers and deputies;
- Assessing and meeting the diverse needs of the readership, as TI is meant for all members and participants, at all skill and experience levels;
- Providing Quarterly Reports to the Board of Directors through the Publications Manager.

This position requires approximately 10+ hours per week, except during the two to four weeks prior to publication, when more time is spent putting an issue together. Qualifications for the position include excellent written and oral communication skills, the ability to work independently to prioritize tasks and meet deadlines, strong computer skills, ability to organize a staff, and familiarity with SCA publications and social media programs and platforms. Professional experience in a modern editing environment and prior experience in an SCA Chronicler position are desirable, but not required. Successful candidates for this position must have easy access to phone, mail, internet, and reliable e-mail service. An applicant must be a paid member

of the Society and must be able to meet publication and reporting deadlines in a timely manner.

Interested parties should forward copies of resumes (both professional and SCA related, including offices held and honors) to resumes@sca.org and pubmanager@sca.org.

The deadline for applications is 31 December 2024.

October 2024 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/2024/12/2024-10-After-Board-Meeting-Report.pdf](#)

The October 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting is available at the Society's YouTube channel here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFms7eFhMfe61ag_cNewwBA

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 October 2024". Comments are welcomed and strongly encouraged.



COLUMN STATUE OF A KING, FRANCE, CA. 1150-1160 CE (LEFT)

COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM (NY)



BOX FOR ACCESSORIES (SUMIAKA-TEBAKO) WITH CHRYSANTHEMUMS AND AUTUMN GRASSES, JAPAN, LATE 16TH C. CE

COURTESY OF THE MET MUSEUM (NY)



Courts of TRM Thorbrandr & Thora

Haustblot

Here follows the Regency Court Report of Thorbrandr and Thora by Their vassals, Baron Abelard die Elster and Baroness Ysolt Pais de cuer, at Haustblot held on September 28, AS 59 (2024 CE), at the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr.

Herald of Record: Svena Gandalldottir; Signet: Deonysia of Rye.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Lydia Talbot	Award of the Black Flame	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe, Deonysia of Rye
Jois Corbet	Order of Brigit's Flame	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe, Deonysia of Rye
Karl Friederick of Dinkelsbuhl	Order of the Aquila et Fulmen	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe, Deonysia of Rye
Moira Eiriksdottir	Order of the Golden Peacock	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe, Deonysia of Rye



Stellar University of Northshield

Here follows the Court Report of Thorbrandr and Thora from The Stellar University of Northshield (SUN) held on November 9, AS 59 (2024 CE), at the Barony of Castel Rouge.

Herald of Record: Clara inghean Uilleim; Day Signet: Hermina Matilda de Ainesleah of Meredene; Seneschal of Record: Aemelia Tacita.

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Kobayashi Akira	Award of Arms	Decimus Marius Tacitus Ajax
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Racheel Domonique de Brienne	Award of the Black Flame	Judith Krahe vom Schwarzwald
Thora Thorfinndottir	Award of the Black Flame	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinson
Wolfhart Eysenhawer	Award of the Black Flame	Tatiana Marana Melville
Brenna Dhíamair	Award of the Cygnus	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe, Deonysia of Rye
Leonidas Kallas	Award of the Griffin & Sword	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinson
David DuPont	Order of the Aquila et Fulmen	Judith of Northwode
Gal Mergan	Order of the Hand of Tyr	Thora Heri, Racheldis of Glastonbury
Aemelia Tacita	Order of Brigit's Flame	Thora Heri on a blank (?)
Niall Einarsson	Order of the Griffin of Northshield	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinson
Clare Agatha MacLeod	Order of the Griffin of Northshield	Amary Fairamay
Pedro de Carrion del los Condes Ramirez	Joint Sovereign & Consort's Cypher	no scroll



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PATTERN OF LEAVES
AND VINES, EGYPT,
6TH-7TH C. CE

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DEAR ABBESS:

I live in a small village in the English Midlands. My neighbors and I have kept geese for as long as anyone can remember, but the creatures are vicious, terrorizing children and grown adults alike. While it is one thing to occasionally dine on the wild ones, the idea of deliberately keeping geese



in close proximity to one's home seems perverse. Why do we keep and breed these ungovernable monsters? Surely a smaller bird, such as a duck, could be domesticated and kept with less peril?

—HONKING MAD

DEAR HONKING,

The goose may be a fearsome bird, but it has been successfully bred in captivity in Britain since Roman times and for good reason. The birds can be plucked twice yearly without needing to slaughter them, they produce larger eggs and more meat than a duck. I would also encourage

you to reconsider your opinion of their value based on their demeanor. Pliny and other Roman authors noted that geese make excellent livestock guardian animals, better than some dogs. And one need only look at Livy's account of a Gaulish attack on Rome to see their value – reportedly the flock of geese at the Capitol awakened the citizens with their honking, providing enough warning for the Romans to save the Temple of Juno from destruction by the enemy. Surely a few frightened toddlers are a small price to pay for such a vigilant guard at your own home?

—ABBESS

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DOMESTICATION OF DUCKS AND GEESSE IN ROMAN AND MEDIEVAL BRITAIN, YOU CAN READ THIS JOURNAL ARTICLE FOR FREE ONLINE: "ALTERNATE FORTUNES? THE ROLE OF DOMESTIC DUCKS AND GEESSE FROM ROMAN TO MEDIEVAL TIMES IN BRITAIN" BY UMBERTO ALBARELLA https://www.researchgate.net/publication/283322700_Alternate_fortunes_The_role_of_domestic_ducks_and_geese_from_Roman_to_Medieval_times_in_Britain.

Do you have a medieval problem or quandary? Send your message to northwatch@northshield.org and include "Dear Abbess" in the subject line to get some expert advice.



HELP WANTED

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

- **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.
- **Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences:** Details for this role may be found at https://northshield.org/Resources/PDF/JobDesc/KMOAS_job_description.pdf Open until 12/31/2024. Inquiries and applications should be sent to the Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences at moas@northshield.org
- **Clerk of Precedence:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Polaris Herald ASAP.
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JANUARY 18, 2025

BARONY OF NORDSKOGEN

Nordskogen Twelfth Night



Lord of Life Church

14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303 USA

Site opens 6-8:30pm Fri. for setup, 9am Saturday for event.

Site closes 9pm.

Fees:

Adult (18+) \$25

Adult Member \$15

Under 18 free

Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc-Barony of Nordskogen. Paypal pre-registration available soon; watch Facebook or website.

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Rapier Combat, Youth Activities, Youth Boffer Combat. ADA accessible. Populace/presence space available. Merchant space available. Site is DRY.

Food Information is still being arranged. Other activities will be announced as they are confirmed to be available, and the schedule may change as space and safety allow, so please follow announcements in all the usual places.

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<https://northshield.org/Events/EventAd.aspx?ID=4730>

JANUARY 25, 2025

SHIRE OF SCHATTECTOR

A Midwinter's Day Feast



Canyon Lake United Methodist Church
3500 Canyon Lake Dr., Rapid City, SD 57702 USA
Site opens 10am (Mountain Time). Site closes 9pm.

Fees:	Under 17 free
Adult (17+) \$20	Suggested lunch donation
Adult Member \$10	amount \$5

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc-Shire of Schattentor.

Planned Activities: Classes, Dessert Auction, Silent Auction. No accessibility information. Populace/presence space available. Potluck feast. Site is DRY.

Come escape the winter at A Midwinter's Day Feast in Schattentor! The dessert auction is back, as is the silent auction. Donations are welcome for either. We'll have pickup table games and we plan to have a handful of classes as well to help fill the day.

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Heledd of Mathrafal (Barbara Dunfee)

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<https://sites.google.com/view/shireofschattentor/events/midwinters-day?authuser=0>

JANUARY 25, 2025

BARONY OF JARARVELLIR

Wacky Garb Ball: Blast from the Past



VFW Stoughton
200 Veteran Rd, Stoughton, WI 53589 USA
Site opens 10am. Site closes 7pm.

Fees:	No site fees.
	Donations accepted.

Planned Activities: Bardic Activities, Classes, Dancing. Site is accessible. Populace/presence space available. No merchant space.

Did you miss a Wacky Garb Ball but had a perfect idea for the theme? Did your garb not get done one year due to project creep? Did you think of the perfect idea after the event? Do you have one from the past that you would love to wear again? This is your year! This year's theme is all of the themes from the past. Can't wait to see the old and the new.

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FEBRUARY 1, 2025

SHIRE OF RIVENWOOD TOWER

Feast of Lupercalia



Garden City Community Center
114 West Pleasant St., Garden City, MN 56034 USA
Site opens 9am. Site closes 10pm.

Fees:	17 & under free
Adult (18+) \$20	Food (18+) \$15
Adult Member \$10	

Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc-Shire of Rivenwood Tower. Pre-reg 12/2/24-1/17/25 <https://forms.gle/8Vgh7a6NgACVZpV36>. By mail, paid registration to: Richard Tate 2040 Cadbury Ct. North Mankato, MN 56003.

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, A&S Display, Classes, Rapier Combat, Youth Activities. Site is accessible. Populace/presence space available. Merchant space available.

Feast details available on the website.

Welcome back to Lupercalia after the Shire's Sabbatical! Join us for a relaxing day of fighting, feasting, gaming, and friendship.

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<https://sites.google.com/view/lupercalia/home>

FEBRUARY 1, 2025

BARONY OF CASTEL ROUGE

A February Frolicking of Fools



Valour Community Center Clifton Site
1315 Strathcona St., Winnipeg MB R3E 2Y4 Canada
Site opens 9am. Site closes 10pm.

Fees (Canadian Dollars):	13 & under free
Adult (14+) \$30	Feast \$20
Adult Member \$20	

Make checks payable to: SCA INC-Barony of Castel Rouge. Please reserve your feast spot by registering by January 19, 2025 on the website.

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Rapier Combat, Dancing, Games. Site is accessible. Populace/presence space available. Lunch included in site fee.

Mask/Foolish Attire-making A&S station throughout the day will culminate in a Fools Parade before Fools Court. Heavy and Rapier Tournaments, overall winners decided by most dramatic death. And much more!

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<https://www.castelrouge.ca/a-february-frolicking-of-fools/>

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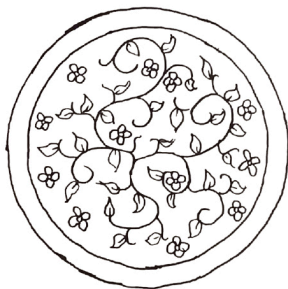
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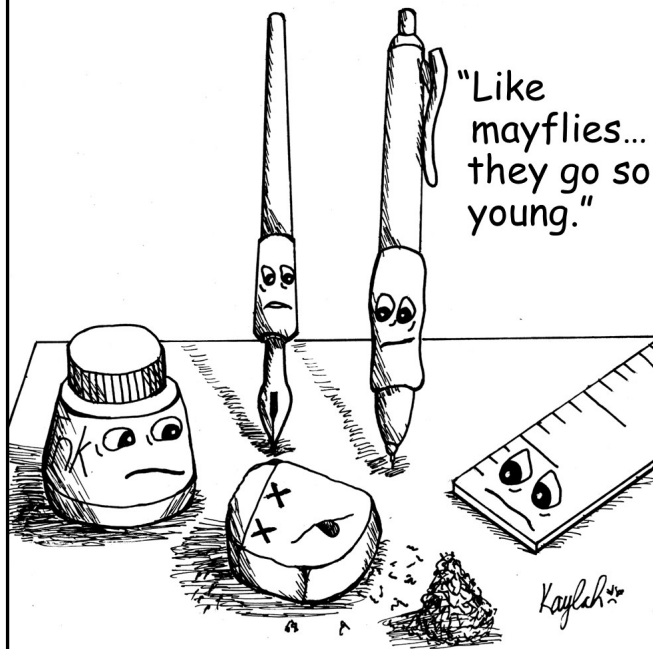


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Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful

From the cartoonist's



Dear Santa;
Please bring more erasers.