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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.

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) \# \textsup \textsu
- 1 A February Frolicking of Fools, Barony of Castel Rouge (Winnipeg, MB)
- 8......St. Valentine's Day Massacre & Tournament of Chivalry, Kingdom of the Middle (Kalamazoo, MI) 堂堂 堂 營
- 14-16 Ædult Swim, Kingdom of Æthelmearc (TBD) 🕸 🖄
- 17-21 Officer's Week, Kingdom of Northshield (online)
- 20Deadline for April 2025 Northwatch (Nonsense)
- 22 Fighter's School 2025, Barony of Windhaven (Fond du Lac, WI) 单 🖄 🖐
- 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 May 2025 Northwatch (New Year)
- 22 Medieval Religions, Spiritual Practices, and the Supernatural Symposium,
 Barony of Jararvellir (Madison, WI)
- 29 Tournament of Chivalry, Shire of Rivenwood Tower (Garden City, MN)



Sovereign will attend Sovereign's Consort will attend War Royal Heir will attend Royal Heir's Consort will attend Laurel Meeting Pelican Meeting Defense Meeting Chivalry Meeting ★ Stallari Meeting

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QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

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

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



Their Royal Majesties

Hail, Northshield!!

We start this missive with a recap of the Team of 13 activities. This should fill everyone in on activities in courts that they missed. I think we all know how this will end...

Hear all, the tale of the reign of Thorbrandr and Thora, King and Queen of Northshield. On the date of Their coronation, a dread portent streaked across the sky in the form of a bright and flaming star!

Their Majesties, filled with dread and wonder, called for counsel. The wise woman, Myskja, came forward and cast the bones onto a goat's hide. There by her craft did she read that the kingdom of Northshield was to experience a great threat, and that Their Stellar Majesties should prepare Themselves for what was to come.

Though Their happiness on Their Coronation Day was marred by this dire prediction, They were filled with resolve to protect our fair realm. To that end, They named a team of thirteen champions, each puissant in their own way, who would stand ready to aid the kingdom. Twelve were from Northshield; the thirteenth was a visitor from the southern realms, chosen according to the wise woman's interpretation of the bones.

This Team of Thirteen Warriors was directed to spread across the realm in search of the source of danger. At Crown Tourney, Lord Shintate reported that in his peregrinations, he had heard rumors of a great fire-breathing wyrm active in the far north and east of the kingdom.

At the Stellar University of Northshield, a forester in Castel Rouge relayed to his baron, Gabriel, that he had seen water boiling on the edges of the great Lake of the Woods, and fish floating dead on the surface, with fires erupting in the forests along the lake shore. These disturbing events were in conjunction with an unseasonable warmth that felt unnatural so late into the autumn.

Lady Celestria and Lord Eadmond both directed their courses thither in light of that information, and delivered dire news back to Their Majesties at the Feast of the Boar's Head. Good Celestria relayed that she had seen a great wyrm flying overhead, and seen the blackened carcasses of crofters' sheep and wild deer in the clearings where this dread dragon had fed.

Then Lord Eadmond shared the shocking news that he had actually encountered and done battle with the dragon! He relayed in poetic form, while showing scenes drawn of the battle, how he fought the beast, and only barely escaped with his life!

Knowing now the form of this threat to the kingdom, Their Majesties are taking counsel with Their Thirteen Warriors to form a plan to save the realm.

Gulf Wars is a few weeks away, and preparations and coordination with the other kingdoms well underway. As of this writing (December) We are still evaluating where Northshield will fight. We have commissioned a new war banner with streamers for this Gulf Wars. Our Kingdom War General, Mistress Wu, will be unable to attend Gulf Wars. Following the model of training new leaders, Wu's XO, Lord Shintate, will be stepping up as co-General with Fergus for Armored Combat. Mistress Moira will be General for Rapier. If you are going and fighting, please let them know so we have accurate head counts. We encourage all who are planning on fighting at Gulf Wars to make it out for Fighter School in Windhaven. Follow updates online to stay up to date here please.

Thora & Thorbrandr

Their Royal Highnesses

To the great people of Northshield do their Highnesses Skio and Aelina send salutations. We have decided upon the rules and requirements for our upcoming Spring Crown Tournament.

Our Crown will be a standard double elimination tournament with each bout being best two out of three fights. Double kills will be refought until each fight has a single winner. The tree will be seeded by random draw on the day of the tournament and use either challenge in or bye fighters as necessary due to the number of combatants. The loser's bracket will clear losses in the semifinals, with those fighters needing to win two out of three fights twice to advance to the finals. The list may swap pairings to reduce duplicate fights. The finals will be a single bout of best two out of three fights.

This is a Bring Your Best Weapon format. Combatants may change weapon forms throughout. All Northshield-legal weapons and weapon-forms for armored rattan tournament combat are allowed, under the SCA, Inc. Rules of the Lists. Total weapon length shall not exceed 6 ft.

Letters of Intent are due Saturday, April 19, 2025, by 11:59pm. They shall be emailed to TRH@northshield.org and seneschal@northshield.org.

Either the fighter or the consort must have held, or be holding, a group office. This includes deputy and at-large positions at any level of group, any kingdom, at any time. Please state your officer history in your Letters of Intent. This letter should also provide evidence of fulfillment of the requirements for entrance by the prospective combatant and consort and outline their involvement in diverse areas of the SCA.

Per Kingdom Law III-900:

All prospective combatants and their consorts must meet the minimum criteria in the Governing Documents, as well as the following requirements:

- 1. Each must have been a subject of Northshield for one year immediately before the Crown Tournament.
- 2. Each must be a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism and have access to the *Northwatch*.
- 3. All prospective combatants and their consorts must be acceptable to the Presiding Royalty.
- 4. No one under 18 years old may fight or be fought for in a Crown Tournament.

- 5. No member of the Royalty may either fight or be fought for in a Crown Tournament.
- 6. One member of the couple must also affirm that they can and will maintain the ability to legally cross the U.S./ Canadian international border for the duration of their reign, should they be victorious, to ensure that they are free to travel to all parts of the Kingdom. This means that any who fight in Crown must have one member of the pair that can cross the international border legally. This includes but is not limited to them being vaccinated per the mundane laws in place and not having a felony, OWI, DWI, etc.

7. All prospective combatants must hold a valid Northshield Armored Combat authorization card. If the combatant does not hold all authorizations that will be used in the tournament, the Crown has the sole discretion as to how and whether they will allow that combatant to participate.

By choosing to fight in Crown they have agreed to these terms and attested that they do indeed meet all the requirements and that at least one of them can legally cross the border to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Your Letter of Intent should include:

- 1. The entrant's and consort's SCA names, modern names, and pronouns
- 2. A statement of why you both wish to enter the Crown Tourney
- 3. Confirmation of eligibility according to Northshield law (above)
- 4. Experience of the entrant or consort as a group office holder
- 5. An outline of the entrant's and consort's involvement in the diverse activities of the SCA

We look forward to seeing feats of prowess and honor from Our combatants.

Respectfully,

Skio & Aelina



Kingdom Seneschal

Dearest Northshield,

I'd like to speak to you all about Love this month. Passionate, fulfilling love.

Love helps create and maintain organizations such as this. You see the SCA, like many other organizations

out there, needs help. It needs passionate and dedicated folks to help it maintain and grow. That does not happen overnight, and it takes truly dedicated people. I'd ask that all of us take a moment this month to remind ourselves why we love the SCA; think about the people in it, the activities you do, and the folks you have met. This month I charge you with three things.

Passion, Dedication, Love.

Passion. I have heard through the years that the SCA is like coming home, and I have felt that many times at events. Even now when I watch various activities at events I take a few moments to be inspired all over again with this organization. I realized years ago that I could help it sustain and grow. Organizations only continue when they have people who are willing to serve to help them endure. The wearing of clothes, the tasting of historical recipes, the arts and crafts and martial activities we do, all for the love of some part of history. It truly is inspiring! One of my favorite things is to just look around at the populace at an event and truly see all of the culture and history that is contained there! It is so much fun to talk to folks about what inspires them and the knowledge they have gained in their scholarship of their persona!

Dedication. We have an amazing group of people who help run this organization, and none of us are paid. Yet together we come together and do late night paperwork, phone calls on the weekends, emails at noon hours, chats and messages and so much more. I ask this of you, the populace. Take a moment the next time you are participating in a martial activity and thank your Marshals. Seriously, shake their hand. The next time we are feasting together, go thank the servers and the cooking staff. When you see a Stallari council member walk by (and they don't look like they are on a mission), thank them. Without them, this kingdom does not run. When you see those shiny crowns, give our royalty a big smile and thank them for creating this amazing dream we have. Volunteers spend countless hours making sure that we as an organization run smoothly.

Love. I met my own husband through the SCA many years ago. It was his leadership, his passion (and his smile) that lured me from afar. It's a great love story that I won't go into detail about here, but it was because of him that I joined the SCA. For twenty years, he and I have continued our SCA participation and have met many amazing people. I would not be here as your Kingdom Seneschal if it weren't for him and his tremendous support of what I do. Even now as I type this, he's doing dishes.

Northshield, it continues to be my greatest honor to serve you. Thank you for your trust in me to continue to do what I do as your Kingdom Seneschal.

Yours always in Grateful Service to you and to the Dream,

Morgaine

P.S. If this has inspired you to serve, please reach out as we have many officer positions that are open! We would love to have you!



Kingdom Polaris Herald

No missive this month.

Calamus



No missive this month.

Æsa



Greetings to Northshield,

I am honored to be chosen to be your incoming KMOAS and I'm looking forward to working with all the MOAS officers and artisans in our Kingdom.

I have worked with artists of many kinds, both professionally and in the SCA. The knowledge and craftsmanship shown by our populace is outstanding, and I'm excited by the explorations that many of you are doing in new areas.

Education and exploration of medieval arts and sciences is a cornerstone of our Society. No matter your level of expertise, your arts and sciences officers and I are here to assist you. My role is to document and support the work that you are doing, whether it's to help you find resources, assist with organizing classes, or to encourage A&S displays and competitions at events. Please don't hesitate to reach out with your projects, ideas and challenges – I'm very much looking forward to geeking out with you about your projects!

Lastly, I want thank Master Farolfus for his service as your KMOAS. I am privileged to follow in his footsteps.

Yours in service,

Neave



Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace of Northshield,

I am looking forward to Officers Week, to be held online during the weeknights of February 17-21. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the local and kingdom officers to meet each other and meet prospective officers, share ideas, ask questions, and learn more about the offices. The webministers will meet on Monday, February 17th, and the chroniclers & SMOs will meet on Wednesday, February 19th.

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@nortshield.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 March 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.

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?

I am looking for a successor. The Newsletter Editor position involves about 10 hours of work per month. The application deadline has moved up! If you are interested in the job, please apply by March 1.

Thank you to Brother Timothy for sharing a sonnet for our romance issue. Our upcoming newsletter themes are as follows, but please submit art and articles about anything at all for the edification of the kingdom.

- 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!
- March 20 Happy New Year! What are you looking forward to in AS LX?

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

Grainne



Greetings,

Just a reminder on melee, the guidelines per society rapier handbook:

- 5.3. Melee combat involves more than two combatants.
- 5.3.1. In melees, combatants are engaged with all opponents immediately upon the call to lay on.
- 5.3.2. Combatants may strike any single opponent they can safely reach with any legal blow if they are within a 180 degree arc of the opponent's front as defined by the opponent's shoulders, and at an angle they can be reasonably seen by the opponent.
- 5.3.3. Combatants may strike any opponent who is part of a line if the attack is delivered within a 180 degree arc relative to the local line the opponent is a part of.
- 5.3.4. Outside of these above stated lines, killing (without striking) from behind may be allowed. The rules governing this are in the section Use of Weapons and Defensive Objects.
- 5.3.5. A combatant may not deliberately ignore an attacker behind them, or repeatedly maneuver to keep their back to an attacker (thereby preventing an attack on them).

Armond



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SCA Corporate Announcements People on the Move – Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier

The Society Marshal is pleased to announce that she has appointed Caitrin McCullough (Magistra Lilias de Cheryngton, OD) to the role of Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier. The Deputy Society Marshal for Rapier reports to the Society Marshal in matters concerning Rapier and Cut & Thrust, including related experimental programs. The position oversees these activities and works to promote and improve safety. The deputy also supports and advises Kingdom Marshals of Rapier and C&T, oversees proposed kingdom rules changes to ensure compliance with Society Handbooks, and helps resolve disputes among Rapier and C&T marshals.

Magistra Lilias de Cheryngton has been a member of the rapier marshallate for approximately 25 years, primarily serving the East Kingdom's Central Region in the Barony of Carolingia and Shire of Quintavia. Since joining the SCA in 1998, she has dabbled in all manner of activities including cooking, dance, calligraphy, pottery, equestrian, thrown weapons, and archery. She also served as chronicler and exchequer for her local branches in the past. Most recently, she was East Kingdom Marshal of Fence 2018-2022 and served as Rapier One at Pennsic 47. Her priorities as a leader within the rapier community have been to increase accessibility and inclusivity, support geographically isolated areas, and encourage experiments that increase the historical accuracy of the activity. She is a member of the Order of Defense.

Caitrin McCullough is a Supervisory Logistics Management Specialist for the Soldier Division of the Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Integrated Logistics Support Center with over 15 years of service to the country as an Army Civilian. She is a Section Leader for a team that manages logistics support for smartphones, batteries, body armor, physical fitness testing, and other gear used by Army Soldiers. Her educational background is in writing, with a dual English and Philosophy bachelor's degree from Wellesley College and a Master of Arts in Writing, Literature, and Publishing from Emerson College. She also holds a Master of Science in Management from Emmanuel College. She lives in Massachusetts with her partner Timothy, two kids, and a dog.

The appointment is effective from 1 December 2024. The Deputy Marshal for Rapier can be reached at rapier@sca. org

People on the Move – Deputy Society Marshal for Equestrian

The Society Marshal is pleased to appoint Dame Gesa Wellenstein (THL Gesa van Wellenstein) as the new Deputy Society Marshal for Equestrian Activities. SCA equestrian activities include mounted combat, jousting with opponents using foam or wooden lances, and skill at arms games such as jousting at rings, hitting the quintain, obstacle courses, and archery from horseback.

Dame Gesa Wellenstein is a child psychologist in the greater Pittsburgh, PA, area. She runs a non-profit organization for traumatized children and teaches psychology at a local college. In her free time, she volunteers to counsel veterans with PTSD and domestic violence. Dame Gesa is a member of the Royal Order of the True Cross and the Royal Order of Constantine the Great & St. Helen, prestigious organizations that recognize her humanitarian work with children.

THL Gesa van Wellenstein, a late-period jouster, is a woman of unwavering passion. Her love for horses is a hobby and a way of life. She envisions a Society where friends engage in friendly battles with swords, spears, or lances, all on horseback. Her belief in supporting each other and building a welcoming cavalry is a testament to her dedication. Lady Gesa is an accomplished mounted warrior, a skilled horse trainer, and a passionate teacher, all fueled by her love for equestrian sports.

Gesa has commenced in the role and can be reached at Equestrian@sca.org

People on the Move – Society Exchequer

The SCA Inc. Board of Directors is pleased to appoint Erin Potter Teehan (Countess Katalena Ivaniaia zhena Shishova, OP) as the incoming Society Exchequer. This position reports to the SCA Inc. Corporate Treasurer.

Erin Potter Teehan is an experienced bookkeeper and business manager. She started bookkeeping as part of a start-up microbrewery after receiving her business degree in restaurant management but has worked across industries for over 20 years manufacturing to higher education. She specializes in in small business and nonprofit bookkeeping using QuickBooks and is a QuickBooks Online Pro Advisor. She holds both a BS of Education and Master of Education from Kent State University.

Outside of work, Erin resides with her husband on a small backyard farm surrounded by animals inside and outside the house.

Countess Katalena Ivaniaia zhena Shishova, OP has served at local, kingdom, and interkindom levels since attending her first event more than 20 years ago. While she started as a media officer and sign herald, the majority of her work has been in the exchequery as Kingdom Exchequer and Deputy KIngdom Exchequer as well as the Pennsic War Exchequer. Outside of her love of administration, her interests lie in fiber arts and costuming, and she has taught various classes on these subjects.

The Society Exchequer is appointed for a 3 year term.

Meeting Summary – Special Conference Call December 22, 2024

The Society for Creative Anachronism Inc. (SCA) held a special conference call meeting of its Board of Directors on December 22, 2024.

Meeting Highlights:

1. Kate Tingley Appeal. The Board granted the appeal made by Kate Tingley regarding her suspension as Kingdom Seneschal of the Outlands by the Crown of the Outlands. The motion was carried with votes in favor from Pug Bainter, Krista Capps, Jonathan Foster, and K.T. Sheppard. Megan O'Shea opposed,

- and Joan Steurer recused herself from the discussion and voting.
- 2. Letter of Reprimand to Outlands Kingdom Seneschal: The Board directed the Society Seneschal to issue a letter of reprimand to the Kingdom Seneschal of the Outlands, Kate Tingley (Ays,e al-Rumiyya). The motion was carried with votes in favor from Pug Bainter, Krista Capps, Jonathan Foster, Megan O'Shea, and K.T. Sheppard. Joan Steurer recused herself, and Chairman Faulcon voted in favor.
- 3. Letter of Reprimand to Outlands Crown: The Board directed the Chair to issue a letter of reprimand

to the Crown of the Outlands, Deric Kramer and Adrianne Sawyer (Hawkrill and Adrien). The motion was carried with votes in favor from Pug Bainter, Krista Capps, Jonathan Foster, Megan O'Shea, and K.T. Sheppard. Joan Steurer recused herself, and Chairman Faulcon voted in favor.

The Board emphasized the importance of collaboration among officers, Crowns, and Seneschals to ensure the success and happiness of the populace. They urged all Crowns and officers to prioritize this guiding principle in their interactions. The following statement was directed to be added to the minutes and all officers

of the Society are encouraged to actively reflect upon it:

Ensuring the success and happiness of the populace is the first duty of every officer in the Society; this is especially true for Crowns and Kingdom Seneschals, who have been entrusted with the highest authorities in their Kingdoms.

The faithful execution of this duty works fully and best only when all officers, Crown and Seneschal included, work together collaboratively. The Board entreats all Crowns and officers to make this guiding principle foremost in their interactions with each other.'



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 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.
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Court of TRM Hans & Genevieve

Great Western Regional FARE

Here follows the belated report from the Court of Hans and Genevieve at GWR FARE on June 1, AS 59 (2024 CE), at the Shire of Korsvag. Herald of Record: Scyid del Aquilla; Signet: unknown.

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Courts of TRM Thorbrandr & Thora

Crown Tournament

Here follows the Court Report of Thorbrandr and Thora from Their Crown Tournament held on October 16, AS 59 (2024 CE), at the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr.

Herald of Record: Derbail ingen Neill; Day Signet: Sofonisba Vespasiana Gabrielli; Seneschal of Record: Morgaine Scott Blood.

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Takeda Shinjiro Shin	Award of the Cygnus	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe, Deonysia of Rye
Samson Muskovich	Award of the Griffin & Sword	Kale Phokaina Kourkouaina
Knut Eld of Ironwood	Award of the Cygnus	Geirråðr hersir Kolbeinson
Morgan of Falcon's Keep	Award of Arms	Dalla Grimmsdottir
Ètaín inghen Duibh Rea	Award of the Black Bolt	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe
Scribes of Northshield	Order of the Gems of Northshield	Roisin igen Aillil
Arnbjørn Karlsson	Vigilant for the Order of the Pelican	
Abelard die Elster	Vigilant for the Order of Chivalry	
Skio inn ríki	Royal Heir	
Aelina Aelinesdottir	Royal Heir's Consort	





































Boar's Head

Here follows the Court Report of Thorbrandr and Thora from the Feast of the Boar's Head held on December 7, AS 59 (2024 CE), at the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr.

Temporary Removal from Participation (TRP) Sanction 3.D

On December 7, 2024, Thorbrandr & Thora, The Crown of Northshield, have issued a Temporary Removal from Participation from the SCA against Nik Weeks, known as Domenico Nicolas De St. Angelo, to remain in place until the Society Board of Directors has reviewed it and made a final decision.

Herald of Record: Beatrice Domenici della Campana; Day Signet: Sofonisba Vespiana Gabrielli; Seneschal of Record: Magnus Vargrson.

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Wilhelm Bitzan	Award of Arms	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe
Wayne Knox	Award of Arms	Ysabella Cardi
Yague Antolinez	Award of the Cygnus	Svena Gandalfrsdottir
Goda von Ulm	Order of the Pyxis	Farolfus filius Richardi
Charlotte Almary	Award of the Cygnus	Kale Phokaina Kourkouaina
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Alva of Caer Anterth Mawr	Award of Arms	Ysabella Cardi
Balthazar the Black	Order of the Hand of Tyr	Soren Nordesson
Theresa of Caer Anterth Mawr	Award of the Cygnus	Tatiana Marana Melville
Dalla Grimmsdottir	Award of the Black Flame	Geirråðr hersir Kolbeinson
Arnbjorn Karlsson	Order of the Pelican	
Abelard die Elster	Order of Chivalry	



















DEAR ABBESS:

In an attempt to bolster the winter holiday spirit, I purchased a simple wooden recorder. I am greatly enjoying



it and expanding my repertoire, but every time I start to play, my small dog begins to growl. Help! How can I contribute to frolicking festivities without harming my companion's delicate sensitivities? In thanks,

—Tudor Fluter

DEAR FLUTER,

Your mention of the winter holidays and the fact that they are only recently passed leads me to wonder how much time you have devoted to this pursuit thus far. For there are a great many musical instruments that may delight the listener when played by an experienced practitioner but bring another kind of tear to the eye when tooted by the untutored.

Is it possible that your dog is offering a commentary on your skill? If so, consider finding a place to practice well away from its tender ears (and possibly human ears as well). Assuming that you have mastered the basics, however, it may be that the dog responds poorly to certain pitches (I myself once had a hound who whined most piteously when I played the rebec, but only when I bowed upon the highest string). Consider learning a few different tunes and see if you can detect a more specific response to certain notes. Of course, you might also consider soliciting honest feedback from your friends and neighbors – perhaps the dog is simply saying what is on everyone else's mind.

-ABBESS

DID YOU KNOW THAT HENRY VIII WAS A MUSIC LOVER AND RECORDER PLAYER? IN FACT, HE EVEN COMPOSED PIECES FOR THE RECORDER. THESE AND MANY OTHER TUDOR-ERA MUSICAL WORKS WERE COMPILED IN A SONGBOOK IN THE EARLY 1500s AND THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT HTTPS://WWW.DIAMM.AC.UK/SOURCES/1238/#/

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.

The Bridge

By Brother Timothy <kjbrude@yahoo.com>

The sonnet as a poetic form dates back to the court poets of Sicily in the 1300s. Its purpose was to express romantic love, and was embraced in 16th-Century England by William Shakespeare, who wrote 154 of them. This sonnet, *The Bridge* (2004), goes out to touch the soul of every damsel who wonders if there is a "someone" out there.

What filament has spanned the chasmic sea

Of souls afloat between thy shore and me?

What treasure trove, transporting, travels there

Transcending thought, or touch, or gift we bear?

Tis more, it seems, than image of thy face, Or form and fabric circled by embrace.

It bounds the lilting muse o'er tempest's ways;

Besets the rippling breeze from sunset stays;

A lighthouse making strength of distance dark;

A bell to sign the harbor of the bark.

Has laughter, lightly lifting loves massage

Become the strand, or does within her lodge

A purer form that flirting, flings to me?

Is love the bridge that binds my soul to thee?



Fibula, Iran, ca. 7th c.
BCE (left)

Courtesy of the Met
Museum (NY)

COLLEGE OF SVATY SEBESTA

Hertzkrieg XXVIII

National Guard Armory 603 Princeton St., Vermillion, SD 57069, USA Site opens 8am for merchants, 9am for populace. Site closes 9pm.

Fees:

Adult (18+) \$20 11 & under free Adult Member \$10 Family cap \$40 Youth (12-17) \$5 Feast \$10

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc-College of Svaty Sebesta.

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Rapier Combat. Site is accessible. Populace/presence space available. Limited merchant space - please contact steward. Showers available. Site is dry.

Please join us for a War of Hearts! There will be rapier and armored combat tournaments, food and fun!

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FEBRUARY 22, 2025

BARONY OF WINDHAVEN

Fighter's School 2025



Fond Du Lac Fair Grounds Rec Center 520 Fond Du Lac Ave., Fond du Lac, WI 54935, USA Site opens 9am. Site closes 8pm.

Fees:

Adult (18+) \$25 Family cap (2 adult mem-Adult Member \$15 bers, 2 youth) \$40 Lunch for purchase Youth (5-17) \$5

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

Planned Activities: Armored Combat, Classes, Rapier Combat, Youth Boffer Combat. Site is accessible. Populace/presence space available. Merchant space available - please contact steward. Outside food allowed. Limited seating, please bring your own. No smoking, site discreetly damp.

- Classes relating to wars, melee basics, fighting basics, fighter support activities, marshalling classes
- Melee practice for those heading to Gulf Wars
- Opportunity for Marshals-in-Training to complete training require-

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FEBRUARY 22, 2025

SHIRE OF KORSVAG

The Most Excellent Winter Archery Extravaganza



Norseman Hall 1100 Park Ave., Portland, ND 58724, USA Site opens 8am. Site closes 7pm.

Fees:

Adult (18+) \$25 17 & under free Adult Member \$15 Lunch: freewill donation

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

Planned Activities: Archery, Classes, Thrown Weapons. Site is accessible. Populace/presence space available. Lunch provided.

Welcome everyone to the Most Excellent Winter Archery Extravaganza and Clinic. We welcome new and experienced individuals to the Archery world. Focus on your skills and grow into new areas. Get needed signatures for MITs and make sure your equipment is ready for the summer.

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MARCH 1, 2025

SHIRE OF SILFREN MERE

Silfren Mere Winter



Miss Angie's Place 208 N Main St., Pine Island, MN 55963, USA Site opens 10am. Site closes 6pm.

Fees:

Site is by freewill donation Lunch \$5

Make checks payable to: SCA Inc-Shire of Silfren Mere.

Planned Activities: Period games, Children's Activities. Site is not ADA accessible. Populace/presence space available. Lunch available.

Join us for games! We will have Eizel, Nine man's morris, Goose, Bones, Mancala, and more!

Lunch will be Cabbage or Carrot soup, Boiled egg, Lemon cookie, Rice pudding and a cider/hot chocolate bar.

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FEBRUARY 17-25, 2025

Officers' Week



Rather than have an Officer Day, we're going to have an Officers' Week! Five days of meetings, two meetings per evening. All from the comfort of home online, and for free.

This is an opportunity for kingdom and local officers to meet one another, discuss matters related to the offices, and receive training. This is also an excellent opportunity for gentles who are interested in learning about an office, either at the local or kingdom levels, to learn what is involved. Zoom links will be posted online.

All times are Central Time.

Schedule:

February 17: 7 pm- The Royal Family, 8:15 pm- Webministers

February 18: 7 pm- Exchequers

February 19: 7 pm- Marshallate, 8:15- Chatelaine

February 20: 7 pm- Heralds, 8:15 pm- Chroniclers & Social Media Officers

February 21: 7 pm- Seneschals, 8:15 pm- Ministers of Arts & Sciences

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Parallax by Duchess Kaylah the Cheerful

