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Northshield Event Calendar

NOTICE: All events are subject to being canceled if, at the time the event is to be held, modern civil authorities have issued restrictive orders related to public gatherings pursuant to their COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

October 2023 (AS LVIII)

20Deadline for December 2023 *Northwatch* (Cookery)

21Tournament of Chivalry, Barony of Jararvellir (Madison, WI) 

28Needle and Threat, Shire of Rokeclif (La Crosse, WI)

November 2023 (AS LVIII)

11Stellar University of Northshield, Barony of Nordskogen (Coon Rapids, MN)  

20Deadline for January 2024 *Northwatch* (Supernatural)

December 2023 (AS LVIII)

2.....Danze del Verro (Dance of the Boar), Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr (West Bend, WI)  

20Deadline for February 2024 *Northwatch* (TBD)

January 2024 (AS LVIII)

13-14.....Twelfth Night & Nordskogen 50th Anniversary, Barony of Nordskogen (Ramsey, MN)  

20A Midwinter's Day Feast, Shire of Schattentor (Rapid City, SD)

20Deadline for March 2024 *Northwatch* (TBD)

27Wacky Garb Ball: Supernatural, Barony of Jararvellir (Stoughton, WI) 

February 2024 (AS LVIII)

3.....The Most Excellent Winter Archery Extravaganza and Clinic, Shire of Korsväg (Portland, ND)

17Fighter's School, Barony of Windhaven (Fond du Lac, WI) 

20Deadline for April 2023 *Northwatch* (TBD)

March 2024 (AS LVIII)

9-17.....Gulf Wars, Kingdom of Gleann Abhann (Lumberton, MS)  

15-17.....That Moot Thingy XXIV: The Compass Rose Always Points Home!, Canton of Coille Stoirmeil (Tomah, WI)

20Deadline for May 2023 *Northwatch* (TBD)



 Sovereign will attend  Sovereign's Consort will attend  Royal Heir will attend  Royal Heir's Consort will attend

 Laurel Meeting  Pelican Meeting  Defense Meeting  Chivalry Meeting  Stallari Meeting

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 2024 meeting: TBD. April 2024 meeting: TBD. July 2024 meeting: TBD.

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Their Royal Majesties

Greetings to the good people of Northshield.

Now that we have Heirs we can feel safe in the comfort of Our Throne. We now enter into that glorious time of year where all good gentles brave perilous ice, sleet and snow.

Actually, we hope we only see that on, like, Monday-Wednesday, as we don't want the weather conflicting with seeing everyone, and maybe a snow day off of work would be nice too :) So please double-check your winter survival gear, and prepare to brave the coming winter.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Isabella & Yngvar

Their Royal Highnesses

TBD



Kingdom Seneschal

No missive this month.

Sorcha



Chancellor of the Exchequer

Greetings!

All remains quiet with the Exchequer's office. I do have several job openings, including NMR Deputy, Education Deputy, Regalia Minister, Emergency Deputy Kingdom Exchequer, and soon Mistress Nell is looking to retire as PayPal Deputy. Official postings, including job descriptions, will be published in the next *Northwatch*.

As we head into the final months of the year, please start to prepare group budgets for

2024. Remember that the budget is intended to be a tool to help pre-approve expenses and to communicate the finances of the group to its members.

Finally, I want to thank Lord Rycharde and all the groups with whom he has worked over the last 1.5 years to complete book reviews. It is a necessary process, though admittedly isn't the most fun we get to have as exchequers. I appreciate all your efforts to complete the reviews and the action items.

In service,

Æsa



Kingdom Polaris Herald

No missive this month.

Ysolt



Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences

Greetings!

The Stellar University of Northshield is fast approaching! This year we are excited to offer a week of virtual content in addition to a full day of in-person classes. The class schedule and other information is available at <https://stellaruniversityofnorthshield.wordpress.com/> and we hope to see you there, either in person or in the ethereal realm.

Farolfus



Kingdom Chronicler

Greetings unto the populace of Northshield,

It's that time of year again. All local chroniclers, webministers, and social media officers need to submit their annual Domesday reports, due by Saturday, November 25th. The online forms can be found on the kingdom website at <http://northshield.org/Officers/Reports/Schedule.aspx?Officers>. All chroniclers, webministers, and SMOs must report to maintain their warrants.

I want to welcome our Once and Future Kingdom Webminister, Baron Abelard die Elster, to the office and I want to thank Bâro Iohannes Glenfidanus for his years of service in the office.

We are now twelve issues away from Northshield's twentieth kingdom anniversary. We are planning a series of articles to commemorate our history,

starting with Master Caradoc's history on the Principality of Northshield. I encourage people to submit articles, photos, artwork, songs, and poems commemorating not only our twenty years as a kingdom, but also eight years as a territorial principality, almost three years as a crown principality, and a decade and a half as a region.

With all this history being commemorated, I am looking for a volunteer to serve as kingdom archivist/historian. The **Kingdom Historian/Archivist** office is a deputy to the Kingdom Chronicler and is responsible for processing, cataloguing and preserving the collection of Northshield's history: written documents, newsletters, oral history, and artifacts from Northshield's past, present and the future.

In addition to the kingdom archivist/historian office, we still have a number of kingdom deputy offices open. They include

Emergency Deputy Kingdom Chronicler – Stand ready to assume the duties of Kingdom Chronicler should the current officer be unable to perform the duties, and to assist in any other projects the Kingdom Chronicler may ask.

Media Relations Deputy – Serve as a liaison between Northshield and modern media outlets, and as a resource for local groups when dealing with media outlets.

Deputy Northwatch Editor – Assist the *Northwatch* editor as needed. (Editor's note: Please! I could use the help.)

Western, Central, and Eastern Regional Deputy Social Media Officers (SMO) – Serve as a resource for local SMOs in their region and assist Kingdom SMO with oversight.

TikTok Deputy SMO – Help to promote Northshield and the SCA via TikTok.

Lastly, no one has applied to serve as Kingdom Chronicler by the initial September 1st deadline. Therefore, I intend to serve out the remainder of my term to June 1, 2024. If any one has any interest in serving as Chronicler, please let me know; I am always glad to talk about is involved in the office.

Ever in service to Crown, Kingdom, and you,

Arnbjorn



Northwatch Editor

Cén scéal? What's the news?

A selection of the wildlife of Northshield is expounded upon in these pages, but beware! Even more creatures roam the woodlands,

lakes, and plains of Northshield. This list is not comprehensive. I have heard rumors of Beares, an enormous Blue Ox, and even a Narwhal, though none can share definitive accounts. Our upcoming newsletter themes are as follows, but please submit art and articles on any topic for the edification of the kingdom.

- October 20 – Cookery – Share a recipe, a photo, or a story about food!
- November 20 – The Supernatural – Help enliven the winter months with some stories to shiver the blood! The annual Wacky Garb Ball will feature some startling supernatural costumes this year, so share some inspiration.
- December 20 – TBD.

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

Grainne



Kingdom Earl Marshal

No missive this month:

Siegfried



SCA CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMOVAL OF CROWN PRINCE OF ANSTEORRA

On September 4, 2023, at a Special Meeting of the SCA Inc. Board of Directors, the Board voted without opposition to remove Aaron MacGregor as the current Crown Prince of Ansteorra. The Board reached this serious decision after significant deliberation and with the advice of our Officers.

At this time, Ansteorra remains under the stewardship of the Stellar Crown, King Gabriel and Queen Sonja. We would ask that people extend all courtesy to Her Royal Highness Nicollet as she contemplates what will be best for the Kingdom in the next reign. Any further announcements regarding the next reign will be made at a Kingdom level.

As this matter is ongoing, no further public comment will be made by SCA Inc.

ISSUE 199 Pt 2 OF THE COMPLEAT ANACHRONIST NOW AVAILABLE!

Loved learning about the laws of medieval England? Now there's more!

The latest edition of the *Compleat Anachronist* is now available in the SCA Marketplace!

Written by Matthew Parker, a 21st-century lawyer, *Compleat Anachronist* issue 199 – *De Commentarii Legum et Curia Angliae (Commentaries on the Laws and Courts of England) Part 2*, continues the journey for anyone interested in law and/or history to learn about 16th-century English law and understand how it developed from foundations laid in previous centuries.

These commentaries provide modern readers with a view on English laws and legal structures as they existed largely in and leading up to the 16th century. Civil, common, and canon law are covered, along with the education of lawyers in Tudor England, law versus equity, peerage law, the major courts of the Tudor period, and the role of Sir Thomas More, one of the most influential 16th-century English lawyers.

Get your copy now!

GREY NICHE HOSTS THE OCTOBER QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors will be hosted by the Barony of Grey Niche in the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann on 21 October 2023 at 10 am. Society members and participants are welcome to attend the public session and a question and answer session will be held following the meeting's close.

The meeting will also be streamed via Zoom.

In person and virtual registration will open shortly. Stay tuned for details!

APPLICATIONS OPEN – LAUREL SOVEREIGN OF ARMS

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is seeking candidates for the position of Laurel Principal Sovereign of Arms (Laurel).

Laurel is the principal heraldic officer of the Society and the head of the College of Arms, and is responsible for fostering the study and practice of heraldry, supervising the processing of submissions, and overseeing the heraldic activities of the Known World.

Laurel is an unpaid position, currently requiring approximately 20 hours a week. The position requires considerable tact and

patience, armory and onomastic knowledge, supervisory ability, the ability to work within tight deadlines and coordinate closely with Wreath, Pelican, and other staff to produce a Laurel Letter of Acceptance and Return monthly, computer literacy and word processing skills, reliable e-mail and telephone access, and time and ability to travel.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, together with modern and SCA qualifications, hardcopy to:

Laurel Sovereign

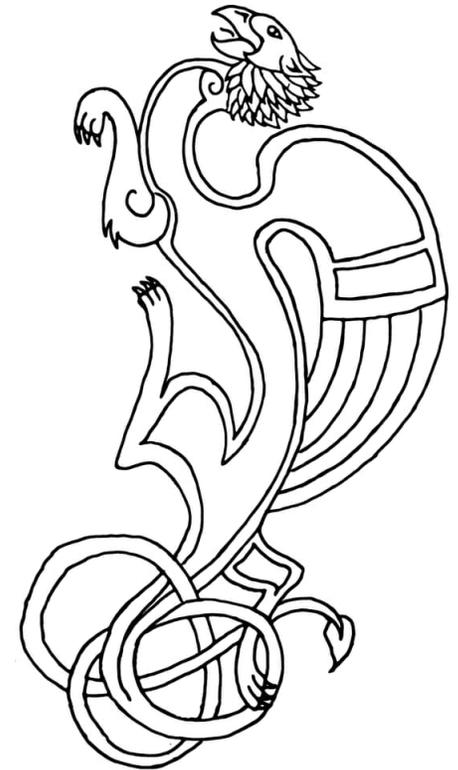
c/o Louise Du Cray

P.O. Box 611928

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with courtesy copies to both resumes@sca.org and bids@heraldry.sca.org

Applications are being accepted though November 30, 2023.



NORSE GRIFFIN

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Courts of TRM Lars III & Mary III

PENNSIC WAR 50 – THURSDAY COURT

Here follows the Court Report of Lars and Mary from the Court held on 8/10/2023 at Pennsic War in the Kingdom of Æthelmarc.
Herald of Record: Beatrice Domenici della Campana; Seneschal: unknown.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Itta of Jararvellir	Award of Arms	Farolfus filius Richardi
Dahrien Cordell	Award of the Pantheon of Northshield	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe
Randall of Caer Antherth Mawr	Award of the Black Flame	Eysteinn Meinfretr
Boris Movila	Award of the Cygnus	Marguerite Larchier
Genevieve Perrin	Award of the Cygnus	Marguerite Larchier
Aine ingen MaelPatraic	Award of the Black Bolt	Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe
Knutr Olafsson Osidar	Award of the Black Bolt	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinsson
Brennwulf	Award of the Griffin & Sword	Judith Krahe vom Schwarzwald
Beatrice Domenici della Campana	Order of the Pelican	



CRISPIN'S ARCHERY THING

Here follows the court report of TRM Mary and Lars III at Crispin's Archery Thing held in the Barony of Nordskogen on August 27th, 2023.
Herald of Record: Faelan MacMillan; Signet: Juliette; Seneschal of Record: Bazyli Boleslaw z Krakowa; Youth Officer of Record: Mistress Jois Corbet.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Genevieve MacArtne	Award of the Black Bolt	Scyid Del Aquilla
Ulfhildr Thegjandi	Award of the Pantheon of Northshield	Katerinka Lvovicha
Vivian Griffin	Bravura	Katerinka Lvovicha
Viði Hovdestad	Bravura	Crispin Fletcher
Tarien Dane	Award of the Black Bolt	Scyid Del Aquilla
Abelard die Elster	Award of the Black Bolt	unknown



WAR OF THE ROSES

Here follows the Court Report of Lars and Mary from War of the Roses held on September 4 at the Barony of Castel Rouge.
Herald of Record: Clara inghean Uilleim; Day Signet: Sian merch Gruffydd; Seneschal of Record: Mergen Gall; Youth Officer of Record: Hrafn Knutsson.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Thora Thorfinndottir	Award of Arms	Bearaich machArailt
Tiril Ringdahl	Award of Arms	Bearaich machArailt
Brenna Dhiamair	Award of the Black Flame	Judith of Northwode
Hermína Matilda de Ainesleah of Meredene	Award of the Cygnus	Judith of Northwode





WAR OF THE ROSES CONT.

Sian verch Gruffydd	Award of the Cygnus	Marcial Salas
Rhodri ap Rhydderch	Award of the Cygnus	Marcial Salas
Hlif Mjoksiglandi Askasmiðr	Award of the Cygnus	Farolfus filius Richardi
David du Pont	Order of the Griffin of Northshield	Decimus Marius Tacitus Ajax
Minghan the Mongol	Order of the Black Griffin	(no scroll)
Senye Swadiah	Order of the Black Griffin	(no scroll)



NORTHSHIELD FALL CORONATION

Here follows the Court Report of The Final Court of Mary III and Lars III, held on Saturday September 9, AS 58, in Silfren Mere.
Herald of Record: Calamus Keythong; Signet: Sofonisba Vespasiana Gabrielli; Seneschal of Record: Sorcha Bhuidhe.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Moira Eiriksdottir	Order of Defense	unknown
Eckehart der Rote	Joint Cypher	Eystein Meinfrittr
Juliet Sofia Da Verona	Court Baroness	Kale Phokaina Kourkouaina
Wu Yun	Joint Cypher	Mary of Carrigart
Tomas Ordones Sandino de Triana	Hand of Tyr	Marcial de Salas
Constanza de Sevilla	Joint Cypher	Deonsia of Rye, Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe
Ceolwen ingen Adaim	Joint Cypher	Deonsia of Rye, Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe
Tatiana Marana Melville	Joint Cypher	Deonsia of Rye, Margaret Malise de Kyrkyntolaghe
Tatiana Marana Melville	Order of the Laurel	Sayyida Joya bint Arwa al-Jinniyya
Isabella Beatrice della Rosa	Queen	
Yngvar inn Heppni	King	

Courts of TRM Yngvar III & Isabella

NORTHSHIELD FALL CORONATION

Here follows the Report of the Court of Isabella and Yngvar III, held on Saturday September 9, AS 58, in Silfren Mere.
Herald of Record: Calamus Keythong; Signet: Sofonisba Vespasiana Gabrielli; Seneschal of Record: Sorcha Bhuidhe.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Jonns Gunnarson	Vigilant for the Order of the Laurel	
Mattias "Moose"	Vigilant for the Order of the Pelican	
Sayyida Joya bint Arwa al-Jinniyya	Vigilant for the Order of the Laurel	
Jois Corbet	Armored Champion	
Muiredach mac Seamus	Queen's Rapier Champion	
Piero di Salvestro Verrocchi	King's Prowess Champion	
Sven Asvaldarson	Order of Defense	
Bastien de la Mesa	Vigilant for the Order of the Pelican	
Margurite Coquette de Lyon	Vigilant for the Order of the Pelican	





Courts of TRM Yngvar III & Isabella

NORTHSHIELD FALL CORONATION CONT.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Arianna McCrossen	Award of the Compass	Judith of Northwode
Ciana Scolari di Polcenigo	Award of the Pantheon of Northshield	Clydwyn Gwehydd
Martin Barnabas Burnett & Brenna Erin Barnett	Award of the Hearthstead	Judith of Northwode
Johannes Porsteinsson	Award of the Cygnus	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinsson
Vedis of Blackgate	Award of the Glove	Markéta Barfussin
The Youth of The Island of Misfit Toys	Order of the Gems of Northshield	Judith of Northwode & her daughter Paige
Athelyna de Chestre	Ordo Circini Vitruvii	Moirne ingen ui Connolly
Jonns Gunnarson	Order of the Laurel	Dalla Grimmsdottir

Misfit Toys Youth include Lillian of Buckminster, Grayson of Buckminster, Arin von Kulmbach, Emily of Wyndover, Kaden of Wyndover, Alexander of Wyndover, Elspeth Wyndover, Crimsyn, Victoria Knight



SHARP POINTY THINGS

The Royal Court for Sharp Pointy Things in the Barony of Nordskogen, 30 September 2023, was presided over by Their Majesties Isabella and Yngvar.

Herald of Record: Bazylí Boleslaw z Krakowa; Signet: Decimus Marius Tacitus Ajax; Seneschal of Record: Bazylí Boleslaw z Krakowa.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES
Aine ingen MaelPtraic	Thrown Weapon Champion	
Knutr Olafsson Osider	Archery Champion	
Yague Antonlinez	Ordo Circini Vitruvii	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinsson
Thomas Tausend	Aquilla et Fulman	Geirráðr hersir Kolbeinsson
Simon Morcar	Order of the Griffin	Marcial de Salas
Margalit Medicus	Order of the Griffin	Marcial de Salas
Iohannes Glenfidanus	Award of the Glove	Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig



BIGGIE OF CASTEL ROUGE, A TRAVELING CAT
 COURTESY OF HERMINA MATILDA DE AINESLEAH OF MEREDENE
 IN HIS SHORT LIFE SO FAR, HE'S BEEN TO 2 GIMLI EVENTS, 2 WWS, MARE AM TWICE, WAR OF THE PHOENIX, GULF WARS, AND A COUPLE OF CROWNS AND CORONATIONS

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.

- **Kingdom Seneschal:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. The anticipated changeover is ASAP.
- **Kingdom Chronicler:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Anticipated changeover is Jan. 2024.
- **Kingdom Arts & Sciences Event Deputy:** Job description here: <http://www.northshield.org/Officers/Display.aspx?ID=111151> Inquiries & applications should go to the KMOAS at moas@northshield by November 15.
- **Lakes Regional Deputy Seneschal:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- **Woodlands A&S Regional Deputy:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences. Open until filled.
- **Kingdom Youth Officer:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- **Regalia Minister:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer. The anticipated changeover is ASAP.
- **Emergency Deputy Kingdom Chronicler:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Emergency Deputy Kingdom Exchequer:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer. Open until filled.
- **Kingdom Archivist/Historian:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Media Relations Deputy:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Deputy Northwatch Editor:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **Western Regional Deputy, Central Regional Deputy, and Eastern Regional Deputy SMOs:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- **TikTok Deputy SMO:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler. Open until filled.
- See Kingdom Directory for other current vacancies.

DEAR ABBESS:

I run a workshop in London, and every time I call either of my apprentices to their work, they are absent. I took them to task, only to learn that the mercer next door has been sending them to make his daily deliveries and they did not want to show disrespect for a craftsman. I told my neighbor I don't mind doing the occasional favor, but he has three apprentices of his own to do the work. Now the mercer has stopped "borrowing" my apprentices, but his journeymen, senior apprentices, and even his wife still command them about. And while they are doing his work, my workshop is running behind on commissions and they are not learning their trade. How do I end this imposition without risking my supplier?

Signed,

—CHOLERIC IN CHEAPSIDE

DEAR CHOLERIC,

Believe it or not, the law is probably on your side – or, I should say, on your apprentices' side, as they are the ones doing all the hauling. You do not mention your specific guild affiliation, but since you mention that the mercer in question is your supplier, I would infer that you are likely a tailor. You may wish to investigate the rules put in place



by the Mercers' Guild, as these regulations often include a prohibition against forcing (or inducing) one master's apprentice into laboring for another without permission. Poaching another person's apprentice may come with a stiff penalty, so you could remain within your supplier's good graces by gently reminding him that even though he himself has desisted, other people within his workshop are continuing to engage in a forbidden practice and that you have refrained from reporting him, but that others are bound to notice eventually. Especially since he runs the risk of angering the Guild of Porters if his workers are using your apprentices instead of porters to haul his goods around. You might also remind him that his wife ought to take care as well, since she may one day rely on the Mercer's Guild to provide for her if she outlives him. However you choose to play it, I suggest leaning into the letter of the law rather than taking him to task personally, especially since he has shown willingness to refrain from the practice himself.

—ABBESS

MANY MEDIEVAL GUILDS HAD EXTREMELY STRICT GUIDELINES THAT WENT BEYOND REGULATIONS ON WHO WAS PERMITTED TO DO WHAT TYPES OF WORK. THESE RULES FREQUENTLY DICTATED STANDARDS FOR BEHAVIOR AS WELL AS CHARITABLE REQUIREMENTS. FOR AN EXAMPLE, TAKE A LOOK AT THE ORDINANCES OF THE TRADE CALLED WHITTAWYERS (PEOPLE WHO PREPARED A TYPE OF SOFT WHITE LEATHER, USUALLY ALUM-TAWED) FROM LONDON IN 1346, WHICH CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT [HTTPS://WWW.BRITISH-HISTORY.AC.UK/NO-SERIES/MEMORIALS-LONDON-LIFE/PP230-234#H3-0002](https://www.british-history.ac.uk/no-series/memorials-london-life/pp230-234#H3-0002).

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

From The History of Windhaven

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Long ago by the shores of the Forgotten Sea was a land of wealth and plenty. The people of this land were strong, industrious, and loved their leaders dearly. The leader of the land was Lord Tamarack, who was wise and just. His wife died in child-birth, so his daughter, Horcon, ruled by his side. Together they ruled the land with a sense of justice and fairness that was otherwise unheard of in this time. Throughout the land, all were happy and nary a complaint was heard.

Tamarack's neighbors, however, complained a great deal. Oppressive rulers of the old style, they found their peasants becoming more and more restless as they observed the great freedom and wealth that Tamarack's people enjoyed. Rather than institute reforms of their own, they resolved to eliminate this threat to their way of life.

Early one spring, while most of Tamarack's knights were off at a tourney, his enemies struck. Burning, raping, and pillaging, they ravaged the countryside. Refugees poured into Tamarack's castle, until it was surrounded. The defenders of the castle were strong and brave, but hopelessly outnumbered. When Tamarack fell severely wounded, the Staff of Leadership passed to Horcon. Looking around her at the mass of refugees, mostly children, the elderly and the wounded, she resolved to escape with all of them, rather than allow them to be taken by the evil outside the walls. Leaving behind a volunteer rear guard, she led her people thru a long escape tunnel into the night. Over his protests, Tamarack, far too wounded to fight, was taken along.

The rear guard fought on for two more days, but in the end were killed to a man and woman. It was another day before the invaders realized that any had escaped, and two days more before the trail was found. Then the pursuit began in earnest.

Horcon had pushed her people as far as she dared, heading north into the wilderness. Several times she led ambushes against scouting parties that came close to discovering them. Finally, after many days, their path was blocked by a great marsh. Travel was impossible to the west or north, so they followed the marsh eastward until they found that way blocked by a large lake, many miles wide. Exhausted, they collapsed here to await the end. Alone among them, Horcon still had the strength to fight, and she strode forward, grimly determined to make her enemies pay dearly...

Within the marsh dwelt Bo-tii, an ancient amphiptere (a giant winged serpent and distant cousin to the imperial dragons), and she had been here for centuries. Her last children had long since grown and flown away, often to be killed by marauding humans. Long ago, she had appointed herself guardian of the marsh, protecting all the small flying creatures that lived there from the depredation of humans who would hunt there for sport or for cruel pleasure. Many times she had hidden in her marsh, watching groups of humans fight each other along the shore, for they seemed to enjoy killing one another almost as much as they enjoyed killing helpless animals. Many times she would attack and destroy the victors for these fights, for all humans were her enemies.

When Horcon's enemies rode up, Bo-tii was in the marsh nearby, watching and waiting for another battle. This time, however, it was different. This time it was one lone human female fighting, not for pleasure, but to defend those she had sworn to protect. A common chord was struck between Horcon and Bo-tii that day, and for the first time in her life Bo-tii felt kinship with a human being. As the enemy charged down to Horcon, Bo-tii arose from her hiding spot and roared into the enemy's flank. Half of them fled in terror, the other half died in the short battle that followed, but not without a price. Both Horcon and Bo-tii were wounded, and Bo-tii's wounds were too deep and too numerous to heal.

"I am wounded unto death," Bo-tii told Horcon. "I have barely the strength to return to my nest on the north edge of the marsh. I go there now to die. Send your people there, when you can, to give me proper burial that I may return to the earth. Long have I protected the creatures of the wind that call this marsh their home, guarding them against the depredations of your kind. I pass that duty unto you now. Swear to me that you will honor it!"

Horcon promised that it would be as Bo-tii asked. Bo-tii launched herself into the air one last time, returning to her nest to die. Horcon's people went there to honor the pledge given by their mistress after burying those she had slain, in defense of Horcon, in a great mound to mark the place of the battle.

They built a town at the foot of the lake and dwelt there for a year, until all had recovered from their wounds. Then Horcon returned the Staff of Leadership to Tamarack, stating, "I am still young and would travel some before I settle down. Also, our enemies still exist, and we have little protection here. I have heard tale of a great bowman down by the Tree-Girt-Sea who is forging a kingdom. With the protection of one such as he, we could live without fear once more."

Tamarack saw the wisdom of this and gave her his blessing. South she traveled and indeed she found her bowman, Cariadoc by name. She joined him in his efforts to found the great Middle Kingdom, even becoming the first seneschal of the Midrealm. And the Midrealm extended its protection to Tamarack's folk, and their enemies never bothered them again.

Tamarack continued to rule wisely, extending his lands to the north edge of the lake, where he built a citadel, and west to the Point of Steven. He called all this land Windhaven, and decreed it a sanctuary for all creatures of the wind, making it illegal to hunt them for sport. He took the image of Bo-tii as his device, so that all would remember her and her deeds.

Time passes... People and even places, change. Few now know this tale and most consider it myth. But the town at the foot of the lake, and the hill of the dead, still exist, 'tho their names have been rendered into the common tongue, Fond Du Lac and Buttes Des Morts. At the north end of the lake Windhaven still exists, and to the southwest Horcon's marsh. 'Tho greatly reduced in size, it is still a sanctuary to all creatures of the wind where, to this day, none may hunt them for sport.

The Hodag

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In AS 54, Samia bint Isa, Thomas Bordeaux, and I were travelling back from Fall Coronation up in the Shire of Mistig Waetru (Calumet, MI). As we passed through Rhinelander, Samia, who has a particular fondness for cryptids, remarked that Thomas and I should write a song about the Hodag, which was local to the area. We had it done by the time we got to the next rest stop.

The Hodag

aka “Samia should be careful what she asks for” (to the tune of *Sweet Betsy From Pike*)

Words by Joya bint Arwa al-Jinniyya and Thomas Bordeaux

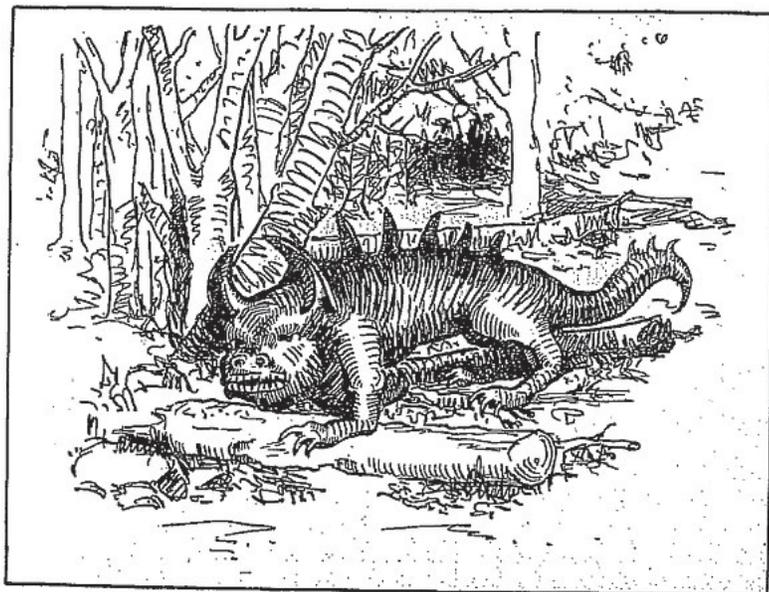
There is an old Hodag from north in the wood
Who feasted on bulldogs of white when he could
And when this fine fare became scarce in the land
He turned his red gaze on the children of man

With razor sharp teeth and the head of a frog
And thick stubby legs all set off by huge claws
A dinosaur back and a long tail with spears
And the teeniest set of pink elephant ears

The first kid to go, little Kate was her name
Who picked on her brothers and called them bad names
The Hodag came calling when all were asleep
And gobbled Kate right up with nary a peep

Young William was headstrong and argued a lot
Wouldn't help with the laundry or scour the pots
He ran off to play in the garden one day
And the Hodag came swiftly and took him away

So, if you would like the fierce Hodag to meet
Be mean to your mom and don't eat all your beets
Don't share with your siblings, talk back to your dad
'Cause the Hodag knows children taste best when they're bad



HODAG



THE AMPHITERE OF
WINDHAVEN

COURTESY OF NATAN
OF WINDHAVEN

THE HODAG (ABOVE)

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Sea Horse Task Force (Buff Sea Horse)

By Joan the Lewd <joan.the.lewd@gmail.com>

When the Griffin called for war, the amethyst sea rumbled.

The beefiest of the sea-beasts, Swollia, or simply the Buff Sea Horse, came into existence when Northshield was summoned to Pennsic War many lost years ago. When the Shire of Mare Amethystinum readied themselves for the great journey, they were missing something. They needed a symbol of their persistence and their ferocity. Joan the Lewd heard the call and brought the Buff Sea Horse to life.

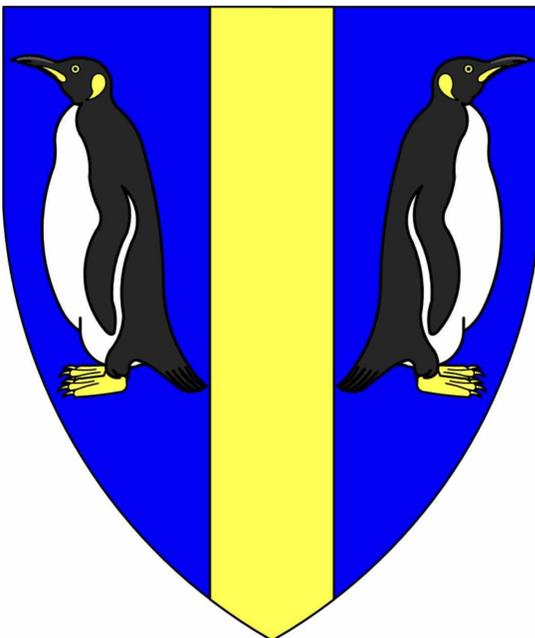
Ever since then, the Hippocampus has remained a glorious gem in the North. She has trekked every waterway to guide her shire to battles both big and small. She has channeled her regal violet waves to inspire the artisans of Mare Amethystinum. Most importantly, she reminds us all to be strong, no matter where one is in their journey to swoleness.

The might! The glory! The GAINS!



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ROLAND ATTEMPTS TO
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DRINKING IT.



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WHILE PENGUINS ARE UNCOMMON IN THE
LANDS OF NORTHSHIELD, THEY MAY SOMETIMES
HERALD THE PRESENCE OF A SPANISH LADY.

DECEMBER 2, 2023

BARONY OF CAER ANTERTH MAWR

Danze del Verro (Dance of the Boar)



Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center
3000 County Hwy PV West Bend, WI 53095 USA
*Site opens 8am for royals, staff, & merchants,
9am for populace. Site closes 7pm.*

Fees:	5 and under free
Adult (18+) \$25	Family cap \$50 (2 adult non-members & 2+ minors)
Adult Member \$20	Merchant \$10/space
Student (w/ID) \$5	
Youth (6-17) \$5	

Make checks payable to: SCA WI Inc-Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr. Pre-registration closes November 18.

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

Outside food allowed, drinks must be purchased on site. Lunch/dinner feast is still being determined.

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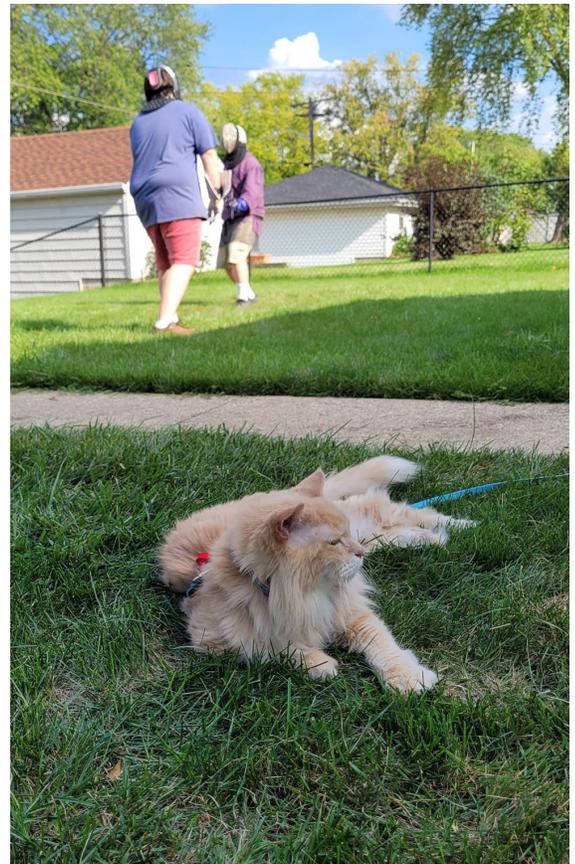
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