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The Northwatch – May 2024

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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.

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15 Untitled Rapier Event, Barony of Jararvellir (Madison, WI)		Cr
20Deadline for July 2024 <i>Northwatch</i> (Heraldic Decoration)		No
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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. July 2024 meeting: Virtual (Tentative). October 2024 meeting: TBD. January 2025 meeting: TBD.

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Their Royal Qajesties

Greetings, Northshield!

Coronation happened and We are excited to be your Royals and to hold Crown Tournament to find Our heirs. We hope everyone is excited for WW and Pennsic. This will be Our first Pennsic, and We will be happy if many of Our of Northshielders can make this their first Pennsic, too. We would like everyone to drive safe during these summer events and to have fun!

In Your Service,

Hans & Genevieve

TBD

Their Royal Highnesses

Coming soon!



My Dearest Northshield,

I send the warmest of greetings from the cold shores of Lake Superior. The winds of spring are upon us and with that change, I step into your Kingdom Seneschal role.

I want to take a moment and thank Sorcha for her leadership, her dedication, and her guidance as she has done an incredible job leading the kingdom out of the pandemic and back to open events. Sorcha, thank you so very much for everything.

I started my SCA journey over twenty years ago as a Seneschal for the incipient college of Darkstone. Through the SCA, I met my husband and have created lifelong friends. I helped Darkstone become the first shire in the new kingdom of Northshield. Since then I have been Seneschal of Darkstone for ten years, continuing on to service in the kingdom as Eastern Regional Seneschal for three years, and as Emergency Kingdom Seneschal for the last almost-two years. I've also served as a shire chatelaine and am still a shire MOAS and an Equestrian Marshal. Most recently, I was inducted into the Order of the Laurel at Boar's Head last year. (We had live chickens, it was great!)

I look forward to continuing to serve Northshield as your next Kingdom Seneschal. Please don't be a stranger! Come up say hello and together we all can celebrate the greatness that is Northshield.

In Grateful Service,

Morgaine



Greetings, Exchequers!

Northshield was the second kingdom to submit consolidated reports, thanks to your timely efforts! It's not a contest and there is no prize; however, it is noteworthy. Late reports cause the SCA's external audit to take longer than is budgeted, which costs extra money.

So, everyone getting reports in on time helps keep the SCA's finances in line. Many thanks!

During my review of reports, a few reporting issues came up repeatedly, so please attend to these with 2024 reporting:

- End of 2023 numbers for bank account balance, prepaid expenses, and any group property values (including anything fully depreciated) MUST match start of 2024 values.
- The start of 2024 numbers CANNOT change throughout 2024. They stay the same.
- For groups in MN, ND and SD NMR sent to Kingdom is recorded as an in-kingdom transfer. It is not a fee or a site cost.
- For groups in WI, MI and Canada, NMR is recorded as a donation to another 501c3. I am aware that NMR is not a donation, but for accounting purposes, that is what we have been instructed to call it.

If you find that some of your end of 2023 numbers were inaccurate, please let me and your regional deputy know ASAP. I can adjust the consolidated report at this point. I probably won't be able to do that at the end of 2024. Any inaccuracies in 2023 will just be corrected as part of 2024 and we will move on. I made it to Gulf Wars and attended the largest in-person gathering of kingdom exchequers since 2019. It was great to meet people in person and bring up issues with the Society Exchequer. For those who use the Excel ledger that categorizes expenses and income, you will be happy to know that the SCA is starting to look at how to fix those ledgers so that they integrate with reports. There is no timeline for this yet, unfortunately, but Society has heard the feedback loud and clear and they are looking into it.

More urgent than that, perhaps, is a request to get Google Sheets versions of the report that work. Many kingdoms use Google Drive to store information (Northshield uses SharePoint), and Google Sheets is free to use and will make storing information easier for kingdoms that use Google Drive. As I learn more, I will keep you posted.

I hope you all get time to enjoy warmer weather and spending time doing things you love.

In service,



Greetings unto the populace of Northshield from the Minister of Regalia,

Æsa

Continuing our celebration of Northshield's 20th anniversary as a Kingdom, I would like to share some more of our regalia. This item is called the "Sovereign Ring" within our regalia listings. It is a gold ring with an engraved star and diamond at the center.



Recent historical records indicate that at different events during Reign XXXV, Duke Tom III and Duchess Guenievre granted access to a member of the populace to carry the ring for the day as a way to showcase that individual. We do not know the crafter or origin/history of this item. If there are others in the Kingdom that know more of the history of the Sovereign Ring, please let me know so that I can document it further. I hope you all enjoy looking into the history of our Kingdom's regalia and I look forward to sharing more with you in upcoming articles. In Service,



No missive this month:





No missive this month.

Ysolt



No missive this month.

Farolfus



No missive this month.





Cén scéal? What's the news?

Let's go, gamers! I always appreciate any articles, research, art, or stories on any topic that interests you, but please enjoy some toys and games this month. Our upcoming newsletter themes are as follows, but please submit art and articles about anything at all for the edification of the kingdom.

- April 20 Early Attempts Share some of your first garb, A&S, fighting kit, or other projects from starting out in the SCA. What are some things you did/ would do differently? What parts are you still proud of?
- May 20 Disability & Access What are the SCA in general and Northshield in particular doing right now that makes our game more accessible to all our members? What could be done better? How about in period? How did our medieval counterparts make life more accessible to the disabled members of their society?
- June 20 Heraldic Decoration So you have a coat of arms, possibly a badge... Now what do you do with it?

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

Grainne

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SCA CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 2024 PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The most recent report from John Fulton, SCA Inc. President, is now available.

This report contains the publishable summaries and commendation sections from each Corporate and Society Officers' reports. It also includes publishable summaries submitted by various Board committees.

The report can be located here: https:// www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/ Presidents-Report-01-28-2024-Boardmeeting.pdf

There has been a delay in uploading the October 2023 and January 2024 meetings to the Society YouTube channel. We anticipate this will be resolved by the end of April at the latest and apologise for the inconvenience.

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

If you send comments, please use the subject line "President's Report January 2024." Comments are welcomed and strongly encouraged.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE – SEAT C DIRECTOR ELECT

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Jonathan Foster (Bâro Iohannes Glenfidanus) as the Director-Elect for Seat C. He will assume the position from Director Jennifer Krochmal in a delayed start at the close of the July 2024 quarterly meeting. Director Krochmal's term is extended for one quarter.

Jonathan Foster is the Manager of Internal Audit for a regional health insurance company

They enjoy travelling to collect experiences in various parts of the world in their spare time. He is a 28-year participant in the SCA focused on Heraldry, Period Gaming, and Rapier activities. Bâro Iohannes Glenfidanus is the oldest son of a minor Scottish noble house who joined the first Swedish Crusade in 1150. While on

of a minor Scottish noble house who joined the first Swedish Crusade in 1150. While on crusade he earned title and fame as a herald in the service of Bishop Henry of Uppsala. His most notable achievement during this time was winning the heart of his wife AEsa. Now, he travels with her while offering service in the various courts of the land in search of wisdom, the varied flavors of local cuisine, and in study of the arts of the blade. He currently resides in the Kingdom of Northshield.

and has worked in the internal audit field for

the past 18 years. Jonathan makes his home

in the Appleton, Wisconsin area with his wife.

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 selfnominated. 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

COMMENTARY REQUEST – NEWSLETTER REFERENCES – GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

In 2022, the Board of Directors decided to remove kingdom newsletters from behind a paywall and make the newsletters freely accessible from the SCA.org website. This change caused all references in the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc. to "subscribing memberships" requirements and for immediate access to a newsletter at one's home to become obsolete. The Board of Directors is seeking commentary on the changes to the Governing Documents necessary to bring them in line with the reality that the newsletters are no longer of limited access.

Below are the areas of Corpora, the Bylaws, and Corporate Policies where changes will be needed to bring these documents in line with current practice.

Governing Documents: References to Membership types for Officer Privileges

Bylaws, V.C.2.b — Members-General Conditions and Privileges of Membership-Privileges of Members-Eligibility for Office: Officers at all levels of the SCA must be members and must have immediate access to the corporate newsletter for their area. This standard also applies to deputies designated as successors to officers subject to this provision or assigned independent administrative duties. Deputies who only assist with specific tasks are exempt from the newsletter access requirement.

Corporate Policies, I.B, 1-4—Membership Types-Non-Statutory Members:

1. Sustaining Membership conveys eligibility to hold office in the SCA, a subscription to a Kingdom newsletter, the option to subscribe to other—Corporate publications, and any other privileges designated by the SCA or its subdivisions as accruing to members of the SCA. This type of membership is considered a subscribing membership.

2. International Membership conveys the privileges of Section I.B.1. This membership type is available only in locations outside the United States which are part of the SCA, Inc., and not subject to an affiliate corporation. This type of membership is considered a subscribing membership.

3. Associate Membership conveys eligibility to hold office in the SCA, except where other membership categories are required by the Governing Documents. Associate membership also entitles the holder to any privileges designated by the SCA or its subdivisions as accruing to members of the SCA, except where another membership type is specifically required by the organization defining the privilege. This type of membership is not considered a subscribing membership.

4. Family Membership extends the privileges of Section I.B.1 to one additional adult and any children aged 21 or younger who live at the same physical address as a member defined in paragraphs B.1-B.2 of this Article. This type of membership is not considered a subscribing membership.

Corporate Policies, II.C: General Conditions and Privileges of Membership-Eligibility for Office:

Officers at all levels of the SCA must be members as defined in I.B.1-4 above.—and must have immediate access to the corporate newsletter for their area provided by a subscribing membership at their residence. (Alternate access arrangements may be made on a case-by-case basis for people with post office boxes and for International Members.) This standard also applies to deputies designated as successors to officers subject to this provision or assigned independent administrative duties. Deputies who only assist with specific tasks are exempt from the newsletter access requirement.

Corpora—Glossary:

<u>Subscribing member: A Sustaining or</u> International member of the SCA, Inc. or its approved equivalent in an affiliated organization.

Corpora I.D.2– General-Membership Requirements-Officers:

a. Officers at all levels of the Society must be Society members as defined in the By-Laws and Corporate Polices of the SCA, Inc. Glossary. and must have immediate access to the corporate newsletter for their area received at their residence. (Alternate access arrangements may be made for members of affiliated organizations or on a case-by-case basis for people with post office boxes and for International Members.) This standard also applies to deputies designated as successors to officers subject to this provision or assigned independent administrative duties. Deputies who only assist with specific tasks are exempt from the newsletter access requirement.

Corpora III.A.2—Branches-General:

While international memberships may be used in the calculation of membership totals for branch status, a branch based on international memberships must have least one subscription to the appropriate corporate publication for their geographic area. The exact number required is a matter for negotiation among the Seneschals of the branch, principality, and kingdom, and the Society Seneschal. The required subscription(s) may be purchased communally by the branch.

Corpora, including the By-Laws, can be found in its entirety here: https://www.sca. org/resources/document-library/govdocs/.

Please email all commentary to

SCA-Comments@sca.org and use the title "Newsletter References" in the subject line.

NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will mark your message as spam and it will be rejected by the server.

You can also send commentary by mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

RE: Newsletter References

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More News and Announcements at sca.org/news-events/

Dice, Iran, 9th-10th c. CE Courtesy of the Met Museum (NY)







GULF WARS

Here follow the Courts of Isabella and Yngvar at Gulf Wars held March 9-17, AS LVIII, being 2024 CE, in the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann. Herald of Record: Beatrice Domenici della Campana; Signet: unknown; Seneschals of Record: Wu Yun, Kita Jiru Toramassa.

RECIPIENT	HONOR	SCRIBES				
Monday, March 11						
Muiredach mac Seamus	Order of Defense					
Tuesday, March 12						
Gwenllian verch Rhys de Goer	Vigilant for the Order of the Pelican					
Thursday, March 14						
Beatrice della Rosa de Peregrine	King's Cypher	Calamus Schreiber				
Sheamus mac Ingram	King's Cypher	Calamus Schreiber				
Ingram Peregrine	Court Baronage	Lisette de la Niege				
Astra of Korsvag	Award of Arms	Judith Krahe vom Schwarzwald				
Fulke dela Beare	Award of the Glove	Muirenn ingen Fhairchellaig				
Leonidas Kallis	Award of the Glove	Judith of Northwode				
Kaydian Bladebreaker	Award of the Black Flame	Kaydian Bladebreaker				
Hans Reutter	Ordo Circini Vitruvii	Judith Krahe vom Schwarzwald				
Eadmund sweordhwita	Ordo Circini Vitruvii	Calamus Schreiber (on a blank)				
Ralik Ravenwolf	Augmentation of Arms	Henriette Osanne Torchier				

Order of the Bravura as follows:

Tom Tintinnabulum, Vladimir Radescu, Moira Eiriksdottir, Heliseus Morte d'Arbor, Donnen Flint, Percival DeFleur, Ayla von Kiel, Theresa Theisen, Ravna Jorgenson, Kaerumi (Rachel Harvey), Talaitha Nyfferyn Sveinn Tunheim, other artisans



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 Chronicler: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Chronicler ASAP. Changeover is June 2024.
- 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.
- Kingdom Youth Officer: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal. Open until filled.
- **PayPal Deputy:** Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Exchequer.
- 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.
- Kingdom Advocate: Inquiries & applications should be sent to the Kingdom Seneschal by May 1, 2024.
- See Kingdom Directory for other current vacancies.



Game of Hounds and Jackals, Egypt, 1814-1805 BCE Courtesy of the Met Museum (NY)

> TRIC-TRAC BOARD, Spain, 1518-1556 CE Courtesy of the Met Museum (NY)

Set of twelve red terracotta balls, Etruscan, late 4th or early 3rd c. BCE Courtesy of the Met Museum (NY)



Lá maith agat, Abbess:

My cousins and the other children of their household have been teaching me to play fidchell, but I am confused! Every time I think I have learned the rules and might defeat one of them, they tell me that I have it wrong and they win instead. I have played twenty and twenty times over and always the rules are different than I understood the last time. What is it that I can do to learn better?

—Confused in Cill Na Martra



DĒR CONFUSED, Þey ar chētn yow. Lern fra somone ils. Byt Þem. –Abbess Abbey Cät

Fidchell is an ancient Celtic strategy-heavy board game that has been compared to chess, though it predates the introduction of chess to the British Isles. It may have been related to the Roman latrinculum, but not enough information about the game and its rules of play remains to be sure. From references in heroic narratives, we do know that the players have equal numbers of pieces (unlike in tafl) and they may be conical in shape. Scholars and laypeople have created theoretical reconstructions of the rules. See one example at https://www.unicorngarden.com/fidchell/origins.htm

The playing of fidchell was poetically connected to kingship and heroics – figures in legend often played the game with results that prophesied their upcoming successes and failures in battle and life. The name of the game means "woodsense," referencing perhaps those divinatory properties.

Do you have Medieval Problems? Ask Dear Abbess by writing to Northwatch@northshield.org, putting "Dear Abbess" in the subject. Beware, though, that if the Abbess goes on pilgrimage again, the Cät may abscond once more with her correspondence...

Chess (Shatranj) set, Iran, 12th c. CE Courtesy of the Met Museum (NY)

Tile with Women Playing a Board Game, China, 13th c. CE Courtesy of the Met Museum (NY)



Gameboard and Gaming Pieces, Egypt, 1550-1295 BCE (below) Courtesy of the Met Museum (NY)



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"Buzurjmihr Explains the Game of Backgammon (Nard) to the Raja of Hind," Folio from the First Small Shahnama (Book of Kings) by Abu'l Qasim Firdausi, Iran, 1300-1330 CE (above) Courtesy of the Met Museum (NY)

The Chess Players by Liberale da Verona, Italy, 1475 CE (below) Courtesy of the Met Museum (NY)



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Games

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Κ	N	Т	S	0	Α	0	S	L	Α	Η	L	Ι	Ι	NARD JACKALS PATOLLI SENET DICE					
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