

Song of the Tower

The Monthly Newsletter of the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr

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Missive from the Coronet

Greetings to the Barony!

We are in the grips of winter. Though the solstice has passed, the icy winds blow across our tower on the hill and beg us to seek the warmth of our fires and our friends. Winter is also a good time to focus on indoor projects and a great time to learn new skills. We hope you are all keeping yourselves safe and comfortable as the snow threatens to blanket us!

We have celebrated the Dance of the Boar, and it was a wonderful dance! Many people journeyed from across Northshield and from other Kingdoms to quicken their feet in our halls, on the list fields and the dance floors. The vigil spaces, the lunch vendor, and the Cookie Caper provided food for all who sought it. People shopped, people learned, people celebrated, and surely there was enough. Many thanks to Lady Beatriz and her staff for running such a fantastic event.

Next we look forward to our Yule Moot on Sunday, January 21 at the Delafield Legion Hall. We trust that we will see you there, and remind you to bring a gift for the White Elephant Gift Exchange if you'd like to participate. (Please do, it's great fun!) We will hold the Master Solomon Storytelling Contest, a potluck feast, and, of course, Baronial Court. We also remind you to please write award recommendations for this and all future courts - we can't see everything that everyone does, and don't want to fail to reward someone for their efforts!

We also intend to travel to the lands of Nordskogen in a couple weeks to witness our cousins Baron Gabriel and Baroness Caoilfhionn as they end their time on the Snowy Seats, and to welcome THL Heliseus Morte d'Arbor and Lady Cynthia the Innocent as the new Baronesses of Nordskogen. We would love to present them with gifts from the craftspeople and artisans of Caer Anterth Mawr. Please let us know if you can make something towards that effort - contact us and we can arrange a time to pick something up from you.

We look forward to seeing you all soon. Be safe, be healthy, be warm, and wash your hands.

-Abelard and Ysolt, Baron and Baroness

Officer Reports

From the Seneschal

Greetings to the Barony,

Welcome to the New Year! New Year, New(ish) Seneschal. :)

We managed to make it through the year and I think we finished up quite strongly. We have 2 regular weekly Heavy/Rapier practices. A regular weekly Archery practice happening through the winter and two Archery/thrown Weapons practices during summer. Multiple groups getting together to work on various projects throughout the year. We also managed to host a major Kingdom level event, start what will become a major Kingdom level event, two very fun fighting events and a Society level A&S event. Yay us!

We have most of those ready to do again this year. Make sure you check the calendars and join us for fun! We'll definitely need people to help run them so make sure to volunteer to help and spend time with all your friends.

We also have plans in the works to try to and attract new people. Seems like a good time for some of our less active members to come out as well.

YIS,
Magnus Vargsson

From the Herald

Greetings All,

In Anno Soceitatis 58, this shall be my last entry as baronial Herald, it is bitter-sweet!! I learned a lot from this role but also wish I could have done more. I wish to thank my mentors and deputies during this time, especially Arnbjorn, Beatrice, and Baroness Ysolt. Thanks for all the guidance throughout my time of service, starting during the Plague and after.

At the Stellar University of Northshield event on November 11, 2023, Samson Muskovich received a grant level award! He was added to the Order of Brigits Flame, which is given to those who have shown over time they enthusiastically strive for mastery in the Arts and/or Sciences, endeavoring to provide leadership and displaying courtesy. Members are expected to continue their pursuits in the Arts and/or Sciences and to help others find their own opportunities for enrichment therein. [formerly known as the Bridget's Flame] Blazon:(Fieldless) A torch argent enflamed proper. VIVAT Samson!!

At the Danze del Verro event on Saturday December 2, 2023, a couple awards were given out to CAM members:

Katie of CAM was given the Award of the Cygnus. This award is given to those who have performed substantial service to the Kingdom of Northshield. Blazon: (Fieldless) A swan naiant contourny Or. VIVAT Katie!!

Winifrede received the Award of the Black Flame! This award is given to those who show proficiency in one or more of the Arts

or Sciences, including a level of participation beyond their own personal endeavors. [previously known as the Award of the Balefire] Blazon: (Fieldless) A flame sable. VIVAT Winifrede!!

Their Majesties are seeking award recommendations for future Northshield courts. Please send award recommendations to Their Majesties at <http://northshield.org/OrderOfPrecedence/Recommendation.aspz?who>

For our barony, please send any award recommendations to Their Excellencies for future CAM courts! Please submit these to the baronial website at: <https://www.caeranterth.org/baronial-award-recommendations>.

Lady Beatriz Estevan de las Serras has taken my seat as the baronial herald. I know she is ready for shouting things and more! Thanks for volunteering!

In service,
Lady Katie

Archery Captain

Archers to the Line!

Welcome to the heart of winter. Not that it has felt much like winter lately. But we know its icy grip will eventually make it's return. In anticipation of that, for the first time in four years, the weekly archery practice is returning indoor to West Town Archery (4135 N 126th St, Brookfield, WI 53005), on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm, starting January 3, 2024. We will have practice at West Town at least through February, perhaps into March. The range fee is \$9 per hour. We also plan on making a monthly visit to Jararvellir for their Sunday archery and TW practice.

Northshield and Caer Anterth were well represented in the Lucky Target Society Seasonal Archery Challenge (SSAC) [The target face is 20 inches on a side and the small squares are 4 inches square. There are twenty-five squares in total. The target is placed with one corner pointing upward, as per the drawing below]. There were 184 archers Known World-wide participating.

Crispin Fletcher- Nordskogen Score: 179 #15 overall
Arnbjorn Karlsson- Caer Anterth Maw Score: 175 #19 overall
Vidi Hovdestad- Nordskogen Score: 155 #42 overall
Sefa Farmansdottir- Nordskogen Score 154 #44 overall
Dagrun- Nordskogen Score: 131 #89 overall
Alva Shi- Caer Anterth Mawr Score: 114 #116 overall
Abelard die Elster- Caer Anterth Mawr Score: 111 #121 overall
Rhys ab Ismael Llygad Ryfedd- Caer Anterth Mawr Score: 98 #137 overall
Karl Friedrich from Dinkelsbuhl- Caer Anterth Mawr Score: 82 #152 overall

We have begun shooting the annual Gwyntarian Winter Challenge and the Horseman Society Seasonal Archery Challenge (SSAC). The target is a snowman-like figure with a 15 inch bottom target (the horse) worth 1 point, the 9 inch middle section (the body) is worth 3 points, and the 3 inch top section (the head) is worth 5 points. In the center of the head is a 1 inch target (the visor), which is worth 15 points. There are 3 rounds of 6 arrows untimed, shot from 20, 15, and 10 yards.

Quarterly reports from MiT's and Group Marshals are due by February 25th.

If anyone is interested becoming an archery marshal-in-training and/or thrown weapons marshal-in-training, please let me know. William, Rhys, and I are all training marshals for archery, and I am a training marshal for thrown weapons. Also, if anyone is interested in becoming a deputy for the archery captain, please let me know. My term expires at the end of October.

Ever in Service to the Barony,
Arnbjørn

Chatelaine

Hello folks,

This is my first article for Song of the Tower and my first article as Barony Chatelaine. Although I have been mostly attending fighting practices and getting through the holiday months, I am excited about this opportunity and what will come this new year! So far, we have made good progress reaching out to the broader Milwaukee community by creating our Meetup group to advertise our fighting practices and throwing weapons and poster creation. We also had an interview with TMJ4 to gain exposure for our Barony, which was very exciting to be on the news. With all that has happened this year, I can't wait for the adventure of seeing what will come in 2024.

Best,
Alexis Haas aka Charlotte Almar

SAVE THE DATES!



Haustblot: A Norse Harvest Celebration

Sept 27-29, 2024 at Camp Sinawa, Valders, WI

There will be rapier and rattan fighting, archery, merchants, an artisan's row, feast, Viking Hiking and more! This will be a camping event. More details to follow in 2024,

Event Steward: Mistress Tatiana

WAR PRACTICE AT THE ROOST

June 7-9, 2024 - Mukwonago, WI

There will once again be a war practice at the Roost. Plan for fighting, and more fighting! There will be space to camp as well. There will be more details forthcoming in 2024.



Calendar of Events

A Midwinter's Day Feast

Saturday January 20, 2024 AS 58
Shire of Schattentor (Rapid City SD)

Wacky Garb Ball: Supernatural

Saturday January 27, 2024 AS 58
Barony of Jararvellir (Stoughton WI)

Curia Notes

November 21, 2023

Present: Abelard, Charlotte, Arnbjorn, Gilchrist, Sibillia, Asabella, Jean, Ysolt, Joseph, Beatriz, Randall, Karl, Katie.

OFFICER REPORTS

- * **Baron and Baroness:** Come to Boar's Head and volunteer and have fun! Come to Yule Court and have fun! Write award recommendations! Please!
- * **Chatelaine:** Three people have joined us at fighters practice, returning after a hiatus. Meetup continues to draw attention. Totally willing and able to add archery and thrown weapons to meetup.
- * **Social Media Officer:** Thank you for continuing to post things on facebook.
- * **Exchequer:** Got the third quarter report out. We have money in the bank. We got the signatures changed so Magnus can sign checks. Not a lot of pre-payments.
- * **Quartermaster:** Was at the storage locker today, and stuff is there. There's a list of what we need from the storage locker for Boar's Head, which we can pick up on the way to site on Friday morning.
- * **Herald:** Nothing to report. Will change offices over the course of the next month.
- * **Signet:** Nothing to report.
- * **Chronicler:** Travelling.
- * **Web Minister:** Travelling.
- * **Minister of Arts & Sciences:** We've been doing Arts and Sciences and nobody has died.
- * **Knights Marshal:** We're still having practices. Remember, no practice on Thanksgiving.
- * **Rapier Marshal:** We have two new fighters, and it's very exciting. We have had no letters of intent. Would like to extend her term for six months. Voted, passed. (There is another person waiting in the wings, but has not put in a letter of intent yet.)

- * **Archery Captain:** Sunday practices continue, alternating between KK Park and Menomonee Park. We have loaner gear, come shoot!
- * **Thrown Weapons Captain:** The last thrown weapons practice of the season is Sunday 11/26 at KK Park at noon. Come throw things!
- * **Youth Combat:** We've had kids again, who have also made it to the Jara practice, and we're looking forward to having youth combat at Boar's Head.
- * **Seneschal:** Everything is coming up later in the meeting.
- * **Minister of Youth:** Vacant.

OLD BUSINESS

- * **Boar's Head- 12/2/23-** Beatriz: Same food wagon as last year. Rhys and Beatriz checked out the kitchen and are optimistic that the breakers won't explode. The last few merchant forms are officially trickling in. The last few spots have been tentatively claimed and many have been actually claimed. Staff positions have been filled. We could use some more volunteers for gate. (Gate steward says she only has three volunteers so far.) Asabella will print all the signs and bring them early Saturday morning. We will need the checkbook and the cashbox, plus the merchant and pre-reg paperwork. Will get the list of stuff we need from the storage locker to the quartermaster. We will have a table with archery and thrown weapons gear for display. We would like to make our six-month donation of \$250 as 'taxes'. Moved, voted, passed. Do we want to move Gate to the rotunda or leave it where it has been the last couple years, with the knowledge that the lunch lines back up? No, we're okay with having it there because gate is slowing down by then so we can even collapse one of the tables to make more room once the lunch lines get long.
- * **Job Descriptions** – Information on offices: We haven't received any new ones.
- * **2024 Planning Meeting:** Events already planned for for 2024: War Practice at the Roost- June 7-9- Need event steward. Haustblot II- September 27-29- Event Stewards: Sofonisba/Tatianna. Need Feast Steward. Boar's Head- December 7- Need event steward. Possible Events: Fall Crown Bid- St. John's- Event stewards- Beatriz & Arnbjorn, check with Armond on availability of Legion for feast location- confirming dates for fall crown from kingdom seneschal, 10/12 or 10/19. Midwinter Melee Practice- Need to check on availability of St. John's. 11/20/23 deadline for January Northwatch. Feast of Eros- Archery & Cooking event- May 2025- Possibly at Menomonee Park- PowWow lodge- Event Steward- Deonyasia. Consider submitting a bid for a KW Cooks & Bards Symposium at some future date. Ideas for Moots: Yule Court Moot- Check with Armond on availability of Legion- Asabella moot steward. Viking Hiking- day after possible Fall Crown, otherwise hold in mid-October. Revive Mama Cat Tournament (first held 20 years ago in 2004) at either War Practice or Haustblot. Newcomer Moot- for WUWM students and other newbies, invite nearby groups to also attend.- possibly in April. Artisan Day Moot- either with Newcomer Moot or standalone- Marquette Physics Building possible location. Brewing Moot- Randall and Katie's. Soup Moot- February. Other Things of Note: Baronial Transition Process and Investiture (at Boar's Head). By-laws review meeting- Spring. Lost Arts Day at MSOE (October) potential recruitment/education opportunity. 2025-2029 marks the 50th anniversary of CAM's history as a group (shire), Boar's Head, and Barony. If interested in joining CAM 50 Google Discussion group, please let Arnbjorn know.
- * **Advertising-** Joseph: Done more research since the last meeting. Created a test group, established a goal (what page should be our target goal, the CAM website or the CAM facebook page?). Created an ad with buttons. It appears that we're limited to five pieces of media. Metrics: estimated daily results. Did some math to calculate what kinds of views we get for our price, and the \$1 option (which runs for 400 days, with an investment of \$400) looks like the best bang for our buck. Re: demographic, we can choose our range (MKE county + 25 miles, or MKE county + 50 miles, but he can't find the 50 miles option). Age demo is 18-65. The more tags we add the more the demo gets limited - looks like we should run between 5-10 tags. So, what key words do we want? What media do we want? What range do we want? Also, what's the ROI on new people? Generally, we assume that people are sunk costs; we're looking for bodies. We also looked at the mobile view. Send ideas to Joseph and we'll make decisions at December Curia.

NEW BUSINESS

- * **Yule Moot-** 1/21/24- Asabella: Asabella presented a bid for Jan 21. We liked it, and moved to pay \$245, possibly \$14 less if we only have four hours of bartender (rather than five).
- * **Fall Crown 2024 Bid-** Arnbjorn & Beatriz: We liked it and moved to remove the dining hall from the options and submit it.

GUILDS & GROUPS

- * **Brewers & Vintners Guild-** hiatus.

- * **A&S Nights**- UWM Student Group Mtg- Third Wednesday of Month, but not in November or December.
- * **Shop Night**- Randall's-Tuesdays.
- * **UWM SCA**- Wednesdays: Currently meeting informally (second floor Union).
- * **Woodworking**- Armond's by appointment.

December 19, 2023

Present: Abelard, Armond, Ysolt, Magnus, Joseph, Beatriz, Tatiana, Arnbjorn, Charlotte, Arnora, Gilchrist, Sibillia, Randall, Geoffrey.

OFFICER REPORTS

- * **Baron and Baroness:** We need award recommendations! And, please bring gifts for Their Excellencies Nordskogen, which we would like to deliver at 12th Night in Nordskogen. Let us know if you need us to pick them up somewhere or bring them to practice.
- * **Chatelaine:** We had a new person at rapier practice this week, and some people who have moved in from out of the Kingdom. We are getting a few new people from Meetup.
- * **Social Media Officer:** Nothing super exciting happening. Charlotte as Chatelaine is taking over Meetup. All's quiet on the western front.
- * **Exchequer:** No report at this time.
- * **Quartermaster:** Stuff is still there. Magnus and Beatriz have things to return to the storage locker.
- * **Herald:** Lady Katie got her Cygnus and Winifrede received her Black Flame at Boar's Head. Please send in award recommendations for Yule Moot or else your friends who are doing awesome things will labor in silence!
- * **Signet:** We will have scrolls that need to be made for Yule Moot, but currently no brain until after finals.
- * **Chronicler:** Please send in articles by the end of the month.
- * **Web Minister:** Made some changes to the website, now has some new changes to make. Need to change email for Quartermaster.
- * **Minister of Arts & Sciences:** People have been doing arts and sciences. Will start working on new A&S nights and things in January.
- * **Knights Marshal:** We continue to hold practices. We had 34 fighters sign in at Boar's Head. Seven authorization attempts (two failed, one re-auth). We're having Thursday night practice on 12/21 and not on 12/28.
- * **Rapier Marshal:** We had a sword break last week on Thursday, but nobody is injured from it. It was not broken on a person - it was not in use at the time. Nobody has died!
- * **Archery Captain:** No practice on 12/24. In January and February we are going to move weekly practice from Sunday morning to Wednesday evenings to West Town Archery in Brookfield from 7-8 PM. Northshield continues to represent Northshield well in the various seasonal shoots.

* **Thrown Weapons Captain** On hiatus until Spring. We may do a monthly trip to Jara for archery and throw weapons.

* **Youth Combat:** We've had one youth fighter semi-regularly, and might be getting another soon.

* **Seneschal:** Thank you for putting up with my learning curve.

* **Minister of Youth:** Office vacant.

OLD BUSINESS

* **Boar's Head-** Beatriz: 308 people total. Good event. We haven't handed off the Boar's Head Champion Medallion yet. Beatriz has the lost and found and hopes to hand a bunch of it off at or before 12th Night.

* **Job Descriptions** – Information on offices: No progress this month.

* **Advertising-** Joseph: We determined that we would like to come up with ten keywords and pictures. Please send photos to him via email . Keywords: armor, medieval, cosplay, fencing, sword, renfaire, archery, axe throwing, knife throwing, larping, costuming, reenactment, knights. We will need to get photo releases, too. Joseph will also post on the facebook page asking for photos - ultimately thinking maybe one A&S, one court, one archery, one armored, one rapier, one general event? What distance would we like to use? Milwaukee County plus 35 miles should be okay. Plus 25 miles is a little short (doesn't quite get to Kenosha) - but we can move the center so we don't include the lake.

* **Yule Moot:** 1/21/24 (Asabella): We have the building and we're set. January 21, 2024 at the Delafield Legion Hall starting at 1 PM. We will have court, white elephant gift exchange, and a potluck feast. For those of you on facebook, there's a facebook event for it

* **Fall Crown 2024 bid** (Arnbjorn and Beatriz): Has been sent to Stallari, they haven't voted yet.

* **Haustblot 2024:** The site is reserved. Will get the event onto the Northshield calendar in the next few weeks.

* **War Practice 2024:** Need a volunteer to be event steward. We have the second weekend in June reserved.

* **Financial Report:** We came up with a financial plan for the year, which was passed. Jean will distribute it.

* **Storage locker payment:** Jean contacted the storage locker people and hasn't heard back; previously we have paid three times and each check is different. Randall explained why they're different. Payment was due Dec 1, but they're not quick about cashing checks. We think it will be \$486 and change. Magnus will talk to Jean.

NEW BUSINESS

* **Spring Coronation:** Do we want to put in a bid? We discussed it and don't think we can find a site in time for a reasonable price.

* **Rapier Captain LOI:** Arnora has sent in a letter of intent to be the new rapier captain. They are one of the regulars and would be a good group marshal. They have all of their signatures completed in the MIT process and is waiting for final approval to be full marshal. We moved to accept Arnora, then voted, and approved. Also, Arnora is now a full marshal.

GUILDS & GROUPS

Brewers & Vintners Guild- On hiatus

A&S Nights- UWM Student Group- Third Wednesday of Month

Shop Night- Randall's-Tuesdays

UWM SCA- Wednesdays

Woodworking- Armond's by appointment

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Chatelaine

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CAM List - The baronial email list:
<https://groups.google.com/g/camlist>

Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/caeranterth>

Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr-Discussion Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/caeranterthmawr>

South Eastern Wisconsin Armored Combatants Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/719956424682003>

CAM Rapier Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/188710511310813>

Caer Anterth Mawr Company of Archers & Throwers Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/138887451524895>

CAM Clothier Guild Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/camclothiersguild>

Students for Creative Anachronism at University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCAatUWM>

Caer Anterth Mawr Discord Channel
#caer-anterth on the Northshield_SCA server

Kingdom of Northshield
Kingdom of Northshield - Discussion Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/kingdomofnorthshield/>

SCA Kingdom of Northshield Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/SCANorthshield>

Northshield Instagram:
https://www.instagram.com/northshield_sca/

Northshield YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/SCAKingdomOfNorthshield>

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