

# Song of the Tower

The Monthly Newsletter of the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr

Motto: *Certe Sufficiens*- "Surely, there is enough"

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## Missive from the Coronet

Hello to the glorious Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr!

As we write this missive, we find winter easing her frozen grip and the earliest flowers have begun to bloom. The roads are no longer covered with ice and snow, and purely by coincidence the Kingdom calendar is filling up quickly.

Since we last wrote we have had a wonderful Yule Moot in Delafield. We held Baronial Court and presented some well-deserved awards, played the annual White Elephant gift exchange, and consumed far too much of the delicious potluck. Congratulations again to Arthur Angus, who won the Master Solomon Storytelling Contest, look for the court report elsewhere in this issue of the Tower, and welcome to the newcomers who joined us for their first court in our lands!

Our next court will be in June at War Practice at the Roost. Last year's event was a blast, and this year promises to be bigger and better. Please write award recommendations for us, as we can't be everywhere and see everything and would hate to miss the opportunity to recognize someone for their good works. Also, speaking of the event, please ask Deonyssia of Rye where she needs volunteers.

This issue of the Tower should be published around the time that members of the Barony return from their sojourn to Gulf Wars. We hope that everyone had a fantastic time and that no-one was carried away by fire ants. April will be a quite full month - there will be an event every weekend within a few hours travel. As we were not able to travel to Nordskogen to present gifts to Their Excellencies Heliseus and Cynthia when they stepped up to the Snowy Seats in January, we hope to visit them for the April Artisan Faire. We anticipate attending Their Highnesses' Coronation event in Border Downs in mid-April. And we will also be attending the Spring Elevation Celebration and Blades of Glory, both in Jararvellir. Please, join us!

Beginning in May we will no longer be able to hold fighter's practices at Redeemer Lutheran, which has been our indoor site for many years. (They are undergoing a series of renovations which will add chandeliers which will make the upstairs room too nice and too low for us to use it.) We hope that the weather will be amenable to allowing us to just shift practices to outdoor locations for a few months, but we will need to find another space. Lady Charlotte has been looking for new venues in the greater Milwaukee area. If you have any suggestions, please let her know. She can be reached at [Chatelaine @ caeranterth . org](mailto:Chatelaine@caeranterth.org).

We have seen more and more social activities happening - "social practice" is a thing we had hoped would return naturally to the Barony, and we're thrilled that it has. A special thanks to Captain Mahon, to Jarla Thora, Count Thorbrandr, and to everyone else who has hosted and attended impromptu dinners, shop time, and other opportunities to gather.

Thank you all for your time and your talents.

Please, be safe, be healthy, and wash your hands.

-Abelard and Ysolt, Baron and Baroness

# Officer Reports

## From the Seneschal

Greetings to the Barony,

I would like to report that I think our Barony is doing quite well. Our practices continue to be well attended, including a monthly tournament at the Roost. We have a lively group of people working on armour, I have heard talk of people wanting to try other arts such as Illumination and Calligraphy. We are actively putting out info in Facebook ads and MeetUp. We have seen a pretty good influx of new people interested in trying the SCA out. Some newcomers, some previously inactive members trying to become active again. We also have several events planned for the year including War Practice at the Roost, Haustblot, Fall Crown, and Boar's Head.

Please look for opportunities to help and join as able. We would love to see you all!

YIS,

Magnus Vargsson

Seneschal

**Exchequer** - no report

**From the Herald** — no report

## Archery Captain

Archers to the Line!

Welcome to Spring. Not that it has felt much like winter lately. It has been nice shooting indoors again, but with the promise of warmer weather, and wanting to get more practice time, we are resuming our Sunday morning outdoor practices, rotating between KK River Parkway and Menomonee Park. Use of KK River Parkway is free. There is a \$7 per car entrance fee for Menomonee Park. 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 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. At the time of this writing, the shoot is still under way. I will post the final standings

Arnbjorn Karlsson 116

William of Mann 52

Karl Friedrich from Dinkelsbuhl 45

Rhys ab Ismael Llygad Ryfedd 43

((Alva Shi)) 35

Abelard die Elster 24

Mikkel the Red 14

We have one more month of shooting the annual Gwyntarian Winter Challenge. The current Northshield standings are:

Arnbjorn Karlsson 179.00- Caer Anterth Mawr  
Crispin Fletcher 150.00 -Nordskogen  
Vidi Hovdestad (Crossbow) 122.00-Nordskogen  
Abelard die Elster 120.00- Caer Anterth Mawr  
William of Mann 91.00- Caer Anterth Mawr  
Dagrun 88.00 -Nordskogen  
Sefa Farmansdottir 87.00 -Nordskogen  
((Alva Shi)) 69.00- Caer Anterth Mawr  
Rhys ab Ismael Llygad Ryfedd 69.00- Caer Anterth Mawr  
Karl Friedrich from Dinkelsbuhl 66.00- Caer Anterth Mawr  
Vidi Hovdestad (Handbow) 63.00 -Nordskogen

If anyone is interested in 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

**Heavy Weapons Marshal** - no report

**Rapier Marshal** - no report

**Webminister**

Greetings,

Things are changing over the next few months as Kingdom will be helping us by hosting our website in the future. With these changes I would like to ask Event Stewards to contact me and get their events on the Baronial website.

With the change I do not know how much flexibility we will have but I would like to hear from everyone about what they would like to see on the website. Hopefully, this will help us look for new ideas for this medium of information.

I would also like to put out a call for a deputy so others can see what it takes and maybe find a new passion by having a hand in creating our new site.

Thank you,

Geoffrey

**Chatelaine** - no report

# Chronicler

Greetings All,

The Tower needs YOUR help! We need input to make this newsletter as useful as possible to the populace of Caer Anterth Mawr. Did you hold an A&S get together, submit pictures and maybe a short article, did you attend an event – I'm sure others would love to see pictures and tales, If you have an educational piece, I'd love to include it. Please send all submissions to the chronicler address listed at the end of the Tower.

In Service,

Tatiana

## Pictures from Yule Moot, January 2024









**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

[Spring Elevation Celebration](#) Saturday April 6, 2024 AS 58  
[Barony of Jararvellir](#) (Columbus WI)

[April Artisan Faire](#) Saturday April 13, 2024 AS 58  
[Barony of Nordskogen](#) (St. Paul MN)

[Northshield Spring Coronation\\*\\*DATE CHANGE\\*\\*](#) Saturday April 20, 2024 AS 58  
[Shire of Border Downs](#) (Sioux Falls, SD)

[Provost Challenge](#) Friday April 26-27, 2024 AS 58  
[Shire of Coldedernhale](#) (Ft. Pierre SD)

[Blades of Glory](#) Saturday April 27, 2024 AS 58  
[Barony of Jararvellir](#) (Stoughton WI)

[Bardic Madness XXXI: Fabulous Fables](#) Saturday May 4, 2024 AS 59  
[Shire of Falcon's Keep](#) (Marshfield WI)

[Northshield Spring Crown Tournament](#) Saturday May 11, 2024 AS 59  
[Shire of Rockhaven](#) (St. Cloud MN)

[Schützenfest XIV](#) Friday May 17-19, 2024 AS 59  
[Barony of Nordskogen](#) (Waterville MN)

[Great Western Regional FARE](#) Thursday May 30 - Sunday June 2, 2024 AS 59  
[Shire of Korsvåg](#) (Fargo ND)

# Curia Notes

## January 16, 2024

Present: Abelard, Magnus, Arnbjorn, Sofonisba, Beatriz, Charlotte, Joseph, Armond, Arnora, Gilchrist, Rhys, Jean, Thora, Katie, Randall.

### OFFICER REPORTS

- \* **BARONIAL CORONET**: Yule Court on Sunday! Schedule has been posted. We will have court, and a potluck, and White Elephant.
- \* **Chatelaine**/ Charlotte: Looking forward to 2024! (Officer changeover at Yule Court?)
- \* **Social Media Officer**/Beatriz: Mostly monitoring facebook. We've gotten some spam messages which we've reported and deleted. If you see a message about a post violating facebook copyright, that's a phishing attack.
- \* **Exchequer**/ Jean: We have money. Working on the Domesday. There's one outstanding issue which he's working on. We are in slightly better shape this year than we were this time last year.
- \* **Quartermaster**/Gilchrist: We have stuff. The storage locker cashed the check, so we know that's paid. Need to get the quartermaster email switched - need to have
- \* **Herald**/ Katie: We'll be doing the office changeover at Yule Court.
- \* **Signet**- Mysie: Working on scrolls!
- \* **Chronicler**/Tatiana: Nothing to report.
- \* **Web Minister**/ Geoffrey: Nothing to report.
- \* **Minister of Arts & Sciences**/ Sibillia: Nothing to report.
- \* **Knights Marshal**/ Armond: We are having practice and everything is going well. We've had some new people showing up. We'll lose the church in May. We can switch to the Roost, but not for two practices. We can use KK when we get kicked out, but please keep your eyes open.
- \* **Rapier Marshal**/ Arnora: Rapier is going on as usual. We have some people from Jara who come regularly. Her Highness Ansteorra will be at practice on the 25th or the 1st.
- \* **Archery Captain**/Arnbjorn: Archery for Jan and Feb are at West Town Archery in Brookfield. We have one of the ranges to ourselves at 7. We'll go to Jara on the 28th for archery and thrown weapons practice.
- \* **Thrown Weapons Captain**/Karl: Locally on hiatus until Spring.
- \* **Youth Combat**/Rhys: We are prepared to have youth practice when youths attend. There was Youth Combat at 12th Night and will also be at Fighter's School.



\* **Seneschal/ Magnus:** Getting better as Seneschal. More information in the business sections.

\* **Minister of Youth:** Office is open.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

\* **Boar's Head-** Beatriz: Close the books! And claim your lost and found! Reach out to Washington County Fairgrounds for the site contract.

\* **Job Descriptions** – Information on offices: Ysolt is reviewing and cleaning up the job descriptions and sending them to the CAM Officers mailing list for a final review. We can vote on them next Curia.

\* **Advertising-** Joseph: We have ten or so photos to use in advertising. The photos we've gotten aren't as diverse as we would like, so Joseph looked around and found the SCA photo gallery. These have all been authorized for re-use. We looked at them to narrow it down to five. We'll then need a headline and a short description. We spent some time selecting photos (with the realization that we can change the photos in a month or so), a description, and a 25 character headline. Let's see how this one does, and next month we can look at changes. He moved the drop point around to cover the entire barony with a 50 mile radius. Will put the ad up on Thursday.

\* **Yule Moot-** 1/21/24- Asabella: Sunday at the Delafield Legion Hall, starting at 1 PM.

\* **Fall Crown 2024 Bid-** Arnbjorn & Beatriz: Waiting on a few more Stallari officers to vote on the bid.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

\* **War Practice at the Roost II Bid-**Deonysia: Received the updated bid, which identifies the event steward (Deonysia) and feast steward and adjusts the budget for food slightly. Moved to accept, voted, accepted the bid.

\* **Spring Crown 2024 Bid-** Thora & Beatriz: It's not far from the Roost. Has a big hallway (10 feet by 150 feet), 30 yard square gymnasium (with astroturf), showers, bathrooms. Armond would be MIC. Beatriz would be event steward. Can open site Friday night for an hour or two. Open at 8 Saturday morning. Site closes at 6. Can have drinks in the hallway but not food. We'll find out the maximum capacity of the gym space. No alcohol, no smoking, no pets (except service animals). No restriction on knives or weapons. There's no kitchen, but we can do a cold lunch (which we would prepare in advance and bring in in coolers); also plenty of fast food places around. We moved, voted, and approved sending this bid to Stallari. Note, this is just a bid and we might not get it.

## **GUILDS & GROUPS**

\***Brewers & Vintners Guild:** hiatus

\***A&S Nights at UWM campus:** Third Wednesday of Month

\***Shop Night:** Randall's-Tuesdays

\***UWM SCA:** Wednesdays

\***Woodworking:** Armond's by appointment

# February 20, 2024

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

## OFFICER REPORTS

- \* **BARONIAL CORONET:** Please send in award recommendations for our next court at War Practice at the Roost! We invite the artisans of the Barony to make gifts for us to present to Their incoming Majesties. Reports are due on Feb 25 for most offices.
- \* **Chatelaine:** We had four or five new people at the last practice. Good job making a positive impression - someone who started with us and moved is still in the SCA! Meetup is going well - at least one of the new people from practice came through there. Looking for a new site for practices, should be able to report on it next month.
- \* **Social Media Officer:** We've had some new people joining the facebook group. Please say hi to them when you see the posts welcoming newcomers. We've had some spam messages lately, but nothing too bad. Keep on not making problems! Our ad is growing on facebook!
- \* **Exchequer:** Domesday has been sent in. Nobody has complained. Yule Moot monies have been processed. We've received a donation specifically for Haustblot. Will pick up the new bank statement on Thursday.
- \* **Quartermaster:** Magnus received an email about some water leakage from our storage unit, Gilchrist checked it out and it looks fine. Inherited some shelving and will put it up when the weather gets nicer.
- \* **Herald:** Nothing to report. Need to get the most recent Fighters School updates and will have it all prepared for next Curia.
- \* **Signet:** Would like to host a new scribal night.
- \* **Chronicler:** Reports due by the end of the month.
- \* **Web Minister:** Any officer who needs to have an email switched over, please send him an email and include which officer, what name you want, and a phone number so he can call to talk about it. Society has declared that the Kingdom will take over hosting group websites, which means we won't need to host it any more - but that we will need to convert it to WordPress.
- \* **Minister of Arts & Sciences:** Will put up a post requesting nights for a scribal night and asking what projects people are working on.
- \* **Knights Marshal:** Nothing to report.
- \* **Rapier Marshal:** We've had a huge influx of new rapier fighters recently, outnumbering the heavy fighters. It's great to see! There was a small incident a couple weeks ago involving some flared tempers, but everything was discussed and resolved.
- \* **Archery Captain:** We will be wrapping up the Wednesday night practices at West Town this month, and will resume Sunday practices switching between KK and Menomonee River Parkway in March. We continue to represent Northshield well in the Society archery competitions. Arnbjorn will be going to the Winter Archery Clinic.
- \* **Thrown Weapons Captain:** On hiatus.
- \* **Youth Combat:** We've had one youth at practice.
- \* **Seneschal:** Preparing for the quarterly report.

\* **Minister of Youth:** Someone might be applying!

## **OLD BUSINESS**

\* **Job Descriptions** – Information on offices: Nothing more to report beyond the conversations on the email list.

\* **Advertising-** Joseph: We've had 219 clicks on our link, 4620 accounts have seen our ad, 251 people have engaged with the link in some way shape or form. One person started a message because of it. Roughly the cost per click is 13 cents.

\* **Yule Moot-** 1/21/24- Asabella: We had Yule Moot and it went well. We had enough in donations to cover part if not all of it.

\* **Fall Crown 2024 Bid-** Arnbjorn & Beatriz: We have the contract, need to sign it and send it in to St Johns. We have a facebook event page, Beatriz is building the event website, will post about some positions we need to fill. We're on the Kingdom calendar. Exchequer would like pre-reg sent to him. Arnbjorn will meet with Nell to set up PayPal.

\* **War Practice at the Roost II Bid-** Deonysia: Deonysia is setting pre-reg deadline of May 31. Meal plan requires pre-reg.

\* **Spring Crown 2024 Bid-** Thora & Beatriz: Somebody else is hosting the event.

\* **Haustblot:** Sofonisba is no longer available that weekend, so Tatiana has offered to run it herself. (Curia is okay with that.) If somebody wants to volunteer to learn as co-steward, Tatiana would be happy to mentor them. Working to fill staff positions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

\* **New scribal night:** Mysie would like to host a new scribal night. Probably sometime in March. People have also asked about an A&S night (specifically costuming or fiber arts). Sibillia will look into that too.

## **GUILDS & GROUPS**

**Brewers & Vintners Guild:** On hiatus.

**A&S Nights-** UWM Student Group Mtg- Third Wednesday of Month: On hiatus.

**Shop Night-** Randall's-Tuesdays: Connor was over to work on some HEMA stuff. Still going!

**UWM SCA-** Wednesdays: On hiatus. Might be doing Geek Week next month?

**Woodworking-** Armond's: By appointment.

# Baronial By-Laws

**The Official By-laws of the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr of**

**The Kingdom of Northshield of**

**The Society of Creative Anachronism**

**Effective March 2021 (AS LV)**

## I. An Introduction to the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA)

A) The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) is an international, not-for-profit educational organization devoted to the study and re-creation of the pre-17th-century World. The members of the SCA endeavor to recapture the ambiance of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance and to rekindle the lost ideals of chivalry, courtesy, honor and graciousness.

B) Participants study medieval martial arts, costuming, armor making, leather work, archery, heraldry, metalwork, vinting and brewing, cooking, dancing, calligraphy, manuscript illumination, needlecrafts, music and much more. Feasts, tournaments, dances, guilds and classes are just a few of the many activities offered by the SCA.

C) The local Society chapter, called the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr, has membership from Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Jefferson, and Washington counties, which comprise all ages and interests.

## II. The Mission Statement of Caer Anterth Mawr

Caer Anterth Mawr is dedicated to providing an atmosphere of learning, sharing, growth and recognition through the studies and re-enactment of Medieval Life by providing quality events, programs, activities and services to its members and prospective members, and by a commitment to the retention and recruitment of its members.

## III. Definitions

A) The Greater Officers of the Barony shall be:

☞ The Baronial Coronet

☞ Seneschal

☞ Chancellor of the Exchequer

☞ Chatelaine

☞ Chronicler

☞ Herald / Pursuivant

☞ Knight's Marshal

☞ Minister of Arts and Science

☞ Webminister

B) The Lesser Officers of the Barony shall be:

☞ Archery Captain, a deputy of the Knight's Marshal

☞ Emergency Deputy Exchequer, a deputy of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

☞ Minister of Youth, a deputy of the Seneschal

☞ Quartermaster, a deputy of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

☞ Rapier Captain, a deputy of the Knight's Marshal

☞ Signet, a deputy of the Herald / Pursuivant

☞ Social Media Officer, a deputy of the Chatelaine

☞ Thrown Weapons Marshal, a deputy of the Knight's Marshal

☞ Youth Combat Marshal, a deputy of the Knight's Marshal

C) The Curia is defined as: Those people in attendance at a Baronial business meeting.

D) The Populace of the Barony is defined as: Those people who participate in Baronial activities.

E) The Baronial Coronet (hereinafter referred to as "the Coronet") is defined as: the person or persons invested by the Crown of Northshield as Their territorial representatives in Caer Anterth

Mawr.

IV. Policies



A) All participants of the Society for Creative Anachronism are bound by the laws and policies set forth by the corporation (the Society), their Kingdom, and local governing branches. The governing and policy decisions listed are set forth by the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr.

B) The Bylaws will be published annually in the March issue of the Baronial newsletter. Curia will thereafter review said document and make changes based on feedback and data collected as needed. Policies or changes from this meeting will be published in the newsletter known as The Song of the Tower, posted on the Baronial website and presented at the Curia following publication for a vote of approval. The ratified Bylaws will be published in The Song of the Tower and on the Baronial website.

C) If a topic has not been listed in these Bylaws, refer to the Governing Documents of the SCA, Inc. and/or the laws and policies of the Kingdom of Northshield. The policies of the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr will be superseded by the Laws and Policies set forth by the Society for Creative Anachronism and the Kingdom of Northshield.

#### V. Eligibility of Officers

A) Each Officer must meet the Kingdom's requirements for being an Officer.

B) Each Officer must have access to the Baronial Newsletter.

C) Each Officer must contact their Kingdom Superior regarding the requirements for other publications.

D) Each Officer shall acquaint themselves with the Bylaws.

E) Each Officer is responsible for reporting to the Curia and The Song of the Tower on a regular basis.

F) All Greater Officers are expected to attend all Curia Meetings or, in the event of an unavoidable absence, send a representative in the officer's place, or attend via teleconference technology. Any member of the populace can serve as a representative.

G) Each Officer is required to provide the Seneschal and Coronet with a copy of their quarterly

Kingdom reports.

H) The Knight's Marshal, Archery Captain, Rapier Marshal, Youth Combat Marshal, and Thrown Weapons Marshal shall be warranted marshals or marshals-in-training.

I) The Quartermaster shall hold the keys to the Baronial storage unit and is responsible for the safekeeping of all property. The Quartermaster shall submit an annual report to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

J) All officers are encouraged to recruit the help of at least one Deputy. The Deputy's duties will be outlined by the Officer.

K) The Curia may create temporary or permanent lesser officers as needed.

L) Officers and event stewards shall provide the Webminister with information on upcoming practices, meetings and events for the Baronial website in a timely manner.

M) An individual may hold no more than one Greater Office at a time.

## VI. Applicants for Offices / Selection of Officers

A) A warranted officer serves according to the will of the warranting authority, usually the Crown and a Kingdom superior. A local officer who serves as deputy to another local officer serves at the will of that local officer. Therefore, polls and votes of confidence are recommendations, expressing the preference of the people of the Barony.

B) Officers are asked to announce their intention to resign at least six months in advance. Six months before a term of office is over or subsequent to the resignation of an officer, the Seneschal will coordinate with the Chronicler to ensure that a notice requesting Letters of Intent will be announced in all public Baronial venues and be published in the Baronial newsletter.

C) Applicants for an office shall apply four months before the published term of office. Letters of Intent will be submitted to the Coronet, Seneschal, and the out-going officer one week before that month's scheduled curia meeting. The candidate(s) will be announced on various media

prior to the meeting. If no applicants have been received, curia may vote to extend the deadline.

D) If a majority of the Greater Officers have an objection to an applicant, that candidate will be privately advised by the Coronet and/or Seneschal that their application will not be presented to the Curia for consideration.

E) At the baronial business meeting four months before the term of office ends, candidates will introduce themselves and briefly indicate their goals or ideas for the office. Attendees at the curia meeting may ask applicable and appropriate questions of each candidate; each candidate shall have an equal opportunity to respond.

F) In the event that no qualified application(s) have been received by the published term of office, Curia may recommend a pro-tem officer for a period of not more than six months. The process outlined above will immediately begin again.

G) In the event that there is a single applicant for an office that Curia determines is qualified, Curia may elect to abbreviate this process.

H) In the case of an unexpected vacancy of a Greater Office, the Greater Officers may agree on a temporary emergency appointment, with the approval of the relevant Kingdom Officer.

## VII. Tenure of Officers

A) All officers, with the exception of the Coronet, will hold office for a term of two years.

B) A one year extension may be requested, subject to approval by Curia.

C) An officer will not hold office for more than three consecutive years without re-application and the approval of Curia.

## VIII. General Voting

A) General voting shall be held at regularly scheduled Baronial business meetings and other meetings as designated by Curia.

B) The populace of the Barony in attendance may vote on matters at the monthly planned business meeting, regardless of SCA membership, unless Society or Kingdom requires

membership on said matter.

C) A voting quorum consists of:

☐ The Coronet

☐ Seneschal

☐ A majority of the remaining Greater Officers or their representative(s)

D) Officers, their representatives, and/or the general populace can attend in person, via telephone or other teleconferencing technology.

#### IX. Emergency Voting

Telephonic or electronic mail voting is to be used only in the event of emergency or extenuating circumstances (as determined by the Seneschal in consultation with the Coronet) and must be conducted by the Seneschal. If the Seneschal is not available, the Coronet will contact the Kingdom Seneschal for guidance. Only the Greater Officers will be polled. Each office shall have only one vote in these circumstances. If electronic mail is used, the conducting official must call all of the Greater Officers, notifying them that a polling message has been sent to them and that they must respond within 24-72 hours. The results of a telephonic or electronic mail vote must be presented at the next scheduled Curia meeting. It is advised that the result of the poll not be shared with the officers before all officers have had an opportunity to vote, to prevent biased voting.

#### X. Baronial Transition Process

##### A) Baronial Transition

1) The term of office for the Coronet shall be three years. At least six months prior to the end of the term, a request for Letters of Intent will be made by the Seneschal. If there are more than five candidates, a vote will be held at the Business Meeting to reduce the field to five candidates.

2) A poll is to be conducted per Kingdom policy and results will be given to the Crown to help them make a final decision.

3) An announcement of the transition timeframe will be made on all applicable forms of media.

## B) Eligibility for the Baronial Coronet

- 1) Candidates may be either an individual or a pair. A person may only give one letter of intent, either as an individual or as part of one pair.
- 2) Kingdom law defines a required level of activity for the Coronet. Individuals and couples petitioning for the position(s) must already fulfill the activity requirements.
- 3) Having served as Baron or Baroness is not a bar to serving again.
- 4) No more than 3 consecutive terms can be served.

## XI. Financial Policies and Procedures

In the event of a conflict between these policies and any policies, regulations or laws of the Kingdom of Northshield, the Corporation, the State of Wisconsin or the United States, the policies, regulations and laws of the other entity take precedence. It is the responsibility of the Seneschal and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to be aware of all legal requirements. They retain the right to negate any decision made based on the legality of such decisions. The override of any single policy contained here will only negate that policy; all others remain in effect. This section of the Bylaws may be changed by the Financial Committee as needed, to comply with changes in regulations or laws of the Kingdom, the Corporation, the State, or the Country as needed.

### A) Committee Scope and Purpose

- 1) The Baronial Financial Committee will be comprised of the Greater Officers.
- 2) The purpose of the Baronial Financial Committee is to draft financial policy for review/approval by the Curia and other duties as described below.
- 3) Decisions are made by a majority vote. Members of the Financial Committee may designate a representative to attend Financial Committee meetings, with the exception of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The current Chancellor of the Exchequer must be in attendance and may not be represented by proxy.
- 4) Notes will be taken during Financial Committee meetings and a written record of decisions



will be reported at the next Curia meeting and published in Baronial media.

5) Meetings of the Financial Committee may be held concurrently with a Curia business meeting.

6) The Baronial Finance Committee shall meet in January to review/propose the coming year's budget, to be approved by Curia, and submitted with the Fourth Quarter/Domesday Exchequer Report to Kingdom

#### B) General Policies

1) The signatories on the Baronial bank accounts are as defined by the Governing Documents of the SCA. Those signatories are currently the Baronial Seneschal, Baronial Chancellor of the Exchequer, Baronial Emergency Deputy Exchequer and Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer.

2) Each Office has an annual budget of \$50.00 to spend as necessary to complete the duties of the office. Any other financial expenditure may be incorporated into the monthly business meetings. Financial decisions on expenditures may be discussed at the business meeting with a vote taken at that time. Final decision remains with the Curia. Funds allocated for each Baronial Office not used within the fiscal year will revert to the Baronial General Fund unless specifically approved otherwise by the Curia.

3) Non-event related receipts are due to the Chancellor of the Exchequer no more than 30 days after the expenditure. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer only.

4) There may be a damage deposit charged to individuals or outside groups for Baronial non-consumable equipment or regalia. The amount of the deposit is at the discretion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Quartermaster. However, it is recommended that any requested deposit be approximately equal to the replacement cost of the item(s). The total deposit is forfeit if the item is lost or destroyed. If the item can be repaired, only the cost of the repair will be taken out of the deposit.

#### C) Special Purpose Funding

1) Special purpose funding must be from specific fundraising effort/project, clearly stating the purpose.

2) These funds must have a defined primary purpose and a backup secondary purpose.

3) The default secondary purpose for any special purpose fundraising is the Baronial General Fund, unless specified otherwise.

4) Any overage of special purpose funding goes to the secondary purpose. Funds raised for special purposes cannot be reallocated to other general funding or purposes/projects without approval of the Curia.

#### D) Event Finances

1) Once an event proposal is approved by the Curia, an event budget must be submitted by the event steward within one month. The budget must be approved by the Financial Committee before any expenditure can be made for the event, with the possible exception of site reservation deposits.

2) Events should be budgeted to break even or make a profit. It is understood that circumstances may prevent an event from doing so, but the event should be initially planned with an eye toward fiscal responsibility. It is the Event Steward's and the Feast Steward's responsibility to submit budgets to the Financial Committee for approval. The budget does not need to be presented to the Curia for approval.

3) Once the budget is approved, the Event Steward and Feast Steward are responsible for maintaining same. It is their responsibility to oversee and approve all expenditures related to the event.

4) Changes to the approved budget which result in either a ten percent or more increase in spending, or a ten percent or more decrease in projected revenue, must be approved by the Financial Committee.

5) Pre-registration for each event will be handled by the designated pre-registration coordinator.

Pre-registration for Merchants will be handled by the Merchant Steward. All monies must be submitted to the Chancellor of the Exchequer within two weeks of receipt of the monies. Pre-registration ends at least 10 days prior to the event. All monies must be submitted to the Chancellor of the Exchequer prior to the Event.

6) The Chancellor of the Exchequer is responsible for preparing all Gate items prior to the event.

7) The Gate Coordinator is responsible for all monies collected at the event. A tally of all funds must be made and correlated with all paperwork the day of the event. All funds must be countersigned by a second member of the Barony and given to the Chancellor the Exchequer, or a designated officer, the day of the event.

8) No entrance will be allowed to the event under the pretext of "The Check is in the Mail". In this case, the person(s) will be required to pay at the door with name and personal information taken down and given to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to avoid duplicate payment.

9) No refunds will be issued on the day of the event. Any exception is at the discretion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer only.

10) The information in paragraph D, sections 8 and 9 above must be posted on all event-related communications, including but not limited to websites, flyers and advertisements.

11) No cash disbursements shall be removed or disbursed out of Gate Monies for any reason.

12) Event staff handling monies for admission to the event are deputies of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and must be members in good standing of the Society 18 years or older. The Gate Coordinator must be approved by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Event Steward. It is the responsibility of the Event Steward to verify membership of individuals handling monies.

13) Event related receipts are due to the Chancellor of the Exchequer no more than 30 days after the event. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer only.

14) The reigning Northshield Crown and Heirs will be granted admission to events and feasts held by the barony at no cost to Them. Visiting royals from other kingdoms and principalities may be granted the same privilege, subject to curia approval. Event stewards may elect to waive

site fees for designated chamberlains, subject to curia approval. All other requirements for admission will be observed.

15) In recognition to Their past service to the barony, previous bearers of the baronial coronet will be granted admission to the baronial Boar's Head event, at no cost to Them. All other requirements for admission will be observed.

16) Members of the non-SCA media attending events held by barony, for the purpose of reporting on the Society, will be granted admission at no cost to them. All other requirements for admission will be observed.

#### E) Procedures for Uncashed Checks

1) This policy covers any check that is left outstanding for more than 180 days unless otherwise specified. Special circumstances would include such items as site deposits.

2) When a check becomes outstanding for 5 months, the Chancellor of the Exchequer's office will send a letter to the person to whom the check was issued if possible. This letter will include the information that our records indicated that a check is still outstanding on our books, giving check number, amount, date issued and reason. This letter will also give a specific amount of time for the payee to respond either by letter or by cashing the check. This time frame is to correspond with the check's six-month anniversary of issuance.

3) If after the specified time has elapsed and the check remains uncashed, the check will be voided and funds returned to the checking account.

4) A "Thank you for your donation to our Barony" card will be sent to the payee if possible.

#### F) Procedures for Advance of Funds

1) Fund Advances must first be approved by the financial committee and then voted on by the Curia for both the item and the amount allowed to be spent.

2) Funds will be issued by check with the appropriate form completed and signed by the Seneschal at that time.

- 3) Items are to be purchased within 14 days of the receipt of funds.
- 4) A receipt plus any remaining funds are to be returned to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in person and reconciled with 30 days of issuance of funds. No reconciliation will be done by mail.
- 5) Lost checks, failure to provide receipts, failure to provide balance of funds due or other non-compliance may result in individual no longer being able to obtain advances for purchases.

## XII. Event Guidelines

### A) Definitions

- 1) Moots: Local events that are not typically published on the Kingdom calendar.
- 2) Events: Local events that are published on the Kingdom calendar.
- 3) Kingdom-sponsored events: Events under the purview of the Crown and/or Stallari Council. These include Coronation, Crown Tournament, and other events the Stallari Council may designate. These are published on the Kingdom calendar.
- 4) Known World and/or Society events: Inter-Kingdom events that are under the purview of the Society officers or other Inter-Kingdom bodies. These are published on the Kingdom calendar.
- 5) Event Stewards: ad hoc deputies of the Seneschal and must be paid members of the Society, and 18 years or older.
- 6) Moot Stewards: ad hoc deputies of the Seneschal. Requirement of paid membership in the Society and/or age restrictions are at the discretion of the Seneschal.

### B) Bids and proposals for event steward

- 1) Persons interested in serving as Event Steward should read the Baronial Event Steward Handbook. Event Stewards shall report regularly to the Curia. Whenever possible, Event Stewards should attend Curia meetings, either in person or via electronic means. If a prospective Event Steward has not been an Event Steward before, then the prospective Event Steward should have an experienced Event Steward as a Deputy or Co-Steward.
- 2) Neither the Seneschal nor the Chancellor of the Exchequer may be an Event Steward for an



event during their tenure. This policy does not restrict these officers from serving as Moot Stewards. This policy also does not affect other local Officers or anyone holding a Regional, Kingdom, or Society office.

3) All event proposals and bids shall be submitted to the Curia by the announced deadline. The Curia will determine which bid or proposal it will accept.

4) Proposals to steward moots may be made by simply volunteering, unless otherwise stated by the Curia.

5) Kingdom-sponsored event bids must include the required information as specified by Kingdom policy.

6) Known World and/or Society event bids must include the required information as specified by the Society officers or other Inter-Kingdom bodies.

7) Initial event proposals should include the event date, featured activities, themes, event sites under consideration and, if possible, a rough estimate of the cost and/or break-even numbers.

This proposal should also note any other Kingdom events currently listed on the Kingdom

Calendar for the proposed date, including, when appropriate, Middle Kingdom events within 150 miles.

### XIII. Guilds and Groups

A) The Barony welcomes the creation of guilds and groups to facilitate individuals' exploration of the medieval world.

B) Guilds and groups are voluntary associations that are not regulated by the Barony.

C) Guilds and groups are encouraged to publicize their activities in the Baronial newsletter, Baronial website and other media.

### XIV. Baronial Awards and Orders

A) The Granting and Recommending of Honors and Precedence

1) The creation, closing, and granting of Baronial Awards and Orders are the purview of the

Coronet.

2) Any changes to the Baronial Awards and Orders by the Coronet will be automatically updated in the by-laws annually.

3) Anyone may recommend to the Coronet anyone who is, in their estimation, deserving of an Order or Award.

4) The Baronial Awards and Orders are non-armigerous and do not convey standing in the Kingdom Order of Precedence. Recipients of each Award or Order may wear any token given with the honor.

5) Awards may be given to an individual more than once, for different activities covered by that award. An individual may be made a Companion of an Order once.

#### B) Awards of the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr

1) Baronial Brassard: This Award recognizes service to the Barony. This award is not limited to the populace of Caer Anterth Mawr. The token of the award is a cord braided of green, blue, and white cords.

2) Awards of the Baron's Cipher and/or the Baroness's Cipher: This Award is given to recognize personal service to the Baron(s) and/or the Baroness(es).

3) Award of the Flame and Swan: This Award recognizes promising skills in the Arts and Sciences. Recipients of this award may bear the badge: (Fieldless) On a flame Or a swan naiant azure

4) Award of the Boars Head: This Award is given to groups in recognition of service to the Barony. Recipients of this award may bear the badge: (Fieldless) Issuant to chief from a tower argent a boar's head proper.

5) Award of Tower Rising: This award recognizes children of exceptional manners and medieval presence. The token of the award is a silver-painted wooden star suspended from the neck on a blue ribbon.

6) Award of the Millstone of Caer Antherth Mawr: This award recognizes excellence in service to the Barony.

7) Award of the Battles Wall: This award recognizes excellence in the arts martial.

C) Orders of the Barony of Caer Antherth Mawr

1) Order of the Twr Mawr: The Order recognizes long and distinguished service to the Barony.

The Coronet may consult with the membership of the order on prospective new members.

Recipients of this award may bear the badge: Azure, a tower issuant from a trimount between in chief three mullets one and two Or

2) Order of Commanders Castle: The Order recognizes superior skill and teaching of the arts martial, with emphasis within the Barony. The Coronet may consult with the membership of the order on prospective new members. Recipients of this award may bear the badge: (Fieldless) A chainless portcullis azure sustaining in chief a mullet argent.

3) Order of the Mullet of Caer Antherth Mawr: The Order recognizes superior skill and teaching of the arts and sciences, with emphasis within the Barony. The Coronet may consult with the membership of the order on prospective new members. Recipients of this award may bear the badge: (Fieldless) A tower sustaining in chief a mullet argent.

4) Council of the Ancestors: This council includes previous landed Barons and Baronesses of Caer Antherth Mawr, and any other long serving members of the Barony deemed appropriate by the current Coronet to be a permanent councilor to the current and future landed Barons and Baronesses of Caer Antherth Mawr.

5) Honour of the Domestic Goddess: This honor acknowledges those members of the Barony who have shown excellent service in the kitchen during an event. The token of this honor is a copper pan

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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/>

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