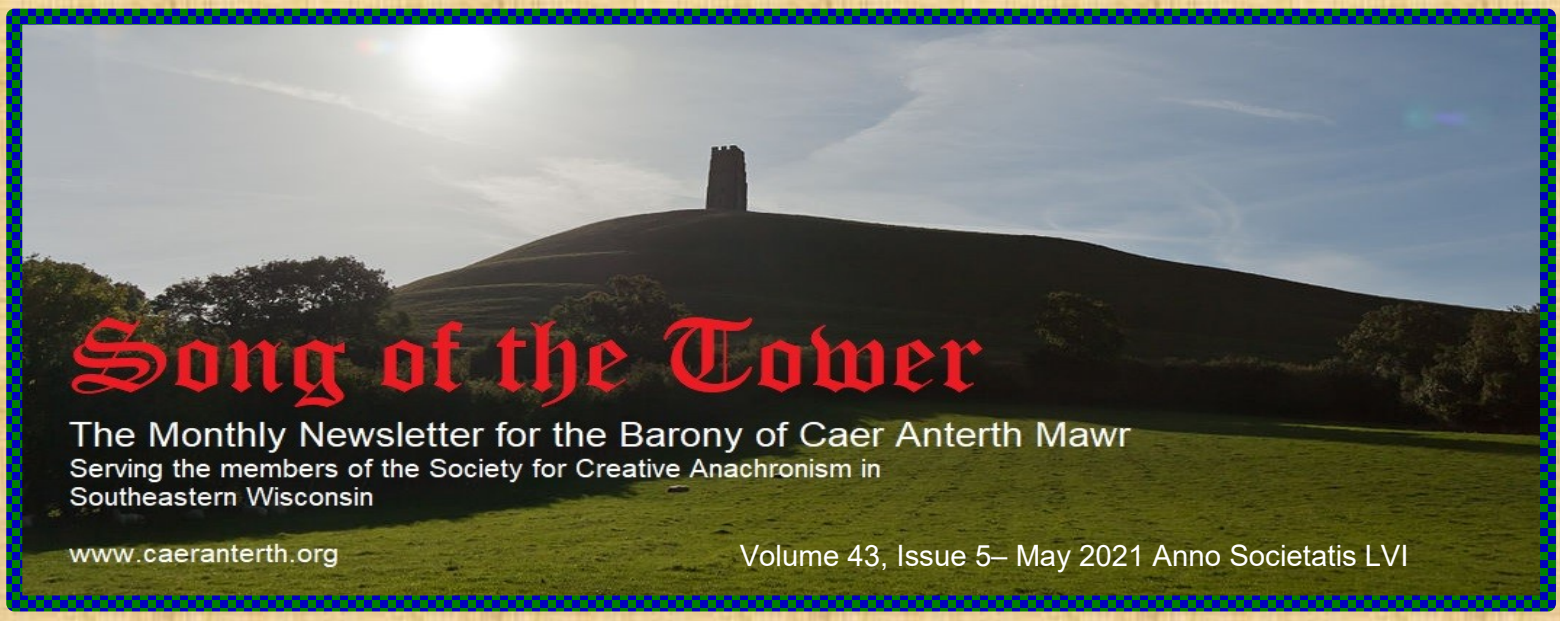

# Song of the Tower

The Monthly Newsletter for the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr

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## Missive from the Coronet

To the good gentles of Caer Anterth Mawr, Greetings, and Happy New Year!

Our time of isolation is nearing an end. As of May 1 we can gather in small local groups, following restrictions which are outlined elsewhere in this issue of the Tower. To that end, there has been some talk of Viking Hiking following our monthly in-garb archery practice on May 2. We will start fighters practice again as of May 6 for heavy and rapier combat - please join us!

Beginning June 1, we will be able to travel to other groups as well. Expect to see visitors to archery, thrown weapons, heavy, and rapier practices, and also announcements of road-trips to visit friends in other parts of the Kingdom. Of course, Crown is in mid-June and some of our fighters will be there. We don't know what the first large event will be, but we hope to attend...

Virtual activities still continue. We intend to celebrate with our cousins in Castel Rouge , who are holding a Virtu-L Birthday Party and Social on May 1. Later that day we will also tune in to watch the elevation of Dane of Needham to the Chivalry.

We are exploring possible locations for a court or possibly a moot in June, probably the 26th or 27th (the weekend after Crown Tournament). We will make the appropriate announcements in the appropriate places. Please send award recommendations to us at coronet@caeranterth.org or using the website at https://www.caeranterth.org/baronial-award-recommendations .

And, though we (and the rest of the world) are anxious to re-join the rest of the world, we encourage you to be safe. Please get vaccinated, wash your hands, and continue to wear masks.

In Service,

*Abelard & Ysolt*

Baron and Baroness of Caer Anterth Mawr

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# Officer Reports

## From the Seneschal

Hälsningar alla!
(Greetings Everyone!)
Like the phoenix, who rises from the ashes, so too will we, for...

Happy New Year! Welcome to the 56th (LVI) year of the Society of Creative Anachronism!

We are being allowed to start in person events (June 1, 2021) and practices (May 1, 2021), there are a couple noteworthy statements from the SCA, Inc Board.The Board, President and Society Seneschal have discussed these requests and comments as well as the March 23, 2021, Board resolution taking effect on June 1, 2021, that lifts the current suspension of in-person activities in the SCA in North America.

Here are some details from our Kingdom Seneschal: Outside in person meeting or practice is capped at 50 people including spectators. Indoor practice or meeting is capped at 15 people.

No food or beverages are to be provided by the SCA. People can bring their own, but no sharing. Archery, Thrown Weapons and Equestrian can continue. May 1, Armored and Rapier combat shall be allowed as long as participants wear masks over their nose and mouth and against their face 100% of the time unless stepping away to get a drink. Melee is not allowed at this time due to social distancing.

The Board, President, and Society Seneschal are agreed that Kingdoms, and all groups below Kingdom status, shall only be permitted to request proof of vaccination, a negative COVID test, or temperature checks where required by federal, provincial, state, or local laws. No variances will be granted that do not comply with this interpretation. Full Text Available: https://www.sca.org/news/memorandum-statement-regarding-proof-of-vaccinations-negative-covid-tests-and-temperature-checks-of-attendees-at-society-events/

Please join us for the Curia, in case you have any concerns, or items to be added to the agenda, email me so I can add the items. Next Curia meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:15pm. (19:15)
Meeting ID: https://meet.google.com/xsh-iyrw-gbu
Phone Numbers (US) +1 470-222-8411 PIN: 830 283 902#

Var väldigt frisk!
(Be very well!)

*Randall*

## From the Chronicler

Greetings,

Happy Scadian New Year! Welcome to the May issue of *The Song of the Tower*, the first issue of A.S. LVI. After over of year, many practices will be resuming this month. Next month, events can resume in limited capacities.

Featured in this issue are several updates from the Society and Kingdom, an article from Master Dahrien, and recipients of the Awards of Battles Wall and Tower Rising.

Submissions for the June *Tower* are due by Tuesday, May 25th.

In Service,

*Arnbjørn*

## From the Knight's Marshal

As of May 1st, we can start holding limited fighter practices again. This means that only the local group can attend.

Masks that cover the nose and mouth must be worn at all time.

There is a limit of 50 people including observers.

The current plan is to start fighter practice in the Kinnickinnic River Parkway near the archery range (2050 W Kinnickinnic River Pkwy, Milwaukee, WI 53215). We will be requesting (Not Mandatory) a donation of $5 for the practices so we can rebuild our fighter fund. The plan will be to use the parks until later in the summer then restart at the church. Practice will be on Thursday nights starting at 6:00 and go until dark.

In Service,

*Sir Geoffrey*

## From the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Curia Report 4/20/21

Tri-City National Bank:

**Income**: Border Skirmish Site Deposit Refund - $625.00

**Expenditures**: None

Balance 3/31/21: $ 13,183.29

Fighter's Fund Balance 3/31/21: -$28.28

Yours in Service,

*Arthur Angus*

# From the Pursuivant

Greetings!

Greetings and happy SCAdian New Year! We are now in Anno Societatis XVI (56) and second year of the plague :( ...but, Good news... we have a new lady in our barony! Rosamund of Newenham received her Award of Arms (AOA) at the Her "Majesty's Ethereal Birthday Court" in April. VIVAT!!! Welcome and we hope to meet you safely at future events.

The submission for updating the unofficial name for the 'Award of the Zenith's Guardian' was accepted; the award is now registered as the "Award of Battles Wall." ( Award given to those recognized with excellence in the arts martial)

The submission for updating the unofficial name for the 'Award of the Battles Star' was rejected due to a pop-culture reference and also overlaps w a US Navy award for warships.

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.

If anyone needs assistance with registering their name and/or armory (device or badges), please let me know, I will do my best to help!

In service,

*Lady Katie*

# From the Chatelaine

The doors of the barony are quiet this month, as preparations begin for in-person activities to resume.

The Baronial Socials shall be continuing, but moving to the First Monday of every month, from 7pm until the last goodnight. Bring you projects, your stories, and your rising hopes for spring!

Join online: meet.google.com/avo-fgsq-bua

Ever In Service,

*Belle de la Tour*

# From the Archery Captain & Thrown Weapons Marshal

Archers to the Line! Per Society and Kingdom guidelines, all participants must wear masks or face covering, and to maintain social distancing on the range.

This month's Saturday archery practices will be scheduled for May 8th, and May 22nd at 10 am at Kinnickinnic River Parkway (2050 W Kinnickinnic River Pkwy, Milwaukee, WI 53215).

The Sunday archery practices will be scheduled for May 2nd, May 16th, and May 30th at 10 am at Menomonee Park (W220 N7884 Town Line Rd, Menomonee Falls- $5/car entrance fee).

Thank you to THL Gavin Mag Aonghusa for his service as kingdom thrown weapons marshal and congratulations to THL Ronin the Bowleg on stepping up as his successor, effective May 1st. Thrown weapons practice will be on Saturday April 10th and April 24th, at 12 pm at Kinnickinnic River Parkway (2050 W Kinnickinnic River Pkwy, Milwaukee, WI 53215). Loaner weapons are available. **Throwers must wear close toed shoes!**

COVID conditions permitting, our neighbors in the Barony of Windhaven are planning on holding Missile Mayhem II on September 25, 2021. This will be an event for archery, thrown weapons, siege engines, and other fun. Caer Anterth Mawr's baronial archery and thrown weapons championships hopefully will be held this autumn as well.

**My third year as archery captain ends in six months**. The office of Archery Captain is open for letters of intent, due by August's curia meeting. Send letters to Their Excellencies, THL Randall, and myself.

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. Also, if anyone is interested in becoming a deputy for the archery captain or TW marshal, please let me know.

Ever in Service to the Barony,

*Arnbjørn*

## HAPPY SCADIAN NEW YEAR!

## AS LVI

**Come in Garb to the May 2nd Archery Practice, followed by Viking Hiking at Menomonee Park. Meeting at the Archery Range Parking Lot by 12 pm.**

# From the Rapier Captain

I made an inventory of the rapper gear. I haven't tested the cloth yet. As for practices. It sounds like people want more a structured practice.

What I would suggest is:

Sign in
5-10 mins of stretching.
Warm up (20 Squats)
Armor up
Footwork 3 sets of forward/reverse standard steps
Footwork 3 sets of forward/reverse cross over steps
Drill taking the blade
Drill of the day (I know there are lesson plans but I say we just pick a drill on the FB page and use it)
Free play

I use *The Duellist's Companion* by Guy Windsor. ~$20

Things you can do outside of practice. Learn the lexicon for SCA fencing. If you know the terms before we start I don't have to take time explaining the standard terms. (I'll try to come up with a terms list later).

One caveat, I maybe busy doing admin or testing at the beginning of practice. Like drop testing. I plan on getting their early to do some archery on my own time and do the drop tests on the gear.

What do people think?

*Arthur*

Caer Anterth's loaner armor:
Measurements in inches

| Type | size | Column1 | qty | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chest | 24 | one side chest | 1 | |
| Chest | 24.5 | one side chest | 1 | needs pant protection too |
| Chest | 25 | one side chest | 1 | |
| Chest | 32.5 | one side chest | 1 | |
| Gloves | 4.5 | hand | 2 | |
| Gloves | 5 | hand | 3 | |
| Gorget | 17 | neck | 2 | |
| Gorget | 20 | neck | 4 | |
| Gorget | 21 | neck | 1 | |
| Gorget | 24 | neck | 1 | |
| Hood | NA | | 3 | |
| Mask | Large | | 4 | |
| Mask | Med | | 1 | |
| Mask | small | | 1 | |
| Tester | drop | | 1 | |
| Tester | mask | | 1 | |

## A Call for Commentary – Peerage Committee Proposal

The SCA Board of Directors has received from the Peerage Committee a proposal for a possible new pan-activity patent order in the SCA and a framework for future orders, should the need arise. The proposal calls for recognizing those members who are already acting as peers in an endeavor but cannot be considered for elevation to one of the existing peerage orders because that endeavor or endeavors fall outside the areas considered by those orders. It also outlines how activity-specific peerages might be formed out of this shared peerage only when it is clear that the activity has achieved a level of participation and maturity within the Society to warrant its own peerage order.

Nothing in this proposal is final at this point in time.

The complete proposal can be found here: https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/New-Peerage-Proposal-.pdf

The Board seeks commentary on this proposal. Please send your comments to sca-comments@lists.sca.org on or before June 21, 2021.

Additionally, the Board will in the coming weeks issue a poll on this proposal using its survey module at https://members.sca.org. Be watching for it on the SCA Announcements email list, at https://www.sca.org/news-events/, or on the SCA Facebook page.

## Feast of the Venerable Bede -

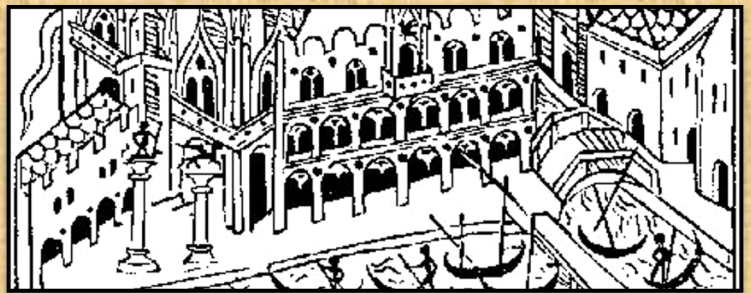
## Ethereal Court

May 22, AS LVI

7 pm Central

All gentles, pray attend Their Majesties in Their Ethereal Realm, accessible via the Kingdom YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/SCAKingdomOfNorthshield



# Curia Notes – April 20, 2021

## *In Attendance*

In attendance: Abelard, Ysolt, Tatiana, Geoffrey, Randall, Octavian, Arthur, Albrecht, Asabella, Magnus, Katie, Rhys, Rachel, Kale, Belle, Arnbjørn, Annetje.

## *Officers Reports*

### *Baron & Baroness*

We can gather again (with some rules) and we have fighters practice on Thursday nights at 6 PM starting May 6 at Kinnickinnic River Parkway. Our new cousins have been announced - Markéta Barfussin and Hamish de Nisbet will be stepping up in Windhaven and Gabriel de Lion and Nadrah al-Zahara will be stepping up in Castel Rouge. And, we have a new award name registered. We are excited!

### *Seneschal*

We had a meeting. There are new rules about what we can and can't do for events and gatherings. Can't share food or drink, you have to pre-reg for events, no gatherings larger than 150 people (unless local guidelines say smaller). Why pre-reg? We aren't positive, but those are the rules. You don't necessarily have to pre-pay, but you do have to pre-reg

### *Chatelaine*

We've had two nibbles - Lesley and her son - but we haven't seen them yet. Should we continue the Baronial Socials, which are scheduled for the same time as fighters practice? Generally, opinion is yes. Will change to a different night.

### *Chronicler*

Deadline for the May issue is Sunday April 25.

### *Chancellor of Exchequer*

We got a refund from an asset we had had, which is positive progress! The fighter fund is still in the hole. The storage locker bill will come up in June. It should go to the Exchequer. We need to change the official owner of the storage locker; Randall will take care of that once he's vaccinated. Asabella sent Arthur the bill for the storage locker, and we have one more month on it. Also, need membership expiration dates from a couple officers.

### *Quartermaster*

We still have stuff. Armond still has the trailer. We're all good. Is it feasible to downsize to a smaller locker size? Should we pay for a whole year at this point or month to month? ($146 vs $1752) We discussed, proposed that we pay the full year, and voted yes.

### *Herald*

We got Award of the Battles Wall registered (rather than the Zenith's Guardian), Rosamund got her AoA.

### *Knight's Marshal*

We will have fighters practice on Thursday nights at 6 PM starting May 6 at KK. We're asking for a $5 donation at practice to replenish the fighters fund; this is a request and not a requirement. Note: Leif considers his practice to be Midrealm, so Kenosha fighters practices won't start again until Midrealm starts. (Their fighters can come to our practice if they don't go to other practices; that is, if they declare CAM to be their local group they can practice here and only here.)

### *Archery Captain*

Weekend practice attendance has been good (alternating Saturdays at Kinnickinnic River Parkway, Sundays at Menomonee Park). .

### *Rapier Captain*

Will have people at practice, so need to drag out the loaner practice. Should bring the pell. Should also provide a shopping  Will bring drop tester to practice.

### *Youth Combat Marshal*

No youth combat yet.

### *Thrown Weapons Marshal*

Every other Saturday at noon at Kinnickinnic River Parkway.

### *Minister of Arts & Sciences*

Read the Tower. Looking forward to seeing people in person.

### *Webminister*

Text for the bylaws are updated on the website, as well as the revision list. There's some text on the front page which should be updated re: covid and stuff. Seneschal will take a look.

### *Signet*

Scrolls are happening as we have court. We have a couple very committed scribes. Turning out good stuff - encouraging people to contribute to Kingdom level as well.

### *Social Media Officer*

Did create a Facebook group for baronial archers and thrown weapons.

## *Old Business*

### *Baronial Champs 2021*

September 26 (tentatively) at the Delafield American Legion.

### *Boar's Head 2021*

Probably make a go/no-go decision in September. We can't break even with 150 people.

## *New Business*

### *Border Skirmish 2022*

Haven't heard anything from Ravenslake. Still need to find a site.

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On March 23, 2021, the Board of Directors passed the following:

**Resolution to Lift Suspension of In-Person Activity in the SCA as of June 1st, 2021**

I. Whereas the challenge created by the COVID-19 Global Pandemic demanded heightened safety standards which led to a suspension of in-person activity in North America by the SCA Board of Directors;

II. Whereas the crisis of the Pandemic is being addressed through a combination of social policy, as well as scientific and medical advancements;

III. Whereas the SCA Board of Directors continues to prioritize the health and well-being of the membership and participants of the SCA; and

IV. Whereas the directed suspension of in-person events in North America expires after May 31st, 2021; now, therefore, be it V. Resolved, that the SCA Board of Directors lifts the suspension of in-person activity in North America, effective June 1, 2021, provided adherence to the items in this resolution;

VI. Resolved, that all attendees in North America must follow all province, territory, state, and local health guidelines at SCA events. In addition, at all North American SCA events:

A. Masks that fully cover the mouth and nose must be worn by all attendees over the age of 4 at all times and during all activities except for eating and drinking;

B. Court, bardic circles, or any activity that involves voice projection shall also require that masks be worn at all times. Sound amplification devices are highly recommended;

C. No day board, water bearing, or food of any kind shall be provided by event staff or attendees to other attendees. All attendees must provide their own food and beverages;

D. While consuming food or beverages, attendees are required to remain stationary and follow social distancing rules;

E. No overnight camping shall be allowed;

F. All events shall be held outdoors;

G. There shall be a maximum of 150 people at any event; and,

H. All events shall require preregistration.

VII. Resolved, that the SCA Board of Directors mandates applicable Kingdoms who have determined that it is safe to host in-person events before June 1st, 2021 or who propose any deviation from the above restrictions to request a variance from the Society Seneschal in order to hold the proposed event. The Society Seneschal shall have the authority to grant or deny these requests. These requests will be reviewed by the Board using the same review method used for variances to Corpora;

VIII. Resolved, that small local gatherings including, but not limited to: guild meetings, officer meetings, and local martial activities including archery and thrown weapons shall remain at the discretion of the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal, in accordance with province, territory, state, and local health guidelines. Virtual events as alternatives continue to be a viable option;

IX. Resolved, that enforcement of this resolution will be handled by the Society Seneschal and President of SCA Inc.; and,

X. Resolved, that the SCA Board of Directors commends the hard-working officers, royalty, membership, and participants who have allowed the SCA to continue to flourish virtually as we lift this suspension and transition forward in a manner consistent with recommended health and safety standards. The President and the Society Seneschal have been given the responsibility of implementing the resumption of events within the rules above and adjusting the strictures as needed with Board approval.

As per item (H) in the Resolution, SCA, Inc. has available the Event Module for the mandatory pre-registration process. All kingdoms are encouraged to utilize this tool. More information will be forthcoming from the SCA Accounting Specialist, Mazelle Attiya. If you would like to contact her about this available option, she can be reached at treasurer@sca.org.

Questions or comments should be sent directly to president@sca.org and seneschal@sca.org or your board Ombudsman.

This is our first step toward the resumption of SCA events. Working with the corporate officers and with input from the various kingdoms, we will continue to assess the pandemic environment and make changes going forward as needed, either to add further restrictions or relax existing ones as the situation allows.

No matter what safety precautions we put in place, there is no substitute for each individual being educated about the risk to themselves and their loved ones, and making responsible choices to protect themselves and others from this virus.

We look forward to seeing many of you, in person and in garb, as we prepare to begin in-person events again.

**Kingdom of Northshield Practice and Gatherings Guidelines through May 31, 2021**

Below is our plan for now through May 31, 2021 per the 2020-12-04 Resolution Continuation Letter - https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-12-04-Resolution-Continuation-Letter.pdf

If you have questions about meetings or other gatherings, please email Alinore at seneschal@northshield.org and I will do my best to answer you. If you have questions about martial activities, please email Duke Vlad at kem@northshield.org.

The Northshield Plan for June 1, 2020 and beyond addressing the April 1, 2020 announcement of a Resolution to Lift Suspension of In-Person Activity in the SCA as of June 1st, 2021 (https://www.sca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-04-01-Resolution-Announcement.pdf) will be posted soon.

**Northshield Guidelines through June 1, 2021**

1. All groups will follow federal (including CDC), province, state and local mandates, recommendations, and guidelines regarding meeting sizes and emergency measures. If you are planning an in person meeting or practice, please check your local guidelines for size limits.

2. At this time, the kingdom limits for maximum size for an outside in-person meeting or practice is capped at 50 people including spectators. The maximum size for an indoor in-person meeting or practice is capped at 15 people including spectators. In-person activities are limited to only people in your local group. If your group is in an area where federal (including CDC), province, state and local mandates, recommendations, and guidelines regarding meeting sizes call for smaller groups then you are required to use the smaller sizes. If your area allows for larger meeting sizes the kingdom rules apply.

3. Please follow your local government guidelines for group gatherings. Masks for all attendees are required. They should be worn properly and cover the nose and mouth. It is the attendee's responsibility to provide their own mask. Anyone who has an underlying condition that may increase risk should not attend an event until the CDC has deemed it appropriate, please use your best judgement in these matters. Please practice social distancing and remain the suggested distance (6 ft) from one another when gathering. The meeting or practice organizer must provide a sign in sheet and all attendees must sign in. These sign in sheets should be scanned and sent to waivers@northshield.org

4. No food or beverages may be supplied by the SCA. If people want to bring food and beverages they are able to but they must not be shared between people who do not live in the same residence.

5. Archery, Thrown Weapons, and Equestrian activities can continue outdoors as long as they meet the requirements of items 1, 2, & 3.

6. Starting on May 1, Armored and Rapier combat shall be allowed as long as participants wear masks over their nose and mouth and against their face 100% of the time, unless they have stepped away to get a drink. These masks must be worn under your helmet or fencing mask and be touching your face. Participants must maintain social distancing of 6 feet apart unless actively fighting. Melee is not allowed at this time due to social distancing. Youth combat is not allowed at this time. This will be revisited as CDC guidelines and as other similar activities change their recommendations.

If conditions warrant these restrictions may be tightened or loosened. Please continue to remain safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing you all again at the first safe opportunity.

Thank you,

Baroness Alinore Wyndover
Northshield Kingdom Seneschal

Duke Vladimir Radescu
Northshield Kingdom Earl Marshal

## Curia Notes

(Continued from Page 4)

### *Baronial Fundraiser in the Fall*

Now (Continued from Page 4) that we have a date pencilled in for Champs, will talk to Sofonisba to discuss using it as a fundraiser exchange point.

## *Guilds and Groups*

If someone wants to organize meetings of the guilds and groups again, we can do that again. Randall will consider armoring nights. Sewing at picnic shelters? Those appear to be free on a first-come, first-serve basis. It's worth looking at.

## Baronial Trim Project

Andrixos from Calontir Trim has designed a trim bearing the baronial populace badge. The barony has purchased 500 meters of Caer Anterth Mawr trim, selling it at $2.50/meter. If you are interest in purchasing some baronial trim, please let Baroness Ysolt know how many meters you want to buy. A meter equals about 39.37 inches (1.09 yards).

# Lyrics And Poetry - Checking your Scansion

## By Master Dahrien Cordell, OP

Have you ever tried writing a song, but run into trouble fitting your words to the music? Does your Shakespearean sonnet sound weird? Tired of banging your head trying to make it work? Scansion might be your problem! Now, "scansion" means "the rhythm of a line of verse". If your verse has music, then it's song, and if it doesn't, then it's poetry; and we can treat them the same way. The line's scansion or rhythm depends on the patterns of STRESSED syllables ("stresses") and NON-STRESSED syllables ("non-stresses"); stresses are the syllables that you emphasize, or speak a little louder, like the first syllable of "parrot" ("PAR-rot") or the second of "away" ("a-WAY"). [You can use a dictionary to find the natural stresses in a word, by the way; just know that *sometimes* in a song or poem, you actually might choose to stress things differently to have it scan well.]

You might have any reasons to care about the scansion of words you are writing. Maybe you want to re-use music that was written for other words. (In the SCA, you might already be aware of the terms "contrefacta" and "contrefait" which mean just that, or "filk" which includes lyrics written for existing tunes.) Perhaps you want to mimic an existing poem. Maybe you have started writing some verse and want to make sure that what you write next matches (or doesn't match!) what you already have.

Specifically, I want to give you two things: some conscious awareness and some tools to help recognize and modify the scansion of words you want to work with. I came to this awareness more or less by accident and on my own, and figured out the tools on my own -- although I later learned that I had reinvented an existing wheel, just with different decoration.

With that, let's get started ...

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When you want to identify the scansion of verse, pay more attention to STRESSED SYLLABLES than to total syllable count. This applies extra if you want to slip in extra syllables or leave some out.

Example:

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**MARy had a LITtle lamb, LITtle lamb, LITtle lamb,**

**MARy had a LITtle lamb, whose FLEECE was white as SNOW.**

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... now insert a syllable that doesn't have to be stressed, here and there ...

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**MARy had a BONED little lamb, BONED little lamb, BONED little lamb,**

**MARy had a BONED little lamb, whose CORPSE was for the STEW.**

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Note that the new syllable, where I have placed it, takes the stress now, because of where it fits in the music and its own normal stress. In this particular case, "boned" is a one-syllable word that takes stress (as opposed to some that don't, like "a" or "or"). It would really sound awkward to keep the stress on LIT after slipping that word/syllable in before it, so it's hard to actually sing it that way with your mouth. For whatever reason, "little" works easily with neither syllable taking particular stress in the music. Try clapping on the stresses and maybe that will help. If it doesn't, okay, then don't.

It can be easy for some folks (including me) to miss where the natural stresses are sometimes, especially if it's easy for them to *change* which syllables they stress. So watch for that. Say a word normally and hear which syllable(s) get(s) emphasis to get a clue where it should fall in a song's stress pattern. "EXercise" "catAStrophe" "MAjor" "enDEAVor" "SUpercaliFRAGilisticEXpialiDOcious" (I *think* that one is right. Do you?)

"MARy had a EXercise" scans smoothly (even if "a" followed by "ex" is unusual, the scansion is okay). "MARy had a CATastrophe" doesn't, because this puts the stress on the "wrong" syllable of that 4th word. "MARy had a catAStrophe" works, and you sing "cat" faster to slip it in to the same total time and keep the beat (stress) on the "AS".

If you look at this, you'll start to see why it's always easy to slip an extra "Well," or "Now," or "So," in at the start of a line. Easy-

to-sing-quickly and non-stressed, they leave the rest of the pattern intact. USUALLY, it is sufficient to leave the stressed syllables intact and rely on lingual dexterity to cram in or remove as many non-stressed syllables as needed for your purposes. [*Grin* Next, we move on to syncopation; think of songs by the Bare Naked Ladies, or how many syllables you could really cram into "We Are The Pirates who Don't Do Anything" with some determination.]

By the way, another useful way I've found to mark stresses as I write, or type, is this:

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**X . X . X . X .**

**By the shores of Gitche Gumee**

**X . X . X . X .**

**By the shining Big-Sea-Water**

**X . X . X . X .**

**Stood the wigwam of Nokomis**

**X . . . X . X .**

**Daughter of the Moon, Nokomis**

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Now take the stress patterns (X = stressed, . = non-stressed) out and remove the extra spaces in-between:

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**X.X.X.X.**

**X.X.X.X.**

**X.X.X.X.**

**X...X.X.**

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And now you've got a short-hand way to indicate the stress/non-stress patterns, or scansion, of the poem. And you see that the same pattern applies to all lines except the last! Yay, discovery! Hmmm, though this also makes me wonder if the pattern isn't REALLY, isn't SUPPOSED TO be, *all* the same. Seems unusual to stress "of", but maybe it really *is* stressed, in the poem, because that would fit the pattern in the other lines. A good way to decide, if you couldn't ask or hear the author, would be to look at the final lines of the other stanzas in the poem. See if they match the first three lines here, or the last one as I noted it first.

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Well, I've come to the end of what comes to mind on the subject for now. So how does that sit with you so far? Leave you with any questions or need for clarification? Feel free to reach out to me by phone or e-mail or live conversation, too, if you want to. I won't include contact information here, as this will be available on the Internet, but I also don't expect it to travel far outside of circles by which I can be found fairly easily. Good luck with your work!

-- Dahrien Cordell =)

P.S. I leave it to the reader to decide if you would like to try a real-life exercise that involves some slightly challenging complications. Track down a recording of and the lyrics to the song "Shield My Kinsmen" by Karen Unrein Kahan (known in the SCA as Wyndreth Berginsdottir, and Skaldvjor if I have the latter spelling right), who is also the author of the song "Savage Daughter". When you have the lyrics for "Shield My Kinsmen", space out the lines and try to mark out the scansion. The whole song scans well to its music, and those of us who have just heard and sung it a lot have simply absorbed how to sing it. But if you compare the verses to each other, you'll soon enough find out that the syllable counts of corresponding lines in each verse don't always match up! And THAT is when you'll start to "see in practice" how the syllable count and stress patterns (scansion) can separate. You'll find syllables that are stretched over more than one note, syllables that squeeze into the space of fractional notes ("less time than the standard for the song") as they are sung slightly faster than others -- all those wonderful "imperfections" and variances that can come into play when Human Beings do things. *Grin* Since the lyrics aren't mine, I can't publish them here without securing specific permission, but I've done some of this homework myself -- and as a useful idea, I'll share that I marked up "extra" and "missing" stresses & non-stresses by adding different colors to the X's and periods. You can do something similar if you want. If you want to see my partial "answer" after you've done your work, feel free to contact me. Be well!

**Award of Battles Wall** was first awarded by Baron Alasdair and Baroness Kateryn at the Yule Court, on 20 January 2007, under the name of "Award of the Zenith's Guardians" It has also been known the "Award of the Zenith's Defenders". It is awarded for excellence in the arts martial. The name was registered by Laurel in February 2021. The Award has no badge or token.

Abelard die Elster (Premier)

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Albrecht of Caer Anterth Mawr

Antonio di Casa D'Aqua

Armond le Charpentier

Arnbjørn Karlsson

Arthur Angus

Birna Reifsdottir (received twice)

Corydon Rathbone

Gabrielle Roslyn Morley

Gilcrist O'Foolain

Guenievre du Dragon Vert

Gwyneth Felton

Heymish Nesbit of Clan Nesbit

Hjalmr Njalsson

Ivar (received twice)

Jean du MalChance (Premier)

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Kunigunda

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**Award of Tower Rising** was first awarded by Baroness Alice and Baron Valerius, under the name "Award of the Rising Star" at the Yule Court moot 1998. It recognizes children of exceptional manners and medieval presence. Premier of the Award is Miles du Soleil. The named was registered by Laurel on October 2019. The token of the award is a silver-pained wooden star suspended from the neck on a blue ribbon. (Not to be confused with Kingdom of Ansteorra's Award of Rising Star, created at about the same time.)

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2025-2029 mark the 50th anniversaries of the founding of the Shire of Caer Anterth (Sept 1975), the Feast of Boar's Head event (December 9, 1978), and the elevation and investiture of the Barony of Caer Anterth Mawr (September 15, 1979). To felicitate brainstorming ideas to commemorate our golden anniversaries, either as events or projects, I have created a Google Group. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Arnbjørn (see Chronicler contact info).

# Calendar of Events

## *Arts Martial Activities*

Archery Practice
Saturday, May 8, 22– 10 am- Kinnickinnic River Parkway
Sunday, May 2, 16, 30– 10 am– Menomonee Park

Thrown Weapons Practice
Saturday, May 8, 22– 12 pm- Kinnickinnic River Parkway

Armored Combat and Rapier Practices
Thursdays (starting May 6th)– 6 pm- Kinnickinnic River Parkway

## *Arts & Sciences and Social Activities*

Viking Hiking
Sunday, May 2– 12 pm– Menomonee Park

Baronial Online Social Gathering
May 3- 7 pm-
https://meet.google.com/avo-fgsq-bua
To join by phone +1 720-500-3097
PIN: 738 333 150#

**Per Kingdom, effective through May 31, 2021, outdoor practices and gatherings are limited to 50 people, participants and spectators. Indoor practices and gatherings are limited to 15. Masks must be worn at all practices and gatherings, except when drinking or eating.**

## Curia Meeting

**Next meeting: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 online at 7:15 PM**
**meet.google.com/xsh-iyrw-gbu**
**Phone Number:+1 470-222-8411 PIN: 830 283 902#**
All members of the populace are welcome to attend and participate
*Song of the Tower* submissions for June Issue are due Tuesday, May 25th by 7 pm.

## *Where We Meet*

**Public Locations**
**Brookfield Public Library-** 1900 N Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI, 53005
**Kinnickinnic River Parkway-** 2050 W Kinnickinnic River Pkwy, Milwaukee, WI 53215
**Marquette University- William Wehr Physics Building**- 1420 W Clybourn St, Milwaukee WI 53233
**Menomonee Park**- W220 N7884 Town Line Rd, Menomonee Falls.
**Redeemer Lutheran Church –** 631 N. 19th St, Milwaukee, WI
**St Matthews Episcopal Church Guild Hall**- 2nd Floor, 5900 7th Ave Kenosha, WI (NE door of the hall - across the street from the church)
**University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee- Student Union Building-** 2200 East Kenwood Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53211
**West Town Archery-** 4135 N 126th St, Brookfield, WI 53005
**Whitnall Park-** Root River Parkway, 6700 block of S. 92nd Street, north of Rawson, across for the golf course

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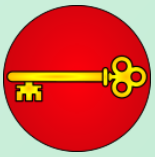

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### Thrown Weapons
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## Office Openings

**Archery Captain–** Letters of Intent are due by August Curia (August 17, 2021)

**Minister of Youth-** Vacant- Letters of Intent welcomed until filled

**Letters of Intent are submitted to Their Excellencies, the Seneschal, and the Incumbent Officer**

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