



# The Skein

Tales from Jaraveillir

*Winter 2024*

**Baroness: Athelyna de Chestre**

The Baroness oversees the Barony, and acts as representative of the Crown of Northshield.

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**Baroness: Jois Corbet**

The Baroness oversees the Barony, and acts as representative of the Crown of Northshield.

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**Seneschal: Speranza de Ravenna**

The Seneschal is the representative for the local group in the outside world who acts as the chief administrative officer, similar to a group's president.

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**Chatelaine: James of Jararvellir**

The Chatelaine is the officer in charge of welcoming new members and introducing them to the society's activities and customs.

Jeff Flake

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**Archery Captain: Ginevra Maddalena di Tomaso Volpe**

The Archery Captain is the person who oversees safety on the archery range and promotes archery within the Barony. The Archery Captain also oversees the use and care of the Baronial archery equipment.

Tracy Bossinger

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**Chronicler: Valamar Schwarzumfuchs**

The Chronicler publishes the group's newsletter, which can range from a simple schedule of upcoming events to a booklet containing articles by local members.

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**Exchequer: "Shin" Takeda Shinjiro Shintate**

The office of the Baronial Exchequer is to serve as the financial officer for Jararvellir. The Exchequer's duties involve keeping accurate records of transactions, maintaining the barony's financial books, balancing the sundry bank accounts and keeping the bill collectors happy. The Exchequer reports quarterly to the Principality and annually to the Kingdom via the Principality Exchequer. Per Corpora law, the Baronial financial records are always open for review. They are also generally reported in the Barony's newsletter on a quarterly basis.

Shayne Cline

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**Knight Marshal: Speranza de Rauenna**

The Knight Marshal is in charge of the rules and regulations for fighting and archery. This officer sees to the safety of the participants and keeps a record of who is authorized locally. The Knight Marshal is also responsible for seeing that fighters have an opportunity for training.

Estrella Toalino

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**Minister of the Arts and Sciences: Gunnlaugr Westergaard**

The Minister of the Arts and Sciences coordinates the study and practice of the medieval arts and sciences. This officer can answer any questions in these areas or help one to learn more about skills and crafts.

Pax Ferrell

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**Pursuivant: Sean mac Labhrais**

The Pursuivant is the local heraldic officer. This officer is in charge of making announcements and helping people research their names and heraldic devices in preparation for submission to the SCA College of Heralds.

Sean

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**Rapier Marshal: Athelyna de Chestre**

The Rapier Marshal ensures that Rapier Combat is practiced in a safe manner and oversees the instruction of new fencers.

Tyson Patterson

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**Webminister: Samson "Sammi" Muskovich**

The Baronial Webminister is responsible for maintaining the Barony's website.

Milan Wilson

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**Demo Coordinator: Trystan der Facheltraeger**

This officer facilitates outreach to groups such as schools, clubs, scout groups, etc. that may be interested in the field. They field requests and make possible a display of our skills to those interested.

Tristan Brandhorst

[demo\\_coordinator@jararvellir.org](mailto:demo_coordinator@jararvellir.org)

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**Historian: Gerald Loosehelm**

This officer is charged with keeping the knowledge of Jararvellir's traditions & history alive. They retain historical documents and relics, record stories and important happenings, and make such information available to the populace when needed.

Gerald Livings

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**Student Branch Organizer: Eden Kegslayer**

This extremely vital position is held by a UW student. They maintain our status as a student group affiliate, and facilitate communication and recruitment among the student body.

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**Chamberlain: Ginevra Maddalena di Tomaso Volpe**

This officer assists the Baron and Baroness. They facilitate communication among officers, field requests and questions, and serve in other ways at the high seat's discretion.

Tracy Bossinger

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**Signet: Clydwyn Gwehydd**

The Signet is responsible for organizing the local scribes. They distribute scroll assignments from the Baron & Baroness to these scribes, and they ensure that these works of art make their way to the intended recipients.

Jonathan Hill

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## **Baronial Succession**

### **Baronial Succession Timeline**

The deadline for stating your intentions to run for the Baronage is May 1, 2024. Letters of intent should include the following:

- Name
- Experience in the SCA
- Why you think you are qualified to be part of the Baronage?
- Your plans for the Barony.

Letters of intent should be sent to [seneschal@jararvellir.org](mailto:seneschal@jararvellir.org) and [stormbird612@gmail.com](mailto:stormbird612@gmail.com)

If we have more than three sets of people interested in the Baronage, we will hold a poll to narrow the choice down to three sets of candidates.

Formal polling (run by Northshield) will be TBD. Candidate interviews will be done per Their Majesties' and Their Highnesses' schedules.

## **Baronial Charter**

### **Job Description**

The position of Baron and Baroness is the highest honor that the Barony can offer. The position may be occupied by a couple, or by a single individual serving as Baron or Baroness.

### **Job Duties**

The Baronage serve as a focus for Baronial ceremonies and as a Baronial presence at events. They should help to recognize the projects and accomplishments of members of the Barony, through making award recommendations and holding courts. The Baronage are servants of the people of the Barony and should be accessible to the people. They should be active on a local and regional level. The Baronage must adhere to applicable kingdom law and Corpora in carrying out their duties.

### **Suggested Skills and Experience**

The Baronage should lead by example and project a good "medieval model". They should possess good communication and diplomatic skills, a sense of humor, and the ability to remain objective and/or neutral. The Baronage should be familiar with Kingdom law and Corpora. They should be extroverted and capable of public speaking. They should be willing to take on the extra work involved in serving as Baron and Baroness.

### **Term of Office (length of each term)**

The barony sets forth a term of office of three years. Pursuant to that decision, Baronial policy that a new election/polling process for the Baronage is automatically held every three years. The three-year term may not be extended by a vote of confidence or other means.

## General Meeting

### Jan 2024 General Meeting Notes:

**Evelyn:** seeking volunteers to provide desserts for Wacky Garb Ball.

**Rosmund:** Provided price list for materials to construct jousting list wall for WW. Barony approved \$500 for materials.

**James the Elder:** nothing to report

**Svalla:** Nothing to report

**James:** Submitted new bid for SUN. Barony approved \$60 budget for SUN. Proposal accepted, with the side item of possibly approving an honorium for Edgewood, TBD later. Sent an email to Willy St. Parade organizers, but have not heard a response. Meet-up page is live and active, with approximately 30+ people making appearances on the page. We have a table reserved for Student Org Fair on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. Will not need anything extraordinary. Will be updating the dorm posters with new posters, just as part of the keeping things fresh.

**Joya:** All good on web.

**Ginevera:** Archery continues to go well

**Sean:** No updates on heraldry; Please make sure you take a moment to sign the annual stock pavilion waiver

**Cosimo:** Scribal arts go well; has a possible replacement in mind for the office.

**Heidi:** Did a demo in December at Sauk Prairie. It went well, with over 30 children present. Have already been asked for another Demo on Dec. 17 2024. Seeking marshals and MITs for Blades of Glory. Also seek Tournament Organizers.

**Their Excellencies:** Please attend the events that are coming up within the next several months.

**Chin:** Domesday Reports are in the process of being submitted. Making progress on developing protocols/procedures to streamline future transitions.

**Storm Bird:** Received notice from Ravenslake requesting that we partner with them for Skirmish at the Border in June. Seeking volunteers to organize said event; Henry Vilas Zoo is seeking organizations to sell stuffed animals. Will post more info on the Baronial Website. Still seeking classes on Medieval Supernatural themes; also seeking dance instructors/Dance Master; will be having a “supernatural archery shoot” in the basement.

**New Seneschal:** Heidi has put her hat in the ring for Seneschal. Barony voted, and approved, Heidi is now seneschal.

## February 2024 General Meeting Notes:

**Jeff:** Will reach out to University after finals to confirm use of Gordon Commons as a demo site; Possible use of Millenium Gardens, will continue to explore.

**Her Excellency:** Turned in fletching funds, will be looking to secure a possible source for fletching supplies, as we are fairly well out of fletching feathers. Looking at bringing the May Pole to the Roost, or possibly bringing to a Wed. practice. Always looking for reward recommendations. In order to recommend an individual for a baronial award, send an email to their Excellencies.

**Fencing:** Fencing continues to go well. Quarterly report finished. Would like a large storage box to keep the loaner armor/weapons. Options for storage will be explored, pre-approved funding of up to \$250 to see what options are available.

**Genevieve:** Wil-Mar Center is available on the final Thursday of the month, cost is \$50/month. Dance practice is now officially available.

**Eithni:** Griffon Needle is coming up in September, still seeking volunteers

**Cian:** Following-up on Stock Pavilion payments;

**Ginevra:** Archery continues apace.

**Heidi:** We had first equestrian practice on Saturday, with 7 riders. Would like \$100 to build hobby horses for an event at WW. Would like to construct 20 hobby horses and a storage box to transport them.

**Baird:** reimbursed Eithni for expense from previous event. Will be handing off the reins to Exchequer after Crown, to help Baird train his deputy.

## March 2024 General Meeting

**Thomas:** Site for Bad Rabbits is available, we can use it for May Day Moot; There will be some costs involved, Thomas will put together a proposal for next meeting. . Possibility exists that we could use the site for overnight camping.

**Clydwyn:** Rapier continues to go well, with 12-15 fighters presenting. Next practice, will be crafting Rapier hoods.

**Ginevra:** Bardic Madness planning continues to go well. Archery continues to go well, with over 20 archers appearing for practice. We received over \$120 in donations from Fighting in the Shade.

**Sean:** Court reports have been filed; Setting up consultations for names and devices, with several names and devices being submitted. Stock Pavilion has been reserved through August. We have two dates that we are not able to use the Stock Pavilion, however, the door is open for dates that are not going to be available.

**James:** We now have three student reps for the Barony. We are getting registered for a table with the next student org fair; Requested to have the Fish Puppet stored within storage lockers; We also have excess fabric that we can use for creating rapier hoods. Will be attempting to re-establish dance guild, will be organizing informal dance meet-ups at various outdoor park shelter.

**Equestrian Practice** will be starting up again at the end of the month. All necessary paperwork/insurance has been submitted. First practice will be April 29<sup>th</sup>, future practices will be the last Saturday of every month until Fall.

**Eithni:** Lunch at coronation went well, sold-out and turned a bit of a profit. Lots of fun was had. Griffon Needle will be upcoming in the Fall, will be putting together a Facebook page soon. We have the Bingo Hall as a sleeping area, with the site not charging us for its use.

**Baird:** Still waiting to confirm that we have a deputy exchequer. Coronation had 270 people attend, well above our break-even point. Checking on who to reimburse for the webhosting services. Will submit the corrected budget next meeting.

**Their Excellencies:** Nothing to report.



# Northshield Event Calendar

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

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

## November 2023 (AS LVIII)

20 .....Deadline for January 2024 *Northwatch* (Supernatural)

## December 2023 (AS LVIII)

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



20 .....Deadline for February 2024 *Northwatch* (Early Attempts)

## January 2024 (AS LVIII)

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

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

20 .....Deadline for March 2024 *Northwatch* (Showing Pride)

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

## February 2024 (AS LVIII)

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

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

20 .....Deadline for April 2023 *Northwatch* (Fun Facts)

## March 2024 (AS LVIII)

2.....Hertz Krieg XXVII, College of Svatý Sebesta (Vermillion, SD)

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

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

20 .....Deadline for May 2023 *Northwatch* (TBD)

## April 2024 (AS LVIII)

13 .....Northshield Spring Coronation, (TBD)

20 .....Deadline for June 2024 *Northwatch* (TBD)

26-27.....Provost Challenge, Shire of Coldedernhale (Ft. Pierre, SD)



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

Laurel Meeting Pelican Meeting Defense Meeting Chivalry Meeting Stallari Meeting