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# BARONIAL MEETINGS, GUILDS, AND CONTACTS

*Please call the contact person to verify when & where an activity is held!*

**Archery Practice UW Stock Pavilion Sun 12-2PM, Wed. 6:30-9PM.**

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**Armormaking Tuesdays 7PM. 3314 Ridgeway Avenue**

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**Bardic Night: Fourth Sunday, 6–8PM, Escape Java Joint, 916 Williamson St**

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**Brewing & Vintning Third Monday. Various locations (call for info)**

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**Calligraphy & Illumination Tuesdays 7PM. Call for location**

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**Clothier's Guild Alternate Mondays, 7PM. Contact for location and dates.**

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**Cordial Guild First Tuesday 7:30PM Contact for location**

Contact: Lady Cianna Kharleen (Carrie Wilkey) 846-8008, cianna@teadame.com

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**European Dance Sundays 3PM. UW Campus—check TITU for room.**

Contact: Lady Thea

**Fletching Fridays 6:30PM (call ahead) 5418 Imagine**

Contact: Lord Toussaint de Caluwe (Tyson Patterson) 838-4092

**Fool's Guild Alternate Wednesday 6:30PMish, UW Stock Pavilion.**

Contact: Lady Aliénor Hathaway (Mariessa Dobrick) 658-8941, reesa83@aol.com

**General Business Meeting Usually 1st Sunday, 7PM, Edgewood College,**

**Predolin Hall — call to verify meeting date and location.**

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**Instrumental Music Mondays 7PM-Beginners, 8PM-Advanced.**

UW Campus—Check TITU

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**Middle Eastern Dance and Drumming Wednesday 8:15pm, UW Stock Pavilion**

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**Needlearts Tuesdays 7:30. Call for location**

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**Rapier Practice Wednesday 6:30-9PM, UW Stock Pavilion**

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**Social Practice Wednesday 9PMish — call to verify location**

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**Thrown Weapons Sundays Noon, Second Wednesdays 7PM, UW Stock Pavilion.**

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**Vocal Music Thursdays 7 PM UW Campus—Check TITU**

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## EPISTLE FROM THE BARONESS

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Unto the populace of Jararvellir does Baroness Eithni ingen Talorgain  
send greetings on this snowy evening!

I write to you this month from the Knowne World Academy of the Rapier  
with great joy in my heart. In an afternoon court, Their Majesties  
recognized one of our own with an accolade long awaited and deserved  
many times over. It is my honor to report that they have granted entry  
into the Order of the White Scarf to Sir Guillaume le Fort for his long  
service and many contributions to the Northshield rapier community. For  
Don Guillaume, Vivat!

Looking ahead, the holidays will soon be upon us, and then, shortly  
thereafter, several Twelfth Night celebrations. Jararvellir will celebrate  
the new year together on Sunday, January 13th. Please see the  
announcement elsewhere in the *Skein* and watch the Jara list for  
additional details. Please contact me with any award recommendations  
by December 20, 2007.

January will also bring Nordskogen's Twelfth Night and the investiture  
of a new Baron and Baroness Nordskogen. After five years of tireless  
service, Their Excellencies Rodrigo and Khadijah will be stepping down  
and a new high seat will take their place. I would like to present gifts to  
both the incoming and outgoing Excellencies, so please contact me with  
any donations you may be able to offer for the gift baskets.

It's Only a Flesh Wound, an all-fighting event here in Jara will round out  
a busy January. Please consider attending to enjoy the classes offered or  
to volunteer on site. This is a new event at a new site and looks to be  
much fun! May you all enjoy your holiday festivities and travel safely  
across these snowy lands whether for work, family, or pleasure!

Happy holidays!

eithni

# DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

*In attendance: Robert the Stout, Eithni ingen Talorgain, Tatiana McGowan, James, Reinholdt von Trollenhagen, Ermina, Jois Corbet, Toussaint, Ivan, Iohanna, Æsa, Ædtelwath, Kristyan Applegate, Stephan, James Applegate, Annora le Spindlere, Nikolaus der Ausländer, and Marian.*

**Demo Coordinator (Annora le Spindlere):** Demo is Wednesday – reminders have been sent to the Jararvellir list.

**Archery (Jois Corbet):** Archery is healthy, with many shooters. We rebuilt the targets.

**Fletching (Toussaint):** We have new shafts.

**Yule Moot (Toussaint):** Will be held at the Lake Edge United CofC, 4200 Buckeye Rd., Madison. Site opens 1 pm, Baronial court 5 pm, pot luck feast 6 pm. Donations only site fee. Budget \$100 - \$60 site fee, \$40 other. There may be vocal, instrumental, and fools guilds entertainment.

**35th Anniversary (Josceline):** Mandt Center is available May 3 next year for the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and educational collegium. Distributed to the attendees of the general meeting the proposed budget aside from meals, totaling \$1000.00. There was a question asked about raising the attendance cost to cover the \$1.00 per person donation to the kingdom travel fund. It was determined that the cost of that donation will be managed from the profits rather than as a separate accounting item. **[Vote was unanimous to hold the event as proposed]**

**Needlearts (Ermina):** Second Tuesday this month will be an opportunity to learn Bargello needlepoint. Ermina will be teaching.

**Only A Flesh Wound (Kristyan):** There's a ¼ page ad in November, but there will be a full page ad in December's *Northwatch*.

## NEEDLEARTS

Mark your calendars for December 11. The plan for December *was* to have Ælf and Moira show us how to knit socks. But Ivan, whose word is (grin) law, has asked that I teach Bargello stitching. So, Tuesday, December 11, come for 2nd Tuesday at Ermina's and learn a beautiful needlepoint stitch. No prior knowledge of needlepoint needed. I'll start at the start and go from there. We'll have a starter sample for each of the students.

If you are planning to come, please call Ermina at (608) 338-5897, as there is a limit on the number of students, which limit can be expanded if others are willing to join the instructor for the hands-on coaching portion. We've plenty of tables and chairs and supplies so please feel welcome to come enjoy the company of needleworkers. We have no pets, but we have in the past smoked in the house; not recently, but the residue remains. Also, I regret to inform that the house has staircases between any parking and the public rooms, so wheelchairs are not accommodated.

Please come find out with us how beautiful long-stitch needlework can be.

## JARARVELLIR ARTILLERY BRUNCH

**Sunday, December 16 at 10:30am**

Please join us this month archers' brunch, starting at 10:30 am. Our kind host this month is Toussaint de Caluwé at 5418 Imagine (directions below). Please bring a dish to share. Archery practice begins at noon at the Stock Pavilion. As always, we have loaner archery gear available.

### Directions to 5418 Imagine:

From the Beltline, go south on Stoughton Rd. (Hwy 51). Turn left at the first stoplight onto Voges. When Voges deadends, turn right on Marsh. Turn right on Yesterday, entering the Lost Creek neighborhood. Take an immediate left on Honeypie, then turn right onto Imagine. The house is 5418 Imagine, 4th house on the right. The phone is 838-4092.

Questions? Contact Sol (sol1040@gmail.com)

## EVENTS

### OUT AND ABOUT

For more information visit the individual group's website (easily accessed from <http://www.northshield.org/Events/List.aspx>).

#### December 2007

8—**Boar's Head XXX: A Boar's Tale**, Caer Anterth Mawr (West Bend WI)

#### February 2008

2—**Hromnice Celebration: Shattered Oak Celebrates 20 Years!** Shattered Oak (Chippewa Falls WI)

## LOCAL NEWS

### STOCK PAVILION SCHEDULE

We do NOT have the Stock Pavilion on December 2 or 30. On other dates, we have our other regular dates and times through the end of January. The official schedule can be found at:  
<http://www.ansci.wisc.edu/Facilities/stockp.htm>

### POTTERY GUILD

The Pottery Guild will be having a meeting on 12/10. Usually, we meet from 6-9pm at 425B West Cottage Grove Rd., Cottage Grove (608) 839-5000

There is dry studio fee. Ceramic bisque ware is a flat fee in the dry studio. In the wet studio, for hand building or throwing, the studio fee is \$6.00 and the clay is \$6.00/lb used.

Contact Annora at (605) 438-6530 for more information.

**Coronation (Kristyan):** Together with Æsa, she proposes bidding for fall 2008/spring 2009 coronation. There are currently no bids from the kingdom. We should start looking for sites preparing to put in a bid.

**WW (Æsa):** Still looking for a resource manager. Training is available. No word on the trial for damages from moving the event last year.

**Knights Marshall (Stephen du Bois):** Placed Roisin's name for new baronial knights marshal before the meeting. [**She was unanimously accepted for the position**]

**High Seat (Eithni):** At the Known World Academy of the Rapier, Sir Guillaume was awarded the white scarf. Congratulations Don Guillaume!

There will be a court at Yule Moot. Please get award recommendations to Eithni before mid-December.

At Twelfth Night, Nordskogen will change its Baron and Baroness. Eithni would like to give gifts to both the outgoing and the incoming Barons and Baronesses. Please contact her to donate to the gift baskets.

No court is planned for Flesh Wound yet, however that weekend is Baroness Eithni's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday and Mistress Giovanna's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday – according to rumor.

**Webminister (James):** requested feedback about the Jararvellir website, especially the "It's only a Flesh Wound" page. He has added a more aggressive spam filter to the website. He's also in process of changing the email addresses to thwart the spammers.

**Gift Wrapping at B&N (Tatiana):** Got a good response for the gift wrapping on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. It will probably be a busy weekend. If you're not signed up for a timeslot, you're still welcome to come hang out and give out flyers.'

**Exchequer (Tatiana):** She will be out of town from January 9 through 16. If you need checks, see her before then. She will open the new credit union account with \$5.00 from the treasury.

**Edgewood Reservations (Marian):** Working on scheduling the general meeting rooms for all of 2008.

**Instrumental Music (Nikolaus):** Instrumental music guild continues. Preparing for Boar's Head, gift-wrapping and It's Only a Flesh Wound. Shameless plug for instrumental guild Monday evenings at the UW Memorial Union. If you've never even touched a recorder, we'll put one in your mouth.

**Stock Pavilion (Reinholdt):** We have all our usual stock pavilion dates for December and January, except Sunday December 30, which is New Year's Eve eve. Nothing scheduled yet for February.

**Pursuivant (Reinholdt):** Eithni has given me the Baronial heraldry. We will discuss it at the next meeting.

**Seneschal (Robert):** Roisin sent word to Robert recommending Ermina for Minister of Arts and Sciences. [The vote will be held at Yule Moot]

Robert the Stout recommends Ivan for Seneschal. [The vote will be held at Yule Moot]

Next month's general meeting will be held at Yule Moot on January 13. We may skip the February meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:  
JANUARY 13,  
AT 7PM, AT THE YULE MOOT

1577: Sir Francis Drake sets out from Plymouth, England, on his round-the-world voyage  
December 14, 1542: Princess Mary Stuart becomes Queen Mary I of Scotland.  
December 16, 1392: Emperor Go-Kameyama of Japan abdicates in favor of rival claimant Go-Komatsu, ending the nanboku-cho period of competing imperial courts.  
1431: Henry VI of England crowned King of France. Though young Henry had been proclaimed king at age ten months, it was not until he was ten years old that he was officially crowned at Notre Dame Cathedral.  
December 19, 1154: Henry II crowned King of England  
December 20, 1522: Suleiman the Magnificent accepts the surrender of the surviving Knights of Rhodes, who are allowed to evacuate. They eventually re-settle on Malta and become known as the Knights of Malta.  
December 23, 1493 The Nuremberg Chronicle is first printed in German. One of the best documented early printed books, the Chronicle is an illustrated world history by Hartmann Schedel (translated by Georg Alt). Scholars estimate that 700-1000 German copies were published  
December 25, Christmas. Christmas is the second most important day in the Christian calendar, and is one of the English quarter days (days on which servants were hired, and rents and rates were due.)  
800: Charlemagne crowned Holy Roman Emperor  
875: Charles the Bald crowned Emperor  
1066: William the Conqueror crowned king of England  
December 28, 1065: Westminster Abbey is consecrated.  
December 29, 1170: Thomas Becket is slain in his own cathedral on orders from Henry II of England.  
December 30, 1460: Wars of the Roses. The Duke of York is defeated at the Battle of Wakefield

# THE ANTI-CALENDAR

(A listing of events that have already happened)

Compiled by Reinholdt von Trollenhagen

December 1, 1170: Becket returns to Canterbury. After establishing an uneasy reconciliation with Henry II, the Archbishop returned to his See, ending a six-year-long self-imposed exile, but doom awaited at the end of the year.

December 2, 1409: The University of Leipzig opens.

December 4, 771: Austrasian King Carloman dies, leaving his brother Charlemagne king of the now complete Frank kingdom.

1110: First Crusade. The Crusaders conquer Sidon.

1259: Kings Louis IX of France and Henry III of England agree to the Treaty of Paris, in which Henry renounces his claims to French-controlled territory on continental Europe (including Normandy) in exchange for Louis withdrawing his support for English rebels.

1563: The final session of the Council of Trent is held (it opened on December 13, 1545).

December 10, 1508: The League of Cambrai Formed. Ostensibly created as an alliance against the Turks, the true goals of the League, formed by Pope Julius II, Emperor Maximilian I, Louis XII of France and Ferdinand II of Aragon, were to launch a campaign against Venice.

1520: Martin Luther burns his copy of the papal bull Exurge Domine outside the Elster Gate of Wittenberg

December 13, 1545: Council of Trent Begins. The council would pass legislation dealing with the doctrinal challenges of the Protestant Reformation.

# yule moot

January 13, 2008

Come join us for a celebration of the holiday season! Bring your favorite games, holiday music and other amusements for a relaxed day of fun and games.

Location: Lake Edge United Church of Christ (4200 Buckeye Rd)

Site fee: donation.

Schedule:

1pm — Site Opens

5pm — Baronial Court

6pm — Potluck Feast

After feast, we will hold the January General Meeting.

Watch the Jara list or contact Toussaint de Caluwé (Tyson Patterson, [cptdoom9@yahoo.com](mailto:cptdoom9@yahoo.com), 608-838-4092) for further details!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Thrown Weapons Marshal** — the Thrown Weapons Marshal is responsible for the safe set up and operation of the Barony's thrown weapon practices. The Marshal is also responsible for the Barony's thrown weapon equipment. You must either be a TW Marshal or MIT (or willing to become one) to hold this position. If interested, please contact John Bartholomew of Flanders (Jack) or Robert the Stout.

**Deputy Knight Marshal** — the Deputy Knight Marshal is responsible for assisting the Knight Marshal in overseeing fighting in the Barony. This includes running fight practices, and keeping records of the fighters in the Barony. You need to be either a Marshal or a Marshal in Training to hold this position. Contact Stephen Du Bois if you are interested.



## DEAR TRYSTAN

Dear Trystan,

*I want to write a column for my local newsletter. How did you do it?*

—Juan-Drejus

Dear Juan-Drejus,

Besides being known for my wry wit, I found that the most important thing in getting my columns published was a reputation for punctuality. If ever you find yourself pressed for time, churning out copy at the last minute, you're likely to turn in a half-hearted perfunctory product that will irreparably damage your reputation as a writer. This can adversely effect... yadda yadda yadda <Paul you're gonna have to polish this one up yourself I got some more last minute X-mas shopping to do on the sly for the various ladies in my life who don't know about each other- just be over the top crass and insulting to the readership and no one should know the difference.>

THE MOST OVERWORKED EVIL  
SHERIFF IN ALL OF THEE  
NORTHDSHIELD, TRYSTAN DER  
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Have an idea for a good column for the *Skein*? Do you have a question for Trystan? Let him know, write to Trystan c/o the Chronicler (Paul Goldschmidt, 5625 Highland Way, Middleton WI 53562, [chronicler@jararvellir](mailto:chronicler@jararvellir)).

## Hosted by the Barony of Jararvellir it's only A FLESH WOUND

January 26, 2008

Gate opens at 8am and site closes at 9pm

Jefferson County Fair Park  
503 North Jackson Avenue, Jefferson, WI 53549

Site Fee: Adults \$8.00; 5-12: \$3.00; Under 5: free (Non Member Surcharge will apply)

Food is available for purchase on site from vendor

Tourney Schedule: Great Axe, Florentine, Great Sword, Weapon and Shield, Atlantian Speed Tourney for the unbelted, Unbelted Champions vs the Chivalry, Pole Arm, Mixed Weapons, 3-person Melee (only 1 member of the Chivalry per team), Valhalla

First tourney will start PROMPTLY at 10:00. Authorizations are at 9:00 and by appointment only through the Marshal in charge. Showers on site.

A&S competition/display. All entries must somehow be connected to armored combat, whether it is a piece of armor or a scroll blank with a fighter on it.

A&S classes starting at 9am

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