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The Skein is a monthly publication, the next issue will be published within 30 days of the last posted issue.

All information listed in the calendar and officer sections is as posted on the Barony of Jararvellir website and can be found at https://jararvellir.org/. Further event details including locations can also be found on the website above.

Calendar of Ongoing Events

- Armoring Guild: Monday 4 pm
- Fletching Guild 8 pm
- Leatherworking Guild: Thursday 6 pm
- Calligraphy Guild: First Tuesday of the month 6-9 pm
- European Dance: Every Fourth Monday 7:30-9pm
- Youth Boffer Combat: Every Third Sunday 1-4 pm
- Sewing Guild:
  2nd and 4th Monday 6-8:30 pm
- Archery Practice: Thursday 6-8 pm, Sunday 12-2 pm
- Armored Combat and Fencing Practice: Thursday 7-10 pm, Sunday 1-4 pm

Upcoming Barronial Events

November

Catfish Ball
November 21, 2026

General Meeting Updates October

Johann: Exchequer

- Known World Armored Combat Collegium
  - Lower than expected attendance
    - $192 positive

- Bad Rabbits
  - Due to lower attendance than anticipated this event broke negative
    - Largest cost for this event is tent rental
      - Event planners will discuss options for next year to cut cost

- The Kingdom Exchequer is conducting a routine audit of the Baronial finances
  - bank records and event reports will be audited and cleared

- It has been determined that it would be acceptable within financial policy to allow Jara donation to Royal travel fund
  - Official approval for $500 pending

- A Melee focused practice will be held on October 18th
  - Combat Archery will be available

General Meeting Updates October

James de Beaumont: Chatelaine

- Coronation site fee canceled due to the event bid being declined
  - A return check will be returned to Johann to be redeposited

- Catfish Ball
  - Fireman's Park is booked for the event site
  - The Catfish Ball Website is now active

- Tower Rock Demo
  - 18th of December confirmed for the event

James the Elder: Baronial Seat

- The Canton of Coille Stoirmeil did not get a profit share from Warriors and Warlords this year
  - A motion to give 1/2 of Jara's profit from Warriors and Warlords 2026 to the Canton of Coille Stoirmeil was approved.
- Johann and the Exchequer for Warriors and Warlords will review the event financial policy to allow The Canton of Coille Stoirmeil a permanent 1/3 share of this event's profits

General Meeting Updates

October

Storm

- Crown tournament
  - There will be a Garb swap, a Blue Feather welcome table, and lunch will be availabe
  - motion to add $50to the event budget to rent 10 more tables
    - This will allow for 20 tables total
  - The budget is set at $500 for lunch at this event,
    - 100 people at $5 each

Jack of Flanders: Stock Pavillion Coordination

- The University will be giving us three cabinets to use for storage

General Meeting Updates

October

Kaydian: Web Minister

- The Baronial Awards page has been updated to reflect newly created and approved awards
- The Skein has been reuploaded to the Baronial Website
- The Catfish Ball website has been added to the Beronial Website

Shin: Knight Marshal

- Loaner Gear for Armored Combat
  - Broken leg armor has been fixed
  - Gwen will be donating leg armor
  - Shin will also be donating leg armor
  - Luca will be donating various armor pieces
  - Kaydian will look into how to make two more helms usable
  - Shin is looking for bins to organize armor by size
  - Jack is Looking into getting loaner gauntlets to fit more common hand sizes

Officers

Baron: James the Elder
The Baronage oversees the Barony and acts as representative of the Crown of Northshield.
Jim Polewski
baron@jararvellir.org

Baroness: Joya bint Arwa
The Baronage oversees the Barony and acts as representative of the Crown of Northshield.
Jennifer Siegel
baroness@jararvellir.org

Seneschal: Speranza de Rauvenna
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.
Estrella Taolino
608-358-2172
seneschal@jararvellir.org

Chatelaine: James de Beaumont
The Chatelaine is the officer in charge of welcoming new members and introducing them to the society's activities and customs.
Jeff Yanke
608-644-6067
chatelaine@jararvellir.org

Officers

Archery Captain: Ètaín inghen Duibh Rea
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.
Heidi Anderson
archery_captain@jararvellir.org

Chronicler: Svala Leifsdottir
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.
Lauren Perry
chronicler@jararvellir.org

Exchequer: Johann Jacobson
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.
exchequer@jararvellir.org

Officers

Pursuivant: Athelyna de Chestre
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.
Ty Patterson
pursuivant@jararvellir.org

Rapier Marshal: Cosimo di Cellini
The Rapier Marshal ensures that Rapier Combat is practiced in a safe manner and oversees the the instruction of new fencers.
Joseph Ordaz
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Webminister: Kaydian Bladebreaker
The Baronial Webminister is responsible for maintaining the Barony's website.
Ken Norton

Demo Coordinator: Ètaín inghen Duibh Rea
This officer facilitates outreach to groups such as schools, clubs, scout groups, etc. that may be interested in the SCA. They field requests and make possible a display of our skills to those interested.
Heidi Anderson
demo_coordinator@jararvellir.org

Officers

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
608-556-2879 | No calls after 9:00 pm. Calls are screened.
chamberlain@jararvellir.org

Knight Marshal: Takeda Shinjiro
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.
knight_marshal@jararvellir.org

Minister of the Arts and Sciences: Nisse Spanlandfara
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.
masterofas@jararvellir.org

Officers

Thrown Weapons Marshal: Drazhan Simanov
This officer leads the activity of Thrown Weapons, such as axes, knives, and spears for the barony. They coordinate practices for this activity.
Al Simm
thrown-marshal@jararvellir.org

Youth Boffer Marshal: Jack Bartholomew of Flanders
This officer leads the youth training/boffer community for the barony. They coordinate practices for this activity.
David Hall
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Historian: (vacant)
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.

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