



The Stronghold Canton of Northpass

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Greetings from the Seneschal

Greetings from Wilhelm,

I was looking at all of the amazing things that were on offer at the event on Saturday (K&Q A&S and Bardic run by Østgarðr) and was just amazed. The collection of art and artisans was beyond compare, and I could not have imagined when I joined the SCA that Bardic could possibly come this far. The event was well run and typical of a large event you couldn't walk 10 feet without stopping to talk to 10 people. The Northpass presence at the event, both as attendees and as help, was notable. The largesse (gifts for the royalty) was extremely well received. Our Royal Page finally got to perform in this role. Those given the accolades of Arms by the crown were worthy. It was ironically a great day for Northpass.

I wanted to share some things that I gathered from numerous conversations. Those beyond Northpass have started to notice our vigor and activity. People have started noticing that people from Northpass are turning up at events all over the region. Their Majesties of course took notice of Northpass with our gifts. Walking around I saw Northpass serving and cooking food, cleaning dishes, and helping at gate. We brought and returned feast gear to storage. We even had an entry in the Kingdom Bardic competition. (Well done Lilie Dubh inghen Mordha by the way!) Since I didn't have any job at the event, I was able to listen to people more and many shared with me how much they see the beehive of activity that is Northpass. One noteworthy phrase said to me was, "I am astounded of your growth and proud of you all."

I look forward to the joy that we have on the calendar. Once the problem was "no one to lead, no one to attend," and now it's "how can we have so much activity on top of each other?" We have or are plotting Archery, Embroidery, Thrown Weapons, Period Games, an Illumination class, Renaissance dance, an armoring workshop, heavy rattan fighting, bead making, pewter casting, fencing... We may be doing as many as 7 or 8 events this year. We are discussing group status changes. I am overwhelmed with doing my part in all of this but am enjoying the ride. The best part of this is all I hear from everyone in Northpass (and even beyond) is "Awesome, how can I help?" We are so strong... (Wait for it!)

We are Northpass Strong.

Upcoming Activities and Gatherings

Archery Practice

Indoor archery practice at Flying Arrows Sports in Carmel, NY. Ranges are available to 30 yards. Targets available will be FITA 5 color, center circle (a bit more period design) and possibly something heraldic. The range is a shared range, so no garb. There is limited loaner gear available.

Details: Friday, February 16, 2018

6-7:45 PM

Flying Arrows Sports

92 Old Route 6, Carmel, New York 10512

There is a fee for the range. For more details please visit the [Northpass website](#).

For specific questions or to arrange loaner gear please email [Friderich](#).

Embroidery Circle

The first gathering of this group, rescheduled from January due to illness. Join us as we practice the art of embroidery. If you are new to embroidery, basic stitches can be taught or reviewed as needed. If you have experience, please bring work(s) in progress or new projects!

If you have linen (or cotton) scraps, embroidery floss, scissors, and embroidery needles, feel free to bring them along. If you are new to this and need supplies, please let Conandil know so there are enough on hand.

Details: Sunday, February 18, 2018

1-3 PM

Conandil's: 8 Clark Pl, Port Chester, NY 10573

RSVP to Conandil requested to ensure enough supplies, please indicate if you need materials. moas@northpass.eastkingdom.org

Game Day

Join us for an afternoon of period board and card games.

Details: Sunday, February 18, 2018

2:30-5 PM

Conandil and Wilhelm's:

8 Clark Pl, Port Chester, NY 10573

RSVP to Conandil moas@northpass.eastkingdom.org

Glass Bead Making

Join us for an afternoon of glass bead making with a jaunt over our border.

Erlan Nordenskald has graciously offered her knowledge and studio to teach us bead making and give us a chance to practice and make beads!

Details: Sunday, February 25, 2018

12-6 PM

Nebula Crafts:

55 West Railroad Ave.

Building 24, second floor Studio W

Garnerville, NY 10923

(Look for SCA signs)

845-358-7576 (Maria Daggett)

There is not a fee for this workshop, but donations are greatly appreciated.

RSVP to Conandil moas@northpass.eastkingdom.org by Thurs., Feb. 22nd

Please note there is an age restriction for this activity; 12 and up unless prearranged with Erlan.

A&S Workshop Day

Friderich and Lilie have graciously offered to host an afternoon of A&S activities. See sidebar for current offerings. Workshop space will be available for those who wish to sew, work on hand-projects or just come and socialize. If there are others who want to teach classes, please contact the hosts' ([email](#)), and they'll do their best to arrange a time and space.

Details: Sunday, March 18, 2018

1-7 PM

Friderich and Lilie's

3720 Hudsonview St.

Mohegan Lake, NY 10547

(914) 261-6126

A light luncheon will be served. Please contact Friderich with allergy or dietary concerns

A.S.A.P.

Please RSVP to [Friderich](#)

Allergen Alert— there are two cats in residence

Commons Meeting-

The monthly meeting of the Canton to discuss upcoming activities, events, policies, etc. Meetings are typically held on the first Tuesday of the month unless there is conflict.

Details: Tuesday, March 6, 2018

7:30-9 PM

Apollodora and Francisco's:

66 Smalley Corners Road, Carmel, NY 10512

Francisco's cell 516-457-5428; Apollodora's cell 772-577-9671

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Allergen Alert— There are two big, friendly dogs in this residence.

Upcoming Events

Bear's Tavern— March 2-4, 2018 held in Peekskill, NY

For more information about the event, site address, and reservation information visit [here](#).

Brew U— April 13-15, 2018 held in Peekskill, NY

Northpass welcomes the EK Brewers Guild for a collegium dedicated to the art of brewing.

For more information about the event, site address, and reservation information visit [here](#).

Blood & Axes II— July 6-8, 2013 held in Carmel, NY

An event dedicated to thrown weapons along with the opportunity to participate in all things marshal. Join us for a day of activity on July 7th including a thrown range, an archery range, a fencing list, a heavy list, as well as youth combat.

For more information about the event, site address, and reservation information visit [here](#).

Other Event News

Kings and Queens A&S and Bardic competitions took place on Feb. 10 within our borders. The amazing display of talent from our glorious Kingdom was awe inspiring! The Largesse was well received by their Majesties and their heirs.

[Congratulations to our newest AoAs— Lord Francisco de Braga and Apollodora Alethes of Delphi!](#)

Meeting Highlights

We experienced our first remote session during February's meetings. Archubeas was intending to moderate the session; however, he ended up being on the remote call.

The webminister is working on a Google option and refining the process.

Colin of Northpass was voted in as a new Deputy Seneschal— Pace is getting closer to having a chapter.

The chatelaine resigned.

The deputy chatelain, Francisco de Braga, was voted into the office as our chatelain.

The new email group will be underway soon. Invitations will be sent to the current list inviting list members to join the new list.

There is potential for an armoring session; meeting attendees showed great interest in this prospect.

Northpass needs to create a gold key— details of when, how, and who will be running this endeavor have yet to be determined. Esnade graciously offered fabric for our SCA use.

Northpass Event Procedures have been posted on the website and can be found [here](#).

Release forms are required for your personal information to be posted in The Stronghold, on the Northpass Website, in The Pikestaff, or any other SCA publication. If you are an officer it is helpful to have submitted a release form. Also, any member who intends on running an event or activity should fill out a release form. Requests for electronic or printed forms should be directed to the [chronicler](#).

The chronicler is accepting articles for this publication. If you wish to submit an article, please contact the chronicler.

Open offices: Archery Captain, Fencing Captain, MOL, and Knight Marshal

If you are interested in any of these offices, please contact [Wilhelm](#).

For a more thorough account of the meeting please find the meeting notes [here](#).

Save the Date:

Activities:

Late winter/early spring
Heralds Day for Heralds
A one day symposium
discussing all aspects of
book heraldry.

6/10/18 tentative date for
Beginner Pewter Casting in
Port Chester

Meetings:

3/16 Østgarðr Commons
Hosted in Northpass

Commons 4/10/18* (Second
Tuesday) in Ardsley

Events:

9/7-9/9 Barleycorn
10/20-10/21 Goat's Tavern

A&S Workshop Day

Current offerings

1-3:

A Beginners Practicum on Medieval
Sauces, Friderich

4-6:

Introduction to SCA Archery and
Picking Your Kit, Friderich

What's in a Period Name, Lilie

Awaiting scheduling:

Beginner Calligraphy, Lada

Embroidery Circle

Finger Looping, Conandil

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