

# Østgarðr Commons Minutes Jan. 2023

*The Province's monthly commons meeting was held on January 18.*

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## Attendance

### Officers:

- Angelica di Nova Lipa, Vicereine
- Sofya Gianetta di Trieste, Vicereine
- Nagashima Ichiro Ujimichi, Seneschal
- Alienor Salton, Exchequer, Seneschal of Whyt Whey
- Drasma Dragomira, Herald
- Albrecht Anker, Chatelaine, Social Media Officer
- Friderich Grimme, Webminister
- Zahra de Andaluzia, Chronicler
- Alexander MacLachlan, Fencing Marshal, Deputy Seneschal
- Vitasha Ivanova doch', Minister of Lists
- Kunigunde Wedemann, Chancellor Minor
- Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin, Historian
- Arnora Ketilsdottir, Seneschal of Brokenbridge
- Francisco de Braga, Deputy Exchequer

### Populace:

- Branimira of the Isles
- Buenaventura Miguel Rivera
- Gibbs Moryss
- Lada Monguligan
- Oliver de Bainbrig
- Ragnarr bláskegg
- Richard the Poor of Ely
- Simon the Tanner

### Absent Officers:

- Brandr Aronsson, Arts & Sciences
- Ervald LaCoudre Edwardson, Armored Combat

- Iola Wulfsdotter, Seneschal of Lions End

## Opening

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm.

## Deck the Halls of Valhalla

Deck the Halls of Valhalla was a success. The Foxy Bard was selected as the new bardic champion. Zahra de Andaluzia won the "populace choice" bardic award and also received her Silver Brooch (issued by the royals at Hundred Minutes).

## Upcoming Events

- Sunday Jan 22: Scribal workshop in Brokenbridge, organized by Lada.
- Sunday Jan 22: Whyt Whey's gallery outing.
- Wednesday Jan 25: Craft night in Astoria. Creating new provincial banners.
- Sunday Jan 29: Pennsic 101 taught by Jenna. Additional sessions of this class will be scheduled for the coming months.
- Wednesday every week: Fighter practice at Manhattanville Community Center.
- March 4: Bear's Tavern. Make your reservations now.
- April 8: Craft Gathering at New Rochelle Library
- April 15: EK Brewer's Collegium.

**Masking rules are in effect for all local events because of the city's Covid community levels.**

## Awards

A Provincial award recommendation form is up on the website. Kingdom award recommendations (via their website) are due at the end of January, March, May.

## Barleycorn

Date for Barleycorn has been set for Labor Day Weekend. We are looking for a pair of event stewards for this event.

## Storage

We have settled on a space in Mount Vernon. Space is 5x8. First month is a dollar, plus setup fee. Monthly fee was \$86 + \$15 insurance when we last checked it back in October, total cost should be under \$110 per month. Alec and Uji will get the space rented soon and move in the first items. Once we have that space rented, we can collect gear from Lada, etc. We have a combination lock for the storage space thanks to Angelica. We will work off the old inventory list and update it when loading things into the unit.

The Yorktown Storage Post space is being kept. The space is 5x5x5, elevated, and currently holds gear that used to belong to Northpass.

## Northpass

Buenaventura was invited by the Ostgardr Seneschal to address the populace. Esnede and Ben had filed a lawsuit against the Society over a series of disputes that culminated in Northpass being suspended and dissolved.

That lawsuit was recently settled. The settlement provides for restoring Northpass, including the name, armory, and prior possessions. The Society Seneschal and President have committed to seeing that Northpass is restored.

Ben has been having discussions with Uji and others. Uji was asked by Ben to be involved to solicit members willing to serve as officers for the reinstated Northpass.

This process is and continues to be controlled by the terms of a legal agreement with the SCA.

There is no written plan yet for how the new canton will go about establishing its charter (formerly known as bylaws) and selecting its initial slate of officers. It's a legal matter, not a matter of normal Society procedures. The Society President will decide the plan and draft the paperwork in consultation with the Society Seneschal, Buenaventura and Esenede.

This situation is unprecedented. They would like to see all of this put to bed as quickly as possible, but need to ensure they follow legal requirements.

Ben's presentation was followed by a spirited conversation.

Several people requested that we table this discussion and ask Society leadership to provide us with more information before we proceed.

To summarize: Northpass will be returning as a Canton of Østgarðr. The Society Seneschal and Society President are directly involved. Uji's hands have been tied about releasing some information.

There will be a meeting between the SCA President, Buenaventura, Esnede, and Uji. Probably within the next two weeks, if schedules allow.

The lawsuit and terms of settlement are public record.

## **Advance Notice**

Moving forward, the compiled officer reports and agenda for the next commons meeting will be sent to the populace in advance of the meeting.

## **Closing**

Meeting formally closed as of 8:30.