

**Unto the people of the Barony of Nordskogen do Baron Ilya
and Baroness Saraídh send warm greetings in these dark
and chilly days!**

Happy holidays to all members of the Nordskogen family! We wish you a very merry New Year as we turn the page on the past decade and consider the New Year yet ahead. We hope you are enjoying your festivities, whatever they may be, near or far, with family or friends, raucous parties or quiet contemplation. As the modern holiday celebrations wrap up, we look forward to Nordskogen's own Twelfth Night. As always, we hope to see many of you there, as we host guests from across the kingdom and beyond. We are particularly looking forward to the Bard of Nordskogen contest this year. The theme is alliteration, which is a theme of particular interest for fans of the Poetic Edda and Anglo-Saxon poetry, as well as a particular favorite of HE Ilya.

We would like to thank everyone who came out for December's Toys for Tots tourney. This year Nordskogen donated over 150 toys to the Toys for Tots cause. We greatly enjoyed the excellent display of prowess and chivalry on the field, as well as the general fun. It was tragic that two fighters ended up dying in such a gruesome manner, but such are the fates of those who engage in combat.

Although it is cold outside, it is not too early to think about upcoming events in warmer times! Master Ingus is looking for a number of deputies and ultimately a successor as Nordskogen WW event steward.

As always, we are interested in hearing from Our people about any and all activities going on in the barony and cantons, and particularly encourage the populace to submit award recommendations so that We may recognize the worthy efforts of Our people.

In service to the lands of the eternal snowflake,

Ilya and Saraídh

Baron and Baroness of Nordskogen
Ninget! (Let it snow!)

