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The Official Monthly Newsletter  
of the Kingdom of Meridies

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Baroness Catriona the Blind*

## Meridian Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Sponsoring Group & Contact
Dec 1 – 3, 2023  	Magna Faire	<b>Hosted by the Barony of Iron Mountain</b> POC: Magdalena da Parma Sen.IronMtn@meridies.org
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Jan 12 – 14, 2024  	Panhandle Skirmishes	<b>Hosted by the Shire of Phoenix Glade</b> POC: Lady Mael Muire ingen Dubgaill Lady Rose Rennel sen.phoenixglade@meridies.org
Jan 13, 2024	Wing Ding	<b>Hosted by the Canton of South Reach</b> POC: Lady Etain of the Ulaid pulaskipac@gmail.com
Jan 20, 2024	Menhir	<b>Hosted by the Shire of Rising Stone</b> POC: Countess Gwen na Preachain Medieval vogue@yahoo.com
Jan 27, 2024  	Fighters Collegium/ Meridian War College	<b>Hosted by the Barony of Iron Mountain and Canton of South Reach</b> POC: Genevieve Alaiz d'Avignon Roy MacLucas baronessgenevieveop@gmail.com Roy.maclucas@yahoo.com

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### Publication Deadlines

All event flyers, notices, officer letters, etc., must be received by the first of the month preceding the month of publication, e.g., event flyers for the July PC must be received by June 1.

### Calendar

The Meridian Event Calendar originates with the Kingdom Seneschal's Office and is correct as of October 8, 2023. To add your event to this calendar contact the Kingdom Calendar Deputy at [calendar@meridies.org](mailto:calendar@meridies.org).

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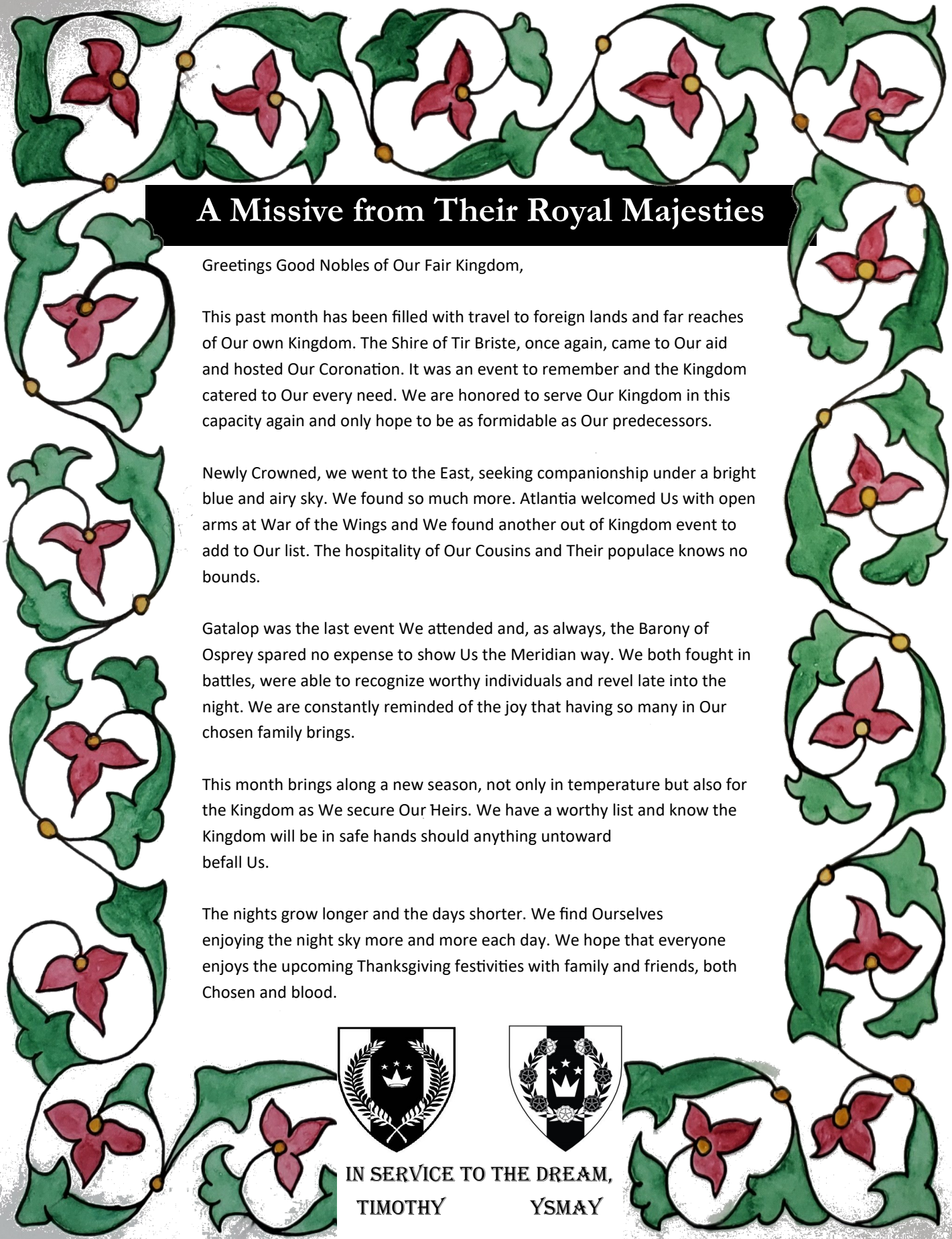
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## A Missive from Their Royal Majesties

Greetings Good Nobles of Our Fair Kingdom,

This past month has been filled with travel to foreign lands and far reaches of Our own Kingdom. The Shire of Tir Briste, once again, came to Our aid and hosted Our Coronation. It was an event to remember and the Kingdom catered to Our every need. We are honored to serve Our Kingdom in this capacity again and only hope to be as formidable as Our predecessors.

Newly Crowned, we went to the East, seeking companionship under a bright blue and airy sky. We found so much more. Atlantia welcomed Us with open arms at War of the Wings and We found another out of Kingdom event to add to Our list. The hospitality of Our Cousins and Their populace knows no bounds.

Gatalop was the last event We attended and, as always, the Barony of Osprey spared no expense to show Us the Meridian way. We both fought in battles, were able to recognize worthy individuals and revel late into the night. We are constantly reminded of the joy that having so many in Our chosen family brings.

This month brings along a new season, not only in temperature but also for the Kingdom as We secure Our Heirs. We have a worthy list and know the Kingdom will be in safe hands should anything untoward befall Us.

The nights grow longer and the days shorter. We find Ourselves enjoying the night sky more and more each day. We hope that everyone enjoys the upcoming Thanksgiving festivities with family and friends, both Chosen and blood.



IN SERVICE TO THE DREAM,  
TIMOTHY YSMAY



## Kingdom Law Changes – October 2023

### Garick & Yasamin

**#1 – Deletion of Membership benefit for free combat and authorization cards. There is no fee for these auth cards. Clarification that membership is not needed for AoA level awards.**

#### VII.101 MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The Kingdom offers the following benefits to members of the populace, who contribute to the greater weal of the Society and the Kingdom by holding a paid membership. All membership types are equal for the purposes of the benefits.

- A. Holding a branch, regional or Kingdom office,
- B. Participation in Crown List,
- ~~C. Free combat and combat related authorization cards,~~
- ~~D. Eligibility for Armigerous Grant Level or higher awards.~~
- E. Heraldic Submissions: The College of Heraldry will offer a cost reduction per action.

**#2 – Remove requirement of paid membership for AoA level awards. Required for GoA and above.**

#### VIII.101 Armigers

All individuals ~~receiving armigerous Grant Level or higher awards~~ in the Kingdom of Meridies or any individual invested with a Territorial Baronage are required to be paid members of the Society at the time of award.

**#3 – Update Branch Guidelines to include Province as an option in addition to Barony.**

#### V.101 Branch Requirements

- B. Each Barony/Province must also fulfill these requirements in addition to V-101.A., -B and the minimum requirements set by Corpora
  1. Baronies will develop and maintain written guidelines for the responsibilities of the Baronial Seat and the Baronial Officers. Provinces will develop written guidelines for Provincial Officers. A current version of these procedures and guidelines is held by the Kingdom Seneschal's office.
  2. Each Barony/Province must hold at least 1 official published event per calendar year.
  3. Each Barony/Province will submit at least one Kingdom level event bid each calendar year.
  4. A Barony/Province must continuously maintain a level of excellence in the Arts & Sciences, and the Martial Arts through classes and practices.

**#4 – Change Office of Minister of Children to Minister of Youth.**

#### Table of Contents: ARTICLE IV DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

##### IV.115 MINISTER OF ~~CHILDREN~~ YOUTH

- A. The Minister of Youth fosters the education of the children of Meridies (between the ages of 5 to 16) on medieval activities and the Society. This position is a deputy to the Kingdom Seneschal.
- B. The Minister of Youth will ensure, but not necessarily run, children's activities that occur at Kingdom-level events.
- C. The Minister of Youth administers and develops curriculum for the Page School or assigns a deputy to oversee this administration and curriculum development.
- D. The Minister of Youth is responsible for and has authority over all other ministers of ~~children~~ Youth in the various branches of the Kingdom.
- E. The Minister of Youth may appoint deputies as necessary to aid in the administration of their office.

**#5 – Update KLEs to reflect that Coronation bids may be awarded once Heirs have been determined for their own coronations.**

#### VI.101 KINGDOM AND REGIONAL EVENTS

- D. The Crown may award bids as early as one year, but no later than six (6) months, prior to the scheduled event, except for Coronation. At The Crown's discretion, Coronation bids may be awarded following the determining Crown Tournament, so that Their Majesties and Heirs may consult prior to awarding the bid for The Heirs' Coronation. The Kingdom Seneschal will officially notify all bidding groups of the bid outcome.

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**#6 – Inclusion of “Captain” for the Order of the Blade members.**

VIII.201 Orders of High Merit

A. Orders.

1. Blade, Order of the Meridan
  - c.. Companions ~~are~~ **may be** styled and announced in procession as ~~Companions~~ **Captains** of the Order of the Meridian Blade

**#7 – Clarification for the Fellowship of St. Orion that recipients receive a court barony and Grant.**

VIII.218 Fellowship of St. Orion of Meridies

B. ~~At Their Majesties discretion~~, Elevation to the Fellowship shall confer upon the holder a Grant of Arms and Court Barony**#8 – Removal of language from the Meridian Pillar regarding ambiance and addition of the badge description.**

VIII.222 MERIDIAN PILLAR, ORDER OF THE

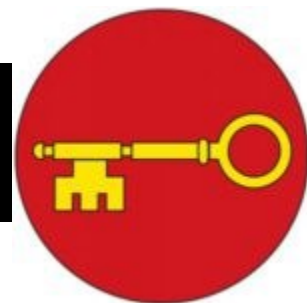
- A. The Crown may induct into this order those subjects who have enriched the Kingdom with outstanding works.
- B. The subjects inducted into this order should be inspirations to the populace and/or kingdom, i.e., “A Pillar of the Community.”
- C. The order may be awarded to individuals or to official or unofficial groups, ~~both official and unofficial.~~
- D. The Order of the Meridian Pillar may only be given once per reign.
- E. Companions are entitled to place after their names the initials “C.M.P”.
- F. **Companions may wear a badge (Fieldless) A pillar sable, its capital and base Or.**

**#9 – Remove all of Article IX, Entire section of Sumptuary Laws****#10 – Addition of the Order of the Lux Meridies for promotion of authentic ambiance.**

VIII.225, Lux Meridies, Order of the

- A. The Crown may induct into this order those subjects who have enriched the Kingdom with outstanding works or appearance that promote an authentic ambiance.
- B. The order may be awarded to individuals or to official or unofficial groups.
- C. Companions are entitled to place after their names the initials “C.L.M”.

## From the Kingdom Seneschal



Greetings,

These Sanctions were done on the same day in the final court of Garick von Köpke and Yasamin al-Hadiyya and then in the first court of Timothy of Long Bennington and Ysmay of Branston.

On October 14, 2023, Their Majesties Garick von Köpke and Yasamin al-Hadiyya, The Crown of Meridies, have issued a Banishment from the Royal Presence against Richard Harris, known in the Society as Kal-Bardr Gellir.

On October 14, 2023, Their Majesties Timothy of Long Bennington and Ysmay of Branston, The Crown of Meridies, have issued an Exile from the Kingdom of Meridies against Richard Harris, known in the Society as Kal-Bardr Gellir.

In Service

*Majster Níkoslav Mikolaevich,**OD*

Nicholas Cheimis  
Kingdom Seneschal, Meridies  
(they/them)





## Greetings from the Chatelain

### Shake it up

While business meetings are necessary and A&S classes are educational, sometimes what is needed is a reminder that this is a hobby and should be fun. That can be achieved by shaking up the routine and adding activities not normally on your schedule. How about a game night, a movie night, kids day or cooking a dinner together?

### Involve your group

Inspire group projects such as largess, site tokens, etc. We all want to belong that is especially true for Newcomers. Making room for them at the

table is important. Pick projects that every one can contribute no matter the skill level. You may find hidden talents, teach some old or new tricks and build community. At the end it will feel great to be able to say “we did this!”

Don't get stuck in a rut and instead of relying on events to entertain you, make your own fun. You may be surprised who may break out if they're shell and shows talent in one thing or another.

Team work makes the Dream work!

*Dis in Rauda*

Kingdom Chatelaine

## Elevations, Events, Announcements



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THE BARONY OF IRON MOUNTAIN PRESENTS

# Magna Faire

MEDIEVAL  
HOLIDAY

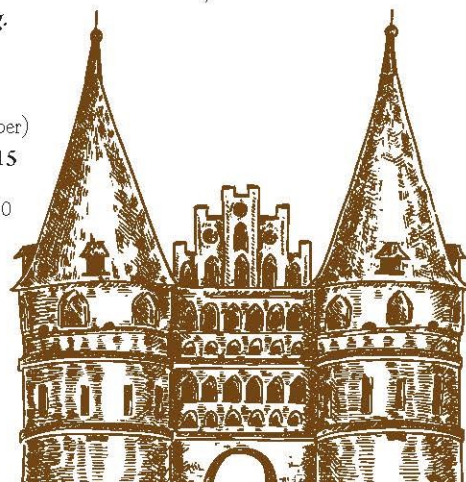
DALWHINNIE FIELDS • DECEMBER 1-3, 2023

Join us for a Medieval holiday weekend where you can enter a project in the Magna Faire or the A&S Regional. A special brewing track is planned along with other special interest classes. Rapier and heavy fighters can take part in the Toys for Tots charity tournament, the Sword and Mistletoe Tournament and the popular Iron Mountain Baronage Rapier Tournameant. Site opens Friday at 5 pm central and closes Sunday at 10 am central. *Look for more information on the Facebook Event page and at [ironmountain.meridies.org](http://ironmountain.meridies.org).*

<b>Weekend Fee</b>	<b>Day Trip Fee</b>	<b>Breakfast additional \$3</b>
Non-member \$28.00	Non-member \$22.00	Feast additional \$12
Member \$23.00	Member \$17.00	Bunk Space additional (limited number)
<b>Children Admitted FREE</b> but food and bunk space is additional		<b>Upper bunks \$13 Lower bunks \$15</b>

Event Steward – Maestra Magdalena da Parma (Louise Webb) at [Sen.IronMtn@meridies.org](mailto:Sen.IronMtn@meridies.org) or 205 529 1010  
 Magna Faire Open and Class Steward – Mistress Marsali of Crosgate • KA&S Regional – Duchess Thorakata Herjolsdottir at [artsci@meridies.org](mailto:artsci@meridies.org) • Feast Steward – Mistress Aislinge MacCuihtein (Carla Neal) at [carlaneal@comcast.net](mailto:carlaneal@comcast.net) • Knights Marshal – THLord Iain MacArthur at [KM.IronMtn@meridies.org](mailto:KM.IronMtn@meridies.org)

**Directions:** Dalwhinnie Fields, 251 Co. Rd. 58, Marion, AL 36701. From the North: Take your besst route to AL-14, Turn left onto Co Rd. 58. From the South: Take your best route to AL-14, Turn right onto Co. Rd. 58. **Use Google Maps for Navigation. Make checks payable to:** SCA, Inc/Barony of Iron Mountain. **Mail to:** Lady Emma Wyatt (Jen King), 1579 Vestridge Circle, Vestavia AL 35216



## Winter Market



The Barony of Gladedenfeld presents  
 A Winter Market in the style of 1400's Germany.

Please join us for a day of activities including shopping, arts and sciences including the Stella Nova Novice A&S Faire, fighting, and food as we prepare for the holidays.

Location: James E Ward Agricultural Center  
 945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087  
 Date: Dec 9, 2023 Time: 9a-6p

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Mail reservations to: PO Box 40702 Nashville TN 37204  
 Make checks payable to: SCA-TN, Inc/Barony of Glaedenfeld  
 Registration Structure:

Adult Event Fee	Children
Daytrip (pre-reg) - \$15.00 Member Discount - \$5.00	All children 17 and under - FREE
Daytrip (at door) - \$17.00 Member Discount - \$5.00	
Feast - \$10.00	



The Barony of Bryn Madoc Presents:  
THE SOVEREIGNS OF MISRULE: A 12<sup>th</sup> Night Celebration, 1/6/2024

**Site:** St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church, 3195 Barnett Shoals Rd., Athens GA 30605  
**Cost:** \$10 per adult; 17 and under free. Non-member adult additional fee: \$5  
**Site opens:** 9:00 AM; **site closes:** 9:00 PM. Site is **PEANUT FREE**.  
**More information:** [brynmadoc.meridies.org](http://brynmadoc.meridies.org)



Join us for a day of fencing, fighting, thrown weapons, dance, live music, classes, fiber arts, and a scriptorium. Best of all, there will be a Parade of Hobby Horses with jousting and contests for youth and adults led by the **Sovereigns of Misrule!**



We are also delighted to host a **Regional Arts and Sciences Faire!** See website for details.  
For more information, contact Duchess Thorkatla: [artsci@meridies.org](mailto:artsci@meridies.org)

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**Directions:** Take best route to Athens GA. Take the 10-Loop to Exit 7, College Station Rd. Turn and head SE. When College Station Rd. ends, turn right. Go to next stoplight (half mile); turn left onto Barnett Shoals. Go 1 mile; St. Gregory's is on the left just past Montessori School.



The Canton of South Reach presents  
**WING DING IV**  
January 13, 2024  
Pulaski Rec Center  
333 East College Street, Pulaski, TN 38478



Classes! Fighting! Rummage sale!  
Activities for younglings! Wings for lunch!  
Probably other stuff that requires exclamation points!

Don't miss out!

Site opens at 8:00 a.m., first class starts at 9:00 a.m., site closes at 5:30 p.m.

Directions from I-65: Take Exit 14 and head west on Highway 64 toward Pulaski. Turn right on East College Street and follow it until you reach the Rec Center on your left.

Site fee: \$13 per person, \$8 with member discount. Make checks payable to SCA-TN/Barony of Glaedenfeld.

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# Menhir: The Ancient World

January 20, 2024

Come join the Shire of Rising Stone back at our traditional site for a day focused on all things pre-6<sup>th</sup> century, from astronomy to daily dress.

Eat a delicious Roman thermopolia-style (fast food) lunch feast by Mistress Maysun.

Fight in exciting tournaments, including the Ser Maddach bearpit and the Papa John Memorial Tourney, run by Duke Seth, Sir John, and Sir Haldr. Also fight in exciting tournaments with the rapier list.

Event Steward and class coordinator: Countess Gwen na Preachain (Stephanie Stewart-Howard, [medieval\\_vogue@yahoo.com](mailto:medieval_vogue@yahoo.com))

Feast Steward: Mistress Maysun al-Rasheeqa (Missy Pancake, [mpancake@gmail.com](mailto:mpancake@gmail.com))

Reservationist: Master David l'Ymagour (David Fricker, [reeve@risingstone.org](mailto:reeve@risingstone.org))

Location: Lane Agri Park, 315 John R Rice Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Price: All prices are daytrip only.

\$18 – Members; no feast

\$23 – Non-Members; no feast

\$7 – Feast per person

Site opens 8:30 am and closes 6 pm

Make checks payable to SCA-TN, Inc: Shire of Rising Stone



## Knights' Gambit

February 9 - 11, 2024  
 Dalwhinnie Fields  
 1515 Pine Flat Church Road  
 Selma, AL 36701



Come join the **Shire of Thorngill** for one of the premier fighting events in Meridies! Show off your skills in the Robert Hightower Unbelted Classic, and then get the opportunity to train, one on one, with the **Knights!** Stay tuned for more details of activity schedule! Feast is sure to please. Come for the day or stay for the weekend. Camping included in site fee. Limited bunkhouse beds available for additional fee. Upper bunk is \$10 and Lower bunk is \$15. Site opens 5 pm Friday (Feb 9) and closes Sunday (Feb 11) at 11:00 am.

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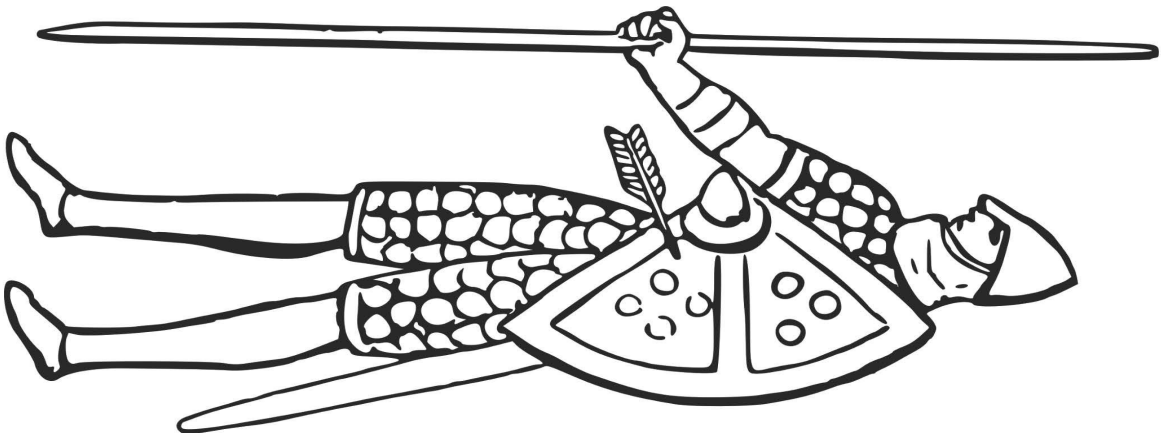
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Fees:	Before Jan 31, 2024		At the Door		Knights & 17 & under
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member	
Daytrip	\$13.00	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	FREE
Weekend	\$19.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	FREE
FEAST	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00

Make checks payable to: **SCA, Inc./Shire of Thorngill.**  
 Online will be available through **01/31/2024** via google form  
**NOTE** Checks and cash only at the door.

**Directions:** Make your best route to AL-14 W (West of Selma). Turn North onto County Rd 58 near mile marker 101. Dalwhinnie Fields will be approx. 1.5 miles down the road on the left.



The Barony of Iron Mountain and  
the Canton of South Reach present

## War College

January 27, 2024

Giles County Agri Park

2030 Elktion Pike, Pulaski, TN 38478

Fighting, fighting, and more fighting!  
Oh, and a fundraiser lunch, too!

Site opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 7:00 p.m.

Directions from I-65: Take Exit 14 and head west on Highway 64 toward Pulaski. Continue to US-31 S/Elktion Pike. Turn left on US-31 S/Elktion Pike and continue to the park.

Site fee: \$15 per person, \$10 with member discount.

Make checks payable to SCA Inc/Barony of Iron Mountain.

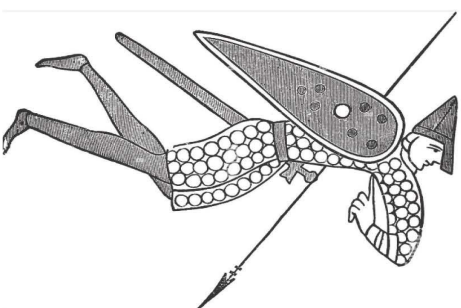
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