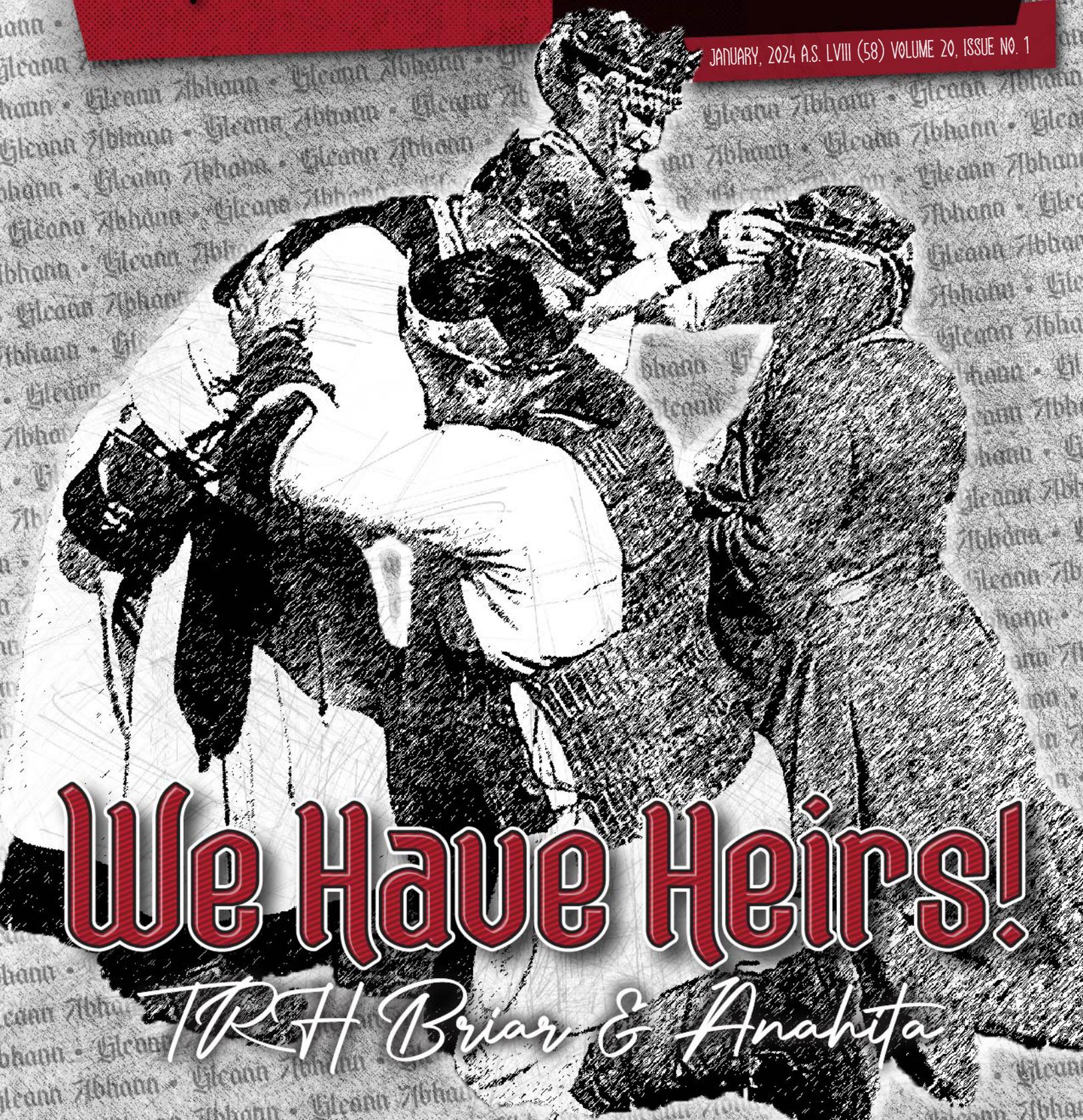


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We Have Heirs!

TRF Briar & Anahita

From Their Majesties

Good Tidings and Warmest Wishes to you all!

First of all, We have Heirs!! Congratulations to Briar and Anahita, Crown Prince and Princess of Gleann Abhann! His Majesty and I feel that the Ram Throne is secure if anything were to happen to Us. Or We get the notion to return to Our nomadic Mongolian roots.

His Majesty and I visited Our Royal Cousins in Ansteorra for the event known as BAM/War of the Ram. We were honored to take the field with our Gleann Abhann forces on both the heavy and rapier fields.

A chill in the air means that the Holiday season is near and that means one of Our favorite events, Christmas Revel. Christmas Revel was hosted by the Barony of Axemoor and boasted indoor fighting, indoor A&S displays, Kingdom merchants, and visits from Papa Noel and Krampus. The chilly, rainy weather outside could not have dimmed the warm smiles or dampened the laughter that radiated from the hall.

Next on Our Progress is Tournament of Champions hosted by the Shire of Iron Ox where We will see who will be named the TOC XII winner!

Until We meet again, stay safe and be warm!



Christof *Brinninn*
Khan *Khan*



From Their Highnesses

Greetings unto the populace of Gleann Abhann.

'Tis a great honor to be Heirs to this magnificent River Valley Realm. May our reign be as just and fair as the line of magnanimous sovereigns before us.

Christmas Revel, as always, was a joy to be had. There were demonstrations of martial excellence, displays of artistic wonder, and marvelous delights to be enjoyed. Children's activities were well crafted and thoughtful. Papa Noel even came to visit and shared storytime and gifts with all the children. A deep sorrow twas felt by many at the announcement of Baron Floki and Baroness Kita relocating to distant lands. We wish them safe travels and prosperity in their new adventures.

Tournament of Champions this year was a sight to behold with feats of eminence skill and word fame renown. Congratulations to this year's victor.

We look forward to seeing you all at 12th Night, here in the Barony of Seleone, to celebrate the beginning of a new year together in laughter, revel, and the making of new memories. The Sealion Coast, known for its hospitality and service, always hosts superb events.

In the time of the Wolf moon, January, Winter wonders come as a burst of life! This event boast the knowledge and marvels of how to survive war which shall be waged within the borders of our fair Kingdom come spring. We are greatly looking forward to the elevations of the Mistress Isabel Winterbourne and Maestro Jam Ricarediz at Winter Wonders.

In gratitude and service,

BRINN
Prince

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Princess



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Greetings unto the Populace of our fair Kingdom,



Wow it has been a busy month!!!

WE HAVE HEIRS!!! I'm looking forward to working with Their Royal Highnesses in the upcoming months and throughout their reign as King and Queen. I may even see if I can get HRH Anahita to write us an article or two. She has experience being Chronicler for Seleone #winkwink :)

Their Royal Majesties have been super busy making all of the events and are starting to make plans for Gulf Wars. Parties are being planned, money is being raised and volunteer schedules are being drafted. If you have time to volunteer at this year's Gulf Wars, please do so. It takes a village to run an event this large. Remember you are supporting your Kingdom, your Barony / Shire and your chosen family.

If you do not already have one, pick your Gulf Wars Buddy. What is a Gulf Wars Buddy you ask. Well it's that person that makes sure you get to the classes you want to take, even though you don't want to get out of bed for an 8:00 class. It's the person that always remembers water when you venture off to the fighting field mid-day. It is also the person who drags you back to camp when you can't figure out how to get home and can't remember which way to turn at 5-points. This come in very handy when you pick the wrong Roaming Amoeba. Just my Gulf Wars Tip of the Month.

My
Gulf Wars Buddy



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 06  **Seleone's 12th Night**
Barony of Seleone • Bay St. Louis, MS

JAN 12  **Winter Wonders**
Shire of Ardanroe • Chatham, LA

FEB 03  **Candlemas**
Barony of Grey Niche • Millington, TN

FEB 23  **GA Fighter's Collegium**
KINGDOM SAVE THE DATE

MAR 09  **Gulf Wars**
Kings Arrow Ranch • Lumberton, MS

APR 05 **Newbie Collegum**
SAVE THE DATE

APR 12  **Gleann Abhann Spring Coronation**
KINGDOM SAVE THE DATE

MAY 10  **Beltaine**
SAVE THE DATE

MAY 17  **Gleann Abhann Spring Crown List**
KINGDOM SAVE THE DATE

JUL 20 **Summer War Melees**
SAVE THE DATE

AUG 30  **Mid Summer Knights Dream**
SAVE THE DATE

SEP 20  **Gleann Abhann Arts & Science**
KINGDOM SAVE THE DATE

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Kingdom Seneschal

Greetings unto the populace of Gleann Abhann,

As my term is coming to an end, I look back on how far we have come. In 2021, when I stepped up, Covid was still in full swing and events as we used to know them, weren't happening. Now as I am stepping down, I see the SCA much more like it was prior to Covid and in some ways better. However I am also stepping down with a lightness in my soul. My successor, Sir Gwynn Bleyne, has ideas and drive to push our Kingdom into a better version of itself with better communications and facilitating easier processes for everything. I look forward to seeing his changes.

Please continue to hold honor and courtesy above all. I look forward to great conversations around a fire or a fighting field or a feast or an A&S competition with all of you.

Thus I remain in Service to the Dream,
Mistress Kendra Dey, OP
(Almost Former) Kingdom Seneschal

Their Royal Majesties Cristof and Broinninn, in conjunction with the Kingdom Seneschal, Kendra Dey, OP, announced at Fall Crown List that the Shire of Coill Fhionnabhann would be removed from abeyance and reactivated as a full shire. Congratulations to the Shire of Coill Fhionnabhann!

The Shire of Pilgrim Fount has been placed in abeyance as of December 2023 per the Kingdom Seneschal, Kendra Dey, OP.

On October 28, 2023, Their Majesties Cristof and Broinninn of Gleann Abhann issued a Temporary Removal from Participation against Ken Thomas known in the society as Hjalmr Of Siognefjord.

Thus I Remain in Service to the Dream,

Mistress Kendra Dey

Kingdom Seneschal



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Gleana Abhanna Court Report

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War of the Rams

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Crown List

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War of the Rams

Combatant Ram

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War of Rams

Rowan of Vogelburg
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Diamond Chalice

Cyprian an Doire
Christmas Revel

Alienor de Ryggeby
Crown List

Raven Nihtingale
Crown List

Signey of Stavanger
Crown List

Meadhbn na N'Ghall
Christmas Revel

Garnet Chalice

Bran Finn hua Neill
Christmas Revel

Queen's Silver Blade

**Marquette Hildebrand
van Amsterdam**
Christmas Revel

Onyx Chalice

**Martha Effingham of
Stewards Keep**
Christmas Revel

Silver Ram

Constanza Rafaella dall Orienta
Christmas Revel

Walter Fitz-Alan
Crown List

Dinara Torzhoksaia
Crown List

War Drum

Gellir Gunnarsson
War of the Rams

War Horn

Alfrid Martinsson
War of the Rams

Gareth the Smaller
War of the Rams

Wreath of Chivalry

Fergus O'Kelly
Crown List

Our gracious Khan and Khatun rely on your
Letters of Recommendation to
award the busy populace of this great Kingdom

WAR *of the* RAMS



REGISTER NOW

Jan
6th

Seleone's 12th Night

Barony of Seleone

Bayou Phillips Community
Center

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Site Opens: 9:00am

Site Closes: 7:00am

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FREE EVENT

HEAVY FIGHTING
RAPIER FIGHTING
ARCHERY • A&S
POTLUCK

Join the Barony for a day of friends,
fighting, food, and art! We will be
holding the baronial heavy / light
tournament, yeoman, and A&S
competitions.

No Alcohol at all!

Jan
12-14

Winter Wonders

Shire of Ardanroe

Jimmie Davis State Park

1209 State Park Road
Chatham, LA 71226

Site Opens: FRI 5:00pm

Site Closes: SUN 10:00am

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Adult Member - \$10

ADULT Registration - \$15

17 & Under - FREE

Bed Fee - \$5

Feast - \$15



PayPal deadline: Dec 29th, 11:59

Make check payable to:

SCA, Inc., Shire of Ardanroe

Feb
3rd

Candlemas

Barony of Grey Niche

Meeman Shelby State Forest

Recreation Lodge
Millington, TN 38053

Site Opens: 8:00am

Site Closes: 5:00pm

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ADULT Registration - \$20

17 & Under - FREE

Feast - \$7 (lunch)



PayPal deadline: Jan 19th, 11:59

Make check payable to:
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Join us for the Elevation of
UTHER to the Order of the Laurel

- Artisan's Path
- Grey Niche Acanthus
- GA Poet Laureat & Bardic

No member shall pay a site registration higher than three (3) adult member registrations to an event as long as they all have proof of membership. This does not include bed or feast registration for more than those covered by the three (3) paid adult member registrations.

NOTICE: Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

REGISTER NOW

Mar
9-17

**GulfWars
XXXII**

SAVE THE DATE!

Apr
5-7

**Newbie
Collegium**

SAVE THE DATE!

Feb
23-25

**GA Spring
Coronation**

KINGDOM
SAVE THE DATE!

Mar
9-17

Beltaine

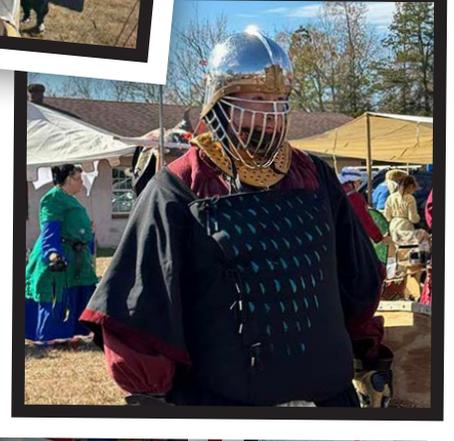
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Gleann Abhann
Crown List





Seasons Greetings from the Kingdom Exchequer,

From

Kingdom Exchequer

Now that the end of the year is upon us it is time to review the reports and bank statements for completeness and accuracy. The November report is due by 12/31/2023, but please do not wait until the last minute to prepare it. The earlier reporting is done, the less it will interfere with the holiday celebrations.

For groups doing any event please remember that the NMR report is due no later than 10 days after the event. The Kingdom has to account for the monthly NMR event reports submitted by the end of the following month. There have been a few late group reports recently, so help me and the Kingdom NMR deputy stay on the good side of the Society NMR officer.

I have been the Kingdom Exchequer for over 2 years now and still do not have a replacement deputy. Your Kingdom needs you. If you have the ability and desire to do this vital job, now is the time to come forward. Please let me or the Society Treasurer know if you are interested.



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YIS,

Master Wolfram Forester
Kingdom Exchequer



Hey, guys, I have a question. What do all the colored belts mean in the SCA?



A white belt is a knight, symbolizing the purity of their craft.



Red is for squires, representing the blood, sweat, and tears on their path to knighthood.



Green is for apprentices to Laurels; they inspire others to create beautiful and authentic works through teaching and example.



Well, Ethan, those are just for holding up people's pants!



And Yellow is for proteges to Pelicans, the backbone of the SCA, recognized for their exceptional service to their kingdom or to the Society as a whole.

Okay, got it. But what about black and brown belts?

barony of axemoor
CHRISTMAS
Revel



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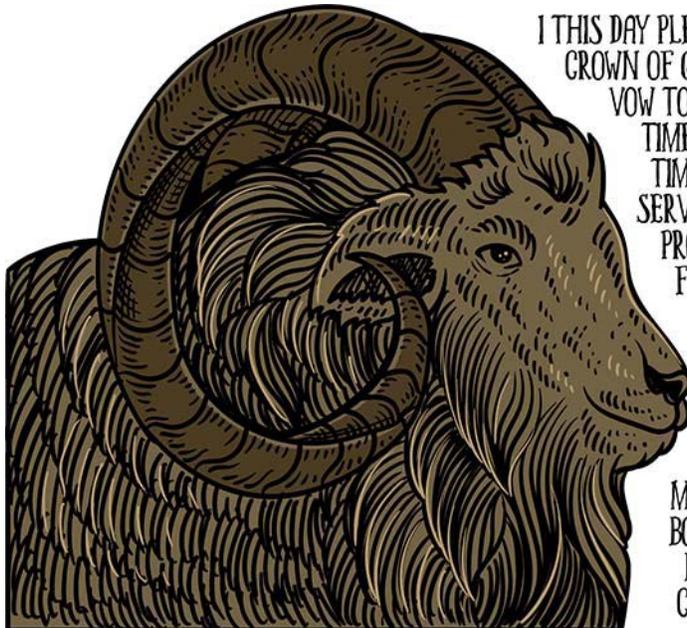
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SERVICE IN TIMES OF NEED. I
PROMISE TO DEFEND OUR
FAIR KINGDOM AGAINST
ALL THAT DESIRE HER
HARM WITH WORD,
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FROM THIS DAY
FORWARD, AS LONG AS
MY CROWN ALLOWS, I AM
BOUND TO BE FAITHFUL,
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