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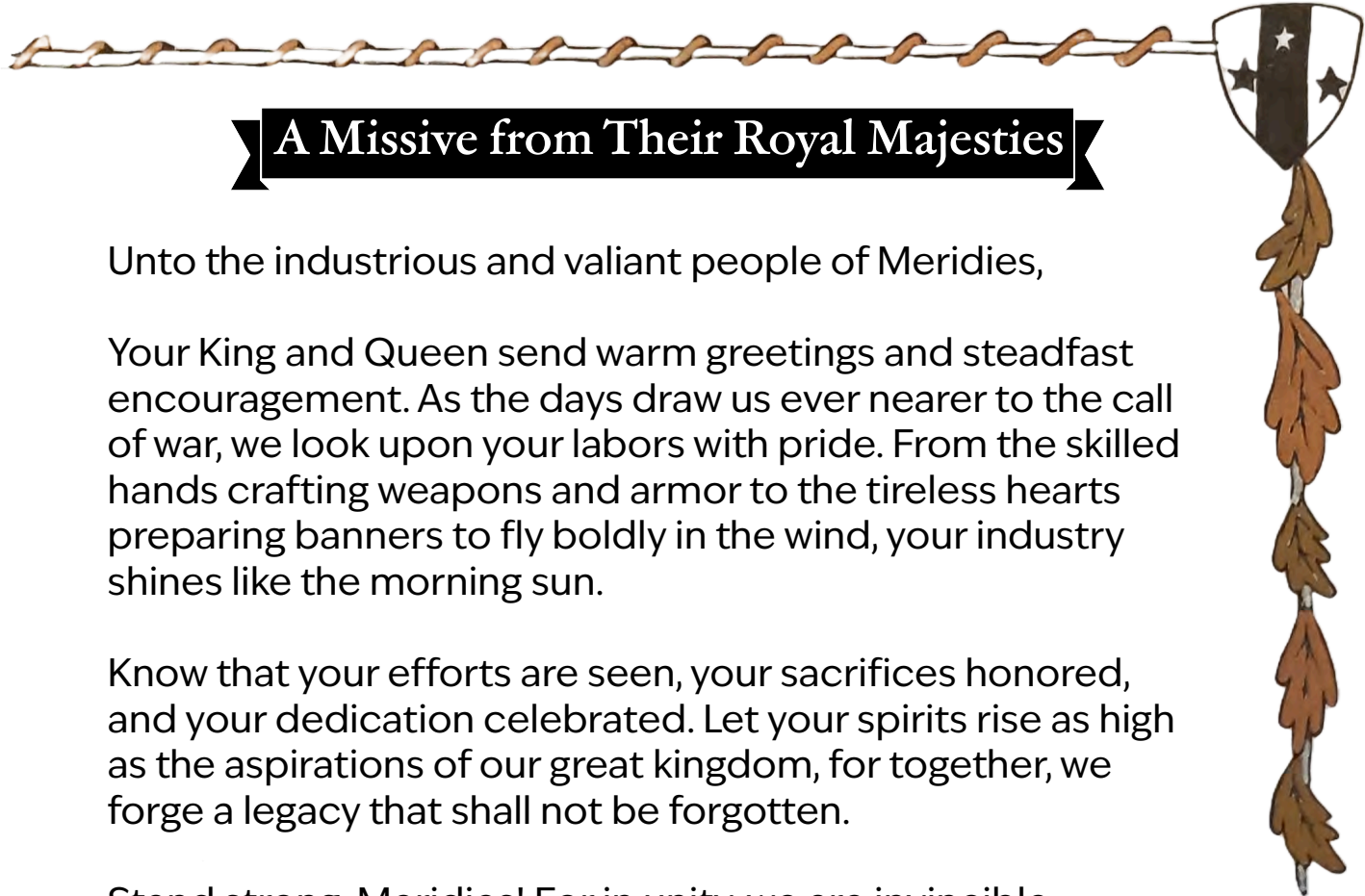
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# A Missive from Their Royal Majesties

Unto the industrious and valiant people of Meridies,

Your King and Queen send warm greetings and steadfast encouragement. As the days draw us ever nearer to the call of war, we look upon your labors with pride. From the skilled hands crafting weapons and armor to the tireless hearts preparing banners to fly boldly in the wind, your industry shines like the morning sun.








Know that your efforts are seen, your sacrifices honored, and your dedication celebrated. Let your spirits rise as high as the aspirations of our great kingdom, for together, we forge a legacy that shall not be forgotten.

Stand strong, Meridies! For in unity, we are invincible.




 With honor and hope,  
*Barthelemy,*      *Oda.*  
 King                      Queen

# Royal Progress



## Feburary, 2025

-   1 Midwinter Arts and Sciences
-   8 Folkgemot
-  14-16 Knights Gambit
-   21-23 Meridian Challenge of Arms

## March, 2025

-   8-16 Gulf Wars XXXIII

## April, 2025

-   5-7 Spring Coronation



## A Missive from Their Royal Highnesses

Unto the glorious populous of Meridies comes greetings from Their Royal Highnesses, Lochlainn and Paraskova,

We trust this missive finds you well and snuggled close to your hearth to keep warm as winter descends upon Our Kingdom. We, too, look forward to the days getting longer and the cold yielding to new spring growth.

Coronation, hosted by the Shire of Owls Nest, will be at a new site north of Rome, GA called Camp Misty Mountain. This camp is in the northwest corner of the state. ArtSci Crown, hosted by the Shire of Tir Briste, will also be at a new site west of LaGrange, GA called Camp Thunder. This camp is in western-central portion of the state. We look forward to getting to know both of these sites and hope that we can continue to use them in the future. Thank you to both groups for stepping up and hosting these mandatory events. Information for all events will be forthcoming very soon.

Volunteering is essential for our society to function. Officers, autocrats, feastcrat, troll, servers, clean up crews are all volunteers. In your travels, please considering sacrificing a couple of hours of your time to help out the event staff. This can be a way of saying thank you for them hosting the event that you are enjoying. It's also a great way to meet new people and learn new skills. There was once a time when Her Highness would never be caught in a kitchen. Now, to Her, it is one of the funnest places on a site. His Highness, on the other hand, is happiest in a kitchen, sweating over a stove. Finding a way to serve that brings joy to your heart can make magic happen.

Gulf Wars is getting close. It is time for a final planning on those projects, be they combat or camp related. Are you ready?



For love of the game,  
*Lochlainn, Paraskova,*  
Prince Princess






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## From the desk of the Kingdom Seneschal

From the Kingdom Seneschal,

The kingdom is currently accepting application for the position of :

Deputy Seneschal - Replacement Deputy

Please send all inquiries into the position via email to [seneschal@meridies.org](mailto:seneschal@meridies.org)

*Duke Wulfstan Thorhallsson*  
Kingdom Seneschal, Meridies

## Kingdom Law Changes -Barthelemy II & Oda II

Their Majesties announce the following change to Meridies Kingdom Law, effective upon publication of this announcement.

VIII.239 Sable Stallion of Meridies, Order of

A. The Crown may induct into this company any person worthy of special recognition for great and noteworthy deeds at events.

B. The Company of the Sable Stallion of Meridies is not limited to a specific category. Deeds of greatness and renown are legendary and inspirational. The populace is encouraged to retell such deeds during celebrations and gatherings.

C. Induction into this Order has no precedence, members of the order may add the initials "S.S.M." after their names.

Thank you,

*Arianne*  
Law Clerk

From the Kingdom Seneschal:

On December 14, 2024, Their Majesties Barthelemy and Oda of Meridies issued the sanction of Exile from the kingdom against Jonathan Brown, known as Marco Di Giuhanni.

*Duke Wulfstan Thorhallsson*  
Kingdom Seneschal, Meridies

# Elevations, Events & Announcements

Greetings everyone from your friendly neighborhood Autocrat for Meridian Grand Tournament 2025,

It's the time of year that I look for a Deputy which basically works like this.

You work with me helping finish the planning and execution of MGT 2025, then you take over for next year (2026). Applicant needs to have good organizational skills and be able to work with people from across the Kingdom.

Remember MGT is a special type of event, it isn't run by a group but by the kingdom, with members from all over (our staff) chipping in to help out. It is also a Deputy Earl Marshal position (DEM-MGT) so you have to answer to the EM about the tournament, and as all Autocrats do to the KS.

Never fear there are guidelines and a handbook to help out.

If you're interested in this job, send an email to [mgt@meridies.org](mailto:mgt@meridies.org), [seneschal@meridies.org](mailto:seneschal@meridies.org), and [kle@meridies.org](mailto:kle@meridies.org) include an SCA resume.

Please have all applications in by March 1 2025. Let me know if you have any questions ([mgt@meridies.org](mailto:mgt@meridies.org)).

Best Regards,  
*Mistress Nuala*

## Quarterly Board Meeting:

April 12 and 13, 2025 - Hybrid  
July 12 and 13, 2025 - Virtual  
October 18 and 19, 2025 - Hybrid

MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL – TBA

→ SATURDAY MEETINGS WILL STILL BE BOTH STREAMED LIVE AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING AT A LATER DATE.

→ LIVE, QUARTERLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SATURDAYS TO ACCOMMODATE NECESSARY TRAVEL.

→ VIRTUAL, QUARTERLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SUNDAYS.

→ ALL MEETING DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGE

»—————«  
Groups interested in hosting a meeting should contact the Executive Assistant ([ea@sca.org](mailto:ea@sca.org)) for information on meeting requirements and how to submit a bid.  
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The Barony of South Downs presents:

## MIDWINTER A&S 2025: A MIDWINTER'S TALE

February 1, 2025 • Wesley Way United Methodist Church, McDonough, GA.  
Site opens at 8:00 am EST and closes at 8:00 pm EST

Join us for a celebration of creativity and learning! Explore the Arts and Sciences Fair showcasing incredible talents and crafts! Dive in to a variety of engaging classes, including the lively and interactive Iron Cookery. Whether you're a seasoned artisan or a curious newcomer, this event has something magical for everyone!

For more info, go to [southdowns.meridies.org/south-downs-events/midwinter-arts-and-sciences-2025/](http://southdowns.meridies.org/south-downs-events/midwinter-arts-and-sciences-2025/)

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Adult fee: \$25  
SCA Member discount: \$10 off  
Kids 17 and under: Free

### MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SCA, INC/BARONY OF SOUTH DOWNS

Requests for refunds must be postmarked to the reservationist or baronial exchequer within 24 hours of the close of the event. Refunds will not be issued at the event.

Directions to Wesley Way UMC, 150 John Wesley Way, McDonough, GA 30252:  
From the north/southwest: Make your last right to 1.20 toward Conyers. Take exit 68 and turn onto Wesley Chapel Rd. heading south, and in 0.3 mile turn left onto S. High Road. In 5 miles at the traffic circle, continue onto GA 155 S. In 2.8 miles at the traffic circle, continue onto GA 155 N. In 11.6 miles, turn left onto Fairview Dr, then in 0.3 mile, turn left onto Conyers Rd. Immediately turn right onto McCarty Rd. In 2 miles, turn right onto John Wesley Way and your destination will be on the right.  
From the south: Take I-75 north to exit 216 and turn left onto GA 155 S. In 0.5 miles, turn right onto McCarty Rd and continue as above.





The Shire of Depedale presents

# Folkgemot

February 8, 2025, 8:30am to 6pm

**Event Steward/ Reservationist**

Dame Sibella Denton  
 mka Dr. Heather Mbaye  
 111 Lisa Ln  
 Carrollton GA 30117  
 badbaroness@gmail.com

All Orders of High Merit and Peerage Orders will meet at this event. At the Crown's will, we might have some other meetings, too. No fighting, no arts, no classes, no Court.

Only meetings. *So many meetings.*

**Event is free!**

Pre-register here:

<https://forms.gle/eFN2xA8RiTWUAsco9>

**Site:** TLC Building, UWG campus. 210 W Georgia Dr, Carrollton GA 30117.

**Parking available across the street behind the University Bookstore. No unloading area available.**



## Knights' Gambit

February 14 - 16, 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 14) and closes Sunday (Feb 16) at 11:00 am.

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Fees:	Before Jan 31, 2025		At the Door		Knights & 17 & under
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member	
Daytrip	\$17.00	\$27.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	FREE
Weekend	\$23.00	\$33.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	FREE
FEAST	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

Make checks payable to: **SCA, Inc./Shire of Thorngill.**  
**Online** will be available through **01/30/2025** 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.

# Meridian Challenge of Arms

**February 21 - 23, 2025**

**1424 W Jackson Ave Suite A Chipley, FL 32428**



## Directions

Take I-10 FL to Exit 10  
Turn N onto HWY 77  
Turn Left onto Jackson Ave  
Turn Right onto McQuagge Creek

**Site Opens 5:00pm Fri & Closes 10:00am Sun**

### Pricing

**Weekend**  
**Member \$30**  
**Non-member \$40**

**Daytrip**  
**Member \$20**  
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**Feast \$12**

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# GULFWARS XXXIII

A War with No Enemies | March 8–16, 2025  
 King's Arrow Ranch | 39 Kings Highway  
 Lumberton, MS 39455



Site opens at 1:00pm on Sat, March 8th and closes at 12:00pm Sun, March 16th. Reservations will not be processed without payment. To receive member pricing, your membership must be valid at the start of the event. Cash and PayPal will be the only forms of payment accepted at the door. There is no separate pricing for day trips. Transfer of reservations is prohibited. For any questions or issues regarding registration for the event, please contact the reservationist [MissAdaliaVonderberg@gulfwars.org](mailto:MissAdaliaVonderberg@gulfwars.org)

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Flyer by Bice Lafrancha di Mantua

Arrival Day	Pre-Registry Member	At the Door Member	Children 17 and under	Pre-registry Non-Member	At the door Non-Member
Sat-Sun	\$125	\$130	Free	\$135	\$140
Mon-Tues	\$110	\$115	Free	\$120	\$125
Wed-Thurs	\$95	\$100	Free	\$105	\$110
Fri-Sat	\$55	\$60	Free	\$65	\$70

**PREREGISTRATION WILL CLOSE 11:59pm CST FEB 28, 2025**

Online registration information, schedules, and information on attending and participating at the event:  
[www.gulfwars.org](http://www.gulfwars.org)



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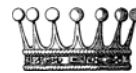
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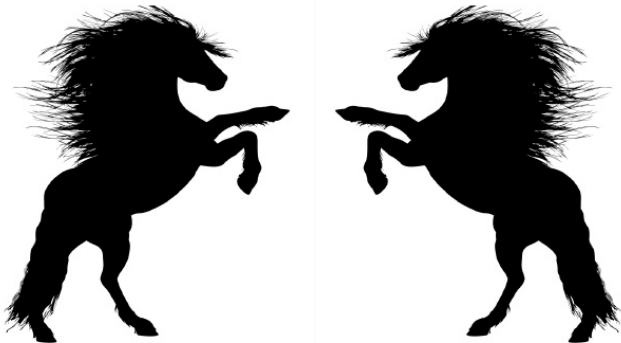
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Date	Event	Sponsoring Group	Event Location	PG #
<b>February, 2025</b>				
1	Midwinter Arts and Sciences	Barony of the South Downs	TBA	7
8	Folkgemot	Shire of Depedale	Carrollton, GA	7
14-16	Knights Gambit	Shire of Thorngill	Selma, AL	9
21-23	Meridian Challenge of Arms	Kingdom of Meridies	Chipley, FL	10
<b>March, 2025</b>				
8-16	Gulf Wars XXXIII	Muliple Kindgoms	Lumberton, MS	NA
<b>April, 2025</b>				
4-6	Spring Coronation	Kindgom of Meridies	TBA	NA
10-13	Fools War	Shire of Tir Briste	TBA	NA
18-20	Dreamstone	Barony of Bryn Madoc	Rutledge, GA	NA
18-20	Iris Faire	Barony of Glaedenfeld	TBA	NA
25-27	Crossroads	Shire of Owl's Nest	Chattanooga, TN	NA