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the official newsletter for the kingdom of gleann abhann



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE OLD FRIENDS
'CAUSE YOU CAN'T MAKE

OLD FRIENDS

From Their Majesties

Greetings unto the noble populace of Gleann Abhann.

This summer has sped past in merely a blink, but we did get the opportunity to visit the Kingdom of Avacal and help celebrate their first 10 years.

By the end of this month we will have recognized our first three co-premiers in the Order of the Mark. We have great faith they will do an admirable job of serving as cornerstones and guides at this new August order celebrates all forms of Ranged Martial Arts.

Please stay cool and hydrated as the summer winds down, and we will look forward to seeing you all down the road.



Caillin Danielle

King

Queen

From Their Highnesses

HARK, O MORTALS, AND ATTEND!

From the heart of the storm-swept lands, Where the ancient oaks stand sentinel, And the rivers sing tales of old, A call echoes, a thunderous summons! The sun, a fiery eye, glares from the heavens, And sweat, like the tears of giants, falls upon the training grounds. Yet, behold! The champions of Gleann Abhann, Unbowed by the summer's cruel embrace, Still gather their steel, still hone their craft!

To those valiant souls who, with unyielding spirit, Host the clash of blade and shield beneath the scorching sky, We, James and Christine, Heirs of Gleann Abhann, Offer our deepest gratitude, etched in the very stone of our hearts! Your dedication is a beacon, a forge where legends are hammered! But heed this warning, O warriors of the Red and Black! The wellspring of life must not run dry!

Drink deep, drink often, lest the sun claim you before the foe! Hydrate, for your strength is the realm's strength, And a parched throat sings no battle song!

Lo! As the seasons turn, so too does the tapestry of our realm unfold, The Arts and Sciences, the very soul of our dream, Stir from their slumber, preparing for their grand display! Let your hands be nimble, your minds alight with inspiration! Bring forth your wonders, your cunning crafts, your ancient lore! Let the halls of Gleann Abhann echo with the whispers of creation, As much as with the clang of steel!

And when new faces, wide-eyed with wonder, step upon our shores, Lost in the vastness of this glorious dream Open your arms, O people of the Storm! Welcome them as kin, as future legends, as the very blood of our tomorrow! Guide them to the hearth, to the practice field, to the workshop, For in their eyes, the dream is reborn, fresh and vibrant!

Let the spirit of Gleann Abhann, forged in fire and fellowship, Burn ever brighter!

In Faith,

Prince James the Serpent of Wolfwine

Princess Christine Seed of Sifs' blessing

James
Prince

Christine
Princess



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FROM THE CHRONICLER



From the Quill of the Chronicler:

There's an old saying that goes, "There is nothing like old friends, 'cause you can't make old friends." It's the kind of phrase you nod along with when you're young, but only truly understand after years of shared laughter, hardship, and too many potluck feasts to count.

If you've spent any time in the SCA, you know a few names become more than names. They become stories. Pillars. Legends, not because they demanded attention, but because they quietly and consistently showed up. For me, two of those names are Countess Morgana and Mistress Barbara.

To watch Morgana and Barbara together is to witness a kind of magic: the shorthand of shared history, the quiet comfort of trust, and the fierce, unshakable loyalty that only time can forge. When they are sharing their history of Gleann Abhann, they remind us what this Kingdom is truly about.

They've taught, encouraged, stitched, served, and stewarded but more than anything, they've been there. And in a world where so much comes and goes, the value of a friend who stays cannot be overstated.

So here's to them and to all the Morgana-Barbara pairs out there in our Kingdom. The ones who remember your first event, who helped hem your first garb, and who always know when you need a hug or a laugh or a strong drink.

Because at the end of the day, awards are wonderful, titles are fine but old friends? Old friends are priceless.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 09 Summer War Melees
Shire of Iron Ox • McKenzie Arena • Raymond, MS

AUG 23 Aphar Faire
Province of Lagerdamm • Washington, AR

AUG 23 Pax Axe
Barony of Axemoor • Pearlinton, MS

SEP 13 GA Arts and Sciences
Province of Lagerdamm • North Little Rock, AR

OCT 03 Gleann Abhann Fall Coronation
Kingdom Save the Date

OCT 17 Diamond Wars
Barony of Small Gray Bear • New Blaine, AR

OCT 31 Samhain - 50th Year Anniversary
Barony of Grey Niche

NOV 07 GA Fall Crown List
Jimmie Davis State Park • Chatham, LA

NOV 15 Huntsman's Harvest VII
Shire of Coil Fhionnabhann

DEC 05 Winter Revel
Barony of Axemoor

JAN 16 Winter Wonders 39
Shire of Ardanroe

JAN 23 Candlelight Camp
Barony of Small Gray Bear

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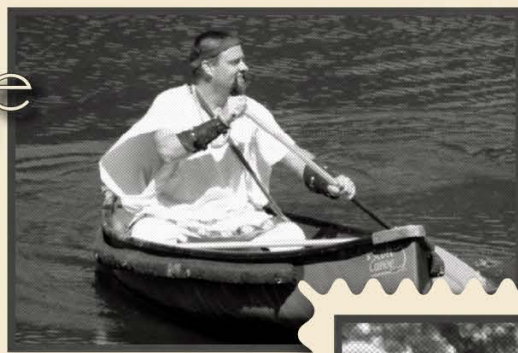
KINGDOM POET LAUREATE

Raise our mugs to thee,
Let the Meade flow free.
Awe Hail, Awe Hail to thee,
Cheered loudly by me.
I'm off the boat from the sea,
And ready to meet thee.
Plenty a song, we will sing
Till the queen blesses us a ring.
The meat on our plate
Belly's full from what we ate.
Sword and shield
Fighters take the field.
Fight for Kingdom and King
This is our Thing!

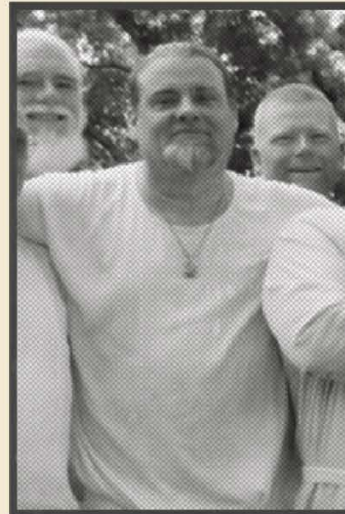
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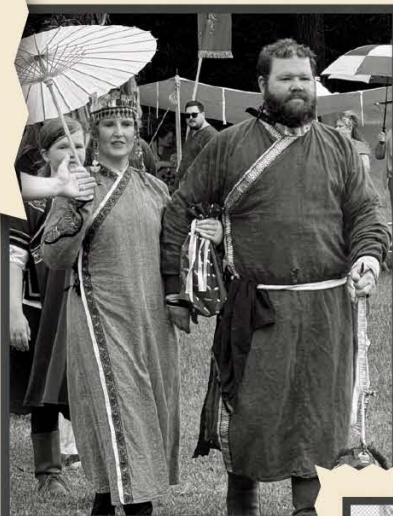
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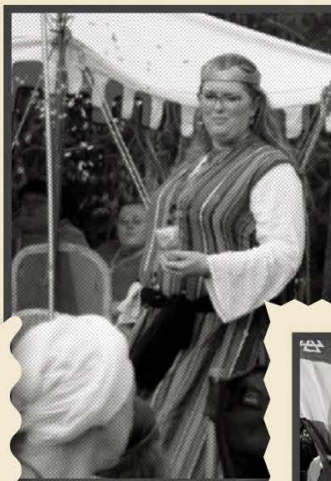


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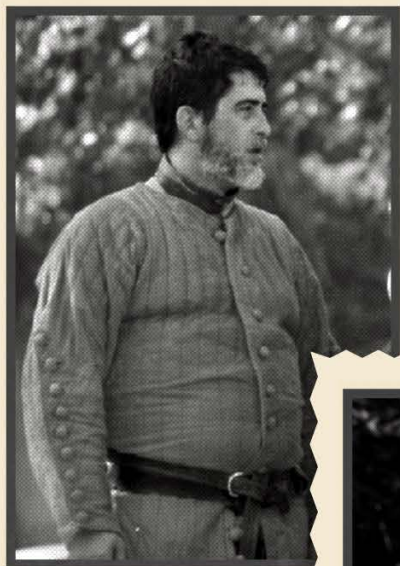
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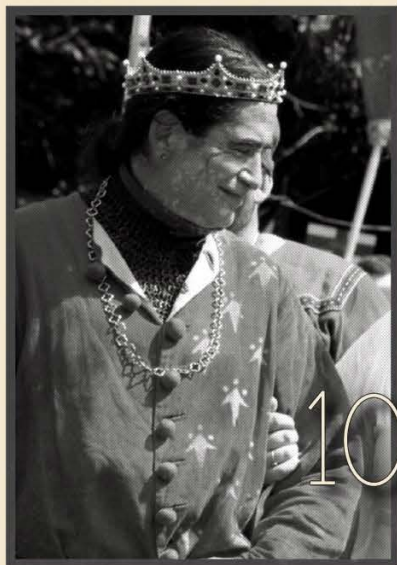
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AUGUST

SUMMER WAR MELEES

 August 09, 2025

 **McKenzie Arena**
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 9:00am ~ 5:00pm

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INDOOR VENUE

17 & under Free



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 9:00 am ~ 6:00 pm

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**FREE
EVENT**



SEPTEMBER

GA KINGDOM ARTS & SCIENCES

 September 13, 2025

 **NLR Library Hub**
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OCTOBER

GLEANN ABHANN FALL CORONATION

 October 3, 2025

 **More Info to Come**



 Barony of Grey Niche

WAR OF THE DIAMONDS

 October 17-19 2025

 Shoal Creek Camp
571 Methodist Youth Camp
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 5pm Fri - 12pm Sun

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Feastocrat

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Reservationist

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Non Member \$30

Bed \$10

Feast \$10

17 & under Free



SAMHAN

 October 31 - November 2, 2025

 **More Info to Come**

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GA FALL CROWN LIST

 November 7-9 2025

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Bed \$10

Feast \$15

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HUNTSMAN'S HARVEST VII

 November 15, 2025

 **More Info to Come**

  Shire of Coil Fhionnabhann

WINTER REVEL

 December 5-7, 2025

 **More Info to Come**

  Barony of Axemoor

NOVEMBER

Selfie Queen



CHAMPION *of the Arts*

To be eligible for Champion, you must enter three (3) entries in three (3) categories. One item cannot be entered into multiple categories for Champion reviewing. If an entry is in more than one category, only the highest-scoring category for that item will count toward Champion. (Ex: a scroll is entered in both Calligraphy and Illumination. The calligraphy score is 16. The Illumination score is 17. Only the Illumination score is counted toward Champion.)

The recommendation for Champion is determined by averaging the three highest-scoring items for each participant to the Crown. The Crown determines the Champion. A Champion must receive a minimum average score of 16 to be declared the Champion.



“TIRED OF SEEING AMAZING PEOPLE QUIETLY DOING INCREDIBLE THINGS? MOST OF US JUST ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE WILL RECOGNIZE THEM? WELL, GUESS WHAT—YOU’RE SOMEONE ELSE. IF YOU’VE EVER THOUGHT, ‘WOW, THEY REALLY DESERVE AN AWARD,’ THAT’S YOUR CUE TO PICK UP YOUR METAPHORICAL QUILL AND MAKE IT HAPPEN. WRITING A RECOMMENDATION IS EASIER THAN FINDING YOUR TENT ROPES AFTER A STORM, AND TWICE AS REWARDING. SO DO THE THING. BRAG ON YOUR FRIENDS. THE CROWN CAN’T RECOGNIZE WHAT THEY DON’T HEAR ABOUT!”

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LIVE, QUARTERLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SATURDAYS TO ACCOMMODATE NECESSARY TRAVEL.
SATURDAY MEETINGS WILL STILL BE BOTH STREAMED LIVE AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING AT A LATER DATE.
ALL MEETING DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGE.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Groups interested in hosting a meeting should contact the Executive Assistant (ea@sca.org) for information on meeting requirements and how to submit a bid.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

July 12 and 13, 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual
October 18 and 19, 2025 Quarterly Board Meeting – Hybrid

MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL – TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:
Monday, June 23, 2025

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fair Kingdom
against all that
desire her harm
with word, deed and
force. From this day
forward, as long as
my Crown allows, I
am bound to be
faithful, holding
honor and courtesy
above all.

