

# The Ambassador

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From  
**Their Majesties**

Greetings unto the Stormborn Kingdom.

We, Briar and Anahita, look forward to a joyous and propitious, golden reign over this Fair Kingdom.

Congratulations to Our King's Heavy and Queen's Rapier Champions selected at Coronation and also to Our Kingdom Yeoman, Sentry, and Bard Champions selected at Vesna Visions. The Kingdom, being in great need of Royal Successors, invites all qualified candidates to send in a letter of intent for Crown List, to be held at Beltaine.

In June we will visit our friends and Royal Cousins in Calontir for Lilies War. May we rise to the challenge of ribs! Let the question finally be answered in that Gleann Abhann has the best BBQ throughout the Known World. Come and take your leisure with us, lakeside, at Lilies War.

Honor and Courtesy Above All,



**BRIR**  
Czar

**آناهیتا**  
Czarina



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Prince & Princess  
To Be Determined

## FROM THE CHRONICLER

Greetings unto the Populace of our fair Kingdo.



So war has come and gone and left us wanting more. More battles, more A&S, but more than anything else more time to spend with our friends and our chosen family.

One thing about war I do not miss is the walking, all of the walking. Also why is it that no matter how much you prepare, how much you double check, you always forget something back at camp that you have to walk back for.

Favorite moment of war? There are so many to choose from. If you have never worked a shift at troll, you should give it a try. It is an amazing way to meet people, a way to help, and more fun than I ever thought it could be. Tuesday brought us the procession with a wave of red and black following their Majesties and their Highnesses to opening ceremonies, what an amazing turn out of the GA populace.

For all of those that helped out with the GA Social, the planners, the workers, the groups that supplied food, thank you is not enough. Every year you all step up and make the Social memorable, not just for the GA populace but also for visitors from foreign lands. We had an amazing time and can not wait for next year.

*Ryggeby*

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**APR 19**  **Vesna Visions • Slavic Celebration**  
Shire of Dragoun's Weal • Foxworth, MS

**MAY 10**  **Crown List / Beltaine**  
Barony of Grey Niche • Millington, TN

**JUL 20**  **Summer War Melees**  
Shire of Iron Ox • Raymond, MS

**AUG 24**  **Turf Wars**  
SAVE THE DATE

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

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

**OCT 04**  **Gleann Abhann Fall Coronation**  
SAVE THE DATE

**OCT 11**  **GA Heraldic Symposium/Havoc**  
SAVE THE DATE

**OCT 25**  **Samhain**  
SAVE THE DATE

**NOV 01** **Slay the Dragon**  
SAVE THE DATE

**NOV 08**  **Gleann Abhann Fall Crown List**  
KINGDOM SAVE THE DATE

**NOV 15**  **WAR OF THE RAMS**  
KINGDOM OF ANSTEORRA

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# From the Kingdom Seneschal

On the 24th of February, 2024, the following was read into court at Gulf Wars "Lupo Maximus Scipio is hereby Banished from the Kingdom for the duration of their Majesties reign. Cristoff Khan, Brionninn Khatun."

Yours in Service, Holding Honor and Courtesy to All, Above All



*Sir Gwynn Bleyne*

Kingdom Seneschal



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- Design Software
  - InDesign preferred
- Attention to Detail
- Ability to work with other Offices
- Ability to adhere to deadlines
- Ability to manage others

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# GULF WARS





*A War with*



*No Enemies*



# REGISTER NOW

Apr  
19-21

## Vesna Visions Slavic Celebration

Shire of Dragoun's Weal

### Camp Silver Creek

1608 Hwy 586  
Foxworth, MS 39483

Site Opens: 5pm Friday  
Site Closes: 10am Sunday

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### Adult Member - \$15

ADULT Registration - \$25  
17 & Under - FREE  
Bed \$10 - Tenting \$5  
Feast - \$10



PayPal deadline: Apr 5th, 11:59

Make check payable to:  
SCA MS Inc., Dragoun's Weal

Random Weapons Tourney  
Rapier Fighting, AGS  
Live Weapons  
Children Activities

Eastern European Feast

May  
10-12

## Gleann Abhann Crown List Beltaine

Barony of Grey Niche

### Meeman Shelby State Park

910 Riddick Rd • Millington, TN 38053

Site Opens: 5pm Friday  
Site Closes: 10am Sunday

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ADULT Registration - \$30  
17 & Under - FREE  
Bed \$10 - Tenting \$5  
Feast - \$10



PayPal deadline: Apr 26th, 11:59

Make check payable to:  
SCA TN INC., Barony of Grey Niche

#### Silver Torc Tournament

Longest running Tournament in the SCA  
"The Gray Blade" Rapier Tournament  
Feast with the Faries  
Grey Niche Baronial Bardic Champion

July  
20th

## Summer War Melees II

Shire of Iron Ox

### Mckenzie Arena Hinds Community College

1200 7 Springs Rd, Raymond, MS 39154

Site Opens: 9am  
Site Closes: 6pm

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### Adult Member - \$15

Adult Non Member - \$25

### CASH ONLY @ DOOR

The Ox invites you to train for battle in all things melee for HEAVY, FENCING, and YOUTH. Shield wall, spear, great weapon, commands, and more with special time for pick-ups and individual training. Classes will be inside and outside. The outside arena is fully covered. The OX will provide snacks & drinks to help you stay hydrated.

INDOOR VENUE  
DRY SITE

Aug  
24th

## Turf Wars

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Aug 30-  
Sept 1

**MSKD**  
**MID SUMMER**  
**KNIGHTS DREAM**

SAVE THE DATE!

Sept  
20-22

**GLEANN ABHANN**  
**ART &**  
**SCIENCE**

KINGDOM  
SAVE THE DATE!

Oct  
4-6

**Gleann Abhann**  
**Fall**  
**Coronation**

KINGDOM  
SAVE THE DATE!

Oct  
11-13

**Gleann Abhann**  
**Heraldic**  
**Symposium**  
**/ HAVOC**

KINGDOM  
SAVE THE DATE!

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# Meet the Peer

Duchess Zinoviia Mikulina

doch' Korabel'nikova zhena

"Mina"

Order of the Laurel

**What is your persona and what drew you to it?** I started off with a Russian persona, but I have moved on to a Chinese one. I fell in love with Tang Dynasty female costume. Women can show cleavage (ok, mostly courtesans)! Women have crazy hairstyles! It was fashionable to be fat! Women can wear pants! Women can ride horses! Lots of flowy silk fabric is involved! I have an alert on an auction app that lets me know when female Tang Dynasty statues are up for auction. There is at least one female statue every other week. Trust me, there are a lot of fat lady statues out there. I now have a library of books on Tang, Song and Yuan dynasty clothing and textiles to indulge in, even though about a third of the books are in Chinese.

**How did you find the SCA?** I went to the Ren Faire in Kansas City. I came back to Lincoln, Nebraska where I was living and talked to my hairdresser about how much fun I had. She said she thought there was a group at the university where I worked. I was ecstatic! I joined the university group and the local shire.

**What was your first SCA event?** My first even was in 1991 or 1992. I don't remember much about the event but it was outside of the shire. I traveled to it with three fantastic women. I remember borrowing a dress that was too long. I was horrified to drag it through the mud, but the owner explained that this was camping garb, and I shouldn't worry about it.

**What SCA activities are you the most interested in?** Right now, I try to work in a lot of feast kitchens. I'm not so sure I want to be a feastocrat. I leave that up to my housemate, Lady Pippin. I also enjoy judging A&S competitions and viewing displays. I love to see the pageantry of crown tournaments.

**If you could start on your path again with all the knowledge you have now, what if anything, would you do differently?** I would start fencing much sooner. I only started within the last 2 1/2 years.

**What is the best advice you received about being a peer?** I wish someone had told me that I would be expected to be an expert at all garb. I have been asked the craziest questions about garb construction, history and embellishment. I have been asked to teach classes on garb or embellishment that I have either completed once or it was made by other people.

**What is your favorite SCA moment?** At Pennsic one night many years ago, I was following around some belly dancer friends. We were down by the lake and it was really foggy. We were listening for the sounds of drums to find places where my friends could dance. Then out of the fog stepped this shirtless man in a kilt who was covered in wode designs. I really felt like I had stepped back in time.

**For Fun - What SCA skills have you learned that would help you survive a zombie apocalypse?** I have cooked over an open fire before. I can mend holes in clothes. I think that would help.

**For Fun - What is your favorite cuss word?** Dag Nab It!

**For Fun - Is a hotdog a sandwich? Why or Why Not?** Of course a hot dog is a sandwich. It is meat between two buns.

# Gleana Abbata Court Report

*Award of Arms*

**Vli Ulfrson**  
*Gulf Wars*

*Black Company*

**Magnus Hoggvndi**  
*Gulf Wars*

*Combattant Ram*

**Aidan Tyrvason**  
*Gulf Wars*

*Court Barony*

**Carson Wynne**  
*Gulf Wars*

*Grant of Arms*

**Emma de la Petra**  
*Gulf Wars*

*Order of Chivalry*

**Tristan of the Argent Lion**  
*Gulf Wars*

**Floki Refskegg**  
*Gulf Wars*

*Diamond Chalice*

*Queen's Blade*

**Kitta Fuxdottir**  
*Gulf Wars*

**Katerina Dmitrieva**  
*Gulf Wars*

**Kazimir Dragovik**  
*Gulf Wars*

*Onyx Chalice*

**Dagda Brokkr**  
*Gulf Wars*

**Tristan of the Argent Lion**  
*Gulf Wars*

**Zephyrine Isabeau Matheu de  
Lymos the Ostrabogulous**  
*Gulf Wars*

*War Horn*

**Asil Al-Sami**  
*Gulf Wars*

**Cyprian an Doire**  
*Gulf Wars*

**Jon Smythe**  
*Gulf Wars*

**Kazimir Dragovik**  
*Gulf Wars*

*Silver Ram*

**Seren na Fian Daire**  
*Gulf Wars*

*Sovereign's Letter of*

*Endorsement*

**Cailin O'Faolàin**  
*Gulf Wars*

# FREYA

AKA - HUNGRY HIPPO



BONEMOUTH  
SHAR PEI

# The StormBorn Pets

## Freya owns Baroness Alienor de Ryggeby

Age: 3 1/2 years Favorite Food: almost anything made for humans, except pickles

How did your pet adopt you? She showed up one day on the porch. After tracking down the owner and getting a full story, we decided there was no way she was going back where she came from.

Favorite toy? Alligator, Murder Bunny, Dillo, & Fish

Biggest dislikes? The neighborhood raccoon

Trained or living the best life? If treats are involved, she is the smartest dog in town. No treats, well...

What would her speaking voice sound like? Rizzo from Grease

Her perfect day? waking up on her 1/3rd of the human bed, nap around 9:00, 5 min. of chasing the cat, another nap on her dog bed by the front window while she watches over the neighborhood. Couple more naps, little sunning in the afternoon and back to the naps. Taking breaks for food and human snacks.

Favorite story? Being told by her previous owner that she was vicious, food aggressive, and a terror. We are still waiting to see these traits.

Best thing about Freya? She found us. She needed love and caring and someone to protect. Of all the places she could have ended up, she found our door.

Worst thing about Freya? The shedding. OMG the shedding. Who knew a Pei had that much short, pointy, stabbing hair.



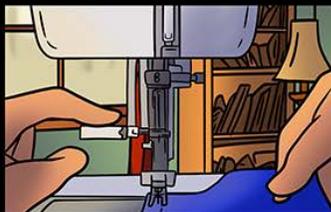
Ethan, how about we make you a simple T-tunic to replace that oversized shirt you've been using at practice?



Wow!! That'd be so awesome! I could have some real SCA garb. Can I sew it myself?



You sure can! First, let's take some measurements - your shoulders, waist, and length. Then we'll fold the fabric and cut.



And make sure you don't drop the presser foot on the sewing machine.

Uh, Mistress Isabella? It seems I've jumped ahead a bit... I've already managed to sew it to my shirt.





*Now taking bids for*

**GULF WARS**

**2025**

**AUTOCRAT!**

Bids must be submitted by July 8, 2024.

*Applicants must provide a resume with the bid.*

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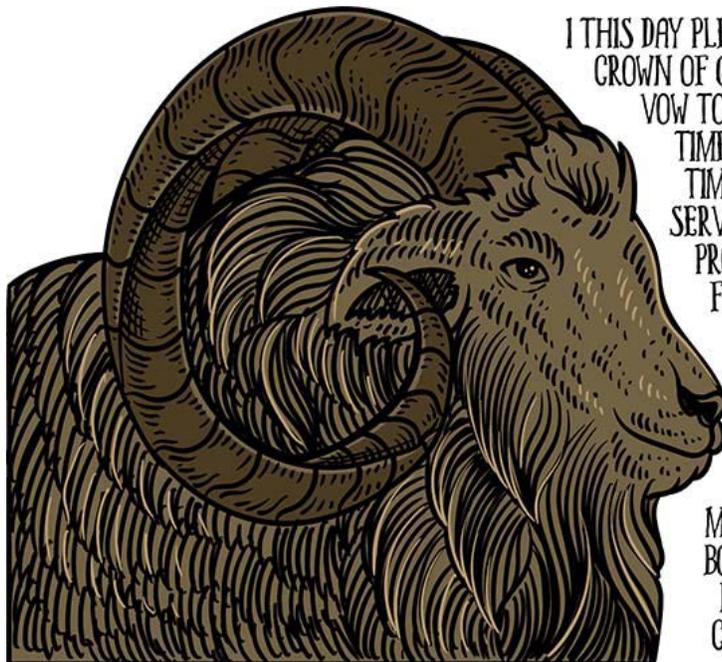
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SERVICE IN TIMES OF NEED. I  
PROMISE TO DEFEND OUR  
FAIR KINGDOM AGAINST  
ALL THAT DESIRE HER  
HARM WITH WORD,  
DEED AND FORCE.  
FROM THIS DAY  
FORWARD, AS LONG AS  
MY CROWN ALLOWS, I AM  
BOUND TO BE FAITHFUL,  
HOLDING HONOR AND  
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