

THE Ambassador

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In Memoriam
SEBASTIAN MARTINEZ DE LEON

From Their Majesties

Greetings unto the people of the River Valley Realm.

Happy New Year!!! We sincerely wish everyone a most wonderful holiday season! Especially now that winter is here in full force! While the weather outside was nasty at times, hopefully all of you had a warm, dry, and safe start to this New Year. Speaking of the new year, the first event of 2025 has already passed. Her Majesty had a splendid day at Seleone's Twelfth Night. And coming up We look forward to seeing many of you in Ardanroe, Jan 17-19 for Winter Wonders for a great winter Moorish festival. If We miss you at Winter Wonders, perhaps We shall see you at Grey Niche's Candlemas, February 8th! There is a Regional Arts Challenge and a display open to novice level entrants. We have been gearing up for Gulf Wars, and Fighter's Collegium in Smythkepe is a great chance to not only knock off rust, but hopefully learn a thing or three! As always, We ask that if you know of people helping, arting, fighting, sciencing, or anything good and noteworthy, please let Us know. The Crown is always looking for Award Recommendations.

In Service to the Dream,



Griffin
King

Belisencia
Queen



From Their Highnesses

Greetings unto the noble populace of Gleann
Greetings and Salutations to the grand populace of Gleann Abhann.

We have made it to 12th night. We hope even if your house is no longer full of calling birds and leaping lords, you will continue to carry the magic and joy of the holiday season forward into the new year.

As the calendar turns, we can see many opportunities to gather with friends at events. We hope that you will take advantage of them and visit somewhere new, make some new friends, maybe try a new art.

Gulf Wars will be here before we know it, and we wish you luck on all of your preparations and projects.

May your needles stay sharp, and your threads never tangle, and all the pins make it back to the pin cushion rather than anyone's foot

With Honor and Courtesy
above all



Caillin
Prince

Danielle
Princess



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Greetings unto the Populace of our fair Kingdom,



The new year is here which means one thing, War is fast approaching. Just when you think you have time for those final war projects, you realize you have 2 months left. Yep that's right I said it...2 months. You better get busy. Get that tent cleaned up, get those propane tanks refilled, and reorganize that camping gear. Oh and when you are done, come do mine too. :)

The holidays are over, I am tired and I have no clue what to talk about here. Is this where I make the font really big and double space to take up all the area that I have allotted each month for my letter. Like really, would you notice if the wording starting getting larger and the spacing between lines got wider and wider and the kerning got wider. I am sure by now you are wise to my plan, I mean especially now that I have told you all about it. But see now my plan has worked because here I am at the end of my space and I have rambled on about absolutely nothing and yes I am a little touched in the head, but at least I am entertaining.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 17 Winter Wonders 38
Ardanroe • Jimmie Davis State Park, Chatham, LA

JAN 25 Barbarian Brawl
Small Gray Bear • Carlisle Arkansas

FEB 08 Candlemas
Grey Niche • Level Up Church • Memphis, TN

FEB 14 GA Fighter's Collegium
Smythkepe • Shoal Creek Camp • New Blaine, AR

FEB 22 Winter War Melees
Mckenzie Arena HCC • Raymond, MS

MAR 08 GULF WARS 33
Kings Arrow Ranch • Lumberton, MS

MAR 28 Newbie Collegium
Save the Date

APR 04 Candlelight Camp
SAVE THE DATE

APR 11 GA Spring Coronation
SAVE THE DATE

MAY 02 Beltaine 50th Year
Meeman-Shelby • Millington, TN

MAY 22 GA 20th Homecoming and Crown
Kings Arrow Ranch • Lumberton, MS

AUG 30 Aphaire Faire
Save the Date

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MEMBER
\$22

NON MEMBER
\$32

FEAST
\$10

CABIN
\$5



GLEANN ABHANN'S
FIGHTER'S COLLEGIUM

February 14th - 16th 2025

SHOAL CREEK METHODIST CAMP

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In Memoriam





Sebastian Martinez de Leon

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17-19

Winter Wonders 38

Shire of Ardanroe

Jimie Davis State Park

1209 State Park Road
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Site Closes: 11am Sunday

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ADULT Registration - \$25
17 & Under - FREE
Feast - \$15 ▪ Bed - \$10



PayPal deadline: January 6th, 11:59

AT THE DAWN OF THE 7TH CENTURY, SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS UPEHAVAL BEGINS TO TAKE HOLD OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. THROUGH THE TURMORAL, A CULTURE BEGINS TO FORM, TAKING INSPIRATION FROM THEIR PERSIAN AND BYZANTINE NEIGHBORS. ONE THAT WOULD BECOME "MOOR" THAN ANYONE COULD EVER EXPECT.

Jan
25th

Barbarian Brawl

Barony of Small Gray Bear

Carlisle Civic Center

215 S. Court St.
Carlisle, AR 72024

Site Opens: 8am
Site Closes: 8pm

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Master Katherine MacIntosh

Reservationist:

Ld Mattaios Anapofasistos

Adult Member - \$15

ADULT Registration - \$25
17 & Under - FREE
FREE LUNCH

- Heavy Fighting
- Arts & Sciences
- Rapier
- Live Weapons
- A&S Classes

Feb
8th

Candlemas

Barony of Grey Niche

Level Up Church

3034 Old Austin Peay Highway
Memphis, TN 38128

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Site Closes: 5pm

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Adult Member - \$12

ADULT Registration - \$22
17 & Under - FREE
Feast - \$8



PayPal deadline: January 24th, 11:59

As winter gives way to spring, come enjoy warm food, great company, and a variety of activities at our upcoming event. We're offering numerous classes, a Regional Arts challenge, as well as a revisit to the Artisans Path - A display open to Novice-level entrants. Relax and recharge at a warm Solar, where you can sip beverages (Dry Site) and make those last-minute repairs to your gear. For those eager to get back into the swing of things, we'll also have a green space for pick-ups available for casual practice and fun.

Feb
14-16

Fighters Collegium

Shire of Smythkepe

Shoal Creek Methodist Camp

571 Methodist Youth Camp Rd
New Blaine, AR 72851

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

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ADULT Registration - \$32
17 & Under - FREE
Feast - \$10 ▪ Bed - \$5



PayPal deadline: January 31st, 11:59

The Shire of Smythkepe invites you to attend the Kingdom of Gleann Abhan's Fighters Collegium. Join us for a weekend of fighting based classes and pickups! After a long day of fun, enjoy an incredible feast and stay warm and revel with songs and games around the fire!

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

Feb
22nd

Winter War Melees

Shire of Iron Ox

Mckenzie Arena - HCC
1200 7 Spring Rd
Raymond, MS 39154

Site Opens: 9:00 am
Site Closes: 5:00 pm

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Adult Member - \$10

ADULT Registration - \$20
17 & Under - FREE

THE OX INVITES YOU TO TRAIN FOR BATTLE IN ALL THINGS MELEE. THIS IS THE LAST EVENT BEFORE GULF WARS 25. MAKE SURE ALL YOUR THINGS ARE UP TO SNUFF AND JOIN US FOR A 5 MAN MELEE!!! CASH ONLY AT THE DOOR.

Mar
8-16

Gulf Wars 33

Kings Arrow Ranch

222 Rault Dr.
Lumberton, MS 39455

Site Opens: 9pm Mar 8th
Site Closes: Noon Mar 16th

Event Stewards:

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Mistress Catina Marciano
Baron AEolbearht of Harduic
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Reservationist:

Mistress Adalia Vonderberg
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Pre-Reg closes Feb 28, 2025

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.

Mar
28th

Newbie Collegium

Province of Lagerdamm

Apr
4th-6th

Candlelight Camp

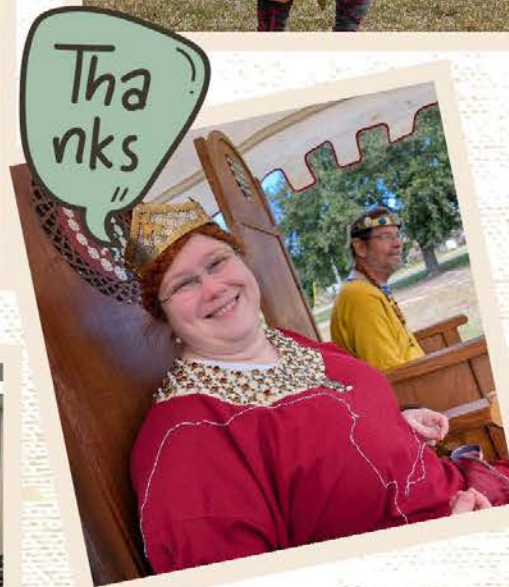
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TWELFTH

NIGHT



From The Kingdom Exchequer

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and we are looking forward to a great new year.

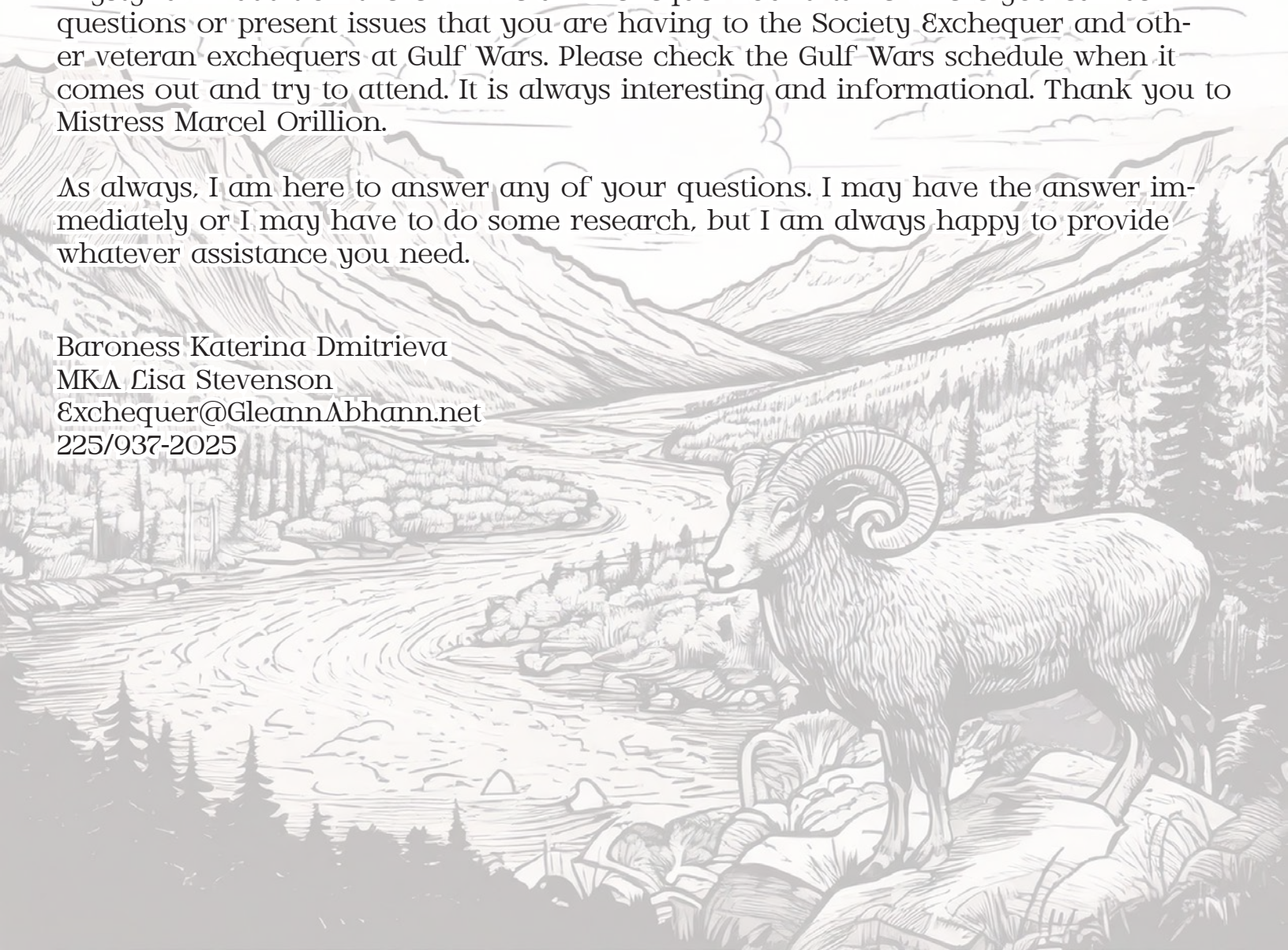
I am taking this opportunity to let the populace know that the 2025 budget has been approved and will be posted to the Kingdom website in the exchequer files soon.

The Kingdom has a new “drop dead” Kingdom Exchequer Deputy. Bridget O’Fallon (mka Catherine Simkins) will shortly be stepping into the position. She has served in multiple positions including Exchequer to her shire and as the Kingdom NMR Deputy, so I have complete confidence in her. Welcome aboard, Bridget!

Also a reminder to all the group exchequers that it is important for the reports for December to be on time as we are heading into Doomsday report season. If you have any questions or problems, please do not delay in contacting me or Mistress Crystyna. In addition there will be an Exchequer round table where you can ask questions or present issues that you are having to the Society Exchequer and other veteran exchequers at Gulf Wars. Please check the Gulf Wars schedule when it comes out and try to attend. It is always interesting and informational. Thank you to Mistress Marcel Orillion.

As always, I am here to answer any of your questions. I may have the answer immediately or I may have to do some research, but I am always happy to provide whatever assistance you need.

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225/937-2025



Gleeba Abbata Velvet Report

Brigit's Flame

Adalind Von Axemoor
Christmas Revel

G.A. Yeoman

David Bootleg
Christmas Revel

Laurel

Zaneta moglie di Nicolo Marcello
Christmas Revel

Onyx Chalice

Isabella Vitturi
Christmas Revel

Order of the Shepherds

Inigo Juliano de Montoya y Castilla
Christmas Revel

War Drum

David Bootleg
Christmas Revel

Francois' Cross

Carson Wynne
Christmas Revel

Morgana
Christmas Revel

Grant of Arms

Nicolo Marcello
Christmas Revel

Diamond Chalice

Nicolo Marcello
Christmas Revel

Silver Lamp

Cyprian an Dori
Christmas Revel

Sentry

Hakon Dagsson
Christmas Revel



*Don
Sebastian Martinez de Leon*

GULF WARS 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 Mistress Adalia Vonderberg reservationist@gulfwars.org

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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:

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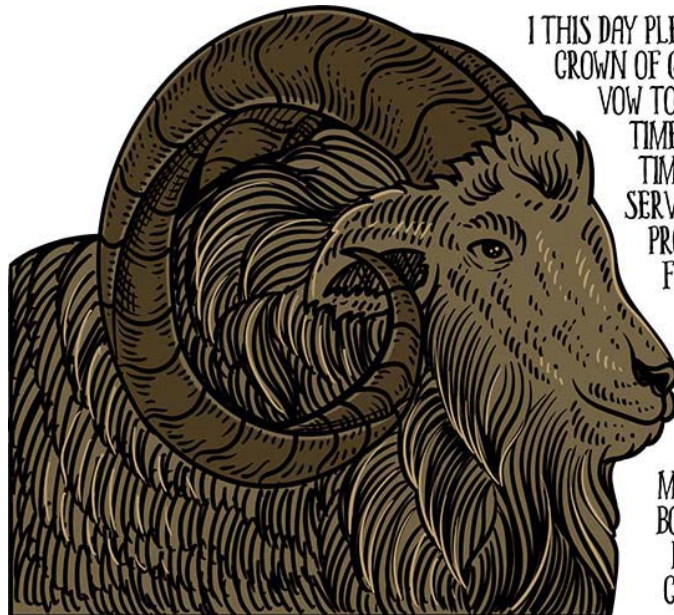
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TIMES OF PEACE, AND MY
SERVICE IN TIMES OF NEED. I
PROMISE TO DEFEND OUR
FAIR KINGDOM AGAINST
ALL THAT DESIRE HER
HARM WITH WORD,
DEED AND FORCE.
FROM THIS DAY
FORWARD, AS LONG AS
MY CROWN ALLOWS, I AM
BOUND TO BE FAITHFUL,
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COURTESY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