Good Tidings in this New Year to Our Populace! We hope that everyone is staying warm in these chilly weeks. It does seem that Winter is here. His Majesty and I started out the New Year by visiting The Barony of Seleone at their event 12th Night. This event was a lovely time spent with friends and a wonderful way to start the New Year. We greatly appreciate The Barony of Seleone for hosting this event.

Next, We will be visiting The Shire of Ardanroe for their event of Winter Wonders. This event is sure to be filled with fun happenings including many classes focused on Gulf Wars preparations. Have a question about volunteering at Gulf Wars? Come to Winter Wonders! Have a question about Scribal Point? Come to Winter Wonders! Are you interested in working Troll at Gulf Wars but do not know how? Guess what? Come to Winter Wonders! In addition to these classes (and more!), a tournament will be held to decide who will stand as Kingdom Rapier Champion. Whew! It is going to be a busy event.

Following Winters Wonders, His Majesty and I will be traveling north for a visit to The Barony of Grey Niche for Candlemas. Even though this is a one-day event, this event will be packed full of activities including classes and the year’s first Regional A&S Faire as well as the choosing of Our Kingdom Bard and Kingdom Poet Laureate.

Next on Our immediate progress will be Fighters Collegium. Our Kingdom must stand ready to defend and protect when we take the field at Gulf Wars! This event will also see the competition to choose Our Kingdom Sentry and Kingdom Yeoman. Brush up those live weapons skills and come test your aim!

The Drums of War seem to be growing louder and louder each passing day. With that, Gulf Wars is an event that needs many hands to be successful! His Majesty and I encourage all to volunteer an hour (or more) to one of many departments. As a wise old knight once said, “Many hands make light work.”

Until We meet again, stay safe and be warm!

Christof

Breinnin

Khan

Khatun
Greetings unto the Populace of our fair Kingdom,

The cold weather has made it to the lands of Gleann Abhann. Our northern land have seen their first snow of the year and we may even see snow in our middle lands before the end of the month. So...Pull out your wool and layer up for the upcoming events. Bring your blankets and drink extra coffee, bring me a cup if you have an extra, I’m always cold.

War registration is open and ready for every one to bombard them with your reservations. Registering now saves you time at troll and gives you more time to relax with your chosen family. Have you registered for war? If you have, dont forget to volunteer!!! Every department is looking for help and needs you to sign up for a shift. Troll, watch, sanitation and yes even the much wanted shifts of driving carts are looking for volunteers. Gulf Wars will even donate to your Kingdom, Barony or Shire for every shift you work. Sanitation pays double!!!! Help the war and help your local group.

Get your flyers in for your upcoming events. The earlier you get them in, the earlier the populace can make plans to visit your event. If you have any questions about what needs to be listed on your flyer, you can find the info listed at the beginning of the Event Submission Form. I am also always an email away, and will be glad to send the info directly to you.

Until next month......

Ryggeby
Bss Alienor de Ryggeby
Kingdom Chronicler
Chronicler@gleannabhann.net

From the Chronicler
### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**FEB 23**
GA Fighter’s Collegium
Barony of SGB • Lake Bistineau State Park

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

**APR 05**
Newbie Collegium
Province of Lagerdamm • Camp Formosa

**APR 12**
Gleann Abhann Spring Coronation
Barony of Seleone • King’s Arrow Ranch

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

**MAY 10**
Beltaine
SAVE THE DATE • Barony of Grey Niche

**MAY 17**
Gleann Abhann Spring Crown List
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

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

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Greetings unto the populace of Gleann Abhann,
As I begin in this office, I look forward to the next two years of working for the Kingdom and with all the local groups. I would like to start by thanking Mistress Kendra for her more than two years of service to the Kingdom, seeing us through Covid and into the recovery to get back to the Dream we all love. Beyond the day to day of the office of Kingdom Seneschal, I hope to improve communication for our Kingdom. The pandemic forced the SCA to go digital and we are still developing the organization for that rather drastic change in our hobby. By working with the officers of our Kingdom and the local groups, I look forward to creating some standards for communication that are written down, easy to follow and simple to find. When we are all on the same page, and accomplishing our tasks with ease instead of frustration, we have more time to enjoy our Current Middle Ages.

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

Sir Gwynn Bleyne
Kingdom Seneschal

Dearest Gleann Abhann,
Our Kingdom has a great need. We are seeking someone to fill the Office of the Kingdom Exchequer, effective immediately.
Ideally, the person We are seeking is someone with some bookkeeping/accounting experience or someone with exchequer experience. Any who wish to be considered for this Kingdom Office should email Us and the Kingdom Seneschal with their intent.

His Majesty and I thank Master Wulfram for this service to this Kingdom in this office.

Appreciatively and In Service to the Dream,

Christof
Khan

Breinninn
Krathun
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Gulf Wars 32
A War With No Enemies | March 9-17, 2024
Kings Arrow Ranch, 222 Rault Dr, Lumberton, MS 39455
Site Opens At 1:00 PM On Sat. March 9 and Closes At 12:00 Noon On Sunday, March 17
Reservations will not be processed without payment. To receive member pricing, your membership must be valid through the start of the war. CASH or TRAVELER CHECKS ONLY at the door. There is no separate pricing for daytrip. Preregistration checks should be made to SCA, Gulf Wars Inc.
All Preregistrations will close February 26, 2024
For any questions or issues regarding Gulf Wars registration, please contact the Reservationist, Mistress Jutte VonderBerg, at reservations@gulfwars.org
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Online registration information, schedules, and information on attending and participating at the war: www.gulfwars.org
Directions: Take your best route to Exit 35 (Hillsdale Rd) on I-59 South of Hattiesburg MS and North of New Orleans LA. Turn East and travel about .01 miles and turn right at the Hillsdale Resort Hotel. Follow the SCA signs.

Pumbaa owns Dame Sara de la Petra
Pumbaa is 14 years. His favorite food is Yes. His favorite toy is Snack. His favorite place is Home. His favorite activity is Walking. His perfect day starts with a morning constitutional, snacks, snuggles, midmorning walk in the fresh air, snacks, snuggles, nap, repeat, dinner, poop, bedtime, repeat daily...you get the gist. favorite story is About six months after Pumbaa came to live with us he began to learn how to live, he learned how to wag his tail. He learned how to wag his tail. He learned how to wag his tail. And sometimes now, very rarely but sometimes, he leaves just a bit of food in his dish after dinner. And that tells me he feels safe, maybe for the first time ever in his life.
**Meet the Peer**

**Master Adam Goodwine**

**Order of Defense**

**What is your persona and what drew you to it?**

Adam Goodwine is an Elizabethan-era Crown agent working for Walsingham. He spent time on the seas with Sir Francis Drake and traveled far and wide in Her Majesty's service. Sometime in his colorful past, he met a wonderful lady from Navarra, and the two raised a beautiful family – having spent a period in Novgorod as an ambassador.

What drew me to it was the name. I was picking at the Heralds, who didn't want me to use a pun (Sexhua Lovechild) and settled on A-damn-good-wine (as in “what gets better with age?”). From there, I researched and found Goodwine's in England. My fascination with Christopher Marlowe led me to Walsingham … and voila. Basically, it evolved from a joke and my penchant for looking things up.

**How did you find the SCA?**

I knew about the SCA for many years before I joined, having attended several Coast Con and UNO demos. My wife and I were looking for a family-friendly educational activity and tried an Axemoor Populace meeting. We formally joined shortly after.

**What was your first SCA event?**

Gulf Wars 1998, other than prior demos.

**What SCA activities are you the most interested in?**

Currently practicing fencing with my sons. The long car rides between events allow us to spend time discussing things we are often too busy at home to discuss. I also really like analyzing fencing videos with them and for my Provosts.

If you could start on your path again with all the knowledge you have now, what if anything, would you do differently? There wasn't a fencing peerage when I started working in and supporting the fencing community, so it's a more difficult question for a 20+ year person to answer. If I had to advise my younger self, it would be to learn patience and practice empathy more. Don't be so hard on your failures. You only learn from trying things.

**What is the best advice you received about being a peer?**

Remember that it is a job. People tend to forget that it's work and not simply a prize to win. Recognition is a great feeling, but the recognition is that you are ready and capable of doing the work, not just that you are good at something.

**What is the worst advice you received about being a peer?**

Ironically, the same – that it's a job. Some people take the job aspect too far and forget that this is a volunteer organization. The recognition of peerage and the acceptance of the job/role are not the same as the job that pays your salary. Remember to prioritize your mundane job and family.

**What is the one thing you wish someone had told you about being a peer?**

Nothing really comes to mind; I was pretty well informed, to be fair. Very few understand until they become a peer how much fun they had on the journey (which can be admittedly stressful) – and it isn't easy to recapture that energy once you take the job. Be ready to set new goals and redefine what you consider “wins” to keep you invigorated.

What's something people try to tell you is peerlike, or is not peerlike, that you disagree with? Many people seem to think that taking on work for the sake of the work is peerly and an expectation, and I tend to disagree. Sometimes, you need to step up to get things done, but the bulk should be work you enjoy doing. Frankly, if you aren't enjoying the work, you will probably not do a job as well as someone who will, and you will burn out fast on your hobby. Ideally, you should have gotten the peerage for doing work you enjoy and continuing that work shouldn't be a total hardship.

**What is your favorite SCA moment?**

Too many good memories to point to any specific one as my favorite.

For Fun - **What SCA skills have you learned that would help you survive a zombie apocalypse?** I think the best is honing people skills in a volunteer organization, and learning how to bring out their best is a terrific skill that the SCA encourages. It would help bring together many frightened people in a zombie apocalypse.

For Fun - **What is your favorite cuss word?** Shyte – no idea why.

For Fun - **Is a hotdog a sandwich? Why or Why Not?** I'm gluten-free on a non-inflammatory diet. I view a hotdog (in the classical sense) as pain.
Gleann Abhann Court Report

Pillar of the Ram
Rosalind bint Mihrimah

Award of Arms
Chris of Iron Ox

Order of the Silver Ram
Christine O’Neill of Cork

Order of the War Drum
James le Strange called Holy

Sword ‘n’ stillness

So, the new guy is coming to the A&S meeting tonight?
Yep, he said he is.
That’s great! What kind of guy is he?

Umm, let’s just call him excitable.

Hey, Bataar! I’m ready to FIGHT!

Speaking of Ethan, that’s probably him.

Ethan, in armor... This is an A&S meeting, not fighter practice.

Let me introduce you to Mistress Isabeau."
The Board of Directors is currently considering changes to Corpora. It invites commentary from the membership and participants.

These changes aim to enhance recruitment and member retention in the SCA. They also aim to further support these goals. They elevate the Society Chatelaine to a greater Society Officer. They align local and regional chatelaines to this same structure. It is a strategic move. It aims to support the implementation of comprehensive recruitment and retention strategies. It also aims to align the office to a clear vision.

The Board also approved proposed wording. It supports the creation of a Society Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Officer. They also approved aligning local and regional DEIB officers into one structure. Like the proposed Chatelaine changes, it aims to support an aligned Society vision. It also aims to support the implementation of strategy in this space.

Finally, the Board approved changing the name and scope of the Corporate Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging Office. It is now the Office of Inclusive Programs. This office will handle the implementation of large scale, heavy-lift projects. This work will move inclusivity in the SCA forward. It will also transition leadership and management of game-facing DEIB work to the newly created Society DEIB Officer. This office will support all corporate and society officers. It will also serve as a primary DEIB advisor to the Board.

Note: Changes to corporate offices don’t require changes in Corpora or public commentary. Understanding the changes to the Corporate DEIB Office will add context for the proposed changes to Corpora. It will also provide clarity for the realignment of responsibilities among these offices.

This restructuring aligns with better practice for organizations that aim to improve recruiting and retention by creating welcoming and inclusive environments.

Recruiting and Retention structural changes for member commentary and verbiage change to Corpora.

• Section VI. Society Officers
  
  o Add:

  I. Chatelaine:
  The Chatelaine is responsible for promoting and supporting recruitment initiatives and guiding retention practices.
  J. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Officer:

  The Society DEIB Officer is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, and maintenance of game-facing DEIB initiatives and education.

  Change:
  Renumber I. Reservations to the Board, to K. Reservations to the Board, with no changes in content

Corpora, including the By-Laws, can be found in its entirety can be found here: https://www.sca.org/resources/document-library/govdocs/.

Please email all commentary to SCA-Comments@sca.org and use the title “Chatelaine and DEIB Changes” in the subject line.

NOTE: Do not use attachments in your commentary. Attachments will mark your message as spam and it will be rejected by the server.

You can also send commentary by mail, Postage-Prepaid, to:
Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.
RE: Chatelaine and DEIB Changes
P.O. Box 611928
San Jose, CA 95161

Commentary regarding this proposed Corpora change, must be received by the Board no later than March 1, 2024.
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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.

January 28, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual
April 21, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)
June 23, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)
October 20, 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting – Virtual (Tentative)

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I vowe to keep my arms in times of peace and defend our fair kingdom against all that would 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.