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*Erin of Caithness*

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## A Missive from Their Royal Majesties

Unto the noble populace of the Kingdom of Meridies come greetings from Lochlainn and Paraskova, Rí and Banríon. We trust this missive finds you well as the green southern snow falls to create new life.

Coronation was hosted by the Shire of Owls Nest. We cannot begin to express our gratitude to the Shire. They pulled off in event as flawlessly as they were able. There were many challenges along the way with the site. They did everything they could to navigate and overcome those challenges. There are so many people to thank, I would hesitate to do that here in case I forgot someone.

Letters for Crown Lyst will be accepted starting May 1st. The details have been posted on the Kingdom web page, Facebook and in April's issue of Popular Chivalry. Keep an eye out on the schedule for Sunday. We are planning on shifting things earlier than usual. This is an order to get ahead of the heat as much as possible for the tournament. This is a safety concern for the fighters and our populace.

We look forward to seeing you all in our travels. Please continue with the award recommendations. Would you ask that you get the recommendations in a couple of weeks ahead of the event at minimum. This ensures our scribes are able to produce an appropriate scroll. It takes time since all of the calligraphy on the scrolls is done to order. We absolutely do not want to burn out our scribes. They work too hard to ensure that we have nice scrolls to give to our populace.



For Love of the Game,  
*Lochlainn,*      *Paraskova,*  
Rí                      Banríon



## Royal Progress

<i>May, 2025</i>	<i>June, 2025</i>
2-4      Black Axe	6-15      Lillies War (OOK)
9-11      Golden Lily	20-22      Giants Dance
23-26 Spring Crown List / Kingdom Arts & Sciences	27-29      Meridian Challenge of Arms

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

#### MID-QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL – TENTATIVE

Monday, February 24, 2025  
Monday, March 24, 2025

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

→ ALL MEETING  
DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND  
SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGE

→ VIRTUAL, QUARTERLY  
MEETINGS ARE HELD ON  
SUNDAYS.

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

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.

The following revisions have been made to Meridies Kingdom Law. Changes were announced at the Law Court of Barthelmy II and Oda II, April 5, 2025.

These changes were approved and published on the Kingdom web page and PopChiv Newsletter as customary under the laws of Meridies.

First: Administrative additions to Article VI, Kingdom Events, V.100.B, Kingdom Calendar. Updates allow for date changes due to weather, site availability, etc. to be made without the need for Society level approval. Numbers 4 and 5 below are added to include such event rescheduling flexibility.

The Kingdom Seneschal, upon consultation with the Crown, is responsible for making any necessary adjustments to the Kingdom Calendar to ensure the success of all Kingdom Events.

- A. In order to hold space on the Kingdom Calendar, all events must have the name and contact information of the hosting group seneschal and the event name.
- B. The Kingdom Calendar must record the dates for Kingdom and Regional Events (KE and RE) no less than two years in advance, so branches can schedule their events. The entire calendar must be available on the Kingdom Website.
  1. Kingdom Events (KE) are Coronations, Crown Lists, Kingdom Arts and Sciences Faire, Royal University of Meridies (RUM), Fighters Collegium/War College, Meridian Grand Tournament (MGT), Gulf Wars, and Meridian Challenge of Arms (MCA).
  2. The Crown may designate any Kingdom Anniversary celebration to be a KE.
  3. Regional Event (RE) is Panhandle Skirmishes.
  4. If a preferred date for a Corpora-mandated event is not available, The Crown, in consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal and KLE Deputy, will review and determine when the KLE will be held on an acceptable alternative date nearest to the scheduled KLE date.
  5. If a preferred date for a non-Corpora mandated KLE is not available, The Crown in consultation with the Kingdom Seneschal and KLE Deputy, may review and determine if a KLE may be held on an acceptable alternative date nearest to the scheduled KLE date. This protocol is applicable in the event of force majeure.

Second: Administrative changes to VIII.201 Orders of High Merit, B. Procedure are for clarity regarding all Orders of High Merit to include informing the Crown on upcoming business and scheduling - d. updated, e. added, f. updated, g added.

#### A. Procedures

1. OHM must adopt guidelines for internal governance and name a secretary to facilitate the business of the order. These guidelines will include but are not limited to:
  - a. Charters must be reviewed every four (4) years and ratified by the Crown and the order.
  - b. OHM must have a copy of their guidelines present to conduct a polling.
  - c. The guidelines must include a process to make a recommendation from the OHM to the Crown.
  - d. The Orders must meet in-person, at least once per Reign, at a date and time agreed upon by the Order and proposed to the Crown.
  - e. The Crown may request additional meetings. The Orders may request additional meetings, to be determined at the discretion of the Crown.
  - f. The OHM shall inform the Crown of the date, location, and time of their meetings.
  - g. The OHM must submit a copy of their agenda to the Crown no less than two weeks prior to their meetings (this may be waived at the Crown's discretion).
  - h. All in-person and online meetings must adhere to the guidelines of the Order, and providing they are permitted in their governing documents, the date is published on the kingdom calendar.
  - i. After each meeting, the secretary must submit the written minutes and recommendations to the Crown and Order.

As a reminder, Their Majesties have already enacted the addition of the non-armigerous Order of the Sable Stallion of Meridies earlier in this reign.

## Announcements

Their Majesties, Ri Lochlainn and Banrion Paraskova, are seeking applicants to serve on the Meridies Law Committee. There are two open positions. There is an available Populace Representative role and also Master of Defense Peer representative. Qualified applicants must agree they will provide feedback to the Law Committee within their role and attend meetings. The customary term of Law Committee members is 2 years, with a virtual meeting each month. Those interested in this position are invited to submit their information to the Meridies Law Clerk ([kingdom.law@meridies.org](mailto:kingdom.law@meridies.org)).



I am nearing the end of my term as Deputy Kingdom Earl Marshal - Armored Authorization, and am seeking a replacement. Persons interested in the position will need internet access to handle emails, the ability to print documents, the ability to use excel and google documents, and space to store approximately 2 paper boxes of records. It is helpful to have a Discord, Facebook and Facebook Messenger presence. They should be an authorized heavy fighter and a member of the SCA. It is helpful to be able to travel periodically throughout the Kingdom, but is not necessary. Please contact the Kingdom Earl Marshal, Master Thomas Paumer, at [kem@meridies.org](mailto:kem@meridies.org) and cc Magistra Stephanie of Nethyrwode, at [auth.marshal@meridies.org](mailto:auth.marshal@meridies.org), no later than May 14, 2025 to be considered.

In Service,  
Stephanie



# Black Axe 2025: The Only Way Is Wessex



**Dalwhinnie Fields**  
**1515 Pine Flat Church Rd**  
**Selma, AL 36701**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

It's the 9<sup>th</sup> Century and the Guthrum and the Danes have made their way across Mercia and East Anglia to make another bid for the Kingdom of Wessex. King Alfred the Great has summoned the Fyrd to defend the lands from the heathens at Ethandun. Will Wessex fall to the Danish invaders or remain standing and force them back into the sea?

Come join us in the Barony of Iron Mountain and test your prowess in the many different arts of combat! We will host the Black Axe tournament for both Armored and Rapier as well as our traditional Nine Lives Tournament that helps support the charity shelter of Kitty Kat Haven. This year, we are adding a special melee scenario! After the fighting, a glorious feast is to be prepared by Greifynja Ælfifu Haraldsdottir fit for any of stout heart and empty belly.

Schedule and event information to be hosted at [ironmountain.meridies.org](http://ironmountain.meridies.org)

Event Steward: THLord Iain MacArthur (205-847-8392) No calls after 9pm CT [nmilano2112@gmail.com](mailto:nmilano2112@gmail.com)

Reservationist: Lady Ingridr Thorvaldsdottir (504-402-5029) No calls after 9pm CT [excheq.ironmtn@meridies.org](mailto:excheq.ironmtn@meridies.org)

Feast Steward: Greifynja Ælfifu Haraldsdottir [aelfifu1066@gmail.com](mailto:aelfifu1066@gmail.com)

### Payment Information

- Adult Day-Trip Registration Fee: \$ 18
- On-Board: \$ 15 (Includes Breakfast)
- Cabin Bottom Bunk: \$ 14

- Adult Weekend Registration Fee: \$ 23
- Non-Members add: \$ 10
- Cabin Top Bunk: \$ 12

Make checks payable to: SCA, Inc DBA Barony of Iron Mountain

Mail Reservations to: Kristen Vognild, PO Box 26024, Birmingham AL, 35260

The Shire of Beau Fort Presents

Golden Lily XXV Nowruz Festival:

East Meets West

May 9-11, 2025



The Shire of Beau Fort invites one and all to our 25<sup>th</sup> annual event. Friday night Stargazing after a simple Traveler's Fare meal. Saturday, there will be dance classes featuring Eastern as well as European. A&S classes and Youth activities, exploring Spring Festivals of the East and West. Martial tournaments for both rapier and rattan enthusiast. Their Royal Majesties will hold court, with a tasty feast on the field. The Hafla Bardic Ball ends the day!

**Reservations:** THLady Petra the Blythe [Petra Walters]  
[excheq.beaufort@meridies.org](mailto:excheq.beaufort@meridies.org) 650-678-2428 **Make Checks**  
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Hard Labor Creek State Park  
 Camp Daniel Morgan  
 5 Hard Labor Creek Rd  
 Rutledge, GA 30660

Site Opens Friday May 9 9pm Closes 10am Sunday May 11

**Reservation Fees:** Youth 17 and under admitted Free for Day Trip Only. Cabin Bed Space and Food are a Separate Charge.

Day Trip	\$30.00
Weekend Bed Adult	\$40.00
Weekend Bed under 12yrs	\$15.00
Weekend Bed 13-17yrs	\$20.00
Member Discount	\$10.00
Friday Supper and Saturday Breakfast	\$5.00
Under 12yrs	\$2.50
Feast 13yrs -Adult	\$15.00
Under 12yrs	\$7.50
State Park Parking	\$5.00 Purchase at Event Cash Only.



**Cash or Check at the Door.** Look for Registration Area aka "Troll"

For more information, please point your browser to <https://beaufort.meridies.org>

*The Shire of Tir Briste Invites You to Attend*

## Spring Crown List and Kingdom Arts and Sciences

Flint River Adventure Area  
1166 Dripping Rock Road  
Molena, Georgia. 30258  
23-26 May 2025

### Registration

Adult Member Discount  
Registration  
Weekend: \$25  
Daytrip: \$20

Adult Non-Member  
Registration  
Weekend \$35  
Daytrip \$30

**Children under 18 have  
free registration.  
However, they must  
pay for feast.**

Feast Saturday night  
\$10  
Feast Sunday night.  
\$10

Make checks out to  
SCA, inc. DBA as  
Shire of Tir Briste \*

Traveler's fare and  
breakfast Saturday and  
Sunday morning are  
included in your  
registration fee

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Camp on site or reserve  
a permanent wall tent  
with cots. Please bring  
your own bedding.

Site is **discretely** wet.

No dogs permitted,  
except Service dogs  
(with a valid rabies  
certificate). No  
emotional support dogs  
permitted.

Find more information  
at:  
<https://tirbriste.meridies.org/artsy-crown/>  
FB: Spring Crown List  
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# Meridian Challenge of Arms

## June 27 - 29, 2025

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### 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**  
**Non-member \$30**

**Feast \$12**

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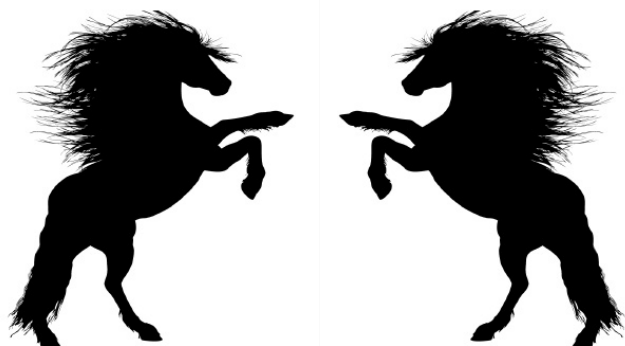
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Date	Event	Sponsoring Group	Event Location	PG #
<b>May, 2025</b>				
2-4	Black Axe	Barony of Iron Mtn	Selma, AL	7
9-11	Golden Lily	Shire of Beau Fort	Rutledge, GA	7
23-26	Spring Crown List/ Kingdom A&S	Shire of Tir Briste	Molena, GA	8



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<b>June, 2025</b>				
7	Day in the Park	Shire of Rising Stone	Murfreesboro, TN	NA
20-22	Giants Dance	Shire of Nant-y-Derwyddon		NA
27-29	Meridian Challenge of Arms	Shire of Phoenix Glade	Chipley, FL	9

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