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The Barony of Brendoken

FEBRUARY 2019



The Portcullis

Greetings from the Baron and Baroness

It's official – We have successors! In case you haven't heard, the Crown has named Lord Cadwgan and Lady Eadaoin as the next Baron and Baroness! We know that they will do a fantastic job and wish them the best of luck! Thank you also to Sir Seamus and Lady Siomha for being willing to serve the Barony. Be sure to mark your calendar for March 23 to herald in a new era for Brendoken.

As a reminder, if you have any award recommendations for Alderford's event, Masque of Courtly Love, on March 2 or for the Baronial Investiture on March 23, please provide them to us. We always appreciate hearing the great deeds of the Populace. While we strive to visit and support all aspects of the Society, we know that we cannot be everywhere and see everything. We rely on you to ensure worthy individuals who give of themselves toward the pursuit of the Dream are recognized. Even if you are unsure of which award to recommend them for, tell us what they have done that you deem worthy and we will help find the most appropriate fit. Also, please try to ensure that those you put in a recommendation for will be in attendance for said event. It is very sad to see the people recognized, but not have them be present to receive the award.

Also, in case you hadn't heard, the Baronial Investiture will be a Tournament of Defense. This is a great opportunity for not only our Rapier fighters but for all of our combatants, artisans, and teachers to shine as light is shone on the Barony! No matter what your interests this is a great opportunity to learn something new.

In medieval times such education was not as common place. While all schools and universities founded in the Middle Ages were created for boys, and only wealthy males could attend schools, upper-class women were also educated. They were taught at home in literate courses like writing and reading, as well as rules how to keep household successfully. Young men could go to one of three types of Schools, Song school, Monastic school, and Grammar School. The latter being the only one where various subjects such as Latin, grammar, rhetoric, logic, math, science, astrology and philosophy were taught. Practical lessons such as hunting and trapping were also taught.

So be sure to take advantage of all the great education you can get on whatever it is that interests you.

Yours in Service

John the Ox & Cerridwen

Fellowship of the Woobie

By Catriona, Baroness Brendoken



Barony Brendoken became a reality on February 21, 2004. We, the Premier Baron and Baroness, Alexander and Catriona, began holding court on that day. However, Baronial awards were not given out until Brendokenfest on September 17, 2005. And even then, several were only provisional awards, as the College of Heralds had not yet accepted the complete slate of awards.

This left us a little over a year and a half when we had a huge list of people to thank and acknowledge and no way to show our appreciation. In desperation the unofficial "Baronial Woobie" was created.

During later discussions about the baronial awards, Alexander and I had decided that each award would have a charm associated with it. People could display the charm to let others know how they had been acknowledged. I had become interested in assembling

beads into "dangles" that could be given out as largess around the same time. The two ideas came together. I found beads that were green with a gold metallic stripe coupled with a gold tone oak leaf. At this point, the dangle had no name and was given out simply as a token of appreciation.

I'm not exactly sure when the token began to be called "Woobie" but I know that the term came from the now Mistress Katarina Peregrine, who was our baronial herald at the time. The name stuck and Barony Brendoken had its first, albeit unofficial, award- the Baronial Woobie! We knew that there would be a finite number of woobies given out as we were working diligently to have the official baronial awards accepted by the College of Heralds. We jokingly referred to the recipients as the "Fellowship of the Woobie."

So, if you see this token displayed by anyone, you know that these good gentles gave of their time and love to the creation of this barony. And that Alexander and Catriona, Baron and Baroness Brendoken, remember them most fondly.



Traditional Masque Exhibition

Child 3-8, Youth 9-14; Adults 15 and up

Child and Youth Categories, Best in Age Group, Best Use of Blue and White
Best Dragon

Adult Categories: Most Period DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Best Use of Blue and White, No Documentation Needed

Best Dragon, No Documentation Needed

Judging: Exhibition coordinator and two other judges selected from event attendees will review each category, and with input from populace "bean count," will establish a winner. For more information go to:

marcheofalderford.weebly.com

or <https://alderfordsocialmed.wixsite.com/masque>

Upcoming Events in the Region

2-2 Candlemas, Dragonsmark, Lexington, KY.

2-9 Inkin in Lincoln, Shattered Crystal, Marine, IL.

2-9 St. Valentine's Day Massacre and Tournament of Chivalry, Three Hills, Kalamazoo, MI.

2-16 Fimbulwinter VI, Cuil Choluim, Bean Blossom, IN.

2-16 Aedult SwimKingdom of Aethelmearc, Milton, PA.

2-16 Rogue's Day, Swordcliff, Kinkaid, IL.

2-23 Courting on the River and Midlands Regional A&S, Dark River, Moline, IL.

Minutes from the January 2019 Meeting

Akira opens

OLD BUSINESS

Review for Baronial Investiture will be in March. Neassa was not in the room to update. Cerridwen will reach out to their Majesties when she goes to Maidens.

Demo at Wayfarer Lodge

Wayfairer lodge demo is February 10th Sunday. Combatants talk to the marshals. Not sure if fighting or food will come first. Ox for armoured marshal, Seamus for rapier.

Poling was only 30%. Will it be enough? Traditionally it's not a big response. Donalbane asks time frame. Akira hasn't heard anything. Cerridwen said it went in to them December 17.

We may have the results soon.

Algar asks if the Baronial champs will be that same day? Akira: waiting to hear from incoming, it's their call. The next Baron and Baroness will choose their champions and the current champions will be excused.

Dates for the Baronial meeting for June and December are in question. If we keep December 1st we will be at the other end of the building. A vote was taken and passed. We'll have the meeting at the other end of the building on December 1st. We need a new date for June.

Also last month – new barony pavilion. After the main meeting and the blades meeting meet up front to get that going.

Communications Project – Survey has started, how do you want your info delivered? Bianca is the social media officer. We need to come up with a solid multi prong approach.

NEW BUSINESS

Akira - Quarterly tournament review. Mar'itsa says the first quarterly one (A&S) will happen at Investiture.

Their Excellences – award req. need to be put in for Masque and Investiture. Please give the scribes time!

They will not be at the Cleftlands "Regular Event" (Disney and Universal!)

OFFICERS

Seneschal- midrealm.org is down. Some may have heard or seen a poll from SCA.org/Milpitas regarding new peerages.. If you have questions about it, please let him know. We need a successor for Donalbane for Harold.

Exchecker - \$7708.33(?)

Signet - Mirkat - There is a scribal contest for the most and the best scroll blanks. Open to anyone. Try something you haven't done before. Due by Investiture.

Knights Marshal - Marellus - Armor fighting Thursday night at Gwyntarian. Monday is shop night at Seamus's. Lord Bu, the new Gwyntarian KM, to sponsor a contest. Anyone can participate. Best documentable improvement in kit. Feb. 1st to the end of the year. Work on kit through the year. Make and record changes. It will be judged by Armored and A&S folks for historical accuracy and a better look. More info coming.

Rapier Marshal- Lorenzo there will be rapier combat after the meeting. Donalbane - What is the status in regard to authorizations database. Lorenzo - it's on a new website. If your card is expired, it's dead. You can pull up your authorization on line. Craig/Vlad - save it on your phone as a screen shot. Essentially - everyone is set to run through at least 2019.

MOAS - Deirdre subbing for Mar'itsa. Garb contest has started again. Be sure to wear garb to the meeting and get in on the drawing at the end of the year. She'll take the opening roster and transfer the names to a ticket.

Harold - Donalbane "bad Harold" because midrealm.org is down report was not sent in. He'll turn in the reports when the web site is back up. Emphasized that we can get help for anyone who wants to do the herald's office. He told a funny story about how he did it the first time. Pennsic "liquidity" story. We'll need one for Masque. Donalbane not able to go.

Chatelaine - some new folks came to the Gwyntarian meeting.

Chronicler - Mili - Portcullis is out. Please let me know if there are corrections and/or errors. Any articles and pictures always welcome.

Social Media - Bianca The calendar portal is active. It's in the Atrium email, FB page. Please let her know if you need help.

GROUP REPORTS

ALDERFORD- Kazimir is ill. Masque is March 2nd, Francesca will be the feascrat,

Holly will be in charge of the classes. The next meeting will be at the Universal Unitarian Church in North Canton.

GWYNTARIAN - Thursdays fight and A&S. Potluck on Thursday. A&S night at Fred Fuller park January 25th. Archery meeting. Pot luck. Arwina will be bringing boar and ham. All Fred events up as FB event.

THISTLE - Meeting on the 9th of January to plan future at Mihajlo/Robart's place.

3 TOWERS - meeting at the library. Need new meeting site.

OPEN FORUM

Donalbane - blades meeting, it will be brief.

Ann has goodies up for grab on the back table. Please take some of the goodies home.

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn esday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Baronial meeting	3 Towers meeting 7pm Baronial Choir prac- tice 7pm			Gwyntarian meeting 7:45pm		Archery prac- tice 2pm
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