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The Barony of Brendoken

JANUARY 2019



The Portcullis

Greetings!

Welcome to this new and wonderful year! The year has barely begun but events are in full swing. As a reminder, Masque of Courtly Love is quickly approaching on March 2. Please submit award recommendations for Baronial Awards so we can give our artisans lots of time to prepare scrolls. 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.

This year promises many new and exciting adventures, not the least of which is awaiting word from the Crown on who will be Our successors as Baron and Baroness. While we don't know who the successors are yet, be sure to mark your calendar for March 23 to herald in a new era for Brendoken.

Conveniently, the date almost matches up with when most of Europe celebrated the New Year in the Middle Ages. March 25 marked both the beginning of spring and the Feast of the Annunciation, a special day dedicated to Mary. The holiday was a springtime celebration that was a mix of nature-based worship and the celebration of the divine feminine. The church officially changed the date of the New Year to January 1 in 1582 by Pope Gregory, although in some places these older traditions are still followed. So not only will we celebrate a transition in Brendoken, but can also celebrate a New Year as they would in the Middle Ages!!

No matter when you celebrate or what your plans, as you travel, please be safe as the roads can be hazardous this time of year and make sure to get your travel tokens for out of Barony travels- coins to help keep you at your accustomed bacon levels.

Yours in Service

John the Ox & Cerridwen

Baron and Baroness of Brendoken

Meeting Minutes, December 2018

Baroness Cerridwen's demo is on Sunday February 10, 2019. Ron will be the feastocrat, John will be the armored marshal, rapier marshal. Seamus: MIT, who's his marshal.

For those who have been before, it's a fun event. The Masons and their wives really enjoy the food and feast. It's a great opportunity to serve. We made \$700 on the demo last year. Bring your feast gear; bring an active art/science to pair with the combatant demo. Cerridwen is point of contact.

Pavilion project—We are looking for a work group.

NEW BUSINESS

Mar'itsa had her garb contest drawing. Congratulations to 2018 winner Siglinde: Brunhilda. Garb contest will continue in 2019. Be sure and wear garb to meeting to be part of the drawing.

Currently scheduling meetings for 2019. Next meeting January 6

THE Brendoken

John: Rapier tourney winner: sword to carry this next year until the next rapier tourney. Legal for rapier and C&T to Sir Seamus.

OFFICER REPORTS

Seneschal: has a replacement! Donalbane will be the new seneschal, contingent on his replacement as herald. Please see Donalbane, so things can go forward.

Exchequer: \$7614 and change. Ron has been in 2 years; has a deputy to see if he wants to step up; Ron will let us know if he needs someone.

Signet: Mirkat is it; please let us know if you are buying presents for scribes!

KM: Marellus new KM starting today, Marcos is stepping down. Please see him right after meeting to enter. 44 authorized fighters in the barony right now—only heavy fighters.

Rapier: Lorenzo not present.

MOAS: All MOAS officers got their reports in on time. Mar'itsa talked up the embroidery conference in Aethelmearc, please consid-

Cazuela de Carne, a Reconstruction

By THL Rycheza z Polksa

Cazuela de Carne, or a Casserole of Meat, is one of nearly 250 recipes from *Libre del Coch* by Ruperto de Nola, cook for the King of Naples. First published in Barcelona in 1520, his book was translated from the original Catalan into Spanish by 1525 and was published in five Catalan editions and ten times in Spanish. The English translation below comes from the work of Lady Brighid ni Chiarain MKA Robin Carroll-Mann. Her translation of the Spanish edition, *Libro de Guisados*, is published in its entirety on Stefan's Florilegium at <http://www.florilegium.org>
CAZUELA DE CARNE

You must take meat and cut it into pieces the size of a walnut, and gently fry it with the fat of good bacon; and when it is well gently fried, cast in good broth, and cook it in a casserole; and cast in all fine spices, and saffron, and a little orange juice or verjuice, and cook it very well until the meat begins to fall apart and only a little broth remains; and then take three or four eggs beaten with orange juice or verjuice, and cast it into the casserole; and when you wish to eat, give it four or five stirs with a large spoon, and then it will thicken; and when it is thick, remove it from the fire; and prepare dishes, and cast cinnamon upon each one. However, there are those who do not wish to cast in eggs or spice, but only cinnamon and cloves, and cook them with the meat, as said above, and cast vinegar on it so that it may have flavor; and there are others who put all the meat whole and in one piece, full of cinnamon, and whole cloves, and ground spices in the broth, and this must be turned little by little, so that it does not cook more at one end than the other. And so nothing is necessary but cloves and cinnamon, and those moderately.

Catalan Stew

Redaction by THL Rycheza z Polska

1 to 2 pounds beef, cut into small pieces for stew.

Bacon fat (or other fat for browning)

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup orange juice

Beef broth to cover, (or sprinkle with beef bouillon and add water)

1 tsp ground cumin, 1 tsp ground cinnamon, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground cloves

1 tsp celery seed

Ground pepper to taste

Pinch of saffron (optional)

Mix ground spices and set aside. Brown meat in bacon fat, sprinkle spices over meat and deglaze pan with orange juice. Add celery seed, broth to cover meat halfway.

Cook on the stovetop or in the oven till meat falls apart.

At the Baronial meeting on December 2, Rannvaeig orramr Eskilskona (R. Raven Eidsmoe) asked Lady Mar'itsa Sumnikova (Melissa Rusnak) to be her apprentice. Mar'itsa was delighted to accept.



Armored Tourney



After the Baronial meeting on December 2, there was one of our quarterly tournaments, the Armored Tourney. The contestants were Sir Seamus Mac-Dubhgail (Michael Weaver), Marellus

Kilianus (Mark Terlosky) and Sir Sir Winthegn (Josh Kelley). Marellus, who had received a sword from Syr Silverthorn last tournament, made a sheath for the sword this time. He presented it to the winner, Sir Winthegn.



Photo's by Mare (Mary Ann Kienapple)

er going next year, no matter your embroidery level. See her for info. Please keep up the awesome work; and remember WIP Wednesdays. **Herald:** Needs a replacement! Domesday is NYE. Try to get yours in early if possible.

Chronicler: New chronicler is Janet Jones!!

Web Minister: Sam needs to step down.

GROUP REPORTS

Alderford doing well. Planning Masque. Sunday December 9: Meeting at Mulligan's for dinner 5 pm.

Gwyntarian: Things are going well. Potluck in two weeks. No Fred Fuller in December. January is Archery Guild meeting,

Thistle: Mihalo, December 12 next meeting; short meeting and review of their archery equipment; planning for next year. At Robart's place, please contact for directions.

Three Towers: only meeting first three Mondays in December because of the holidays. Making new banners for the group. Contact Crystal for info on banner project.

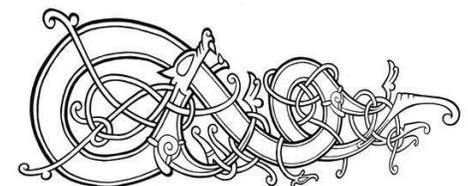
FOR THE GOOD OF THE BARONY

Donalbane: Blades meeting right as food happens.

Her Ex: Promo Midrealm Embroidery Guild. First informal panel, 12/9 at Cerridwen's, 1 pm.

Marcos: Thanks for the donations to the new barony coronets. Final cost about 3K. Hoping they will arrive by Masque. If you want to donate, please get in touch with him. Private fundraising, so not involved with barony so that the barony can give you a receipt for it as a gift to the barony as cash.

Adjourn and seconded.



Upcoming Events in the Region

1-12 -12th Fight Rimsholt, Grand Rapids ,MI

1-12 -A Dragonshire 12th Night and Festival of Maidens, Ayreton , Oswego, IL.

1-12-Winter Wassail XV-Rivenvale, Youngstown

1-18-19-Winter Revel-Three Walls, Iona, MI

1-19-A Regular Event-Clefflands, Warrensville Hts.

1-25Deadline to get Ads into the March Pale



Archery Winter Practices

Woody Adamson and I have scheduled the Gwyntarian/Brendoken winter archery practices at the Complete Hunter's Outlet, 1320 St. Rte. 43, Mogadore, OH. Range rate is \$8/hour per person. Our practice schedule is for the following dates at 2:00 p.m., so mark your calendars: January 12, 26, February 9, 23, March 23 (a VERY full event month!), April yet to be determined as the event schedule fills out in the coming months ahead.

We will be shooting the Horseman Society Seasonal Archery Challenge, and we will probably bring a standard archery target for those just wanting some basic target practice who don't want to shoot for any kind of scoring. If anyone requires loaner gear, talk to Woody. Ian Gourdon and Arwenna also have some available, too.

Saradwen

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Gwyntarian meeting 7:45pm		
	6	7	8	9	10	11
Baronial meeting	3 Towers meeting 7pm	Alderford Meeting 7pm		Gwyntarian meeting 7:45pm		
	Baronial Choir practice 7pm					Archery practice 2pm
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	3 Towers meeting 7pm		Thistle meeting 7pm 621 Johnson Rd. Wadsworth	Gwyntarian meeting 7:45pm		
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	Baronial Choir practice 7pm					Archery meeting at Fred Fuller 7pm
	27		29	30	31	Archery practice 2pm
	3 Towers meeting 7pm			Gwyntarian meeting 7:45pm		

Archery meeting at Fred Fuller



Archers and those interested in archery. Join Gwyntarian Archers Guild, Friday, January 25, 2019, 7pm at Fred Fuller Park's Roy Smith Shelterhouse, 497 Middlebury road, Kent.

Also on the agenda: Pot Luck and lost of "no kidding, I was there" stories.