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The Barony of Brendoken

MARCH 2019



The Portcullis



Greetings

from the Baron and Baroness

It is hard to believe that it has been five years and this will be Our last greeting to the Brendoken Populace as Baron and Baroness! It has been Our great pleasure to serve the Barony and be your Crown representatives.

At Masque of Courtly Love in Alderford, the travel challenge came to a close. We hope everyone enjoyed the challenge and enjoyed meeting people outside the Barony even more. It has been fantastic to go many places and see Our Populace at most every event We ventured to.

Don't forget, that it's not too late to start an entry for the North Oaken A&S Competition which will be held on April 13th. If you need any help with ideas, documentation, or just someone to bounce ideas off of, We are happy to offer a hand, ear, idea, etc. or seek out the Baronial A&S Officer, Mar'itsa.

Thank you to all those who went out of their way to assist Us during the last five years. We greatly appreciate all the help in set up and tear down, helping Us stay organized, the willingness to run errands/messages, or just the many smiles, hugs, and words of encouragement. It has been a fantastic time filled with great memories. We know We leave the Barony in great hands, and wish only the best for Lord Cadwgan and Lady Eadaion, the soon to be Fourth Baron and Baroness of Brendoken.

We look forward to continuing Our service in whatever capacity We might. We wish all of you many safe travels and great success in all that you do.

Yours in Service,

John the Ox & Cerridwen

Third Baron and Baroness of Brendoken

BARONIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT INVESTATURE

There will be several Baronial Championship contests at Investiture on March 23rd.

Kasimir's A&S Challenge

Greetings Good Lords and Ladies, my time as A&S Champion is coming to an end. In the time I have spent as Champion, I have had the great luck to acquire many new skills outside of the Leatherwork for which I am known. And so I Issue the following Challenge unto you: Create something outside of your wheel house to enter the Champion's Challenge. I want you to reach outside of your comfort zone. If you are known for Scribal Arts, perhaps have a weaving entry, for example. The project may have been started any time within the past 6 months, but must be finished to be entered. The Challenge will take place at Investiture, March 23.

Zsof's Bardic Challenge

Greetings unto the populace of Brendoken!

At the Investiture of Cadwgan and Eadaoin, next Baron and Baroness of Brendoken, there will be a competition to determine the next Baronial Bard.

The competition will involve two rounds.

The first round challenge is to perform a piece about a Chivalric virtue (see this page for a list of virtues: <https://chivalrytoday.com/knightly-virtues/>). The second round will be the combatant's choice.

Please contact Mistress Zsof if you plan on entering. She can be reached on FB messenger or via email at zsofsky AT gmail DOT com.

In Service,
Zsof

Kenneth PHaven's armored challenge

Atlanten Speed Tourney, bring your best. One and done.

Kira Kojirou Tokiakira (AKA Akira) elevation

When the peers of the Midrealm get together to discuss possible new peers, they look for someone who shows Peer Like Qualities, and Chivalric virtues, like justice, mercy, nobility, hope and service.

Akira will be on vigil at investiture. He has been tapped by the peers of Midrealm to be elevated to be a Pelican. There will be a room available for him during the day. It is customary for one who is being elevated to the peerage to have a portion of the day spent in reflection. Guests are permitted to visit during this time to congratulate or impart wisdom. All are welcome to visit.

Archery Guild

By Arwenna of Kelsley



On the last Friday in January, the Gwyntarian Archers' Guild held their annual St. Sebastian's Day feast and invited all interested archers in the Barony of Brendoken to come share in the discussion of the state of archery in the barony and how to increase interest. We feasted on Boar stew and shared goodies after a vigorous discussion about archery.

Arwenna explained the history of the Gwyntarian Guild and shared a copy of their charter. The question was asked: "Should Gwyntarian extend its charter to all archers in the barony or should the barony create a similar structure like a guild?" The purpose of a guild is twofold – to encourage all members to increase their knowledge and skill and to pass along that knowledge and experience to others. By having guild ranks, there is incentive to work at achieving a higher level of skill, knowledge, craftsmanship, and leadership in particular areas in archery. Those four areas are the four goals that the archers all seemed to agree upon and have become the basis of the Brendoken Archers' Guild proposal currently being drafted.

The guild ranks are similar to those in historic guilds; Apprentice, Journeyman, and Master. Qualifications were discussed and tied to each of the four goals. The skill level for each rank is still under discussion while we look for a suitable and consistent means to determine this. It was universally agreed that there should be a youth component to the guild. A possible way to mark youth success at archery is currently being written and will be sent out for review shortly.

The first draft has already been sent to all who were at the meeting. The second version is currently undergoing proof-reading and review. If anyone else would like a copy please send Arwenna your email address so she can add it to the group listing. Hers is pkelley@theelms.org.



February 3, 2019 meeting minutes

Akira and Donalbane were absent. Gabe ran the meeting.

Old Business

Cadwgan and Eadaoin will be the new Baron and Baroness. Investiture is March 23rd. Brendoken will be hosting the Tournament of Defense. The original price of \$800 for the site has been raised to \$1,000. Cerridwen made a motion to pay the extra \$200 which includes access to the whole building. Motion was seconded and passed.

Cerridwen – The Wayfarer demo has been cancelled – not enough pre-sale. Seneschals please let your people know about the cancellation.

The June meeting will be on the 9th. Voted on and approved.

Pavilion – Akira purchased a 14x14 marquee tent with 7' walls for \$650.00. It was moved and seconded to pay Akira for the tent. It was voted on and passed to buy a rolling bin to store the tent not to exceed \$100.00

New Business

Baron and Baroness are requesting award recommendations. Send them by email, or Facebook, text, or chat with them. Masque will be the last award for travel. They will pass it on to the next Excellences.

OFFICER REPORTS

Exchequer – \$6470 at the start of the meeting, \$4801 at the end of the meeting.

Signet – She is accepting scrolls for the competition –contest is quality and quantity.

MOAS – Reports are due March 1st. North Oaken Regional A&S Faire at Cleflands will be April 13. Check with Mar'itsa if you want to enter and have questions. Investiture A&S will be a display. A piece of persona inspired period item, how it was used and by whom, time period, culture and description. Adult and youth categories. Also a dirty ½ dozen Largess Derby to help welcome the new baron and baroness. One entry 7 items. Adult winner receives 1 of their choice, youth receives 1 youth and 1 adult item of their choice. Deirdre will be running the event – Mar'itsa's daughter is graduating! And she won't be able to be there.

Chatelaine – Waldorf school in Copley is wanting a demo.

Chronicler – February Portcullis is available, seneschals please take for your meeting. If there are any additions or corrections please let her know. Any article or pictures are welcome.

GROUP REPORTS

Alderford – Masque March 2, we need teachers. Francesca is the feastocrat. Bianca is running Dead Parrot – potato bar. Meeting for Masque committee after meeting. May 4th the Girl Scout demo (Spring Coronation same day)

Gwyntarian – A&S night Feb. 22 at Fred Fuller. Viking Age twisted and plated arm rings taught by Duke Eikbrandr. Class size is limited.

Thistle – Tuesday 12th A&S night, Tuesday 26th archery 6:30 Marksman Range, Norton.

3 Towers – looking for a new site, if you know of a good place, please let them know.

Open Forum

Rapier meeting, Hugh is taking pre-reg for Masque, Tent committee meeting, Vlad – Merchants for Investiture needed, Camp Mom Sophie for Pennsic, Donallbane Camp Dad. Check with them to camp at the Baronial camp. Rannvaeig - Blackstone Raids site has been changed. It is now a dry site. Mirkat is having scribal night every 3rd Tuesday. Looking for classes for Investiture.

Upcoming Events in the Region

3/9-16 Gulf Wars, Gleann Abhann, Lumberton, MS

3/23 Keep Calm and Ceilidh on, Norborough, Troy, OH

3/29 Quest for the Golden Seanstress, Roaring Wastes, Berkley, MI

3/30 Better War Through Archery and Pastimes, Sternfeld, Danville, IN

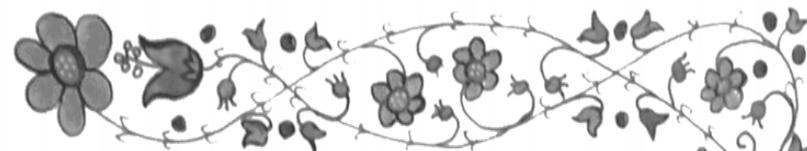
3/30 Terpsichore at the TowerXXV, Cynnabar, Saline, MI

The Academy of St. Clare of Assisi:

Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais (central Pennsylvania/Æthelmearc)

Friday, March 29th through Sunday, March 31st, 2019

Bored with a wardrobe filled with plain-Jane gowns? Transform one of those hum garments with a bit of embroidery, and you now have a one-of-a-kind garment that others admire! Or, go all-out and embroider the entire surface of a coif, a pouch, a sleeve, or even a jacket! Whether this is your first time putting needle to thread or you're an embroidery veteran, if you've been waiting for the know-how or the motivation, "The Academy of St. Clare of Assisi: Keeping You in Stitches!" will enable and inspire you!



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*A&S Macrame with Rosie Dubroc—1562 Ries St., Barberton

