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## Greetings to the Populace!!

We hope these hot summer days find you well, staying safe and as cool as possible. As we continue to social distance, we hope that everyone is finding the opportunity to finish old projects, start new ones, and explore new interests.

It seems like every day we face new challenges, both inside the Society and out, as the world around us changes. We have seen people posting on social media vows supporting safety, diversity, inclusion, and equity in the SCA. We would add our voices to the chorus. We reject speech and actions that insult, demean, bully, or threaten any person or group of people because of their religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, body or any immutable characteristic. As Baron and Baroness of the Barony of Brendoken, we hold these lands in fief from the Crown. We swear to uphold the laws of the Middle Kingdom, and we serve our people as best we can. It is both our duty and our honor to do so. But it's more than just our JOB. We want our Barony to be a safe place for all of our people, and we will strive to make it so. Our door is always open, day or night, to anyone.

Please, stay safe. Ask for help if you need it.  
And don't forget to hydrate.

Yours In Service, with Great Pride in our People,  
Cadwgan and Eadaoin  
Baron and Baroness of Brendoken



### Will there be an SCA when this is all over (con't)

Monotheism brought a new order to people contemplating the world around them. And when Science stood up to the Church and said our planet revolves around the Sun, people examined the proofs and moved on. Civilization did not collapse. It Evolved. We have Evolved. And we continue to evolve.

We of the SCA, you and I, have this opportunity to bear forward the tropes of All That Was Good, and apply them to the SCA in its next incarnation. There will be changes, and there will be continuity, as we make each other better, as we, ourselves, become better people. Even Noble.

The SCA will survive, because we need it to, because we want it to, and because we will make it happen.

In Service to all,

**Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari**  
protege to Master Phillip the Pilgrim

### June Archery challenge



## Will there be an SCA when this is all over?"

Amidst the flurry of messages and posts within our Society since the beginning of The Quarantine, there is one query that has seemed the most anxious to be answered. If you will permit me, I wish to offer opinion on "Will there be an SCA when this is all over?"

The short answer should be a resounding Yes!

The SCA began as a party for college students, looking to blow off steam from their studies, in an inventively noble format. Fifty-four years later, there are thousands of people looking to blow off steam from studies, jobs, and other issues that are stressful to the spirit. You go to an event as a chosen persona, which gives you a key to interact outside the person you are in non-SCA life. Now you can become involved in martial arts, or learn a skill, or just chat with people, in a safe environment. The science fiction community has addressed this kind of mental break a few times, such as in Michael Crichton's "Westworld," or Philip K. Dick's "We Can Remember It For You Wholesale." SCA is, for many people, a full immersion vacation into ElseWhen.

So what about all the missed events, and the potential new rules for events when we are able to gather again, to say nothing of the new policies on what is acceptable Society behavior? Consider the SCA as a petri dish model of the macro-society. Any social entity begins as a few people with a single common interest; for example, a few people meet up in Kansas in 1835 and say, this looks like a good place to settle. And they establish themselves with farms. Others come and settle, too. Eventually a church, a general store, even a schoolhouse are established. Now you have a village. More people come, perhaps those with less-than-desirable behavior. Now you install laws, and assign people to enforce them. Village becomes town, town becomes city, and so on.

In our fifty-four years, we have gone from primitive one-on-one armored fighting to melees with chain mail and historic replica armor. Our guilds and special interest groups are many dozens in number – look at the class list from the past few Pennsics, which of themselves see more than 10,000 by War's end, more than most surrounding towns. And we have spread around the World.

Consider, too, that all societies and civilizations are hit with upheavals both good and bad, events that Changed Everything. Farming made people settle down, instead of being nomads following food beasts and a chance for suitable plant matter. From this came the development of living spaces, storage containers, communal food sharing, marketplaces, and so on. (con't pg 7)

## Minutes from the June Virtual Meeting

Good to see everybody

**Excellencies** – It's good to see everyone and we miss you all. We're very proud of all the things you've been doing to help everyone out. The SCA census is out. It's involved, they want your opinion. Give and be heard. Hope to see you in person soon. I will check out storage units when I can.

**Seneschal**– Census can be filled out thru mid-July. On July 1st. check membership.

There have been very specific precautions. It's been posted on websites. There will be a sign in sheet with names, phone number and /or email and signature, for contact tracing. Masks are mandatory, 6 feet apart. Do not attend unless you are symptom free. There needs to be hand sanitizers, all surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected. 10 people inside, 100 outside. No communal food or drink, no martial activities allowed. If you feel ill after meeting contact seneschal.

Next meeting July 12 outside Donalbane will purchase hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies out of Baronial funds. Request made and accepted. We should try and help Grace Fellowship church in some way.

**Exchequer** – Bank balance is \$9525.29. would like to move the storage rental. \$9333.60 current balance. Received over \$500 from the Wayfarer demo. Will rent be changed for months that weren't used?

**Signet** – nothing to report. still get award req's in.

**Knights Marshal** – Any type of martial participate needs to fill out the SCA waiver form that I have previously discussed. Armored. Rapier. Archery. Thrown Weapons. etc... This is to be filled out and signed then sent to the clerk of the roster. If you did the Midrealm version you will have to do it again. If you have any questions let me or Allison Geraci know and we can try to help you out.

Stay safe! Draco Invictus!

**Chamberlain** –nothing to report

**A&S** – use A&S portal or seek MoAS for help.

**Herald**–If anyone is interested in becoming the new Herald, talk to her.

**Chronicler** – What would you like to see in the newsletter? Recent events" more pictures? Calendars of events, recipes? Feel free to pm me.



## **June Meeting Minutes continued**

**Chatelaine** –has 2 deputies

**Web minister** – Covid banner up next month or so hopefully will get info up asap.

**General** – Should we have a meeting in August since there's no Pennsic?

If anyone needs help with membership dues or know someone who needs help with membership please contact their Excellencies or the Seneschal.

Kat Baldwin can make Brendoken masks.

## **A Message from the Midrealm Kindom Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Deputy**

Dragon populace of the Midrealm, my name is (The Dread) Countess Katherine Vivian, it is my absolute honor to be serving as the Midrealm Kingdom Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (D.E.I.) Deputy. The goal of this office is to support the SCA Corporate D.E.I. Officer with society level initiatives within the Middle Kingdom and to foster respect for all Children of the Dragon regardless of race, ethnicity, age, class, gender, sexual orientation, physical abilities/qualities, religion, nationality, or any other difference.

This role is NOT to judge citizens of the Middle kingdom but to cultivate the diversity and inclusion of all its citizens with the same respect, courtesy and dignity that are inalienable human rights as individuals and as represented under the code of the SCA.

Rhetoric aside and with full transparency; I will report to the Kingdom Seneschal and am here for ALL the children of the Midrealm so if you need or want to report an incident, provide feedback, considerations, or suggestions send them to me at Diversity@Midrealm.org.

This is the time and place to consider others and discuss issues that make us uncomfortable so we can be better together. To this end I invite one and all to email me at Diversity@Midrealm.org in private and I will begin a weekly post to answer questions, address concerns, open dialogues and help promote and progress the understanding of diversity and inclusion among their Majesty's populace. ...and if there are no emails you will be at the mercy of the dread countess.

I can promise that your voice matters and will be heard.

In Hope, Service & Unity,

**Katherine Vivian**

## **A&S Update**

Mar'itsa Sumnikova is planning to turn over Baronial Minister of Arts and Science (BMOAS) at the December meeting. Lena Krieger, her deputy, will be filling the position. These are some very big shoes to fill, as Mar'itsa has done an amazing job for the barony. Deirdre MakKyneth will be continuing as deputy. Lena is looking for a second deputy.

## **Old News:**

Thrift it To Win It - this is still ongoing and the winner was to be chosen from a display at the annual Christmas Party (December Baronial Meeting). Requirements: A picture of what it was. Inspiration Photo (historical art or item that the final piece was based on or is inspired by). How I got from A to Z documentation is grand, but not absolutely necessary. Final Item for judging/display.

## **Newcomer's Items Largesse drive-Due end of August**

The focus for this is useful items, not necessarily exact replicas of period stuff. We need items such as mugs, mug frogs, belts (not white, green, red, or yellow), pilgrim's bags, belt pouches, haversacks, hoods, hats, jewelry and belt favors. Actual practical useful things. This drive for the good of the barony and no prizes will be given.

## **Artisan's Exchange**

Artisan's exchange is starting in January. It goes like this: you get the persona, time, likes and dislikes of a person on a card. You have a set time; You will create a craft to gift your person based on that information. You are allowed to talk to other people about your person, just not directly with the person you are crafting for. At a later date you will present your work to your Artisan.

## **Mailing List**

We would like to reconnect with those who receive their Society information by in-person courier rather than by Magic Box so that none are left out of the fold. To that End, we of the BMOAS Team are reaching out to all members of the Barony whether they have technology or not. We are going to start a mailing list for those who do not use Facebook or E-mail. We will be mailing out postcards at times to give updated information.