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reetings unto the Populace!!

First of all, we want to say a very heartfelt Thank You to everyone who reached out to us, sent prayers and well wishes, and helped us in our time with "The Plague". It meant the world to us and helped us on the path to healing!! We continue to see the great projects and other things the Baronial Populace is working on and we are happy to see everyone doing what they can to keep the Dream alive!

Struggles continue, as does our friendly competition for telling the tales of challenges overcome. I have seen some of your works already, and look forward to seeing more. Keep them coming! Every challenge overcome is an inspiration to others facing their own.

I know we've said it before, but it is worth repeating. This has been a trying time for everyone. The way of things we knew and the way we are going forward are very different than anything we've ever experienced before. There are those who need support. There are those who need a kind word. There are those who need a helping hand. If you are in need, do not stay silent! We have an incredible family! We are here to help!

Please, no matter what your background, no matter what your lifestyle, no matter what your beliefs...Be kind to one another!! Stand up for one another!! And continue to believe in the Dream!!

Yours In Service,
Cadwgan and Eadaoin
Baron and Baroness of Brendoken



Greetings fellow users of the inter-webs!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to keep group/page postings to medieval politics and that any modern ones are not permitted.

In other news, we now have a Brendoken Pinterest page for ideas and references! This is great for introducing newcomers as well as delving into new hobbies or interests.

I would also like to point out a new Facebook feature called Units. These are found in the menu bar at the top of the group and can be used to make classes. I have started a newcomer class and so far has been very well received. If you are interested in making your own I will be happy to walk you through the process!

Stay Safe and Healthy, Friends!

Deirdre MakKyneth, Baronial SMO

A&S Champion's Fun Challenge

ATTENTION POPULACE

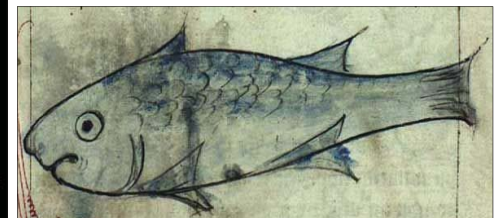
Do you enjoy scribing? Have you ever been interested in illumination? Are you bored and want to try something new?

I have a fun challenge for you!

In the mundane art world, there is an annual challenge known as "Inktober" where every October, amateurs, novices, and masters alike participate and hone their craft. I would like to challenge you to daily, weekly, just one time, take the Inktober prompts below and add a medieval/SCA flare to it! For example the first prompt is fish. Here is a medieval "Sea Pig" for your inspiration.

Upload your works with the hashtag #ScribeTober and get creative!

No rules other than...Do your best! Have fun!



August 2nd Virtual Meeting Minutes continued

3 Towers -

General - contact with Grace Fellowship to make sure we still have the space

The August 30th meeting is cancelled, so next meeting October 4

Be good to each other, if you need anything reach out.

Arwenna - Keep your archery skills in practice. You can practice just not in groups.

Contact Lena for archery challenge for August

Mateusz - Please log in to the A&S activity tracker and record your activities.



The Pilgrimage of Haseki Hürrem Sultan

All pilgrims will start in the Koza Han in Bursa, Turkey. From that ancient silk market, you will set across the Empire to the Yeni Cuma Camii in the city of Izmit and then on to Istanbul, finishing in the grand Haseki Sultan Cami. This pilgrimage will have you covering 170 miles of the Great Ottoman Empire. During this journey you will have the opportunity to grow and develop your speed, strength, stamina, and prowess for the honor of your illustrious Queen.

The Rules are as follows:

The contest runs from September 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020.

1 mile of walking, hiking, running, cycling, rowing, and/or skating will count for 1 mile on the pilgrimage.

750 yards of swimming will count as 1 mile.

1 hour of weightlifting will count for 5 miles on the pilgrimage.

1 hour of archery/equestrian practice will count for 5 miles.

50 pell shots will count for 1 mile on the pilgrimage. Maximum of 100 pell shots.

Minutes from the August 2nd Virtual Meeting

Excellencies just became grandparents!

Excellencies - Eadaoin new grandson's name is Robert. He was 7lbs 7oz. at birth yesterday morning! Eadaoin has issued a challenge to write a story. Send stories and recipes to Portcullis. We would rather be at Pennsic enjoying each other's company. Don't miss out on the things that are right in front of us. Reach out. Pennsic will happen again, and we'll all be together again.

Storage units - everything for a comparable size is \$50 more, so we are going to continue with where it's at.

Seneschal - last month we were hoping to have Melee of the Knave and Road To, but that's not going to happen. Everything is shut down until January 31,

Exchequer - Storage unit is \$65 a month. Are there any objections to paying fee pay thru January 31? No. Our bank balance is \$8998.60 includes \$325 for storage unit payment.

Signet - nothing to report

Knights Marshal - no auths expiring between now and Jan 31. No marshal reporting necessary. You can still fill out waivers and send them in. Now is a good time to keep up with your kit and working out, stretching, buying weapons or fixing things that need it.

Chamberlain - nothing to report

A&S - Thrift it to win it. Won't be in December. Largess derby - still continue to make largess and we will figure out how to pick it up. Make garb. Lena will be the new BMOAS in December, don't forget the 100 day challenge.

Herald - Akira - reach out if you need help with research on your device.

Chronicler - Thanks to Brother Thomas, Lady Lena Kreiger, and THL Rycheza z Polska for their contributions to this month's Portcullis. It is very much appreciated. The next Portcullis will have some songs.

Chatelaine - nothing to report

Web minister - still need to work out what it's going to cost. Needs to type out an official proposal.

Diedre wrote a wonderful song that she needs to perform at Pennsic next year.

Marche Reports

Alderford - randomly checking in with members, if you need anything please reach out

Gwyntarian - things are quiet, will check with Turner club closer to January. Road to of course is cancelled. Virtual meeting on zoom thru Cerridwen

Thistle - no archery
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BORN TO BE THE HEROES

(by Breice Dyllwan)

In the heart of every person, there's a spark of something more
Something greater, something brighter than they've ever known before
And I've watched the people around me, with this heart so full of light
I see the greatness in you and I honor it tonight.

(Chorus)

You were born to be the heroes
You were born to dream the dreams
You were born for something greater
No matter how that seems
You were born to live the epics
Be they short or be they long
You were born to be the heroes...
And I was born to sing your songs

In the eye of the believer is a banner bright unfurled
For dream can move a mountain; an idea change the world
And a dream is all you need to be a hero and you'll find

That the greatest deeds begin within the vision of your mind

(Chorus)

There are little acts of kindness; there are deeds of courage, too
There is wisdom and compassion, and it all begins with you
Don't believe you have no power; you are greater than you know
And your actions do have meaning and will help the world to grow

(Chorus)

Now the world has need of heroes; Now more ever than before
So I call you to be greater; I call you to be more
Look within you for that little spark, they light you have to give
and the world can be transfigured and a better place to live

(Chorus)

You were born to be the heroes....
And I was born to sing you song

*I first heard this from a friend of mine from Sternfeld, Robert the Perilous. It's performance won him the Kingdom Bard competition and I think it's a good song for all Scadians. *DonalBane

TOWER OF STEEL

(Tune of "Korobeiniki," traditional; lyrics by DonalBane of Blakmers_

Come close my friend and now here me sing
of a warrior, proud and winter long
Heed the call of the singing blades
And know all his friends have an ally strong
You're in his range from a mile away
Close the gap and your feel his daggers bite
By his side you shall never fly
For he stands with the strength of Dragon's might!

(Chorus)

Tower of Steel and the bane of foes
Keeper of the faith and the Oaken stone
Loyal son of the Dragon's fire
Vladimir Gregorovich D'ragon!

Humbly, he strides, keeping watchful eyes
Over all North Oaken's polished blades
Heed his words when the foe is nigh
Follow him to the deepest banner raid
Know that life he will hold in fief
For who fights with him is family
In the war, you shall hear him roar
Best to run or face his alacrity

Many have claimed he deserves to be raised
To a crest even greater than his height
Though he walks on the path alone
Few have done so less sure in their right
King William called and bade him kneel
With a smile, he's said in a voice that sings
"You are known, you are loved, and thus
from our hands, now bear ye this Bronze Ring!"

This one was written in honor of Warder Vladimir Gregorovich D'ragon on the occasion of his receiving the Order of the Bronze Ring... but it took two years to find a time to sing it! I presented it at Melee of the Knave last year.