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reetings unto the Populace!!

We would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who helped make Alderford's Masque of Courtly Love such a success. A lot of hard work went into making it happen and we couldn't be prouder of those who made it happen!!

We know most of you have seen the Society's latest directives in regards to gathering during the plague. Please keep in mind that further direction will be coming from Kingdom level. Stay cautious, keep safety in mind, and above all be patient.

Spring is in the air and brighter days are coming. Hopefully, you're able to get outside and soak up some of this gorgeous weather we're having. We've been seeing lots of pictures on social media of folks getting out practicing archery, thrown weapons and hiking in the woods. Keep up the good works!!!

We look forward to the time when we can all come together again! We know we've repeated that a hundred times, but it doesn't change the fact that you are all in our thoughts and our hearts. Be kind to one another. Be safe. And see you all soon.

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



Marche Reports

Alderford – zoom meetings the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Masque is coming up February 20 and 21st. Dane looking for some one to fill Seneschal seat.

Gwyntarian – floor open to whoever wants to become the next seneschal. Applications will be taken till the 18th.

Thistle – waiting for weather break, will be doing archery practice again

3 Towers – will be hosting zoom meetings

General – Darkstone – archery guild meeting at 7pm. We'll discuss what we did last year on our own and update on projects and socialize. Next meeting in April 4th.



Greetings and salutations from the staff of the **First Bardic War**. We are gratified by your interest and enthusiasm for the upcoming war. We ourselves are very excited and we look forward to hosting this event for you.

Since they've come up a number of times, we want to clarify a few points. While it is called the First Bardic War, in its expanse it is truly a Performing Arts War, as inclusive as we can make it. Dance,

theatre, we have it. We are including A&S. We are also working on ways that the martial community can participate by incorporating some of the workout activities that they are already doing at home, within the current guidelines and restrictions of the SCA.

While there is a limit to the number of war-point competitions one can enter, this is to allow as many people as possible to get a chance to participate in fighting for their side. Neither volunteering nor teaching will prevent anyone from being able to enter any war point activities or count against the limit of war point competitions one might enter. Please also be aware that we intend to provide ample non war-point activities, so there will be plenty of things for most everyone to do.

We are working hard to get clear information out in a timely manner, but as this is a New Thing, we want to craft it well first, so we ask your patience if we do not have every answer ready right now. If you do have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us. We are doing our best to give everyone the best war possible, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Minutes from the February 7th 2021 Virtual Meeting

Vlad said, "Donation for food bank has been received. It was greatly appreciated. Last Tuesday we served 135 families in sub zero wind chill." Hope everyone is staying safe out there. Masque is on its way. Court will be virtual at 5pm on the 20th. There are a few classes up, a few performances and youth things. Still time to get things submitted. Contact Keith or Catriona.

Excellencies – we will be having court for masque. If anybody needs anything let us know. Stay warn and take care

Seneschal– report went out on time. Excellencies can we get a Scroll for friends at the church?

Exchequer – In the bank we have \$8,473.60. wrote a check to Belden mini storage.

Signet – looking for a replacement

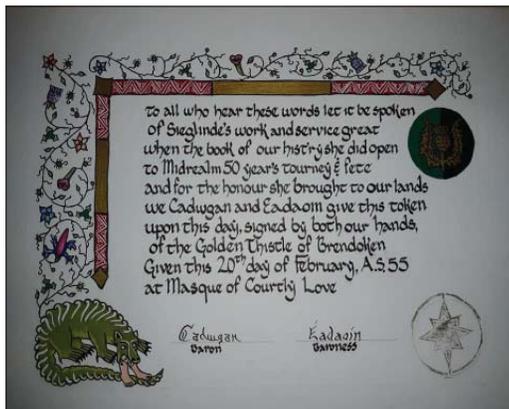
Knights Marshal – no fighting, keep working on kits and keep in shape. Check internet fighting classes. May be doing an officer change this month. Wolverine will be Marshal by next meeting. Slowly get back into it.

A&S – I hope everyone is working on largess for largess derby. I have cards that can be mailed out. So many classes available on the internet. May be a bardic war in the future. DonalBane will keep us posted.

Herald– nothing officially happening, if you need help with name and device let me know and any time is a good time to submit someone for an award.

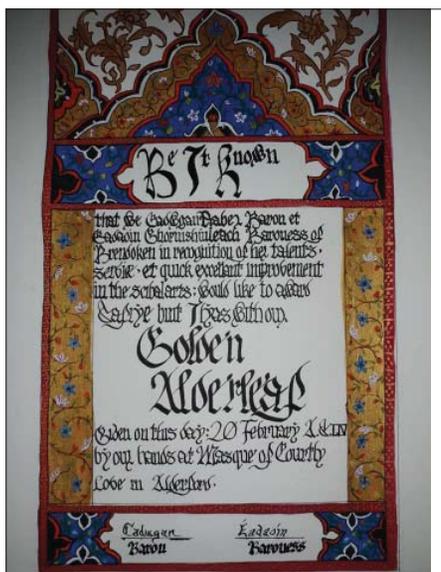
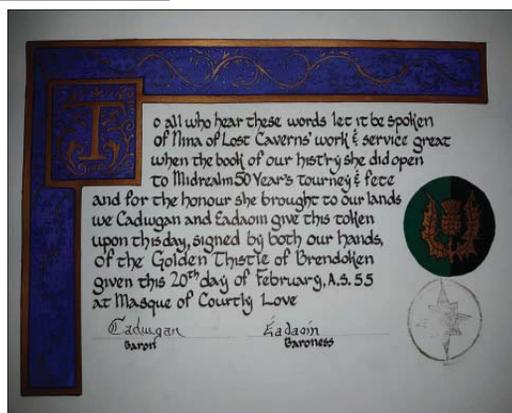
Chronicler – Thanks to Deirdre, Rycheza, Lena and their Excellencies for their help with the newsletter. There is an article this month about the Archery Quarantine challenge Novelty target design. If anyone want to share their archery target designs, please send them to me, I'll put them in the next Portcullis. There's also an article about the SCA Pandemic portraits. If you do one also send it to me and I'll put it in that in the newsletter, too. I'll be posting today's minutes and the February edition on Facebook later this afternoon.

Chatelaine – no updates



Lady Sieghinde von Kreig received the Golden Thistle of Brendoken. Scroll by Safiye bint Ilyas

Mistress Nina of the Lost Caverns received the Golden Thistle of Brendoken. Scroll by Safiye bint Ilyas



Lady Safiye bint Ilyas received the Golden Alderleaf. Scroll by Mirkat

Masque of Courtly Love: Plague Masque 2021

We had 150 visitors on Saturday and 34 visitors on Sunday. The chat room had 25 visitors and there were 25-26 viewers for Live Court. 9 people attended the Bardic get-together. 20 People viewed I Verdi Confusi's Humoring the Humors. There were 10 classes. The favorite was Hen Pies. There were 12 Merchant sites. A few of the classes had no way to track attendance. There was an estimated 105 class attendees. Here are the scrolls that were awarded at Court.

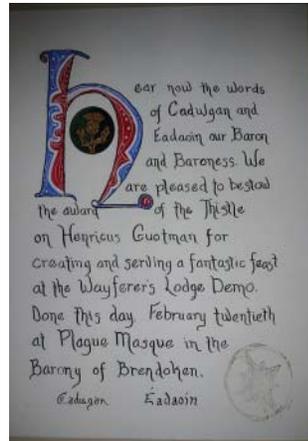


Raffaello Bartolomeo d'Bologna was awarded the Cavendish Knot. Scroll text and initial badge by Master Katarina Peregrine and Border by Rebeka de Zombothel

Henricus Guotman received the Award of the Thistle
Scroll by Taisiia Volodimerna



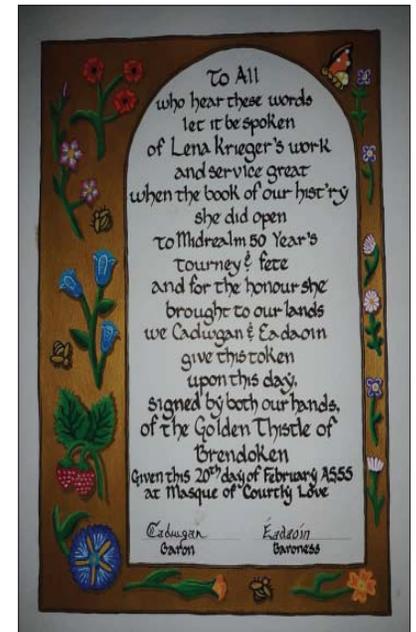
Sigmar Stalison received the Golden Thistle. Scroll by Master Katarina Peregrine



Forester Quentin McGowan received The Golden Thistle. Scroll by Safiye bint Ilyas Baroness Katrina Klein



Her Excellency, Baroness Katrina Klein received The Golden Thistle. Scroll by Shonna of Vito's Minions



Lady Lena Kreiger received The Golden Thistle of Brendoken. Scroll by Safiye bint Ilyas