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The Barony of Brendoken



The Portcullis

March 2022



greetings unto the Populace!!

Is spring in the air? Wait, more snow! No, wait, it's sunny and warm! Now, it's rainy and cold. Ah, Springtime in Brendoken! Where there is no telling what outfit you'll need from one minute to the next.

As we approach this chaotic season, the Midrealm calendar of events is filling up fast with both virtual and in-person events. And with the Pandemic numbers slowly falling, the chances for us to start getting together in person increase.

We have our own virtual event coming up the middle of April, in the Marche of Alderford, and it's not too late to get in those award recommendations! They are also looking for members of the populace to teach classes on all subjects. So please, reach out to the event staff and share your knowledge with others. We look forward to a full schedule that day.

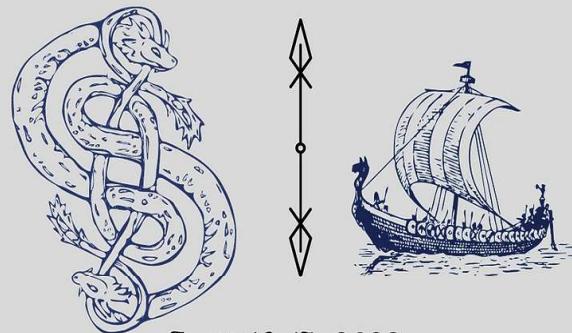
We know that you are as anxious to get back to some form of "normal" as we are. A "normal" of busy events, martial activities, good friends and fellowship. We are holding out hope that that time is drawing near. And we look forward to seeing your smiling faces in person!

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



MARCHE OF ALDERFORD PRESENTS:

MASQUED MELEE: A VIRTUAL VIKING VENTURE



April 16-17, 2022

[HTTP S://ALDERFORDSOCIALMED.WIXSITE.COM/MASQUE](https://ALDERFORDSOCIALMED.WIXSITE.COM/MASQUE)

Planned Activities

- Loki's Fashion Show
- Arts & Science Classes
- Martial Classes
- Bardic Performances
- Viking Merchant List
- Virtual Chat and Discussion Groups
- Feast Menu/Cooking Classes
- Youth Activities
- Baronial Court

Loki's Fashion Show:

Wear your best Norse, Rus, etc. gear that would appease the god of mischief in his quest for finding wedding attendees.

Non-binary and mixed gender costuming is encouraged, but not required. Bonus for hidden weaponry.

How to participate: Submit photos and/or videos using the forms in the file tab (Model release and/or photographer release). If hiding weapon(s) and sending photos, send at least 2 images (1 for hidden and 1 or more for exposed weaponry)

-Social Media Officer side note: I would like to utilize the full fashion show on YouTube and TikTok. PLEASE indicate on the release forms whether I may use your images for just the event, or all the things. Thank you!

Youth entries will be exempt from youtube/tiktok creations

Fill out the release forms and submit to brendoken.socialmedia@midrealm.org

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: APRIL 2, 2022

Marche Reports

Alderford – We've moved to Zoom meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Mistress Catriona is doing classes on the 4th Tuesday. Gogan, Deirdre and Catriona are doing another virtual event Masqued Melee, April 16 and 17

Gwyntarian – virtual meeting the 17th at 8 discuss meeting for March. If you get your information by email, message, regarding social media – make sure you have the Facebook page liked and the Facebook group liked.

Thistle – Waiting for the pandemic to be over with

3 Towers –

General – Shout out to our marshals! We had a meeting with their majesties and we were 100 percent perfect with our reports! We got kudos from kingdom. The archery guild meeting was cancelled until things change and we can meet outside.

Next meeting March 6 thank you once again for all your work and patience

Brendoken Job Openings

Deputy to the Chatelaine – For more information please contact Lord Gogan ap Gryffry at brendoken.chatelaine@midrealm.org

Deputy to the Chronicler – Help putting the newsletter together every month. Proof read, suggest articles, add pictures, enjoy being creative. For more information please contact Lady Milisandia MacGregor at brendoken.chronicler@midrealm.org

Deputy to the Exchequer – For more information please contact Baron John Roslyn the Ox at Exchequer@midrealm.org

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Come and Be Welcome ye Wandering Minstrels" as Emily Hilbert-Kellam wrote.

Masqued Melee – A Virtual Viking Venture will be available on-line April 16th and 17th. I am the Bardic coordinator and am looking for audio or videos of stories, songs or poems (no longer than ten minutes). A Viking theme is encouraged by any appropriate performance is welcome.

Please send videos and release forms to brendoken.chronicler@midrealm.org

Minutes From February 6, 2022 meeting

Seneschal – If anyone needs any help please reach out. We will stay virtual till April, unless that changes. Have we heard anything from the church to let them know we're still alive? Vlad: We are planning on starting outside as we ease into things, but our position is set aside, there's no rush.

Excellencies – Hopefully everyone is doing well. Not a whole lot going on right now. Keep your eyes on the calendar. There will continue to be changes. Marche of Alderford is hosting a virtual Masque again this year. We are looking for award recommendations. Miss you all stay safe, stay healthy, if you need anything reach out.

Exchequer – \$7,633.60. if there are any Marche exchequers that need help let me know. There is a change in reporting.

Signet –

Knights Marshal – marshal reports are due March 1st. Still have to do reports get them in early. I'm looking for a deputy.

Rapier Marshal – Will the Marche rapier marshals contact me.

Chamberlain –

A&S –

Herald –

Chronicler – Thanks to Catriona for her article on Tomfoolery. There is also an article on the new Award recommendation system and a bit about Masqued Melee. Be sure and check it out. The newsletter is available on the Baronial Web page and on Facebook. I can also email you a copy if you give me your email address.

Chatelaine – Report went in on time, but, did not receive any Marche reports.

Web Minister – I (Milisandia) am the new deputy Web Minister. Wish me luck

Social Media Officer – There is a new kingdom social media officer. Facebook has changed how they do groups. I have been blocking out undesirables. If you see something that doesn't belong there let me know I'll make it go away. We have Discord. The more people we get on there the better. I will be doing a social media class at Alderford's social meeting on February 22. Interwebs for SCA

Cooling Neck Wraps by Lady Seonaid inghean Chriogair, CW Kingdom Chatelaine

I started on a HUGE Pennsic project and if you would like to join me, that would be AWESOME!

For Pennsic this year, I am making cold/cool water neck wraps to be given to members of the Midrealm Army (this includes any other Kingdoms fighting for Midrealm as well), Rapier Corp, Field Marshals, Midrealm Target Archers, and Midrealm Thrown Weapons.

I know that a lot of people are undecided if they will be attending Pennsic and that is totally fine, do what is best for you.

I know it's going to take several hundred wraps to cover everyone, I'm currently working on approx 150 just from my scrap cotton/linen. I have two full bolts of red and green fabric coming soon. That totaled will give me approx 600 wraps. I'm concerned that won't be enough. If you would like to join me in the project A 1 yard piece of fabric that is 44" wide will give you 11 wraps so it doesn't take much fabric to make them.

Once you got the first part done, you can send them to me and I will add the required pellets and do the last little bits of sewing.

If you would like to make this a Challenge to see which Region has made more, we can absolutely do that. Get all your groups involved

Let's work together as #onemidrealm to provide our Army with a much needed resource to keep cool during the Pennsic heat on the battlefield.

If we have a significant number left over once all of Midrealm Army has received one, we can leave the surplus at a designated point for anyone who needs/wants one or we can as a good will gesture, donate them to the East Kingdom.

Instructions for the first part:

1) Fold the 36" 4" piece of fabric right sides together lengthwise

2) Sew along long side leaving both ends open

3) Turn tube right side out. Fold in half, mark the middle and then stitch across. Please send the completed pieces to:

Yvonne Zimmer
1064 Magdalyn Drive
Akron, Ohio 44320

SCA Kingdom of the Middle Seneschal

The CDC has updated the guidelines related to masking indoors, reflecting the fact that vaccination prevents hospitalization and death.

With the changes in the CDC guidance for vaccinated individuals and the fact that none of the states covered by the Midrealm are enforcing indoor masking effective March 1st. We are moving the Midrealm to Tier 2 mitigation effective March 7th. The one-week delay is to allow Winter War Maneuvers to occur as planned and to give other groups time to take account of these changes.

Under tier 2 –

- 1) Masks are optional at events indoors and out.
- 2) Risk disclaimer must be posted at event and on website and all promotional flyers, preregistration and/or contact tracing is required per society policy – Society for Creative Anachronism (sca.org)
- 3) COVID Safe policy remains in effect, you must be vaccinated or show negative COVID test (at home antigen tests do not meet this requirement) Society for Creative Anachronism (sca.org)
- 4) There are no restrictions on food or drink service.

INTERWEBS IN THE SCA By Deirdre MakKyneth

Social Media

Whether we meet in person, or virtually, social media is here to stay! BUT We have a wonderful alternative to Facebook. While still in a beginning state, Discord is quickly becoming popular and useful for our group and its purposes. There are specific "chat rooms" for armored, rapier, bardic, etc. As well as general chat just to say "Hi, How is your day?" Audio/Video chat are options as well.

"How do I join?" You just go to <https://discord.com/> or download the app and register! Once there you can click on <https://discord.gg/8wknpcqYf2k> to join Brendoken's server.

A&S Submissions and Award Recommendations (kingdom level) by Deirdre MakKyneth

Award Recommendations are now as easy as filling out a form found at: <https://midrealm.org/award-recommendations/>

Arts and Science submissions can be entered by logging into the services portal <https://services.midrealm.org/>

These A&S submissions are VITAL to our status as a non-profit organization. If you are unable to enter please make sure your local MOAS, or the Baronial MOAS, Lena, is informed of your activities.