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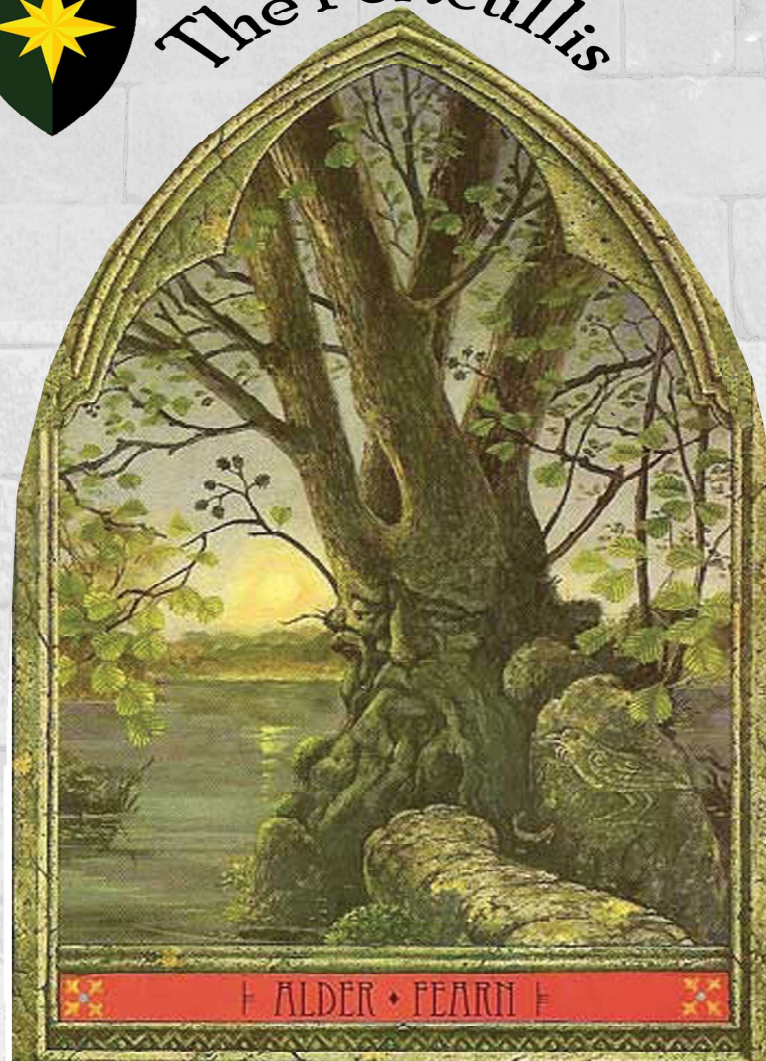


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The Barony of Brendoken



The Portcullis



April 2023

Greetings Unto the Populace

We have received fantastic news! Their Royal Majesties, Dag and AnneMarie, will be joining us in the Marche of Gwyntarian on April 22nd for Road to Pompeii. I'm sure in the coming weeks many volunteer opportunities will be posted, and I'm sure that the populace will rise to the occasion. Also, if you have any Kingdom Award Recommendations for members of our populace, hurry up and get them submitted please.

As mentioned previously, polling opened on April 1st for those interested in submitting letters of intent. Submissions will be accepted until May 1st. I'm excited to see who will step up to lead the Barony in the future.

The weather is warming, the flowers are blooming and the calendar is full of opportunities to participate in our chosen hobby. I look forward to seeing you out and about in the Kingdom and beyond. And please remember to see me about the Brendoken Travel Challenge, and collect your pyre of wyverns.

Yours In Service,
Cadwgan
Baron of Brendoken



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Chatelaine-nothing new

Webminister-Mili running things very well-need sign off's for pictures
-looking to revamp website-print out forms-list of who does not want to be in pictures

Social Media-quiet-TikTok dance challenge-see me

Group Reports

Alderford-March 14 meeting here (baronial site); heavy TBD

Gwyntarian-meetings 7:45 Thursday, Akron Turner Club-armor, rapier, classes-if interested in teaching at Fred Fuller, contact Avelina

-new seneschal-Farthege-Pompeii-reach out to Seonaid if interested in merchanting, merchants may be outside if weather nice; Lenahas registration

Three Towers-having meetings; check facebook because changes

Thistle-first meet and greet went well, had fighting and tried to set meetings moving forward

General

Vlad/Genovefa-March 25 swiss steak dinner here at church to benefit food bank because they lost freezer,

plus dessert auction for double fundraiser, preorder tickets only, \$13 adults, \$10 kids; can also donate directly online

Judith-Cooks Guilds meetings will start here at church in May; meeting topic is spring fruits and vegetables

Gisla-do we have updated business cards from Chatelaine? We had them years ago. Deirdre and Gogan volunteered to look into this.

Meeting adjourned

A&S Every Month Mar'itsa will be doing a research challenge for a prize to be awarded at the next Baronial Meeting - one of the Terrible Towels or a Brendoken Bag. The questions will be based on one of the articles she posts on the Baronial Facebook page, so if you're not on the page go join! March MOAS please get your people to join.



Chronicler

This is my last Portcullis. I want to thank the populace for their help and support during my term as Chronicler. A special thanks to Dungan for all his help with photoshop, Deirdre for her editing, and Ron for his generosity printing all the Portcullises. Annalena Cecilia Massari will be the new Chronicler starting in May. I wish her all the best.

Feast Menu for Road to Pompeii

I. Gustatio (hors d'oeuvres)

Foccachio Bread (yeast, honey, salt, yeast, unbleached and whole wheat flours, water, olive oil). and

Cibarius Bread (sourdough starter, honey, salt, unbleached, whole wheat and spelt flours, water, olive oil).

Cheese, oil, honey, salt, olives, grapes, dried fruit (potassium sorbate, sulphur dioxide)

II. Fercula (prepared dishes)

Apecian ham with figs (ham-possible sulfite, dried figs, bay leaves, honey, lemon juice, coriander; potassium nitrite, sodium nitrite possible).

Chicken Vardanos with chives (chicken, olive oil, chicken stock, white wine, salt, chives, savory, sage).

Endive and lettuces salad with eggs, country herbs and dressing (endive & romaine lettuces, cucumbers, herbs, hard-boiled eggs, dressing-vinegar, water, grape must, honey, onion, garlic, salt).

Barley potage with meal (barley, olive oil, onion, pepper, salt, fennel, white or red wine-possible sulfite, water).

III. Mensae Secundae (dessert)

Savillum cheesecake (cream cheese, ricotta cheese, sour cream, eggs, honey, lemon zest, crust-unbleached flour, oil salt).

Dates Alexandrine (whole dried dates, blanched almonds, cinnamon, butter; potassium sorbate, sulphur dioxide possible).

Spring fruits

The lunch counter menu for The Road To Pompeii

Gisla's Gastronomic Delight's

Gyro..... \$5.00 choice of traditional Gyro meat, Mediterranean chicken or Vegetarian (Sautee of Eggplant, mushroom, onion, bell pepper) served on Pita bread with Tzatziki sauce, Feta cheese, red onion, tomato, lettuce. **Gluten alert!** Filling ingredients without the Pita? Just ask for Pita Free.

Jeweled Cous-Cous Salad.....\$1.00 Cous-Cous made with vegetable broth, bell peppers, red onion, garlic, tomato, Feta cheese, lemon juice, olive oil. **Gluten alert!**

Jeweled Quinoa Salad.....\$1.00 Quinoa made with vegetable broth, bell peppers, red onion, garlic, tomato, Feta cheese, lemon juice, olive oil. **Gluten free!**

Hummus and Pita Bread.....\$2.00 **Gluten alert!**

Tzatziki and Veggie Snack.....\$2.00 Traditional Tzatziki made with Greek yogurt, English cucumber, mint, dill, lemon juice and olive oil. Served with assorted vegetables.

Baklava.....\$2.00 slice **Gluten alert!**

Water or Pop.....\$1.00 each

Selection subject to change and substitutions made on Gisla's whim and market pricing.

Brendoken Baronial Meeting 3/5/23

Seneschal Meeting open Potluck today!

Excellency-Hungry!-could not make **Winter War Maneuvers**, but many from here went and things were great-**Wyvern** travel tokens-anytime you travel outside barony for an event-April **2**-weather permitting, Baronial Archery Champion Tournament. Move to May if weather an issue. Darkstone has put together tournament rules.-Road to Pompeii-Baronial Thrown Weapons and Rapier Championships-rules will be out shortly -April **1**-Seneschal begins accepting letters of intent for next baronial seats. Speak to me if you have questions. -May **2**-letters of intent will be published -Award recommendations-let me know who is doing great things for Pompeii.

Seneschal- note-must send letters of intent to official baronial seneschal email

Exchequer- we finally received check for Crown, and kingdom has been paid their cut-**\$7703.07** balance-officers-sign change of officer form today

Signet-need award recommendations to give out beautiful awards

Archery Marshal-deputy-Complete Hunters has **7** lanes open; tournaments ending soon, so maybe we can shoot there; **BetterWar Through Archery March 25** would love marshals; online archery instructor courses from CountessAibhilin

Knights Marshal-great day yesterday, quite a few at **WWM**-practices happening at Gwyntarian and Alderford-hopefully outside soon weather permitting-need a deputy-get marshalled

Rapier Marshal--eed more marshals-practices happening, come fight -vote for Baronial Rapier Unit Commander happening soon

Chamberlain-Better War Through Archery

A&S-Mar'itsa holding research challenge on Baronial webpage -need deputy-next garb hike **3/12** Tuscarawas Meadows 3pm-this Thursday Gwyntarian meeting-Mar'itsa leading making over-shoulder bag -get raffle ticket if you wore garb

Herald-Holly is deputy-need help with device, persona, anything like that, see me

Chronicler-newsletter has recipe that is in potluck today

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Road to Pompeii

There will be Armored and Rapier fighting, Thrown Weapons, Classes, Merchants, a Lunch Tavern, and a Feast.

April 22nd 9:00am - 9:00pm

Pre-reg / Day of:

Adult: \$10.00 / \$12.00

With Non-Member surcharge: \$15.00 / \$17.00

Child 6-12: \$5.00 / \$7.00

Under 6: Free

Family Cap: \$30.00 / \$35.00

Feast: \$10.00 / \$15.00

Child Feast: \$5.00 / \$5.00

Grace United Church of Christ, 13275 Cleveland Ave NW, Uniontown

Brendoken Baronial Thrown Weapons Championship

The time has come for our Thrown Weapons experts to show their skills and help the Barony.

The First Challenge - Axes

The Baronial bacon supply is becoming scarce. You are commissioned to replenish the supply.

Target - Hit the pig - 3 pts, Anywhere else - 1 pt

The Second Challenge (and most important, because COFFEE!!!) - **Knives**

Our beloved Baron's cup of coffee is about to be poisoned. Destroy the poison so he can enjoy his morning cup!

Target - Hit the poison - 3 pts, Hit the Coffee - no pts (Sad Baron), Anywhere else - 1 pt.

The Third Challenge - Spears

Brendoken War Points Training.

Top bail - 3 pts Middle (if applicable) - 2 pts Bottom - 1 pt.

Thank you to my current Champions, Lord Gogan ap Gryffry and Xavier the Mighty, for coming up with such an intriguing and fun tournament.

As with all Baronial Championships, the winner of the Tournament may not end up as the Baronial Champion. Many factors go in to choosing a proper Champion, and while the ability to hit the mark is one of those factors, it is not always the primary one. Overall enjoyment and fun on the list, chivalry to your fellows and your willingness to promote and train on the range are all virtues looked for in a Champion. As are the occasional joke or two!!

Brendoken Rapier Champions Tournament

The Baron's Bodyguard

It will be a round robin, best of three passes, bring your best.

However, the fencers are, for added difficulty, to be considered partially armored. Only limbs will be valid blows.

The "Bodyguards" role is to defend the unarmored and unarmed "Baron". The "Bodyguard" may position the "Baron" anywhere in the list field he feels the "Baron" is safest. But once in position, the "Baron" must stay there and cannot retreat to save himself.

The first pass will have Fencer #1 (Bodyguard) defending the "Baron" from Fencer #2

The second pass will have Fencer #2 (Bodyguard) defending the "Baron" from Fencer #1

If one of the fencers has won both passes, there is no third pass. If it's a tie, then the third pass is fought as a normal duel, with no "Baron".

It is considered a win if either fencer is dispatched by their wounds (ie, both arms taken, both legs taken so knee walking is impossible) or the "Baron" has been mortally wounded (ie, head or body has been legally taken) Arm and leg wounds to the "Baron" are not fatal, even in combination. Doubles shall count as a loss.

As with all Baronial Championships, the winner of the Tournament may not end up as the Baronial Champion. Many factors go in to choosing a proper Champion, and while prowess on the list may be one of those factors, it is not always the primary one. Overall enjoyment and fun on the list, chivalry to your fellows and your willingness to promote and train on the list are all virtues looked for in a Champion.

Thank You to my current Rapier Champions, Lord Artur Mac Griogair and Lord Gabriel Baum, for coming up with such an interesting tournament. And I look forward to seeing how it plays out.