

The Barony of Brendoken



The Portcullis



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Greetings Unto the Populace

Greetings on the populace of the Barony of Brendoken,

That whirlwind that engulfed us before we were invested has not abated in our first month as your Baronage!

We wish to thank all those who competed in our champions' competitions at Investiture. Congratulations to our new champions: Forrester Edward of Thorn (Archery), Lady Taisiia Volodimerna (Rapier) and Lord Galum Talagach mucoi Drusten (Armored), who joins us from Rivenvale. The four remaining champions will host competitions for their offices in the coming months.

Of course, the biggest news is the crowning the first Royal couple from Brendoken. Wigthegn, King by Right of Arms, and Neassa, Our Battle-born Queen of Shenanigans (His Majesty's Words)! We are beyond excited to see what the coming months hold for their Majesties and know the whole Barony stands ready to support and celebrate them.

Our travels to Middle Marches for both Pferdestadt Rapier Classic and Coronation showed the strength of the Barony. Thank you to the many gentles who helped set up, support, tear down and generally make the work light for us.

With days of the harvest upon us, we do not look forward to winds of winter, but do look forward to meeting and reveling with as many of you as possible around the hearth. We know the strength of this Barony will grow in the months to come.

HUNTER AND SABLE!

DonalBane and Katrina
Baron and Baroness of Brendoken



Baronial Meeting Minutes, 8/27/2023

we had a thing go on yesterday...

Excellencies

- thank you for everything yesterday; things had to come together very quickly
- thank you Lady Christianna
- small court-extension of Brendokenfest
 - Warder Vladimir-Golden Tower
- yesterday was wonderful
- Thrown, AS, Bardic, CT champions recalled from Cadwgan's reign
 - AS and Bardic champions at Masque in February; TBD Thrown and CT
- new Champions-Archery Edward of Thorne, Rapier Lady Taiisia, Armored Lord Galen (sp?) of Rivenvale

Seneschal

- 2024 meeting dates proposal-Jan 7, Feb 4, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug 25, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1
 - any potential conflicts from populace-maybe May coronation first weekend

Exchequer

- headcount yesterday-289 total attendance, 16 minors
- receipts at gate and feast 5906.08, have expenses out of that
- let me know if need receipts reimbursed
- expecting about \$3000 for expenses, likely in positive for event
- current bank balance 7835.30

Signet

- deputy Taiisia
- people got cool awards yesterday
- Taiisia, Sophia did scrolls yesterday
- also Deirdre, Gogan (Tower), Domeer (Thistle)
- Purple Fret-Domeer, Forest of Gwyntarian

Archery Marshal

- great yesterday, good tournaments, Edward of Thorne new champion, good turnout, some kids
- Thrown Weapons had a great day and many people

Seneschal pause

- Thrown Weapons has been growing in the barony
- proposal-Thrown Weapons Marshal position to acknowledge in meeting
- thrown weapons has been in shadows for far too long
- Excellencies-contact us if interested in position

Knights Marshal

- lots of fighting yesterday, practices still happening at meetings

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Brendokenfest and Investiture

August 26, 2023

All photography by Lord Tarmach ben Yehuda al-Khazari



Their Excellencies

Donal Bane of Blakmers and Katrina “Wolverine” Klein,
Fifth Baron and Baroness of Our Barony!!!
HUNTER AND SABLE!!!



Left: Baron Cadwgan receiving a Court Baronage for his service as our Fourth Baron

Above: Dame Ursula Mortimer, the first Bardic Champion of Brendoken, performing at the evening concert



Lady Rosie Dubroc being awarded her Silver Oak at a “driveby” court that occurred during a class.

Baintighearn Deirdre MakKyneth and Lord Gogan ap Gryffry receiving a lovely joint scroll woodburned by Lady Taisiia for their Golden Tower.



Lady Domeer Valdermarsdotter received both baronial- and kingdom-level awards for her work sewing new tabards for our fighting populace.

Congratulations to our newest Baronial Champions!

Armored: Lord Galum Talagach mucoi Drusten

Rapier: Lady Taisiia Volodimerna

Archery: Forester Edward of Thorne

Fall Coronation

September 23, 2023

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Their Royal Majesties
King Wigthegn the Younger and Queen Neassa O'Cathasaigh,
first Royals from the Barony of Brendoken!!!
DRACO INVICTUS!!!





Congratulations to Baroness Eadaoin Ghormshuileach, who was named Their Majesties' Bardic Champion!



Left: Lady Annalena Cecilia Massari kneeling with the Bard Guard as they were awarded a Royal Augmentation of Arms.

Right: Lord Xavier receiving his Award of Arms at evening court



Sgt. Marellus Kilianus (second from the right) in the fray



Lord Sigmund Grimborgh (right) on the rapier list

Court Report

Brendokenfest

Baronial

Baintighearn Deirdre MakKyneth &
Lord Gogan ap Gryffry
Golden Tower

Lady Domeer Valdermarsdotter
Golden Thistle

Warder Vladimir Grigorivich
D'ragoun
Golden Tower

Sir Farthegn Rinkson
Golden Shield

Kingdom

Lord Forest of Gwyntarian
Purple Fret

Lady Domeer Valdermarsdotter
Purple Fret

Lady Rosie Dubroc
Silver Oak

Fall Coronation

Lady Annalena Cecilia Massari
Royal Augmentation of Arms

Lord Xavier
Royal Vanguard
Award of Arms

Meister Cerridwen verch Ioreword
Doe's Grace

A&S Missives

The Frugal Baroness' A&S Challenge

A summer of raiding and war has come and gone. As the nights get longer and the days get colder we find ourselves inside by the hearth. In all that raiding over the years we may have brought back random odds and ends or kept hold of scrap materials we thought might be useful for something in the future. Items that are now gathering dust around the home. So I hereby present a challenge to the populace of Brendoken. Use up those extras this harvest and make something for yourself. Perhaps make something for a friend as the holidays come swiftly. Or make something to be donated to the Baronial Largesse. Take pictures and post them or show it to me in person by the first Baronial meeting of the New Year and I shall have a scrap token of my own to present to you in return.

Your Frugal Baroness of Brendoken
Katrina Klein

Bonfire Bardic + Shop Night

Friday, October 13, 7pm-11pm
1630 Kingsley Ave, Akron, OH 44313

Come over for an evening filled with chilling tales and spooky stories told around a fire. The shop will still be open for those with projects to work on. Please bring your own camp chair.

A note from Lady Lena Krieger, MOAS:

Put your thinking caps on—we are going to have a Largesse Derby soon. More information will be in the next newsletter.

Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

Rapier Marshal

- deputy Gabe
- yesterday was fun, our barony showing up
- all four who went for Champion were women, 18/19 combatants total
- people came from Aethelmearc
- Grimborgh-Aethelmearc seemed to really enjoy it here, so we should reach out to them more
 - Arwenna-also Aethelmearc archers
 - maybe want to start traveling east if willing to travel so far west

Chamberlain

- TBD

A&S

- Pennsic happened, lots of stuff
- raffle tickets for those wearing garb to meetings
- please write what you have done recently in notebook to be filed in report

Herald

- with new rules updates, would like permission to spend some money to print out different hand-books for position plus binders, plus second copy for deputy (Christianna)
 - have an in with Baroness as librarian to help with cost
 - upper limit \$80 proposed-passed by populace
- at Pennsic, Dragon Herald convo-possible for to do heraldic symposium kingdom-level event in spring
 - talk with seneschal, church liaison, get dates

Chronicler

- newsletter
- release forms
- report Oct 1
- officers and Excellencies-please review your info on back page, contact me for corrections
- pick up newsletters after meeting

Chatelaine

- nothing new, report went in before Pennsic
- will hopefully have something next meeting for business cards
 - seneschal-can throw this up on facebook for comment to be able to vote next time

Webminister

- webpage-Order of Precedence updated from Pennsic, yesterday pending
- updated upcoming events

Social Media

- Badger doing great job as deputy, posted yesterday's morning court already
- TikTok of Mili and Dungan Pennsic song doing well, ~900 followers
 - 1000 followers can go live

Senescahl pause

- proposal-fighting practice at one of the parks
 - fighting draws attention
 - marshals and chatelaine will need to get together
 - would like to do one before snow flies
 - Monument Park, Canton, is first suggestion
 - if near McKinley Museum, draws intellectual aspect
 - take video for social media during practice
 - also do one in Akron somewhere
 - Atwood Demo no longer happens because never produced results

Deirdre

- have been contacted to do Christmas Elves thing again
- need names and address of who to deliver to
- need volunteers to make things and deliver
- donations or gift ideas-talk to me

Alderford

- thank you Philip for presenting Alderford banner at court
- forgive me for leaving it there...
- next meeting Sept 12,
- working on Masque Feb 24
- Archery 6:30 before meeting weather permitting
- new MOAS-Genovefa, deputy Tai

Gwyntarian

- Art in the Park Demo update-Kent, Sept 9-10
 - organization has new organizer this year
 - we are being moved to new space where we will be one of first things seen
 - can also be seen from road
 - visiting site this week to gather info
 - Friday night setup 6pm, will need marshals

Three Towers

- meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month
- 2nd has rapier practice
- 4th at Galion public library
- two demos coming up
 - Sept 16-coincides with Pferdestadt Rapier Classic
 - Mansfield Arts Festival
 - Oct 13-Loudonville, at their big yearly festival
- trying to plan encampment for next year
- also trying to plan class event

Thistle

- Tuesday evenings weather permitting 6:30 fighter practice on Medina Square
- Eleanor looking to host open studios, first on Sept 17
- we had an event yesterday

Meeting adjourned

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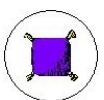
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Chamberlain
TBD

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