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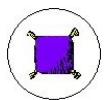
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The Barony of Brendoken



The Portcullis



December 2023

Greetings Unto the Populace

Warmest Holiday greetings onto the populace of Brendoken,

As the calendar turns toward winter, We wish each and every one of you a happy, safe, and blessed holiday season, no matter what holidays you celebrate. Within the Barony, there are rumors of elves up to no good again, so be on the lookout. Also, if any of you or yours are having difficulty this holiday season, please contact Us as we will be happy to aid you in any way we can.

Our Tigers and Tygers weekend was a roaring success! Her Excellency made the trip to a very dark and chilly East Kingdom and joined some of the Midrealm's finest warriors at the 100 Minute War. Her Excellency and the warriors of Brendoken's exploits on the battlefield know no bounds.

Closer to home, Brendoken had 16 gentles marching in the Massillon Holiday Parade. A wonderful time was had by all, as we were able to meet a LOT of new people on the parade route. Here's hoping some of them choose to join us. Thank you so much to Deirdre and Gogan for setting this up. As His Excellency said, we are SO going back next year!

The SCA calendar slows down as the holiday season fires up, but we will be back to full speed before you know it. We are looking forward to Masque and the chance to find new champions for Arts & Sciences and the Bardic Arts. Stay tuned for formal announcement on the championship formats.

Thank you all, once again, for a lovely first few months as your Baronage. We hope the joy and fun will only increase in 2024.

HUNTER AND SABLE!!!

DonalBane and Katrina
Baron and Baroness of Brendoken



Alderford

-Masque in Feb

-meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesday, rapier, heavy, chatting

Gwyntarian

-regular meetings happening

-looking at Road To for next year

-potluck Thursday

-taking off Thanksgiving, Dec 21 & 28

Three Towers

-meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday, see facebook because locations change

Thistle

-meetings Tuesday, working on indoor space

-one space being investigated might be good for events

-someone from Medina City Schools looking for demo stuff before winter break

Saradwen

-indoor winter archery

-trying to schedule Complete Hunter's Outlet soon

-Gwyntarian Winter Challenge has started, through April 15

-Lucky Society Seasonal Archery Challenge closes Nov 30

-bow making class at Dressed to Kill

-new Google MIT form-all disciplines, has been posted everywhere

Mar'itsa

-proposal for sensory bags (Dragon Bags)

-\$17 a bag

-will post later, will bring it up fully at next meeting

-part of DEI

December 3 next meeting, potluck

Meeting adjourned

Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

Chamberlain

- travelling, but see Excellencies
- Danica of Gwyntarian

A&S

- was notified that Marches are not all doing their reports
- next due in December
- discussing Largesse Derby with Baroness
- had examples for Frugal Baroness challenge, will bring display next meeting
- A&S night-Nov 17, bring a thing, but will discuss things for Frugal Baroness Challenge

Herald

- have a name and device passed
- Q3 report submitted
- see me for name and device help

Chronicler

- will figure out to distribute today's newsletter
- send me stuff! announcement in newsletter, send to Chronicler email
- need to know Knights and Rapier Marshal baronial deputies
- need Three Towers and Gwyntarian info for contact sheet

Chatelaine

- Massillon parade Nov 18, 5pm, meet at 4pm
- double checking with city about approval for our participation
- will provide food and drink

Webminister

- via seneschal: in last report, we want our domain back so we can have functioning webpage instead of blog

Social Media

- nothing exciting, security measures are working
- looking for content for things like TikTok
- seeing uptick on first time visitors on Alderford's website
- official events need to be officially announced on facebook page (more official), groups takes care of discussion
 - try to share at least once a month, hit "interested" to get updates from events on facebook

Baronial Meeting Minutes, 11/5/2023

online due to multiple officers with covid

- we are hosting spring 2024 coronation - we were only bid, they were happy with it
- six months away, but will be slowly pulling people in

Excellencies

- thank you Deirdre and Genovefa for leading coronation bid
- His Excellency-not too much travel right now due to work, but Dressed to Kill next weekend
 - Massillon Parade as well, hopefully Yule Feast in Red Spears
- Her Excellency-100 Minutes War

Seneschal

- report in on time, got all Marches' reports

Exchequer

- 11461.95
- everything accounted for Brendokenfest
- next thing-inventory of baronial property, let me know if you have something
 - supposed to be done yearly, hasn't been done since before covid

Signet

- traveling
- get recommendations in for Masque

Archery Marshal

- things winding down

Knights Marshal

- need to know total number of fighters, marshals, MITs in barony, so need help from Marche marshals and seneschals

Rapier Marshal

- activities ongoing
- good turnout Rose Tourney
- reports went in on time

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COURT REPORT

Dressed to Kill

Eleanore Van Tyne
Purple Fret

Elfy Crafting and Holiday Party

December 9
2-4 PM

Gogan and Deirdre will be hosting Brendoken Elf Brigade A&S to paint cards and package the gifts. Feel free to bring your own projects as well!

On the same day from 5-9ish we will host our annual Holiday party!
Bonfire, potluck, optional gift exchange and period cooking contest!
(Garb preferred but not required)

520 Lincoln Way E
Massillon, 44646

Please park at the closed Long John Silver's.

Contact Gogan or Deirdre (Keith and Erin Raper) for any questions.

Newcomers Dirty Half Dozen Largesse Derby

We will be having a Largesse Derby at Masque of Courtly Love. This Derby will focus on items newcomers need, such as pouches, belts, cups, sewing kits, or anything you think would help a newcomer.

It is a dirty 1/2 dozen, which means the following:

Each competitor should donate 7 individual items for Largesse. These can be 7 of all the same item, or 7 items on a common theme. More than 7 items will of COURSE be welcome, though more than 7 items will not get "extra points." (6 would be a half dozen; 7 is what makes it "dirty.")

As our Baron and Baroness travel across the lands of Brendoken and beyond, largesse should be:

- easily transportable
- not easily breakable
- not quickly perishable
- representative of the skills and generosity of Brendoken

A specific list of Largesse ideas has been compiled by Bronwyn the Everpresent and can be read on the Avacal A&S group on Facebook.

Largesse does NOT just have to be things you've made yourself - they can be purchased items as well. Largesse items should have a "look-and-feel" representing our modern middle ages, but do not need to be exclusively period-informed. They can also be mundane items of use to those of us involved in the SCA. You do not have to be present to win.

All Largesse should be tagged in a method that would not be easily torn off through normal packaging and transportation with the:

- donor's name
- home barony or shire
- and if needed, a description of the item and any possible allergens/ingredients/materials

Winner will be determined by a bean count.