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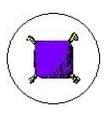
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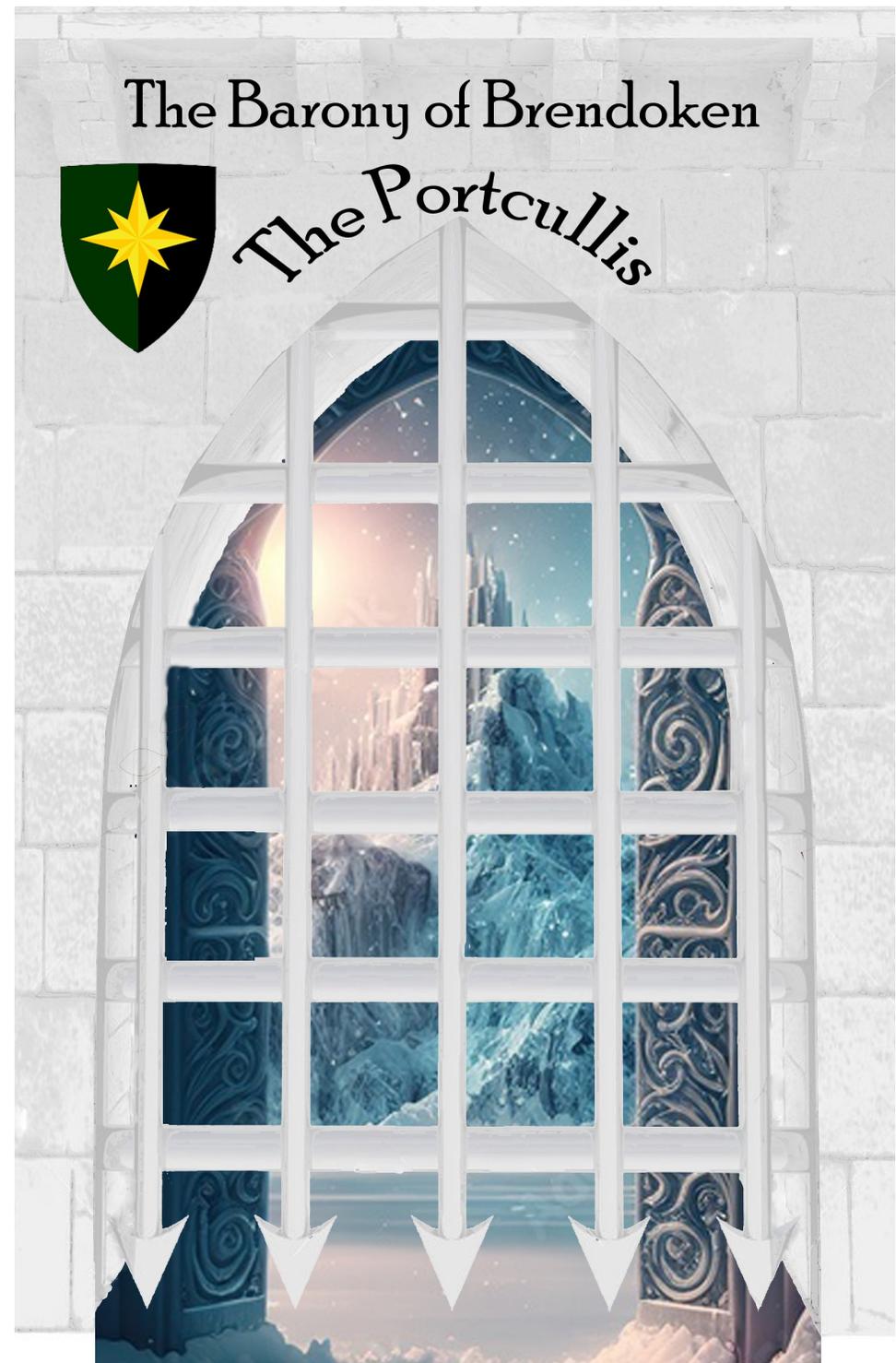
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January 2024

Greetings Unto the Populace

Happy New Year and Greetings onto the populace of Brendoken,

We hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season, no matter what you choose to celebrate.

Our immense thanks go to the Brendoken Elf Brigade for their work in making the season a bit brighter for members of the populace. This tradition is one of the best examples of how we support each other and a fine example of how Brendoken remains one family.

Speaking of support, please join us in wishing a happy retirement for Pastor Kevin Stephens of Grace Fellowship Church. The church has served as our home base for many years and has shown us nothing but kindness in that time. We owe a debt of gratitude to Pastor Kevin and his staff.

With the holidays behind us, we look forward to a new year, new friends, new challenges, and the possibility of a new war. The fields of Pennsic may lie cold and empty over the next few months, but 50 years of history have taught us the horns of war will blow again soon enough. Take this time to practice your arts - martial or otherwise - sharpen your blades or needles and even look to new pursuits. Now is the time to prepare for summer's event.

In nearer times, we look forward to Masque of Courtly Love in Alderford and the Spring Coronation hosted by the Barony.

2024 promises to be another busy and blessed year within Brendoken. Here's hoping the legend of our Barony's warmth and courtesy continues to grow.

HUNTER AND SABLE!!!

DonalBane and Katrina
Baron and Baroness of Brendoken



- looking for Fred Fuller nights
- need demo coordinator

Three Towers

- having meetings 2nd and 4th Wed
- fighting happening
- working on getting presence known, but stable

Thistle

- have indoor practice site-United Church of Christ, Medina, on northeast corner of square
- 14-25 attending practices
- a lot of growth this year
- A&S plans coming up
- demo at Friday for 4th graders in school-kids had a good time
- Excellency-THANK YOU Christianna

Arwenna

- archery hats make us recognizable
- 6 of us had our hats
- have two hats with me today
- if want one, let me know

Badger

- (-deputy social media
- community at events helps our presence in person and online

Dieter

- has priced polyethylene tubing, 20 foot lengths

Genovefa

- Spring Coronation May 4
- plans continue
- info for feast to Cooks Guild
- camping will be available-\$35 for weekend
 - preregister so we know
- Stark County Fairgrounds

His Excellency

- Master Giles-a former Seneschal-have assortment of stuff to give away

Eleanore

- next Sunday Thistle A&S open house at Earth and Loom Studios
- focus on pottery-idea to make cups for largesse

Meeting adjourned; LET'S EAT!!!

<u>Baronial Meeting Dates 2024</u>					
Jan 7	Feb 4	March 3	April 7	May 5	June 2
July 7	Aug 25	Oct 6	Nov 3	Dec 1	

Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

Chamberlain

A&S

- Newcomers Dirty Half Dozen Largesse Derby will be at Masque-in newsletter
- drawing for garb raffle will be at next baronial meeting
 - set of stoneware feast gear by Eleanore is prize
- ideas on back table for largesse ideas

Herald

- domesday goes in at end of month
- working on name now
- one name has gone through-Katerina von Kern

Chronicler

- November and December newsletters today
- send me stuff
- my domesday is due 1/1
- give me updated contact info
- contact sheet will be completed January meeting

Chatelaine

- report went in last month
- Holiday Parade had great response

Webminister

- media committee was formed two months ago about improving our web presence
- we are in process of getting brendoken.org released back to us
- Bu has been working magic to make current site function
- working on having proper website in works, coming down from kingdom
- will need to buy domain name
- need motion for approval for standard domain name cost-motioned, seconded

Social Media

- 960 TikTok followers
- social media presence is out there
- business cards are great to hand out
- people are recognizing things from online

Alderford

- continuing working on Gold Key
- plans out in the parks for warm weather for more presence
- Masque plans continue-Feb 24

Gwyntarian

- meeting every Thursday
- good turnout
- demo coming up Dec 15 in Streetsboro-see Chai
- MOAS stepping down in June

Baronial Meeting Minutes, 12/3/2023

Things happening, will keep things short because FOOD

Excellencies

- did inventory in storage unit thanks to Lady Nyssa today
- thank you for Tigers and Tygers weekend
- East was good host for 100 Minutes War
- 16 at Massillon Holiday Parade, gave away business cards and largesse bags
- next weekend-Elf A&S and Yule Party at Deirdre and Gogan's
- Happy Holidays-have fun and be safe

Seneschal

- a lot coming up

Exchequer

- inventory this morning at storage unit
- does anyone have any baronial property in possession-let me know for recordkeeping
 - includes champion regalia
- 11461.95

- meeting site-dates approved
- donations to food bank our usual payment

Signet

- get award recommendations in for Masque

Archery Marshal

- stepping down today, transfers to Saradwen
- Lucky Society Seasonal Shoot is closed
- weather permitting, would like to do two archery practices a month
- two sites in different locations, alternate for coverage
- need to look at calendars at sites
- North Oaken is an archery powerhouse in the kingdom
- Baronial Guild Shoot
- thank you Dungan for your service
- need a deputy
- 6 Brendoken archers represented in Aethelmearc yesterday

Knights Marshal

- Domesday put in on time
- have not heard from groups that reports in, will contact them
- all marshals-4th quarter domesday is "required" every year
- Dieter-if file domesday, get confirmation back, send to baronial marshal

Rapier Marshal

- rapier is happening in marches, keep going, stay safe
- classes happening in Gwyntarian
- three Brendoken competed in Cleftlands Rapier tournament Wednesday

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Baronial Championship Competitions

Masque of Courtly Love ~ February 24, 2024

Noble Artisans and Brilliant Bards of Brendoken, We, Baroness Katrina and Baron DonalBane, seek new champions of the arts. There will be not one, but two competitions for you to be able to compete in to be named a Champion in our great Barony. Those interested in competing shall consider the following terms laid out by our current Champions of A&S and Bardic. If you accept these terms, you will then be required to present yourself and your pieces at Masque of Courtly Love on February 24th in our Marche of Alderford. There we shall decide our next champions.

Baronial Arts and Sciences Championship

At this 20th anniversary of the founding of the Barony and with a new Baron and Baroness, it is time to celebrate. The Arts and Sciences Champion's Competition will be held at the Masque of Courtly Love in Alderford. The challenge is to create something that celebrates the Barony of Brendoken. It can be in any medium but should use period materials or reasonable substitutes. Documentation is helpful but not required. However, entrants must include an explanation of how your entry celebrates the Barony. Their Excellencies are the final judges of this competition, so may you be creative and productive in your entry.

- Mistress Arwenna

Baronial Bardic Championship

Who will be the next Bardic Champion for Their Excellencies the Baron and Baroness of Brendoken?

Tell us about your persona in story or song (not more than 5 minutes). Also, entertain us with a sonnet or two limericks (family friendly). There will be a tavern set up in the populace room, and you will be the entertainment.

- Lady Milisandia

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.

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 February Baronial Meeting. I will create a display at the February Meeting to show off our challenge. Come and show us your handiwork!