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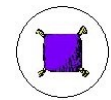
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February 2024

# Greetings Unto the Populace

Greetings onto the populace of Brendoken,

With the cold winds of January behind us, we look forward to getting back in the swing of SCA events at the local, kingdom, and inter-kingdom level.

Masque of Courtly Love tops this list Feb. 24, as we look forward to the mischief our friends from Alderford can cook up. Keep in mind that the Baronial Championships for Arts & Sciences and Bardic Arts will be contested at Masque. We also highly encourage all members to participate in the Dirty Half Dozen Largesse Derby. Items do not have to be complex; the only ask is that they be items that can help newcomers. A simple pouch, a coif, or even a small repair kit. We look forward to seeing what our local artisans can weave.

Further afield, Her Excellency's travels will include a trip to Ædult Swim in Æthelmearc. His Excellency hopes to take a trip to Val Day. We hope for safe travels and fun times for all who choose to join us.

While the lands might still be slumbering, the thaw of spring and warm winds of summer will be on us soon enough. Any and all help offered for Spring Coronation would be warmly welcomed. Also, We plan on having a large presence at Æthelmearc War Practice, Northern Oaken War Maneuvers, and numerous other events.

Preparations for Pennsic are underway, as the Barony of Brendoken camp has been registered! A reminder that any and all Baronial citizens are welcome in Brendoken camp; we merely ask that you pre-register with us and contact the Baron if you choose to join us. Announcements on camp meetings and other preparations are on the way. Watch this space.

HUNTER AND SABLE!

DonalBane and Katrina  
Baron and Baroness of Brendoken



## Social Media

- mild drama~post approval on hopefully temporarily, several can approve posts
- investigating what is going on that is causing problems
- message if your post has not gone through after a bit
- always looking for content for Youtube, TikTok, Instagram~free marketing
- closing in on 1000 TikTok followers

Excellencies~Gwyntarian demo went well, Streetsboro schools have a great video

## Thrown Weapons

- Gogan is marshal
- nothing going on because winter
- have nice targets thanks to Marellus

## Alderford

- thank you deputy Ailith for taking over recent meetings
- working on Masque

## Gwyntarian

- Marellus-meetings have resumed, both fighting and rapier, potluck next week

## Three Towers

- next meeting Jan 24
- looking for sites~previous sites have changed hands, and prices have gone up

## Thistle

- regular meetings
- fight practices 6:30 Unitarian church on Medina Square
- information on Thistle group
- meetings start up Tuesday
- next Sunday 1pm~Earth and Loom open studio
  - had a nice crowd last time
  - also potluck

## Masque

- need merchant coordinator
- 6 tracks of classes~a little bit of everything
  - would like classes for newbies
  - see Deirdre, Vlad, Eadaoin
- baronial A&S and bardic championships~info in newsletter
- need actors for Murder Mystery

Coronation and Cooks Guild meetings today

Rapier fighting will be set up

Blades of Brendoken after Feb meeting, bring gear

Blades should say hello before fighting today

Meeting adjourned

<h1 style="margin: 0;">COURT REPORT</h1>
<h2 style="margin: 0;"><u>Festival of Maidens</u></h2>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Warder Sigmund Grimborgh</h3> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Bronze Ring</h3>

#### Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

##### A&S

- Frugal Baroness challenge extended to February
  - ideas on display on table today
  - will display at next month
- Dirty Half Dozen Largesse Derby at Masque
  - working on prize
- garb drawing for 2023-Lord Dungan is winner of feast gear
- have not decided to do it again for 2024
- encourage garb for baronial meetings

##### Herald

- domesday on time
- see for help on names and devices
- name in process, device has a conflict

##### Chronicler

- newsletter-many recent officer changes, see me for corrections
  - many A&S things this month
  - baronial meeting dates at end of minutes
- domesday report went in just before New Year's
- Contact Sheet Project-rough drafts will be published online this week
- send me stuff

##### Chatelaine

- domesday in on time
- Gogan stepping down, Yvonne taking over today
- winter months tough-reach out to your fellow members
- bring people! we may be what they are looking for

##### Webminister

- drama behind scenes, will deal with it, but things are happening

#### Baronial Meeting Minutes, 1/7/2024

##### Excellencies

- court-Xiahou Bu-Purple Fret from TRM in fall
- slow-ish month for us, but will change next month
- Winter Wassail in Rivenvale
- Masque coming in 6 weeks, get baronial and kingdom level recommendations in

##### Seneschal

- many things going on
- many officer changes, many deputies to back them up
- we have deputies backing up every office-thank you
- office transitions have been smooth

##### Exchequer

- 11001.15 in account
- \$500 to hall here only recent activity
- Hugh the Silent is deputy

##### Signet

- new person will be official with paperwork
- get award recs in for Masque
- our scribes put their hearts into scrolls

##### Archery Marshal

- working on contacting ranges for practices
- next week Middle Marches Twelfth Night
- will not schedule practices against regional events
- St Sebastians-archery dinner/meeting Fri Jan 26 6:30pm
- Lucky Target challenge-GAT rankings still pending
- possible practice on Jan 20 for current challenge

##### Knights Marshal

- Gwyntarian has resumed practices
- Thistle and Alderford will soon
- begin working on skills to get ready for spring season

##### Rapier Marshal

- fighting today
- no fighting at Masque, but other stuff happening
  - authorizations, sparring, classes
- would like second deputy

##### Chamberlain

- inventory list done, will get to exchequer
- will track Excellencies' events
  - Baroness-Aedult Swim
  - both Masque
  - Baron might go to Val Day

# *Masque of Courtly Love*

## *A Medieval Murder Mystery*

February 24, 2024  
9am-8pm

Marche of Alderford

Grace Fellowship Church  
6282 Nave St. SW  
Canton, OH 44706

Arts & Sciences ~ Dancing ~ Bardic ~ Classes ~ Period Darts  
and so much more!

<https://alderfordsocialmed.wixsite.com/masque>

## **A&S Largesse Making Night**

Friday, February 9,  
7:00pm-11:00pm  
1562 Ries St.  
Barberton, OH 44203

Want to participate in the Largesse Derby at Masque, but aren't sure what to make? Do you need help coming up with ideas or need access to the tools to make items? Do you just want to make largesse and hang out with your friends? Then this A&S night is for you!

# *Who Killed Christopher Marlowe?*

~A Masque Murder Mystery~



Was he jealous of Marlowe? He only got 7 shillings for his sonnet and Marlowe got 50 shillings for each of his limericks. Who wouldn't be angry? Not to mention all the characters in his plays that he kills. Did he get used to murder?



Did Marlowe steal her idea for her next box office hit? Where did he get his idea for Faust? Did he really write his plays or did Shakespeare help him?



Prediction after prediction has been proved false. Nothing he predicted lately had come true. He was losing his edge. He needed to stay in the good graces of the queen. So when he predicted Christopher Marlowe's demise, was he responsible for making it come true?



Most ladies stayed at home, but Lady Anne was known to travel to far-off places like Scotland, France, and even Wales. She says she is buying gems and gold to make her jewelry and selling it to royal merchants. But have you noticed a slight Scottish burr in her speech? Was she a special friend of King James IV?