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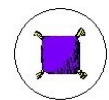
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The Barony of Brendoken



The Portcullis

Masque

2024



March 2024

Greetings Unto the Populace

Greetings onto the populace of Brendoken,

Masque of Courtly Love was an incredible event! We've come to expect nothing less from our friends in Alderford, and a marvelous time was had by all. We wish to thank the autocrats, staff, and the many volunteers who helped make Masque a success.

In news from Masque, we wish to welcome our new Baronial champions! The amazing pair of Eleanore van Tyne (Arts and Sciences) and Annalena Cecilia Massari (Bardic) have stepped up, and we are overjoyed to have them serve as champions. Much love and thanks to Arwenna and Milisandia for their service as champions.

Congratulations are due for Sgt. Marellus and Warder Grimborgh as both were honored with the Award of the Golden Tower for their contributions to our marshal community. Their Royal Majesties honored a good many of our populace with awards that to list them here would fill up the page! Congratulations to all of you. Well deserved.

As we move into March and warm weather, preparations are already underway for the melee campaign season. Her Excellency will make her annual trek to the south with a small Baronial contingent, joining the Dragon Army at Gulf Wars, while His Excellency plans to join the Baronial Archery corps at Better War Through Archery.

Spring Coronation will be here before we know it. Any and all help will be welcome by the staff and autocrats. Many hands make light work.

HUNTER AND SABLE!

DonalBane and Katrina
Baron and Baroness of Brendoken



Masque

- sign up for royal room guards and retainers on facebook or talk to staff
- Gogan taking pre reg today, paypal going on line next week
 - Wednesday before event is deadline
- staff, check in with Francesca
- looking for volunteers for gate, 1 or 2 hour shifts

Coronation

- planning continues
- request from TRH-Sew one, sew on-try to get basic garb into hands of those who need it
 - Avelina is A&S coordinator
 - essentially a sewathon, three levels, team creates T tunic within a time frame
 - will get clarification on division of levels
 - can Brendoken sponsor this? help from Marches? donations?
 - people sign up in teams before event so we know amount of materials needed
 - Brendoken does not have Gold Key, all went to Marches
 - finding sewing machines a thing, one building has a lot of outlets
 - seneschal-tap into basement hordes first before buying
 - type of fabric depends on level
 - populace can bring material donations to next baronial meeting
- Oddmall happening at other side of site on same day
- parking lot is massive, have space for martial tournaments
 - maybe even siege practice if weather nice and have marshals
- Vlad and Farthegn-combined tournament with rapier and armored teams
- Kingdom Archery and Thrown Weapons championships happening at Coronation
- camping night before and night of

After baronial meeting

- Blades meeting
- Cooks meeting
- Coronation meeting
- Murder Mystery cast meeting

Baron

- Pennsic Brendoken Camp meeting after March baronial meeting
- Looking at future meeting for other discussion

Eadaoin

- combat archery regional command for North and South Oaken
- if interested in trying and traveling, let me know

Omnibus peerage-today is last day taking comments

Meeting adjourned

Webminister

- working on new website, need info on what you would like to see on website
- seneschal-we will host at brendoken.midrealm.org
 - looking at options for easy webpage build
 - will work on Marches websites after dealing with baronial
 - please let us know what you want on the website; we are starting from the ground

Social Media

- yay boring since posting approval turned on
- if in charge of a group (Blades, Cooks Guild), make Barony of Brendoken an admin in your group
- always looking for social media content
- almost to 1000 followers on TikTok

Chamberlain

- inventory list is complete and turned in to exchequer
- Baron-Val Day
- Baroness-Aedult Swim
- both-Masque
- Baroness, maybe Baron-Winter War Maneuvers

Seneschal-report was in on time

- marche seneschals, get those in to me

Alderford

- next meeting Feb 13 and 27-discussing Masque
- heavy and rapier practice
- seneschal report in on time
- Vlad gave presentation on heraldry
- meeting at Grace Fellowship until weather warms, then back at Pigeon Run

Gwyntarian

- meetings Thursdays, Akron Turner Club
- September-Road to El Dorado, 50th anniversary Gwyntarian, Sgt Patraic is steward and looking for staff
- Fred Fuller Fri Feb 23 of February-leatherworking class making mug frogs

Three Towers

- meeting 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of month
- will move outdoors once weather warms for martial practices
- currently about a handful at meetings

Thistle

- Tuesday night meetings, UCC Medina
- 27 at last meeting, largest number so far
 - may need larger site if numbers increase further
- looking to meet in square when weather is nice

Baronial Meeting Minutes, 2/4/2024

Ohio decided it's spring today

Excellencies

- we made it through January
- will be active in February
- Baron going to Val Day
- TRM and TRH will
- Masque coming up
 - Bardic and A&S championship competition
 - someone is dead? murder mystery...
 - Barony turns 20
 - Largesse Dirty Dozen Derby-newcomer focused
- Baroness going to Aedult Swim in Aethelmearc
- yay Grimborgh for Bronze Ring-he will be at Masque

Seneschal

- many things going on

Exchequer

- 10,602.69
- society membership fee has increased
- new member surcharge is concern
 - not for Masque, but Coronation
 - non members should pre reg by April 1 for Coronation to save money
 - takes effect April 1
- Hugh now on bank account, and others removed

Seneschal -Membership Increase

- has been a while since an increase
- bothered by non member surcharge
 - affects ability to get new people in
- Melee will be a donation event, instead of event fee
- may need to look at more demos and similar this year-mini events-talk with Chatelaine

Signet

- scrolls for Masque covered, need one for calligraphy

Archery Marshal

- archery practice yesterday at Hunter's Outlet
 - if get large enough group, may be able to rent facility
 - need firm commitment
 - will research price
- practice Sat Feb 10 at Bounce if interested-two current shoots
- Feb 17 definitely would like practice
- Brendoken and Cleftlands make up core of Middle Kingdom archers corp
- loaner gear available

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Masque of Courtly Love

February 24, 2024

All photography by Lord Tarmch ben Yehuda al-Khazari

Brendoken has new champions!



Lady Eleanore van Tyne was named Arts and Sciences Champion. She made a two-piece cooking brazier from clay for the competition.



Lady Annalena Cecilia Massari was named Bardic Champion. She performed a solo Italian madrigal, accompanying herself with a baritone ukulele, during the competition.

Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

seneschal-would like to see archery practice after baronial meetings as weather improves
-please watch weather and post to make official

Knights Marshal

-Gwyntarian has practice
-Baroness has been working technique classes at Alderford

Rapier Marshal

-will plan rapier after meeting
-martial classes and authorizations at Masque
-some training and sparring as well, no tournaments

Thrown Weapons Marshal

-not much right now, can watch weather for baronial practices
-Quinton is deputy

A&S

-doing tickets for wearing garb to meetings again, starting today
-book to report A&S activities
-Dirty Half Dozen Largesse Derby at Masque-newcomer focused
-does not have to be elaborate
-Friday A&S night-see Portcullis
-seneschal-what did you wish you had at first events

Herald

-heralds consultation at Masque 11-2
-get submissions in prior to Pennsic; Pennsic submissions take a year

Chronicler

-today's newsletter-Masque related announcements
-quick turnaround to next newsletter, will cover Masque, please post stuff (esp photos) quickly
-any short announcements due day after event
-Contact Sheet Project is complete and will update as needed
-in seneschals' email, has been posted to all facebook groups
-I have Barony and Marche heraldry in two formats thanks to Nina, let me know if you need them

Seneschal

-Marche seneschals-would like to make member contact list for every Marche
-we have lost personal contact with populace
-want to know who is showing up

Chatelaine

-welcome to Joshua
-once Masque is over, will reach out for donations for Royal Room for Coronation
-bring friends and family, let them see what we do

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determine what would be most appropriate. Alternatively, consult with other people who have several awards already. They can advise you as to possible considerations (and, additionally, you have just brought your candidate to their attention.) If the person already has the award you were considering, it may be that a higher level award/order might be appropriate which might be determined when discussing this possibility with others. Higher awards/orders often need more than one recommendation. Some activities like service, A & S, and martial combat are easy to see and reward. Other martial activities (often taking place off to the side) are frequently overlooked, as are chivalric qualities and background service. Consider all the possible awards and orders when recommending.

Don't assume someone who always seems to be helping, or has prowess at archery (example Forester Dungan!), or does wonderful A & S projects, actually has been recognized. There are many people who get overlooked simply because everyone assumes they have the award already, especially if they have been around a long time. Everyone needs a pat-on-the-back every so often. Check on some of the 'old-timers' who are still around and active. It may have been years since they were last recognized for their contributions. The SCA has no badges like Scouting, but we do have a system to recognize achievement or expertise in our various areas, both on a more local Baronial level and on the wider Kingdom stage. It works best when everyone is involved in helping each other be recognized for their accomplishments.

A Note from our MOAS:

I would just like to say wow! We had an amazing turnout for the Largesse Derby! I am very pleased to announce that Barb Hoffman won the bean count with her lovely leather pouches. We will have another one and more details will be coming. Please remember the Baron and Baroness will always accept Largesse. You don't need to wait for a derby.

The garb raffle continues. We are doing a ticket for each time you wear garb to a baronial meeting. At the December meeting, we will have a drawing and a wonderful prize yet to be determined.

I am very pleased to be a member of such a wonderful Barony. I look forward to serving you.

Lena Krieger



The table for the Dirty Half Dozen Largesse Derby was overflowing! The photos above show only a small sampling of what our populace created.



Six classrooms based on A&S, martial, and bardic topics ran throughout the day and were full of eager learners.



Many well-deserved awards were given at court.

Left: Dungan MacRogan becoming Forester of the Greenwood Company
Right: Sgt. Marellus Kilianus receiving a sculpture of a pillar as the scroll for his Golden Tower.

Court Report

Masque of Courtly Love

Baronial

Sgt. Marellus Kilianus
Golden Tower

Warder Sigmund Grimborgh
Golden Tower

Pastor Kevin Stephens
Honorary Citizen of
Brendoken

Kingdom

Lady Aallotar of Alderford
Award of Arms

Sgt. Galum Talagach mucoi Drusten
Red Company

Lady Avelina Faber
Willow

Lady Genovefa da Terranova
Silver Oak

Mistress Chai'usun Moritugiin
Doe's Grace

Lord Gryphon of Alderford
Award of Arms

Forester Dungan MacRogan
Greenwood Company

Lord Larentz Krieger
Award of Arms

Forester Edward of Thorne
Purple Fret

Lord Robert the Old
Award of Arms

Sir Fartheagn Rinkson
Cavendish Knot

Lady Slaine Bacaeir
Award of Arms

Anyone can make an award recommendation!

Arwenna of Kelsley

Yes, you can make an award recommendation even if you do not have that award. You are the 'eyes' of the Midrealm and the Barony of Brendoken. You are more likely to see people doing service, or arts and science, or martial activity than Their Majesties or Their Excellencies. If you, personally, know someone who should be honored, it is more likely that it will happen if you can bring them to the attention of the Crown rather than just hope that the Crown will find them. This is best done through the recommendation system. Kingdom and Baronial awards are given for: recognition of excellence or prowess in an activity, encouragement to continue work in an activity area, or as a pat-on-the-back thank you for work done in an area. Most of the information you need to make a recommendation can be found online.

Firstly, look at the possible awards for both the Barony of Brendoken and the Middle Kingdom and read their descriptions. Some are 'Awards' that can be given more than once (with the exception of the Award of Arms, which is given only once.) Others are called 'Orders' and a person can only be inducted into them one time. Secondly, notice those around you who are doing things: Arts and Sciences, service, any martial activity (heavy weapons, rapier, target archery, combat archery, thrown weapons, siege activity, or equestrian). Other things to observe are those who exhibit chivalric behavior, or accuracy in portrayal of their persona. Make notes of specific activities you have seen that will support your reason for recommendation.

If you feel that an individual or group (there are a few group awards) should be considered for an Award or Order, your next step is to check the Order of Precedence online to see what awards that person has. Both the Baronial and the Kingdom Orders of Precedence work better if you know the person's SCAdian name. The Baronial list is short enough to easily scroll down alphabetically. The Kingdom list has a search bar at the top where you can input a name. If you had a specific award in mind and you discover that the person you were intending to recommend for it does not have it, you can go to the Kingdom award recommendation site and input the required information: SCA name, mundane name, reason(s) why they should have this award and any upcoming events they will be attending. Baronial award recommendations can be made online at the Baronial award recommendation site in the same manner but only need the person's SCA name and reason(s); or you might be able to talk to Their Excellencies more directly.

If you feel that someone should have an award but are not sure which one, describe their activity as fully as possible so Their Majesties (or Their Excellencies) can

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