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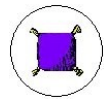
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The Barony of Brendoken



The Portcullis



April 2024

Greetings Unto the Populace

Greetings onto the populace of Brendoken,

Happy Spring! (even if the weather gods in Oaken remain confused...)

Our Baronial progress this past month took us all over the Known World. Her Excellency had a blast representing us at Gulf Wars, along with our Armored Champion and noble populace members who made the trek to Gleann Abhann.

Closer to home, His Excellency was proud to see so many members of the Brendoken Archery Corps make the trek to Better War Through Archery in Sternfeld. We had one of the largest contingents in the Midrealm! Be on the lookout for the Hunter & Sable Hats!

By the time of our next missive, we will have new Majesties upon the Dragon Thrones. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as Baronage for TRM Wigthegn and Neassa (Brendoken's first Royals!) over the past six months. It has been a joy to see the Hunter and Sable represented on the Dragon Thrones. It also seems appropriate the Dragon's lineage will renew itself in our Barony, as the Coronation of Ivan and Katalena will happen on May 4.

Speaking of Coronation, it will be here before we know it. The Barony has drawn rave reviews every time we have hosted Kingdom-level events, and we are certain this will continue. Thank you in advance to Genovefa and Deirdre for all their work as autocrats. We are certain there will be ample volunteer opportunities announced in the next few weeks.

Before then, however, we plan to pick up a few more events. We both plan to make the trek to The Tournament of Defense April 13 in Shadowed Stars, while on April 27, His Excellency plans to attend Grand Tournament of the Dragon in Flaming Gryphon, while Her Excellency will join the Dragon Army at Blackstone Raids.

With the campaign season around the corner, we will be hosting the camp meeting for the Barony of Brendoken camp in the month of April. Any and all citizens of Brendoken are welcome to join the Baronial Camp. We only ask that pre-registration is completed.

HUNTERAND SABLE!!!

DonalBane and Katrina
Baron and Baroness of Brendoken



Webminister

- we got no suggestions from populace about website
- send suggestions directly to Bu or Vlad
- want to build what we need

Social Media

- I'm from Brendoken video-today after meeting
- planning fighter related social media stuff at Monument Park
- hit 1000 followers on TikTok-opens livestreaming

Chamberlain

Alderford

- had an event...
- event steward-thank you for help
- meetings continue
- March 12 and 26 here at Grace
- need a new storage unit
- collecting names and addresses for Alderford and Brendoken

Gwyntarian

- fight practicing on Thursdays
- Fred Fuller Fridays are still open, dates will be posted

Three Towers

- still meeting 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of month
- compiling contact info

Thistle

- will be moving outside soon
- T tunic class

After meeting

- Brendoken Camp meeting
- Rapier meeting

Eleanore

- next Sunday 1pm open studio, Earth and Loom Studios

Dirk

- Brendoken has 4 siege marshals, total 15 in kingdom
- have been changes in authorization procedure
 - can be done with heavy and siege marshals; also applies to combat archery
- would want to do authorization at a practice here at Grace
- siege marshal training and authorizations will happen at Pennsic

Social Media Cleftlands

- check facebook for change of meeting location in March

Meeting adjourned

- Golden Cord to be woven in with Hunter and Sable cords on the cloak
- A fighter who has achieved multiple Golden Towers for rapier as well as either a Golden Shield or Golden Alderleaf; a Bronze Ring, or a Master of Defense. They announce that they wish to challenge for the new tier with 30 days notice. Challenge to be held at an event, practice, or meeting agreed upon that a sufficient number of rapier fighters to face the challenger are available.
- A proper Challenge should be defined as a minimum of half the Guard being available to test the challenger. A challenger will be facing all comers regardless of tier. The challenger will be deemed worthy of passing the challenge by agreement of a majority of the fighters. The fighters must agree to the respectable comportment and skill of the challenger. The challenger need not win all or any of the fights they face; it will be on how they represent themselves and the barony on and off the field.

Officers/Positions (tentative)

Champion(s): To be determined by the Rapier and C&T baronial champions tournaments

Foreman/Chancellor/Commissioner: Leads Guard meetings and helps organize functions. Works with Commander to set up melee practices. To be chosen by a vote/poll of all active Guard.

Commander: Commands Guard in melee situations. Chosen by vote/poll of current Guard members.

Treasurer: Holds any (if there is) funds for the Guard and keeps an accounting of moneys taken in or spent.

Scrivener: Records minutes of meetings and tracks membership roster.

All this is with the understanding that this is all tentative and nothing has been decided yet. Nothing is set in stone as of now.



Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

- send me officer contact sheet updates
- Q1 report due 4/1

Seneschal-please find deputies, do not need to step into office

Chatelaine
-getting ready to push practices into parks-good for visibility
-need artisans as well as fighters

Baronial Meeting Minutes, 3/3/2024

there's green outside!

Excellencies

- amazing event last weekend-thank you everyone who helped
- about 200 attended
- Melee and Road to in the fall
- Her-Gulf Wars
- His-Better War through Archery

Exchequer

- 10697.28 in account
- Coronation-deputy will work gate, will need help

Signet

- submit award recs to barony and kingdom

Archery Marshal

- practice today after meeting, will continue weather permitting
- archery practice at Dungan's in 2 weeks

Knights Marshal

- practices are continuing
- Alderford good for training, Gwyntarian sparring
- drills also important
- crossover training happening

Rapier Marshal

- practices happening
- melee training will start up again probably around end of month

Thrown Weapons Marshal

- practice outside after meeting today, loaners available

A&S

- Largesse Derby went well at Masque
- tickets for wearing garb to baronial meetings, prize in December
- a lot of A&S info coming for Coronation

Herald

- consultation table went well at Masque
- 4 names and devices being submitted
- might have larger consultation table at Coronation
- see me for submission help

Chronicler

- today's newsletter-lots of stuff
- send me stuff-always looking

Thrown Weapons Championship Tournament

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Greetings,

Their Excellencies have requested a Thrown Weapons Tournament to be held at the May 5th Baronial Meeting (weather permitting) to select the next Champion. Competitors will get three throws at each target.

Knife: Target will consist of playing cards laid out in an overlapping pattern. Standard card values will apply, and it will be possible to score multiple cards on a throw. Bonus points will be awarded for any Poker hands created.

Axe: Target will consist of a clock face. Any good strike scores 1 point, center of clock scores 3 points, and hitting the hour marks (12, 3, 6, 9) scores 5 points.

Spear: Target will consist of stacked bales with an outline of a fighter. Any throw sticking in the bales scores 1 point, in the body scores 3 points, and in the head scores 5 points.

Dieter

MOAS Announcements

- We are starting a project to make red hoods for the Red Company. If anyone would like to help, please let me know.
- We will have an A&S Night May 10th. We will be making a savory spice blend.

A revitalization of the Brendoken Rapier Corps is ongoing. As part of the revitalization, the name would be changed to The Brendoken Rapier Guard. The Guard will be dedicated to growing the baronial rapier community. The foundational blocks of The Guard are to educate, expand, form camaraderie, be a melee unit, and be of service to the barony at large.

This group wants to welcome all who dedicate themselves to the baronial rapier community. Not just fighters, but marshals as well. This extends to those who do not live in our fair lands. Those who reside elsewhere are free to join should they use the majority of their time to fight or otherwise support the Brendoken rapier community.

The Guard will be the face of the barony at all rapier events, practices, classes, and more. What this group hopes to garner is respect for the local rapier community both within the kingdom and throughout the Known World. Respect, Honor, and Service are the core tenets of the group. They plan on doing this by being teachers, helpers, leaders, and above all a community.

What follows is the tentative charter for the group.

Revised Barebones Charter Brendoken Rapier Guard

Members styling themselves Guards of Brendoken:
New cloaks - Hunter and Sable half cloaks (shoulder to waist) with a golden blade on the cloak, with a hilt stylized and personalized by the individual wearer. A golden cord will also be sewn along the bottom edge of the cloak.

All fighters will present themselves to the Baron and Baroness with their intent to fight for the Barony of Brendoken or to serve the Brendoken rapier community to be deemed acceptable.

Three tiers of The Guard:

Tier 1

- Hunter Cord on the cloak
- A rapier enthusiast who has dedicated themselves to serving and/or fighting for and with Brendoken rapier. Open to all who serve the Brendoken rapier community.

Tier 2

- Sable Cord to be woven in with the Hunter cord on the cloak
- A fighter who has achieved a Golden Tower for rapier, a Cavendish Knot, or some higher award for rapier combat. They announce that they wish to challenge for the new tier with 30 days notice. Challenge to be held at an event, practice, or meeting agreed upon that a sufficient number of rapier fighters to face the challenger are available.

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