

Barony of Brendoken
Business Meeting
January 30, 2005

Attendance: 16

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. At the recent event in the Barony of Cleftlands, Brendoken won the skirmish during a thumb-wrestling match between Baron Ephraim and our own Baron Alexander. It was noted by THL Katarina we could claim that the Barony of Cleftlands was “under our thumb.”
- B. Her Royal Highness Noelle will preside over a Regency Court at the upcoming event, Masque of Courtly Love, in The Marche of Alderford on February 19, 2005.

II. REPORTS

A. Baron and Baroness:

- i. Their Excellencies requested that they might ask for bids to make leather coronets. There was discussion.
- ii. The sunshade will be ready by the spring fighting events. Lady Debforgail has offered the use of her sewing machine that will sew leather.
- iii. Their Excellencies proposed that an officers meeting be arranged. It was suggested that the officers and seneschals meet before or after the regular meeting. There was also the suggestion that there be an e-mail list set up for the use of the officers/seneschals and the Baron and Baroness.
- iv. Pennsic update
 - 1. Baron Alexander has sent in the paper work to establish a baronial encampment. He is going to be landocrat, but is looking for a deputy to help him.
 - 2. An information sheet was given out to be filled in by those interested in camping with the barony. Contact Baron Alexander if you want one.
 - 3. Their Excellencies would like the services of a bagpiper during Pennsic. If you know of someone, please give the information to Baron Alexander.
 - 4. Ideas for a gate are being sought.

B. Exchequer: A warm welcome to the new Baronial Exchequer, Lady Becea. She reported a balance of \$2107.43, noting that there were a few outstanding checks to be written. The kitty had a balance of \$26. The Domesday report has been submitted. A property list is needed. Lady Becea has requested that those who have items belonging to the barony to make a list of the items and to give it to her within the next month.

C. Pursuivant: THL Katarina passed out rough drafts of the propose award badges. These images will be placed on the web site for viewing. After being properly blazoned, they will be ready for a final approval by the group at the next meeting. A letter stating the group’s approval must be

sent with the submission. 2/3 of those actively participating with the baronial are needed to signify approval, which could be those attending the baronial meeting. THL Katarina has been in discussion with the kingdom herald and there seems to be no problem with the proposed award badges at this level. However, there is a significant delay at the SCA corporate level. We are looking into ways to expedite the process. (Cookies and chocolate were suggested)

- D. MoAS:** Lady Debforgail reported that a total of 42 scroll covers were made. She requested that the scribes of the barony donate blank scrolls to fill the covers. The covers are to be presented at the coronation of TRH Alaric and Noelle. Lady Camille has donated four scrolls. Lady Maerwynn has donated one. Both of the ladies are from the Marche of Alderford. It is planned that the names of all those who worked on the project to be presented as well. Lady Debforgail is planning an Illumination Party to create blank scrolls, the date to be announced.
- E. Knight Marshal:** Sergeant Garth was not present.
- F. Chronicler:** THL Sophia was not present, but asked Baroness Catriona to take the minutes. The baronial newsletter, The Portcullis, will be mailed to the seneschals to distribute to the populace.
- G. Chatelaine:** THL Francesca has stepped down and is looking for a replacement. If interested, please contact her.
- H. Regalia:** The request for leather coronets was voted on and passed. Bids need to be submitted to Lord Brice.
- I. Chamberlain:** Lady Anne of Dragonhurst commented that everything is going well. Their Excellencies spoke of their great appreciation of the work the retainers do in making Their Excellencies “look good.”
- J. Seneschal:** Lord Brice outlined what he wished to accomplish in his tenure as seneschal.
 - i. To establish traditions for the barony and to create a frame work so that there is consistency in the four groups as regards to the barony
 - ii. To have the barony participate in the life of the shires in a way that is comfortable for both the barony and the shires.

III. GROUPS

- A. Alderford- there will be a masque of Courtly Love on February 19th. The theme is Venetian Intrigue complete with a murder mystery. There will be classes and fighting, a regency court and a delectable feast.
- B. Gwyntarian- THL Katarina is demo coordinator and has been contacted concerning the Ohio Mart demo. The fighting area may be rearranged. The demo is planned for the Oct 7-9th. Gwyntarian is also being asked to do demos for the local libraries for their summer reading program.
- C. Thistle- Lady Mageen of Kincora was welcomed as the new acting seneschal of Thistle. Her plans include finding a site between Medina and Wooster so that the group might reestablish itself. Lord Durdell is an MIT and with Baron Alexander will be holding fighter practice in Medina at the Knights of Columbus building. She would appreciate any help the barony can provide.
- D. Three Towers- Plans are being made for the Encampment at the Castle to be held on June 17-19th. A coordinator for water bearing and kitchen cleanup is needed. If you are interested, please contact Lady Faoileann. The classes will focus on things about camping and a Pas d'Arm is being arranged for the fighting. There will be a rapier tournament and a baronial activity. The new acting seneschal of Three Towers, Milady Drina, introduced herself. Welcome!

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. The "Very Civil War" (previously known as: War of Southern Aggression) will take place at the Alderford event, Oaken Melee School, in July.
- B. Baronial Championships were discussed. The suggestion was made to have them in the fall so that Pennsic would be the culminating activity for the champions. Their Excellencies asked for bids to be submitted to the baronial seneschal for a one-day event that would include all the championships to be held this fall.
- C. It was agreed that each group would have the opportunity to have a baronial activity of some sort to occur at individual shire's events. Alderford would host the "Very Civil War." Three Towers was in agreement to have an activity at their event in June. The barony would be in discussion with Thistle and Gwyntarian concerning holding baronial activities at their events.
- D. At the last meeting, Baroness Catriona requested that the barony construct fighting tabards and baronial favors. Three Towers has set a tentative date for a sewing day on February 27th. THL Ailith and Lady Ann were asked to find black and green cloth suitable for this purpose.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Baroness Catriona was contacted about doing a demo at the Tallmadge Middle School. Action was tabled until the Lady Wulfwen, the seneschal of Gwyntarian, could be contacted.
- B. There was discussion about having a commercial mold of the barony's device made. Lord Kelly was asked to gather information on costs, fees,

and range of use. He will report back at the next meeting.

VI. The meeting was adjourned.

- A. The next meeting is to be on February 20 2005, from 2-4 pm at The Mill in Smithville, Ohio.
- B. The group enjoyed a social hour until 4:30 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Baroness Catriona nicHugh Mclae.