

Brendoken Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2007

NUMBER ATTENDING: 20 gentles/ all groups represented

OFFICER REPORTS:

Seneschal: After consulting with the Kingdom Seneschal, Lord Kilij reported that 2 years ago there was a change in the reporting procedure concerning baronies in the Middle Kingdom. Prior to this, reports from groups within a barony were asked to send courtesy copies to their baronial counterpart. Now, the offices of the Seneschal, Pursuivant, and MoAS are required to send reports to their baronial counterparts, as well as regional and kingdom officers. Lady Bekea requested that Exchequers send copies to the Baronial Exchequer as a backup in case a report is lost or local exchequer reports are unavailable. It was also strongly requested that reports to Baronial officers be sent a week prior to the due date as they must process the information and send it in on the same due date as the local groups.

Baroness Catriona brought up that THL Milica also needs timely information from both the baronial officers and the local to make the publication of the Portcullis run smoothly. It is difficult to create a newsletter when there are no letters or information sent in on which to report.

There was a discussion on the need to have contact information from the local groups made available to the barony. Farspeaker lists were requested from each of the groups. These would be kept private and used by the Baronial officers. Baron Nigel requested that information about the person's awards be included. Most preferred an electronic copy of the farspeaker.

Lord Kilij commented that if there is no pursuivant then the seneschal is to submit a report instead. Reports can be sent in without the missing reports if need be. He also suggested that the Baronial officers to send courtesy copies of their reports to their counterparts in the local group groups to aid open communication.

Deputy Seneschal: Lord Giles commented that he had stood in as the seneschal of record at a few baronial courts.

Baron Alexander has been working with the rapier fighters at Gwyntarian meetings to train those who wish to fight with heavy weapons. He stated publicly that he has no clue, but this could have been a misnomer.

Baroness Catriona had nothing new to report.

Exchequer: Lady Bekea reported that the baronial domesday report was done and submitted. We have a balance of \$1, 435.84, which is an increase of \$71 over the year. Of note, Alderford donated \$50 to the Bardic Madness Lunch Tavern and Gwyntarian donated \$200 to the Brendoken as a thank you for the barony's help with their Road to Florence event. (Hoobah! to them both) Lady Bekea mentioned that the low cost of the meeting site and the generosity of that donation to the 'Pass the Lamb' has also helped financially.

Bardic Madness netted a minus of \$411.83, but this does not include the \$216 made by the Lunch Tavern. So the total for the event was approximately minus \$200.

Lord Kilij commented that while the event lost money everyone who has spoken to him concerning Bardic Madness were "singing praises" about the event. Brendoken is gaining a reputation for good events and is making a name for itself in the arts community.

Herald: Baron Nigel strongly urged that reports from local groups be turned in to the baronial

counterpart. He mentioned his frustration in trying to obtain information when the web sites need updating. He has stood as herald of record at most all the baronial courts.

MoAS: Lord Robert asked that each local group pick a month to host a Baronial activity. He is also frustrated by the difficulty in getting reports from the local groups. He will no longer by included very late reports in his reports.

Web Minister: Lady Zaliha reported that the Champions web page has been created and will be linked to the baronial website ASAP. She will invite those interested to help her revamp the baronial web site in February. Details to follow via the Atrium.

Signet: Lady Zillah gave thanks to all the artists who have donated their time and talent to create the scrolls given out at the baronial courts. (Side note: Baroness Catriona has counted 23 hand made scrolls created in 2006)

GROUP REPORTS:

ALDERFORD: The group will be trying out a new meeting site, Diamond Rd Community Room, 2782 Diamond Street NE Canton Ohio 44721. For the time being, it is only for the Jan 16th meeting. Plans for the event, Masque of Courtly Love XI, on March 3rd are under way. Please come and support your sister group.

THREE TOWERS A reminder that Encampment at the Castle is on June 22-24, a week later than usual. They have a new chatelaine, Lady Tuathlaith. There are some minor web site issues being resolved. Please help Three Towers, if possible with a demo on Friday, March 23rd at the Discovery School in Mansfield. They need fighters in the afternoon. Contact Lord Galen, the seneschal, if you can help.

GWYNTARIAN They will be doing an event on June 30th, First Contact-Moors in Spain. The group is putting together a bid for spring coronation on April 28th. As there are no other bids yet in, they feel they have a good chance at hosting coronation.

THISTLE the group is going through officer changes. They still meet at the library in Wadsworth on bi monthly Sunday afternoons. Plans are being made for an event in the fall. The theme is Woodworking and Siege Weapons. The Baron is looking at hosting an inter-baronial, if not an inter-kingdom, siege weapon competition at this event.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Hafla on March 24, 2007
 - a. Site fee includes feast (buffet style, with entertainment)
 - b. A well known band will be playing live music for dancing
 - c. Classes to include, dancing, Persian costume, Erotic Art in Medieval Middle East (woo hoo!) and more.
2. Lord Robert reminded folks of a drumming class planned for February with Lord Kilij as the teacher. Lord Kilij said that the class would also be presented at the masque event in March.

NEW BUSINESS

1. THL Szof wanted to thank Shannon and Jason from Thistle and Bridget from Gwyntarian for hosting bards during the Bardic Madness event. She also asked for volunteers to teach at the Jan 28th event in Cleftlands and reminded people about the A&S Faire to be held in Cleftlands in late April. There will be a craftsman faire at this event.

2. Lord Lorenzo challenged all fighters to fight both heavy and rapier at Pennsic. He will present those that do so with a token. Baroness Catriona brought up the need to make both rapier and heavy weapons tabards for this challenge.
3. It was discussed to continue using Smithville as a site for baronial meetings as it was most centrally located. Baron Nigel brought up a concern over having activities in each local area. It was thought that this concern would be met by the baronial activities being planed by Lord Robert as MoAS.
 - a. Meetings have been tentatively scheduled for March 4th and April 1st, both from 2-4 pm.
 - b. The April 1st meeting will be a social meeting based on Tomfoolery and projects, both group and baronial, will be discussed.

The business meeting was closed and a baronial court was opened. Lord Kilij received his AoA amidst much shtick. The baronial court was closed and general conversation commenced. THL Wulfwen brought two delicious almond paste cakes that were great favorites of all.