

Portcullis

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From the Baron & Baroness



Greetings to all,

Baron Alexander and Baroness Catriona would like to first of all thank the Marche of Alderford for helping Us throw such a wonderful "V ery Civil War?" A special thanks is given to Lord Giles and Lady

Faoileann who prepared such a delicious luncheon. And to Becky and Elizabeth of Thistle, is given

thanks for their service that day. Hoobah to you all!!

Pennsic is just a few short weeks away. Please remember that August 16 will be the Baronial Revel, which will be held at the Brendoken Encampment in E03 starting at 6:00 p.m. The Baron invites all interested fighters to join Brendoken' s core group of fighters at the Field Battle on August 19 at 11:00 a.m. I will again be passing out pickles and oranges at the Brendoken' s Fighters Café at this battle. Anyone who wishes to join me is more than welcome.

We are so proud of the good gentles of Brendoken. Each passing day adds to the list of wonderful accomplishments done by you all. Hail Brendoken and its people! Hoobah!

Yours in Service,

Alexander and Catriona,
Baron and Baroness Brendoken

Upcoming Events

- 8/ 5-21: Pennsic War XXXIV
Slippery Rock, PA
- 9/9-11: Beastly Event: Beast V (Caer Byrbryrd/Three Towers) – Tiffin, OH**
- 9/9-11: Harvest Day (Winged Hills) -
Yellow Springs, OH
- 9/9-11: Saxon Summer (Rivenvale) –
Hubbard, OH
- 9/16-18: Pounce 4 (Catteden/Red Spears) -
Findlay, OH
- 9/17: Brendokenfest & Baronial
Championships (Brendoken) –
N. Canton, OH**
- 9/24: Michaelmas Ball & Dance Collegium
(Cleftlands) - Cleveland, OH
- 10/1: Coronation of Edmund & Kateryn
(Tirnewydd) – Columbus, OH

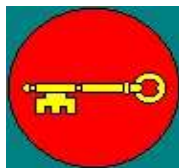
Brendoken Revel at the Pennsic War

August 16, 2005 6:00 p.m

Join their Excellencies Alexander and Catriona for an evening of good food, good stories and good company around the campfire at the Barony of Brendoken' s Pennsic War get together. The revel will take place at the new baronial encampment in E03. Bring a chair, an appetite and your best stories!

Officer Letters

From the Seneschal



Greetings and Well Met,

Preparations are underway for the Dragon Army to deal with the rising conflict on our eastern border. All are needed to rally in defense of this realm that we hold so dear, be they fighter, archer, or artisan (and especially cooks). Sharpen your swords, check your tents, and see that all else is ready, for we prepare to march in short order.

There is much happening as we prepare for Pennsic and attend to the varied and many demos that are going on in our region. However, know that there is always time to answer questions and point the way to research and the like no matter how harried the pace. Prepare well for the war in Pennsic. Participate if you are able to lend your time and talents to the cause, but most of all, prepare to have fun. Remember why we are doing this in the first place and the dream that drives our organization, and take some time to enjoy what we are doing.

Good luck to one and all, whether on the battlefield, the range, or whatever. Just do your best and, in the doing, you will bring honor to our Realm and our Barony,

Brice le Corbet

Baronial Seneschal

From the Chronicler



Greetings to all from Milica.

It is my pleasure and privilege to be serving again as a Midrealm chronicler, this time in the Barony of Brendoken. Many thanks go to THL Sofia for her hard work in the position.

I look forward to taking on the responsibility of disseminating the written communications for the Barony and for giving all of you something interesting and attractive to read. As I settle in to the position of baronial chronicler and learn some new software, the look of the *Portcullis* will probably change. Please be patient with the changes and feel free to offer suggestions. I will also gladly accept contributions of articles, event reports, artwork – especially artwork! - poetry and other materials of interest to citizens of Brendoken. Officers and event coordinators, please know that your announcements and letters belong in the newsletter and will be gratefully accepted. Email contributions are fine and actually preferable, but please make sure that all documents are in Rich Text format. You will also need to sign a publication waiver before I will be able to print your story or letter. These are available on the Chronicler' page of the Midrealm website or I will have some on hand at meetings and events.

I very much look forward to serving the Barony of Brendoken and seeing all of you at events.

Milica

Want Ads

WANTED: a deputy Minister of Arts and Sciences, with the goal of taking over as the Baronial MoAS after acclimation to the office. If you are a person who is interested in hands on activities, whether arts or sciences, and likes to assist others to realize their potential, this position might be for you. You don't have to know how to do everything. You don't have to know the difference between an art and a science. But, you do have to have enthusiasm and the organizational skills to recruit and schedule teachers/classes in order to promote the arts and science community. Internet access is very important. You don't have to do this job alone. There is support from the regional and kingdom officers, as well as the present MoAS.

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Minutes of the Baronial Meeting

June 25, 2005

Mishler Weaving Mill, Smithville, Ohio

Lord Brice called the meeting to order after a short celebration of the birthday of Baroness Catriona.

Baroness: Another sewing session for the tabbards has been planned. It will take place July 13 at the Mill in Smithville in lieu of Thistle's regular meeting. Lady Mageen will have the room available at 5:00 p.m. Please bring sewing machines and/or sergers. There was also discussion of making baldrics for archers rather than the tabbards.

A Baronial Revel will take place at the Baronial Encampment at Pennsic Tuesday August 16 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring chairs if you wish to sit. Brendoken will also host the Oaken Baronesses Tea the same day at 2:00 in the Brendoken camp. This will be for Her Majesty, Her Highness and the Baronesses of the Oaken Region.

Their Excellencies have requested recommendations of gentles whose service to the barony should be recognized.

Baron: 24 gentles are registered to camp in the Brendoken camp at Pennsic. The location of the camp has not yet been announced. A melee practice for fighters will take place July 18 at St. Emilian Byzantine Catholic Church in Brunswick from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Officers:

Exchequer: Lady Bekea announced that the balance (before checks were written) was \$1876.36. An additional \$20.00 was collected from the kitty.

Bekea still needs a list of baronial property.

The barony is now required to have a Financial Plan and a Financial Committee to make decisions about Exchequer matters. It was decided that the Financial Committee will consist of the Seneschal, the Exchequer and all paid SCA members in attendance at any given meeting. Non members will be requested not to participate in votes pertaining to financial matters.

Herald: THL Katarina has passed the office to Lady Gauselin. Katarina will be sending in the packet for the barony's awards heraldry once she has received a check from the Exchequer. (Personal checks are not accepted by the College of Heraldry.) A 1 1/2 month delay is anticipated for passage of group heraldry.

MOAS: Lady Debforgail is still working on a dance night to be held in the Medina area. She is aiding new members with the production of garb for Pennsic.

The Baronial Championship event has been confirmed with Zion Lutheran Church in North Canton for September 17. Volunteers are still needed, especially for setup and tear down. See Debforgail to volunteer. Archery has been approved for the event, but a net will be needed.

There was much discussion about the Cleftlands dance event which was scheduled opposite the baronial championships. The event has been moved to the following weekend but now conflicts with Three Towers' Hastings event. The event was allowed to conflict since the dance symposium does not include fighting.

Webmaster: THL Ailith now has Internet access and needs to update the officer listings on the website. Please send information to her at ailith@neo.rr.com All officers will be required to sign paperwork giving permission to publish personal information on

the website.

Chatelaine: Lady Maerwynn has taken over the position of Chatelaine. She plans to work on providing help with Gold Key at the Baronial Championships and to set up a Chatelaine's point for newcomers.

Cantons:

Alderford: Alderford continues to participate in a number of library demos. The group's summer event, Oaken Melee School, will take place July 8-10 in Roswell and will feature melee practice as well as fencing, archery and siege engines. Lord Giles has volunteered to marshal youth fighting on Saturday afternoon.

Gwyntarian: Has also had a number of library demos including a large one at the Cuyahoga Falls Library. They will be participating in a very large demo at Hudson Public Library on July 30 and have asked for help from other groups. The demo will be in celebration of the library building's grand opening and attendance is expected to be in the thousands. Katarina also announced that there will be a revel at her home following the demo.

Thistle: Thistle has been participating in demos this past month and will continue to do so in July. They will be doing a large demo at Brunswick Public Library on July 9 from noon until 5:00. The group has several new authorized fighters. They are looking for a volunteer to serve as Thistle's Knights Marshal since Lord Durdell will be stepping down from the position. There will be no fighter practice in August.

Lady Mageen announced that there will be a Thistle Reunion Picnic June 2 at her home beginning at 2:00. All former Thistle members are invited to attend. Please bring something to grill and a dish to pass.

Three Towers: Three Towers has a new Herald and several new members. They have been participating in a number of library demos as well and will be helping out with one in Caer Byrbryd. Encampment at the Castle was a great success. Feast sold out and the event made money. A good time was had by all.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Baroness Catriona will serve as the baronial liaison for the Kingdom Page School, a program that recognizes the achievements and service of the Kingdom's youth. Young people in the program and their parents may report to her.

Lord Giles will be cooking the Baron & Baroness' lunch at the Oaken Melee School at a cost of \$42. \$50 was budgeted for the luncheon which honors the neighboring landed barons and baronesses. Their Excellencies would like to borrow tablecloths for this luncheon. Katarina will check to see if a length of cloth can be located at Lilith's house to be used for table runners. Lady Wulfwen, whose cake was very much admired last year, will be asked to make another for this year's lunch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Milica of Varna, Incoming Baronial Chronicler

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