

The Barony of Brendoken



The Portcullis



March 2025

Greetings Unto the Populace

Greetings onto the Populace of Brendoken,

With winter finally starting to slacken, it's time to start thinking more about the coming summer fighting season. Now is the time to sharpen those skills, repair your armor, and practice your arts. Pennsic War will be here before we know it, and We look forward to fighting with TRH Wigthehn and Neassa alongside our new allies: The East Kingdom.

To start preparing for those summer hostilities, Our Baronial progress is ramping up. Her Excellency will follow the Dragon south to Gulf Wars before returning in time for Masque of Courtly Love. His Excellency will travel with the Brendoken Archery Guild to Better War Through Archery before we host A Test of Skill at month's end.

Speaking of Masque, We plan on selecting two new artistic champions at the event. Please review the rules for Arts & Sciences and Bardic Championships elsewhere in The Portcullis. Those interested in competing should contact Eleanore Van Tyne (A&S) or Annalena Cecilia Massari (Bardic).

Again, we call to the Guards of Brendoken and all friends of Brendoken rapier to assemble for A Test of Skill March 30 at the Akron Turner Club (Gwyntarian's meeting site). We plan to welcome AEthelmearc with deeds of honorable rapier combat and reclaim our Baronial Land.

HUNTER AND SABLE!

DonalBane and Katrina
Baronage of Brendoken



Baronial Meeting Minutes 2/2/2025

- site will hopefully pour accessibility ramp soon; have to go by weather
- hopefully signs are working; will continue using

Excellencies

- thank you those who came to Regular Event
- thank you those who came to archer's meeting Friday
- February-Val Day next weekend, Her Excellency Aedult Swim following weekend
- Her Excellency Gulf Wars
- Sun March 30 10-5, Akron Turner Club, fencers to fight Aethelmearc
- Coronation in Medina May 3
- Masque March 22-A&S and Bardic Championships, challenges will be set soon
- many have been sick recently, please reach out if you need help

Seneschal

- things are going on
- make sure to write baronial and kingdom award recs as event season ramps up

Exchequer

- \$11,904.43
- have paid for Rose Tourney-April 19 at Medina Fairgrounds
- Christianna is event steward
- feed Babs

Signet

- award recs for Masque
- adult or child
- scribal night, Deirdre's house, Sun Feb 16 2pm

Archery Marshal

Knights Marshal

- Alderford practicing here 2nd and 4th Tuesday
- Gwyntarian Thrusday
- Thistle at church Medina Square Tuesdays

Rapier Marshal

- fighting today if fighters and paperwork, Vlad brought
- rapier practices Alderford, Thistle, Gwyntarian
- Three Towers-working on it

Thrown Weapons Marshal

- on hold due until weather gets nice

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Baronial Arts and Sciences Championship

Spring is the season of renewal, rebirth, and hope. It is a time to emerge from our winter lairs to plant, plan, and warm ourselves under the reborn sun.

Entries are to be in whatever medium you wish, with a reference to Spring or its associated themes. For example:
Illuminated flower images from a Book of Hours
Garb from the Duc de Berry plates

Or showcase your projects you have spent the long, cold hours of darkness perfecting.

Documentation is encouraged, though not required. I can provide a list of resources for any who wish.

Please note: any consumable entries **MUST** include a complete ingredients list. This is a dry site.

~Lady Eleanore Van Tyne

Baronial Bardic Championship

You will need to look to the past for this challenge!

Choose a period piece, an SCA piece inspired by period styles, or an SCA piece about some event or person in our history. Entry can be in any performing medium (song, story, etc).

A good performance is enhanced by knowing its context. You will not just be performing your piece; you need to talk about it as well.

Introduce the piece with information such as author/composer, era, location, event, style, etc. Give us some interesting info to set the tone for your performance.

See Lady Annalena if you need any assistance.

MASQUE OF COURTLY LOVE:



Spring into the Past

March 22, 2025

9am-9pm



First Christian Church Community Life Center

6852 Market Ave N, Canton, OH 44721

www.alderfordsocialmed.wixsite.com/masque

Upcoming North Oaken Events

April 12	April Fool	Dernehealde
April 19	Rose Tournament	Brendoken
May 3	Spring Coronation	Cleftlands
May 9-11	Mugmort Melees	Mugmort
May 24-25	Spring Crown/A&S	Marshes
June 7	NOWM	Cleftlands

Don't forget to write award recommendations for upcoming events!

Baronial: <https://brendoken.midrealm.org/award-recommendation-form/>

Kingdom: <https://midrealm.org/award-recommendations/>

Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

A&S

- brag book going around
- next week open studio at Earth & Loom-sewing, woodwork, pottery
- grab seed catalogs
- big seed exchange next month; bring what you have left over from last year
- Deirdre brought seeds today
- first A&S night was a success, next one Feb 21

Herald

- can submit own herald stuff, and many resources available
- any interest in herald coming to marche meetings to help with names, devices, etc
- Baron-let people know you can help
- Masque-maybe have a herald's table, or a class
- careful about posting on herald's page; could be in conflict with someone who submits before you
- Arwenna-another pair of eyes can help you get good vs. bad heraldry
- will help after meeting today
- class about heraldry and persona would be great because of new people coming in

Chronicler

- light newsletter, but lots of news about us
- next month will be light as well
- Contact Sheet update-have all info, issue is now technology
- technology things mean I have to completely rebuild both that and Portcullis template
- Model Release Forms-have 15 paper today, prefer electronic
- also let me know if you are a no for any photos
- release forms spreadsheet will be shared with webminister and social media

Chatelaine

Webminister

Social Media

- Deirdre taking over kingdom social media in 2 weeks
- will remain as Brendoken social media officer
- insider info-society currently rewriting handbook
- Blue Sky is SCA allowed media
- no changes to Brendoken and Alderford right now
- spam has died down; things running smoothly
- Masque event site-have to watch comments for ticket scammers
- pinned post in event is how to pre reg
- alert admin, not facebook, if see a scam post

Chamberlain

- Val Day
- Baroness-Aedult Swim, Winter War Maneuvers

Seneschal

- society changed marshal handbooks in every discipline
- being disseminated
- youth combat completely rewritten
- youth rapier-plastic swords have doubled in price
- things will be changing prior to Pennsic

Alderford

- had a choir practice last meeting
- hike with garb Feb 15 2pm, Sippo Lake off Genoa
- working on Masque
- 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, here, 7pm
- Francesca-class coordinator-we need classes
- can ask someone to teach a class if there is an interest in a topic
- Robert-would like to teach wirework
- Genovefa-Masque site is main First Christian site in North Canton
- Mili is running gate and would like help, would like 1 hour shifts at troll
- will discount site fee if you volunteer 1 hour at troll
- A&S Championship-would like more than 2 entrants this year
- theme of Masque-Spring into the Past

Gwyntarian

- Thursdays are happening
- Duke Brannos taught last Thursday

Three Towers

- having issues with sites
- business meeting 4th Friday
- rapier meeting will be posted as soon as scheduled
- once weather changes, would like to head to park in Galion
- a bunch of us should go over there when weather

Thistle

- Tuesday practices, armored and rapier

Mili

- choir meeting to discuss what is happening after meeting today

Robert

- would like to try teaching today

Meeting adjourned

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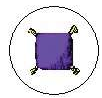
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