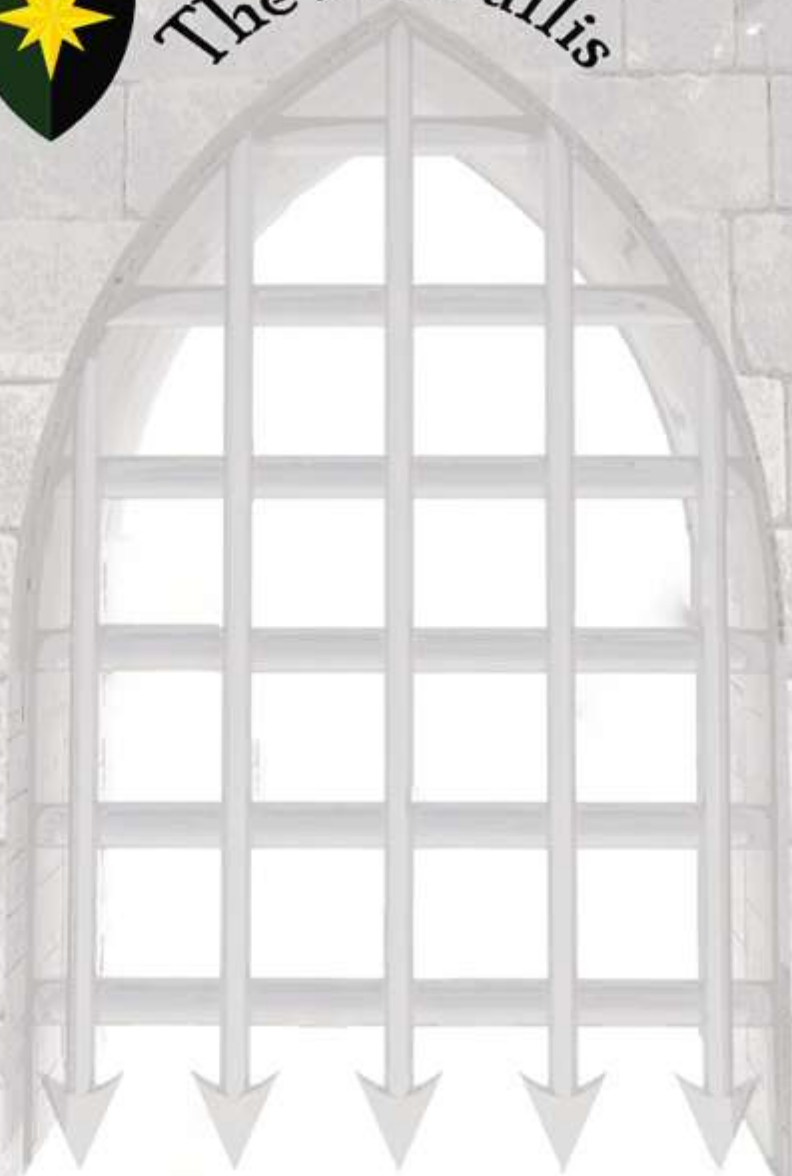


The Barony of Brendoken



The Portcullis



May 2025

Greetings Unto the Populace

Greetings to the Populace of Brendoken,

By the time this missive finds you, The Dragon Thrones will have changed hands. All Hail Wigthehn and Neassa II! We thank everyone who attended Their Majesties' Coronation and look forward to a fun and successful reign.

Also at Coronation, the formation of Society's fifth peerage, the Order of the Mark, welcomes its first members. We look forward along with the Brendoken archery, combat archery, thrown weapons, and siege communities to seeing how this new Order prospers and are certain many Brendokenites will one day join its ranks.

Speak of thrown weapons, our thanks in advance to all those participating in today's competition to be Baronial Thrown Weapons Champion. Sgt. Deirdre has done a great job as Champion. We look forward to seeing who will wear the tabard for the next year.

With the coming of May and actual spring, it is officially melee and camping season with Pennsic LII just around the corner. To that end, Brendoken Camp will host a camp meeting/trailer clean-up May 10 at Mihajlo and Linden's place. As always, Brendoken Camp is open to all members of the Barony. We only ask that campers pre-register with Brendoken, and Pennsic pre-reg is open until mid-June.

The Barony plans on hitting the site of Pennsic, Cooper's Lake, for Aethelmearc War Practice and plans to have a baronial cookout Saturday evening May 17. We also plan to attend Crown Tournament May 25-26 in Red Spears. It's going to be a busy couple of months, so prepare yourselves for fun, friendship, and WAR!

HUNTER AND SABLE!

DonalBane and Katrina
Baronage of Brendoken



Baronial Meeting Minutes 4/6/2025

Where did warmth go?

Short on tables and chairs-good problem to have, will look into finding more

Excellencies

- last month was busy
- thank you for coming to Masque, was fantastic
- rapier battle with Aethelmearc last weekend-see Her Excellency for coin for participating
- 60 fighters showed up-35 mid and 25 aethelmearc, made money back for site
- we lost jar of dirt to Aethelmearc
- hope to do battle again next year, everyone had wonderful time
- not just our populace showed up, but also from neighboring groups
- Cut & Thrust championship immediately after meeting
- potluck after too
- see Elizabethe to help with Coronation site tokens
- Rose Tourney April 19-will appreciate volunteers to help
- Spring Coronation-May 3, same site as Rose Tourney
- Thrown Weapons Championship May 4 meeting

Seneschal

- tables and chairs needed
- ramp and stairs poured, waiting on railing materials

Exchequer

- 11, 898.43
- Babs is going around
- Rose Tourney pre-reg can be done today and Thistle Tuesday

Signet

- thank you to those doing scrolls-Genovefa, Deirdre, Gogan, Ferrix, Baroness

Archery Marshal

- Cadwgan-deputy
- Gwyntarian Winter Challenge until April 15-three in Brendoken in top 10-Darkstone, Nyssa, Saradwen
- Pennsic Archery Champions team-speak to Darkstone
- Brendoken had about a dozen on Archery team last year

Knights Marshal

- martial activities continue in Barony
- Gwyntarian Thursdays
- Thistle Tuesdays
- Alderford twice monthly
- none at Three Towers
- May 1 deadline for reports from all group marshals
- warranted marshals-no longer warranted if you have not reported within last year, check your authorizations; rapier also needs to check
- people have had cards pulled

Rapier Marshal

- continues at usual spots
- will start doing melee stuff as weather improves
- will post in discord and facebook
- April 14 practice in Mansfield, will be biweekly

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Rose Tournament

April 19, 2025



Viscountess Judith brought a team that included Baron Cadwgan for archery and Sgt. Algar for armored fighting.



Sir Farthegn chats with Count Nikolai during a break from the fighting.



Baroness Seonaid entered a stunning embroidered tabard for the A&S Display, sponsored by Viscountess Judith.



Prince Wigthegn taught a class about what is involved in being heir and Crown of the Middle Kingdom.



Lady Danica led the kitchen for a Middle Eastern themed lunch, with assistance from Lord Magnus.



Court Report

Rose Tournament

Kingdom

Prince Wigthegn the Younger & Princess Neassa O'Cathasaigh
Royal Augmentation of Arms

Lord Thorvald Magnusson
Award of Arms

Populace News

- ◆ **Thorgrimr Thorgrimsson** will be in command of the Brendoken Armored Warband at Pennsic this year. **Lord Gogan ap Gryffry** will be his XO.
- ◆ **Sgt. Algar Irenhande** will serve as Lieutenant General for Combat Archery and Siege for the Midrealm at Pennsic this year.

The Valor of Brendoken

By Bella Taylor

(Verse 1)

Oh, gather 'round, ye noble kin,
And hear the tale of Brendoken's win,
Where the banners fly in wind so bold,
And hearts are strong and stories told.

(Chorus)

For DonalBane, the baron true,
And Katrina, brave and fierce in hue,
They lead us on, with sword and shield,
To victory, on every field.

(Verse 2)

From Blakmers' lands to the northern hills,
Through misty moors and winds that chill,
Baron DonalBane, with honor bright,
Fights for the realm with all his might.

(Chorus)

For DonalBane, the baron true,
And Katrina, brave and fierce in hue,
They lead us on, with sword and shield,
To victory, on every field.

(Verse 3)

And Wolverine, our lady fair,
With strength and skill beyond compare,
She rides with grace, her heart a flame,
To guard the barony in her name.

(Chorus)

For DonalBane, the baron true,
And Katrina, brave and fierce in hue,
They lead us on, with sword and shield,
To victory, on every field.

(Verse 4)

So raise your voice and sing this song,
For Brendoken, proud and strong,
Where honor reigns and courage stays,
And warriors march through endless days.

(Chorus)

For DonalBane, the baron true,
And Katrina, brave and fierce in hue,
They lead us on, with sword and shield,
To victory, on every field.

(Outro)

In Brendoken's name, we stand as one,
'Til all our battles have been won,
With DonalBane and Katrina's might,
We'll guard our land through day and night.

Brendoken Camp

May 10

Camp Meeting & Trailer Cleanup

Mihajlo & Linden's

See DonalBane and watch the facebook group for more details.

Don't forget to pre-register for Pennsic!

Deadlines:

May 31 Mail in

June 15 Online paid

July 1 Online unpaid

Make sure to register with **Barony of Brendoken** as your land group if you are planning to stay in Brendoken Camp.

Upcoming Events

May 9-11	Mugmort Melees	Granville, OH
May 15-18	Aethelmearc War Practice	Cooper's Lake (PA)
May 23-26	Spring Crown/A&S	Findlay, OH
May 31	Grand Tournament	Hamilton, OH
June 7	NOWM	Wellington, OH
June 27-29	Black Swamp War Games	Findlay, OH

Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

Thrown Weapons Marshal

- still on pause for weather
- championship at next meeting

A&S

- I'm here!
- April 20-Open Studio at Earth & Loom (cancelled-Easter)
- need help moving things around and cleaning up at studio
- may set work days asking people to come help
- write things in brag book
- congrats to new A&S champion
- Elsa-will be getting help today getting into Barony's online presence to interact
- would still like to do third Fridays and encourage sharing of projects

Herald

- everything running smoothly
- 12-14-point Times New Roman font for sheet on back of scrolls
- His Excellency-scroll work at Masque was great

Chronicler

- newsletter today-Masque, Thrown Weapons Championship
- model release forms-will continue next meeting
- laptop crisis recently, everything rebuilt and accounted for
- looking for successor to step up April next year; I will be your deputy
- report in on time

Chatelaine

- Avelina
- reached out to Akron Zoo about demo; has been talking to Shonna

Webminister

- working with Mili and Deirdre
- test website is up for new page
- if no objections, will move forward with three-year registration
- slightly more up front, but locks in domain
- vote for moving forward with new page, motion passed

Social Media

- nice and boring
- as Kingdom, coming out with new handbook
- Danica is second deputy

Chamberlain

- Rose Tourney April 19
- Coronation May 3

Seneschal

- rapier-command of Brendoken Guard; XO Johann and Caltrom?
- armored-Thorgrim is armored unit commander, see to meet and for information

Alderford

- next meeting April 8, 7-9pm, here-armored and rapier fighting
- Choir practice April 14
- demo opportunity May 13, Canton Country Day School

Gwyntarian

- new seneschal Magnus
- Farthegn Knights marshal
- Marellus social media

Three Towers

- rapier was happening
- will be hosting April 14 practice in Mansfield
- will have guests from outside Brendoken

Thistle

- same site, same time-practices in Medina

Dig in to food

Rapier fighters meet me after

Dame Elizabeth

- Coronation site tokens
- Kingdom Youth Office, Pennsic Teen University
- would love to get people warranted as youth officers
- need more classes for teenagers for Teen University Track
- do make sure background check requirements covered

Highnesses

- thank you in advance for working with Cleftlands for Coronation
- Better War Through Archery fifth peerage announcements
- name and device not finished yet
- have fluid timeline
- May to put people on vigil, June begin elevations-within our reign
- two war points for a lot of archery and thrown weapons activities at Pennsic
- would like to see Brendoken do a lot at Pennsic for those war points

Dmitrii

- event steward Coronation
- can pre-register online
- day full of activities
- morning and evening courts
- classes, merchants
- there will be archery

His Excellency

- Brendoken Camp open to all citizens, pre-reg with us
- meeting within next six weeks
- working on refurbishing trailer

Meeting adjourned

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