

April 2025

Greetings Unto the Populace

Greetings to the populace of Brendoken,

March was a busy time in the Barony in the best way.

That's not going to slow down over the next month with both Rose Tournament (April 19) and Coronation happening in the Marche of the Thistle. While these are not Baronial events, We have no doubt Brendoken will step up and assist The Roses and Their soon-to-be Majesties Wigthegn and Neassa any it can.

Masque of Courtly Love continues to be one of our favorite events. Congratulations to Alderford, especially autocrats Gogan and Genovefa, for putting on another quality event. Coming from Masque, please welcome our new Baronial Champions for Bardic (Lady Morgana) and Arts & Sciences (Michael di Corleone). Thank you so much to our outgoing champions (Lady Annalena and Lady Eleanore) for all they have done over the last year.

A Test of Skill at Gwyntarian was an enormous success! We had nearly 60 rapier combatants show up, not counting a large contingent of noncombatants. Our thanks to all the Guards of Brendoken who showed up to fight and all those who came to support the Barony. Such a good time was had that there is already talk of this becoming an annual event. After all, we now have to retrieve our Baronial Jar of Dirt from Aethelmearc.

It may not seem it yet, but Pennsic is around the corner. Brendoken Camp will be having a meeting this month to set up times for arrival and help with the trailer. Plans are afoot to give the trailer some TLC, so many hands make light work. As always, ALL members of the barony are welcome in camp. We only ask that you pre-register with Barony of Brendoken.

Finally, we look forward to naming new Thrown Weapons (in May) and Cut & Thrust (TODAY) champions in the near future.

HUNTER AND SABLE!!

DonalBane and Katrina Baronage of Brendoken



Baronial Meeting Minutes 3/2/2025

Hopefully weather will turn soon so we can be outside

Excellencies

- -Bardic and A&S Championships at Masque
- -Cut and Thrust Championship next meeting
- -2 blow counted tournament, points for different body strikes
- -working with Thrown Weapons to set championship
- -Masque March 22
- -Rose Tourney April 19 Medina
- -Spring Coronation May 3 Medina
- -March 30, 12-5pm, Akron Turner Club (Gwyntarian site)-rapier fight with Aethelmearc
- -anyone who fights for Brendoken or Midrealm will receive coinage
- -also looking for help with list table
- -Her Excellency headed to Gulf Wars next week

Seneschal

- -potluck next month, will have power
- -have ingredient list
- -it snowed, so ramp still waiting to be poured
- -officers, let me know who your deputy is

Exchequer

- -11,839.43
- -two events coming, Masque and Rose Tourney
- -need gate help for both events
- -deputy Hugh, will need another to take over at some point

Signet

- -have events coming, so put in award recommendations
- -one scroll still needs assigned for Masque
- -needs a deputy

Archery Marshal

- -need a deputy, see for info
- -Better War Through Archery March 29
- -Brendoken usually has good showing
- -our archery guild got Dragon's Flight
- -working on scheduling winter practices
- -also watch Cleftlands for practices
- -Society Seasonal Shoot happening; needs to be outside because 30 and 40 yards
- -Brendoken Rounds and Gwyntarian Winter Rounds can be done inside
- -Cleftlands practice March 16

Knights Marshal

- -Gogan deputy -Alderford 2nd and 4th Tuesday
- -Thistle Tuesdays
- -Gwyntarian Thursdays
- -after meeting today

Rapier Marshal

- -needs deputy, would like one
- -fighting after meeting today, including authorizations

Masque of Courtly Love

March 22, 2025

Lady Morgana ferch Rhys of Glastonbury became Brendoken's new Bardic Champion!

The competition turned into an impromptu bardic circle after contestants performed.





Michael Ermitta di Corleone became Brendoken's new A&S Champion!

Here is his winning entry. It was even more beautiful in person.

Dame Hadley of Beckenham took Baintighearn Deirdre MakKyneth and Lord Gogan ap Gryffry as protegés during an afternoon ceremony.



Court Report

Masque of Courtly Love

Baronial

Lord Ragnar Ironhande Golden Thistle

Johann of Brendoken Golden Tower

THL Katherine Coscombe Golden Thistle

Mistress Francesca di Onorati Golden Shield

Kingdom

Lord Mihajlo De Nekche Purple Fret

Lord Johann of Brendoken Cavendish Knot

Populace News

- ◆ Sgt. Marellus Kilianus won the Tournament of the Golden Sword at Masque. As the winning citizen of Brendoken, he has the right to bear the Sword of Brendooken until the next tournament. This was the first tournament for the right to bear the Sword since the pandemic.
- ◆ The winner by largesse of the Ribbon Tournament was **Sgt. Galum Talagach mucoi Drusten**.

Thrown Weapons Championship

May 4 Baronial Meeting (weather permitting, June meeting for rain check)

The horns of war can be heard in the distance. The Barony needs a new champion to defend from ne'er do wells.

Axe Target

Sea creatures are making their way north. Put a stop to their mobile machinations.

Knife Target

Aethelmearc has already tried to invade with their rapier fighters; now the wheel of time creeps closer to war. Halt the wheel with your knife prowess and send them back home.

Loaner gear will be available for all who wish to participate.

Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

- -Gwyntarian Thursdays
- -Thistle looking for rapier group marshal
- -Alderford 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, with coaching

Thrown Weapons Marshal

- -still on pause for weather
- -looking at Championship in a month or two
- -targets will be set up
- -deputy Quentin

A&S

- -deputy is Ellesith
- -no open shop for time being because of weather causing issues in shop
- -A&S Championship at Masque; would like a bunch of entries, spring theme
- -contact Maggie about vending at Rose Tourney

Herald

- -nothing to report
- -deputy Christianna? Need to hear back

Chronicler

- -have rebuilt newsletter template in new program
- -light newsletter today; next will have Masque coverage
- -Contact Sheet has been updated, will post and email soon
- -Model Release forms-continue to fill out new, update old, or get put on No list
- -deputy Mili, but looking for another to take over office April next year

Chatelaine

-looking to fill office, see Vlad

Webminister

- -Mili deputy
- -updated coming events -Portcullis online in color

Social Media

- -boring
- -deputy Badger, could use more
- -see me to learn about social media stuff

Chamberlain

- -Her Excellency Gulf Wars
- -both at Masque

Alderford

- -next meeting March 11-rapier, heavy, choir
- -March 15 garb hike
- -Masque March 22
- -Mili would like help with gate
- -choir tomorrow Mili's house 7pm
- -Gogan doing class on helping at gate at meeting

Gwyntarian

-Thursday meetings still going

Three Towers

- -having issues with meeting sites
- -March 12 practice-check facebook
- -March 28 business meeting-watch facebook

Thistle

- -looking for rapier marshal
- -Tuesday practices
- -tournament this Tuesday
- -looking for help with Rose Tourney

Seneschal

-updated event listings for online

Her Highness

-go fill out community poll for ranged peerage

Meeting adjourned

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