

# The Barony of Brendoken



## The Portcullis



February 2025

# Greetings Unto the Populace

Hail Brendoken,

Winter shows no signs of abating, but the Barony has been active through the cold. Thank you to all those who made the trek to 12th Night and Regular Event. The Barony continues to earn word fame throughout the kingdom. We would particularly like to congratulate the Brendoken Archery Guild, which was granted the first Award of the Dragon's Flight given in years. This is a bit of a full circle moment, as the Gwyntarian Archery Guild was one of the premiers of the award.

This month, We plan on attending St. Valentine's Day Massacre, and Her Excellency will be jumping into the deep end at Aedult Swim in Aethelmearc. March will be a busier month, with Gulf Wars and Masque of Courtly Love. Also, a date has been set for Brendoken vs. Ballachlagan - A test of skill on Sunday, March 30 at the Akron Turner Club. This will be the Barony's chance to turn back Aethelmearc's interlopers and reclaim our baronial land! All rapier fighters (and all baronial supporters) should assemble for a fight!

We have been saddened to see the number of Baronial citizens who have to deal with health scares over the last few months. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES. If there is anything that We or the Barony can do to help, please do not hesitate to ask. All of you are valued members of the Barony.

HUNTER AND SABLE!

DonalBane and Katrina  
Baronage of Brendoken



# Baronial Meeting Minutes, 1/5/2025

## Excellencies

- yesterday at Twelfth Night
- Her Excellency received Dragon's Heart
- Cadwgan received Dragon's Heart yesterday
- Archers received Dragon's Flight
- Nyssa received Purple Fret for work with barony
- things are going to pick up-Regular Event
- looking forward to New Year
- check out newsletter-we were invaded stealthily by Aethelmearc
- planning a fencing tournament with one of their groups
- thank you for making your way to new site

## Seneschal

- we have room for large rapier gathering on a Sunday
- furnishings sparse; bring your own chair
- would like opinions on site afterward
- we are here, but not necessarily final, opinions welcome
- list of things we need is being made
- thank you
- Seneschals-get your reports in and forward me a copy
- Cadwgan is regional now

## Exchequer

- \$13866.74 account balance
- fill hat in lieu of Babs

## Signet

- needs a deputy, contact if interested
- write recommendations for awards-events are coming up
- if you don't know if they have an award, you can find out
- can ask Excellencies
- Crown will likely be at Masque

## Archery Marshal

- Dungan-would be nice to have indoor range in winter and could be done safely, could we broach topic
- we have nets, walls

## Knights Marshal

- practices happening at all Marches
- Three Towers posted theirs, Thistle in church on Tuesdays
- Alderford 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, Gwyntarian Thursdays

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# Court Report

## Kingdom Courts

### Twelfth Night

Baroness Katrina Klein  
Dragon's Heart

Lady Nyssa Loiselle  
Purple Fret

Brendoken Archer's Guild  
Dragon's Flight

Baron Cadwgan Faber  
Dragon's Heart

### Regular Event

THL Rosie Dubroc  
Evergreen

Mistress Nina of the Lost Caverns  
Purple Fret

Lord Mihajlo de Nekche  
Purple Fret

Lady Aurora of Vito's Minions  
Award of Arms

Aramis of Vito's Minions  
Baton

## Populace News

Brendoken saw much success in fighting tournaments at Regular Event in the Barony of the Cleftlands on January 18.

- ♦ **Sgt. Avanger Havardson** won the Armored Prize Tournament.
- ♦ **Capt. Marellus Kilianus** won the Red Company/Gold Mace level of the Ladder of Renown Tournament and then fought through the Chivalry/Royal Peer level to win the whole thing.
- ♦ **Warder Vladimir Grigorovich D'Ragoun** won the Rapier Prize Tournament.
- ♦ During court, it was announced that **Sgt. Avanger** will be the Unbelted Commander at Pennsic this year.

# The Ballad of the Wandering Knight

Tatsuo Jun (Isabella Taylor)

Upon a steed of darkest black,  
A knight rode forth, no path to track.  
His helm did gleam, his sword held tight,  
A shadow bold against the night.

Through forest dense and vale so deep,  
Where secrets ancient dared to sleep,  
He sought a star, a beacon bright,  
To guide him through the endless fight.

“Fair maiden lost,” the whispers told,  
“Bewitched and bound by chains of gold.  
In yonder tower, high and gray,  
She waits for one to win the day.”

The knight, undaunted, rode with haste,  
Through lands of peril, dark and waste.  
A dragon’s roar, a tempest wild,  
Could not deter this noble child.

He reached the tower, ivy-clad,  
And faced the beast, both fierce and mad.  
With blade in hand, he struck a blow,  
A duel of fire and steel did show.

At last, the beast did fall and yield,  
Its heart pierced through by tempered steel.

The maiden wept, her chains undone,  
Her savior stood—a rising sun.

But as he gazed upon her face,  
He saw no joy, no soft embrace.  
For in her eyes, a shadow lay,  
A curse that time could not allay.

“For saving me, thou art my doom;  
A specter bound to endless gloom.  
To free my soul, thou must remain,  
And wear the weight of sorrow’s chain.”

The knight did bow, his fate thus sealed,  
His honor bound, his heart revealed.  
And so he stayed, a sentinel true,  
Beneath the tower’s cold, dark hue.

Through ages long, his tale is sung,  
A hero lost, yet ever young.  
The wandering knight, in legend told,  
A tale of love and valor bold.

## 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](http://www.alderfordsocialmed.wixsite.com/masque)



# Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

## Rapier Marshal

- Thistle not having tourney this month
- rapier today
- Alderford and Gwyntarian going
- Three Towers on Jan 15

## Thrown Weapons Marshal

- it's cold, not happening
- targets will be brought for outdoors in May
- brick/concrete not great for weapons if they hit them, so indoors iffy

## A&S

- deputy Ellesith Ravensdottir
- will be posting on barony page
- hosting A&S nights at house third Friday every month
- have seven cats, so be careful if allergies
- next Sunday 1pm open studio at Earth & Loom in Medina, will post online

## Herald

- ask for help with names and devices if needed
- can pay name and device fees online now

## Chronicler

- light newsletter today
- will be returning to Contact Sheet and Release Form updates this month
- send me stuff for newsletter
- Domesday report in on time

## Chatelaine

- if you see newcomers, say hi
- let people know variety of activities we have available

## Webminister

## Social Media

- has been easy lately
- sales of any kind not allowed to be posted in groups
- post on your page or unofficial pages
- facebook algorithms getting worse when it comes to finding things
- we have Discord;
- Midrealm has both official and unofficial Discords

### Chamberlain

- Twelfth Night yesterday
- Regular Event
- February-Val Day, Adult Swim

### Alderford

- next business meeting Jan 14 here 7pm
- may be discussing Masque
- heavy fighting

### Gwyntarian

- we start up again Thursday

### Three Towers

- next meeting is rapier practice, Mansfield Public Library, Jan 15 5:30-7:30
- business meeting Galion Library, Fri Jan 24 5:00-6:00

### Thistle

- still having fighter practice on Tuesdays

### Mili

- choir practices begin again Jan 6 (tomorrow) at Mili's house, 7pm
- opportunity to sing at Regular Event
- new songs to work on, go over some old songs

### Julie

- Fri Jan 31, 7pm-Fred Fuller, St. Sebastian's archery meeting and potluck
- bring something to share-food or archery

### His Excellency

- yesterday at Twelfth Night, Willow and Silver Oak have gone from Order to Award
- can receive each multiple times like Purple Fret

### Seneschal

- new Brendoken business cards are in

### Meeting adjourned

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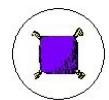
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