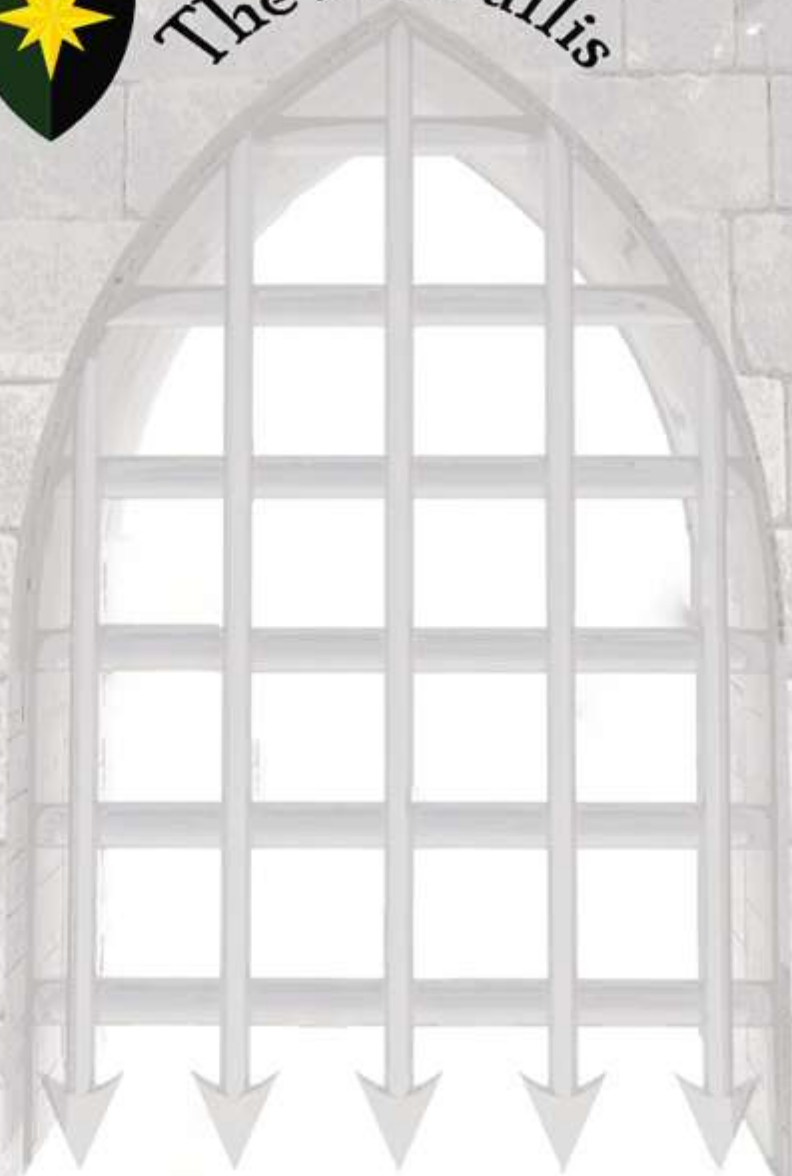


The Barony of Brendoken



The Portcullis



June 2025

Greetings Unto the Populace

Greetings unto the populace of Brendoken,

The lineage of the Dragon Throne is secure! Hail to the new Tanists of the Middle Kingdom, Prince Sascha and Princess Kemma!

It was a wonderful day at Crown Tournament, and we send our thanks to the nine Brendokenites who competed as combatants or consorts in the tournament. Special congratulations go to Capt. Marellus, who reached the final 12 of the tournament, and to Lady Danica, who was awarded a Purple Fret.

We also wish to congratulate our new baronial Thrown Weapons Champion Willelmus of Red Waters, who won the title in a huge field of competitors. We're thrilled to see his entire family is now Champions with us. Much love also to Sgt. Deirdre for her service as our Champion over the past year. Congratulations also to Lord Cailtram as our new baronial Cut & Thrust Champion, and much thanks to Warder Vladimir for his service to the C&T community over the previous year.

We are now into the heart of camping season, and many of our favorite events are coming up fast. It begins with Northern Oaken War Maneuvers on June 7. His Excellency then plans on heading to Baronial Border War in Pentamere on June 20-22, and We will head to Black Swamp War Games on June 28.

With TRM from our barony and the Pennsic War fast approaching, it's time to get those projects done (or started!). We look forward to seeing everyone as the Warhorns soon will sound.

HUNTER AND SABLE!

DonalBane and Katrina
Baronage of Brendoken



Baronial Meeting Minutes 5/4/2025

May the 4th be with you!

Excellencies

- Coronation of Wigthegn and Neassa II yesterday
- Arwenna made a Court Baron
- Marellus and Grimborgh are kingdom champions
- around 450 attendees
- war coming to our doorstep again...
- Neassa entered Coronation fending off invaders and retrieved land deed
- jar of dirt null and void, just need to get it back
- Pennsic is Midrealm and East vs rest of Known World
- Aethelmearc War Practice in two weeks; usually camping and Saturday potluck
- there will be baronial encampment
- will put out poll to know how much to buy
- Mihajlo will provide grill
- Mihajlo will host baronial camp meeting/trailer clear out May 10
- trailer is retrieved, needs some cosmetic work
- Her Excellency going to Mugmort Melees
- Her Excellency planning on Crown Tourney in Red Spears
- Three Towers practices are beginning May 11 every two weeks for rapier
- Thrown Weapons Championship after meeting today
- get award recs to Crown and for baronial Pennsic court

Seneschal

- baronial event proposal form on website needs rebuilt
- forming committee to rebuild form, looking for volunteers
- want more than one set of eyes
- if attended event, you will know what needs covered on form

Baron Cadwgan

- would like to propose for barony to spend funds to buy travel chairs for baronage
- chairs John and Cerridwen purchased are beginning to show wear
- form has list of reasons why to do this
- form also has examples of folding X chairs we would look to purchase
- would like to get several quotes on chairs and propose expenditure to barony
- current chairs also difficult to put together and heavy
- Cadwgan and Eadaoin purchased own chairs, painted baronial coat of arms on backs
- this would make travel easier for baronage present and future
- Francesca-how would they hold up? Answer: holding up very well after 6 years, just have been wiped with Pledge every once in a while
- Gisla-these are for travel? Answer: correct
- other part of proposal is getting current chairs to Egil for repairs
- holes on current chairs have worked more open, cracks and chips elsewhere
- Gisla-would it be prudent to get two sets? Answer: no, because these can be repaired for limited funds
- thought is that new chairs, material for new seats, and repairing old chairs can be done under \$1000
- Gisla proposes to do this, multiple seconds

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Spring Coronation

May 3, 2025



All Hail the new Crown of the Middle Kingdom,
King Wigthehn the Younger and Queen Neassa O'Cathasaigh!!!

Photo: Lord Ursus of Vito's Minions



King Kilian and Queen Jalida entered their final court through a corridor of Foresters. They had the privilege of announcing the three Premiers of the new Order of the Mark.

Photo: THL Tarmach ben Yebuda al-Khazari



Just before being Crowned, Her Majesty Neassa made a dramatic entrance fighting off an incursion from Aethelmearc.

That fighter was still out at the end of morning court. His Majesty Wigthegn went over to “check” on him.



Left: Capt. Marellus is named King’s Champion.

Right: Mistress Arwenna receives her Court Barony.

Court Report

Spring Coronation	Spring Crown
<u>Kingdom</u> Baroness Arwenna of Kelsley Court Barony	<u>Kingdom</u> Lady Danica of Gwyntarian Purple Fret

Populace News

- ◆ **Lord Willelmus** is the new Baronial Thrown Weapons Champion.
- ◆ **Lord Cailtram MacDomhnall** is the new Baronial Cut & Thrust Champion.
- ◆ **Capt. Marellus Kilianus** will serve as King's Armored Champion for the reign of King Wigthehn and Queen Neassa II.
- ◆ **Warder Sigmund Grimborgh** will serve as Kingdom Rapier Champion for the reign of King Wigthehn and Queen Neassa II.
- ◆ The following participated as combatants and consorts in the Spring Crown Tournament that took place on May 25:
 - ~ **Baron Cadwgan Faber**, for **Dame Hadley of Beckenham**
 - ~ **Capt. Marellus Kilianus**, for **Baroness Seonaid inghean Ghriogair**
 - ~ **Sgt. Algar Irenhande**, for **Viscountess Judith of Kirtland**
 - ~ **Sgt. Galum Talagach mucoi Drustan**, for **Lady Morgana ferch Rhys of Glastonbury**
 - ~ **Warder Sigmund Grimborgh**, fought for by **Warder Maks Pellyson**

Fun at the Zoo

Over the May 17th – 18th weekend, while some of our barony were out practicing for war, other members took to the pathways of the Akron Zoo! The Akron Zoo hosted its first-ever Renaissance Faire, and we as a barony were asked to participate. It was a beautiful weekend, and a bit of rain and wind could not keep the crowds away.

On Saturday, we had a great start, with seven members of our barony spending their day speaking to over 1,000 people who came through the zoo! We actually had so much interest in the SCA and our barony that we ran out of business cards. Children and adults alike were ecstatic to see and touch some of what we had on display.

Sunday was just a continuation of the excellent experience we had at the zoo. We had eight members of our barony and one member from Cleftlands join us! We handed out coloring pages, temporary tattoos, and sticker sheets to the kids and one of our participants even spent the day writing people's names in calligraphy for people to take home with them. We went through almost an entire box of business cards this day!

After speaking with zoo staff, there were approximately 10,000 people who came through the zoo over the course of the weekend, and we probably spoke to about half of them. It was a wonderful experience, and I would like to thank the following people for their time and effort over that weekend: Genovefa da Terranova, Taisiia Volodimerna, Vladimir Grigorovich D'ragoun, Milisandia MacGeghere, Dungan MacRogan, Eleanor Rosenberg, Fuyuko Kusunoki, Hugh the Silent, Κάρουλου Βλάχτος, Leif Feilan, Alda of Cleftlands, and Marellus Kilianus (for letting me borrow some heavy fighting gear). I would not have been able to do this demo without them!

The zoo is planning on hosting this event again next year and has already stated that they would love if the Barony of Brendoken could join them again! Hunter and Sable!

Yours in Service,
Lady Avelina Faber
Baronial Chatelaine

Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

- Seneschal moves that we get quotes to be put before populace for secondary vote; motion carried
- see Cadwgan for questions

Exchequer

- 18,725.30 in account as of last statement
- deposited money from recent event, but have not paid out expenses
- will be down to around 15,000 once expenses paid
- checks written, but not distributed yet for expenses
- 15,564 after checks cashed
- that tells you how much we have relative to proposal regarding Excellencies' chairs
- two events to report on
- March 30 rapier event with Aethelmearc-no admission fee, site cost \$125, took in \$137 in donations, made \$12
- Rose Tourney-435 attendees, 141 were pre-registered
- proceeds split 75 barony/25 kingdom because considered minor kingdom event
- after expenses and paying kingdom, take home was \$2302
- event was in Thistle, all but feast steward were Thistle volunteers
- Thistle Seneschal has asked if there was anything barony could do to help their coffers so they can host big events eventually
- proposal-we had anticipated 50/50 split, but it was 75/25; how about we give 25% we were not anticipating receiving to Thistle, which is \$767
- Cadwgan-this would give Thistle extra money to grow so they can host their own event; they want to host the way Gwyntarian and Alderford do
- His Excellency-propose even \$1000 to Thistle if possible
- Francesca-in past when group has not had money, had another group sponsor, paid back money, then kept funds; should do that and several times if necessary
- Genovefa-as barony, do we want to go with past precedent or create a new one helping a group more outright
- Gisla-worried about kingdom and/or corpora taxing us with that much money, would rather distribute to one of our marches and see them grow; Alderford was taxed a while ago
- Francesca-that was because of a past lawsuit
- Patraic-did it that way in the past because baronial coffers had not grown to what they are now; we are doing well now
- Seneschal-would like to put forward 25% because understandable and justifiable reason with how proceeds were split with kingdom
- Nina-concerned about setting precedent; would we do same for Three Towers, several said yes
- Cadwgan-if Three Towers puts in same effort that Thistle did, absolutely; we are only as strong as our individual marches, should be system moving forward
- Genovefa-baronial event held in Thistle and Thistle had almost all event positions; this is different from a group asking for money vs a group that has put in the effort
- Exchequer-technically second time Thistle has run an event; Thistle Seneschal stewarded Brendokenfest and many volunteers there were Thistle
- Quentin-years ago, Alderford event in Tallmadge done together with Gwyntarian, and they split proceeds; Rose was held in and supported by Thistle, so there is no reason not to give them 25%

- Her Excellency-event was brought forth in November by Thistle because Countess Ceinwen was asked to hold event by Kingdom; Thistle would do the work but needed help with money; we have gotten money back that we have paid, we will not be at a deficit; they can use money to do more events
- motion for 25% to be gifted to Thistle-motion carried
- Seneschal-please check with kingdom exchequer to make sure we are not violating anything by doing that before writing check
- feed the sheep

Signet

Archery Marshal

- deputy Cadwgan
- North Oaken Regional Archery champions will be at Mugmort Melees May 10
- moved from NOWM because of elevations for new peerage
- Saradwen wants to start Gwyntarian practices at 6:30 Thursdays, needs help with equipment, setup, and teardown
- contact Cadwgan or Saradwen if interested in becoming archery MIT

Knights Marshal

- report on time May 12, 2025
- group marshals-if there is ever an incident that requires paperwork, need to be told
- for next two baronial meetings, want to do fight practice after business meeting for unit cohesion before Pennsic

Rapier Marshal

- report went in on time
- maybe fighting after Thrown Weapons today

Thrown Weapons Marshal

- Championship after business meeting today
- loaner gear available
- report in on time
- want to do practice after business meeting until weather turns cold again
- will cancel around noon if necessary
- running range at NOWM
- coordinating to hold war practices at events, including NOWM

A&S

- brag book going around; write down your activities for report
- need to know what classes people have taught and taken for report
- Kingdom A&S at Crown on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend
- can get you info and rubrics if you want to enter
- a chance to talk to people about your project
- Aethelmarc War Practice has A&S display, outside kingdom entries welcome (will double check)
- requested that we start classes after business meeting
- little conclaves usually do stuff together after business meeting
- will put together a class schedule

- basic work garb (tunics and pants) has been requested as a class
- email address on newsletter back page
- will talk to webminister to post on our webpage

Herald

- congrats Arwenna
- Brendoken map has 4 marches
- would like to see our devices on anything we do, baronial and individual marches
- saw Alderford banner and knew Mili would be there at Coronation
- would help newcomers find us
- would like devices on webpages and at events
- pes files for devices
- Nina-made artwork for all heraldry in two formats
- there is a format that can be converted with no loss of resolution
- Chronicler will send devices to Chronicler
- to point with name submissions that if you can prove there was somebody with deity name, it can pass

Chronicler

- newsletter-Rose Tourney, bardic submission
- send me stuff
- next report July 1
- contact sheet-will be sending out soon
- looking for second deputy to take over office April next year, I will be your deputy until you find someone else, see me for more info
- Seneschal-my daughter has submitted a song

Chatelaine

- two potential demos
- May 13 Alderford, 5-7pm
- only 3 people have responded to poll asking who can participate
- need someone in charge of that demo; Mili volunteered
- we need a baronial demo coordinator
- May 17-18 Akron Zoo Renaissance Faire (same weekend as AWP)
- many have responded to poll with their availability; 10 can do both days, some people Sunday only because of AWP
- also need someone to be in charge of this demo
- need to let zoo know soon if we will be there
- interested in being baronial demo coordinator for barony, talk to Vlad or me
- want to split office because of work involved
- we will teach you what to do
- if we do not have firm confirmations of participation, we will not do them

Webminister

- putting things together
- porting everything over from old site to new site
- new site has been purchased
- have our own domain for at least next 3 years
- brendoken.org
- not technomancered wordpress anymore
- if anyone interested in becoming deputy to take over, things are easier than they used to be
- Wix is very easy to use
- will be very easy once we get to maintaining website
- do not have to be a programmer to operate website anymore

Social Media

- Brendoken has been boring, spam has cut way back
- if you have facebook anything, a message from meta that your page is not in compliance is a scam
- ask me if you are not sure about something you see; want to keep populace safe from that stuff

Chamberlain

Alderford

- May 13 demo 5-7pm
- meeting will start 7:30 that day
- thank you choir for performance at Coronation

Gwyntarian

- Thursday practices still going
- rapier, armored, socializing, A&S

Three Towers

- every other Monday rapier practice in park
- everything continuing as normal

Thistle

- 6:30 at church still

Let's throw some weapons!

Meeting adjourned

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