

The Barony of Brendoken



The Portcullis



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Greetings Unto the Populace

Happy New Year, Brendoken!

With the New Year comes change. Our biggest change so far is our first new baronial meeting site in nearly a decade. Thanks to Vladimir and Genovefa for finding the new site and facilitating a smooth transition. Here's hoping we can forge a good relationship with our new mundane landlords and take advantage of what the new site offers.

A huge thank you once again to the Brendoken Elves for their festive work throughout the Barony. I'm sure all those targeted by the Elves for merriment got a bit brighter holiday season. Thank you to all those who contributed items, filled bags, or helped deliver.

With the turn of the calendar, the Baronial progress is, well, back in progress. We are just coming back from a lovely Kingdom Twelfth Night down in Middle Marches this weekend. Regular Event in Cleftlands is coming up Jan. 18 with Val Day, Masque of Courtly Love, and even Gulf Wars coming up in the near future.

Given this, PLEASE send any award recommendations to Us as soon as possible. The Barony has been very active over the last six months and even We can't see everything, so please get those award recommendations in.

On a more serious note, We regret to report that the Barony suffered a stealth invasion last month! Under the guise of "helping" our rapier community with its prowess, several AEthelmearcian Masters of Defense made their way to Gwyntarian. Instead of accepting our hospitality, the AEthelmearcian Masters proceeded to proclaim their intent to establish a "school," thus claiming a portion of baronial land for the Banners of Scarlet!

THIS WILL NOT STAND! We call on the Guards of Brendoken, along with all the host of the Hunter and Sable, to prepare for battle against these interlopers. Unlike their underhanded tactics, We plan to meet them in honorable combat and sweep them from the Barony! Not one yard will be ceded to AEthelmearc! May their banners indeed be of scarlet!

Watch this space for when this battle will be joined!

HUNTER AND SABLE!!!

DonalBane and Katrina
Baronage of Brendoken



Baronial Meeting Minutes, 12/1/2024

Excellencies

- Her is bringing folks from West today
- things slowing down quickly
- Christmas tournament at Thistle Tuesday, heavy and rapier
- bring a small gift to participate
- friends from Aethelmearc coming to Gwyntarian Thursday
- Brendoken elves running around again; let us know who needs support

Seneschal

- today is last meeting at current site
- sites not as easy to find as it used to be
- new site 1644 Whipple Ave NW, Canton 44708 – Myers Lake Plaza
- directions will be posted
- a few members of committee will speak about location
- future second site for First Christian Church
- biggest downside will be construction at some point
- price is donation; maybe like pantry donation like here
- Alderford will be using same site

His Excellency

- new space is current space x5 in size indoors
- outdoors is a bit challenging, large parking lot
- can have a lot of things going on at once

Ailith

- room to get around, comfortable, not cold
- LOTS of room

Genovefa

- right now no handicap entrance, but they are building once that will be ready by next meeting
- plenty of chairs, but might need more if we keep growing

His Excellency

- next Alderford meeting taking place at new site

Her Excellency

- good for multiple things going on with multiple people
- heated

Seneschal

- 2025 meetings – first Sundays, except August 24 because of Pennsic
- no real holiday overlap except maybe Sunday after July 4
- move to set meeting dates as above, seconded, passed
- no archery space at new site
- there is a lot of space behind building that could be used for archery at some point
- will set donation at next meeting so people can experience site
- there will be tables

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New Brendoken Baronial Meeting Site!

1644 Whipple Ave NW

Canton, OH 44808

Myers Lake Plaza

Next door to Ace Hardware

Upcoming North Oaken Events

Regular Event	Cleftlands	Jan 18
Winter Wassail	Rivenvale	Jan 25
Snowshoe Hare Culture Faire	Woods End	Feb 1
Winter War Maneuvers	Pferdestadt	March 1

Populace News

- ♦ **Baron Cadwgan Faber** has been named North Oaken Regional Seneschal.
- ♦ **Thorvald Magnusson** has been named deputy to the North Oaken Regional Seneschal.

Get those award recommendations in!

Baronial

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

Kingdom

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

Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

Exchequer

-13,906.05 account balance

Signet

-looking for scroll blanks and cases

-write award recommendations

Archery Marshal

Knights Marshal

-Domesday in on time

-no fighting today

Rapier Marshal

-nothing to report

-practices continue in areas

-Alderford has site that can have rapier

-Gwyntarian active; Aethelmearc and maybe Middle Marches visitors this week

-Thistle has tournament

-Three Towers does not have rapier friendly site

Thrown Weapons Marshal

-on hold for winter

-may have something with new site

-Domesday reports for all groups due today

A&S

-drawings today for garb and feast gear after meeting

-feast gear dishwasher safe and microwavable

-A&S gathering last Sunday, many projects done

-Her Excellency and MOAS made Brendoken ornaments from porcelain for elf baskets

-leftover ornaments will be largesse

Herald

-report going in soon

-see her for help with names and devices

Chronicler

-newsletter today

-send me stuff

-contact sheet and release forms on hold until after New Year

Chatelaine

-demos at standstill for winter

-great time of year for A&S things

-help get people interested

-Thistle talking about demo at a middle school

-short videos would be great if we can't get a demo together

Webminister

- need to touch base on new website
- everything up to date on current website; newsletter in color on website

Social Media

- short videos showing things off would be great for another series
- has been behaving better
- many people got help with two factor authentication
- significant drop in hackings and spam posts
- reminder: on official groups & pages, not allowed to post things for sale; due to nonprofit status

Chamberlain

- 12th Night and Regular Event in January

Alderford

- next meeting at new site Dec 10
- Dec 14 Christmas party 2pm at Myers Landing
- Catriona has moved into assisted living home; see Mili for address
- Her Excellency has cards for Catriona to brighten her holiday

Gwyntarian

- have practices through Dec 19

Three Towers

- everything said above

Thistle

- still on Tuesday at the church, tournament this week

Countess Ceinwen

- several Roses looking to host Rose Tournament
- have been looking for sites
- primary site Medina County Fairgrounds Community Center
- secondary site is church used for Road to El Dorado
- have a proposal for event
- proposed date April 19; looking at feast, lunch
- Rose teams armored and rapier, space for archery
- need to look into indoor space; weather permitting for anything outdoors
- Roses create teams that compete with each other
- space within budget for barony
- Rose Tournaments are very fun, good event for new people to watch stuff

Her Excellency

- there is garb in the back; garb exchange today

MOAS

- garb drawing winner – Agnes Faber
- feast gear drawing winner – Arwenna of Kelsley
- no open studio next Sunday, will return in January

Meeting adjourned; FOOD!

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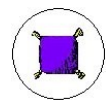
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