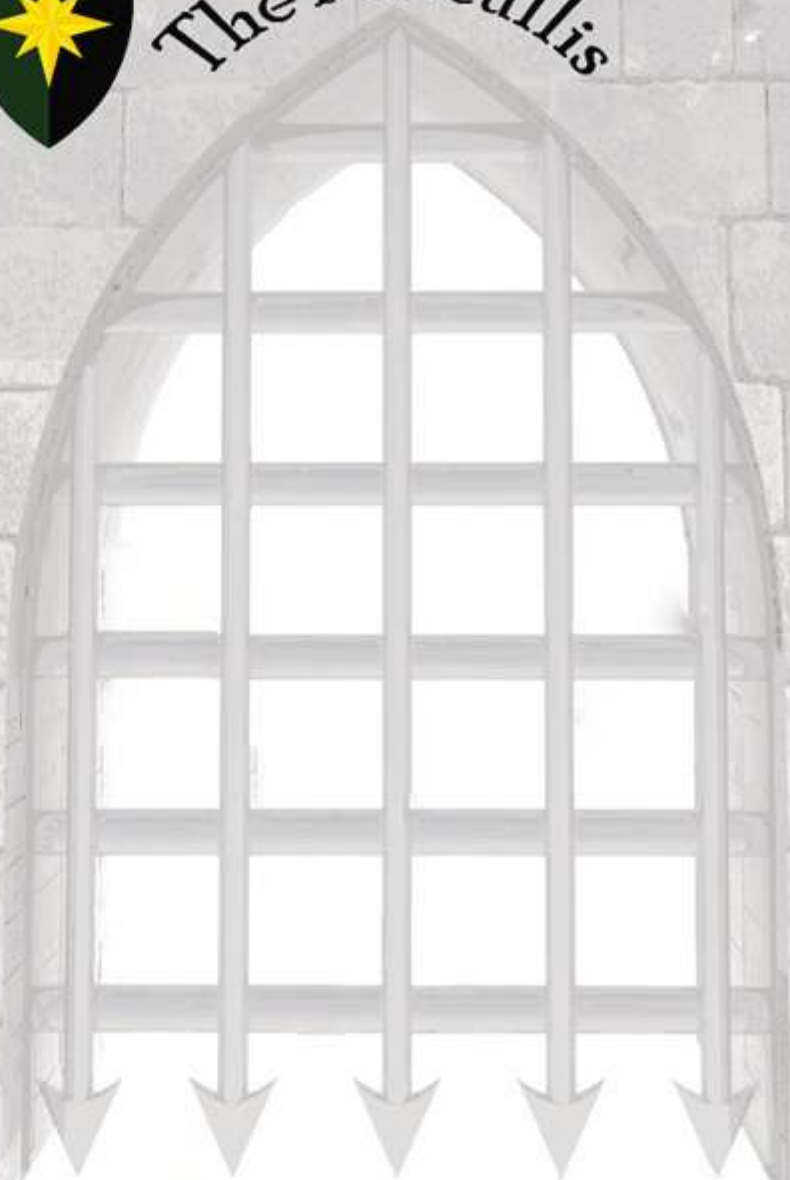


The Barony of Brendoken



The Portcullis



August/September 2025

Greetings Unto the Populace

Greetings to the Populace of Brendoken,

Pennsic LII is in the book. It was one of the most glorious Pennsics weather-wise in recent memory, and We heard of many tales of fun and glory from Our populace. Thank you so much to all the members of the barony for their hard work and support at both the baronial and kingdom levels. I know TRM Wigthegn and Neassa had big smiles throughout Pennsic (if not always loud voices!) and that the work of many hands made that possible.

While there were plenty of Brendokenites honored at war, we would be remiss if we did not congratulate Ávengar Havarðsson. He was put on vigil at Pennsic, and, by the time this missive reaches the public, will be the newest member of the Order of the Chivalry! We know it has been quite the summer for Ávengar and Rachel between this and the birth of their first child. The whole of Brendoken is proud of you.

Coming on the heels of Pennsic and taking bigger proportions due to Their Majesties' inclusion, we wish to thank Warder Vladimir, THL Genovefa, and the whole staff of Melee of the Knave. Putting on this event so close to Pennsic is challenging, but always worth it.

By the time of Our next missive, the Dragon Throne will pass to its heirs. We wish to thank TRM Wigthegn and Neassa for their many kindnesses shown both to us and the populace. It has been a fun reign. We also look forward to experiencing TRH Sascha and Kemma's time on the throne.

September will be a busy month of travel. His Excellency plans on traveling to Harvest Days in Flaming Gryphon Sept. 6 and Saxon Summer in Rivenvale Sept. 20, while both of us plan to attend Pferdestadt Rapier Classic Sept. 13 and Coronation Sept. 27 in Red Spears. Followed by His Excellency's attendance at Red Dragon on October 4th prior to the next baronial meeting. Meanwhile, Her Excellency will be taking a bucket list trip to An Tir for the Rose and Thorn Symposium and hopes to return with new knowledge to share with the martial communities.

We look forward to seeing all of you as summer turns to fall.

HUNTER AND SABLE!

DonalBane and Katrina
Baronage of Brendoken



Baronial Meeting Minutes 7/6/2025

Excellencies

- camp trailer rebuilt due to ants
- Brendoken Camp N34 everybody welcome to stop in
- numbers a bit small, especially Peace Week
- Her Excellency at new campsite because Cooper's moved it
- let us know if help needed
- both going to Push for Pennsic in Flaming Gryphon
- Tuesday night of War Week is potluck and court in Brendoken Camp
- Barony will provide meat, bring a dish to share
- court at 7pm, cocktail half hour at 6:30
- after bridge battle Monday, do photo of all of us (even non-fighters)
- we still need waterbearers – fill jugs, fill people's bottles, we have supplies, people can switch off
- have a safe and wonderful war!

Seneschal

- bring chair to Pennsic court
- next baronial meeting August 24 (day after Melee)
- October meeting will be back to first Sunday
- new people showing up
- today is a sewing day; people will be here to help
- maybe rapier fighting after meeting
- armored fighting will happen today
- group Seneschal reports due July 15, send copy to baronial asap to do report before Aug 1

Exchequer

- deputy-bank balance 13,822.10
- have paid for 13 months of storage unit \$900
- Excellencies chairs \$706.20
- feed the hat instead of Babs

Seneschal

- chairs are shipping next week
- much sooner than anticipated
- shipping to Cadwgan
- they will be going to Pennsic as major trial run to test them out
- old chairs will go to Egill's for repairs

Signet

- events are coming up
- too late for recs for Pennsic, but Melee coming soon after Pennsic
- all scroll assignments went out for Pennsic
- thank you scribes for wonderful work

Seneschal

- successful trial of stamp made for scrolls
- 3D printed, holds ink
- will be making new baronial stamp; old one in bad shape
- Vlad can custom make stamps for scrolls if you need for cheap
- cannot use resin stamps for food; have not found food safe sealer yet

Archery Marshal

- new shoot Midrealm Open Sagitarius Shoot (MOSS); was shot at NOWM

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Court Report

Pennsic LII

Kingdom

THL Christianna Aedammair
Dragon's Heart

Count Radagaisus Vidigoia Balthus (called Rutgur)
Royal Augmentation of Arms

Baronial

Lady Sabine de Ancastre
Golden Alderleaf

Lady Milisandia MacGreghere
Golden Thistle

Lady Eleanore van Tyne
Golden Alderleaf

Forester Dungan MacRogan
Golden Thistle

THL Badger Bagbane
Golden Thistle

Sgt. Deirdre MakKyneth
Golden Shield

Noble Aisling the Fey
Golden Thistle

Brendoken Archery Guild
Golden Thistle Patch (Premier)

Lord Peregrine Ferrex
DeTours
Golden Tower

Lady Taisiia Volodimerna
Order of the Star

Populace News

- ◆ **Sir Ávengar Havarðsson** was put on vigil for the Order of the Chivalry at Pennsic LII. He sat his vigil and was elevated at Melee of the Knave.
- ◆ **Forester Darkstone** secured a spot on the Midrealm's Archery Champions team at Pennsic LII.
- ◆ **Capt. Marellus Kilianus** made the Midrealm Armored Heroics Champions team at Pennsic LII.
- ◆ **Lord Willelmus** took third place in the Collegiate Rapier Tournament at Pennsic LII.
- ◆ **Lord Johann** took fifth place in the Known World Cadet Tournament at Pennsic LII.
- ◆ **Lord Gogan ap Gryffry** made the Midrealm's Thrown Weapons Champions team at Pennsic LII.
- ◆ **Warder Vladimir Grigorovich D'Ragoun** made the Midrealm's Rapier Heroes team at Pennsic LII.
- ◆ **Warder Vladimir** is also now the Kingdom Youth Rapier Marshal.
- ◆ **Syr Stevyn Silverthorne of Drachenmoor** was selected as an alternate for the Midrealm's Rapier Heroes team at Pennsic LII.
- ◆ **THL Genovefa da Terranova** has been taken as a protégé by Dame Elizabethe Alles of the Cleftlands.
- ◆ The Golden Thistle Patch debuted as a group service award during Brendoken Baronial Court at Pennsic LII. The premier recipients were the Brendoken Archery Guild.

Let the Sheep Fly

THL Genovefa da Terranova

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On Tuesday evening of War Week, the Second Annual International Silver Wren / Drunken Chimera Sheep Toss took place. The battled raged ferociously between 15 combatants. The assigned weapon? The ever-versatile, challenging, and often under-appreciated...leaf rake. You're oh so worthy opponent? The mighty, boisterous flock of sheep of Silver Wren!

Combatants paired up two on two, wielding their rust (ahem, I mean trusty) rakes, which Ann of Silver Wren so graciously supplied. She then herded together the flock of sacrificial ewes. (No wonder the flock was down to only four this year...they feared the battle!) Ann was the Path Master, clearing the way for safety, reminding the combatants of the rules, and shouting "TOSS!" Each pair of combatants studiously tested their balance, dexterity, and strength to wield their rake, balance their chosen lamb, and proceed to launch their ewe down Cariadoc's Path. The baa-lance was challenging, and many combatants misfired. A lantern was used to mark the distance of the sheep which traveled the farthest.

Round 1 progressed. Sheep were launched! Many tried twisting free to un-baaa-lance the rake, but the combatants persevered. Luzia from Drunken Chimera was the victor!

Round 2 began. Sheep flew! Who knew? New distances were covered. More misfires occurred. One poor, maligned ewe bounced off a Silver Apple abode. Chaos reigned for a time! We were determined not to succumb to the escape tactics of said sheep. It was retrieved, that baaad girl. By the conclusion of the round, our international visitor from the UK, Edwin, was the second round victor! His friends from his current home in the Cleftlands rejoiced!

Round 3 commenced. Genovefa from Drunken Chimera replaced Ann as Path Master. The black sheep attempted to hide in the shadows of the night. The competition raged on! The lantern kept easing down the lane. Rests were taken to enjoy the campfire and to rehydrate. Sheep were repeatedly retrieved and herded back. The victor was declared...Peter from Drunken Chimera! Huzzah!

Round 4! One of our first combatants launched a lamb. It soared over the camp over the camp lines of Acre, rebounding off the nearest abode and nearly bludgeoning poor, gentle Ezra. Vlad tried to ensure his current lead remained by declaring to all other combatants that war was declared Ezra, but none were foolish enough to believe his antics. They continued to toss down Cariadoc's Path, but, alas, Vlad remained the victor of the round. Muahaha! He cackled maniacally!

Final Round! The previous four victors were pitted against another for the final victory. The sheep were valiantly striving to escape by this point. Combatants were tiring, but pressed on. Distances were not as great, and darkness consumed the area, but ultimately Genovefa proclaimed Peter of Drunken Chimera as victorious!

Sheep were herded into their pens. Lanterns were retrieved. At long last, the populace along Cariadoc's Path (as well as I-79 traffic) was finally safe. We narrowly avoided an international (or rather, inter-societal) debacle. The combatants were once again united as friendly allies as peace reigned and "The Toss" was, at long last, over. The bedraggled, winded, and now downtrodden ewes were not available for comment.



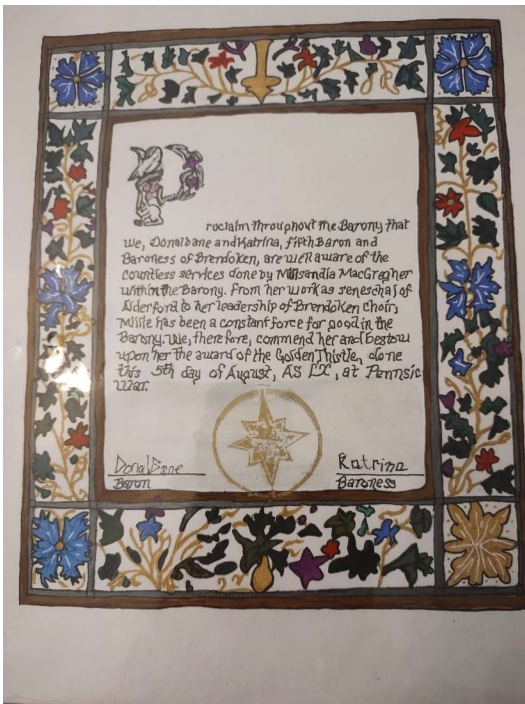
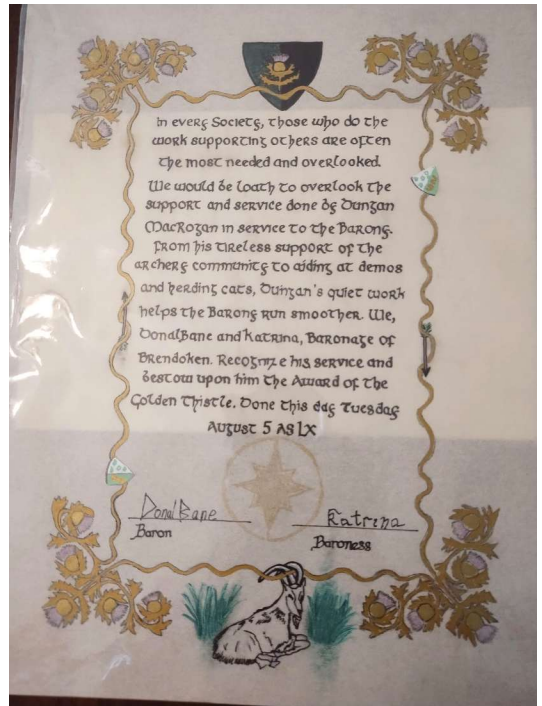
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Forester Dungan's scroll for his
Golden Thistle from Pennsic
Baronial Court

Calligraphy:
Deirdre MakKyneth

Illumination:
Caelfind an Bhoga

Photo: Lady Milisandia MacGreghere



Lady Milisandia's scroll for her
Golden Thistle from Pennsic
Baronial Court

Calligraphy and Illumination:
Genovefa da Terranova

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Baronial Meeting Minutes, continued

- will be how Pennsic Midrealm Champions team will be selected starting next year
- need member of command staff to score it
- can practice in winter
- will have Champions team tryouts at Pennsic this year, 15 slots and 5 alternates for Midrealm
- hope barony makes a good showing like we did last year
- North Oaken Regional Archery Practice July 13, 1pm, Liberty Park in Streetsboro
- interkingdom archery competition will be shot, good warmup for Pennsic
- information is on score site
- Arwenna-Archers' Guild present Seneschal with bow and (ceremonial) arrows, Offria making real arrows for him
- Pensic archery range needs marshals all the time, fully warranted or MIT

Seneschal

- all marshals have same reporting schedule
- next due Aug 1 (during Pennsic)
- ok to do reports early
- can do MIT's start to finish at Pennsic

Knights Marshal

- continues across barony
- start drinking extra water every day now in prep for Pennsic
- do not use or drink ice water if overheated despite drinking water, will go into shock
- remember electrolytes and salt

Rapier Marshal

- not having fighting today with no paperwork

Thrown Weapons Marshal

- range set up for today
- have loaner gear

A&S

- brag book going around
- write name, what you have been doing, classes taken and taught
- everything will go in officer report
- tunic and trousers workshop today for sewing
- Pensic prep

Herald

- Eleanore van Tyne-will go into letter after Pennsic
- would like to update Order of Precedence and create something with names and devices
- report went in

Chronicler

- deputy-report in on time
- Crown and NOWM coverage in today's newsletter
- Portcullises disappeared from website; Deirdre will help Mili fix
- updated Contact Sheet finally posted on facebook and in Discord
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- send me stuff
- looking for second deputy to take over office April 2026; I will be your deputy until you don't need me, see me for more details

Chatelaine

- Alderford did garb walk, planning on more
- no more demos planned until after Pennsic

Webminister

- deputy-Bu looking for another deputy and someone to take over
- can do so now that website is more manageable in terms of technology
- website port is complete

Social Media

- Brendoken has been boring
- facebook recently added new AI system that messed up groups in different ways-title changes, deletion
- facebook keeps having more issues
- highly recommend email lists as backup
- Alderford sends out meeting reminders, last minute changes
- seneschals-make sure to have lists and update with new people

Chamberlain

- both at Push for Pennsic
- His Excellency-both weeks Pennsic
- Her Excellency-War Week Pennsic
- court at Pennsic in N34 Tuesday 7pm
- both at Melee of the Knave Aug 23

Alderford

- next meeting Tues July 8
- basic T tunic class
- fighting will move to Sundays for now
- next Sunday at park in downtown Massillon
- fighter practice will resume on Sundays in September after Pennsic
- Vlad-rapier practice on Tuesdays, focus on melee tactics that transfer to tournament, Pennsic conditioning, one on one coaching
- next meeting July 22
- Melee of the Knave Aug 23

Gwyntarian

- Thursday meetings still happening at Akron Turner Club
- outside is weather dependent

Three Towers

- has been rapier practices every other Monday
- have had visitors from surrounding areas
- have had teachers come in with historical styles
- next practice is July 14

Thistle

- practices on Square Tuesdays 6:30-9:00 weather permitting
- a lot of interest and some new people showing up
- great to interact with public
- first Tuesday of month is tournament, next will be in September after Pennsic

Dungan

- proposal for archery loaner equipment
- on behalf of Forester Offria

- Offria has been helping to gather and repair loaner equipment
- had a large number of first timers show up at Melee last year
- need to be able to equip different sizes of people
- different length arrows and different strength bows
- \$200-500 for a new bow typically
- do not have strings for many bows
- proposal: want 7 strings from Viking Archery for \$132, 4 ground stakes with loops, one bow rack \$25 (holds 20 bows), 2 half-dozen sets of different arrows Offria will make at cost
- we have enough full-length light-spined arrows, no light kids arrows
- total \$357.49+ tax and shipping
- Offria the most premiere arrow maker and fletcher Dungan has met in SCA, does amazing work
- also need some child sized armguards, which could be bought at Pennsic for \$10-15 each
- Seneschal-nice to look at covering adults and children
- Offria will make legal wooden arrows; carbon arrows are not legal
- her arrows are top notch, nice she is offering to us at cost
- recommend cap of \$500
- not a ton will be shipping, but cap should cover shipping needs
- His Excellency-motion to move forward with purchase, seconded
- motion carries

Seneschal

- Cooks Guild will meet with Genovefa after meeting
- armored practice after meeting
- sewing after meeting, tables set up
- our previous meeting site has serious fire damage as of yesterday, we will update as we know stuff

Eleanore

- A&S night every third Friday in Akron, most recent was a lot of fun
- will check to see if one will be hosted in July
- would like to do A&S largesse tourney at Melee, would like to model it like A&S entry
- if interested in documentation workshop, we can put that together; would love input if you have it

?

- would be willing to have class on medieval painting, scribal work, raised gesso now that house is settled

Robert

- did bring leatherworking tools and leather to make something to hold water bottle to give it a shot
- we should consider passing the hat for our previous site; seneschal-we will wait for their insurance
- would like to speak with someone who sews to see if pattern can be converted to cloth

Seneschal

- on behalf of food and clothing pantries here on site, if you or someone you know needs something, please contact me or Genovefa; there are two sites

Meeting adjourned

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