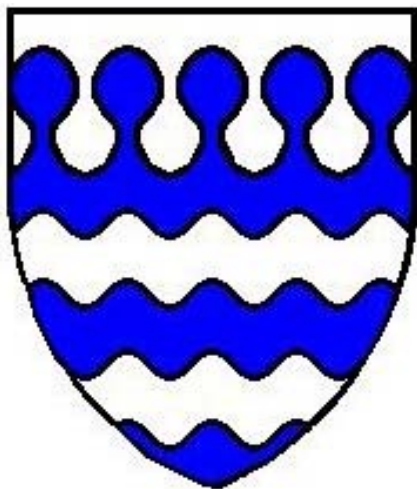
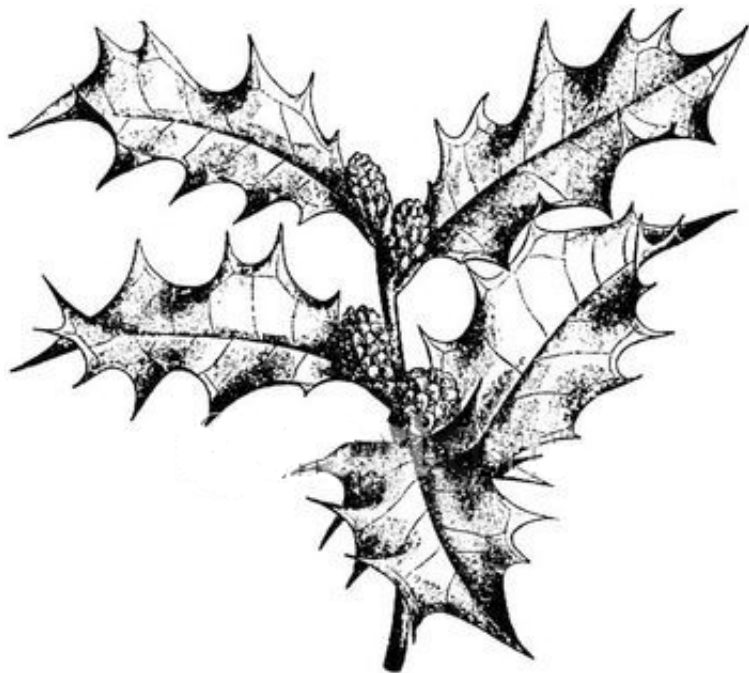


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Calendar of Upcoming Events

JANUARY

- January 19 Middle Marches Baronial Twelfth Night [Hilliard, OH]
- January 26 Flaming Gryphon Baronial Twelfth Night [Dayton, OH]
- January 26 Winter Revel {Rivenvale} [Youngstown, OH]

FEBRUARY

- February 2 A Regular Event in Cleftlands, Cleveland, Ohio
- February 23 - Masque of Courtly Love, Alderford, North Canton, Ohio

MARCH

- March 1 Oaken Regional Cooks Symp. {Three Towers} [Mansfield]
- March 29 Brendoken Presents The Qaina Hafla {Brendoken} [Akron, OH]

APRIL

- April 5 Standard Bearers' Tourney {Cleftlands} [Cleveland, OH]
- April 5 South Oaken Regional A&S Faire {Fenix} [Cincinnati, Ohio]
- April 12 Brendokenfest {Brendoken} [Dover, OH]

MAY

- May 9-11 Baron Wars XI {March of the Marshes} [Perrysburg, OH]
- May 24-25 Spring Crown Tourney & Kingdom A&S {Fenix} [Fort Mitchell, KY]
- May 31 - June 1 Iron Weasel Triathlon {Eastwatch} [Burton, OH]

JUNE

- June 6-8 Northern Oaken War Maneuvers {Cleftlands} [Cleveland]
- June 20-22 Encampment VIII: Siege the Dane {Three Towers} [Bucyrus, OH]

JULY

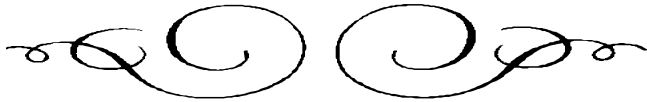
- July 5 Brawl at the Crooked Dragon XI {Falcon's Quarry} [Wellington, OH]
- July 11-13 Melee at Roswell {Alderford} [Roswell]
- July 25- Aug 10 PENNSIC!!!



A NOTE FROM THE CHRONICLER

Happy Holidays! I'm amazed that I managed to pull off one last White Shield in the midst of all the holiday craziness!

Lady Brighid



From the Road to Frankfurt Feast

Vinegared garlicky beef

Take a beef roast/ and marinate it overnight / put half water and half vinegar/ also crushed garlic/ in the broth (brine)/ and a little salt/ let the roast lie therein over night/ the next morning early take it from the brine/ and salt it/ stick it on (a rotisserie?)/ and let it roast. Take the brine/ in which the roast was marinated/ pour it off/ so the thick (particles) remain on the bottom (of the marinating bowl)/ put it into a small Fishpot/ with a little crushed pepper/ and fresh unmelted butter/ and let it simmer/ set a tinned fryingpan under the roast and pour this over the roast/ so it is a good

Source: http://clem.msced.edu/%7Egrasse/GK_beef1.htm

Marinated Beef Roast

Marinade

1 part water

1 part apple cider vinegar

1 part cider

garlic

onion

peppercorns

caraway

Marinate a good quality roast for up to three days.

Roast in slow oven (300°) covered
for 30 minutes (or more) per pound.

Greetings from the field!

I suppose all you folks are wondering what has been happening with rapier fighters since the last White Shield. At Pennsic this year, the Brendoken fencing unit was given elite status by their Majesties Dag and AnneMarie. Along with the Brendoken unit, the Thieves of Hearts, Wednesday's Company, and Sternfeld were also awarded elite status.

The first melee we did as a unit, which was not rained out, the Battle of LaRoche, we were joined by Grazia from Cleftlands, and Mael Duin from Shadowed Stars. Yes, we let them wear the tabards 'cause it wasn't a war point. I thought the battle was fun, not being a war point. The teams were decided randomly (ok, it was decided by which side of the hay bales you were on). At the start of the battle, the petard (the explosive to knock down the door) is carried up to the door and set. No one thought it was odd that the Israeli on our side volunteered to carry it. He he. The first round we broke in the sally port with the Thieves of Hearts, and then in the second round we held the sally port with the Thieves, lasting longer than the fighters at the main gate. In last round, our friend the Israeli, Lord Yosef from Red Spears, was last man standing, he even had a res. left.

The field battle was stormed out the day it was scheduled, so when we did get to fight the next day, only 75 East Kingdom fighters showed up. We had them quite outnumbered, even after we gave them most of our allies. The champions fought well, our own Signore Lorenzo among them. He won his bout, very well done. In the Atlantian 5 man melee, we did not fare as well, but with little fault of our leader; we were all pretty tired at that point in the day. One fight was fun; we had come up against a team that was put together that day. One of their guys got legged at the start. They managed to kill all of Brendoken, and not being familiar enough with their own teammate, they turned on him. Not even the shouts from the sidelines could deter them from the kill. The marshals all had a good laugh at it.

The rapier woods battle got rained out, we had to fight the next day. By that point the war was won, so few fighters showed up to the woods, rather disappointing, hardly anybody to fight. Lets see,

what else happened at Pennsic this year? Oh yeah, Lady Bekea was cadeted to Warder Sara of the Cleftlands. And the Dread Pirate Prudence was tied up by Warder Wulfgar of Cleftlands. (I became a cadet, more fun to say I got tied up!)

Overall, Pennsic was fun, the team did well, even with the new teammates and different commander than last year.

Saxon Summer went well, we did a scrabble tournament. The first round each time you won a bout, the winner pulled a letter from the bag, then they got to put a word on the board. After lunch, the second round was a challenge tourney; each fencer got 7 letters to

start. One person could challenge another for a letter. The challenger got to put a word on the board whether they won the letter they were trying to get or not. Each fencer had to fight everybody in the pool at least once. Signore Lorenzo won the first round, Lady Bekea won the second round by placing "Anglo" in front of the "SaxonSummers" already on the board.

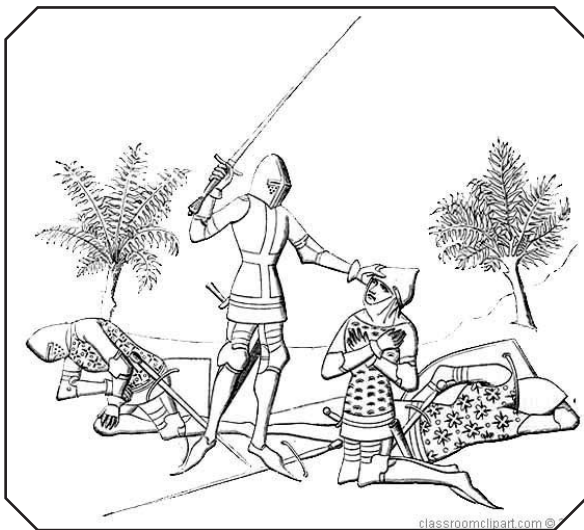


Afternoon of Fun had a good turnout - plenty of people to fence. Nice thing about that event was the way things were scheduled. A person had time to fence, play heavy, go do

thrown weapons, and shoot archery. Warder Bryce of Cleftlands won the first rapier tourney, and Signore Lorenzo won the second tourney. Inferno: or to hell in a hand basket, a very good event. A lot of fencers showed up, we greatly outnumbered the heavy fighters. The tournament was fun, it was based on the nine circles of hell - nine different rounds. First round was a bear pit, second round each fencer had to find a partner, then bear pit with the partner. Third round each fencer had to have a food related parry device, etc. A new record was set at this event, at least with events held in Indiana anyway - possibly all of the Midrealm. THREE blades were broken, 1 bent beyond repair. One was broken during the third round, with a parry against a pizza box. The bend and one of the breaks happened during round 5, the miserly and prodigal melee with two teams. I don't remember which round the other blade was broken in. You must have Lorenzo tell how he had his tip nipped twice in one day; it is a story only he can tell. ;) He did manage to come in second - by only 2 points he he ;)

Road to Frankfurt went well. Plenty of fencers from our neighboring Barony of Cleftlands came looking for a fight. We had an armor tourney in the morning, each fencer started off with one invulnerable limb, then fought to collect more. Could only have a maximum of five invulnerable targets. Warder Bryce won that one. In the afternoon, we had a dice tourney. Rolled to determine what weapon style to take out on the field. If you didn't like what styles you got you could pay to change it. For example, if I rolled 2 non-rigid parry, I could pay to take a sword out instead. Coins were won by defeating an opponent. You could also borrow from the bank (a.k.a. the shifty northern Italian.) Lady Bekea won this tourney. Right after feast, the Order of St. Framboise hired the Dread Pirate Prudence to protect our northern border. Not much worry there, I mean, after all, when challenged to get their signs back nobody from the North showed up.

Yours in Service,
Lady Prudence



**You Know you've been fencing
too long when you are prepared to
challenge your boss to a duel of
honor just to prove a point.**

*The Marlice of Swyrtarian
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