

The Chronicle of Brŷn Madoc



Being a year by year account of the Barony of Brŷn Madoc

Acknowledgement

Master Sir Ædward paved this road; I merely installed the streetlamps and cleaned off the signage.

Preface

The duty of the bard is to witness, to remember, and to remind.

I am Dyfn, first compiler of this Chronicle of the years of Bryn Madoc, this harvest of memories gleaned from those who shaped the course of its history. This recounting of years was written at the behest of Their Excellencies Óengus and Muirenn in the first year of their tenure, that they would better know the barony they serve.

As a tapestry is woven of many threads, so Bryn Madoc is composed of many lives. Some sojourned here but briefly, and are lost to memory, while others are renowned throughout the kingdom for deeds in court or on the field of battle. Some of her folk spent a moment to aid the barony, and others gave great stores of their strength, their spark, and their wisdom to shape her. Most who claimed Madoc's Hill as their home have wandered wherever the winds of change have sent them. A few have crossed to the western shore from which there is no returning. Yet through it all, Bryn Madoc has remained, every bit a character in our play as are the barons and gentles who populate her. She is a persona apart from any of us, yet by thought and action, each of us may increase or diminish her.

The history in this book is but an outline, for no one volume can contain every memory made by every Madocian in pursuit of the Dream. But as years fly and memories fade, these words ensure that the greatness of our realm is never forgotten.

I am Dyfn. I am the first to mark these pages. I will not be the last.

I am Dyfn. Wherever my feet shall wander, my heart will always be Madocian.

I am Dyfn, and I charge all of our folk who read these words to be worthy of Madoc's pride.

By the word of the current baron, by the diligence of the founding baron, by the deeds of every baron and the hundreds of gentles who have breathed life into her, I give you the Chronicle of Brŷn Madoc.

Arŷlwydd Dyfn ap Meurŷg y Pencerdd,
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1st Muse of Brŷn Madoc
Lord of the Harvest
Companion of the Dreamstone
Companion of the Bard

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The Legend of Prince Madoc

In the days of legend lived a prince of the Britons, Madoc ab Owain, descended from kings in a line stretching beyond years, right up to Brán the Blessed. The blood of kings was in his veins, but a wanderer's heart beat in his chest. When his father, the mighty Owain Gwynedd, died untimely, Madoc watched his many brothers squabble lethally for the crown. He forsook his birthright and instead gathered folk to him, for to sail over the western horizon, chasing the setting sun in search of adventure and a new life.

After a long voyage across the vast ocean, Madoc's folk settled in a fertile bay, where they thrived for several years until they drew the enmity of nearby tribes. The settlers were forced inland, crossing river and wood before arriving in a land much like their old home. There they built a stronghold on a mountain top. And the legends tell of a crystalline stone which sent dreams to the prince, visions of distant places, peoples and futures. He kept this Dreamstone close, treasuring it as a sacred relic. And whether by the Dreamstone's luck or his own wisdom, the folk of Madoc began to prosper in their new settlement.

But there were people already in the hills, and they turned against the pale-skinned settlers, first with raids and then with open battle. The warriors of Madoc were mighty and fearless but few, and eventually all were forced to retreat to their fort. Besieged, the son of Owain looked once more into the shimmering Dreamstone and beheld two paths for his folk. One path showed a great but hopeless battle, and ravens thick on the ramparts. The other path showed a mighty river, and the harried remnants of his folk finding welcome among a red people.

Legend says the Welsh settlers left the mountains and found a home among a tribe which would be known as the Mandans. No history tells of Madoc's fate. It may be that he led his people to seek a new home in the north. Or perhaps he. But I feel that Madoc died defending his mountain fastness, giving battle to the besieging enemies to give his own tribe the chance to escape. For in the end the Dreamstone lay hidden among the

fallen stones of the Welsh fort, and no man would willingly part with such subtle beauty and potent power as the Dreamstone possessed.

The settlers of Madoc have long vanished, their fates lost in the fog of ages. Yet Madoc's prized jewel has been recovered and once again holds a place of honor, proving that the spiritual heirs of Madoc may justly reclaim the territory for which the Welsh settlers fought. That

For his courage, his wisdom and his vision, we honor Prince Madoc ab Owain Gwynedd, ap Gruffydd, ap Cynan, ab Iago, ab Idwal, ap Muriig, ab Idwal Foel, ab Anarawd, ap Rhodri Mawr, ap Merfyn Frych, ap Gwriad, ab Elidir, ap Sandde, ab Alwyn, ap Tegid, ap Gwair Caid, ap Dwywg, ap Llywarch Hen, ab Elidir, ap Merchion Gul, ap Gwryst, ap Cenyw, ap Col Hen, ap Tehvant, ap Urban, ap Gradd, ap Rhyfedel, ap Rhyddrech, ab Euddigan, ab Eudeyrn, ab Eifydd, ab Eudos, ab Euddolen, ab Afallach, ap Ludd Llaw Erint, ab Beli Mawr, ap Monnogán Degeuillus, ab Eneid, ap Cerwyd!

In the autumn did the Shire of Brýn Madoc form under the auspices of Prince François Duvant. And in this beginning let the names of the Five Founders be written: Dylan ab Aneirin, Margala of Dovedale, Brother Edward (later known as Ædward of Glastonburh), Domini Farnese (later known as Domenica Farnese), and Lionel Hildebrand. And the founders did choose the Hall of Memory in the Universitas Atheneum as their gathering place for folk-moots.

Also did the shire hold their first event, a covered-trencher supper.

In the spring did Stonnehew Houtsson become the first Brýn Madoc fighter to enter a tourney competition, at the Atenveldt Warford Tourney.

In this year did the Shiré of Brýn Madoc become one of the jewels of the new-born Kingdom of Merídiés.

In this year did Brýn Madoc host the first Collegium Cambrium, and later the Merídiés Science Fair, which featured John Bearkiller and Domenica Farnese in an early appearance of fencing in Merídiés.

AS XIII

In this year was Margala of Dovedale elevated to the Order of the Laurel.

In this year did the shire publish its first newsletter, entitled *The Voice of Madoc*.

AS XIV

In this year did the heirs of Madoc celebrate the birth of their shire with a pilgrimage to the mountaintop where their royal ancestor was said to have sojourned.

The spring of this year saw the first Dreamstone Tourney, held near the banks of the Creek of Hard Labor. The winner of the tourney was John the Mad Celt, while the Barons Prize List was Orlando Cavalcanti.

The autumn of this year saw the investiture by King Orlando II and Queen Caitlin of Ædward of Glastonburh and Margala of Dovedale as 1st Baron and Baroness Bryn Madoc .

In this year also was Domenica Farnese elevated to the Order of the Pelican.

Also in this year was created the Order of the Dreamstone to honor those who have given notable service to Bryn Madoc. The first Companions of the Order were the five founding members of Bryn Madoc, being Dylan ab Aneirin y Breuddwydiwr, Margala of Dovedale, Ædward of Glastonburh, Lucia Domenica Farnese, and Lionel Hildebrand.

Bryn Madoc hosted the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Fairé the summer of this year.

In the matter of Dreamstone II the victor of the Dreamstone List was Orlando Cavalcanti.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Tatyana Alexnova Marákovskaya to join their number.

Also in this year did the baronies of Brýn Madoc and the South Downs hold an Interbaronial Peace, featuring a medieval football competition, the winner of which was not recorded in the annals from the time.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone swell their ranks by selecting Leonora Simonetta dEste, John Hollingsworth Angharad ferch Gwydden Fychen, Deidre ferch Corwyn dArcy, and Orlando Cavalcanti to join their number.

After numerous alterations in the name of the barony newsletter, the latest and current, *The Standing Stone*, is published.

AS XVIII

In this year did the famed Bluebird of Dylan made its appearance.

In this year also did other things make their appearance, and at the lake of Hard Labor the October night did witness the first gathering of the Order of the Displayed Moon.

This portion of the Chronicle is brought to you by Cynan ap Rhodri, who reminds you that all grass is Welsh grass, and therefore the cattle across the mountain are technically yours.

Beef, it's what's for dinner.

In this year did Madoc's folk journey to the mountaintop of the ruined fort, and there did scatter their names, one hundred and one in all, upon the wind.

In the matter of Dreamstone VI, John the Mad Celt was victorious in the Dreamstone List.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Caitlin di Verona and Giovanni Clarenza to join their number.

Dylan ab Aneirin and Leonora Simonetta d'Este were elevated to the Order of the Laurel.

As summer waned, members of the barony did journey southwards to commemorate the birth of the Kingdom of Trinaris, and witnessed that the aforementioned trio of seas did show their displeasure with the event.

The barony held a Collegium Cambrium in the hall of Wesley.

Mounting ease between Bryn Madoc and South Downs erupted in a second Interbaronial Peace. Madocians are triumphant on the field of medieval football.

In this year did the Companions of the Dréamstone select Cathal MacEdan na Faeled and Galan-Schol of Eirneathe, Muso Sazaki, and Nicola Farnese to join their number.

In the matter of the Dréamstone VI Tournament, Ciaríai mac Bráonin an taghdach was the victor, and John the Mad Celt was likewise the winner of the Barón's Prize.

In commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the founding of Brýn Madoc, the populace on their annual pilgrimage to the seat of Madoc's power did send the 104 names of their folk skyward.

In the summer of this year did the barony assist the merchants company of the Atlanta Renaissance Fairé as the latter struggled to find their footing.

The barony did hold a Collegium Prácticum in the Foundation of Wesley. The end of the year found Brýn Madoc hosting the Coronation of Caitlin and Ciaríai.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Etien Durand and Theathyn of Girvan to join their number.

This year saw Ædward of Glastonburh elevated to the Order of Chivalry.

This year also saw Mariona Delores receive an Award of Arms.

In the summer did the faithful folk of Madoc journey to the mountain shrine to honor their Welsh forebears.

The barony did hold a second Collegium Practicum, and later a winter carnival. And they struggled on the field of medieval football against the Demosthenian Society, who gave a convincing argument for their superiority in the sport.

As Lent approached, renewed joculariry resulted in another Interbaronial Peace.

In this year did the host of Madoc make their tenth pilgrimage to the seat of Madoc's power in the mountains.

In the matter of the Dreamstone IX Tournament, Ciaríai mac Bráonin an taghdach was the victor, and Alexandria Veassullurđ was likewise the winner of the Baron's Prize.

In this year did Dylan ap Aneirín receive a court baroncy. Also in this year were Jessica L'Arcier and Arnor Haréksson awarded with arms.

In this year, near the Springs of Indians, did King John of Ean Airgead II invest Galan-Schol of Eirneathe and Lucia Domenica Farnese as 2nd Baron and Baroness Bryn Madoc.

Also in this year did one of Madoc's own, Sir Richard of Rae Fen, claim the crown of Merides, to rule with his lady, Queen Ellawin. Bryn Madoc and Dragonfly March were the hosts of the kingdom for the coronation, in the land of Cleve.

In this year did the folk of Madoc demonstrate on Cobham Street, to the bemusement of famed musical neighbors.

As was the custom, the folk of Madoc trekked to the mountaintop to honor their forefathers.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Beck of Longbottom and Geoffrey MacRaighallaigh to join their number.

And it was in this year that the Baronial award for the Exemplar of Chivalry, called the Star of Bryn Madoc, was first bestowed by the lords of the Baroncy upon Lady Daríell Soulseer. Its counterpart, the Lord of the May, was first bestowed by the ladies of the Baroncy upon Sir Ædward of Glastonburh.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Dariell Souleer and Wilhelm von Plauen to join their number.

In the matter of the Dreamstone X Tournament, John the Mad Celt was victorious, and Michael Bohun was likewise the winner of the Baron's Prize.

In this year did the gathered lords name Alessandrá their Star of Brýn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Dylan ab Aneirín as the Lord of the May.

In this year did the Barony host the Royal University of Merídes. When the power failed, Lionel Hildebrándt salvaged the situation through clever rewiring.

As was the custom, the folk of Madoc trékked to the mountaintop to honor their forefathers.

In the spring of the year did the river rise, and, beset by beaver rivers, the valiant Madocians gathered the populace and repaired to the estate of Withered Vine to continue the event.

In this same month did Madoc dare to show themselves to the mundanes in the village of Comer.

In this year did the barony hold the first Champions List, which was won by ÆEdward.

In this year did Madoc hold an autumn gathering, known as Danelaw I.

In the winter, many of Madoc's folk attended the Collegium of St. Dafydd, yet their thoughts were bent towards a distant desert, where Lionel Hildebrand served under arms.

In the matter of the Dreamstone XI Tournament, John the Mad Celt was yet again the victor. Not content with this test of might, the barony held at Dreamstone VII Tournament before the year was out, and William de Montegilt was the victor.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Aoghann MacGumerait, Catriona Fergusson, Ellawin of Eaglewood, Richard of Raefen, Astrid Snorrisdottir, Corwyn ap Alwyr O Bangor, Eleanora Hawksley, Aine o Seachasaigh, and Judith Elizabeth of Norwich to join their exponential number.

Also in this year was Catriona Ferguson elevated to the Order of the Laurel.

In this year did the gathered lords name Ellawin of Eaglewood, Margala of Dovedale, and Lucia Domenica Farnese their Stars of Bryn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Aoghann MacGumerait and Galan-Schol of Eirneathe as Lords of the May.

Arriving at Camp Kelly, the folk saw that the floodwaters of the previous year had receded, leaving much mud.

As was the custom, the folk of Madoc trekked to the mountaintop to honor their forefathers.

In this year did the folk treat with the little blue folk on the banks of the Sandy Creek.

The folk of Madoc trekked into the hills as prescribed by custom lest they be found lacking in filial piety.

And in this year was held the Collegium Miniscule at the Wesley Foundation.

In this year did Brýce MacLarén triumph in the Dréamstone XIII Tournament, and Wilhelm von Plauen likewise snagged the Baróns Prize.

In this year did the Companions of the Dréamstone select Mariona Dolorés and Árnor Háreksson to join their number.

In this year did the gathered lords name Ástríð Snorrísdóttir the Cheerful their Star of Brýn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Kaplan Kará nur an-ök as the Lord of the May.

Also in this year weré Derwyn and Varína awarded Arms.

The Barón of Madoc, he had a bunch of men, and trékked them up the hill and then he trékked them down again.

In this year did Simon MacLeod emerge victorious in the Dréamstone XIV Tournament. Ere the year ended, Richard du Chinon defeated all comers in the Dréamstone XV Tournament, and likewise did Cona MacPherson lead his team to victory in the Barons Prize.

In this year did the Companions of the Dréamstone select Elizabeth of Raefen, Katherine of Arnhurst, Hywel ap Ieuan, Irina Francesca degli Schiavoni, and Zofia Wis'niewska to join their number.

In this year did the gathered lords name Leonora Simonetta dEste and Irina Francesca degli Schiavoni their Stars of Bryn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Orlando Cavalcanti and Hywel ap Ieuan as Lords of the May.

In this year were Zofia Wisniewska and Kathryn Larkke granted Awards of Arms.

In this year was a Collegium Cambrium held, wherein did dinosaurs re-fight the Battle of Agincourt.

Bryn Madoc hosted the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Fairé at the Mounds of Kolomoki.

The mountain called, and the folk of Madoc answered.

AS XXIX

In this year did the Companions of the Dréamstone select Ysan Layla Helgisdottir, and Edward ODay, to join their number.

In the matter of the Dréamstone XVI Tournament, Garéth le Brúin was victor. Likewise did Maximilian Racheengel achieve the Baróns Prize.

In this year did the gathered lords name Mariona Dolores Ruiz de la Costa their Star of Brýn Madoc.

Kenneth Gráy was awarded Arms in this year. Likewise did Pyotr received an Award of Arms, in the days ere he was stolen away by the evil Italians.

At Saltaré in the land of Hammerhold did Madoc's Tudor Nanny Dance Troupe do the happy dance of sweet victory.

In this year was Collegium Cambrium held in the lands of Beau Fort.

As custom dictated, the folk converged on the mountain of Madoc.

In this year did Brýn Madoc take the Canton of Beau Fort under its wing.

In this year, as the Danelaw traveled the silk road, did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Kenneth Gréy and Njal Victoríanus to join their number. Also did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Lovelace Linares as the Lord of the Harvest.

In the winter of this year was a Collegium convened in Beau Fort.

The Meridian army, in preparation for the campaign season, arrived at the weapontake sponsored by Brýn Madoc.

When Bríce and Isabell came to claim the crown, Brýn Madoc hosted their coronation.

In this year was Irina Francesca degli Schiavoni elevated to the Order of the Laurel.

As the folk of Madoc climbed the mountain for the seventeenth time, some among them began to think they had passed that way before.

In the waning of the year did the folk assemble in view of mundane eyes at the opening of the Georgia Museum of Art.

In this year did King Bryce invest Hywel ap Ieuan and Irina Francesca degli Schiavoni as 3rd Baron and Baroness Bryn Madoc.

Caedmon mac Aherin was the victor in the Dreamstone XVII Tournament, and Brian Mac Brand bested all to receive the Barons Prize.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Kathryn Larke of Blackwater, Jodi Fatimma Sirhaan bint Morgaine and Pyotr Lyagushka Vasiliev syn Tetivkina to join their number.

In this year did the gathered lords name Zofia Wisniewska and Ysan Layla their Stars of Bryn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Lionel Hildebrand as the Lord of the May.

Also in this year was Theahtyn of Girvan elevated to the Order of Chivalry.

And also was Dyfn ap Meurig awarded Arms.

In the winter was convened a Collegium Cambrium. In the same month did the Barony hold a champions list by the banks of the river.

In recognition of the twentieth anniversary of the founding of Bryn Madoc, the pilgrims to Fort Mountain sent 240 names skywards.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Beatrice Madalena Lucchese, Katerina Jehan de Londres, and Ingelif Kelvin to join their number.

In the matter of the Dreamstone XVIII Tourney, Boru Aelwyn defeated all opponents. Not content with this victory, he proceeded to claim the Barons Prize as well. Ere the year ended, Dreamstone XIX was held, and Maximilian Racheengel claimed victory. Guy le Strange bested all comers for the Barons Prize.

In this year did the gathered lords name Isabel du Poitiers and Ginevra Bagnesi da Diacceto their Star of Bryn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Edward O'Day as Lord of the Harvest and Oyn Cefnog as the Lord of the May.

In this year were Calleja de Wairé and Isabel de Ponthieu elevated to the Order of the Laurel, and was Hywel ap Ieuan elevated to the Order of the Pelican.

Also in this year was Mariona Delores awarded a court barony.

Though armed with no balloons, the folk yet charged up the mountain to honor Madoc.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Ginevrá Bagnesi da Diacceto and Oen Cefnog to join their number.

Maximilian Racheengel was victor in the twentieth Dreamstone Tournament, and Janos of Cyddlain Downs bested cemented his claim for the Barons Prize.

In this year did the gathered lords name Katerína Jehan de Londrés and Calleja de Waríe their Stars of Brýn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Ingelí Kelvin as the Lord of the May.

Gwydion and Zofia are wed with their Madocian kith about them, as summer becomes autumn.

In this year was Orlando Cavalcanti awarded an Augmentation of Arms.

Awards of Arms were awarded to Galen MacSulbne, Bebinn ingen Bráin, Segan ua Flaithfhíled, and Sabine d'Orliens, to the dismay of the overworked heralds in the Barony.

Also in this year was the Argent Oar awarded to the Consortsora.

In this year did the Companions of the Dréamstone select Gwydion Bráich Hir DuRhos and Calleja de Warfe to join their number.

At the Dréamstone Court did Domenica Farnese receive an Augmentation of Arms.

In this year did the gathered lords name Aelesia Emelyne Couchur their Star of Bryn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Cuhelyn Cam vap Morcant as the Lord of the May.

In honor of the tenth Danelaw gathering, newly-minted Orlandos flowed freely.

In the matter of the Dréamstone XXI Tourney, Brian Mac Brand emerged victorious, and likewise did Janos of Cyddlain Downs take the Barons Prize as his own.

Theahain of Girvan was elevated to the Order of the Pelican in this year.

The folk of Madoc were hosts to the Royal University of Merides, at which time a Grant of Arms was bestowed upon Ysan Layla Helgisdottir.

With regret, the barony left the collegiate nest in this year.

Yet this year also saw the barony granted the Order of the Sovereign's Pleasure.

In this year Brŷn Madoc did cease its wandering through the wilderness and found a new home for local folk-moots in the Seventh Hall of Fire.

In the matter of the Dréamstone XXII Tournament, Kenneth Gréy claimed the victory, as did John the Mad Celt for the Prize List.

In this year did the Companions of the Dréamstone select Wulf Michaelson and Sabine d'Orliens to join their number.

In this year did the gathered lords name Maya Reichenberg and Kathryn Larkke of Blackwater their Stars of Brŷn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Gwydion BraichHir of DuRhos as the Lord of the May.

And also in the Dréamstone court were Meleri verch Adam and Cuhelyn Cam vap Morcant awarded Arms.

In the western marches did Galan Schol and John the Mad Celt celebrate the silver age of their knighthoods by hosting a tournament.

In the Memorial Park did the folk of Madoc put themselves on display for the interest and entertainment of the collected mundanes of Athens.

In the waning of this year did the warriors vie to determine who among them would be baronial champion.

And the folk trekked to the mountain for the twenty-second time.

In honor of the twenty-fifth year of the barony, pilgrims to the mountain fastness of Madoc sent skyward the names of those 325 folk whom fortune favored to be Madocian.

Ború Aelwyn was victorious in the Dreamstone XXIII Tourney, and the Barons Prize was claimed by John the Mad Celt and Rhiannon Cathaoirmor.

In this year did the gathered lords name Sabine d'Orliens their Star of Bryn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Wulf Michaelson as the Lord of the May.

In this year did Sabine d'Orliens receive the Guiding Hand, and Cuhelyn Cam vap Morcant was awarded a Grant of Arms.

The gathering for the Danelaw was fraught with pirates and awful West Country accents.

The Barony held a tourney to find a champion in the winter of this year.

In this year did was Beau Fort released to take its place as a shiré, yet still bound by ties of friendship to Brýn Madoc.

In this year did Lady Astríd Snorísdottir, called the Cheerful, pass from this life.

Gáreth le Brúin claimed victory in the Dréamstone XXIV Tournament. Ború Aelwyn quelled all claimants to the Barons List, and Orlando Cavalcanti proved his blade the deadliest in the Rapier Tourney.

In this year did the Companions of the Dréamstone select Roslyn MacLáren and Seric of Marston to join their number.

In lieu of choosing a Star of Brýn Madoc, the lords honored in court their sixth star, Astríd Snorísdotter of blessed memory. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Fiachna Mac Phiaráic as the Lord of the May.

In this year was Myrtle McAlpin to the Order of the Pelican.

In this year did the folk host Arts of War on the very border of the kingdom. Of this no more shall be said. Closer to home, they hosted the coronation of Gáreth and Anneis at Fort Yargo.

As the sun paused in its southward flight, Madoc celebrated 12th Night.

And lastly, in this year did Brýn Madoc agree to sponsor and mentor the Shiré which would become Drákenmeré.

AS XXXVIII

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Meleri ferch Adam, Cuhelyn Cam vap Morcant, and Caitlin of Enniskillen to join their number.

In this year did the gathered lords name Caitlin of Enniskillen their Star of Bryn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Thomas Lavan as the Lord of the May.

Gunter von der Aachen was victorious in the Dreamstone XXV Tourney. Kenneth Grey and Segan ua Flaithfhiled were the last fighters standing in the Pas des Armes for the Barons Prize.

In the Autumn did merchants and fighters meet at the crossroads for Danelaw.

Also in the harvest time did several Madocians heed the call to make their presence known at a festival in a village nigh unto Border Vale, where the shadows lie.

Madocians journeyed to the Wars in the Gulf, there to create the famed Artisans Row.

And for the five and twentieth time did folk make pilgrimage to Madoc's Mountain.

AS XXXIX

In this year did King Maximilian invest Gwydion Bráich Hir and Zofia Wis'niewska as 4th Baron and Baroness Brýn Madoc.

Ború Aelwyn claimed victory in the Dreamstone XXVI Tourney. Jason of Brýn Madoc bested all in the quest for the Barons Prize, and the Panthers claimed the win in the palio.

And upon the field did Kenneth Gréy rise to the rank of knight in the Order of Chivalry.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Maeva Arnórsdóttir and Thomas Lavan to join their number.

In this year did the gathered lords name Derbail inghean Conchobar their Star of Brýn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Æráthonne the Chaste as the Lord of the May.

Summer found Madoc's folk on a well-worn path to a tower atop Madoc's Mountain.

In the fall the warriors of Madoc met on Frost Hill Farm to determine who among them was worthy to be Madoc's champion. Also in the autumn did the contenders for kingship gather on Madoc's field to vie for the crown.

In the winter of the year did Madocians huddle together in celebration of 12th Night.

Also in this year did the warband of Madoc first sit in symbol to commemorate their battles in western lands.

In this year did Barón Gwydion and Baróness Zofia create two new barónial awards. Master Hywel ap Ieuan and Michael Parmafírey were awarded the Order of Madoc's Lance, given to those fighters showing martial promise and faithful service with the warband of Madoc. Dyfn ap Meuríg was likewise awarded the Muse of Brýn Madoc, bestowed on those who bring inspiration to Madoc's people through artistic endeavors.

In the matter of the Dreamstone XXVII Tourneament, Ború Aelwyn held the field yet again, and as an afterthought left with the Baróns Prize as well. OEngus won the right to be the Baróness' Champion.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Dyfn ap Meuríg to join their number.

In this year did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Kenneth Gréy as the Lord of the May.

In the burning summer did the warband of Madoc sit in symbol to commemorate their battles against border raiders.

In cooler days did the folk trek to Jorvik for Danelaw, vie for a champion at Fróst Hill Farm, and gather for 12th Night in the small days of the year. Also did Madocians march in the village of Watkins for the Yule celebration.

Because the mountain would not come to Madocians, the Madocians trekked to the mountain.

In this year did Maximilian Racheengel claim the victory at the Dreamstone XXVIII Tournament. Many other feats of martial skill were performed, and many bridesmaids were sacrificed.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Wyn Caradoc of Anglesey and George von Gerolstein to join their number. Also in this year did the gathered lords name Meleri ferch Adam their Star of Bryn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Dyfn ap Meurig as the Lord of the Harvest, and Óengus mac Dubhan as the Lord of the May.

In this year did Their Excellencies name George von Gerolstein a Muse of Bryn Madoc, and likewise did they bestow the Order of Madoc's Lance upon Simon del Brokes, Muirdach Armstrong, and Engelbrecht Wandelber. Also was Dyfn ap Meurig bestowed the name Pencerd by His Excellency.

At the time appointed by custom, and in honor of the thirtieth year of the Barony, pilgrims to the mountain fastness of Madoc sent skyward the names of those 382 folk whom fortune favored to be Madocian.

In the dark of the year did Madocians gather for 12th Night, and there did Aoghann receive a Grant of Arms. There too was the Scarlet Star bestowed upon Zofia Wisniewska.

In the spring did the warband of Madoc sit in symbol to commemorate their battles in western lands.

With pride and in splendour did the folk of Madoc array themselves before their fellow Athenians, and later in the Yule parade in the village of Watkins.

And as the year neared its end, Bryn Madoc released the Shire of Drakenmeré to stand on its own as a shire, yet still bound by ties of friendship to its mentoring barony.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Óengus mac Dubhan, Muirénn ingen Donngaile, Engelbrécht Wandelber and Merfyn Elzebeth von Préssela to join their number.

In this year did the gathered lords name Muirénn ingen Donngaile their Star of Brýn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Engelbrécht Wandelber as Lord of the Harvest and George von Gerólstein as the Lord of the May.

Their Excellencies did name Katerína Jehan de Londrés a Muse of Brýn Madoc.

In this year did the Danelaw folk meet at Holywell, where was Cuhelyn Cam vap Mercant elevated to the Order of the Pelican.

And in the summer did the faithful folk of Madoc journey to the mountain gaze in wonder at ancient fortifications of Welsh princes and love-nests long devoid of Cherokee princesses.

As war gathered in the west, Ingelíf Kelvin was inducted into the Legio Uísus.

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In this year did Dylan ab Aneirin y Bréuddwydiwr, one of the five founders of Brŷn Madoc, pass from this life.

In the matter of the Dréamstone XXX tourney, did Maximilian Rachengel emerge victorious, and did Caleb Hogg slay many bridesmaids for the Baron's Prize.

In this year did the Companions of the Dréamstone select Ezekiel the Slightly Demented to join their number.

In this year did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Pardus as the Lord of the May.

At this time did Their Excellencies name Kathryn Larkke of Blackwater a Muse of Brŷn Madoc.

In this year did the Danes gather to play Viking Games, and short moons later the folk did congregate for 12th Night.

Madocians gathered for the thirtieth venture up the mountain claimed by their forebears.

In this year did Queen Elisenda invest Óengus mac Dubhan and Muirénn ingen Donngaile as 5th Baron and Baróness Brýn Madoc.

Éré they lay down their coronets, Gwydion and Zofia bestowed the Order of Madoc's Lance upon Faelan O'Muirénn and Ingelí Kelvin, and named Domenica Farnese a Muse of Brýn Madoc. Dyfn Pencerdd was appointed 1st Bard of Brýn Madoc, to be seated with them at court.

The Dreamstone XXXI Tourney was decided in favor of Maximilian Rachengel.

In this year did the gathered lords name Isobail ingen Alastair their Star of Brýn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Petros Mystikos as the Lord of the May.

And in the autumn of the year the folk of the Danelaw journey to watch the antics of the Gaels as they plaid their games. And there were Ingelí Kelvin and Katerína Jehan de Londres Granted Arms. And also was Wyman Taylor bestowed an Award of Arms.

As night settled over falling leaves, many gentles did gather at symbel to drink to the memory of Dylan ab Aneirín. Words were spoken, verse was chanted, and his ashes were cast upon the lake, under the autumn stars.

In the autumn of the year the folk of the Danelaw did journey to the land of the chrysanthemum. And it was at this time that the Chronicle of Brýn Madoc was presented to Their Excellencies.

The Dréamstone XXXII Tourney was decided by John the Mad Celt, and his squíre, Sebastian Cornelius, was the victor in the Barón's Prize.

And also did the Medieval and Renaissance Society receive the Argent Oar in recognition of their service to the Baróny.

In this year did the Companions of the Dréamstone select Wyman Taylor and Isobail ingen Alastair to join their number.

In this year did the gathered lords name Merfyn Elzebeth von Préssela their Star of Brýn Madoc. And likewise did the gathered ladies bestow their favor on Domnhall MacMurádhá as the Lord of the May.

In this year did Their Excellencies name Ingelí Kelvin a Muse of Brýn Madoc, and likewise did they bestow the Order of Madoc's Lance upon Gwydion Bráich Hir óir DuRhos and Parás.

It was with heavy hearts that the Baróny said farewell to their seneschal and longtime friend, Aoghann Mac Gumeráit, who passed in the last days of autumn.

In this year was Kenneth Gréy, a child of Madoc,
crowned King of Merídes.

The Dréamstone XXXIII Tourney was decided by was
decided by Michael Phocus, Virgil de Monte was the
victor in the Barón's Prize.

In this year the Companions of the Dréamstone
Named Ni lda Ayu Wayan Kali as one of their own.
Also did the ladies of Madoc announce that Mathias
Blackett was their Lord of the May.

Their Excellencies named Elleréte Duboy their Muse,
and Orlando Cavalcanti their Lance.

In this year the sun burned uncommonly bright, scorching the land and keeping the folk of Madoc from their pilgrimage to the hills to honor their namesake.

Yet in time the sun dimmed, and the new crispness in the did make the folk covet the cattle of their neighbors. Hoof-borne fortunes were made and lost that day in the XXth Danelaw.

In this year did the Companions of the Dreamstone select James Gwynt y Krydryn to join their number.

In this year did the gathered lords name Gwyneth Raven and Ni Ida Ayu Wayan Kali their Stars. And likewise did noble ladies honor Siegfried Grünwald as their Lord of the Harvest.

In the matter of Dreamstone XXXIV, the Tourney was decided by Iastréb Desislovich, with Jehan le Poisson humbling the bridesmaids in the Baron's Prize. Of two rapier tourneys, the expert-novice pairing of Kazimir Petróvich Pomeschanov and Simone prevailed. Lazarus Gage and Simone were the last standing in the tavern brawl.

Their Excellencies bestowed upon Mathias Blackett, Jehan le Poisson, and Seosamh MacSeafra the title Lance of Bryn Madoc, and likewise named Mará Palmer Muse of Bryn Madoc.

In the warmest days of the year, the various scholars of the kingdom gathered to Bryn Madoc to teach and to learn in the Royal University.

In the Autumn of this year did dread pirates invade the XX1st Danelaw. Being well-acquainted with cattle thieves, the populace dealt with the sea-wolves with good grace.

In the Springtime gathered the populace for Dreamstone XXXV. Concerned by the pirate incursion of the prior gathering, King Adhemar sojourned in our lands to guard against external threats. Instead, he faced internal silliness, for he had arrived during the Feast of Fools. Yet he suffered fools gladly, showering the good folk of Bryn Madoc with honors. Upon Thalia de Morales, Elerete Duboy and Mathias Blackett, he bestowed Meridian Crosses. Also did he Grant arms to Gwyneth Ravenscar.

The Sovereign was pleased to call Finnvarðr Finnbogason, a man who is always dressed to the 9th century, a Pillar of Meridies.

To the archers Engelbrecht Wandelber and Ni Ida Ayu Wayan Kali were given the Order of the Broken Bow.

Even unto young Elizabeth filia Jehans de Londres, the King gifted a Rising Swan.

Though it was a day for Fools, yet there was little foolishness in the list field, where Sebastianos Ionnides emerged victorious. Furthermore, the Baron's Prize was attained by Frederick Kober.

Even the children joined in honorable combat, the winner being Elizabeth filia Jehans de Londres.

On this same day did Orlando Cavalcanti celebrate threescore years of life by battling, in rapid succession, every fighter who would bear arms: some twenty three swords, including no less than the King himself. Also did Robert Greenheart celebrate five and twenty years of bearing the white belt.

But Madoc is as famed not for martial pursuits alone. Two worthy gentles were declared winners in the field of Arts and Sciences: Thalia de Morales as the choice of scholars, and Ni Ida Ayu Wayan Kali by popular acclaim. The Ladies sitting in judgment of mead, when the hall was again stationary, declared William of Hawkmoor's brew the superior.

As is their wont, at this time did the Companions of the Dreamstone select Gwyneth Raven, Pardus of Torfoot and Ellerete Duboy to join their number.

Also in this year did Thalia de Morales and Siegfried Grünwald graciously accept the award of Madoc's Lance from Their Excellencies, and likewise was Finnvarðr Finnbogason named a Muse of Bryn Madoc. Also did the Vice Regals give precious shards of the Dreamstone itself to the esteemed Mairwen ferch Gryffudd, and Siegfried Grünwald.

Spring being the time when thoughts run towards nurturing the future, Lorenzo Petrucci took Thalia de Morales as his apprentice. Also did Adela Scrijver van Brugge bestow a belt of green to Mará Palmer.

In the months when the sun strayed furthest south was Marék Medvednikov named the Lord of the Frost. And when the frost melted and the greening warmth returned, Camulocaros was named the Lord of the May.

Appendix A

| Gregorian to Society Year Conversion | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|
| From | To | Year | From | To | Year |
| 1 May 1966 | 30 April 1967 | A.S. I (1) | 1 May 1992 | 30 April 1993 | A.S. XXVII (27) |
| 1 May 1967 | 30 April 1968 | A.S. II (2) | 1 May 1993 | 30 April 1994 | A.S. XXVIII (28) |
| 1 May 1968 | 30 April 1969 | A.S. III (3) | 1 May 1994 | 30 April 1995 | A.S. XXIX (29) |
| 1 May 1969 | 30 April 1970 | A.S. IV (4) | 1 May 1995 | 30 April 1996 | A.S. XXX (30) |
| 1 May 1970 | 30 April 1971 | A.S. V (5) | 1 May 1996 | 30 April 1997 | A.S. XXXI (31) |
| 1 May 1971 | 30 April 1972 | A.S. VI (6) | 1 May 1997 | 30 April 1998 | A.S. XXXII (32) |
| 1 May 1972 | 30 April 1973 | A.S. VII (7) | 1 May 1998 | 30 April 1999 | A.S. XXXIII (33) |
| 1 May 1973 | 30 April 1974 | A.S. VIII (8) | 1 May 1999 | 30 April 2000 | A.S. XXXIV (34) |
| 1 May 1974 | 30 April 1975 | A.S. IX (9) | 1 May 2000 | 30 April 2001 | A.S. XXXV (35) |
| 1 May 1975 | 30 April 1976 | A.S. X (10) | 1 May 2001 | 30 April 2002 | A.S. XXXVI (36) |
| 1 May 1976 | 30 April 1977 | A.S. XI (11) | 1 May 2002 | 30 April 2003 | A.S. XXXVII (37) |
| 1 May 1977 | 30 April 1978 | A.S. XII (12) | 1 May 2003 | 30 April 2004 | A.S. XXXVIII (38) |
| 1 May 1978 | 30 April 1979 | A.S. XIII (13) | 1 May 2004 | 30 April 2005 | A.S. XXXIX (39) |
| 1 May 1979 | 30 April 1980 | A.S. XIV (14) | 1 May 2005 | 30 April 2006 | A.S. XL (40) |
| 1 May 1980 | 30 April 1981 | A.S. XV (15) | 1 May 2006 | 30 April 2007 | A.S. XLI (41) |
| 1 May 1981 | 30 April 1982 | A.S. XVI (16) | 1 May 2007 | 30 April 2008 | A.S. XLII (42) |
| 1 May 1982 | 30 April 1983 | A.S. XVII (17) | 1 May 2008 | 30 April 2009 | A.S. XLIII (43) |
| 1 May 1983 | 30 April 1984 | A.S. XVIII (18) | 1 May 2009 | 30 April 2010 | A.S. XLIV (44) |
| 1 May 1984 | 30 April 1985 | A.S. XIX (19) | 1 May 2010 | 30 April 2011 | A.S. XLV (45) |
| 1 May 1985 | 30 April 1986 | A.S. XX (20) | 1 May 2011 | 30 April 2012 | A.S. XLVI (46) |
| 1 May 1986 | 30 April 1987 | A.S. XXI (21) | 1 May 2012 | 30 April 2013 | A.S. XLVII (47) |
| 1 May 1987 | 30 April 1988 | A.S. XXII (22) | 1 May 2013 | 30 April 2014 | A.S. XLVIII (48) |
| 1 May 1988 | 30 April 1989 | A.S. XXIII (23) | 1 May 2014 | 30 April 2015 | A.S. XLIX (49) |
| 1 May 1989 | 30 April 1990 | A.S. XXIV (24) | 1 May 2015 | 30 April 2016 | A.S. XLX (50) |
| 1 May 1990 | 30 April 1991 | A.S. XXV (25) | 1 May 2016 | 30 April 2017 | A.S. XLXI (51) |
| 1 May 1991 | 30 April 1992 | A.S. XXVI (26) | 1 May 2017 | 30 April 2018 | A.S. XLXII (52) |

In this year, a Møose bit my sister . . .

Mynd you, møose bites Kan be pretty nasti . . .