

Ward Name: **Bricktop District**

Motto: "On firm ground we stand"



Colours: Red and Blue trimmed yellow

Device: Device: Quarterly: 1st and 4th Gules masoned Or; 2nd and 3rd Azure a castle Or.  
Originally displayed: Azure a fess Gules masoned or. After the Thyatian conquest, the Bricktop military company, the Guard Phorsis, became the only armed force in Specularum beyond the Thyatian army, and after the Marilenev Rebellion the district added the castle to the arms for the key role of the Guard Phorsis in those events.

Patron: Halav

Prior:

Captain:

Overview: This is a more or less affluent area of town, halfway between the posh residences of the Hill and the Merchant District. It's named for Bricktop Road, a major thoroughfare so called because it's made of brick. The Specularum slang term "Bricktop" also indicates anything that's of good quality. This area is characterized by small to medium-sized homes; the population here is mostly of Thyatian decent. Many merchants, ministerial aides, and other well-paid persons live here. It is also the home of retired adventurers of middling incomes. [GAZ1/K:KoA]

*The Grand Market* – This is the largest open marketplace in Specularum. It's thickly infested with stands and rolling carts selling goods during the day; all such stands must be disassembled and removed by full dark and may be set up again at dawn. [GAZ1/K:KoA]

New Karamaikan upper and middle class district: lots of mixed-breed families, CoK dominant but with a significant CoT presence. The CoH is also likely to be more common here than in any other upper class ward. Buildings vary from smaller mansions to tall and narrow craftsman/merchant houses. [agathokles]

Demographics: Population: c3,400 in 55 blocks  
Thyatian mainly

History: Largely rebuilt since the Thyatian arrival in AC900. Im former

centuries, its history parallels that of The Hill District – both wards being on the slopes around the highest hillock in the old Marilenev town and earlier fortifications.

**Monuments & Public Buildings:**

Ministry buildings: state, Trade, Finance, War  
Specularum Town Hall (where Town Council meets)  
District Administration Office,  
District Revenue Office  
District Court House  
City Guard Barracks  
Ducal Karamaikan Theatre  
Scriveners' Guildhall & Library  
Apothecaries' Guildhall  
Bricklayers' Guildhall  
School

**Churches & Temples:**

2 x small temples/shrines

**Inns & Taverns:**

2 Inns – The Golden Book and The Rattlebone Inn  
+ adjacent stables

4 Taverns including The Priest and Jug

**Buildings:**

Besides the residential buildings (about 60% of the total), public/municipal structures and the hostelrys, there are a variety of small businesses and workplaces. These commercial outlets are mainly found along the Westron Alley or on the streets separating Bricktop from the surrounding wards (Merchant District, Old Quarter and South End). Bricktop also plays host to parts of the Grand Market. This area as noted in GAZ1 (see above) is home to many semi-permanent stalls, but there also numerous permanent market structures (some for storage of the temporary daytime carts, etc. and others for well-known traders who have gained an appropriate licence from the Town Council. At its daytime peak, the Grand Market not only fills the gaps between many of the structures shown on the map but also spills out onto Bricktop Road and the Westron Alley.

*Buildings identified:*

- B1 Scriveners' Guildhall
- B2 Scriveners' Guild Public Library
- B3 Apothecaries' Guildhall
- B4 Town Hall (new)
- B5 Ministry of State (new)
- B6 Ministry of Trade (new)
- B7 Ministry of Finance (new)
- B8 Ministry of War (new)
- B9 Bricklayers Guildhall

- B10 Ducal Karameikan Theater
- B11 The Golden Book, Inn and restaurant
- B12 The Priest and Jug, tavern
- B13 Cee Salt
- B14 Turano's Guesthouse
- B15 Vorloi House
- B16 Rattlebone Inn
- B17 Grygori Vorloi's house
- B18 Bricklayers' Arms tavern
- B19 Boarding House x 2
- B20 Shrine of Petra
- B21 Stables x 6
- B22 District Court House
- B23 District Revenue Office
- B24 District Administration Office
- B25 City Guard Barracks
- B26 Bath House x 2
- B27 Granary x 2
- B28 School
- B29 Baron Vorloi House
- B30 Goodwife Thanatos
- B31 Turano's main house
- B32 Chapel of the Stainless Soul
- B33 The Crown & Castle tavern
- B34 The Soldier's Rest tavern
- B35 The Mad Juggler tavern
- B36 The Gentle Wife tavern
- B37 The Arguing Owl tavern
- B38 The Golden Ring tavern

*Not placed:*

**Renn's School of the Blade:** Located in the Bricktop section, this establishment has gained a reputation from the Northern Reaches to the Five Shires as the premier place for weapons and combat training. The fees are quite high, but those warriors that have trained there swear by the techniques that they have learned, stating many a time that what they learned has saved their lives.

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**Notable Residents:**

*[from agathokles' master NPC list – might include some of the other Guildmasters as well ?]*

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Levinik	Dimitri	Guildmaster	Apothecaries' Guild
Turano	Anton	Butcher and landlord	Butchers' Guild
Nikoli	Boris	Grocer	Grocers' Guild
Thanato		Goodwife	Independent
Porius	Cassius	Captain of the South End	Karameikan Government
Sulanov	Arkan	Captain	Karameikan Military
Sulanov	Zandra	Lieutenant	Karameikan Military
Vandevic	Aloysius	Lieutenant of the Duke's Guard	Karameikan Military
	Estash	Elvenguard	Karameikan Military
Korrigan	Alexius	Seneschal	Lesser aristocracy

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Lutescu	Ivana	Wife of Aloysius Vandevic	Lesser aristocracy
Thrakius	Flavius	Black sheep	Lesser aristocracy
Thrakius	Marius	Head of House Thrakius	Lesser aristocracy
Vandevic	Laina	Daughter of Aloysius Vandevic	Lesser aristocracy
Yuschiev	Mikhail	Adventurer & Minor noble	Lesser aristocracy
Angulsta	Theodoric	Merchant	Merchants' Guild
Aurelianus	Vergilius	Merchant	Merchants' Guild
Vorloi	Mikel	Captain	Phorsis Guard
Torenescu	Simeon	Guildmaster	Scriveners' Guild
Braun	Anna	Baroness of Vorloi	Vorloi family
Ginjos	Marianne	Wife of Fortunato Vorloi	Vorloi family
Vorloi	Fortunato	Merchant	Vorloi family
Vorloi	Grygory	Fop	Vorloi family
Vorloi	Lucia	Fortunato's daughter	Vorloi family
Vorloi	Marianna	Heir to the baron	Vorloi family
Vorloi	Michaela	Wife of Arkan Sulanov	Vorloi family
Vorloi	Philip	Baron of Vorloi	Vorloi family

**Law Enforcement & Crime:**

A Company of the Street Regiment of the City Guard stationed at a guardhouse on the edge of Bricktop District provides patrol of this area and of The Hill

See *AllanP's* article at *the Vauts* - <http://www.pandius.com/speccgrd.html>

**Other Notes:**

Detail of "Scriveners' Corner" from GAZ1 map of Duke's Stronghold area equivalent area from AllanP's map showing Scrivener's Guild Meeting Hall and Library ( B1 & B2) together with nearby buildings as described by agathokles. Note the "protruding turret on the SW corner, the entrance hall on the NW side and the courtyard area on the south side from the main meeting hall. B11 is The Golden Book inn and restaurant (with nearby stables B21), and across the Westron Alley is The Priest & Jug tavern (B12).

