

Kenning Points

Barony of Smoking Rocks

Yule, A.S. 47 (December 2012)

Twelfth Night—An Invitation

Greetings unto King Edward I, styled Longshanks,
in the year of our lord 1290,

Toward the Great Cause, many great men step forth to strive for the Scottish throne, and as your sovereign representatives will be progressing through the countryside judging the worthiness of candidates for the selfsame throne, we present this invitation to a 12th night celebration in the town of Fairhaven in our Barony of Smoking Rocks. Men wishing to present their claim to the throne will gather amongst the celebrants and with feats of strategy and planning prove their worth during the games throughout the day. We shall invite them to take part in the games of log rolling and a rope pull, to test their wit and mind. The festivities will culminate in a feast of generous proportions and delectable flavors including such favorites as Haggis, cock-a-leeky soup, crowdie, and bannocks. We shall follow the traditions of our fair town, and after choice of the king and queen of the bean to rule by mischance throughout the day, the feast shall commence with the entrance of the green man and the burning of the Cailleach.

The morning will be dedicated to quiet games of contemplation with music by Fracta modi to sooth the mind and humours. Physical games of balance and strategy shall follow in the afternoon, with dancing before feast. Please observe the ten foot rule at this event. This event does tend to sell out so get your pre-registrations in early.

Feast Menu:

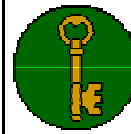
oatmeal bannock, bread, butter,
cheeses (caboc, black crowdie & homemade cheddar)
cock-a-leekie soup

pastry baked fish, kale, cabbage and sausage, barley, fried
apple tarts

haggis, mashed turnips, green salad, shortbread

Chatelaine's Corner

**This Month's Topic: I've Paid the Gate Fee...
Now What?**



A Newcomer's Guide to What to Expect at Events

(Reprinted from the December 2007 Kenning)

Local meetings, practices and classes are the best way to get to know other SCA members, but there's nothing like an Event that lets you enjoy the pageantry and illusion of stepping back in time — the aspect that attracted many people to the SCA in the first place.

Events are special gatherings, usually set around a theme and widely advertised to draw folks from more distant SCA groups. Getting ready for your first Event? Here are a few things to keep in mind:

Garb: While street clothes are fine for informal gatherings like classes or practices, events are more formal, special occasions. You'll need to wear garb, or at least make an attempt at pre-16th century clothing. The barony's Chatelaines keep a collection of loaner garb called "Gold Key" that people can borrow until they can get or make garb of their own. At large events, Chatelaines will usually have trunks of Gold Key available at the entrance, for first-time SCAdians or non-SCA visitors to borrow for the day.

What to Bring: Some events require nothing more than showing up in garb ready to spend the day wandering around enjoying the sights and sounds. Some events, especially weekend camping events, obviously require a little more planning and preparation. Even for a single day event, SCAdians will frequently pack a picnic style lunch, folding chairs, blankets (to sit on or to keep warm), pavilions or other sunshades to keep out of the sun/rain/heat, armor or archery equipment (for events with fighting or tournaments), money for shopping, (continued on p. 3)

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ABRIDGED GUIDE TO BARONIAL GROUPS & GUILDS

Below is a partial list of the various activities, groups and guilds that are currently active in Smoking Rocks. All practices are free (unless otherwise noted – some practices take place in rented / public spaces that may require groups to pay a usage fee or donation). Garb (SCA clothing) is not mandatory for practices and workshops – street clothes are the norm – although no one will object to Garb. Times and locations for meetings are occasionally subject to change/delays/weather cancellations, so please contact organizers to verify schedules.

Archery (Traditional)

Fri 6:00 – 8:00 Fall River
Contact: Nest verch Tangwistel
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Armored Combat

Fri 7:00 – 11:00 Fall River
Sun 1:00 – 5:00 Alternates be-
tween Fall River, Lakeville, and other locations
Contact Richard Leviathan
vargaliss@comcast.net

Arts & Sciences Workshops

Contact: Alys Attewater
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Brewers Guild

Contact: Fergus Redmead
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Facebook Page for The Smoking Bridge Guild of Libation Brew-
ers: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/252500448199290/>

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Fiber Arts Guild

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Fracta Modi (Musical Ensemble)

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Kitcheners Guild

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Scribal Guild (Calligraphers & Illuminators)

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Stonebridge Gambol (Dance Group)

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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/stonebridgegambol/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Tailors' Guild

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Barony Website: <http://smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org/>

Cape Cod Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/VinlandHaven/>

Barony Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Baronyofsmokingrocks/>

portable projects like needlework or spinning or embroidery or other things to keep busy, and one or more changes of clothes. Most event sites will have changing areas – which could range from large conference rooms to a bathroom stall or even just a curtained off corner of a room – where you can change into garb after you arrive.

Registering: Some events are free, others may charge, but offer card-carrying SCA members a \$3 discount. The event organizer is usually called the Autocrat by SCA tradition, but some groups prefer the more authentic term Steward or Purveyor. Pre-paid reservations are usually sent to the organizer or other designated person, and often there are more discounts for paying early. Dayboards (a buffet style luncheon) may or may not be included in the entry fee, or “site fee”. If there is an evening feast scheduled, the meal charge will often be separate from the site fee, as not everyone chooses to stay for dinner. You’ll often hear the phrase “Troll” – an early SCA term that was a play on the words “toll booth” and the fairy tale tradition of having to pay the trolls under a bridge for passage across. “Trolling in” refers to checking in at the gate to pay for and enter an event.

Keeping in Persona: Some events, like the Shire Twelfth Night in Smoking Rocks, put greater emphasis on “keeping in persona” than other events. “Keeping in Persona” means staying in character, speaking and behaving in a manner consistent to the character you are trying to portray. Most SCA events are less stringent about keeping in persona, and in many areas it tends to be a matter of personal preference. Even if you don’t plan to be a stickler about keeping in persona the entire time, there are many people who enjoy the illusion of being out of the modern, mundane world, so there are many things you can do to help maintain that illusion. Keep modern items hidden or covered; it’s simple enough to drink soda from a mug instead of directly from a can. Avoid slang words

or terms that can sound jarring in a conversation – for example, instead of saying, “send me an e-mail” you could say, “please write.” In conversations, you could say “yes, m’lord” or “yes, m’lady” instead of saying “OK” or “all right”.

On the topic of addressing other SCA members; there are different ways to address people depending on their rank. You may not always know if someone is a lord or lady, a knight or master, or even if they’re royalty, but don’t worry. If you don’t know someone’s appropriate title, addressing them as “M’lord” or “M’lady” is safe enough.

Feasts: At most events, participants are expected to bring their own “feast gear”, that is place settings and utensils. A plate, bowl, knife, fork, spoon, drinking vessel, and napkins are all you need to get through feast. Pottery, wood, even pewter or other metals look more authentic and can be found cheaply at stores or yard sales. Be aware – when we say feast, we mean feast – typically there can be 2, 3 or even 4 courses, each with several dishes. Pace yourself and don’t fill up on the first course – there could be several more to go!

Feasts are traditionally done in “Service à la française” or “family style” – all the dishes in a course are brought out to each table at the same time. Everyone is expected to serve themselves from the communal platters, passing the food around the table. At the end of feast, a big pot of hot soapy water is usually set out in the kitchen, so you can give your plates and utensils a quick surface cleaning until you can get them home.

Court: If an event is a Royal Progress – that is, the King and Queen are attending – their Majesties will usually hold Court. This is the time when their Majesties bestow titles, grant boons and favors, receive ambassadors, taxes and adulation (not necessarily in that order), and generally present awards and recognition to people who have either excelled in various areas of historical study or activities, or who have been of great service to the Kingdom. Representatives of the Crown, such as landed barons and princes can also hold Court at local events, and hand out local awards. Flash photography is technically banned during Court in the East Kingdom, and although you won’t necessarily get thrown out of the room, it’s generally frowned upon to use flash.

Other Activities: There will be lots of things to do and see at an event, depending on what type of event it is; Tournaments and War Colleges will start with armor inspections in the morning, and offer battles and fighting for most of the day. Universities and Scholas will offer classes and workshops, while Balls focus on dance, dance and more dance. There may be Bardic circles, with song, sagas and stories told around a campfire at an overnight camping event, and many events include merchant areas where you can shop for garb, weapons, armor and other SCAdian-type goods. The majority of events offer a mix of all of the above, so whatever your interest, there’s bound to be something to enjoy!

Announcements

Congratulations!

Congratulations, to **Lord Fergus Redmead**, newly appointed Central Region Guild Warden of the East Kingdom Brewers Guild and to **Lord Timo von Schuzzilwenst**, the new East Kingdom Deputy Earl Marshal for Experimental Weapons!.

Barony Twelfth Night

Saturday, January 12, 2013
12 noon – 9 p.m.
Fairhaven Unitarian Church
102 Green St
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Fees:

Site: adults \$20 (\$15 with proof of SCA membership)

Children under 17: \$10 / Under 5: free

Feast: Feast \$10 / children under 12: \$8

Preregistration deadline: Jan. 4, 2013

Make Checks Payable to: Barony of Smoking Rocks

Payment through ACCEPS is available.
<http://acceps.ansteorra.org/>

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Meeting Minutes of the 7 October 2012 Barony of Smoking Rocks Business Meeting

This is an abridged version of the minutes. For the full version, please visit the Barony of Smoking Rocks yahoo group.

Officer Reports

Arts & Sciences: Dye day 9/23. 15 People @ brew day 9/16, glass beadmaking 10/7. Cheesemaking class in Nov or Dec.

Pursuivant: Re-sent info on Baronial awards to bring Order of Precedence list up to date. Lots of changes in standards for names.

Knight Marshall: Fight practices @ PAL in Fall River. 4 fighters entering crown.

Chronicler: Sept. newsletter posted @ Yahoo group site.

Exchequer: Solskinn & Sile balancing Sept. books.

Old Business

Twelfth Night: Announcement is on EK Website. ACCEPS payment allowed.

Ice Weasel: Sabina checking w/ Fall River Masons for lodge. Nejla is cook, feast will be Greek / Byzantine (Fergus & Molly are parent cooks)

Barony Birthday: Ceawlin & Molly running event; theme is Robin Hood @ the Nottingham Goose Fair. Looking @ Camp Norse for site.

Vinland: Meetings with Camp Norse & Camp Greenough. Norse unavailable, negotiating flat rates for Greenough.

Baroness Time

-Officers need to make sure they have deputies

-Nominations for next baronial election open tonight

-Those interested in running have 30 days to submit nominations.

New Business

-Solskinn needs amounts barony has spent on shed this year

-Move from garage to shed postponed

-Brewers guild interested in sponsoring Grape Stomp next year

-Discussion on EK Seneschal policy on 2 year term limit w/ one 2-year extension .

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