

Barony of Smoking Rocks

Kenning Points



Special Yule Edition

December *AS XLIX (2014)*

A Shire Twelfth night 1066

Saturday January 10, 2015



It has been over a decade since we first met the Denizens of Fairhaven hall enjoying a 12th night in 1074. From the early days we have seen them turn from a divided people, distrustful and wary of the new Norman lords, into a people now united in their love of the demesne and the land that they live in. We have seen them grow closer thru betrothals, marriages, celebrations political unions and Thru this many of you have grown to love the beautiful hall, the roaring fire, the first person play and the atmosphere that sets this event apart from any other.

BUT do you know how it all began? Travel with us this year to Fairhaven hall in January of 1066!

Alred the Saxon lord holds the hall his family has held for over 200 years. Come see the young Caewlin, and the young Cerdic of Corbridge! The people of the demnse are happy healthy and safe in their snug Northumbrian hall. But change is afoot. Word will soon reach them that the sick and ailing king Edward has passed from this realm and a new king will soon rise from the Saxon nobility. But, what to fear all know the tall eldest son of Godwin shall rise and become the greatest and noblest of Saxon kings!

So, come join in the fun the revelry, apple bobbing, and a fabulous Saxon feast cooked by our own Lord Haekon, or simply enjoy the plotting and witness the last 12th night of Saxon England!

If you have not come before, this is the event you hear about. Come play in a person that could have lived, in a hall that could have stood. Come enjoy the games plays and merriment of Fairhaven hall. Come enjoy the intrigue, the mystery and the games and pleasant company all within the walls of a true great manor which will fuel the imagination and spirit for a year to come.

As usual there will be traditional Saxon games, come bob for apples and chase the wolves from the sheep. Or try your hand at the table games by the glow of the huge fireplace. Wile away a winter afternoon and eve with the Good folk of Fairhaven hall

Remember that this is an attempt at a "first person " event.

A "10 foot rule" applies to manner and garb. (A ten foot rule is simply having the manner and appearance to one that might have lived in the Middle ages when viewed by a reasonably educated individual from a distance of 10 feet)

No one is allowed to enter the manor in mundane clothing or to leave mundane items in plain sight. For that reason, changing rooms are available just outside the main doors to the hall. Come bring your alternate persona and try a hand at portraying someone who could really have

Date:

Saturday January 10, 2015

Site Opens: *Noon*

Site Closes: *8PM*

Event Location:

Unitarian church

102 Green St

Fairhaven, MA 02719

Directions:

Find your best way to Route 195 in Mass.

Take exit 18 off of Route 195 (Rte 240 South Fairhaven) 1.3 miles

Turn right at traffic light onto Bridge st. 0.6 miles

Turn right at second traffic light onto Huddleston Ave. 0.5 miles

Turn left onto Green St.



Event Fees :

Site : *day fee including day board: Adults \$20 or \$15 with proof of SCA membership*

(Nonmember fee: \$5)

Children under 17: \$10

Under 5: free

Feast: *Feast Adults \$10*

Feast children under 12: \$8

Make Checks Payable to: SCA MA, Inc. -Barony of Smoking Rocks

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12th Night Menu

1st Course

Klaf (bread)

Cyse Syfling (cheese spread)

Cipena Syfling (onion relish)

Aeppla Syfling (apple butter)

Pysena Brin (pea soup)

Leahtrices Wyrmete (lettuce salad)

Wyrte Seaw (herb dressing)

2nd Course

Braede Eofor (marinated pork roast)

Swamma Klaf (mushroom dressing)

Kunigbaere Moran (honey glazed carrots)

3rd Course

Kierstle Cicen (pan fried chicken)

Gebuterode Betan (buttered beets)

4th Course (dessert)

Baecen Aepplas (baked apples)

Peru on Wine (pears in wine sauce)



A newcomer's Guide to what to expect at events

Topic: I've paid the Gate Fee now what?

“Chatelaine's information”

(Reprinted from the December 2007 & 2013 Kenning Points)

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, 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 \$5 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!



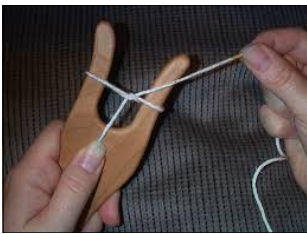
Feasts are traditionally done in “Service à la française” or “family style” — all the dishes in a course are brought out to each table at the same time. Everyone is expected to serve themselves from the communal platters, passing the food around the table. At the end of feast, a big pot of hot soapy 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!



Lucette braiding



Kumihimo braiding



Henna art



Embroidery

Smoking Rocks members at 2014 fall crown tourney



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