

# Barony of Smoking Rocks



April 2017

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## BARONY OF SMOKING ROCKS POT LUCK BIRTHDAY MAY 20, 2017

### Come join the Barony of Smoking Rocks as we celebrate 41 years.

Baron Richard Leviathan and Baroness Alys Attewater Smoking Rocks will be hosting their Baronial Heavy Combat and Period Rapier Tournaments, along with our A&S Championship. We look forward to watching all of the combat and competition of the day as we welcome all of our new Champions.

### This year Baron Fergus will be awarding the top 3 Heraldic banners with a prize.

We have lots of outside space and weather permitting it will be wonderful to see your artwork flying high.

### Heavy Combat and Rapier Championships:

Heavy Combat tourney and rules are forthcoming.

Baron Wulphere of Stonemarche is designing and running the DAY'S Heavy Combat Tourney.

### Baron Fergus will be designing a challenging competition to test the mettle of the next champions.

Fencers from outside of the Barony are welcome to participate to win the inaugural defender of the shield tourney. The winner of the defender of the shield tourney will be able to covet the handcrafted shield for the time period of 1 year and use at their leisure during this time period. The winners name will be engraved on the back of the shield with the date of the tourney. As Defender of the shield the winner is responsible to defend the Baron and Baroness when called upon. And come back the following year to put on a tourney to find their successor. Who will be the 1st champion of the shield? The top fighters from within the barony will be awarded Champions to the Barony of Smoking Rocks and honored as such in court. Prizes will be awarded to the top fighters overall.

### Smoking Rocks Arts and Sciences Championship:

Greetings, from the current A&S Champion of the Barony of Smoking Rocks. For our A&S Championship to be held at our Barony Birthday Event on May 20th, I am challenging our artisans to step out of their comfort zone! The one requirement for the challenge is that entries must be something that the maker's primary persona would NOT have made, and would NOT have used! With the fact in mind that some have multiple personae, it is up to the entrant's discretion and honor to apply this to the persona that they most often use. Documentation to support this aspect of the challenge will be required. May this inspire our talented artisans of the Barony to try something new! *IYS, Lady Ammalina Taikkizhavi.*



**THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING ALL THAT ARE COMING FOR FEAST TO JOIN US WITH A POT LUCK DINNER ITEM.**

**PLEASE SIGN UP AHEAD OF TIME WITH AUTOCRAT BARON FERGUS REDMEAD.**

**AND WHO WILL WIN BARON FERGUS'S BEST DESSERT CHALLENGE? THE SWEETEST PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNER.**

**This is a DRY SITE with a ZERO TOLERANCE RULE!! Please respect this request.**

### **Site Address:**

Stone Church - First Congregational Church  
785 S Main St  
Raynham, MA 02767

**Site Opens : 9:00am      Site Closes: 8:00pm**



## **BARONY POTLUCK BIRTHDAY CONTINUED:**

### **Registration Fees:**

The registration fee for this event is \$5.00 per person. This event is a potluck dining event and we ask that you contact Baron Fergus Redmead @ [fergusredmead@gmail.com](mailto:fergusredmead@gmail.com) to let him know of your dish. We want to make sure that all food categories have been covered.

### **Feast Fees:**

There is no feast fee and reservation deadline for this event. We have decided to make this event a potluck dayboard dining experience.

\* Please take the time to write or print out your ingredient list so that those with allergy concerns will be confident with what they are sampling.

\* Please contact Baron Fergus Redmead @ [fergusredmead@gmail.com](mailto:fergusredmead@gmail.com) no later than 5-10-2017 with the dish that you will be bringing. We want to make sure all food categories are accommodated.

Make Checks payable to: **Barony of Smoking Rocks**

### **Send Reservations to:**

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### **Additional contact info:**

Merchant are welcome with limited space so please contact that autocrat no later than 5-1-2017 to reserve your space.



## **ICE WEASEL 2017**



We had many A & S classes including a blacksmith class by Master Lewellen.

Close to 20 fighters attended and took part in the tournaments. Master Demitri won the heavy arms contest.

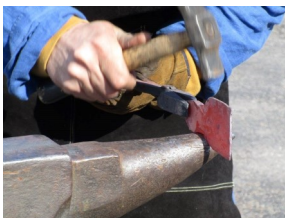
We had a bardic champions competition and our champion was Serafima who will now shower us with songs for the next year.

Lady Elaine was inducted into the order of the Leviathan.

The Baron gave a rousing call to arms for Great Northeastern War.

The feast was amazing and the Weasel Cake astounding and delicious.

Our dinner was candle lit thanks to the ministers donation of candles and the night even more magical due to the soft and beautiful medieval guitar music played while we ate.



*IYS Baron Richard*

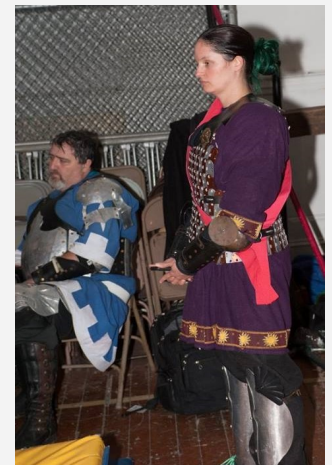
## March 2017 Regional Training Day at the PAL in Fall River



About 50 people attended our biggest melee training day yet at the Police Athletic League in Fall River! For the past 2 years we have been holding regular training days. This kind of training is more structured than just fighting melees. It consists of warm ups and drills designed to increase awareness and to allow people mastering their given role within a particular melee unit. Classes and chalk talks are taught by fighters of varied rank who excel in particular melee skills.

The day concludes with final melees where everyone is given the opportunity to apply the fresh knowledge of that day's drills and lessons. The event is well attended by knights and masters and we even had 6 combat archers in the mix this time. For this month's training day we had people traveling from as far as Nova Scotia, Philadelphia and New Jersey.

Everyone said that they would take these new ideas and melee skills back to their homes and local area fight practices. In the end it is our common goal to make the East Kingdom warriors the best there are and prepare us all for future battles.



*By Baron Richard*

**Saturday April 29, 2017 from 10am to 4pm**

**Mashpee High/Middle School at 500 Old Barnstable Road Mashpee, MA 02649**



*Invite your friends or stop by the Barony's Demo table yourself to learn more about our Barony and the SCA in general.*

There will be Arts & Science and crafting exhibits, demos on how to participate in a medieval dance, live fighting fencing and much more !

For more details visit: [capecodmakerfaire.com](http://capecodmakerfaire.com)



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO MAN THE TABLE AS WELL AS HELP OUT WITH COMBAT DEMONSTRATIONS !**

**Please contact Baroness Alys on the Barony Facebook page.**

*Member Spotlight:*

## LADY ELAINE HOWYS OF MORNINGTHORPE



Lady Elaine Howys of Morningthorpe is our Barony's Seneschal, she holds an Award of Arms, is a member of the Order of Maunche, and has received a Silver Quadrant.

Lady Elaine's wardrobe is a testament to her skills in garment construction and needlecraft. Her appearance at an event is inspiring to those who appreciate her exquisite attention to detail. She has extensively researched the culture, crafts and time period of her persona. It is a delight to see her at an event, wearing a gorgeous gown she recreated, carrying her sundries in a wicker basket, perfectly capturing the spirit of her persona.

Elaine's involvement in the SCA began with her interest in Renaissance Faires. She enjoyed attending these events wearing costumes she created utilizing commercial patterns, but felt she wanted something more. One faithful day, attending the Springfield Sportsman Show with her Husband Robert Howys, an accomplished craftsman in his own right, they met Jill of Trader Jan's. Jill introduced them to members of the SCA at their Friday night archery practice. This chance encounter led to Elaine and Robert becoming involved in the SCA. They have been attending the Friday night archery practice for over fifteen years and both have achieved the ranking of Master Bowman.

Elaine constructs the garb that she and her husband wear to events. When it comes to needlecraft, Elaine states, "My first love is sewing, I don't call it garb, I call it wardrobe. I probably own too much. I can lose track of time in my sewing room." As with many artisans in the SCA, her skills developed over years of research and trial and error. Her preferred method of research is through books. When she worked in Boston, she would frequent Brattle Book Shop, where she found old books that she used to teach herself period techniques and patterns. She also feels that the internet has been a great boon for people interested in researching for the SCA. Her advice to someone new to sewing garb in the SCA is "Don't feel that your first attempt must be made with a professional pattern like Margo Anderson patterns. There are modern patterns; McCalls, Simplicity, and Butterick, that are of good quality and can be converted to period style and would look good from 10 feet.

Many members of the SCA develop their own persona, creating a personal history that can influence their choices of period garb and crafts. Elaine explained the development of her persona, "My persona is my relatives. My father and I did much research on our family genealogy, including a trip to England. The Sears family came to America in 1630, arriving in Hull, MA. They then bought some land from the widow Brewster and settled on in, and named it Yarmouth. If you go to Yarmouth, MA, and you see a white house on the common, you can find a plaque with the name Richard Sears there; he was my great-great- (...) grandfather. The Sears family is linked by marriage to the Howys family which can be traced back to the Domesday book. Morningthorpe, Thorpe meaning village, is within Norfolk, Norwich, England. Another distant relative owned the Manor Home there, naturally called Morningthorpe Manor, I weaved all that together and we became the house of Morningthorpe.



*Member Spotlight continued:*

Elaine's persona directs her needlecraft; she researches Tudor and Elizabethan era clothing, and attempts to recreate articles that her persona would wear. She has created beautiful Coifs utilizing various period embroidery techniques. In her pursuit of historically accurate recreation, Elaine visited the Victoria and Albert Museum, located in England. Elaine explained, "Queen Victoria and Albert rescued artifacts, clothing, building etc., to preserve them. You can make an appointment and spend a day looking at period artifacts. Their collection is also online, you can get super high resolution pictures, if you do not use them for commercial reasons." Elaine received a picture of the Red Coif in that collection; "I could see the exact stitches they used, the same shading, they x-ray artifacts so you can see the inside seams. It took two years of evening embroidery to finish the coif."



Elaine received her Maunche in recognition of this work.

Elaine is a member of the Keepers of Athena's Thimble guild, one of the most active guilds in the SCA. Anyone who appreciates embroidery may become a member, and some members choose to panel their works in order to achieve rankings within the Guild's twelve categories of types of embroidery.

After many years of honing her craft with a goal of recreating period items, Elaine's next project involves creating a new item based on period technique. She is currently working on a version of a pair Elizabeth I's gloves that are in the Victoria and Albert museum, and are in a book published by them, which includes jackets, gloves and accessories.



Elaine explains that "Most of the gloves we see are 1600 and are elaborate, but we don't often see the clothing people would wear every day.

The fancy ones were saved, the ordinary ones used."



Elaine closed her interview with her personal motto, "**The more I learn, the less I know.**"

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Elaine recommends the following resources:

Keepers of Athena's Thimble: <http://www.athenasthimble.com/>

Margo Anderson's patterns: <https://margo-andersons-historic-costume-patterns.myshopify.com/>

Janet Arnold, author - Patterns of Fashion

Victoria and Albert Museum <https://www.vam.ac.uk/>

Image of Morningthorpe Manor from: <http://www.edp24.co.uk/property/morningthorpe-manor-could-be-yours-for-just-1-5m-1->

## Medieval Spot Remover research project part one.

By Baroness Alys Attewater



As many in the Barony are aware, I have researched medieval spot removal recipes. One of the great advantages of the Internet to research is the many medieval books that have been digitized, allowing us to look at primary sources of material. But how can I learn about, for instance, spot removers from 16th century Venice when I don't speak Italian, never mind a Venetian dialect of medieval Italian? That's where another Internet based research tool comes in: Google Translate.

Google Translate is an amazing resource, but it's also not a perfect resource. Since it's not an actual living person, it doesn't understand when a word is spelled strangely. The English example would be "a gode booke". To a native speaker, that's obviously going to be "good book", but to a computer, it's just gobbledygook. This means that sometimes I have to be creative in trying to figure out what was actually written.

Sometimes I can use context clues, other times I just remain baffled.

Here is an example of the sort of thing that I have been doing:

### The original text reads:

*Levar ogni macchia d'olio , e di grasso in panno. Cap. 59.*

*piglia sapon bianco a tua discretione, quale tritarai sottilmente, e lo metterai in una caraffa mezza piena di lessiva . E metti in detta lessiva sale armoniaco, due rossi d'ova fresche, sugo de cavoli , e sele di bue, a tua discretione. <symbol>.i.di tartaro pesto, sottilmente e setacciato ogni cosa posta nella sopradetta caraffa, tenedola squassata ogni cosa nella caraffa molto bene al Sole caldo, f quattro giorni, laqual acqua farà bonissima bagnando co detta il luoco della macchia di dentro, e di fuori molto bene, e lassala seccare poi lava molto bene, con acqua chiara, con l'infrascritto sapone, se'l ti piace, e lassa sciugare, e restera netto.*

### Which Google Translate renders as:

*Levar each wildfire, and in cloth fat*

*Catches sapon white your discretione, which tritarai thinly, and put it in a half-full jug of lessiva. And put in that lessiva armoniaco rooms, two red of fresh eggs, juice of cabbage, and fele Ox, in your discretione. <symbol>. I.di tartar pesto, thinly and sieved everything placed in the aforesaid decanter, tenedola buffeted everything in carafe very well to hot sun, f four days, laqual water will very good wetting co dictates luoco stain the inside and outside very well, then wash and dry Lassala very well with clear water with the infrascritto soap, se'l you like, be dried and loose, and will remain shareholders pii*

Which....basically doesn't make any sense. Having looked at a lot of these recipes, "piglia" translates much more smoothly as "take". Sapon is very much like the word sapone which means soap, and would make sense in this context. Add an e to levar and you get "to remove".

"Lessiva" doesn't translate, but in context "lye" would make sense. The Italian word for lye is "liscivia". While I have no idea how Italian pronunciation works, I can see how that may well be what is meant by "lessiva", and if I translate it as lye, it makes sense not just in this context, but in the context of the other recipes where the word is used. "Fele" doesn't translate, but it is right next to the word "ox" and a lot of spot removal recipes call for the gall of an ox, so I looked up how to say "gall" and "bile" in Italian, and the answer is "fiele." That's a close enough match in meaning and spelling that I can reasonably assume that this is what is meant.

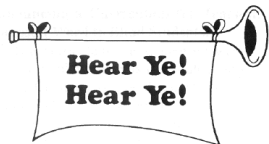
I have no idea why “macchia” means stain and “d’olio” means oil, but “macchia d’olio” consistently translates, even in isolation, as “wildfire.” I guess it’s a quirk of the Italian language, but for our purposes “oil stain” makes a whole lot more sense.

By using context clues, knowledge of other stain removal recipes, and a little guesswork, I can create a much smoother translation:

**To remove each oil stain and fat in cloth**

Take white soap at your discretion, cut thinly, and put it in a half-full jug of lye. And put in that lye salt ammoniac, two fresh red eggs, cabbage juice, and the gall of an ox. Add <symbol - an amount?> of tartar to make a thin paste. Sieve everything in the aforementioned jug, shake very well and put in the hot sun for four days, wetting the stained place both inside and out very well with this water, then wash, with clear water, with infrascritto soap and allow to dry very well and it will remain clean.

I’m still at a loss for what the weird symbols mean (are they amounts?) or what infrascritto means, but I’m much closer to something that actually makes sense. Lye, ox gall, and eggs are common stain removal ingredients, as is the direction to lay the cloth in the sun. So the basic recipe, and the general instructions, both seem plausible. More research will obviously need to be done to see if salt ammoniac and cabbage are mentioned by other people, making my translation more plausible, but this brings us to a good place to start looking.



## ALL COMBAT ARCHERS Greetings Populace

**You are all aware the Baroness and I love Combat Archery.** We have many Combat Archers in the Barony. Many who have not played in recent years.

The environment is good now for CA. The royals back it. Many of the knights and masters back it. Many event organizers are beginning to back it. **We here in the Barony are going to be supporting it at the monthly Pal Practices in Feb and March.** We are going to be supporting it with **ammo building workshops and armor workshops.**

We should be able to shoot this year at Roses, Panteria, Northern Region War camp, Great North Eastern. Pennsic and 100 min war. That is a full war season of CA events. **I would like to ask people on our site search committee to start looking for sites as well that are good for CA.** If you do CA but have not been active in the past few years because of the hate filled environment you encountered in the past I am here to tell you there is still a bit of it out there but it is a different game today. Eastern Culture is finally learning to appreciate the need for your particular set of skills. Please dust off you bows and open up your time slots for these upcoming weekends and make the effort to get out there again. You will have fun.

IYS Baron Richard Leviathan



### Thrown weapons update:

*As soon as the weather clears there will again be practices held in Attleboro in Fergus & Sabina's yard.*



### Fencing update:

*A large regional practice was held in Fall River in early March with about 40 fencers from near and far attending including the Royal highnesses and entourage.*



### **TRADER JAN'S ARCHERY PRACTICE IS ONGOING:**

Every Friday evening, Check the Barony's FB page for changes or cancellations.



### **EK Royal Round Rankings as of March 25, 2017**

Rank	Master Bowmen	SCA Group	Bows	Average
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2	Nest verch Tangwistel	Smoking Rocks	RRR	99.00
7	Robert Howys of Morningthorp	Smoking Rocks	CCC	91.33
14	Godric fitz Edmond	Smoking Rocks	CCC	83.00
16	Cosimo de Venezia	Smoking Rocks	RRR	81.00
19	Elaina Howys of Morningthorpe	Smoking Rocks	RRR	80.67

Rank	Archers	SCA Group	Bows	Average
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115	Alice Rousseau	Smoking Rocks	RRR	38.33
129	Dearbhorgaill ingen Rosa	Smoking Rocks	LUL	31.00

### Webminister:

Diego Porcelos would like you all to contact him with information or additions for the Barony website: [webminister@smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org](mailto:webminister@smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org)



### Chronicler:

If you have a story, announcement or anything else for our next Kenning Points send it to:

[Ruthbechtold@gmail.com](mailto:Ruthbechtold@gmail.com)



## **Barony of Smoking Rocks Meeting Minutes Feb/March 2017**

This is an abridged version of the minutes for the full versions please join the Smoking Rocks yahoo groups.

### Officers reports

**A & S:** 4 classes were held at Ice Weasel including a forge demonstration by Master Lewellen. Serafima won Bardic contest and for Barony Birthday we have a challenge of a project outside of your personal comfort zone.

**Knight Marshal:** Large turnout at Ice Weasel, Master Dimitri won with Kristof from Bergental second and Baron Wolphere third place. Large regional training held at the PAL in Fall River with folks from all over region also included were several combat archers.

**Fencing:** Large Fencing practice was also at the PAL on March 4th with 39 fencers attended as well as the Royal highnesses. Great success.

**Thrown Weapons:** Waiting for better weather and dry ground.

**Archery:** Practice ongoing at Trader Jan's in Fall River on Fridays.

**MOL:** New MOL elected Baron Fergus Redmead

**Herald:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Exchequer:** Bank accounts and all reporting is current.

**Chronicler:** Latest minutes submitted no changes requested

**Chatelaine:** Ice Weasel event brought in many inquiries by interested folks, possibly one tub of garb went missing. Grateful for all the help at Ice Weasel.

**Web minister:** Diego Porcelo is our new web minister all is set up with EK for him, doing a great job newly designed website is ready for roll out.

**Steward:** Jugs have been purchased still need to get better pot scrubbers. Cooks need to bring along trash bags for events and arrange for trash disposal afterwards.

**Seneschal:** Nothing o report at this time all is quiet on the front.

### Old Business:

—**12th night:** Mostly all went smoothly and people had fund. His Royal highness and entourage attended, kitchen could have used more prep help and during day, event did not loos any money. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped out. There were some very magical moments especially the candle lighting ceremony and the music.

—**Ice Weasel : -12 angry weasels.** Event went very well 60 people attended and 39 sat down for a delicious feast. It was attended by the most fighters to date. Church provided candle light for better ambiance at dinner. Great location to hold event.

—**Barony Birthday:** Baron Fergus to Autocrat a Potluck event again at the Stone Church in Raynham on May 20, 2017. A&S, Heavy list and Fencing championship to be held. There will be a special tourney for folks outside Smoking Rocks as well. Special A&S challenge posted by Lady Ammalina for folks to create something outside their comfort zone, documentation required.

—**Makers Fair Demo:** Mashpee April 29, 2017 from 10 am to 4 pm, Lots of volunteers needed for this Demo please contact Baroness Alys.

### New Business:

— **MOL position:** Fergus was the only applicant, he was approved by all as our new MOL.

— **Fall Harvest Event:** Nest proposed to hold an event in the fall together with Solskin and Sunnifa. Nest will be the cook and she is planning on growing most all food in her fathers garden from seed. Volunteers to help throughout the growing season are encouraged to come forward. She is planning also to hold some of the work in the period fashion wearing garb and all. This will be a great family event and we will chronicle and post the process throughout this spring and summer.

### Baron and Baroness time:

Baron suggests we work with local media group which owns a rather large warehouse where demos could be held and possible video's could be produced about the Barony and the SCA. Baron was interviewed on his personal experience with historical reenactment for a podcast.

### Next meetings:

—May 7th at the Howy's in Attleboro & June 4th in New Bedford

IYS Marguerite von Elfenau & Naia

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Congratulations to



Lady Elaine Howys of Morningthorpe  
For her induction into the  
Order of the Leviathan

At Ice Weasel 2017  
VIVAT

**OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO  
BARONESS TATIANA, MASTER PADRAIG AND THE  
WHOLE HARRINGTON FAMILY  
IN THE LOSS OF THEIR PAPA.  
YOU ARE ALL IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS  
DURING THIS SAD TIME.**



**If you attended Ice Weasel,  
then this PSA is for you:**



Hi all, Did anyone find a large tote full of garb that is not theirs? Please PM me if you did.  
We would like it back pretty please.  
Also, I have some lost and found items myself. If you've lost it, I probably have it.

Sabina.

## Welcome to the Farm Callisto !

March 26, 2017 born to Ophelia a new little lamb!  
Congratulations to the Mom and midwives Nest and Kayla



## Update from Nest on the Barony Harvest Festival event:

Next step in the Harvest Festival event. I started the herb seeds a couple weeks ago, and they are doing well. We have lots of thyme, and marjoram coming up, and enough sage to do many a feast. Now the leek and onion plants came in yesterday. The instructions included with them says they should go in the ground within a week of receipt. So I am going to try to till and plant this Sunday starting at about 9:30.

If anyone wants to help come on over. The address is 567 New Bedford Rd, Rochester. The only problem might be if it is too wet after the rains on Saturday to till.

I will not know the answer to that until Saturday anyway. I will post if I think it will be too wet. Check Nest's posts for farming updates or contact her if you want to help out.



IYS Mistress Nest

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