

Kenning Points

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Upcoming Events



Barony of Smoking Rocks 42nd BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The answer to Life, the Universe and everything

May 12th 2018

Stone Church 785 South Main Street In Raynham MA



The year is 1571 in England. After a long cold & raw winter, we have finally emerged into the Merry Month of May. There are warming breezes to bring us out of our homes, the fields are turning green, the flowers are blooming and the bees buzz around the hives (pointing to good mead to come). What better time of the year to celebrate the Anniversary of the Barony of Smoking Rocks.

On this day there will be various competitions held:

Heavy List, Fencing, Arts and Sciences, and Bardic. From among the winners the Barony will chose their new Champions for the year.

So come one and all. The day will be filled with much to do. We will end the day with a Baronial Court, to be followed by a fine English Feast.

Site opens: 9 am Site Closes 8 pm

Registration: Site fee \$13 for adults includes day board (\$ 5 member discount)

Minors under the age of 17 are free

Reservation deadline: May 5, 2018

Make Checks payable to : SCA MA Inc. Barony of Smoking Rocks

Event Steward: Elaine Howys of Morningthorpe (Elaine Sears-Dennehy)

Greetings to the great peoples of Smoking Rocks from your current Bardic and A&S champion!

So, our new champions will be chosen at Barony Birthday in May, so that give you time to practice your vocal exercises, memories your stories, and perfect your artistic projects! Below you'll find guidelines for each of my competitions. You don't have to be Michaelangelo or Maria Callas to enter (although that would totally ROCK) but I want to see people step outside their comfort zones. You won't be criticized or have rotten vegetables thrown at you if your documentation isn't perfect or if you hit a flat note, I promise.

Bardic:

I grew up with bedtime stories and lullabies sung to me by both mom and dad, and my grandmother, so my challenge to you: sing/play me a lullaby, and tell me a story. You may choose which to do first. No piece should be more than 5 minutes long, and pieces can be period or original works in a period style. If you would like to compete for this honor (and the awesome regalia made by moi), please email me at kareilly23@gmail.com, so I can plan out how much time I'll need for the competition.

A&S:

I know we have many talented artisans in this barony, and, taking a page from Mistress Sunnifa, I would love to see the table (s) COVERED in projects (and if I don't, I wasn't the first Lady Protector of the Barony for nothing >;)). My challenge to you: I want to see something "mundane" to your persona. What do I mean by that? Step one: I want to see something that your persona would use everyday. For example, if you were a blacksmith/armorer by trade (like my husband), you made most if not all of your tools. I want to see those tools. I want to see your cooking utensils. I want to see your handmade looms. I want to see your handmade trim. Step 2: I want to know how your project played into your persona's life. Did it make life easier? How? if it's a garment, why would your persona wear that garment (color, fabric, type of garment, etc)? I WANT TO KNOW ALL THE THINGS!!!

I know that the biggest pain/fear/road block for this type of competition for some people is the documentation. It's not required, but IS preferred. I'm not your AP English professor and I won't deduct points if its not 1000 words and in strict MLA/APA/Chicago citation and format style (I went through that hell in high school, and then again college). However..... PLEASE PLEASE cite your sources. If you use a picture, please caption it with the website/book it came from; same with quotes. If your didn't publish the work, PLEASE give credit to those who did. It's the polite thing to do

I'm going to post the rules for the A&S champion so you can become familiar with the judging. (See Facebook posts)



SMOKING ROCKS DEMO @ CAPE COD MINI MAKERS FAIRE

SATURDAY APRIL 28. 2018 AT THE MASHPEE HIGHSCHOOL

**Cape Cod Mini
Maker Faire®**

We're happy to welcome back the Barony of Smoking Rocks, the Southeastern Massachusetts chapter of the International Society for Creative Anachronism. Members recreate the medieval period from the year 600 to 1600. They do this in a myriad of ways from making the clothing and tools that would have been used in period to recreating fighting techniques and dance moves to playing music or making art that medieval cultures would recognize. They'll be back for a fifth year!

Ann Carpenter, a member of the Barony of Smoking Rocks, says, "While dressed in clothing of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, you can experience tournaments, royal courts, feasts, and dancing. You also have the opportunity to learn and practice ancient arts and skills such as calligraphy, cooking, armoring, metalworking, carpentry, and fiber arts (to name just a few!) — within an all-ages social group."

I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT: This is a great opportunity for a public demo. We've attended several years in a row and get a lot of attention, and have recruited new baronial members! We would love to have anyone who is able come down and join us. If you have a project to display, bring it along. We are going to try to coordinate a fighting demo and I believe we have a fencing marshal attending so we should be able to get some fencing going as well.

IYS BARONESS ALYS ATTEWATER

BARON & BARONESS CORNER:

Greetings to the Populace,

We welcome everyone to our humble barony and urge those who need help or have question to reach out to the officers who can guide you in the right direction.

We invite you to join us at the upcoming 42nd Barony Birthday celebration next month. It will be marvelous day of competition with Baronial Championships for heavy list fighting, fencing, arts and sciences, and bardic. .

We look forward to meeting old friends and new friends and hope to meet many newcomers as well.

We welcome you all to our family.

Thank you Alys & Richard of Smoking Rocks



The Kitchener's corner:

Medieval Onion Cheese Pie by Amy Keller Jump

"A sweet and savory pie using medieval spices for a unique and interesting side dish."

Ingredients:

3 Large Sweet Onions (appx 3.5" diameter) sliced	3 Scallions sliced
2 TB Garlic minced	2 TB Butter
½ tsp Ground Mace	½ tsp Ground Cinnamon
1 TB fresh Thyme chopped	1 TB fresh Sage
¾ Cup Muenster Cheese grated	2 Eggs
¼ Cup Half and Half	10 Slices Bacon
1 Refrigerated Pie Crust	Ground Pepper to taste



Directions:

1. In a large skillet, cook the onions, scallions, garlic, and butter over medium-high heat for 10 minutes or until soft and liquidy.
 2. Stir in pepper, mace, cinnamon, thyme, and sage until well mixed.
 3. Remove cover and sauté over medium heat for another 10 minutes until water has mostly evaporated and onions start to caramelize.
 4. Remove from heat and let cool.
 5. Meanwhile, weave the bacon into a lattice and cook flat in microwave between paper towels until 75% cooked.
 6. Press the pie crust into a pie plate and spread half the cheese at the bottom.
 7. Plop the onions into the crust and smooth out loosely.
 8. Add the remainder of the cheese to the top layer.
 9. Beat the eggs and the cream together and pour evenly over the pie.
 10. Top with the bacon lattice, and tuck the bacon ends under the edge of the crust.
- Bake in a preheated 350 degree F oven for 25 minutes, or until bottom of crust is cooked and bacon is crispy.

Newcomers information:

New to the SCA or just moved to the area from another part of the country?

SMOKING ROCKS WELCOMES YOU !
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR CONTACT INFORMATION:
<https://smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org/>

Your Chatelain: *Bethamie Von Rohr*

The story of Ice Weasel 2018 or better known to us all as: **“Pop goes the Weasel”**



Every winter over the past 13 years the warriors of our region have been gathering their swords, broad swords, halberds and other weapons that have been laying around unused collecting dust during the long and cold months we call winter. They spent hours shining their armor and travelling through deep snow, howling storms and darkness to reach the Barony of Smoking Rocks and to join their friends and foes for a most unique event, one unlike any other the now famous “Ice Weasel”.

The winter of 2018 was no exception everyone was ready for this fight except: things did not quite work out for the organizers this year. You might ask what could have happened, how hard can it be to put on an event that seems to run itself after all these years. However, Life happened to us this year, work and an affordable suitable local were suddenly not such an easy task, we tried but, in the end, we had no other choice but to cancel. Nobody was happy about that and then suddenly things started to happen despite everyone. Word got out and everyone started to look around for opportunities, Amy’s mom had just the right place in mind, her church in Rochester was available and the cost fit our budget. But what were we going to do about the meal, not easy to find a cook to prepare a feast in just few weeks, also the kitchen was just a bit on the small side. What to do now? what does a group with so many good chefs do under those circumstances? the answer is easy, we all like to eat and believe it or not most scadians I know love to cook and show off their culinary skills, we love to experiment with new dishes so why not a Pot Luck weasel this year?

This is what happened at one barony meeting with people jumping in to help we had an event put together, we had a “POP weasel” and now all we needed was a bit of snow and maybe a ray or two of sunshine for that day. Early March gave us all that, winter weather, snow covered fields, sunshine and lots of good food and friends who gathered at this little church. Men fought, children played, merchants set up their stalls, friends remembered good old times. The tourney was a success and we had a winner who was celebrated at a short but festive court held in the pretty church’s sanctuary and presided over by our gracious Baron and Baroness. Afterwards we ate our fill, sang some songs and had a merry afternoon together in Smoking Rocks stile.

We want to thank all that have contributed to this special event for all their efforts and for stepping up to make this happen when all seemed impossible at first.

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Seneschal's messages:

Welcome to those that are new to our area or even the SCA and have just found the Barony of Smoking Rocks "facebook" page!

If you would like to find out more about our group, you can find us at <http://smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org/>.

Baronial business meetings are held every 1st Sunday of the month from 7 to 9 pm at varied locations throughout our Barony. If you want to attend please check the "facebook" page for monthly notices/ invitations or contact your seneschal at: seneschal@smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org

In service to the Barony of Smoking Rocks,
Sabina Luttrell
Seneschal

Update on the: East Kingdom 50 Year celebration in June of this year.

The history display that many groups have been asked to participate in is well under way.

Our own Mistress Nest has taken on the lead on this project. Baroness Molly has spent many hours interviewing Baron Yosef and now we need some artifacts from you all. Please provide Nest with pictures, coronets, clothing and other items that she can use for the display. She will take good care of it all. Thanks for all your help in getting this project to fruition.

seneschal@smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org

This was in the New Bedford Guide this morning, and I thought it would be interesting to share - this was the inspiration for the founders of our SCA group to name this Shire "smoking rocks".

By Baroness Molly Blythe



This famous William Allen Wall painting "Gosnold at Smoking Rocks" depicts the arrival of the first European to set foot in New Bedford. It can't be proven, but it is said that he made "...landfall on the west side of the Acushnet River, somewhere around the South Terminal, northwest of Palmer's Island in a spot called the 'Smoking Rocks.'"

Some historians believe it is more likely that they landed at Sconticut Neck or West Island in Fairhaven. Either way, he explored the area for only a short period of time before moving on. There is mention of his meeting of some local Wampanoags before setting sail back to the Old World.

He did not return to the New World until 1607 where he helped set up the first English colony at Jamestown, Virginia. This visit would be his last, as most of the colonists, including Gosnold would perish at the colony over the course of the next 2 years.

Captain of Archery Position

The Barony is **STILL looking** for an individual (s) who would be interested in fulfilling this post. Regulation do not require this person to be an Archery Marshall, but it is strongly suggested. The Captain of Archery is responsible for submitting scores from Royal Rounds, organizing the yearly competition for the Arch Forester, and assisting persons interested in Archery.

Mistresses [Nest Verch Tangwistel](#) has volunteered to cover this position TEMPORARILY.

If anyone is interested in taking on this position please contact your Seneshal
Mistress Sabina Luttrell !

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, 2018

Rank	Bowmen	SCA Group	Bows	Average
25	Elaine Howys of Morningthorp	S. Rocks	RRR	75.00

Rank	Archers	SCA Group	Bows	Average
112	Dearbhorgaill ingen Rosa	S. Rocks	LLL	29.67
114	Alice Rousseau	S. Rocks	RRR	28.33

Bows used in top 3 scores: C=Crossbow, L=Longbow,
R=Recurve or U=Unknown

**OYE OYE OYE ARCHERS OF SMOCKIN ROCKS !
WE NEED YOU BACK AT THE RANGE
DON'T FORGET TO PRACTICE YOUR ROYAL
ROUNDS THIS SPRINGTIME**

Webminister:

Diego Porcelos would like you all to contact him with information or additions for the Barony website:
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



Chatelaine:

New to our area new to the SCA contact
chatelaine@smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org



Barony of Smoking Rocks Meeting Minutes October/December 2017

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

Officers reports

A & S: Congratulations to our new deputy lady Serafima. We encourage folks to attend the DEMO @ the Makers Faire in Mashpee and please get ready for the Baronial Birthday competition we hope that many will participate this year.

Knight Marshal: PAL practices are continuing, Ice Weasel will happen and we have a possible KM in mind but it has not been finalized.

Fencing: Nothing to report at this time.

MOL: Remember to get your qual cards updated.

Herald: Nothing to report at this time.

Exchequer: Bank accounts and all reporting is current. Still need to finalize some of the signature requirements.

Chronicler: Latest minutes submitted no changes working on April newsletter.

Chatelaine: We have a new Chatelaine thank you Bethamie von Rohr. Tubs of well kept clothing are available for pick from Rufus.

Web minister: New EK emails are now set up for officers.

Steward: Shed survived the Noreaster storms.

Seneshal: We have a new Chatelaine, thank you Bethamie von Rohr. The following positions are still open for: Arch forester, Knight Marshal and a chancellor minor. Contact Mistress Sabina if you are interested.

Old Business:

—**Ice Weasel # 13:** Event will take place thanks to last minute help from many, especially Amy and her Mom who found us a local.

—**Barony Birthday:** Lady Elaine is event steward, feast by William Bonesetter, The Baronial championships will take place at Raynham Stone Church on May 12th. Visit EK website for details & directions.

—**Makers Faire Demo:** Date: April 28th 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm in Mashpee at the high school, anyone who can please attend and bring along your projects to display and teach.

—**50Year EK historical display:** June 28 to June 31 at Concordia of the snows. Nest is asking Barons for pictures, investiture scrolls, coronets and other artifacts for the Display. Molly interviewed Baron Yosef for about 4 hrs and has lots of information to hand over to Nest.

New Business:

—Baronial charter still needs to meet and do homework by studying the bylaws.

—Ceawlin will look into who can help with Law school Demo, this will be a mid week late afternoon event, need a few fighters to attend. Topic = medieval law, could make some medieval dueling shields.

—Nest suggests the Barony look into hosting "Hrim Schola" in 2019. This is a fiber arts & fairly large event, we need local with sufficient class rooms, good parking. But we all think this is worth working towards.

Baron and Baroness time:

—Baron Richard & Baroness Alys encourage the members to participate in the upcoming Barony Birthday championships. Make sure to prepare well and bring along your projects.

—Yeah fighters come and show your prowess! To Demo's as well.

Next meetings:

—April 8th (2n Sunday) at St Andrews Day.

—May 6th meeting Elaine's home in Attleboro

—June 3rd NA

—July 8th barony archery championship & meeting at Nest's

IYS Marguerite von Elfenau

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BARONY IS LOOKING FOR:



CAPTAIN
OF ARCHERY



CHANCELLOR
MINOR



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Juliana de Essex
on her Silver Tyger award
By Queen Matilde de Cadenet
& King Ivan Ivanov
at Birka morning court 2018



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Taileach

ON THE INDUCTION INTO THE
BARONIAL ORDER OF THE LOADSTONE

At:
“POP GOES THE WEASEL”
March 2018



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INVITED TO PLAY AT



BARONY BEYOND THE MOUNTAIN
INVESTITURE

MAY 19, 2018

HSC Community Center
370 Osgood Avenue in New Britain CT

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Baron Ceawlin Alreding

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Chancellor Minor:

Open Position

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