

Barony of Smoking Rocks



April 2016

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SMOKING ROCKS 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ***SATURDAY APRIL 23, 2016 IN RAYNHAM, MA***



Come join the Barony of Smoking Rocks as we celebrate 40 years. This year's theme is Persian. There will a Persian feast, and a Persian dayboard, along with prizes and awards for people that put forth the best effort to join in the Persian feel.

The Baron and Baroness of Smoking Rocks will be hosting our Baronial Heavy Combat and Period Rapier Tournaments, along with our A&S Championship. We look forward to welcoming all of our new Champions.

Heavy Combat and Rapier Championships:

Both competitions will be run as Round Robins. Fighters outside of the Barony are welcome to participate. 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

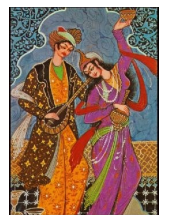
Categories are as follows:

1. *Baronial Champion. The Best of the Best in all mediums (cooking, sewing, embroidery, music, etc). Please, no brewing entries. A minimum of 3 pieces of documentation are needed.*
2. *Baron and Baroness Choice will be decided by the Their Excellencies Ceawlin and Molly.*
3. *The Best of Non-Baronial Entries. Anyone who does not reside in our barony and presents their entry with 1 piece of documentation will get a small token for participating in our A&S Competition.*
4. *Best by a First Time Entrant. All first time participants need to show a minimum of 1 documentation with source. You must also show how your work was completed, or how you are on your way to completing it. This means that it can be a "work in progress".*
5. *Best Persian Garb. All first attempts at Persian garb are welcome. Please bring or talk about your research and how you sewed the item. Documentation is not necessary. This can be done "one on one".*

All entries will receive a token of esteem from the current Smoking Rocks A&S Champion, Anna Goodfellow. A small scroll will be presented to the winners.

Lady Sabina's "Embrace the Persian" challenge:

I am issuing a challenge to the anyone attending our Birthday Celebration this year. Come and embrace the Persian! When you come to the event having tried your hand at Persian garb, you will receive a personal token from me and be entered in a contest for a larger surprise. Thank you for supporting my crazy notions!



Barony 40th Birthday celebration continued:

DAYBOARD:

HUMMUS & FLAT BREAD
FARMER'S CHEESE
SLICED CUCUMBERS, CELERY
KEFTA AND TAZIKI
COLD CHICKEN WITH SPICES & HERBS.
MARINATED OLIVES W/THYME

FEAST:

1ST REMOVE

COLD CUCUMBER SOUP WITH PITA BREAD

2ND REMOVE

ROASTED CHICKEN AND & STUFFING W/ DATE SAUCE ON THE SIDE.

ROASTER CARROTS & LEEKS.

3RD REMOVE

ROASTED MEAT STEW WITH CARAMELIZED ONIONS AND COUSCOUS.

4TH REMOVE

BAKLAVA & CAKE



Schedule:

Site Opens: 10 AM

Rapier Championship Tournament: 11 AM

Heavy Weapons Championship Tournament: 12 PM

Tailor's Guild Meeting: 12:15 PM

A&S Competition: 1:30 PM

Site Closes: 8 pm

Event Location

Stone Church-First Congregational Church of Raynham

785 S Main St.

Raynham, MA 02767



Registration Fees

Adult Member: \$10

Ages 12-17 years: \$ 5

SCA non-member surcharge: \$ 5

Ages 11 and under: Free

Feast

Feast: Adult: \$10

Ages 12-17 years: \$ 7

Ages 8-11: \$ 5

Ages 8 and under: Free

Seating for feast is limited to 60 people.

Reservation deadline for feast is April 15 2016.

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

Contact Information

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Contact Fergus with all food related questions at fergusredmead@gmail.com

Twelfth Night Thanks



We just wanted to thank Nest, Caitlin, Solskinn, Marguerite, Padraig, Cerdic, Fracta Modi, Alys, Alyson, Elaine, Richard, Kristen and Sarant, and everyone one else who helped in putting on an awesome Twelfth Night event. The food was amazing, the activities, dancing and all the new games were fun, the various ceremonies with the candles and Yule logs were really wonderful traditions to add, and I hope we see them incorporated again in the future.

We had 12 newcomers attending 12th Night for the first time, who were just blown away by how magical the experience was. I talked to all of them and they were impressed with the food, the venue, how welcoming we all were, and just simply how cool the event was.

We know this is a really tough event to run due to rising costs and financial constraints, but kudos to all those who worked hard to put on an event that everyone really enjoyed.

— Baron Ceawlin & Baroness Molly

I too want to thank all the people who helped out at Baronial 12th Night yesterday.

I want to start with the people in the kitchen, Mistress Caitlin for being the head chef and her support crew, Lady Solskinn and Lady Alyson. You guys really prepared some amazing food. The people who ran the games, Baron Cerdic and Master Padraig.

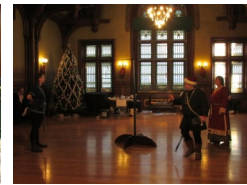
The members of Fracta Modi for providing us with beautiful music, Lord Rufus, Lady Sile, Lady Dearbhorcaill, Lady Amy, Lady Marguerite, and visiting musician Lady Marian.

Those who were willing to take part in the ceremonies and celebrations during feast. The choir; Lady Elaine, Lord Richard, Lady Sile, and Lady Dearbhorcaill; St. Nicolas: Lord Johannes; the candle ladies: Baroness Molly, Lady Sunnifa, Lady Marguerite, and Lady Gwenlian. There were also a great number of people who helped set up and clean up. I am always extremely grateful to the people who are willing to clean up at the end of the day.

All together I think we had a great day.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

— Nest Verch Tangvistel



Weasely thanks!



Who would have thought this little day event, held in the middle of winter, usually duing the worst weather conditions would be so popular, and have so much staying power?



Ice Weasel Elevnsies, the 11th in line of a series of whimsically-themed events, was a joy to behold! This event is our barony's chance to push the boundaries of the SCA period, if you will. Past events have celebrated the Aztecs (Cinco de Weasel), Depictions of Ursine Behaviour in British Literature (Ice Weasel: Now We Are Six), and Medieval Italian Literature (Seven Deadly Weasels, and recently, the DecamaWeasel), so of course Ice Weasel XI was going to examine the works of a certain renowned scholar of Anglo-Saxon history and philology.

Kudos to Lady Serafima, our newest Weaselcrat, for humoring us and for taking the ball and running with it! We need the younger generation of the populace to learn the inner workings of our events, so the older folks can pass the batons - and she did an excellent job running her first event. Lords Haakon Ragnarsson and Richard Leviathan also rose to the theme's challenge and served up a hearty second breakfast as well as most excellent Supper in the finest British tradition - bang up job, gents! Second Breakfast was, indeed, a huge hit!

Ice Weasel, in its earliest incarnations, was envisioned as a "simple smack and a nosh", as Ceawlin likes to say, but over the years it has also been a chance for our artisans to showcase their works and for our people to share their knowledge and skills and now the event boasts of classes ranging from fiber arts, metalworking, calligraphy, music, and martial arts.

This year was no exception, as Mistress Nest verch Tangwistel, Lord Richard Leviathan, Lady Elaine Howys of Morningthope, Baroness Anna Dokeianina, Lady Marguerite von Elfenau, and Baron Ceawlin Alreding taught classes on Persian Clothing, the History and Use of Flails, Persian Hats, Byzantine Tunics, Fingerloop Braiding, and the Rules of Heavy List Engagement, respectively. Turnout for classes continues to grow each year, and we're always grateful that so many people offer to teach such a varied slated of classes.



Weasely thanks continue:

Of course, the raison d'être for Ice Weasel has always been the crazy notion of fighting outdoors, in the snow, uphill, both ways... We had nine combatants this year, including fighters who journeyed from as far away as Northshield (with a left turn at Stonemarch) to attend. The day was won by Baron Wulfhere of Stonemarche, who recently did well at some other tournaments Thanks to Master Aethelhawk, Master Dimitri, and Master Padraig (we sense a theme here) who marshaled, as well as to Baroness Nejla Saime Hatice Dogan, our MOL, and EK MOL Lady Sabina Luttrell who sat in the ridiculously freezing cold for an hour and a half to keep track of grown men whacking each other with a bit of stick - thank you for your devotion to the game. The Tournament of the Ice Weasel is the jewel in the crown of Northern Fighting Events, and the minstrels will sing of the victors who triumphed midst the ice and snow, bearing the banner with the strange motto "Excelsior!"

Our day was brightened by the attendance of Master Feral von Halstern. The Boss is looking good, and from all that we can see, seems to be making a strong recovery from his illness. Feral has always been a fighter, and our joy is unfettered to see that spirit carrying through into his recovery. It was so good to have him amongst his friends and second family again. Thanks very much to Lord Godric inn hvíti úlfir and his ladywife Tammy for arranging his travel, Master Padraig and Mistress Tatiana and Lady Sunnifa (amongst others) for watching out for Master Feral.



In our Court, we got to recognize Master Feral with our Order of the Loadstone, and Lady Sunnifa with Our Baron's Token. We were also very pleased to have her Nextellency Bridge, Mistress Chlotilde von der Insel, present Master Feral with what is probably one of the longest overdue pieces of regalia- a gorgeous Pelican cloak, complete with Feral's heraldic Wyrn, in all it's glory.

We'd like to thank all those who helped the event run smoothly: Lady Elainé, Lady Solskinn, and Lady Sile inghean MacCarthaigh, who did a lot of behind the scenes work and handled a number of last-minute requests from the site; Lady Alys Attewater, for running children's activities, Lady Sile (again) and Lord Rufus Bowie, for providing Gold Key to several newcomers, and to Fracta Modi for providing music during court and for most of the day! Thank you, too, for all those who stayed afterwards to help clean up.

This was our first event at a new site, and the church was pretty amazed at the condition of the kitchen and hall - as always, we left the place cleaner than when we arrived. When we returned the next day to follow up with a site inspection, they were intrigued by all the pictures we showed of the event (thanks to Katherine O'Brien and Baroness Anna for all your great pics!) and they are far more open to letting us rent again in the future. We're proud of the good stewardship our Barony shows when we use sites, and we're proud of the fact that we're welcomed back at all the sites we use.



We're not sure what the next incarnation of the Weasel – Twelve Angry Weasels?

The Dirty Dozen Weasels? Whatever it is, we're looking forward to it!

YIS,— Ceawlin & Molly, Baron & Baroness Smoking Rocks

Market day at Birka 2016

Whew! First, and foremost, congratulations are in order for our Sunnifa Heinreksdottir for her Writ to answer the Question as to whether or not she will join the Order of the Laurel. Yay! (Let us know when it's gonna happen, yeah?) Baron Wulfhere (John Dunton) placed an awesome 9th place out of 146 combatants. The Smoking Rocks Artisans' Collective seemed to have a brisk day of sales, while displaying the many divers and assorted talents of the Barony. And of course, congratulations are due to Serafima (Katie Reilly) and Willaim (David Tarrant) on their Engagement! Vivant! -

— Ceawlin and Molly, Proud Baron and Baroness.

Having not been to Birka for some years, Johannes and I made a point to go this year, although we were sad we could not get a room at the hotel we did enjoy our day by meeting with friends, shopping, watching some of the fighting, shopping, attending an Athena's thimble meeting, shopping and finally culminating our day by attending court where our friend Lady Sunnifa Henreksdottir was called to court by our esteemed King and Queen to receive her writ for elevation into the order of the Laurels. We are so proud of her and wish her all the best on her journey forward.

— Marguerite and Johannes



Here are some photos from Birka. These are just from the merchant area. It was great to see every thing that was hand made. Just incredible talent on display. — By Baron Fergus Redmead



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Makers Faire Announcement

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"Smoking Rocks Demo"



The Cape Cod Mini Makers Faire is coming up: Date for the event is April 30th from 10-4 at Mashpee High School in Mashpee.

We have been invited back for a third year in a row to do a small demo. The focus of the Faire, obviously, is on making things, but that is very broadly defined - whether you've made a replica of a medieval tool, recreated a dance, enjoy making music, or built your own suit of armor out of plastic barrels, these are all examples of the sort of "making things" ethos of the Faire, and likely to garner attention and appreciation. In the past we've been one of the only low-tech booths at the Faire, and thus extremely popular for our accessibility. We were personally invited back by the founders of the Faire this year, and promised as much space as they can possibly spare - last year (our second year there) we were given twice as many tables as anyone else because of what a draw we were the previous year.

This is exactly the crowd of hands-on nerds that fit right into the SCA, so it is a perfect opportunity for recruiting. We are looking for people to volunteer at the demo, for any space of time between 10-4. We have been promised space outside to fence or heavy list fight if there are people and marshals willing.

There will also be a performance space available at 3:00. We are hoping to do dancing and music, with possibly fencing or fighting on the stage if it is deemed safe. If you can't come to the demo but would like us to display something you've made:



Baronial Polling update:

As of March 31, 2016 the polls are closed and we hope all have sent in their votes on time. The Seneschale will notify the members once the results are in from the Kingdom.

If you have any questions please contact Lady Eleina.



LADY SABINA'S CHEESE FEBRUARY 2016



We are making the cheese today.

Gouda this time.

Raised temp to 90F and added the goods for the curds to form.



I have cut the cheese !



Washing of the Curds



Removing of the Whey



Into the mold in one piece



Here is the gouda taking a nap next to the traveling Birka cheese. I have to visit it every darn day for the next 3 weeks.



Into the salty Brine he goes.

Next step is to dip it in the wax.

SCOUT DEMO JANUARY 16 2016 AT FORT TABER, NEW BEDFORD

Thank you to Master Padraig, Baron Buka al-Bakui (aka Bruka), Lord Richard Leviathan, Lord Haakon Ragnarsson, Lord Godric, and Talek, who came out and did the demo for RI Cub Scout Pack 88.



The scouts had a great time, and the military museum are excited to collaborate with the Barony again in the future—plans for a Day in the Life Timeline Living History event are pending. More details to come!

Royal Round Rankings as of February 25, 2016



Rank	Master Bowmen	SCA Group	Bows	Average
18	Godric fitz Edmond	Smoking Rock	CCC	82.67
33	Elaina Howys of Morningthorpe	Smoking Rocks	RRR	74.67
56	Bronwyn of the Kings Field	Smoking Rocks	RRR	63.00
64	Cosimo de Venezia	Smoking Rocks	RRR	59.33
67	Friderich Weber	Smoking Rocks	RRR	55.33
106	Jennifer of Smoking Rocks	Smoking Rocks	RRR	41.67

Update on some other Baronial activities:

Under the leadership and fine tutelage of our esteemed mistress Nest, some Smoking Rocks members have been busy sewing Persian Clothing in preparation for the upcoming 40th Barony Birthday celebration.

Nest posted instructions for this class at this pintrest site:
<https://www.pinterest.com/nesttangwistel/16th-c-persian/>

There are also instructions posted on the Smoking Rocks facebook page and the yahoo group. These instructions are for varied levels of sewing experience and she also taught a class during this years Ice weasel. The group also met several times over the past months to measure, cut and sew their Persian garb and we are all looking forward to the Birthday event where we all shall look very fine indeed.



Meeting Minutes February & March Barony of Smoking Rocks Business Meeting

This is and abridged version of the minutes. For the full versions please join the Barony of Smoking Rocks yahoo group.

Officers reports:

Chancellor Minor: Alys does not hold position any more she had to send the schedule for CM for approval.

Chatelaines: 4 New people attended Ice Weasel, 11 received gold key. 2 new couples moved to our barony recently both reside on the Cape. Donations of garb from Baroness Anna of Stonemarch are greatly appreciated.

Chronicler: No corrections to previous minutes. New Deputy Naja, submit articles for April newsletter by last week in March.

Exchequer: EK is working on a new "Comp Policy" only current member can be comped for an event, update registration form for troll.

Herald: Nothing to report at this time.

Knight Marshall: Birka was well attended, Baron Wolfhere took 9th place. Nobody died.

M.O.L. Reports have been submitted, Ready for Ice Weasel, new Deputy MOL is Serafima.

Old business:

Ice Weasel: 53 people attended, 11 pre-registered and 43 attended feast. The Church leadership was impressed that we left in fantastic order and clean. We are welcome back anytime.

Barony Birthday: April 23, 2016 at the Old Stone Church in Raynham. 40th anniversary theme: Sabina has several pre registrations in hand. She has also received the A& S competition write up, all else is set up. Gwendolina will set up as merchant. Nest will bring pots and pans to next meeting. Volunteers for troll are Solskinn, Sile and Marguerite, Molly and Cewalin will put up signs.

Handbook: Thanks to Molly the final draft has been posted with only one more clarification needed.

Polling update: All polls have been sent out, problems with addresses fixed and voting will end on March, 31, 2016.

New Webminister position: Belina was approved as the Barony's new Webminister, she will meet with Shea to get all the necessary information and codes to get set up. Cerdic and Diego are available to help with support.

List Ropes: Since the Majesties have accepted a bid for the rattan championship from another Barony there is no imminent need for ropes, therefore the ropes have become a more long term topic.

New business:

Makers Faire: Alys received and accepted the invitation for us to attend again, it will take place on April 30, 2016 at the Mashpee High-school. We have a 45 minute time slot on stage for some kind of performance, dancing most likely. A team will check out the school first best set up for this demo. People are encouraged to attend, bring along their handmade crafts. Cewalin will be able to Marshall that day for fencing and or rattan fighting.

Baron & Baroness time:

After consultation with the Majesties and the Seneshale a date has been set for September 24, 2016. Both candidate couples approved as well. No location for the event has been secured at this time. The announcement will however go to EK events, once more information is available the event will be updated.

The barons will present a basket of gifts to the new Barons at Black Rose Ball, the barony of Bridge investiture.

March 26, 2016 another sewing circle will be held at Molly and Cewalins church in New Bedford.

Next meeting:

April 3, 2016 at Rleina's and Roberts home in Attleboro

May 1, 2016 meeting will be held at the Bechtold's on Cape Cod.

IYS Marguerite von Elfenau Chronicler Smoking Rocks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lady Ammalina Taikkizhavi, Lord Sigmar Avarson and Joslynn
on the birth of their son and brother
Dylan Richard! February 13, 2016



CONGRATULATIONS TO LADY SUNNIFA HEINREKSDOTTIR
on receiving her writ for elevation to the Order of the Laurel!

We hope to see many people from the Barony at Great Northeastern War
to witness her Peerage ceremony!



CONGRATULATIONS AND VIVAT TO ULF THE DRAGON SLAYER
on becoming a Companion of Gawain at Black Rose Ball..

“ Scroll by Solskinn Solskinn of Smoking Rocks, words by Nest Verch Tangwistel.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID AND KATIE
on their Engagement
Market day at Birka January 30, 2016.

We wish you all the best for your future together.

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