



Kenning Points

Barony of Smoking Rocks

SCA East Kingdom

Southeastern Massachusetts

Welcome Here, Newcomers!

Are you new to the SCA? Have you just moved to our Barony?

Smoking Rocks welcomes you!

Please visit our website for more information:

[http://
smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org](http://smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org)

The Barony includes all of Southeastern Massachusetts, including Cape Cod and the Islands.

Please reach out to our Chatelaine (welcome officer) if you have any questions!

Join us for...

Barony Business Meeting

All gentles of the Barony of Smoking Rocks are invited to our monthly business meeting. The next meeting will be held after the Pennsic War concludes. Please see Page 2 for other upcoming events in our area.



Greetings unto our beloved populace!
It has been far too long since we have all made the journey to Pennsic. In your eagerness to return from the longest trip to town in history, please heed the following advice:

- Please be kind to yourself. It's going to be a lot!
- Go over your lists and after that go over them again.
- Make sure your vehicles are ready. Check the tires on your trailer. Buddy up driving.
- When you get to Pennsic, take a deep breath before Troll. It's been just as long for everyone else. Treat everyone kindly.
- HYDRATE! Then HYDRATE more.

Her Excellency are there with you in spirit and look forward to hearing your stories of War and glory. Please take lots of pictures our Chronicler can share in future newsletters.

Keep the wheels on the ground. We wish you safe and boring travels!

Yours in Service,

Baron Fergus Redmead & Baroness Sabina Luttrell

Barony Events

Barony Business Meeting

Date & Time To Be Announced

We will conduct our next business meeting after the Pennsic War concludes and folks have returned from the event. All residents of the Barony are invited.

East Kingdom Events

Please see the complete calendar at east.kingdom.sca.org for details.

Endewealde A&S Championship

Saturday, August 20, 2022
Barony of Endewealde - Carmel, ME

John Barleycorn: Crown Province of Ostgardr Investiture

Friday, September 2 - Monday, September 5, 2022
Crown Province of Ostgardr - Kent, NY

Falling Leaves

Saturday, September 10 - Sunday, September 11, 2022
Barony of Carolingia - Westford, MA

Harper's Retreat

Friday, September 16 - Sunday, September 18
Barony of Stonemarche - Location TBA

Baronial Birthday Bash - 50 Years!

Sunday, September 18, 2022
Barony Beyond the Mountain - Manchester, CT

The Endewealde Hunt

Friday, October 7 - Monday, October 10, 2022
Barony of Endewealde - Newburgh, ME

Hunter's Moon

Friday, October 7 - Monday, October 10, 2022
Shire of Anglespur - Melrose, NY

Shire Wars X

Friday, October 14 - Sunday, October 16, 2022
Shire of Montevale - Jonestown, PA

Goat's Inn: Winter Is Coming...Again

Friday, October 21 - Sunday, October 23, 2022
Crown Province of Ostgardr - Peekskill, NY

Dragonship Haven and Barony Beyond the Mountain's Champions Day

Saturday, October 22, 2022
Barony of Dragonship Haven - Meriden, CT



Chronicler's Musings

How do you explain the Pennsic War? Can you?

The last time I was able to attend War was in 2008. Given my work, I know the odds are not good that I will ever see that battlefield again. And yet, every time I'm in a thrift store, I add to my feast gear. I recently picked up a wonderful period-esque trunk because "it'd be perfect for Pennsic." I have a spreadsheet organizing garb and camp equipment worthy of two weeks in the Pennsylvania fields with 10,000 of my closest friends.

Pennsic isn't just an event. It isn't just the epic battle between the East and Middle Kingdoms, or the best university in the Known World, or the Midnight Madness sale, or the performances or Arts & Sciences displays. Pennsic is a *feeling*: a memory, a vision, a hope for the future of the SCA.

To those of you going home from the longest-ever trip into town, I wish you a good War and envy you.

I can smell the campfires from here.

*Yours in Service,
Lady Ona Seredziška*

Practice Schedule

Fighter & Fencing Practice

PAL (Police Athletic League)

31 Franklin Street

Fall River, MA 02720-3102

Fridays, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Sunday, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Note: For the most up-to-date information, please visit the Facebook page linked above.

Archery Practice

Suspended Due to Range Relocation

Occasional practices will be scheduled at a Barony member's home - join our Facebook group to stay up-to-date!

Music Practice with *Fracta Modi*

On Hiatus

Dance Practice

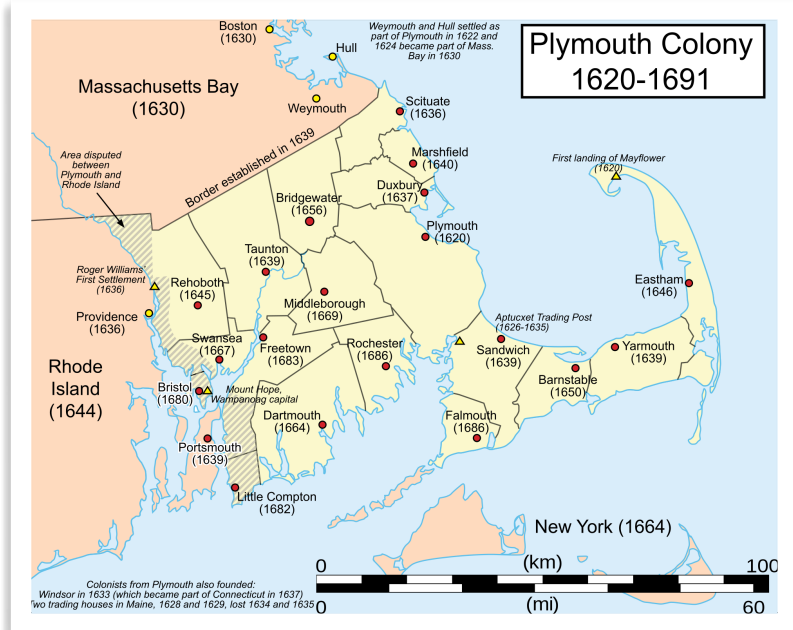
Also on Hiatus



Barony resident Rachel B. Bell has been modernizing a traditional form of art...

These are scenes from Smith College, worthy of being a true tapestry - but knit, rather than woven or embroidered!

Tapestries in period often depicted beautiful landscapes, and these certainly qualify as beautiful.



Know Thy Barony: The "Old Colony"

Have you ever noticed that the boundaries of the Barony of Smoking Rocks are strikingly similar to the early 17th-century boundaries roughly established by the Peirce Patent of 1621?

Plymouth Colony was a separate legal entity from the Massachusetts Bay Colony and was founded and governed by Englishmen who were born during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. While their venture to establish a home for their church, where religion and profit might "jump together," took place after our period's end in 1600, all of the founders were products of the tumultuous last decades of the 16th century.

Interestingly, Plymouth Colony was never a Crown colony, meaning it did not have a royal charter until nearly the end of its independent existence. Instead, it was authorized under a patent issued in 1621 to William Peirce, one of the merchant-adventurers who had funded the initial voyage of 1620. When *Mayflower* landed her human cargo in Patuxet, or Plimoth (as Captain John Smith had renamed it), the colonizers had no legal rights to settle in that place. They had been bound for the mouth of the Hudson River, where their English-issued patent gave them land rights. The whole first year of Plymouth Colony's existence had our "Pilgrim Fathers" squatting illegally!

Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay Colonies were formally merged in 1691, acquiring the Islands in the transaction. Whether the geography was deliberately designed to mirror the Old Colony or not, it's still a fascinating bit of local history.

Living the Dream

Adventures in the Current Middle Ages



Barony Birthday! June 11, 2022

Photos borrowed with
the Baron's blessing from
our Facebook page.



Arts & Sciences: Forging a Damascus Seax

Baron Fergus Redmeade

For years, I have admired the talent of many smiths and the Damascus blade. I wanted to “test my metal” (pun intended) and see what I could achieve in attempting to forge my own. I have 6 layers of 1084 and 5 layers of 15N20. Each metal will provide a different strength and characteristic. The 15N20 will provide a brighter line and a pop to the design.

Each metal was cut the same length and then I ground the surface not only to make sure they were clean of dirt and rust, but to make sure they would join cleanly. They were put into the forge and brought up to forge-welding temperature: consistently between 1500-2000°F. We kept the blade in until it reached the necessary color and temperature - about 12 minutes; at that time, I also added flux. We pulled the stack of metal out of the forge, quickly placed it on the anvil and gave it four or five gentle taps to set the metal. I know, kind of funny, right? Gently tapping blazing hot steel. But you need to do this for the first two to three treatments to get the metal combined.

After I was sure that it *was* combined, I pulled the steel from the forge and let it cool. This was done so that I could take a grinder and remove the fire scale to make sure, in fact, it was now one piece of metal. I drew the piece of metal to the desired size, 12 inches long and ½ inch wide. Then it was back into the fire. I marked the metal at 4 inches and 8 inches, brought it back to temperature, and hot-cut it with a chisel. I did not cut it all the way through but left ¼ inch of metal. I put it back on the grinder to clean the scale off to ensure a proper weld.

Then it's back in the forge. I brought it up to temperature and folded it onto itself. Once together, I added more flux to the metal and repeated these steps three times to bring the layer count to approximately 199 layers. I say approximate because each time you grind, you are removing layers.

Once completed, I drew the knife out to the length I wanted; from there I shaped the knife to its form. Again into the forge and heated to temperature! I took the hot blade and dipped it into oil. This is called “quenching” and is done to harden the blade. The knife then went into a hot 450-degree oven for 90 minutes to temper the blade, a step done so the blade will keep its razor-sharp edge and hold edges in the future. Once out, it's off to the grinder to complete shaping and removing scale. In the last picture, you will see the knife that has been ground up to a 180-grit belt. I hand-sanded the knife up to 400 grit paper, then etched the blade in ferric chloride.

This project was a great learning experience. And I could not have completed it without the help and guidance of my friend [Fáelán MacLochlainn](#) and my son, Lord Ulf the Dragon Slayer. They have both taught me a great deal about this process. I would also like to thank Master [Ulfgeirr Ragnarrson](#) for his guidance and help.



How it began...



How it ended: 199 layers of metal!

Plague Update: COVIDSafe Protocols

SCA Board Resolution

Updated February 28, 2022 - Still in Effect

Proof of Fully Vaccinated Status or Negative COVID Test

In addition to existing policy allowing Kingdoms to establish a mask policy, Kingdom Seneschals in consultation with the Crown shall have the discretion to implement the following policy requiring proof of COVID vaccination or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of an event start time from all event attendees:

- Events are activities defined in Corpora II.A, "Society Events Defined"
- Proof of being fully vaccinated must be in the form of a government-issued card (original or photograph) or an electronic record
- Proof of negative COVID test must be issued from a licensed medical provider and presented in such paper form or electronic form that the event staff can verify its authenticity. Letterhead from a medical provider or an email address clearly identifying the medical provider as the sender of an electronic record shall constitute authentic proof.
- All persons over the age of 18 must present government-issued photo identification along with the proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test. Parents and guardians of minors must present their own identification along with proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test for all minors attending an event in their care.
- Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test shall not be required for children under 12. Children that are aged 3-11 shall wear a mask.

In addition to the normal sanctions process, anyone challenging event staff regarding the enforcement of this policy shall be denied entry to or be immediately removed from the event.

The Kingdom must check for proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test at an event.

Each person entering the event shall present proof of vaccination or acceptable test result along with appropriate identification to the gate staff before entering the event, and shall sign the "COVIDSafe Acknowledgement" form attesting that they have presented proper identification, along with either proof of being fully vaccinated or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours prior to the start of the event.

The event organizer, or their designee, shall forward the signed COVIDSafe Acknowledgement forms to the Kingdom Seneschal, or their designee, who shall maintain such records in accordance with the standards for retention of waivers.

Kingdom Seneschals shall notify the Society Seneschal where local, state, provincial, or national law supersedes this policy.

OYEZ! OYEZ!

Pay heed, good gentles, to these announcements!

Help Wanted

Thy Barony needs THEE! Yes, thee.

We have vacancies (actual or anticipated) in the following offices:

- Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Deputy Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Chancellor Minor
- Captain of Archery
- Deputy Minister of Arts & Sciences
- Steward

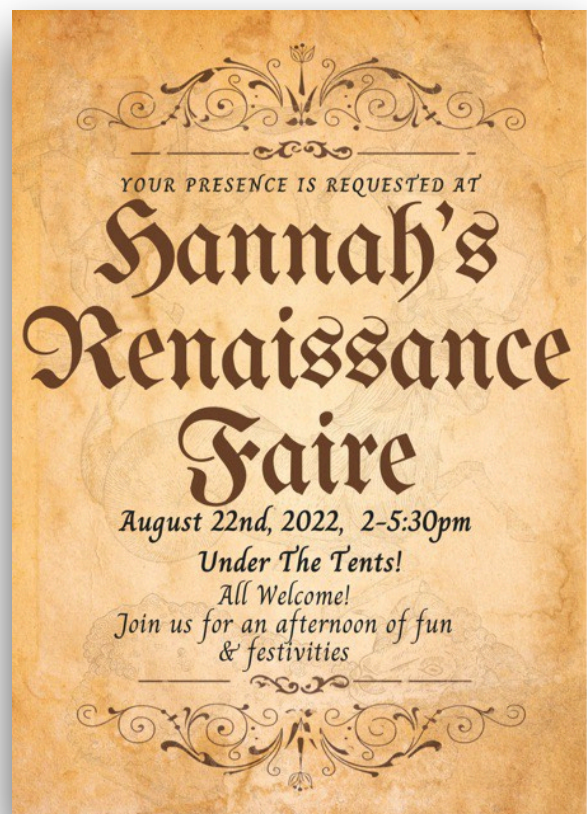
If thou art interested in offering thy services in any of these roles, please contact Baron Fergus at baron@smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org

Communication for the Modern Medievalist

Hast thou yet joined our email list or Facebook group? 'Tis easily done! Simply click [here](#) or [here](#) and find thyself instantly apprised of all matters of interest to the Barony.

Volunteers Needed Garb Up for a Great Cause

Stephanie Akusis has requested the Barony's help in making this a very special day for the elderly residents of the Hannah BG Shaw Home in Middleboro, MA. Please contact her if you can help - performers and demonstrators still needed! You can reach her directly at smgravel1990@yahoo.com.



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