



Kenning Points

Barony of Smoking Rocks | East Kingdom of the Society for Creative Anachronism

GREETINGS TO NEW FRIENDS

Are you new to the SCA??
Smoking Rocks welcomes you!

The Barony encompasses Southern Massachusetts including the Cape and islands. If you just moved to the area, Welcome to the Barony!

Please reach out to our Chatelaine (welcoming officer) if you would like to join us at one of our gathering, events, or if you have questions.

STAY IN TOUCH

Please visit our website for more information and upcoming events.

SmokingRocks.Eastkingdom.Org

Join our Facebook Group:

Barony Of Smoking Rocks

There is also a Discord Group.

Reach out and an invite can be sent to you

JOIN US

- Ice Weasel- February 24, 2024
Fall River
- Watch the Facebook Group for Craft Days at the Baronial Manor

A LETTER FROM THE BARONIAL MANNER

GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL!

It's the time of year when the days grow shorter and the nights grow longer. We wish you a warm fire in your hearth and a beverage of choice in hand. A favorite pet on your lap or feet and loved on by your side. We hope that you enjoyed a bumper crop in your fields. And may your hunting season be successful.



Here at the Baronial Manner, we have many exciting things planned for the cold winter's months.

I plan to fire up the forge as often as I can to work on making blades and sheathes to go with them. When those hammers are quiet, I can be found working with precious metals or out in the woods. This is all while the Baroness is rolling her eyes at be from behind an illumination project.

We wish to hear from you all... What are you working on? How are you keeping the hands nimble and mind sharp.

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A Knight to Remember

By Völva-Kaðlín knutr



Let it be known that there is a new Knight of the Chivalry in our Barony. At Carolingia's 50th Anniversary, I witnessed with others, King Brennon IV ask the question to Baron Jozef Ludwiczak, Squire, and be sent to his vigil after morning court to contemplate joining the Order of the Chivalry.

At his vigil, I'm sure he was musing about first steps on this path. His first events and the friends made at them. The moment he heard his name called for the first time during King Darius II and Queen Roxane III's Royal Court to receive his Award of Arms. The first moment he donned his armor and took his sword to battle. There would be thoughts on when he joined the Household of Lochleven and draw the attention of Duke Griffith FitzWilliams. When the Duke would ask him to be his squire with a red belt in hand, Jozef accepting of course.

Memories of the years he had positions on the Unbelted Champion Teams, both as team member and alternate. How he was also selected as an alternate for the Archery Champion Team. I'm sure he pondered about positions as a member of the Queen's Gzuard for several reigns. Thoughts of past awards and



recognitions would have come up throughout the day's vigil. The time he has spent as Barony Champion for the Barony Beyond the Mountain. Receiving a King's Cypher from King Edward Grey of Lochleven. Being awarded the Queen's Esteem by Queen Thyra Eiriksdottir II. Remembering the court he was given Company of the Pennon of the East by King Edward III and Queen Thyra II. He could have thought of his time off the fighting fields and archery lanes. How he would need to spend more of that time working with metal, leather, and wood. Also of the many projects he has waiting. Knowing how his wife, Gwenllianna Vachan, and his daughter are proud of him after witnessing the many steps to get to this moment in his journey.

All these thoughts circling in his mind while he took advice from other knights in an order he was about to join and laughed with friends that wanted to show their support.



I can only speculate at the many things that Jozef would have meditated on during the times I walked past his tent. Seeing the support this gentle had, I can see why the question was brought forth seeing the pride and admiration that was well deserved.

At evening court he was called again and was ushered in with all the love and support he received during the day. He was again asked if he would join the Order of the Chivalry. If I remember correctly, it took all of a heartbeat for him to say yes.

If it was longer, I do apologize. I honestly do not think it would have taken him much more time to answer that question after recounting the journey it took to kneel in front of the

the crown. Members of the other orders spoke of the virtues, past deeds and their beliefs on why he deserves to be inducted into the order. Our very own Lord Protector, Master Karl, spoke for the order of the Chivalry. Baron Jozef received his chain, silver spurs, and the white belt of his order from his now peers. He rose from his knees preparing for buffet, Jozef's last blow to be unanswered. King Brennon approached and stood proud of his newest knight. The crack would have echoed if court was walled in but was no more than a whisper when the populous yelled "VIVAT!" as Sir Jozef Ludwiczak turned to the people.

He was welcomed to the Order by his peers with embraces and laughs. Through the revelry, the voice of Duke Griffith FitzWilliams was heard singing,



I WAS BORN ON THE LIST
FIELD, I WAS RAISED IN THE
WAR



AND THIS DAY YOU DID
MAKE ME YOUR KNIGHT



THOUGH SOME DAY MY
SWORD MAY GROW RUSTY
AND OLD



I MUST LIVE BY MY OATH
UNTIL I DIE



THE LETTER CONTINUES...

Make sure to train for War during this down time. Fighting Practices are at the P.A.L Hall every Friday if you wish to sharpen your skills. We have 100 Minutes War that a caravan should be traveling down to partake in the battles held that day.

Mark your calendars as we have a very special birthday and gathering planned for February 24, 2024.

Ice Weasel turns 18!!

- ❖ We will be holding the baronial Heavy Championship on this day.
- ❖ We will also be looking for a new Bardic Champion on this day as well.
- ❖ Master Padrig and his team are planning to satisfy our palates with scrumptious foods on this day.



- ❖ Kadlin will be running the Gift Swap this year. If you would like to participate please comment on the post in the Baronial Facebook Group or the Discord. You can also reach out to her on Facebook (Kadlin Knutr),



Gather your furs and join us by the fire as ferocious fighters of the East Kingdom do battle this day. Bring your mug to sip a hot beverage as bards of the know world entertain us and compete to become our newest champion. Join in the festivities and catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Y.I.S

Baron Fergus Redmead and

Baroness Sabina Puttrel



CHRONICLER'S CORNERS

Völva-Kaðlín knutr

Hello from the Chronicler! We are making a few changes and I hope that you all will be involved. Kenning Points is inviting you to help edit upcoming editions. It would give you a chance to try out participating in a baronial office without committing to being a deputy.

We are also adding some new sections to the newsletter. The first is Artisan Point. Here would be a place to show off your project, either completed or a work in progress. This will also be a safe space to ask for advise. You can anonymously if you would like and I would gladly be an in-between for initial conversation starters.

We are also starting a section to share our mundane life. As a barony we support each other in our SCA lives and would love to show that same support mundanely. If you have an event that you would like to share or a mundane passion that you would like to share please let us know!

Lastly, we are adding a section directed to our youth. This would include games and crafts to keep the littles busy.

If you have other ideas please share with with myself or or our Seneschal

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BARONY EVENTS

ICE WEASEL

February 24, 2024

King Philip Lodge

152 Columbus Drive, Fall River, MA

BARONIAL BIRTHDAY

More Details Coming Soon

NOVEMBER KINGDOM EVENTS

Go to EastKingdom.Org for more details

- ❖ Golden Sewist Challenge- Friday 10th - Sat 11th
Barony of Beyond the Mountain - Canterbury, CT
- ❖ Bjorn's Ceilidh- Saturday 11th
Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Scotia, NY
- ❖ Feste des Bois et Championnat A&S de Tir Mara-
Saturday 11th
Barony of Havre des Glaces - Trois-Rivières, QC
- ❖ Harts & Horns~ EK Rapier Champions- Saturday 11th
Shire of Hartshorn-dale - Douglasville, PA
- ❖ 100 Minutes War - XXXIII- Saturday 18th
Shire of Rusted Woodlands - Sparta Township, NJ



LET'S PLAY WITH OUR FOOD

By: Toi Poisson de Mortagne



Did you enjoy playing with your food as a child? I'll bet you did, and I'll bet your little ones do too.

In 16th century England a popular food to eat was called a "Tansy". There's a recipe from the 1588 *Good Housewife's Handbook*; "Juice of tansy, feverfew, parsley, and violets, mixed with the yolkes of eight or tenne eggs, and three or four whites, and some vinegar, and put thereto sugar or salt." It was then fried in a pan to make it a big, flat, slightly sweet pancake, with a faint greenish tinge from the herbs.

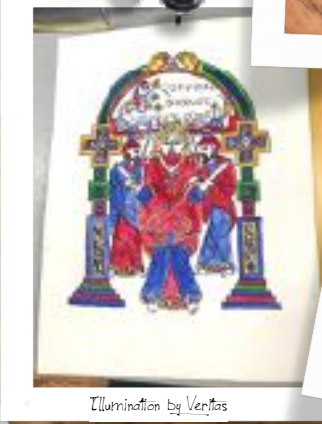
Just as today's children enjoy playing with their food, so did the children in the 16th century. Look at this boy who's made a mask out of his tansy pancake. That looks like fun to me.



Scrolls by Baroness Sabina



Bracelet by Baron Fergus



Illumination by Veritas



Projects by Baron Fergus



On 'Nee' in progress by Keelin

ARTISAN'S POINT

CHEERS TO 50 YEARS

By Vqlva-Kađlín knutr

There is a story and a history behind every name. Carolingia is no different. Their name was inspired by the Charles River that runs through their lands. The river is such a large part of their barony that it represented on their arms in gold. Carolingia also holds the honor of being one of the first baronies created not long after the creation of the SCA itself. The barony became official and was known as Barony of Norfolk, Suffolk and Middlesex in November A.S SOMETHING (1970) with its first event falling on Valentine's Day A.S SOMETHING (1971) under their new name Barony of Carolingia. This year they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Remember the pandemic years are part of the



scattered histories if you are questioning the math. During those missing years the Baron and Baroness had to be invested off their lands. As the investiture came closer there was an idea to go to the the lands of their first event and... liberate, is a good word... sacred soil (lands of their first event) so it may be placed in a reliquary. This was brought to their investiture so there was a piece of their barony with them.

the celebration for their 50th anniversary, the Carolingians showed how proud they are and that something like the weather was not going to stop them. The days leading up to the event were rainy and dreary to say the least. On the event itself, the clouds receded and the sun shown brightly. This did not stop the storm from having one last laugh before leaving. The celebration grounds that the event was at had lost power which lead to the potable water being out of service as well. The Autocrat and all the event staff came to the rescue. They ran to the store and came close to buying out all the water they had (remember hydration is key for any event.) They also had to change plans for their day and feast boards that were provided. The soups were not available but they came through with the pie!



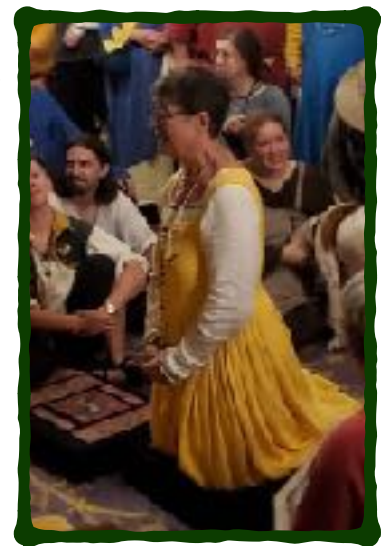
The event had fields for fighting for those armored and brave gentles. The heavy fighter had pick ups and a woods battle was scheduled but sadly believe it was canceled due to the rain prior. You know the King was armored up and enjoying the fighting. The Queen was out on the fencing fields of course. They both fought valiantly. Master Karl Meerstappa, Smoking Rocks Heavy Champion, was out on the fields as well. When he was not fighting he was teaching different scenarios and maneuvers.

At baronial court, the baron and baroness of Carolingia told their story of the reliquary. They also inducted new members of the Order of the Daystar for service, Order of the Moon for the arts, and Order of the Perseus for the martial arts. Royal Court followed and was a sight to see. Their Majesties arrived with their procession in tow in beautiful Tang Dynasty inspired dress.



At Court there were a few Award of Arms and Tyger Cubs. In order of awe, our very own Jozef Ludwiczak was asked at morning Court if he would like to join the Order of the Chivalry. He sat his vigil and received advice from the other knights and the populous. In the evening the question was asked again. Needless to say he said yes. After a peer from each order spoke on his behalf he receiving his white belt, spurs, and chain. As in tradition, he also connected to a buffet from the king as the last blow he would receive unanswered. Sir Jozef took it grace and celebrated with the rest of the knights in attendance.

Smoking Rocks also had two of our populous inducted into the Order of the Silver Crescent for their service. Elaine Howys of Morningthorpe was shocked when her name was called. Proof of this was the expletive that came out of her mouth when she was able to register what was happening. She received a beautiful medallion that was cross stitched. If you know Elaine you know the magic she does with fabric and thread so this fit her very well. Ceawlin Ealhreding was also blindsided with this award. Less curse words but still just as shocked. His Medallion was originally Countess Elspeth's and she bestowed on to Master Fergus Redmead to pass on.



The weather took back the lands and the storms returned after holding off all day. Gentles enjoyed their evening dashboards and sat in candlelight enjoying each others company and reminiscing about the day and past, " No, Really there I was" stories. The morning was to be Carolingia's Thrown and Archery Championships but I am sad to say that this chronicler did not ave the chance to see those competitors. Knowing the rest of Carolingia's people, I have no doubt that their new champions will make Carolingia as a whole proud.

Here's to Carolingia's 50's Years and here's to many more! ❄️VIVAT!❄️



PRACTICE SCHEDULES

HEAVY FIGHTER PRACTICE

Fridays 730-1030pm

P.A.L Hall - 31 Franklin St, Fall River

\$5/Fighter. New fighter' first visit is free! Loaner gear can be provided with advanced notice.

Join the Facebook Group for updates! PAL SCA Practice

MELEE PRACTICE

P.A.L Hall (any changes in location will be announced on the Facebook Group)

2023 Dates- Nov. 11

2024 Dates- 1/13, 2/10, 3/9, 4/13, and possibly 5/11

ARCHERY PRACTICE

Occasional practices will be held at a barony member's home. Updates will be posted to the barony's Facebook group when the arrows can fly

FENCING PRACTICE

Foils will be drawn upon more interest



DANCE PRACTICE

When there is interest the dancing shoes can be brought out

If you should have an interest that does not have a practice and have questions, don't be afraid to ask on Facebook, Discord, or to one of the Barony Officers. We are all here to help.

MUSIC PRACTICE

Songs will be heard upon more interest



THE BARONY NEEDS THEE

If thou has questions or intreats in offering your service please contact Baroness Molly Blythe at seneschal@SmokingRocks.EastKingdom.org

There are vacancies for the following offices:

❖ Chatelaine

In this office you would help guide newcomers from first garb to first event. You would also answer their questions or point them in the direction to a gentle that could.

❖ Deputy Seneschal

This position would assist Baroness Molly Blythe in Seneschal duties including baronial business

❖ Deputy Exchequer

This position is to assist Lady Elaine with duties that would include bookkeeping and other treasurer tasks

❖ Deputy Chronicler

This would be assisting the chronicler with editing the newsletter and writing articles as needed

❖ Steward

This position would plan or assist with events for the barony

❖ Webminister

Lady Kira has made the difficult decision to step down as Web Minister. In her duties she has maintained the website and watched the various social media platforms with care. She has spoken to our Seneschal and is planning on stepping down as of the New Year. Kira has offered to instruct the next officer on the intricacies of the systems before she leaves.

There will be a vote for the position in the next Business Meeting on December 3, 2023. If you would like to speak about or put in for the office please reach out to our Seneschal, Baroness Molly Blythe (Mali Lim Howe) at





NOTE ON BUSINESS

This is a redacted copy of the Oct 2023 meeting minutes. For the full version of the minutes, please email

seneschal@smokingrocks.eastkingdom.org.

BARON & BARONESS TIME

Thank you to everyone for all the work they do behind the scenes to keep the Barony running! Fergus & Sabina will be at Crown cheering our members.

OFFICER REPORTS

- ❖ Treasurer Report - bank account update
- ❖ Chronicler - Sept 2023 issue available online; hard copies available by request
- ❖ Chancellor Minor - No updates
- ❖ Knight Marshall - Friday practices in Fall River; Barons Ceawlin Alreding & Wulfhere of Stonemarche are entering Crown Tourney on 4 Nov.
- ❖ Webminister - updating officer emails; if anyone has news for website, send to Kira
- ❖ Seneschal - reported on Curia Columbus Day



OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ Onset Harvest Fair demo - postponed to 1 Oct due to rain, but new date didn't work
- ❖ Barony voted to absorb the \$75 cost of the vendor fee & reimburse Solskinn
- ❖ EK has already accepted other bids for 12 the Night, EK Fencing & EK A&S
- ❖ 2024 Barony Events on the calendar
 - ❖ Ice Weasel - 2/24/24
 - ❖ October camping event weekend after Columbus Day

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Chronicler post open - Contact Seneschal if interested
- ❖ Deputy Chronicler Kadlin editing Nov. issue, seeking submissions
- ❖ Newcomer's Event in Fall 2024
- ❖ Kira & Astrid from Carolingia proposing a newcomers event
- ❖ Will look into combining event with Oct event Padraig & Fergus are proposing Hull Beach Party
- ❖ Smoking Rocks/Carolingia joint baronial beach party in Hull in summer of 2024 sounds fun. Will look into it.

REGNUM

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Chancellor Minor

Lady Toi Poisson de Mortagne (Toi Fiore)
 Email pending

Chatelaine

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Marshal of Thrown Weapons

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Captain of Archers

Position available

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