



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

A YULE WISH



As the winter solstice approaches, the people of the Barony of Smoking Rocks are eagerly anticipating the arrival of Yule. Everyone has spent weeks preparing for the festivities, gathering evergreen boughs, holly, and mistletoe to decorate their homes and the village hall.

On the night of Yule, the villagers will gather in the halls, which will be decorated with candles and a large Yule log. The sounds of music and laughter will fill the air as the villagers feast on roast goose, spiced ale, and fruitcake.

The highlight of the evening will be the Yule log and Candle ceremony. The Barony members will take turns carrying the log into the hall and placing it on the fire, each person making a wish as they do so. As the log burns, the barony members will dance around it, singing and cheering.

The festivities will continue into the early hours of the morning, with games, storytelling, and more feasting. As everyone finally retires to their homes, they will feel a sense of warmth and community that will carry them through the long winter nights.

Yule will once again bring the barony together in celebration and joy, and the barony members will look forward to the coming year with renewed hope and optimism.

On behalf of Baroness Sabina and me, may your hearts and hearths be full of warmth and joy! We wish you a Happy Holiday.

Baron Fergus Redmead and

Baroness Sabina Pittrell



For Baron Ceaulin Alreding, The Champion
of the Crown Barony of the Bridge

Vivat ❖ Vivat ❖ Vivat





THE STONE'S OATH By Vǫlva-Kaðlín knutr

As Their Majesties, Brennan IV and Caoilfhionn IV, were saying goodbye to their populous during their final court the light vanished and the kingdom was cast in shadows. In the inky darkness, a voice cried out, "It has been foretold that an eclipse will come". Queen Caoilfhionn was saddened as there was not a King or Queen to brighten the lands. But King Brennan, with a mischievous glint in his eye, proclaimed, "But we have heirs. We could make this work"

Prince Matthias Grunewald and Princess Æsa feilinn Jossursdottir were called to the hall. A song could be heard, the voices echoing off the rafters. Candles carried by friends lighted the heirs's path as they were guided to the dais. Once they were presented, all witnessed a podium placed in front of the thrones, upon it a large grey rock was perched. It's not a rock you would think would be special, teardrop-shaped with a few shallow divots. But this stone was from the lands where the first Crown Tournament was fought in A.S III. It could share stories of all past coronations if it was granted the gift of speech. One gift it does have is that it would not allow false oaths to be made upon it.

King Brennan and Queen Caoilfhionn placed their hands on this relic and were asked if they would vow that Matthias has fought valiantly in all the fields of battle and not just the Crown Tourney, "We do". If they believed that Princess Æsa had proven herself in service to the kingdom, "We do". They were to answer if they both believed that Matthias and Æsa would serve with both clarity and compassion. With hands laid on the stone, they answered, "We do".



Prince Matthias and Princess Æsa were called forth to be questioned on bended knee in front of the thrones. They were asked if they would put the populous and stewards of the East Kingdom first and foremost, "We will". The question was whether they would treat all with equity and compassion, "We will". Lastly, if they would protect and fight for the kingdom from all threats, "We Will". At this, they were deemed worthy to be crowned as new King and Queen of the East Kingdom ending the previous reign and starting their own.

Duke Brennan placed the crown on King Matthias's head with words that his character should shine just as much as this crown gleams with its gems in the light. His Majesty then placed the crown on his queen's brow with wishes of eternal rejoicing and magnificence. They were told of the burden they now carry, that it is the weight of the people's belief in their worth as leaders.



Duke Brennan kneeled swearing his sword, spear, service, and fidelity. Their Majesties swore that they would keep Brennan with those he calls his own and defend them justly. Duchess Caoilfhionn showed her faith and trust in Their Majesties by swearing her sword, heart, and counsel "whether you want it or not". They promise to protect her and hers as well. Their Majesties entered this covenant with words that they would do all within the law of the land until the crowns were passed, they greeted Death, or the wolf swallowed the sun. The new Royals then accepted fidelity from the Baron and Baronesses that were present and the King and Queen made oaths to them in return. At this, the ceremony was over and Their Magisties, King Matthias Grunewald and Queen Æsa feilinn Jossursdottir walked the hall heads held high ready to lead the East Kingdom.

100 Minutes War

Shire of Rusted Woodlands



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EVERGREEN

ENCHANTMENT

By Lady Toi Poisson de Mortagne

The wonderful thing about the festivals of the winter solstice is that they're an amalgam of different cultures' festive customs. For instance, the custom of bringing evergreens into the house around the time of the winter solstice dates back to ancient pagan times. The Romans brought greenery into their houses at Saturnalia. Also, pagan civilizations across Northern Europe would make a sacrifice to the Norse god Jul by bringing evergreens, called Jul trees, into the home to bless and protect the family.

Let's plant our own Jul trees for some winter fun:

- ❖ First, you need to go for a walk in the woods and find some freshly fallen pine cones.
- ❖ Bring them home and put them in a paper bag, and place them in the freezer for a few days (this part is important).
- ❖ Put some soil in a pot with a hole in it. Shake the pine cone seeds out of your pine cone and cover them with soil.
- ❖ You might want to plant the pine cone partially into the soil too because it looks pretty cool.
- ❖ Water your seeds with a little water every day. They should start to sprout in about a week.

Be sure to water your Jul Tree often. When it starts to get too big for its pot, regime it into a larger one. Keep watch and care for your tree and by next year you will be able to decorate it with your own ornaments.

Happy Yule!

BARONY EVENTS

ICE WEASEL

February 24, 2024

King Philip Lodge

152 Columbus Drive, Fall River, MA

BARONIAL BIRTHDAY

More Details Coming Soon

DECEMBER KINGDOM EVENTS

Go to EastKingdom.Org for more details

Saturday 30th

The Wassail Tavern - A Green Mountain Yuletide Celebration

Shire of Panther Vale - Barre, VT 





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Crown
Tournament

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

PRACTICE SCHEDULES

HEAVY FIGHTER PRACTICE

For January

1/5 and 1/19 at 7pm

Return of TWO-SWORD SUNDAY January 21 at 2pm

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.

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

FENCING PRACTICE

Foils will be drawn upon more interest

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

DANCE PRACTICE

When there is interest the dancing shoes can be brought out

MUSIC PRACTICE

Songs will be heard upon more interest

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.

REGNUM

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Chatelaine

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Chronicler

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Captain of Archers

Position available

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Steward

Position available

Webminister

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