

Kenning Points

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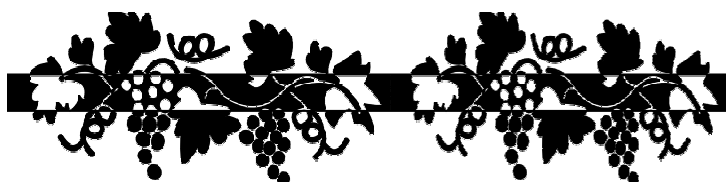
The Annual Stomping of the Grapes

The days grow shorter and the heat of the Dog Days has begun to wane, but the work of a peasant is never done, as we continue to toil in the fields bringing in the last of the summer harvest, as we should, in keeping with our agrarian roots.

Our Baron has announced that the grape harvest will be finished upon the 29th of September, and the task of stomping the grapes will commence! Ladies, good gentlewomen and peasant wenches of the Barony, don your oldest or messiest garb and prepare to climb into the vat and stomp the grapes as our lords wait upon us bringing us morsels of food and refreshing drink whilst we prepare the grapes for the upcoming wine production season.

As is the custom of our esteemed Baron Cerdic and his most gracious Baroness Caitlin, the baronial manor will be opened to all, that we may all share a communal repast at the baronial tables. Those who attended the grape stomp last year and purchased a share of the wine may pick up their Bottles of Chateau LaFoote 2006. Selections of the Baron's Cyser, Honey Mead, small beers and Ales may also be available if the Baron isn't looking.

Strong backs and hearty peasants will be required to help set up the vats in the morning, while cooks and chefs are asked to prepare dishes for the sideboards. The Baronial Manor is at 314 June Street, Fall River MA 02720 and can be contacted at 508-675-1006.



Upcoming Events at a Glance

- 2 Sept: **Barony Meeting, Annual Barbecue & Movie Night**
923 Drift Road, Westport, MA
- 14—16 Sept:
Crossroads At Canterbury—Spencer, MA
- 14—16 Sept:
Golden Tyger Tavern — Coventry, RI
- 22 Sept: Ealdomere Coronation—Kingston, Ontario.
(ROAD TRIP WITH MASTER FERAL!!!)
- 24 Sept: **Arts & Science Workshop**
How to Do A&S Documentation
Veteran's Community Center
239 Main Street, Buzzards Bay
- 29 Sept: **Annual Grape Stomp**
Noon until whenever.
314 June Street, Fall River MA

PENNSIC THRU THE EYES OF A VIRGIN

by
Elaina & Robert Howys
of Morningthrope

"Are we there yet, are we there yet?"

Most boring part of trip there:
reading the s l o w l y decreasing
mile marker on route 80 thru PA.

On seeing the field of tents off route
79 for the first time: "That's Penn-
sic !?!? " — and the exit is still a *mile*
away.

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From route 422: "You're sure we're supposed to go down this road? — There's no sign!"

The feeling of contentment in the pit of your stomach on rounding the bend and seeing the battle field and castle for the first time....We're here!!!

After going thru Troll:Now where the Heck is the North Gate?!!?

Finally seeing a familiar face: "I've found the Baron!"

Most amazing sight is setting up your tent and looking over to the battlefield and castle — there's nothing like a front row seat!

Cooler experience was getting to hold a Greyhound at the "Queens Tea and Hounds Coursing". Thank you Sunnifa!

Most enjoyable experience at Pennsic: For Elaine —singing with the Pennsic Choirs; For Bob — Archery shooting with the Champions (and almost making the team).

Most frightening experience: Thunderstorms in a nylon tent. (oh! but what a light show!)

Most uncomfortable experience: 100 degree temperatures plus the humidity on the Serengeti. Next year —FANS!!!

Why I love my husband so much: building a King size bed to use at Pennsic - less than a week before leaving.

And the list goes on:

- Opening Ceremonies
- Shopping
- Watching Heavy list fighters marching off to battle, and the traffic jam at North gate of fighters heading up to the Woods battle.
- Shopping
- Going to A & S Classes
- Shopping.
- Walking around Pennsic at night.
- Shopping
- Doing ice runs in the morning.
- Shopping.
- Stars at night.
- Shopping
- Sampling Food Court
- Dressing for Midnight madness (despite the heat)
- Shopping
- Singing in the Rain

ETC....

Leaving Pennsic and talking on the way home of what we will do different next year.

Then on the way home going thru 57 degree weather in the Poconos — and getting a cold from it. Only 49 weeks left till next Pennsic!!!

PS. Many of you have been thru this, and have experienced many of these things, and much more. Pennsic was a long anticipated trip for Bob and me.

Did Pennsic live up to all the stories we heard? Yes, that and more. Despite a busy 11 days there are many places and things within Pennsic we had not even ventured to. Concerts to hear, battles to watch, classes to go to, shopping to do, and camp fires to sit around.

Will we go again? With God's blessing and a healthy year we plan to go again next year!

Chronicler's Note: Photos of this year's Pennsic — some of the battles, our Barony's fighters, the awards ceremonies at court, and yes, even Elaine singing, can be seen at www.baronyofsmokingrocks@yahoogroups.com

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CONGRATULATIONS

Angus mac Phadraig received his (A.oA) at Pennsic.

Bacchus (Patrick Egin) became man-at-arms to Viscount Karl vonSussen and joined his household.

Iulianiia Trieskova (aka Triona) received her AoA at Pennsic.

Sunnifa Heinreksdottir also received her AoA at Pennsic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHILD KING OUT ON DVD!

Jeff Kerr, director of the film *The Child King*, sent us the following letter on August 31st: *"The web site is up (www.thechildking.com). It is half complete but will finished in a week. Sales of the movie will begin in 3 weeks and we hope you and friends are still interested. You can view the films trailer on the site and put your name on an e-mail list which will notify you when the DVD is ready for sale. Thanks for you support, All the best,"* – Jeff Kerr

For those of you who haven't yet heard about *The Child King* – it was an independent movie by brothers Frank and Jeff Kerr, filmed here in MA about two years ago (up at Hammond Castle, actually). The main storyline involves two brothers and their quest to find Santa Claus, but a subplot (told as a story within a story) involves the tale of *The Child King*, filmed in flashback and set in the Middle Ages, and several SCAdians from our barony answered the casting call for extras to play medieval peasants and knights – even the roles of Good King, Bad King, the Good Queen and her loyal Captain of the Guard were played by Lord Ceawlin Alreding, Lord RHUFF, Sir Ankara and Sir Angus O'Neill, respectively.

The movie was an official entry in the Los Angeles International Children's Film Festival last year, and premiered here on the East Coast last December. Sales from the DVD will benefit Special Olympics, as well as organizations and individuals that assist those with intellectual difficulties.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES OFFICER POSITION VACANT

The barony is looking for a volunteer or volunteers interested in supervising the Smoking Rocks Pages School program, as Barony Youth Activities Officer(s). Duties include organizing activities for children from 6 - 17 in the Barony, making sure that EK Policies on Youth Activities are being followed, and preparing quarterly reports on youth activities/classes in the barony. The officer will report to both the Southern Region Chancellor Minor and the East Kingdom Dean of Pages (our Baron Cerdic), and will work closely with Baron Cerdic and the EK Chancellor Minor to develop the Smoking Rocks Pages School. Those interested should contact Baron Cerdic at dha-worth@comcast.net.

SEPTEMBER 7 SPECIAL ACADEMY PRACTICE

To help keep our fighting sharp, many members of our local chivalry have offered their expertise to an indoor singles focused practice at the Medieval Academy in Fall River, MA on Friday, September 7th at 8pm. At present count, we have commitments from almost 1/2 dozen top quality chivalry to attend. In addition, we have 6 non chiv OTC's that will also be attending. Our indoor facility will host these events opposite the Ber-gental regionals, as we can accomodate upwards of 20 combatants in two lists, along with room for pell work, instuction and an armory to do basic repairs. Also, our site features an upper 'stage area' that can be used if you have family members along that need a safe place to hang out.

For directions to our practice, please visit www.fighterpractice.com. The site fee for this, and all practices at the Academy is \$4.00 to cover heat/electricity. We look forward to this becoming a regular monthly visit of the best of the Central Region.. We hope to see you there!

– YIS, Edval

MEETINGS & PRACTICES

24 September: Arts & Science Workshop – SCA Arts & Sciences Documentation, 7–9 p.m.
Veteran's Community Center, 239 Main Street, Buzzards Bay. Contact Lady Nest (eastarch@yahoo.com) for more information.

ON-GOING PRACTICES

Archery (Wed & Fri: Fall River). Contact Iulianiia (aka Triona) at tritriarcher@yahoo.com.

Heavy List (Wed & Fri: Fall River, Sun: Cape Cod). Contact Lord Richard Leviathan (vargaliss@comcast.net) or Lord Ceawlin Alreding at 508-345-0174.

Jongleurs Guild Music Practice (Thurs: Wareham). Contact Lady Efa ferch Cynan (lief@comcast.net)

LHA Fencing (Mon & Sat: Fall River). Contact Lord Enzo Fishmonger (ap13fish@cox.net) or Philippe Provost (itsthegotee@yahoo.com)



Arts & Sciences News

A challenge has been issued. Will we stand up and take the challenge, or sit and ignore it?

Someone has posted a challenge to do 50 things before the 50th anniversary of the SCA at <http://artsandsciences50.org/>

This can be done singly or as a group. So I thought that everybody in the Barony or who camps in the Freehold camp at Pennsic could get together and make some Baronial regalia, and camp heraldry pieces. Either to benefit the Barony or yourself, or both.

—Baronial Regalia: We seriously need a new Baronial banner, table clothes for the head table at feasts, a kneeling pillow, a memorial panel which can be part of the wind-wall at Pennsic or displayed at other events and assorted other things. I thought we could make some project days and get together to make some of these items.

—Camp Heraldry items: We could use flags with personal devices to carry in processions, wind wall panels, banners or flags for tents. In other words colorful flutter things. Anybody can be involved in any way they want. I will try to keep track to see if we are going to get to 50.

So first project: Personal flags to carry in processions, or attach to a tent or stand above the wind wall. It would be best if these could flutter. Therefore... silk. I can get 4'x4' silk hankies from Dharmatrading for \$5 each. We can then dye them with the gutta resist method. It is easy and quick. I have dyes and the gutta. I can get a bunch of the hankies, and then give them to any who want to try it (for \$5). These would belong to you, and you can take them with you.

Anybody interested? — Nest

FAIR PRAISE AT COUNTY FAIR DEMO!!

It was a very busy weekend at the Rochester County Fair, August 18th and 19th. The organizers of the annual fair offered us a free booth in exchange for demos of medieval fiber arts and spinning; we ended up manning a booth for 2 days, displaying a large collection of Arts & Science, archery, fencing and heavy arms stuff and answering tons of questions from lots of interested folks. Nest, Efa (Liefe), and Deb performed music, while Sunnifa demonstrated her spinning; David Walbridge made a spear, Erasmus worked on a crossbow, and Nest also demonstrated lacemaking — to name just a few things we did. We answered questions until we were hoarse and gave out probably 80 info cards.

On the second day we also had some time scheduled on stage. Through a miscommunication they did not mean performing on the small stage in the tent — they had us in the large central square. We had three fencers to entertain the crowd for half an hour, thanks to Erasmus, Euric and Juliana. Next year the fair has asked us to do it again with a larger program. The space is great — about a 20x30 yard fenced in field with grand stands on 2 sides for the audience. We could have a mini melee easily, so next year it would be great to have some heavy arms fighters.

Thank you for all the hard work Molly, Liefe, Deb, Sunnifa, Juliana, Erasmus, Katya, Euric, David Walbridge, Owen and Sarah. Thanks especially to the artists who allowed us to display their works, including Broccon (carved leather), David (Saxon shield, chairs, and weapons), Dianaim (calligraphy & illumination), Baroness Caitlin (thanks for lending us your wool carders), Marius and Livia (thanks for lending us your SCA banner), Deb & Efa (14th century garb, recorders & needlework), Sunnifa (spun wool, inkle loom weaving), Erasmus (chainmail, carved wood and that cool spear flinging thingy —can't remember what it's called), and of course, Nest, who brought an incredible amount of her work for the display, ranging from naturally dyed, handspun wool, several pieces of Russian garb, beadwork, needlework, lace, blackwork, handmade arrows and calligraphy, just to name a few things (you rock, Nest!). Hopefully we haven't missed anyone — if we have, we apologize!

We haven't spoken to the fair organizers yet, but the reaction from the public seemed positive! Here's hoping to a great demo next year as well!

— compiled from reports from Lady Nest, A&S Minister, and Lady Molly Blythe, Deputy Chatelaine.



Chatelaine's Corner

Question of the Month:
What is an AoA and

how does somebody get one?

A: The Award of Arms, or AoA, is often the first award a person receives in the SCA for participation in the Society. With the award, the recipient is given the right to bear Heraldic Arms within the Society, and the right to use the title Lord or Lady.

There are several awards given out in the SCA, as well as in the East Kingdom and in the Barony, to recognize individuals for their participation, and for excellence in Arts & Sciences, Martial Arts or Service.

In the Barony of Smoking Rocks, the baron and baroness may bestow the following awards: The Leviathan (for service), the Golden Quadrant (for arts & science), the Rock (for martial arts), and the Lodestone (for non-Barony residents who have been influential in their guidance and friendship). Actually, the Lodestone is in the process of being re-named, but until then, that's what they're called.

At the kingdom level, besides receiving the AoA, you can be inducted into the orders of the Silver Crescent (for service), of the Maunche (for arts & sciences), of the Tygers Combattant (for fighting), of the Saggiarius (for archery), of the Golden Mantle (for fenc-

ing), of Artemis (for siege and combat archery), of Troubadours (for vocal entertainment) and of the Terpsichore (for dance). The Tygers Cub and the Order of Gawain are given for youth who display admirable virtue and decorum, and for honor, chivalry, valor and leadership in youth fighting.

Awards are given out by the King and Queen but anyone can write in to nominate a person they feel is deserving. You're welcome to send in letters or you can use the form on the East Kingdom website at www.eastkingdom.org.

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