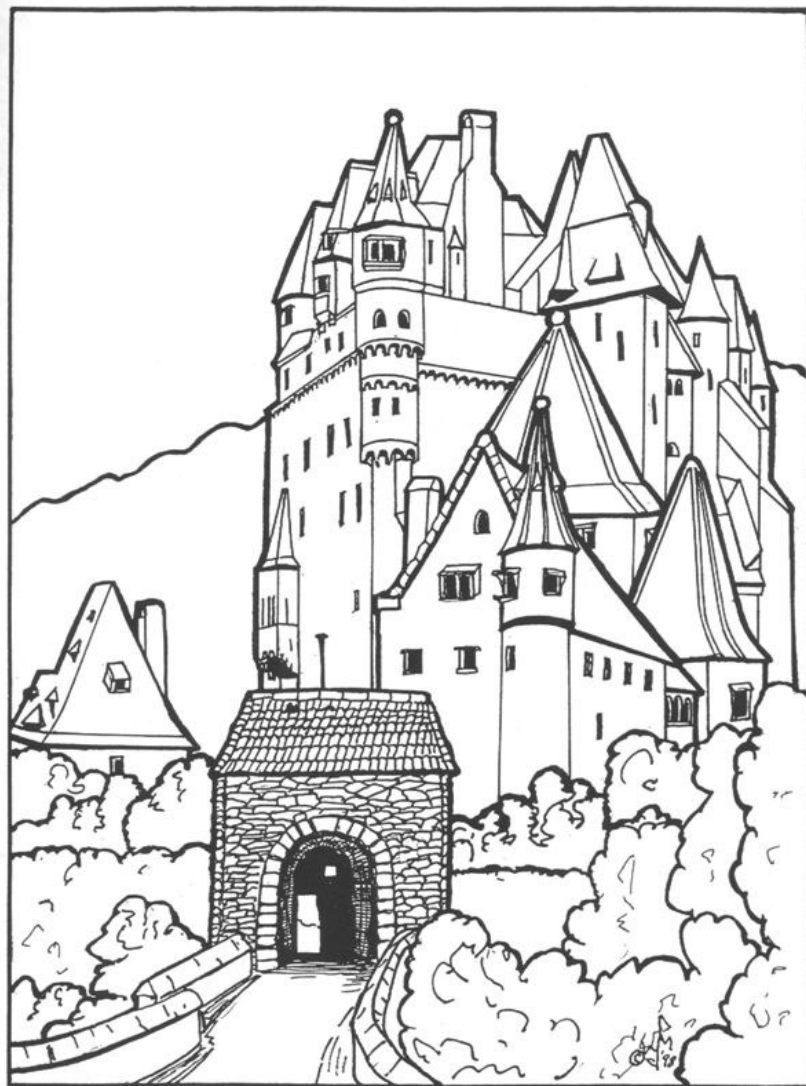


THE MUDPUPPY



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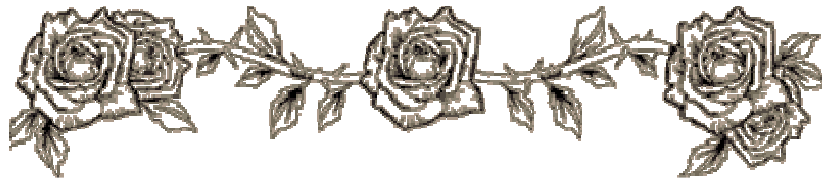
Calendar of Events

April

- 11 (RP) **Coronation of Andreas and Gabriella, Nordenhalle (Kingston, NY)**
12 Weapons practice, archery, St. Paul's Church (Flemington) 1:30 PM
15 Baronial business meeting at the home of Lady Ceara (Nutley) 7:30 PM
21 Marwick meeting (Cranford)
22 Tir Mynydd meeting (Hope)
24-26 (RP) **East Kingdom Southern Region Spring War Practice and Royal University, Owlsherst (York Haven, PA)**
25 Spring Thyng VI, The Hunt, Caer Adamant (Middletown, DE)
25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
26 Weapons practice, archery, St. Paul's Church (Flemington) 1:30 PM

May

- 1-3 Mountain Confederation Ladies Champion, Eisental (Lehighton, PA)
6 Baronial business meeting, 7:30 PM
9 (RP) **Spring Crown Tournament, Carillion (Manalapan, NJ)**
10 Weapons practice, archery, St. Paul's Church (Flemington) 1:30 PM
15-17 West Windsor Renaissance Faire, Carillion (West Windsor)
19 Marwick meeting (Cranford)
20 Tir Mynydd meeting (Hope)
22-25 (RP) **War of The Roses, Concordia of the Snows (Mariaville, NY)**
22-25 Quest XXVI, Towering Inferno, Settmour Swamp (Neshanic Station, NJ)
25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*



Unto the Populace of Settmour Swamp do Baron Alexander and Baroness Rhiannon Send Greetings:

YEAH!! Spring has finally sprung! Another Mudthaw has come and gone. This year we had the honor of not one but two kingdom championships being decided at our yearly spring celebration, Kings and Queens Rattan and Kings and Queens Arts and Sciences Champions. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this Mudthaw a success: Our Autocrat Owynn Greenwood; Co Autocrat Dona Emeline Patterson; head of setup Don Edmund Patterson and clean up Don Malcolm Bowman; our Troll staff headed up by Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood - Her Excellency and her staff processed around 600 non pre-registered people during the day and there never seemed to be much of a line; Lady Ceara MacKieran for running not just one but two tourneys mixed together as one with over 90 fighters -You and your staff did an amazing job. We would also like to thank our Head Cook Lady Charis Accipiter who has kept the Swamp's reputation for excellent feasts alive and well. Great job to every one. We know that there are many many more people to thank but we will leave that honor to the Autocrat. We would also like to thank the people who helped us during the day: Lord Galefridus and Lady Katherine for setting up High Table; Lady Berelinde for serving as our retainer for the day and during court; Mistress Alys for being our court herald and Lord Pippin for making sure the Baron was never thirsty during court.

During Royal court at Mudthaw the following Swampies were honored: Sir Mitchell MacBain was inducted into the order of the Pelican as was Sir Jan Janowicz Bogdanski; Don Antonio Patriquin was knighted; Lady Jehannine de Flandres was made a court baroness as was Lady Elizabeth Elenore Lovell and Riordan received his AoA. Congratulations all.

In Baronial court, Lord Colin MacKenzie received an Iron Tower for his work in helping the Barony setup a Thrown weapons practice at Flemington. Lady Alexia and Lord Raven received Bronze towers for their helping the Barony with youth fighting at our events. Lady Kalisfena Greenwood d'Mer (aka Little1) received a Bronze for her work as event merchant coordinator and past canton exchequer. Mistress Alys received a Silver tower for her years of service to the Barony.

Congratulations also to Lord Owynn Greenwood who was prompted to the rank of Provost in the League of Rapier Academies.

We will be traveling north to the Shire of Nordenhalle on April 11th to attend the coronation of our new King and Queen, Andreas and Gabriella. We do hope to see some fellow Swampies there.

On May 9th we will be traveling to the Barony of Carillion for Crown tourney. Her Excellency Baroness Jehannine de Flandres will be cooking feast. It would be nice to see the Barony well represented as we welcome the new Prince and Princess of the East.

Planning for Quest is well underway and if you would like to help with the event, be an obstacle during the quest or help with the feast please contact the autocrat or the appropriate person. See the announcement in this issue. As is tradition we will be selecting our new Baronial Champions at Quest. There will be tourneys for Heavy Weapons, Rapier, Thrown Weapons, Archery and Youth Combat.

There is also a populace choice A&S competition. This year we are asking the artisans in the Barony to enter their favorite piece no matter how old it is or how many times its been entered into A&S competitions. Of course we will have a Bardic Competition Saturday night around the campfire.

Lastly, if anyone would like to be considered for Camp Coordinator or Land Agent for the Swamp Camp at Pennsic, please contact Rhiannon, Alexander or our Seneschal Erec before the April meeting.

Now that the weather is getting milder let's get outside and play. See you all soon!

Yours in service,
Alexander and Rhiannon



Officer Reports Presented at the March Business Meeting

Herald

Don Orlando Sforza is officially my Deputy.

Knight Marshall

Practices continue at Nutley and Sundays. Another request for a fighting demo has been received, but no further word on time/place/type, when I get solid contact information I will forward to the Seneschal. Sir Tanaka is MIC of the Tourney at Mudthaw – I have place myself at his disposal as both marshall for the tourney and on behalf of any of his needs from the Barony.

Exchequer

I will try to get Tami to change the information on the website soon. I am always available for questions or comments at e.rose.green@... or by phone (732-300-0303 or 732-564-7720).

Chronicler

The February issue has been published. Electronic subscriptions are unchanged at 92.

Arts & Sciences

No report

Mistress of Lists

No report

Chatelaine

No report

Marshall of Fence

No report

Captain of Archers

Nothing new to report.

Marshal of Thrown Weapons-

No report

Chirurgion

The Populace of Settmour Swamp has, to the best of my knowledge, stayed safe and healthy during the month of February. At one of our Flemington meetings, I met with a new person who has expressed interest in becoming a Chirurgion. Since she will very likely be attending Mudthaw (together with three other Chirurgions-in-Training), I will be arranging for her to to be working with a warranted Chirurgion to begin her training.

As mentioned at the last Officers Meeting, I have accepted the position of Southern Regional Deputy Kingdom Chirurgion. In order to stay in compliance with EK law, I am tendering my resignation as Baronial Chirurgion. I will continue to serve as Acting Baronial Chirurgion until someone else is selected.

Chamberlain

The inventory has been kidnapped by Edmund and Owynn, should return eventually, in much better shape.

Webmistress

No report

A & S Project of the Month

Farmstead Cheddar Cheese

Artist: Lady Charis Accipiter mka Sandra LaVigne

Project description: I have made a farmstead cheddar cheese. Each cheese wheel weighs about two pounds and takes about two gallons of milk to make. The earliest record I found was that of cheddar cheese being ordered for the court of Henry the II in the 12th century. Though cheese would have been made in many smaller households, large quantities, like that ordered by the king, were unusual and required a special order from the farmer or herdsman. I am still in the process of researching historical recipes but the cheese I made is a simple variety that could conceivably been made in a 12th century home.

Why did you choose to take on this project? I originally started to make cheese for my family as a fun project and to try to be healthier. Homemade cheese does not have any preservatives other than salt. My thoughts then turned to how it might have been done in medieval times and who might have made it and how.

Difficulty level: Intermediate. If you are interested in cheese making I suggest that you start with soft cheeses, such as farmer's cheese (cottage type cheese) or fresh mozzarella. These simply require a pot, stove and some sort of rennet or vinegar, and a thermometer. Hard cheese is not that much more difficult in the "cooking" stage but it requires to be pressed and this can prove more challenging but not impossible for the clever minded. It also requires a place to age that can be kept at around 55 F° with a humidity of between 85% and 95%.

What materials are needed to complete this project? The cheddar cheese I made required a large (12 quart) pot, 2 gallons of fresh pasteurized milk, vegetable rennet, mesophilic culture starter, a thermometer, and cheese wax. I used a 16 quart pot as a double boiler to bring the milk up to the correct temperature for the second stage of the process.

How long did it take to complete? The cheese takes about 4 ½ hours to make. Then it must dry for 2-4 days on a wood board. Once dry the cheese is waxed and set to dry in my root cellar for 30 to 60 days.

What sources if any did you use as your basis for this project? Carroll, Ricki. 2002. Home Cheese Making. Storey Publishing, LLC. I also used various web sources for some historical data.





**A Historic District Celebration at Glencairn Museum
1001 Cathedral Road
Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania**

Saturday, April 18, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Admission: FREE

Last fall Glencairn and other buildings in the Bryn Athyn Historic District were granted National Historic Landmark status by the Secretary of the Interior. Glencairn, Cairnwood and Bryn Athyn Cathedral will be open free of charge, and your special one-day passport will guide you to activities at each building. See live glassblowing at Glencairn and attend a stained glass painting class (see below for more information). Take a guided or cell phone tour of the galleries and experience *Painting with Light*, a special stained glass exhibition. Other activities in the Historic District include carriage rides, stone carving demonstrations, special refreshments, and more.

The glassblowing demonstration will be by Arab Boy (Master Ali).

WheatonArts and Stained Glass Workshop Return to Glencairn!

Saturday, April 18, 11:00 to 5:00 pm

Workshop: \$10 Adults, \$5 Members/Students with ID

Noted stained glass artist J. Kenneth Leap from the Stained Glass Center at WheatonArts (Millville, NJ) will lead a stained glass workshop using authentic 12th century techniques. Participants will apply glass pigment to designs adapted from Glencairn's collection of medieval stained glass. Painted glass panels will be fired in an ultra-fast gas kiln, so you can take your creation home at the end of the day.

Reservations required. Please call 267.502.2981 to reserve your spot. Ages 8 and up, space is limited.

View of the Great Hall:



Practices and Activities

Archery Practice

Second and fourth Sunday, St. Paul's Church, Flemington, NJ.

Weeknights in Pittstown. Anyone interested in shooting, please contact Elizabeth Hawkwood at hawkwoode@att.net or call 908-996-6315 for directions and information.

Arts & Sciences Activities

Third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 346 High Street (Rt 609), Hope, NJ.
Contact fafnir62@yahoo.com for information.

Dance Practice

Third Tuesday, 7:15 PM. The Canton of Marwick hosts practice at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford. Anyone who would like to learn medieval/renaissance dances, whether you live in the Barony or a neighboring group, is welcome to attend.

Fencing Practice

Thursdays from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM at Maestro Fencing, 217 W Main St, Somerville, NJ 08876 There is a \$5.00 site fee to cover the cost of using the facility. Contact Sebastian Estevan de Xavier for more information via email at Xavier1101@yahoo.com or call 732-742-8882.

Youth Fighter Practice

Practice will held one Sunday each month at St. Paul's Church in Flemington, NJ. Please contact Angus Sutherland at 908-284-2614 or email him at minor@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org for current information.

Fighter Practice

Wednesdays 6:30PM to 10:00PM, Nutley, NJ. A \$5.00 donation is requested to help defray the cost of the site rental. If you have questions, please email Sir Tanaka Raiko at salvacion_hank@hotmail.com. If you get lost, Tanaka's pager is 201-232-9337.

Thursdays, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM, St. Paul's Church, Flemington, NJ. *Currently suspended.*



Directions to Practices

Youth Fighter Practice - St. Paul's Church, Flemington

St Paul's is on Rt. 31 in Flemington, next door to the Hunterdon Medical Center, two miles north of the Flemington Circle. Directions are on line or contact Angus Sutherland at 908-284-2614 or email minor@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

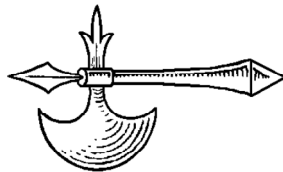
Fighter Practice - Reformed Church of Nutley, Nutley

The church is on Hillside Crescent, Nutley, NJ. Directions are on line or contact Sir Tanaka Reiko at salvacion_hank@hotmail.com.

Fencing Practice – Maestro Fencing, Somerset

Maestro Fencing is at 217 W Main St, Somerville, NJ. Directions are available on line or contact Sebastian Estevan de Xavier via email at Xavier1101@yahoo.com or call 732-742-8882.

Dance Practice - Calvary Lutheran Church, Cranford. The church is at 108 Eastman Street (on the corner of Eastman and Holly) For information and directions contact Jessa at mlecin@gmail.com or call her at 732-563-1029.



Baronial Business Meeting

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at the home Lady Ceara in Nutley. For directions and more information, contact the baronial seneschal via email for more details.

From the Canton of Gryphonwald

Gryphonwald meetings are held the fourth Sunday of the month. Contact the Gryphonwald seneschal, Lord Pippin a'Bheithir at gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org for details.

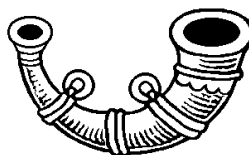
From the Canton of Marwick

The Canton will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford at 7:15 PM. For more details and directions, contact the seneschal, Lord Edmund Patterson at 908-561-2345 or email him at clost95@aol.com

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