

The Mudpuppy



*The Newsletter of the
Barony of Settmour Swamp*

April A.S. XLIV

Calendar of Events

APRIL 2010

- 10 (RP)** **Coronation of Edward and Marguerite, Barony of Bergental (West Springfield, MA)**
14 Baronial business meeting at the home of Edmund and Emeline in South Plainfield, 7:30 PM
17 (RP) **Balfar's Challenge, Barony of Dragonship Haven (Meriden, CT)**
20 Canton of Marwick meeting
23-25 (RP) **Southern Region Spring War Practice, Owlsherst (York Haven, PA)**
24 (RP) **East Kingdom Royal University and Knights College, Anglespur (Troy, NY)**
24 Spring Thynges VII – The Taming of the Arrow, Caer Adamant (Middletown, DE)
25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*

MAY 2010

- 8 (RP)** **Spring Crown, L'île du Dragon Dormant (Ste. Hermenegilde, Quebec,)**
8 Vinland Games, Blak Rose (Camp Hill, PA)
12 Baronial business meeting at the home of Orlando and Charis, 7:30 PM
18 Canton of Marwick meeting
25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
28-31 **Quest for The Tenth Worthy Warriors, Settmour Swamp (Neshanic Station, NJ)**
28-31 War of the Roses, Concordia of the Snows (Mariaville, NY)

For information on the Sunday practices held in Flemington, please contact the baronial seneschal at seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

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Greetings from the Baroness and Baron to the Denizens of our Beloved Swamp!

First let me apologize for any misspellings, omissions, forgotten or incorrect titles or people or any other stupid mistakes herein, because it is the day after Mudthaw as I write this and I'm feeling very tired and altogether stupid today.

March was a very busy month with the preparations for Mudthaw, cooking and token making workshops and the shifting of the Baronial inventory to and from various locations. We are glad to report that the Baronial storage space (that would be our Chamberlain, Gudrun's garage) now has wonderful sturdy shelving units to hold all our gear in a more organized manner. Thank you to our work crew: Erec, Gudrun, Cass, Katherine and Miguel. We will soon be returning all of the aforementioned gear to said storage space and will re-inventory, label and reorganize everything. Details will follow soon. Please come help. We'll make it fun.

MUDTHAW XXX! It was grand! It was awesome! There were so many things to see and do, it was dizzying. But once again the wonderful, gracious, talented and hardworking people of this Amazing Barony pulled together a fantastic event. Heartfelt thanks go out to Master Alexander Younger, our autocrat, for undertaking the difficult task of managing such a large and varied event. Lady Cassandra de Matisse is to be congratulated for providing a truly delicious and satisfying feast no matter the obstacles that were thrown in her path. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, clean up, and run things all day and night. Alexander and Cass know who you are and will tell us when they have recovered.

Baron Alexander and I would like to thank some of the people who helped us personally throughout the day. Orlando, a really big thank you for transporting, setting up and taking down our thrones along with everything else you already had to do; Charis for last minute banner delivery; Erec, Retep, Tracy, Toad and Merlinia for the Mud Ceremony and presentation preparations; Ursula, Richenda, Merlinia and Hildemar for retaining for us during court and throughout the entire day; and to Orlando, Charis and Leofric, our talented and obliging scribes. If you or someone you know helped out but were not mentioned here or in any other thank you messages, don't be shy, please let us know so we can acknowledge your contributions. We don't like to miss anyone but it's such a busy day it's hard for us to see everything first hand.

On April 10th, we will be traveling to visit our cousins in the Barony of Bergental for the coronation of Edward and Marguerite. We hope to see many familiar faces from near and far and from our Swamp of course. The setting for the festivities sounds divine and it should be an entertaining day.

Don't forget our planned excursion to the Metropolitan Museum of Art on May 15th to see the Limburg Bros. works (unbound illuminated manuscript – the Belle Heures of Jean de France, Duc de Berry) and the Medieval Tomb Sculptures from the Court of Burgundy. Rhiannon plans to hit the gift/book shop early this time and have them hold her purchases till the end of the day so she'll have plenty of shopping time and tired, cranky people don't have to wait for her.

Start getting your camping gear in order now for Quest, which is at the end of May. It's not too soon. It'll be here before we know it and if you get ready early, you'll have more time and energy to volunteer to do communal tasks before and at the event. That's our plan and we're sticking to it. The Autocrat (Eric the Horseman) needs your help. Plans for the feast, being cooked by Charis Accipiter, are well under way as are those for "The Quest for the Tenth Worthy Warrior" being written and run by

Don Orlando. We will need help in the kitchen, refilling water containers, tending fires, obstructing Questors, manning troll, setting up, breaking down, etc. Anyone who has been to Quest knows it is a fun, laid back weekend with lots of activities in which to take part, including tournaments for all the Baronial Champions, but everything still needs volunteers to run it. So donate a little time and still have a good time.

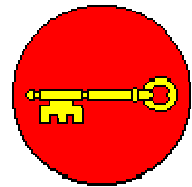
Keep it real, keep it fun,

Rhiannon and Alexander

P. S. Pre-reg. for Pennsic!



From the Baronial Seneschal:



Results of March Baronial Elections

At the March business meeting, the follow Baronial officers were elected:

Knight Marshal - Lord Erec Hundeman, replacing Lord Aodhan o Dunlaing

Seneschal – Lord Erec L’Claire was elected for another term.

Thanks to Lord Aodhan for his service to the barony and congratulations to Lord Erec Hundeman. We also thank Lord Erec for his continued service as our seneschal.

Current Baronial Vacancies

Three officer positions are vacant and available immediately. Please come forward if you are interested.

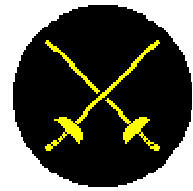
Youth Marshall – Responsible for overseeing youth combat activities. The rules of the East Kingdom require **youth marshals to have a valid background check** and supervise practices using a '2 deep' model. This means that practices are coached by two adults who are not related to one another. One of them must have completed the background check. For complete details please reference the Youth Fighting website <http://youthfighters.eastkingdom.org/marshallate.html>

Chancellor Minor – Organizes activities for children and teenagers at event.

Chirurgeon - The Baronial Chirurgeon is in charge of arranging First Aid at Baronial events.

Note: the candidate(s) must be a warranted chirurgeon at the time he/she accepts the office.

From the Marshall of Fence:



Settmour Swamp has a new location for their rapier practice.

Practice will now be held at the Somerville Rescue Squad, located at 21 Park Avenue in Somerville, NJ 08876. Practice will begin at 7:00 PM and end at 10:00 PM. A \$5 per person donation will be collected each week.



Officer Reports Presented at the March Business Meeting

Location: Alexander and Cassandra's

Recording Scribe: Lord Erec L'Claire

Attendees: Baron, Baroness, Shaun, Cass, Elizabeth Hawkwood, Emeline, Owynn, Edmund, Galefridus, Victoria, Thorleifr, Erec, Conrad, Eric the wandering horseman, Orlando, Erik Hundeman

The meeting was called to order at 7:42PM, adjourned at 10:00 PM

Herald

Hello folks - it was good to see many of you at K&Q Fencing. Wednesdays remain difficult to impossible for me, so it's highly unlikely I'll be making the meeting. I am planning on running a heraldic consulting table at Mudthaw and teaching two classes: (1) Basic heraldry; (2) Customer Service for Heralds. There will be Baronial Court at Mudthaw and Erec le Clair has already volunteered to help out with Court.

I'll be out and about more as time goes on, including making the trek to Coronation.

Knight Marshall

No report

Exchequer

I have updated the Exchequer report with the numbers for this month. Vicki will be attending the meeting this wednesday as my deputy. I am working on a preliminary event report for K&Q Fencing but I'm afraid that I don't have the final numbers from the Autocrat and Feastcrat. I am unable to complete an official report without them. I will try to get it done before I leave tomorrow if I get the final numbers from them in enough time to complete the report. I will be gone all week and returning next sunday. If there any questions, you all have access to the account info and should be able to answer them. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have if I am in cell phone range. Unfortunately, this will be unlikely for most of the trip. There are two refunds for the event from last weekend that need to be dealt with and they should be made out in the checkbook that Vicki will be bringing with her to the meeting wednesday. I will also have an NMS check waiting for a second signature. If there is a vote against the refund checks, merely void them in the checkbook and I will take care of the rest. I have included a link below to the report in case it has dissapeared. I should be reachable by phone until atleast Sunday afternoon if you have any questions

Chronicler

The February issue has been distributed.

Arts & Sciences

Pretty quite. Hopefully everybody is gearing up for K&Q A&S and then Mudthaw's "Then and Now A&S". There will also be a bread and brewing competition. PS- I will not be making the meeting on Wed. I'll be heading home from S.C. I have created the entry form for A&S at Mudthaw. I added the bread and brewing to it - Emeline, if you want any changes let me know. I also saw that it doesn't say anywhere what the theme is "Then & Now - in Honor of 30 years". I am going to start posting at the end of this week on groups lists. Can we have it loaded on the website or somewhere so people can download it? I will place it under the yahoo group files since I cannot attach it here

Mistress of Lists

No report

Chatelaine

Nothing to report, here. We have a new person coming to Dance, Drum, Chai and Chat when we finally get together, which we haven't been able to because of all the "weather" lately. The new person, Laurie, contacted me through the Chat address. And I'll also be helping her get started finding a Persona. We also had two new ladies attend the fencing champs event.

Marshal of Fence

Fencing activity in the Swamp has increased dramatically over the last month in anticipation of K&Q Fencing Champs. We relinquished the Thursday night practice site at Maestro fencing in Somerville as the practice fee was doubled. A new fencer, Scott Loonan, procured a site for us at the Somerville Rescue Squad Hall for the original fee. K&Q Fencing was successful with 61 fencers participating in the tournament. Preparing for Mudthaw with a rapier tournament, a sidesword tournament and melees.

Captain of Archers

Archers are still waiting for Spring

Marshal of Thrown Weapons-

No report

Chirurgion (Acting)

No report

Chamberlain

Shelves are waiting for Spring to happen. Inventory is still wandering the Barony waiting for spring & shelves so it can come home to roost. Otherwise, no change.

Webmistress

Took February off the calendar page, and added May. Changed the "next event" page to say Mudthaw and include Quest. Updated the index page to indicate that the next event is Mudthaw. Changed the details to include the new location for fencing practices, as outlined in the email from Lady Jehane. Finally, the text on the meetings page was updated to indicate that the March meeting is being held at the home of Alexander and Cassandra. All uploads were made with the help of our deputy, Master Alexander. Master Alexander will be representing the office at the meeting on 3/10.

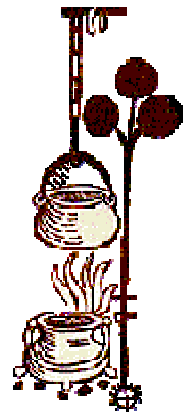
Upcoming Exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York,

The Art of Illumination: The Limbourg Brothers and the Belles Heures of Jean de France, Duc de Berry, March 2, 2010 – June 13, 2010,. Robert Lehman Wing

The *Belles Heures* (1405–1408/9) of Jean de Berry, a treasure of The Cloisters collection, is one of the most celebrated and lavishly illustrated manuscripts in this country. Because it is currently unbound, it is possible to exhibit all of its illuminated pages as individual leaves, a unique opportunity never to be repeated. The exhibition will elucidate the manuscript, its artists—the young Franco-Netherlandish Limbourg Brothers—and its patron, Jean de France, duc de Berry. A select group of precious objects from the same early-fifteenth-century courtly milieu will place the manuscript in the context of the patronage of Jean de Berry and his royal family, the Valois.

Lydia's Contribution to the Tournaments Illuminated "War Camp Cooks' Hints" Article.

I sent in a contribution to the Tournaments Illuminated "War Camp Cooks' Hints" article, and was delighted that it was printed (see issue #173, First Quarter 2010, page 23; my piece is on page 24). Unfortunately, the edited version wasn't as much fun to read as the original. I assume that the editors took out all non-essential words so they could include more hints; I think the non-essential parts made the already very short article more interesting to read. So I am sharing the complete, unedited version here.



Lydia FitzWaulter

Annabelle told me to write this, but the ideas are mostly hers. We both like to cook, but not at Pennsic, and we have friends who are picky eaters. Foodsaver® to the rescue!

We cook for Pennsic ahead of time, and freeze the food in single serving portions, vacuum sealed using the Foodsaver® machine. The bags are waterproof, and keep well in a cooler full of melted ice. To eat, we heat the bags in boiling water. Single servings can be customized – I like my breakfast sandwiches with egg, cheese and bacon; Kimberly only wants egg and cheese. Someone else wants egg and bacon. No problem, just label the portions. Single servings means that not everyone needs to eat the same thing at the same time. We can make some vegetarian items, say macaroni and cheese, or lasagna, and also make separate servings of meatballs or grilled chicken. The vegetarians eat their items and the carnivores add some meat, so everyone is happy. We've learned that pasta should be cooked al dente, so it doesn't dissolve once defrosted in the cooler.

We enjoy our hot, home-cooked meals at Pennsic, without cooking at camp, and with no pots to wash, either.

Practices and Activities

Archery Practice

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

Sundays at the home of Elizabeth Hawkwood. Anyone interested in shooting, please contact Elizabeth at hawkwoode@att.net or call 908-996-6315 for more 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.

Fencing Practice – New Location

Practice will now be held at the **Somerville Rescue Squad**, located at **21 Park Avenue** in Somerville, NJ 08876. Practice will begin at 7:00 PM and end at 10:00 PM. A \$5 per person donation will be collected each week. For more information, please contact Lady Jehane de Fenwyk, who is the marshall in charge. She can be reached on (908) 217-4484.

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.

Youth Fighter Practice

Practice will held one Sunday each month at St. Paul's Church in Flemington, NJ. Please contact the baronial seneschal for more information.



Directions to Practices

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

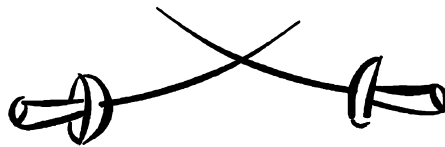
St Paul's is on Rt. 31 in Flemington, next door to the Hunterdon Medical Center, two miles north of the Flemington Circle. Directions are on line.

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 Don Malcolm Bowman at malcolm@sourcechronicles.com



Baronial Business Meeting

The meeting will be on April 14 at the home of Orlando and Emeline. For directions and more information, contact the baronial seneschal Lord Erec L'Claire at seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org or call him at 908-268-0725 for more details.

Canton of Gryphonwald Business Meeting

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.

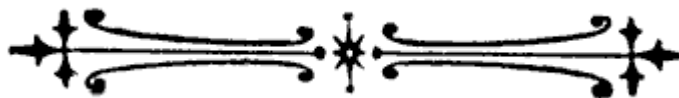
Canton of Marwick Business Meeting

The Canton will meet on April 20 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman Street (on the corner of Eastman and Holly) in Cranford at 7:30 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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