

The Mudpuppy



*The Newsletter of the
Barony of Settmour Swamp*

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Calendar of Events



December 2009

- 5 Feast of Saint Nicholas, Barony of Concordia of the Snows (Cohoes, NY)
- 5 Toys for Tots Demo, Barony of Iron Bog (Pemberton, NJ)
- 5 Mistletoe Revel with A Twist, Barren Sands (Margate, NJ)
- 5 (RP) Bhakhail Yule, Barony of Bhakhail (Plymouth Meeting, PA)**
- 9 Baronial business meeting, 7:30 PM
- 15 Marwick meeting (Cranford, NJ)
- 16 Tir Mynydd meeting (Hope, NJ)
- 20 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*

January 2010

- 9 Mistletoe Revel with a Twist, Shire of Barren Sands (Margate, NJ)
- 16 (RP) East Kingdom Twelfth Night/Kings & Queens Rattan Champions**
Shire of Panther Vale (Barre, VT)
- 23 Chirurgy and Cooking: A Winter Schola, Barony of Settmour Swamp (Flemington, NJ)
- 23 An English Country 12th Night, Shire of Owlsherst, (Wellsville, PA)
- 25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
- 29-30 (RP) Market Day at Birka, Barony of Stonemarche (Manchester, NH)**

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

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Season's Greetings





*HAIL TO THE SWAMP AND GREETINGS TO ALL
ITS NOBLE PEOPLE FROM THE BARON AND
BARONESS.*

November seems to have flown by and the Holiday Season is already upon us. We had a very successful workshop on the 8th to sort out and organize the Swamp's Gold Key (loaner garb) inventory. Thanks to Merlinia, Fionna, Ben, Jehannine and Thorlaeifr, we now have several complete outfits in large zip-lock bag ready to loan out to 8 women and 4 men in various sizes for several time periods. A follow up workshop will be held soon to do minor repairs to additional items to make up more outfits. Some items we could use to round out our supply are: children's garb; laces for bodices and purse drawstrings; belts; and heavy tights and braes for men. Wood or metal plates, bowls, and cups would also be welcome for loaner feast gear.

Congratulations to Lord Alexander the Younger and Lord Erec LeClair for winning their respective categories on the 14th at St. Eligius A&S Competition and Schola in Dragonship Haven. Vivant!

Dec. 5th will see our Baron traveling to visit our friends and neighbors in Bhakail for their Yule celebration. We hope many of you can join him for this fun day and Royal Progress.

Due to the Holiday schedule at St. Paul's Church in Flemington, there will be no practices or workshops there for the month of December. However, we have many other available sites around the Barony for various practices and activities, so be sure to check elsewhere in this news letter or the Barony website for alternatives. We will be holding our own Holiday celebration at the church on January 10. We haven't had a Swamp Stomp since the summer and thought this would be a good time to get everyone together again for some winter cheer!

Our calendar for the New Year is already filling up fast. We have a Chirurgeon's and Cook's Schola on January 23rd and will be hosting Their Majesties' Fencing Championship on February 27th. So mark down the dates and contact Galefridus for the Schola and Orlando and Charis for the Fencing event to help out. Mudthaw XXX planning is also underway and will be held on March 27th run by Lord Alexander the Younger with Lady Cassandra de Mattisse as Head Cook. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help out at one or more of these events. The Swamp is the best place to play but we all have to pitch in a little to make these events fun for everyone. (Thank you for your attention during that public service announcement.)

So, lots to do, lots of places to go and lots of fun to be had. Just don't overdo it and stay safe and happy during the Holidays Season.

Have a Merry!

Rhiannon and Alexander

From the Baronial Seneschal:

Greetings from your baronial seneschal. I do hope this Mudpuppy does find you well, in good spirits, with your hatches well battened against the coming winter. Plans are quite underway for our Chirurgy and Cooking winter schola, K&Q Fencing and of course Mudthaw. Many hands make light work. Your input and assistance is valuable please contact the Autocrats or the Seneschal and volunteer! We are also beginning to look toward Quest, if you would like to Autocrat or cook, please let us know.



Announcement of Baronial Officer Elections

Current Vacancies

There are three officer positions currently 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.

Chirurgion - The Baronial Chirurgion is in charge of arranging First Aid at Baronial events.
Note: the candidate(s) must be a warranted chirurgion at the time he/she accepts the office.

Upcoming Elections

In accordance with Baronial Policy and Procedure, the following Baronial offices' are up for election in January and March, 2010.

Marshal of Fence - to be voted on at the January 2010 meeting,
Knight Marshal, Seneschal - to be voted upon at the March 2010 meeting.

All gentles interested in running for any of these positions must be present at the respective business meeting at which the vote will be cast. The incumbent officer must also be present. Candidates will have the opportunity to address the Baronial officers and answer questions at the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, please reference Section II of the Policies & Procedures Manual at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/settmour_swamp/files/Official% 20Documents/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/settmour_swamp/files/Official%20Documents/)

Please e-mail the Baronial Seneschal, Lord Erec L'Claire, prior to the meeting with your intention to seek the office.

Officer Reports Presented at the November Business Meeting

Location: the home of Galefridus and Catherine

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM. Attendees: Baron, Baroness, Kelly, Padraig, Thorleifr, Ceara, Trixie, Erec, Owynn, Emmeline, Galefridus, Catherine, Jehannine, Philip, Charis

Herald

Your herald is back from "the dead." I'm still not 100% healthy, but I'm in far better shape than I was. Event and meeting attendance is still variable while I'm recovering, but I am available for name and device consults and any other heraldic questions. By Mudthaw I should be pretty much back to normal

Knight Marshall

Practice at Nutley continues as usual. Flemington practice continues with a general sense of site uneasiness. A general question was raised as to cancelling practices or finding an alternative site for practice during the month of December. As the site appears unavailable for December, it is suggested that the practice be placed on hiatus for that period unless the participants or MIC have an alternate location for that period.

Exchequer

Exchequer will be at the meeting.

Chronicler

The November newsletter has been issued. The Regnum and the contact for fencing practice has been updated.

Arts & Sciences

Many great projects are going on in the Barony. I would love to hear more about them! Many of our artisans have been out showing off their works and many plan to attend some up coming events to teach. I have been collecting projects for the A&S project of the month for the Mudpuppy.

Mistress of Lists

No report

Chatelaine

The Gold Key Workshop went well, according to the Baron. More work needs to be done on it and then we shall have a wonderful Gold Key System. We have had one or two e-mails from newbies; Gabi has returned them. I have to e-mail one more Lady who is interested in dancing. That is it for our Chatelaine report for this month. Again, if anyone has any ideas for Demos, please contact either Gabi or myself at chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Marshall of Fence

Once again, its that time of month to report on the rapier activities in Settmour Swamp. Thursday night practices still continue at Maestro Fencing in Somerville. Practice at Flemington on Sundays is being organized by Don Orlando Sforza.

As announced prior, I will be stepping down from the office in January. If anyone is interested in the office, please contact myself and Lord Erec, the Baronial Seneschal.

Rapier is alive and well in our neighbors as well. At Ghost, Ghouls, and Goblins, in the Barony of Carillion. There was a hard fought tournament, where Owynn Greenwood, from Settmour Swamp proved victorious, and now serves as the Baronial Champion of our southern neighbor. This past weekend, I traveled to the Barony of Endless Hills in the Kingdom of Aethelmearc, our northwestern neighbor. They have a growing fencing community there and would love to see a rebirth of Skippy's War. Skippy's War - so named for Don Sebastian Esteban de Xavier. One of Xavier's nicknames, among the many is Skippy. While he was still rapier marshal of Settmour, Don Xavier organized a foray into Aethelmearc on his family's lands, getting cooperation from our neighbors in Endless Hills, and thus was born Skippy's War (aka Bees, Bears, and Buckshot).

Also, the East Kingdom Rapier Champions tournament will most likely be held within our borders on February 27, 2010.

Captain of Archers

I have a new deputy. Charis has agreed to act as my deputy as Archery Captain. No other news to report

Marshal of Thrown Weapons-

No report

Chirurgion (Acting)

No report

Chamberlain

The inventory is out & about, our wonderful Baroness is holding some in her garage to make it easier to install the shelves, whenever that may occur. Nothing else to report

Webmistress

No report



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

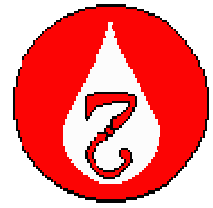
The Art of Illumination: The Limbourg Brothers and the Belles Heures of Jean de France, Duc de Berry, March 2, 2010 – June 13, 2010, . Robert Lehman Wing

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.

Chirurgý and Cooking: A Winter Schola

January 23rd, 2010

Flemington, NJ



Come join us for our Winter Schola! We will be having two class tracks: one on health and safety, and another on food and cooking. Many of the health and safety classes will be oriented toward those who serve or want to serve in the Chirurgionate

For those who wish to obtain or renew first aid or CPR certifications, we will be offering ASHI CPR and First Aid classes. The cost of these classes is NOT INCLUDED in the site fee.

The tentative list of health and safety classes includes:

ASHI CPR Pro (additional fee required)

ASHI Basic First Aid (additional fee required)

Bloodborne Pathogens: If it's wet and sticky and it isn't yours, don't touch it!

Chirurgion 101: Doing first aid in the SCA

Armor Extrication: Getting fighters out of their armor and staying their friend.

Heat and Cold Injuries

Care and Feeding of Fighters

Food Safety for Camping Events

Medieval Medicine: What the average medieval person knew about medicine.

The cooking and food class track is being prepared by Baroness Juliana von Altenfeld, OL, OP. If you'd like to teach a class, please contact her at feenercrai@aol.com A hearty dayboard will be provided, prepared by Maistreas Shannon Gallowglass. Please direct all food and allergy concerns to shannon@gallowglass.org

Directions:

From Route 287: Take I-287 to US-202 (Exit 17). Go South on US-202 to Flemington NJ Make first right at the circle to get onto NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital; make first left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place. The church is on left.

From Route 78 (western NJ/PA): Go East on I-78 to NJ-31 (Exit 17) Take Route 31 south Follow signs for Hospital; before you get there, make right onto Gaunt Place. The church is on left.

From Northeast Jersey/New York City: Take New Jersey Turnpike south to I-78 West, I-78 west towards GARDEN STATE PARKWAY/CLINTON. Merge onto I-78 express lane west. Take exit 29 for I-287 South towards Somerville (RT 202/206) Follow above instructions for Route 287.

From southeast Jersey/Garden State Parkway: Take Parkway North to exit 98 (I-195) Go West on I-195 to I-295 North. Take I-295 North to I-95 South. Take I-95 to exit 4 - Route 31. Go North on NJ-31 to Flemington. At circle, go 1/2 way around stay on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital; make first left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From Philadelphia: Take I-95 NORTH to New Jersey, get off at exit 4 - Route 31. Take Rt 31 North to Flemington. At circle, go 1/2 way around to stay on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital; make first left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place. The church is on left.

Site:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church; 201 Route 31, Flemington, NJ 08822

Site Opens: 9:00am

Site Closes: 7:00pm

Event Fees: Adult Member: \$10; Adult Non-member \$13; No reduced fee for children. (All children must be accompanied and watched by an adult.) Trolly will open at 9:00am and close at 12:00 Noon. All reservations must be postmarked by January 13

Feast: There is no Feast

Reservations: Please send the following information with your reservation: mundane and SCA names for all persons included in the reservation, proof of membership for all members included in the reservation (photocopy of membership card or copy of cover of recent Pikestaff cover with the members name is acceptable), contact information, and check or money order made out to SCA Inc./ Barony of Settmour Swamp for the total amount of the reservation. All reservations must be postmarked by January 13 and sent to:

Settmour Swamp Chirurgy and Cooking Schola
c/o Elizabeth Green
140 Coburn Ln.
Somerset, NJ 08873

Incomplete reservations will be returned. Refunds will be available for those who are unable to attend the event. Please contact Lady Siobhna at e.rose.green@gmail.com before the event to request a refund form. Refunds will be unavailable after the event.

If you plan on taking the CPR class, please notify the instructor (Master Robin Gallowglass deputy@chirurgeon.eastkingdom.org) so that he can bring sufficient materials. There will be a limit on class size.

Autocrat: Dom. Galefridus Peregrinus (Lon Mendelsohn) galefridus@optimum.net
Phone: (973) 214-4957 (before 10:00pm)

Make Checks Payable to: SCA, Inc. - Barony of Settmour Swamp

Project of the Month

Artist: (Full SCA name and Mundane name)

Lord Erec L'Claire,(Eric Erb) OBT, Seneschal, Settmour Swamp

Project description: (What time period; region is it from?)

Medieval gardening, focusing on England, with some French and German thrown in for good measure. Documentation gets more robust around 1350's

Why did you choose to take on this project?

This is my 4th medieval garden

Difficulty level: (beginner, intermediate, advance)

Advanced. Period plants, experimenting with period methods and tools. Heirloom varieties to better resemble period vegetables. Seed saving.

What materials are needed to complete this project?

Sun, water, plants, wood, stone, brick, pottery, shovels, rakes, various tools.

How long did it take to complete? (or how long you've been working on it if it is not complete?) This plot is in it's 5th year of cultivation, it has changed a bit over that time

What sources if any did you use as your basis for this project?

John Harvey, Medieval Gardens

Sylvia Landsberg, Medieval Gardens

Frank Crisp, Mediaeval Gardens

Tanya Bayard, Gardens of the Cloisters

Please include a Picture if possible:



Practices and Activities

Archery Practice

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

Sundays at the home of Elizabeth Hawkwood, beginning October 1 and thru the end of March (weather permitting). Anyone interested in shooting, please contact Elizabeth 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.

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. If you have a specific question regarding the practice, please contact Don Malcolm Bowman at malcolm@sourcechronicles.com

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 December 9th, 7:30 PM, at the home of Orlando and Charis. 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 December 15 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman Street (on the corner of Eastman and Holly) 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

Region of Tir Mynydd

Report from the Northwest, we are continuing to meet as per our usual schedule. The Tir Mynydd Holiday party will be on Saturday, Dec 19th, from early afternoon to whenever. People will be arriving at various times during the day due to work & family commitments. Everyone is welcome, there will be lots of food, as usual, & a good time will be had by all! It will again be held at the Newell's house at 124 Willow Grove St. in Hackettstown.

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