# THE MUDPUPPY



The Newsletter of the Barony of Settmour Swamp

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## Calendar of Events

#### February 2008 10 **Baronial Business Meeting**, 1:00 PM, St. Paul's Church, also weapons practice, archery, Flemington, NJ, Marwick meeting and dance practice, 7:15 PM, Cranford 19 Winter Brawl, Barony of Bhakail, Philadelphia, PA 16 20 Tir Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ, 7:30 PM 23 Noisemakers Schola III, Bailiwick of Ivyeinrust, Clifton Heights, PA King & Queen's Bardic Champions, Shire of Anglespur, Hoosick Falls, NY 23 (RP) Weapons practice, archery, Flemington, NJ, 1:30 PM 24

Gryphonwald meeting

Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions

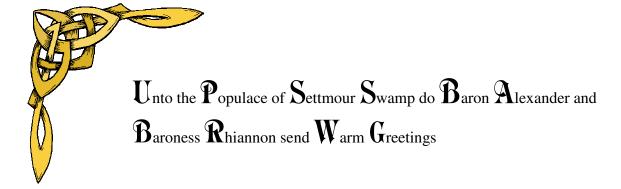
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<b>March 2008</b>	
9	Weapons practice, archery, Flemington, NJ, 1:30 PM
12	Baronial business meeting, 7:30 PM
15	Nova Schola, Shire of Hartshorn Dale, Blue Bell, PA
19	Tir Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ, 7:30 PM
23	Weapons practice, archery, Flemington, NJ, 1:30 PM
25	Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions
29 (RP)	Mudthaw and King & Queen's A&S Championships, Barony of Settmour
	Swamp, Livingston, NJ
30	Gryphonwald meeting

Spring Training, Canton of Lions End, Garden City, NY





It's cold outside but it's a great time to work on all those creative projects that we can show off at upcoming A&S displays and contests at spring and summer events. Lord Alexander McRus just won second prize for his efforts (a beautiful hand painted, hand-blown glass beaker - Vivat!) at Bellringers in our neighboring Barony of Carillion last weekend, which we attended. Much fun was had by all.

Plans are progressing and workshops are happening for Mudthaw's dayboard and feast. Check the schedule for dates and times and join us in the preparations for our biggest yearly event.

The February Baronial business meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, the Flemington fighter and fencing practice site, on Sunday February 10 from 1-4. If you find it difficult to get to the monthly meetings on weeknights but would like to put in your two cents or find out what's happening or get drafted, uh, I mean volunteer for something, this is the perfect opportunity. Please come. All are welcome. We may even have a pre-Pre-Pennsic discussion. We have several projects to consider and get started, the sooner the better.

There are various events and demos in the works for the next several months. A Hafla is scheduled for February 24th, Mudthaw is March 29th, Black Gryphon Inn will take place in April. Then Quest is in May and the Cooking Collegium will be in June. How about that proposed trip to the Cloisters this spring? Anyone interested? I know we are. Come to the meetings and be heard or you can always email or call either of us.

So many projects to do, so much fun to be had! Stay busy, stay warm and stay healthy! We will see you soon.

YIS,

Rhiannon and Alexander



## From the Seneschal

At the March 12, 2007 Baronial Business meeting, the Baronial officers will select candidates for Fencing Captain, Knight Marshal and Seneschal.

The Captain of Fence arranges fencing practices, tournaments, etc.

The Knight Marshal coordinates Baronial heavy weapons practices, tournaments, etc.

The Seneschal is the Baronial 'President,' responsible for all administrative duties of the Barony.

All gentles interested in running for either office need to be present at the March 12th Business meeting. Prior to the meeting, please reference Section II of the Policies & Procedures Manual at <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/settmour\_swamp/files/Official%">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/settmour\_swamp/files/Official%</a> 20Documents/

Please e-mail me before the meeting with your intention to seek that office.

In service to the Dream, Master Phillip the Facetious



## Dance Practice Returns to Settmour!

The Canton of Marwick is pleased to announce that we have found a new site for dance practice – 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.

This month we will be meeting on Tuesday, February 19th, at 7:15pm, for a Valentine's Day dance practice. For more details, or if you need different directions than the ones listed below, please contact Jessa at mlecin@gmail.com or call 732-563-1029.

## **Directions:**

The church is at 108 Eastman Street (on the corner of Eastman and Holly), a few blocks north of the train station. The parking lot entrance is on Holly Street.

#### From the West:

- Take Route 22 to Scotch Plains and turn right on Park Avenue (at Snuffy's/Pantageis Restaurant).
- After about 1 mile, turn left on Midway Ave/Route 610. Midway will become North Avenue.
- After traveling 4.3 miles on Midway/North, turn left at the light on Orchard Street.
- Make the next right onto Holly Street, continue just past Eastman and turn right into the church parking lot.

#### From the Parkway:

- Take exit 137 toward Cranford; get on Route 28E/North Avenue
- After about ½ mile, turn right onto Springfield Avenue
- Go 3 blocks and turn left on Holly Street, then make a left into the church parking lot.



## Officer Reports Presented at the February Business Meeting

## **Arts & Sciences**

The populous is being crafty at home during the long cold winter. I hear murmurs of some creating great things for Northern Lights as well as A&S champions at Mudthaw. I have sent an email to the current A&S champions to let them know that I am at their service to help with the competition.

#### **Captain of Archers**

December was a quite winter month for archery due to the weather and holidays. The current archery champion (Ichabod the Tall) has proposed the theme "Alice in Wonderland" for the archery champions shoot at Quest. A theme for Mudthaw has been developed from Thorlaeifr - Lions, Tigers and Bears The February 10th practice will be a class based around designing and painting the targets.

#### **Chancellors' Minor**

Nothing new to report. Plans are underway for an activity at Mudthaw. Still looking for a deputy and volunteers for events. Will not be at the next meeting as we will be at Disney World.

#### Chatelaine

Nothing much to report. This is a quiet time of year for demos. I will be attending the Chatelaine meeting at Birka. My last couple reports have not made it into the meeting reports or into the Mudpuppy for some reason.

## Chirurgeon

To the best of my knowledge, everyone in the Barony stayed safe and healthy during the month of December. Again to the best of my knowledge, no Baronial chirurgeons served at events outside the Barony during the month of December. Any Baronial chirurgeons reading this report should feel free to amend it as necessary.

#### Chronicler

The January issue was sent out. I received one new subscription for a hard copy and a request for back issues. I'm still looking for a deputy.

## **Exchequer**

The Barony is solvent and in good standing.

#### Herald

Heraldry happens. Unless I hear otherwise, I am assuming that the Baron and Baroness' next court will be at Mudthaw.

## **Knight Marshal**

Nothing to report.

## **Webmistress**

Sorry I'm getting this in late. The web site continues to run fine, the calendar now runs through March. If anyone wants things posted, just let me know.



## The Philadelphia Museum of Art

The Philadelphia Museum of Art is home to an excellent collection of arms and armor. On exhibit are examples of plate and mail armor for man and horse, swords, daggers, polearms, firearms, shields, crossbows and equestrian equipment. Included are objects of German and Italian origin, as well as French, English and Hungarian.

And if you like grand architecture, the museum has a medieval cloister from the Abbey of Saint-Genis-des-Fontaines and a French Gothic Chapel from the Abbey Church of Saint Laurent in France. Also on display is a 12<sup>th</sup> Century marble fountain from a French monastery, as well as sculptures, stained glass and illuminated manuscripts.

There are also excellent Medieval and early Renaissance galleries, featuring art from France, Spain and Italy. There is a daily tour at 1:00 PM of the Medieval gallery.

## **Practices and Activities**

## **Archery Practice**

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

October thru April weekends in Pittstown at the home of Elizabeth Hawkwood. Anyone wanting to shoot, please contact her at <a href="mailto:hawkwoode@att.net">hawkwoode@att.net</a> 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**

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### **Fencing Practice**

Thursdays from 7:30PM to 10:00PM, Somerset, NJ. Location is Maestro Fencing, 217 W Main St, Somerville, NJ 08876 There is a \$3.00 site fee to cover the cost of using the facility. Contact Sebastian Estevan de Xavier for more information via email at <a href="mailto:Xavier1101@yahoo.com">Xavier1101@yahoo.com</a> or call 732-742-8882.

## **Youth Fighter Practice**

Currently not scheduled. Please contact Angus Sutherland at 908-284-2614 or email him at minor@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org for current information.

## **Settmour Swamp 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, 7:30PM to 9:30PM, St. Paul's Church, Flemington, NJ.



## **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, NJ

Maestro Fencing is at 217 W Main St, Somerville, NJ 08876 Directions are available on line or contact Sebastian Estevan de Xavier via email at Xavier1101@yahoo.com or call 732-742-8882.



## Baronial Business Meeting

The February meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 10th** at St. Paul's Church in Flemington, NJ at 1:00 PM. For directions and more information, contact the baronial seneschal via email or phone 908-319-1847 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 <a href="mailto:gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org">gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org</a> for details.

## From the Canton of Marwick

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