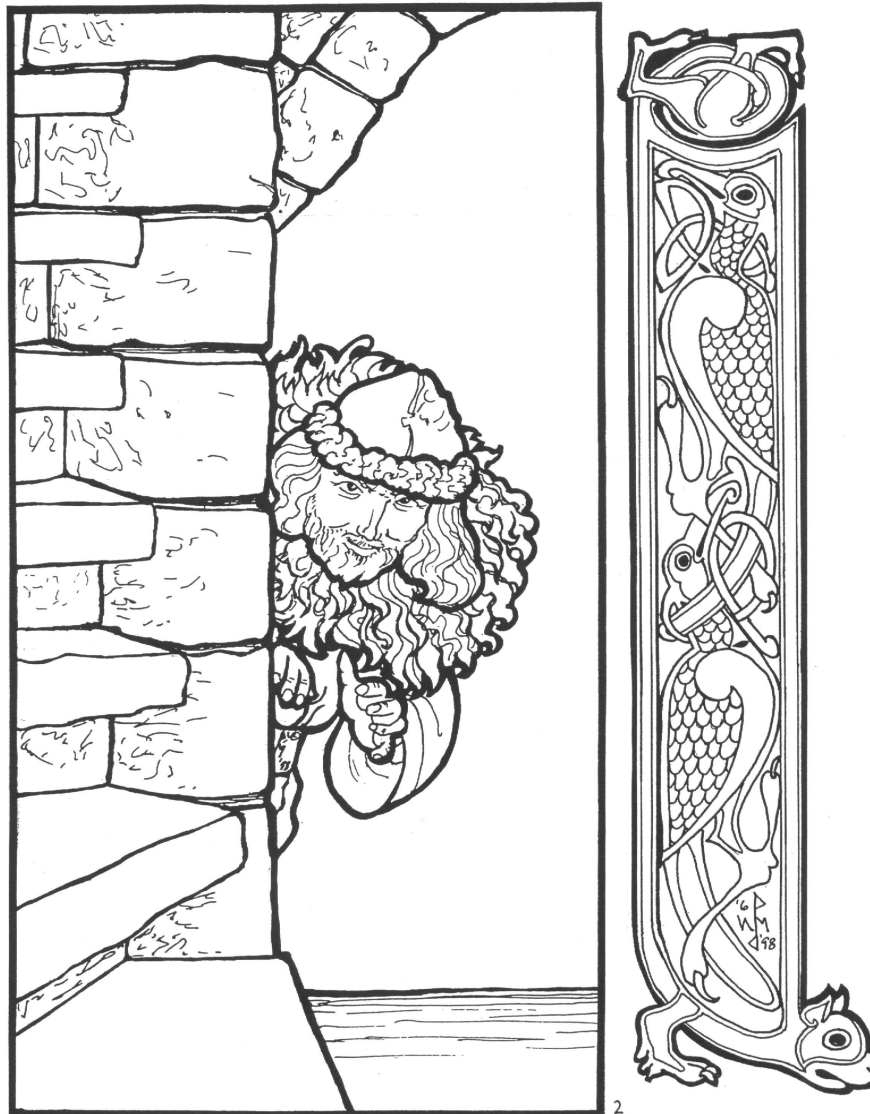


THE MUDPUPPY



January, A.S. XLI

Calendar of Events

January 2007

- 6** East Kingdom Twelfth Night/Kings & Queens Art & Sciences Championships
Barony of Dragonship Haven - Bridgeport, CT
- 9** Dance Practice, Canton of Marwick, Cranford Community Center, 7:30 PM
- 10** Baronial business meeting at Baroness Merlinia's, Maplewood, NJ, 7:30 PM
- 13** Bellringers
Barony of Carillion - Forked River, NJ
- 14** Heavy and Youth Fighting, Fencing, A&S Workshop, Archery, Flemington, NJ,
1:30 PM
- 17** Tir Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ, 7:00 PM
- 20** Brewing Workshop at Lady Jehannine de Flander's, Milford, NJ, 11:00 AM
- 25** Canton of Gryphonwald Meeting, Highland Park, NJ , 7:30 PM
- 28** Heavy and Youth Fighting, Fencing, A&S Workshop, Archery, Flemington, NJ,
1:30 PM

February 2007

- 3** Food prep for BGI, Baroness Merlinia's, Maplewood, NJ, 10:00 AM
- 7** Baronial business meeting at Angus Sutherland's, Flemington, NJ, 7:30 PM
- 10** Black Gryphon Inn: Normans & Welshman & Sheep, Oh My
Canton of Gryphonwald – Edison, NJ
- 14** Tyr Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ, 7:00 PM
- 13** Dance practice, Canton of Marwick, Cranford Community Center, 7:30 PM
- 23** Canton of Gryphonwald Meeting, Highland Park, NJ, 7:30 PM
- 24** Noisemakers "A Music & Heraldry Schola"/King & Queen's Bardic Championship
Bailiwick of Iveyinrust – Clifton Heights, PA



Congratulations to the New Baronial Officers

At the December Baronial business meeting, the following officers were appointed: The baronial exchequer is Lady Gwenhyvar Telynores, replacing Baron Alexander MacGregor and Lord Edmund Patterson is now Marshall of Fence, replacing Lord Xavier Matejka. Contact information is listed on the officers page.

We thank Baron Alexander and Lord Xavier for their service to the barony.

Quest Autocrat Announced

Lord Alexander MacRus has been selected autocrat for Quest, 2007. His co-autocrat will be Lord Eric the Wandering Horseman.



Attention: Cooks, Thespians, and Lovers of All Things Welsh!
Baroness Merlinia needs you for the Black Griffon Inn

Please save **Saturday, February 3rd** (the Saturday before BGI)! Beginning at 10:00 AM, I will need help making many welsh cakes and prepping as much of the rest of the food as possible.

As Imbolc (2/2) is the correct season to do it, I'd like to get together anyone who'd like to do the ancient Welsh folk custom of the Mari Lwyd. Some might remember it from about 10 years ago. More on that follows. Planning on that will begin around 3:00 PM on the 3rd.

Otherwise, for tips on the mores, garb, and world views of 13th C Wales, I suggest the following books by Sharon Kay Penman:

"Here be Dragons" – best
"Falls the Shadow"
"The Reckoning"

For the Mari Lwyd (that's MAH-ri LOO-wid), you need six or more people:

The Leader – who should look mysterious, in a hooded cloak and carrying a large staff

Punch – just like the puppet, in motley, with the right hat and preferably with a hunchback

Judy – a guy in an ugly dress, with an ugly hat and carrying a broom

The Merry Man – in rags or motley, but not looking like Punch, who can play some sort of instrument

The Mari Lwyd – one or two men in a ghost horse outfit, which must have a horse's skull with glowing green eyes

The Shill – someone to be inside the house as the occupants will be unlikely to know the proper lines.

The characters go from house to house, begging, in a line: the Leader, followed by the Mari Lwyd, Punch, Judy and the Merry Man. They move quietly and mysteriously, although the Mari Lwyd can make ghost noises, spooky stuff. The Leader approaches the door and bangs loudly on it with his staff, saying:

"Open your ears, all you within, the Mari Lwyd ask permission to sing!"

During this line and all the ones below, the Mari Lwyd should be wandering around, poking its nose in the windows and making ghost horse noises. The house remains closed up and someone inside (our shill) calls out:

"Outside you must stay, with moon and star, until you tell us who you are!"

Punch comes to the door and says:

“Mr. Punch am I, the teller of tales, the handsomest man in all of Wales!”

The house remains closed up and someone else calls out:

“You tell tall tales, that is true, but the skull is better looking than you!”

Judy comes to the door and says:

“Here am I, Judy, with my busy broom, to sweep it clean inside your room!”

The house remains closed up and someone else calls out:

“Judy, your nose is way too long; nobody wants to hear your song!”

The Merry Man comes up to the door and says:

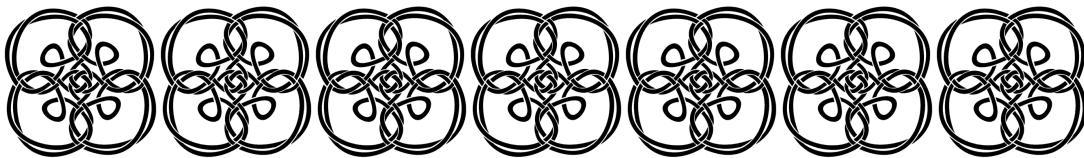
“I am the Merry Man, to dance and to sing, open your door and let your luck ride in!”

Someone finally opens the door, and the characters rush in, chasing everyone around the room. Judy sweeps, Punch chases the women, the Mari Lwyd pokes its nose into things. The characters should be singing the Welsh song below. The verse is sung over and over. The Merry Man plays the song on his instrument. Phonetically, it is:

Well dim-ah, nin jyoo-wahd, gi-vye-thlee-on din-nyeh-wahd,
Ee oh-vin skyown gahn-nahd, ee oh-vin skyown gahn-nahd,
Ed oh-vin skyown gahn-nahd, ee gyah-nee

Trill the r's, open vowels and the thl combination is very breathy and sort of spits.

It's traditional for a small child to give the Mari Lwyd a lump of sugar. It's also traditional for the rest of the household to give the rest of the characters potables and/or food. When they're done chasing everyone, bringing them luck and collecting their loot, the characters can sing.



Brewing Workshop

Lady Jehanine de Flanders will be hosting a brewing workshop at her home in Milford, New Jersey on Saturday, January 20, 2007. The address is 310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd, Milford, NJ.

Class will begin at 11:00 AM. Participants will be taught how to make blueberry wine and will visit a local brew shop. Also on the schedule, dinner and a tour of the brewery at the Ship Inn, in Milford, NJ.

Contact Jehannine (908-319-0765) at jrberkphd@yahoo.com for directions and more detailed information.

From the Chatelaine:

We have been asked to put on a demo on Sunday, March 18th for the Girl Scouts at the Branchburg Girl Scout Council Center from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

Some suggested activities are:

Trying on medieval clothes, taking photos
Making a medieval goblet
Heraldry – create your arms
Dancing
Old English singing
Spinning

Please email me at chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org if you are interested in volunteering. It sounds like a great time.

More details will be provided as plans are defined.

Thank you

Sofia

And Now for Something Completely Different:

Popinjays Play in Brooklyn Sunday, April 22nd, 2007

Hosted by [Canton of Brokenbridge](#) (incipient) - Brooklyn, NY

The Canton of Brokenbridge in the Crown Province of Ostgardr is pleased to invite you to our first of its kind event: Popinjays Play in Brooklyn. As the name suggests, parrots are invited to bring their humans for a not-to-be-missed day of fighting, singing, socializing, and merriment. Head-rubs, cuddles, and lots of parrot-centered attention will naturally be demanded of humans from all attending feathered lords and ladies. Come fight with us—both heavy lists and fencing will take the field with tournaments likely. Come join our bardic circle where humans and avians sing, play, tell stories, and do tricks. Join us for an aviculture commons (open to all) where we will answer questions about birds and aid each other in practicing the art of aviculture. Take the old world/new world challenge and see if you really know a new world parrot when you see one—you might be surprised! Take a chance and enter our raffle for some great prizes. Enjoy a display of period parrot foods. Some of the birds in attendance might even show you how a parrot eats them!

For Arts and Sciences, we have an open display: bring whatever you are working on or wish to share. In addition to the general A&S, you are invited to try the A&S challenge: create a period bird toy using natural materials such as wood, willow, bamboo, rattan, vine, leather, paper, palm leaves, twine, etc. Components may be dyed with food coloring (or related edible dyes) or left plain. For safety reasons, please use metal links for your toy hanger if your toy is intended for use in a cage or on a play-gym. Help will be available from 11am to around 12:00 pm for those interested in making a toy for the A&S challenge so bring some toy parts (a few will be provided by the event steward) and build your creation

with other artisans in attendance. In addition, you'll be given the option to donate your toy to either Arcadia Parrot Sanctuary or Foster Parrots Ltd. New, non-period toys will also be accepted for the rescues, so help a bird who really needs it. For more information, please consult the A&S challenge information linked to the event listing at <http://cantonofbrokenbridge.org> or contact the event steward directly at the contact information provided below

Please plan to supervise your children at all times and prepare them in advance how to avoid frightening or hurting the attending birds. As always, if you have any questions about this, please contact the event steward.

Dayboard: Our dayboard is a coordinated potluck. Please email food coordinator to select your category of dish to bring. Please bring from 2-4 servings of your chosen appetizer, main dish, or dessert. Period recipes are always welcome and documentation is desired, but not required. If your dish contains avocado or chocolate, please mark your dish accordingly as these ingredients are poisonous to birds. Beverages will be provided by the Canton, though additional beverages are also welcome. Please consult with the event steward if you are interested in bringing something intended for bird consumption as well or part of the period parrot food display. RSVPs are strongly encouraged though not required.

Animals: Parrots and other companion birds are the only pets allowed.. As always, service animals are always welcome. In order to provide a safe environment for all, gentles bringing birds must provide proof of recent physical examination from a licensed avian veterinarian no more than 30 days old at the gate. Both invoices clearly listing the physical examination and state health certificates will be accepted.

Please contact the event steward to RSVP each bird you plan bring. Include your contact information, each bird's name, species, and degree (if any) of primary flight feather trim. A small room will be provided for the safe feeding and limited out of cage handling of birds. All birds smaller than an African Grey must be caged outside of designated bird room. This bird room is the only fully secured area on site, so please prepare accordingly. Remember that while every effort will be made to safe guard all attending birds, ultimate responsibility for your birds' safety remains with you.

Site : *This is a free event.* Courtesy RSVP greatly appreciated. Please RSVP attending birds by April 1st so we may have site tokens ready for your birds.

Feast: This is a coordinated potluck dayboard. Please email the food coordinator by April 1st to discuss what you plan to bring, including parrot dayboard contributions. RSVP with the food coordinator is greatly appreciated.

Autocrat/Event Steward: Aisin Biya (mka Laurel A. Rockefeller): aisinbiya@gmail.com or phone 908 720 7050 (and leave a message). Alternatively you may contact the **Co-event Steward**, Lady Lillie Dubh inghean ui Mordha (mka Lili Haichen: lilli_a_c@yahoo.com or call 917 838 4521 (and leave a message).

Event Website: <http://pasweb.info/canton/calendar.php?event=15>

NOTE: Read the complete event listing, with more details on the East Kingdom Events List website.

Practices and Activities

Archery Practice

Every Sunday 1:00 PM in Pittstown, NJ. Please give advance notice if you're coming. Contact Elizabeth at hawkwoode@att.net for information and directions. No practice if snow is on the ground.

Archery practice is also scheduled at the youth fighter practice scheduled for January 14th and 28th in Flemington, NJ.

Arts & Sciences Activities

January 17th, 7:00 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 346 High Street (Rt 609), Hope, NJ.
Contact fafnir62@yahoo.com for information.

Dance Practice

January 9th, 7:30 PM, Cranford Community Center, 224 Walnut Ave., Cranford, NJ

Fencing Practices

Thursdays 7:00 - 9:30 PM, American Legion Post 243,
243 Oak Tree Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 08854.

January 14th and 28th, 1:30 to 4:00 PM, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rt. 31, Flemington, NJ

Youth Fighter Practice

Sunday, January 14th and 28th if there's no conflict with a major holiday, church function or local SCA event.

1:30 to 4:00 PM, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rt. 31, Flemington, NJ

Settmour Swamp Fighter Practice

Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM, Nutley, NJ

It costs money to rent this site, a \$5.00 donation is requested. 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.

Sunday, January 14th & 28th, 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Flemington, NJ

Calligraphy Workshop

Tuesday, January 2nd at the home of our Baron and Baroness, 39 Claire Dr., Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Currently On Exhibit

Metropolitan Museum – New York, NY

Set in Stone: The Face in Medieval Sculpture
Exhibit runs through February 18, 2007

The Higgins Armory Museum – Worcester, MA

Dueling Treatises: Martial Arts Manuals in Medieval & Renaissance Europe
Exhibit runs through August, 2007. Included are original artifacts and printed materials.

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

From Route 287

Go I-287 to US-202 (Exit 17), go southwest on US-202 to Flemington, NJ. Make first right in circle to get on NJ-31 North. Follow signs to Hospital. Make first left past hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From Route 78 in Pennsylvania

Go East on I-78 to NJ-31 (Exit 17). Go South on NJ-31. Follow signs for Hospital. Turn right onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From New Jersey Turnpike

South to I-78 West/New Jersey Tpke Ext East Ramp towards Exits 14 To 14C/Cars-Trucks-Buses. Merge onto I-78 West Ramp. Take I-78 Express Lane West towards Garden State Parkway/Clinton. I-78 Express Lane West becomes I-78 West. Take I-287 (Exit 29) towards Somerville (US-202/206). Merge onto I-287 South ramp. Merge onto I-287 S. Take the US-202 South/US-206 South exit (Exit 17) towards Somerville (US-22 W)/Flemington. Stay straight, get on US-202 South until you reach Flemington. Take first right on circle to stay on NJ-31 North. Follow signs to hospital, make the first left after the hospital onto Gaunt Place. Church is on left.

From Garden State Parkway

Go North on Garden State Pkwy (Portions toll) to I-195 (Exit 98).
Go West on I-195 to I-295.
Go North on I-295 to I-95 South.
Go South on I-95 South to NJ-31 (Exit 4).
Go Northwest on NJ-31 to Flemington
Take first right on circle to stay on NJ-31 North, follow signs to Hospital. Make first left after the hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From Philadelphia:

Go North on I-95 North to New Jersey.
Go North on I-95 North to NJ-31 (Exit 4).
Go Northwest on NJ-31 to Flemington
Go 1/2 way around circle to stay on NJ-31 North, follow signs to Hospital. Make first left after the hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

Nutley Fighter Practice

Note: Many of the exit ramps from Rt. 3 are sharp curves.

From NJ Route 3, Essex/Passaic County (East or West):

Take the Main Ave, Nutley-Passaic exit. At the bottom of the ramp, make left onto Main. Go past Bradlees to the next light, make a right onto Kingsland. Go to the first light and turn left onto Franklin. At the third light make a right onto Chestnut. Go one block and make left onto Hillside Crescent. The church is on the left-hand side; park on the street.

Alternate directions that will help you avoid traffic:

From the South:

Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 151. At the end of the ramp turn right onto Watchung Ave. At the next light make a left onto East Passaic Ave. Take your second right onto Coeyman Ave. Make the first right onto Bromley Place. Bromley Place turns into Glenview Place. You will come to a stop sign at Ridge Road right after a curve (be careful). Continue straight and Glenview becomes Chestnut St. Continue straight through the traffic light at Bloomfield Ave.* At the top of the hill at Prospect Street Chestnut jogs to the right. Continue on Chestnut. Take the next right onto Hillside Crescent. The church will be on the left after the curve.

From Route 3 Westbound

Take the Passaic Ave exit. At the end of the ramp, make a left onto Passaic Ave. Follow directions from ** below

From Route 3 Eastbound:

Take the Passaic Ave exit. Stay to the right and merge with Ward Ave. At the next intersection (50 ft or so), make a left onto Passaic Ave.

**Passaic Ave turns into Cathedral Ave. Stay to the right at the fork in the road. At the end of Cathedral, make a right onto Kingsland St. Take the first left onto Bloomfield Ave. (across from Roche, at the railroad tracks). Take Bloomfield Ave. to the traffic light at Chestnut St. This should be the second traffic light, but there have been lights added to that road since I lived there. (Chestnut is one of those). The three streets on the left before Chestnut are Raymond Ave., Beech St. and Mountainview Ave. Continue from * above.

From the Canton of Gryphonwald

Gryphonwald monthly meetings continue! If you are in the Middlesex County area and are interested in attending, meetings are the fourth Thursday of the month (except August). Contact Eva Vach Gwyllt at gryphonwald-exchequer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org for directions and information.

Baronial Business Meeting

The January business meeting will be held January 10 at 7:30 PM at the home of Baroness Merlinia (Joanne Shaver), Maplewood, NJ. For directions, contact Merlinia (973-762-2554) or the baronial seneschal.

Officer Rotation Schedule Changes

Changes have been made to the rotation schedule of officer positions. The revised schedule is listed below. At the January business meeting the baronial officers will be selecting the Knight Marshall and the Herald.

The Knight Marshall coordinates baronial practices and tournaments.

The Herald assists gentles in name and device submissions and assists in running baronial courts.

All gentles interested in being considered for these offices attend the January meeting. The incumbent officers must also be present. Please e-mail the seneschal prior to the meeting with your intention to seek that office. Candidates will have the opportunity to address the officers and answer questions.

Revised Baronial Office Reaffirmation Schedule

January – Knight Marshall, Herald

February – Mistress of Lists, Chancellor Minor

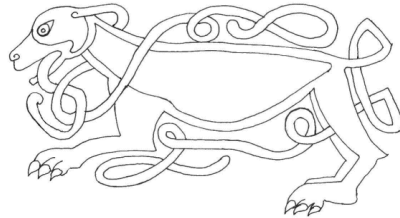
March – Youth Fighting, Seneschal

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