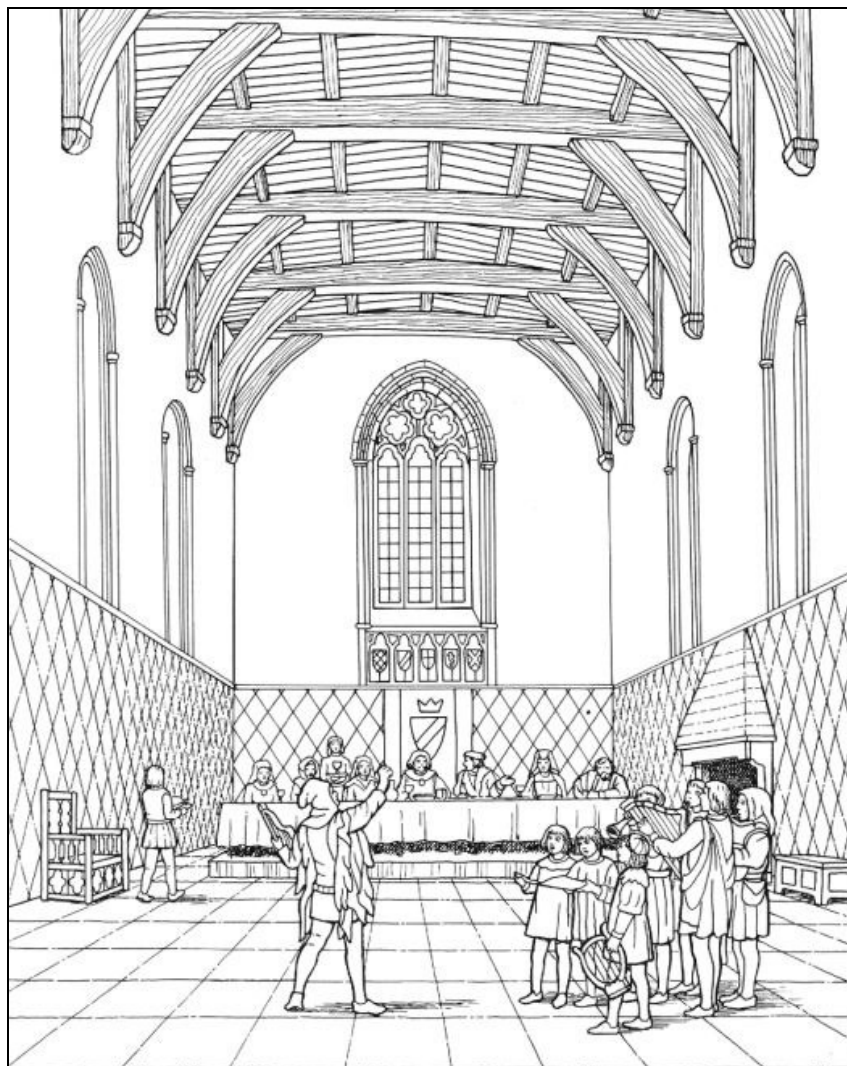


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Calendar of Events

January

- 7 Baronial officers' meeting at the home of Baroness Merlynia, 7:30 PM
10 (RP) East Kingdom Twelfth Nite, Rusted Woodlands (Washingtonville, NY)
11 Weapons practice, archery, St. Paul's Church (Flemington, NJ) 1:30 PM
21 Tir Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ
24 Bellringers, Carillion (Leonardo, NJ)
24 (RP) King & Queen's Bardic Champions, Concordia (Scotia, NY)
25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
30-31 (RP) Market Day at Birka, Stonemarche (Manchester, NH)

February

- 8 Weapons practice, archery, St. Paul's Church (Flemington, NJ) 1:30 PM
14 Noisemakers Schola, Iveyinrust (Clifton Heights, PA)
17 Marwick meeting, Cranford, NJ
18 Tir Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ
21 2nd Barony of Iron Bog Investiture, Iron Bog (Mt. Laurel, NJ)
22 Weapons practice, archery, St. Paul's Church (Flemington, NJ) 1:30 PM
25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
28 (RP/HP) King & Queen's Fencing Championship, Bhakail (Media, PA)



Curia Notice

The Curia of Their Majesties Darius and Alethea will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2009 at 2:00 PM at A Market Day At Birka in the Barony of Stonemarche. Refer to the East Kingdom website for more details.

About the Cover

This month's cover is from The Medieval Castle book from Dover Publications.



Greetings all Fair and Noble Swampies from Baroness Rhiannon and Baron Alexander

It's a New Year with many possibilities! We hope it finds you all healthy, happy and prosperous!

Some of you may know that the Youth Fighter practices have lately resumed due to the efforts of our own Baron Mitchell. Plans are to hold them once a month at St. Luke's in Flemington in conjunction with the regular Sunday practices for heavy weapons, fencing and, weather permitting, archery and thrown weapons. Other special activities may include things like favor making workshops, calligraphy and dance classes. There is usually some sort of sewing/garb making going on and general socializing along with some refreshments. So check the schedule on the web site for specific activities but times and dates are usually 2nd and 4th Sundays 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Suggestions and volunteers to teach (anything) are always welcome.

Rhiannon and Alexander will be traveling to visit our northern neighbors on January 10th for the East Kingdom 12th Night celebration in the Shire of Rusted Woodlands. We are looking forward to the Masked Ball which will be in the afternoon instead of in the evening after dinner when many people are tired and wishing to depart. We don't know if we will be dancing but we will be enjoying watching those that do and trying to pick up a few steps for future attempts. (We hope Baroness Jessa will give some more lessons locally very soon). Come and join us if you can.

Mudthaw is fast approaching (March 28) and this year has even more going on than usual, being the site of the Kingdom Heavy Weapons tournament and the East Kingdom Arts and Sciences Championship. Consequently we need more help than usual so please volunteer your services for even an hour to our Autocrat Owynn Greenwood.

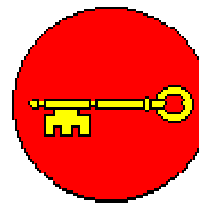
Right behind Mudthaw is of course Quest when the Swamp gets to kick back and relax and have fun for the weekend of Memorial Day. But please remember it takes a lot to put any event together and have it run smoothly so a little help here would also be appreciated. Our autocrats will be Padraig and Eric the Horseman. Elisabetta will be running the Quest. Let them know if you can help out.

It's a New Year so get out there and have fun (and try to stay out of trouble) as will we!

YIS,

Alexander & Rhiannon

FROM THE SENESCHAL:



Notice of Officer Elections Scheduled for January and February

In accordance with Baronial Policy and Procedure, the following Baronial offices' are scheduled for election in January and February:

January – Herald – *Responsible for organizing and running baronial court; provides assistance to members with name selection and device design.*

February – Chancellor Minor – *Organizes activities for children and teenagers*
Mistress of Lists – *In charge of running heavy weapons tournaments at events*

All gentles interested in being considered for any of these offices must attend the officers' meeting at which the election will take place. The incumbent officer must also be present. Please e-mail the baronial seneschal prior to the meeting with your intention to seek that office. Candidates will have the opportunity to address the officers and answer questions.

NOTE: Some positions require an individual to be warranted. For more information, please contact the incumbent officer for the office in which you are interested.



Results of December Election

At the December officers meeting Siobhawa Na Prechainn was elected Baroial Exchequer, replacing Lady Gwenhyvar Telynores.

We thank Lady Gwenhyvar for her excellent service for the past two years and her diligence in overseeing the baronial accounts. Vivat!



Officer Reports Presented At the December Business Meeting

Herald

No report

Knight Marshall

No report

Exchequer

The baony is solvent.

Chronicler

The December issue of the newsletter was distributed. Oe new request for electronic subscription was approved.

Arts & Sciences

No report

Mistress of Lists

No report

Chatelaine

No report

Marshall of Fence

No report

Captain of Archers

No report

Marshal of Thrown Weapons-

No report

Chirurgion

One Baronial event was held in November, Seraglio, during which no injuries were reported. I was the only chirurgion on duty at this event. Outside of this event, everyone in the Barony stayed safe and healthy. As far as I know, no chirurgions from Settmour Swamp served at events outside the Barony.

Youth Combat Marshall

No report

Chamberlain

From the chamberlain, the inventory that went out for Seraglio hasn't been seen yet, I hope the ship wasn't waylaid by pirates. The little milk crates are here, I need to pick up some boards so we can make them into shelves. Other than that, nothing has changed.

Webmistress

No report

Practices and Activities

Archery Practice

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

Weekends 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.



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 08876 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 mlecinc@gmail.com or call her at 732-563-1029.



Baronial Business Meeting

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7 at the home of Baroness Merlynia. 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 be meeting on Tuesday, January 20 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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