

THE MUDPUPPY



*The Newsletter of
the Barony of Settmour Swamp*

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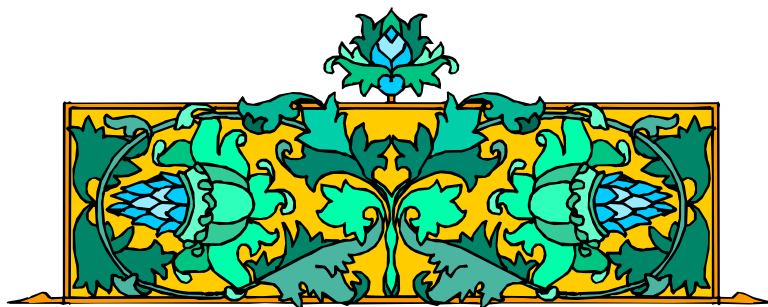
Calendar of Events

March 2008

- 9 Weapons practice, archery, Flemington, NJ, 1:30 PM
12 Baronial business meeting at Baroness Ursula's, Morristown, 7:30 PM
15 Nova Schola, Shire of Hartshorn Dale, Blue Bell, PA
18 Marwick meeting and dance practice, 7:15 PM, Cranford
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
30 Spring Training, Canton of Lions End, Garden City, NY

April 2008

- 9 Baronial Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
**12 (RP) Coronation of Conrad and Brenwen, Crown Province of Ostgardr,
Mt Kisco, NY**
13 Weapons practice, archery, Flemington, NJ, 1:30 PM
15 Marwick meeting and dance practice, 7:15 PM, Cranford
16 Tir Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ, 7:30 PM
19 Balfar's Challenge, Barony of Dragonship Haven, Meriden, CT
24 Weapons practice, archery, Flemington, NJ, 1:30 PM
24 Gryphonwald meeting
25 (RP) Spring Crown Tourney, Shire of Lyndhaven, Oromocto, NB, Canada
25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
26 Spring Thyng V, Irish Myths and Legends, Shire of Caer Adamant,
Middletown, DE





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On February 16th several members of the Barony traveled south to the Barony of Bhakail for House Serpentius's Winter Brawl event. Congratulations to Jehane de Fenwy for being named most chivalrous in the novice fencing tourney. Congratulations also to Lord Alexander MacRus for being awarded the Princess' choice in the arts and sciences display and last but not least Master Phillip the Facetious who came in second in the heavy weapons novice tourney. To quote one of our previous Baronesses "not bad for a Pelican".

Spring is almost here and with it the mud. Our annual celebration of the thawing of the mud will be held on Saturday, March 29th in Livingston, NJ. For full information on the event please see the announcement in this issue. This year's Mudthaw is also Their Majesties Arts and Science championship competition. We hope to see many entries from the Barony. Mudthaw is a large, fun event and our autocrats need your help. If all of you could offer to help at the event it would be greatly appreciated. Even just an hour of your time would be a big help. If you would like to help, please contact Lord Erec L'Claire at 908-638-3372, or via email Lorderec@yahoo.com. This year's feast is being prepared by Riordan a'Bheithir and Lord Quinn a'Bheithir. Dayboard is being prepared by Lady Asa in Svarta. Mudthaw feasts tend to sell out quickly, so please, if you want a seat at feast, send in your reservations ASAP.

On April 19th the Canton of Gryphonwald will once again open the doors of the Black Gryphon Inn. This year it will be at a new site, the Log Cabin in the Rutgers Gardens, located just off the Rutgers, New Brunswick campus. We hope many of you can make it.

ROAD TRIP!! On Saturday, May 10th we will be going on our second Baronial road trip. Our destination this time is the Cloisters, the branch of The Metropolitan Museum of Art devoted to the art and architecture of medieval Europe. It is located in Fort Tryon Park in New York City. Plans are just starting to be made, so please mark the date and more information will be forth coming.

This year's Quest is the 25th anniversary of the event and in celebration of this, the quest will be a fun journey through the event's 25 year history. This year Quest will be written by Lady Richenda de Honneflo and Lord Leofric aet Couentree. If you have any favorite memories of Quests past, please let them know.

On Saturday, June 28th, Lady Elisabetta de Roma and Baroness Ursula of the Northwoods will be autocrating the Cooking Collegium II. Please mark your calendars and come learn about feasts and all things cooking.

Pennsic seems far away but we do need to start planning for it. First, the Barony needs a land agent. To be a land agent, you must have an e-mail account. You are also required to be at Pennsic for Land Grab which is on Saturday, July 26th at 9:00 AM. The Land Agent is our liaison to the Pennsic land office and will negotiate camp borders, etc. We will also need a Camp Organizer. He or she is responsible for collecting the Baronial camp registration information (not the Pennsic pre-reg), assigning tent placements and mapping out the camp. Other duties include assigning camp chores and making sure camp supplies are purchased. The Camp Organizer is considered a temporary baronial officer. If you are interested in either position, please contact our Seneschal. We will be having a meeting to review the ideas brought up at last year's Pennsic end of war meeting in camp to see which ones can be accomplished for this year. The meeting will be held at the Sunday, March 9th Flemington practice. The meeting is open to all who are thinking of camping with the Barony at Pennsic or just interested in what is being planned. There is also a yahoo group for the baronial camp which can be found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Swampcamp/>.

We look forward to seeing all of you at Mudthaw in March.

Yours in Service

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 any of these offices need to be present at the March 12th business 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 me before the meeting with your intention to seek that office.

In service to the Dream,
Master Phillip the Facetious

Officer Reports Presented at the February Business Meeting

Arts & Sciences

I am happy to say that arts are happening. Several of our artists are preparing for Northern Lights. A group of our fiber artists are preparing for The NY Sheep & Wool Festival Sheep to Shawl competition.

I am looking for artists to interview for the Mudpuppy. I sent out requests and have not heard back from anyone. Please email me with your suggestions and provide the email address where I can reach people who you would like to see profiled. I am in the process of putting together a period sheep to shawl competition that may occur at Pennsic. More details to follow.

Captain of Archers

There has been very little archery going on due to the weather. The Sunday February 10th practice will involve a small informal class of designing archery targets focused around the Mudthaw shoot.

Chamberlain

Inventory is still here, still not fully inventoried or organized, spring will get here eventually & organization should happen. Hope to make meeting but no guarantees, supposed to be in three separate places in three different parts of the state, not sure how to manage it all.

Chatelaine

On February 24th there is an out of Barony demo that some members of the Barony will be attending.

Request from Baron Alexander:

I have received a request from someone in SCA to do a demo at his son's Blue and Gold dinner. He and his family were active in the SCA but with three young children, they haven't been as involved. The problem I have is the demo is not in Settmour Swamp, it is in Carillion in Tom's River. It is for Pack 44 and is being held at Toms River High School East, 1225 Raider Way, Toms River, NJ 08753, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 24th. Normally I would have just passed this over to Carillion, but Nicetas has always been a friend to Settmour. He has acted as our archery marshal at Quest and has cooked or help cook many of our feasts. When he was attending Pennsic he would always camp with us and was a big help in camp. I will be coordinating this with Carillion but have been trying to find some people who might be willing to help out from up here and from my household. So far I have three fighters and possibly some fencers.

I am now accepting donations for the Settmour Swamp sale, that will hopefully occur again at Quest.

Chirurgion

To the best of my knowledge, no one in the Settmour Swamp Chirurgionate was called upon to serve in the month of January. The populace remains safe and in good health.

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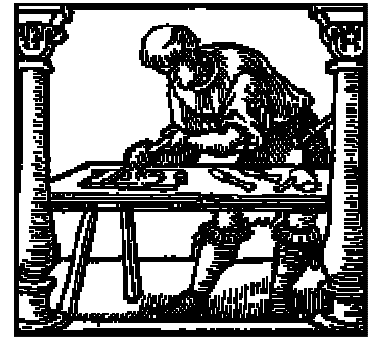
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Webmistress

As far as I know, the website is up to date. If anyone has any new notices, events or updates that they would like posted, please email webmaster@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org, or give me a call.



***Mudthaw and
King's and Queen's
Arts & Sciences
Championship
Livingston, NJ***



One and all are invited to attend the Barony of Settmour Swamp's 28th annual Celebration of the Thawing of the Mud. As always Mudthaw will feature a wide variety of activities: tournaments in armored combat, rapier, and youth combat, archery, thrown weapons, a brewing competition and an array of fine merchants. Mudthaw will again be held at the beautiful and spacious Salaam Shrine in Livingston, NJ.

NOTE: All combatants must troll in before they can sign up for any lists. There will be an express check-in available on the field for combatants who pre-register. Reserve ahead and avoid the morning lines at troll.

Their Majesties have declared that a grand Arts and Science competition will be held during Mudthaw to determine Their Arts and Science Champions. They wish to extend an invitation to all artisans in the Kingdom to come and show off their best work and compete for the honor of representing Their Majesties as one of the Kingdom's Champions of the Arts and Sciences.

Dayboard will be provided by Asa in Svarta, and in the evening a fine feast prepared by Riordan a'Bheithir and Quinn a'Bheithir will be served.

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Contact for K&Q A&S Championship

Lady Renye Wurm (Lisa Sciortino), 203-545-0053, wurm55@juno.com

Location: Salaam Shrine Center, 369 E. Mt. Pleasant Ave, Livingston, NJ 07039 The site opens at 10:00 AM and will close at 10:00 PM

Directions:

From the Garden State Parkway: Take exit 145 to Route 280 WEST. Go 7.5 miles to exit 5A for Livingston, which puts you onto County Route 527/Livingston Ave. Take Route 527/Livingston Ave. SOUTH for 1.3 miles to the junction of Rt 10/Mt. Pleasant Ave. Turn LEFT onto Rt 10/Mt. Pleasant Ave. EAST. The site is 1/3 mile down the road on the left.

From Route 287: Take the exit for Route 10 EAST (exit 39 from 287 South; exit 39A from 287 North). Follow Route 10 EAST, continuing on Route 10 through the traffic circle at Eisenhower Parkway. The site is 8.7 miles east of Route 287 on the left.

Public Transportation: N.J. Transit has Bus service from Newark Penn Station that travels along Route 10 in Livingston and can stop near the site. Consult www.njtransit.com for updated information on service and schedules.

Event Website: <http://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/mudthaw2008/>

Site : \$12 per person, \$5 for children (6-17), includes dayboard, Children 5 and under are free.
Feast: \$8 per person regardless of age; Pre-reservation deadline for feast is March 14th 2008 any seats remaining will be sold the day of the event.

A \$3 non-member surcharge will be collected from adults without proof of membership. If you intend to use express check-in, please send proof of membership with your reservation and a SASE for the express check-in letter. Acceptable proof of membership would be a copy of your membership card, a current Pikestaff label with your name on it or the proof of membership letter from the SCA website.

Children are welcome but we ask you to please supervise your children at all times. Anyone under the age of eighteen who is not with a parent must be accompanied by an adult and must present a consent form signed by a parent which includes contact information for the parents. If a minor does not have a blue SCA membership card then a minor waiver signed by a parent or guardian must be presented at troll. Copies of the minor waiver form are available on-line at <http://www.sca.org/docs/waivers.html> and will be available at the event.

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

Reservation Refund policy: If, after sending in a reservation, you are unable to attend, please contact the autocrat before the event. Site fees and merchant fees will be refunded after the event. Feast fees will be refunded if we are able to resell your feast space.

Send Reservations to: Shaun Nelson, ATTN: MUDTHAW, 27 1-D Bloomingdale Drive, Hillsborough, NJ 08844-5510 Please include the names, mundane and SCAdian of ALL members of your party, contact information (address and phone number) of the person making the reservation, and membership information (proof of membership or indicate that you are not a member) for each person included in the reservation. Also please indicate which members of your party are minors and age. For express check in please also include a self-addressed stamped envelope or email address.

There is a \$5.00 merchant fee (we will have a waiting list if you need more space). All merchants MUST be pre-registered with the Merchant Liaison two weeks prior to the event (March 14, 2008). Merchant fee is to be paid with registration for event. Please note that merchant space is limited.



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 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

The Canton of Marwick has 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.

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 Xavier1101@yahoo.com 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

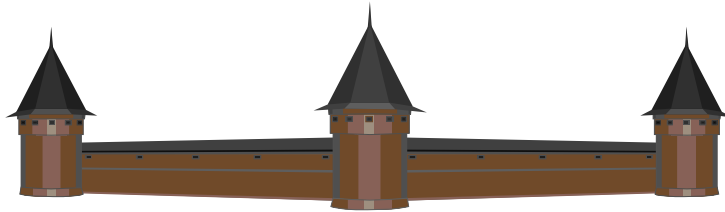
Fighter Practice - Reformed Church of Nutley, Nutley

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

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



Baronial Business Meeting

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at the home of Baroness Ursula in Morristown at 7:30 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 gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org for details.

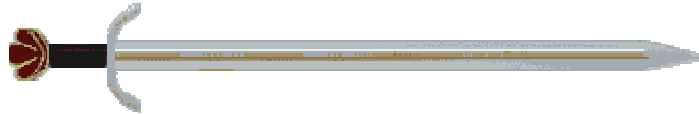
From the Canton of Marwick

This month Marwick will be meeting on Tuesday, March 18, at 7:15 PM. For more details, contact Jessa at mlecin@gmail.com or call her at 732-563-1029.

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