



The Mudpuppy

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
THE BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP

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From the Coronets

Happy New Year Swamp, from Rhiannon and Alexander!

We hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season. At the end of November we visited the Princeton Art Museum and were joined by Alexander (Younger), Cassandra, Lydia, Alec, Andrewis, Brian, and Gudrun. We had a wonderful time viewing the recently reopened medieval galleries and other areas. It is larger than I thought and I couldn't take it all in before it was time to get together for some well deserved refreshment at PJ's Pancake House, which serves more than just breakfast fare and was delicious. We all want to go back and explore some more.

On December 4th, Rhiannon went to see "Holly Days and Jolly Knights", a very entertaining Medieval/holiday themed performance given by the Hunterdon Harmonizers in Flemington. Two of our own Swampies, Duchess Gabrielle and Cassandra (Sandra Bonnell), were in

the musical play and coordinated the costumes, many of which were loaned to them by the Swamp. There were several other Swampies in the audience and we had a great time.

December had several cooking workshops in preparation for our Kingdom 12th Night celebration coming up on January 15th, at the Shriners hall in Livingston. There will be a masked ball in the afternoon, led by Baroness Ursala and a sumptuous feast cooked by Lord Wilhelm and assistants. Please let them know if you can help out or notify Lady Eleanor, our autocrat. Many other fun activities are planned for the day. See the event website for a full list. Events like this cannot happen without help from our populace, so please lend a hand wherever you can.

Gryphonwald will be hosting a Roman themed Black Gryphon Inn on February 12th at the Milltown American Legion. The autocrat is Pdraig and

the feast will be prepared by Yagy no Kagetoki also know as Rookie. Again, any assistance will be appreciated. This has always been a laid back and fun event and this one promises to keep with that tradition.

Mudthaw is up next in March, and is shaping up nicely. The autocrats are the Honorable Lord Owynn and the Honorable Donã Emeline. The usual tournaments will be held throughout the day, except archery which unfortunately can no longer be supported by the site (sniff..). Of course there will be a Baronial court, usually short, and a Royal Court, usually longer, so bring your comfy cushions. The evening's feast will be prepared by THL Alesone Gray of Cranlegh.

We hope this will be a happy and healthy new year for everyone!

See you all soon,
Rhiannon and Alexander,
Baroness and Baron,
Settmour Swamp

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East Kingdom Twelfth Night **A Gracious and Glorious Celebration of Twelfth Night**

One and all are invited to the Barony of Settmour Swamp to attend their Majesties Gryffith and Aikaterine celebration of Twelfth Night, a joyous and warming celebration to chase away the darkness of the winter days and fill our halls with

laughter and light.

All gentles are invited to bring their fine works of arts and sciences to display in our hall. A theme of heraldry or heraldry-related items is suggested, but all works are welcome. Entertainers are also welcomed, for this is a festive occasion, and revelry is of the hour. Our tables A&S and entertainment shall be coordinated by Mistress Alys Mackintosh. During the day, a light, holiday-themed repast shall be made available in our lower hall.

Their Royal Majesties Gryffith and Aikaterine, King and Queen of the East will hold court once in the morning, and once in the afternoon. Following court, a holiday feast of four removes shall be offered, cooked by Wilhelm van Utrecht.

We will continue to utilize our Express Check-In process, so if you would like to skip the long lines at the gate, pre-register with a SASE.

Site:

Salaam Shrine Center
369 E. Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Livingston, NJ 07039

Site Opens: 10 a

Site Closes: 10 p

Event Fees:

Site : Site : \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members per person, \$7 for children (6-17) (regardless of membership), Children 5 and under are free. A \$5 non-member surcharge will be collected from those adults without proof of membership (this is included in the \$20 amount). If you intend to use the express check-in, please send proof of membership with your reservation and a SASE for the express check in letter. Acceptable proof of membership includes a copy of your membership card, a current Pikestaff label with your name on it, or the proof of membership letter from the SCA web site.

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.

Many Hands Make Light Work

Running an event like Twelfth Night, Mudthaw, Quest, or even Black Gryphon Inn takes a lot of work. There are many positions where volunteers are needed. From decorating the hall and setting up chairs, to cleaning up after the event, the more people who pitch in, the better the event is for everyone. Volunteers are needed for to help with the following things:

- Setup and decoration
- Troll
- Kitchen Help
- Clean Up
- Dayboard
- Feast Service
- Setting the hall for court
- And so much more....

Feast: Feast: Feast: \$9 per person regardless of age; Pre-reservation deadline for feast is December 15th 2010. Any seats remaining will be sold the day of the event.

Send Reservations to:

Twelfth Night Reservations
c/o Tami Yaches
140 Coburn Ln.
Somerset, NJ 08873

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 on this form: http://www.settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/e_forms/BoSS_Res_Form-%2012thNight.pdf 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. A phone number would helpful if we need to get in contact with you, if there are any issues.

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.

Reservation Refund policy:
If, after sending in a reservation, you are unable to attend, please contact the reservations clerk 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. Troll will close when royal court opens. Unclaimed feast reservations will be sold off to a waiting list if there is one when troll closes. If you plan on arriving late, please let the reservations clerk know.

Autocrat:

Lady Eleanor Callaghan [Tami Yaches]
Cell: 908-230-8617
webmaster@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Head Cook:
Wilhelm van Utrecht
wilhelm_van_utrecht@yahoo.com

Other Contact Information:

A&S Coordinator:

Baroness Jehannine de Flandres
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Entertainment Coordinator:

Mistress Alys Mackintosh
apyrich@concentric.net

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

Directions:

From the Garden State Parkway:

Take exit 145 to Route 280 WEST. Go 4.3 miles to exit 7 for Pleasant Valley Way toward Millburn/Verona. Bear left at end of ramp (toward Millburn), turn left at Pleasant Valley Way SOUTH and go 0.4 miles to junction of Route 10/ Mount Pleasant Ave. Turn right onto Route 10/Mount Pleasant Ave. WEST. The site is 1.2 miles down the road on the right.

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 Transit:

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.

December Baronial Business Meeting Notes

December 8, 2010

In attendance:

Officers:

Seneschal: Erec L'Claire
Baron: Alexander MacGregor
Exchequer: Siobhna ao Prechainn
A&S: Jehanninede Flandres
Archery: Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg
Chatelaine/Marwick: Edmund Patterson
Chirurgion (acting): Philip Reed
Chronicler: Owynn Greenwood
Herald: Alys Mackynitoch
Knight Marshal: Erich Hundeman
MoL: Caera MacKieran
Thrown Weapons: Padraig Quinn
Webminister: PJ

Autocrats:

12th Night: Eleanor Callaghan
Black Gryphon Inn*: Padraig Quinn
Mudthaw: Owynn Greenwood

Others in attendance:

Constance
Galefridus Peregrinus
Katherine de Staverton
Failenn Finn
Ryan (Seneschal Elect of Gryphonwald)
Wilhelm van Utrecht
(Head Chef for 12th Night)

Not in Attendance:

Baroness
Marshal of Fence
Chamberlain

There are currently 18 officer positions in the barony and 2 autocrats of baronial events, thus quorum is currently 10.

*Black Gryphon Inn is being run by the Canton of Gryphonwald

EVENTS:

Twelfth Night:

- Some adjustments have been made to the menu
- Cooking workshops on December 11th and January 8th to prep for the feast
- Need assistance with transportation of the baronial inventory from the chamberlain to the site and back
 - There are about 3 SUVs full of gear that needs to be transported.
 - Edmund volunteered to take his trailer to the chamberlain's and transport the gear to the Event and will coordinate with the staff for Black Gryphon Inn for return of the items.
- Site brochure will be completed 2 weeks prior to the event.
 - The autocrat will post it to the officer's list for approval.
- Need to deliver a check for the balance of the site fee to the Shriners prior to the event.

Black Gryphon Inn:

- Prizes will be awarded for the A&S competition.
 - Coronets need to approve of the prizes
- Feast budget was reviewed
- Location: American Legion in Milltown
- Need Restaurant Depot card
- Small dayboard, seated larger feast
- Site token to be a wax coin
- Brochure needs to be approved by officer's
- Balance of site rental fee to presented day of.
- Contract to be delivered on Monday, 12/13/2010
- Parking lot is huge

Mudthaw:

- Nothing new to report.
- Continuing to plan the event and tweak some small items

Upcoming Officer Elections:

- January: Herald
Quest Autocrat
Quest Head Chef
- February: Exchequer
Minister of Lists

Canton/Region Reports:

Gryphonwald has selected a new seneschal, Ryan. He is currently completing the warranting process. Congratulations to Ryan and thank you to Pippin for his years of service.

Marwick has moved to quarterly meetings. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15, 2011 in Cranford. The Marwick website now meets compliance standards set by the society webminister.

Tyr Mynydd will no longer be meeting at the church in Hope due to declining attendance.

Old Business:

Tshirts: Design to be: Black shirt, Swamp arms on front, Swamp and Canton arms on back. Now to price out quantity.

Quest Site: discussion regarding using Camp Sacajawea in Milford, NJ (site of November's 100 Minutes War by the Shire of Rusted Woodlands).

Library Research Day: Galefridus was looking into various options for days that would work.

Tower Pennsic Gate Project: Starting back up in early April

Officer Budgets: Officers who anticipate needing a budget should do so at the January Meeting. The exchequer will make a budget request form.

New Business:

Baronial Baldrics: Caera will look into this.

Upcoming Meetings:

January 9th (Sunday) in Flemington
(alt site: Eleanor and Siobhna)
February 9th (Wednesday) - Connie and Rays

Schedule of Events

- January 9, 2011—
Flemington Practice
- January 9, 2011—
Officers Meeting
- January 15, 2011—East
Kingdom Twelfth Night
- February 12, 2011—
Black Gryphon Inn
- February 14—21—
Estrella War,
Kingdom of Atenveldt

Armored Combat Practice

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 10:00 PM at the:
Franklin Reformed Church,
45 Hillside Crescent,
Nutley, NJ 07110.

A \$5.00 donation is requested to help defray the cost of the site rental.

If you have questions, contact Sir Douglas Henry at:
rayotd@yahoo.com
or 551-206-1724.

The practice at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Flemington, NJ has been suspended at this time.

Rapier Practice

Thursdays, 7:00 to 10:00 PM at the:
Somerville Rescue Squad,
21 Park Avenue,
Somerville, NJ 08876.

A \$5.00 per person donation will be collected each week. For more information, please contact:

Lady Jehane de Fenwyk at
908-217-4484.

January 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 <i>Happy New Year</i>
2	3	4	5 Fight Practice	6 Rapier Practice	7	8 12 th Night Cooking Workshop
9 <i>Business Meeting Flemington</i>	10	11	12 Fight Practice	13 Rapier Practice	14	15 <u>12th Night</u>
16	17	18	19 Fight Practice	20 Rapier Practice	21	22
23	24	25	26 Fight Practice	27 Rapier Practice	28	29
30	31					

February 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Fight Practice	3 Rapier Practice	4	5
6	7	8	9 <i>Business Meeting Fight Practice</i>	10 Rapier Practice	11	12 BLACK GRYPHON INN
13	14	15	16 Fight Practice	17 Rapier Practice	18	19
Estrella War						
20	21	22	23 Fight Practice	24 Rapier Practice	25	26
Estrella War						
27	28					

Archery Practice -

Weeknights from April through October, at the home of Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood, contact Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood for directions.

Officer Reports and News from around Settmour Swamp

News from the Chamberlain:

The inventory has come home, except for a few items that are still with the Baroness. Since she is one of my deputies, her keeping a few items seems right. Besides, she is the Baroness.

As time and weather allow we are going to start doing some rearranging and organizing. I have the list for 12th night but have been up to my neck in the end of semester fooferaw and haven't been able to get out there. I hope to pull the stuff this Friday and/or Saturday.

-Gudrun Gudmunderdottir

Archery

We had our last practice of the season November 14th in Flemington.

Two members came to try out their new bow, and enjoyed themselves quite a bit.

Nothing further to report.

-Thorlaeyfr Hvitskegg

News from the Northwest:

In view of Kathryn and Migel no longer being able to attend meetings there doesn't seem to be any point in continuing. So we are returning the keys to the church before the end of the year.

-Gudrun Gudmunderdottir

Arts and Sciences

A&S Report:

Many of our people have been traveling to A&S events to display or enter.

Shire of Panther Vale- Northern Lights

Yagyū no Kagetoki (also known as Rookie na Bhiethir) has swept the category of Cordials with his display of Vermouths.

Catarina Giaocchini came in second overall in the Pentathlon, with her display of "the Well Dressed Principessa" which is a "from the skin out" outfit from the 1530's.

Barony of Dragonship Haven - the Feast of St. Elegius event.

9 attended, entered or displayed, here is what they entered:

Cassandra -homemade bacon

Erec - gardening, oak writing desk

Kasia - child's outfit

Jehannine (not present) - Sahti beer brewed using a (Kuurna) aspen log

Padma presented Italian jacket she had hand sewn

Elenore lacemaking

Erec offered his medieval gardening class

Alexander offered his Venetian glass class

Roxane and Alexander offered their services as judges

Lady Anna and Constance were also in attendance.

At the Sunday practice in November Mistress Elizabeth Talbot also worked on fitting our Baron and Baroness for new Regalia.

In Service,
Jehannine

BLACK GRYPHON inn

HOSTED BY THE CANTON OF GRYPHONWALD

You will dine well, dear SCAdian, at our Black Gryphon Inn. If you have no better invitation, come on over. Indeed we may fight together; as you may know, there is a field across from our inn. For dining, the first course will be carrots (a useful digestive aid) and parsnips, and two kinds of mushrooms, and then dumplings of chicken, forcemeat of pork, and eggs with a savory broth. And there will be more eggs, these cooked over a low flame with stewed mushrooms. That's enough for the appetizers. You want to know what else we're having? I'll tell you, so that you will be sure to come. Spiced chicken in broth and wine and vinaigrette, custard of elderberries and wine, and pudding of almonds and raisins which even Caesar does not usually serve except at rare and special dinners. And I promise you more: I will recite to you a tale of great renown and pleasure which you will surely adore. So come to our Black Gryphon Inn! A letter of intention to attend is appreciated to properly prepare your dinner. We await your kind presence.

~Martial's Epigram II.52 (edited for Black Gryphon Inn, of course)

Event Activities:

A&S Contest
Heavy Weapons
Fencing
Thrown Weapons

Site Opens: 12 noon
Site Closes: 7 pm

Event Website: <http://blackgryphoninn.blogspot.com/>

Event Location:

Milltown American Legion
4 J. F. Kennedy Drive
Milltown, NJ 08850

Directions:

For full event information, schedule, and directions, go to <http://blackgryphoninn.blogspot.com/>

Event Fees

Site : Site Fee:
Adults: \$9.00
Children Under 10 years old: \$5.00
Children Under 5 years old: Free
As per usual, the \$5.00 non-member surcharge applies
Feast: Feast Fee: \$6.00 per person

Make Checks Payable to:

SCA, inc. - Canton of Gryphonwald

Send Reservations to:

Mike Piscatelli
P.O. Box 5402
Somerset, NJ 08875

Contact Information

Event Steward:

Padraig Quinn
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732-801-1473

Failenn Finn
mka Megan Geyer
Meganegeyer@gmail.com
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Other Contact Information:

Head Chef:
Yagyū no Kagetoki
mka Chris Stanley
samuraibartender@gmail.com

From Route 1 South:

Take exit for Milltown Rd. S
Merge onto County Rd. 606/ Milltown Rd.
Turn left at Washington Ave.
Turn right at J.F. Kennedy Drive
American Legion is on the right

From Route 1 North:

Turn slight right towards County Rd. 606/ N. Main St.
Take the 2nd right onto County Rd. 606/ N. Main St.
Turn left at Washington Ave.
Turn right at J.F. Kennedy Drive
American Legion is on the right

From NJ Turnpike South:

Take Turnpike South to exit 9
Merge onto NJ-18 N/ County Rd. 527 N towards US-1/ New Brunswick
Merge onto US-1 S via the ramp to Trenton/ Princeton
Follow directions from Route 1 South above

From Route 287 South:

Take 287 South to exit 9
Take exit 9 for River Road towards Bound Brook/ Highland Park
Turn right at River Road
Turn right to merge onto NJ-18 S
Take the ramp onto US-1 S
Follow directions from US-1 S

BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP: OFFICER LISTING

Baron	Alexander MacGreggor Baron@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: July 2010 Term Expires: March 2013
Baroness	Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen baroness@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: July 2010 Term Expires: March 2013
Seneschal	Lord Erec L'Claire seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: March 2010 Term Expires: March 2012
Sinking Tower Pursuivant	Mistress Alys Mackyntioch herald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: Feb 2009 Term Expires: January 2011
Knight Marshall	Lord Erich Hundeman marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: March 2010 Term Expires: March 2012
Exchequer	Lady Siobhan ap Prechainn E.rose.green@gmail.com	Elected: December 2008 Term Expires: November 2010
Chronicler	The Honorable Lord Owynn Greenwood chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: November 2010 Term Expires: November 2012
Chirurgion (Acting)	Master Phillip Reed the Facetious chirurgion@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	
Webminister	PJ Sickles webmaster@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: November 2010 Term Expires: November 2012
Minister of A&S	Mistress Jehannine de Flandres mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: October 2010 Term Expires: October 2012
Mistress of Lists	Lady Caera MacKieran MoL@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: February 2009 Term Expires: February 2011
Chatelaine	Don Edmund Patterson chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: June 2010 Term Expires: June 2012
Marshal of Fence	Don Orlando Sforza fencing@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: March 2010 Term Expires: March 2012
Thrown Weapons	Padraig Quinn thrownweapons@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	
Captain of Archers	Lord Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg archery@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: October 2010 Term Expires: October 2012
Chamberlain	Lady Gudrun Gudmunderdottir chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: November 2010 Term Expires: November 2012
Seneschal of Gyphonwald	Lord Pippin a'Bheithir gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	
Seneschal of Marwick	Don Edmund Patterson chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	

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Upcoming Baronial Business Meetings:

Sunday, January 9, 2011—St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Flemington, NJ

All are welcome to attend the Baronial Business Meetings. For directions or more information about the Baronial Business Meetings, please contact Lord Erec L'Claire at seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org.