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THE BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP

Dear Swampies, Friends and Neighbors do Rhiannon and Alexander send Warm Greetings!

Well the weather can't decide if its wants to stay warm or not, but we're having fun anyway. In April we put on a very fine Demo for the Drew University Medieval Day. We had fencers and fighters and crafts and displays. Thanks to Edmund for arranging this and to everyone who participated – Erec and Anna, Ursala, Gudrun, Orlando, Owynn, Molle, and several others whose faces I (Rhiannon) can remember but whose names escape me – hopefully Edmund can fill in the blanks for us later. Sorry about that.

The next day we had a wonderful turnout for the field trip to the Shepherd Valley Creamery. We took the tour and did the tasting, took pictures, visited the animals and the cheese and gift shop, then had a very fine late lunch

nearby. They are the only farm in the area (country maybe?) that makes cheese from their own sheep's milk. They only sell it on site and to a select few farmer's markets in the area as well as some exclusive restaurants. So if you want their cheese, which is well worth the trip, you have to get it directly from them. We had a fine time and I still have some cheese and butter to enjoy, yum.

The Seder is almost upon us, so we will review that next month. Alexander will unfortunately be away but Rhiannon will attend and is looking forward to a unique experience. However, Quest is at the end of the month, so please send in your reservations and plan to help out for an hour or two. Our Event Steward is Erec le-Clare, our Head Cook is Willa and Rhiannon is running the Quest. They all still need volunteers, so please call or email them directly.

Pennsic will be our next big

event and it is closer than you think. Please register now so we can get the space that we need for the Swamp Camp. The traditional Swamp Night Party theme will be discussed and decided upon at the Pennsic Camp meeting which will be held at Quest on Sunday evening after Baronial Court.

Fond Regards from,

Rhiannon and Alexander

Rhiannon and Alexander,
Baroness and Baron
Settmour Swamp

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Medieval Seder - Why is this night different from all other nights?

May 5th, 2012 Milltown, NJ

Come and learn how Amram the Gaon created the first complete haggadah for Passover. We will be using his ceremony as we take part in this educational event: a seder from northern France in c. 950. Ask the four questions, partake of the foods of a medieval seder, and decide for yourself whether it would be enough for you.

The seder will be led by Dom. Galefridus Peregrinus, with commentary and explanation by Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel. A delicious feast will be prepared for us by Lady Charis Accipiter. The food will be appropriate to the time, but not strictly kosher.

Because of SCA regulations, participants need to provide their own wine for the ceremony, but we will supply sufficient unfermented grape juice for everyone. The restrictions of Passover cooking mean there will be limited options for vegetarians and vegans. The site does not permit open flames. We ask that everyone dress in some attempt at clothing from before the 17th century. (Contact the event steward if you need help with this request.)

Menu:

- Celery
- Endive
- Charosis (apples, walnuts, figs, pomegranates, horseradish, black Radish, ginger, cumin, pepper, grape juice/ vinegar)
- Medieval Matzah (flour, water)
- Roasted Eggs
- Roast Lamb
- Chicken stewed in dates, figs and spices
- Asparagus with lemon and garlic
- Mushrooms in oil and cinnamon
- Fruit Compote
- Pletzlach (honey brittle)
- Grape Juice

For questions about the feast or concerns about dietary needs, contact:
Lady Charis Accipiter
charisacci@comcast.net

Event Fees

Site : \$18 per person, which includes the feast

Non-Member Surcharge:\$5

Please submit reservations no later than Friday 4/27/2012

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

Send Reservations to:

Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel, mka Katie Mendelsohn

mcmendelsohn@optimum.net

(973) 402-1799

3 Morris Place

Towaco, NJ 07082

PLEASE INCLUDE:

SCA & Modern Name(s)

SCA Membership Number(s)

Street Address

Phone and/or email address

The names, modern 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. Also please indicate which members of your party are minors and age. Keep in mind that this event is a feast, and children will need to stay seated for a lengthy time. A phone number would be 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 Judith bas Rabbi Mendel *before* the event to request a refund form. Refunds will be unavailable after the event.

Site Opens: 4:30 PM

Site Closes: 9:00 PM

Event Location:

Milltown American Legion

4 J. F. Kennedy Drive

Milltown, NJ 08850

Directions:

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 Tren-

ton/ 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

Contact Information

Event Steward:

Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel

mka Katie Mendelsohn

mcmendelsohn@optimum.net

973) 402-1799

The Quest for Wit and Wisdom XXIX - Quest the Musical

May 25th, 2012 - May 28th, 2012

Neshanic Station, NJ

Welcome to our little village in the English countryside. Great news, you are just in time for our Mayday Fair! There will be festivities and merry making for three days so come and eat, drink and stay a while.

Champions:

Celebratory tournaments will be hosted by the Baron and Baroness to determine their champions in heavy weapons, rapier, archery and thrown weapons. Also there will be youth combat for those not yet of age.

So too will be a contest of arts and sciences wherein their Excellencies will choose their champion of arts by aid of populace vote so come by and gaze upon the wonders made by hands. Bring anything you've made and would like to enter, there are no categories. .

After the feast we challenge you to gather around our fire pit and entertain us with your songs and stories. The best of all will be named our Bardic Champion.

As in years past there will be a brewing competition as well so please come share your skill.

Feast:

Come ye on this fair may day to lay upon the green sward in the happy grove and thereto a great feast on Saturday evening prepared by Willa will be served. The feast will be limited to 100 gentles so we ask you to please register early. Scroll a bit for the menu.

Feast menu:

- A salad along with bread, fruit and cheese will be presented at the beginning of the table.
- A chicken with an orange citrus sauce
- A braised beef with herbs
- Chickpea soup with sage and other herbs (vegetarian)
- A fresh herbed spring quiche (vegetarian)
- Sautéed mushrooms with brown sugar (vegetarian)

Quest:

For those looking to use their wits, we offer you: Quest the Musical. It promises

to be fun and challenging for teams of three. Three shall be the number thou shalt have in thy team, and the number of the teammates shall be three. Four shalt thou not have, though two you may if need be. Five is right out. The Quest will begin at 1 PM on Sunday. Childrens teams are welcome but they must be accompanied by an adult.

Site Rules:

The camping area will be open from 4 PM Friday until 11:30 AM Monday.

The site is Damp which means beer, wine, and mead are permissible but please no distilled liquor. Running water is not available on site so please bring enough bottled water to last the weekend. Port-a-Johns, and dumpsters for garbage will also be provided. In addition to feast gear, you will need chairs and a table or a blanket to sit on for the feast. There will be a large, central fire pit for socializing. Pets are welcome so long as they are quiet, leashed and cleaned up after. As with children, we insist that you supervise your pets at all times. Gentles with overly loud and/or aggressive pets will be asked to remove the pets from site.

Children: We insist that you 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 the parent and listing the parent contact information. If a minor does not have a blue membership card, a minor waiver must be signed by the parent/legal guardian and presented at Troll. Copies of this waiver are available on-line at <http://www.sca.org/docs/waivers.html> and will be available at the event. Site tokens for children will be hospital wristbands.

Vehicles: All automobiles on site must display the auto tag from their rear-view mirrors at all times. These will be provided by Troll upon arrival.

After-Hours Arrival: Every person arriving onsite after troll has closed please leave your name, cell phone number, and license plate of your vehicle on the clipboard at the troll tent when you arrive. Please see troll first thing the next morn-

ing to complete your sign-in and receive your car tag and site token.

Site Opens: 4:00pm Friday May 25

Site Closes: 12:00 noon Monday May 28

Event Location:

Neshanic Volunteer Fireman's Field
Corner of River Road & Elm Street
Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

Event Fees

\$5.00 Friday Night

\$15.00 Saturday day trip rate adult [18+]

\$15.00 Sunday day trip rate adult [18+]

Monday is free

\$30.00 Adult Max site fee

\$5.00 minor [6-17] per day rate

Children under 6 are free

All children must be accompanied and supervised at all times by an adult.

\$65.00 Family Max site fee

Feast: \$7.00 Onboard fee for the feast

\$5.00 Adult Non SCA member surcharge

Pre-Registration Information:

All reservations must be postmarked by May 18

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

Send Reservations to:

Phillip Reed the Facetious

310 Milford-Warren Glen Road

Milford, NJ 08848

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. 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.

Also please indicate which members of your party are minors and age of each minor. Incomplete reservations will be returned.

Unclaimed feast reservations will be sold

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off to a waiting list if there is one when troll closes. If you plan on arriving late please let the reservations clerk know.

Reservation Refund policy:

If, after sending in a reservation, you are unable to attend please contact the reservations clerk before the event. Site fees will be refunded after the event. Feast fees will be refunded if we are able to resell your feast space. Troll will close promptly at 5.

Contact Information

Lord Erec LClair
MKA Eric Erb
28 Jerricho Road
High Bridge, NJ 08829
lorderec@yahoo.com
908-268-0725

Directions:

From 287: Take Exit 17 and merge onto Route 202/206S. Stay on 202/206S for 3.7 miles. Turn left at Chubb Way. It will turn into S. Branch Road. After 3.8 miles turn left at Pleasant Run Road (County Road 567). It will change its name to River Road. After almost a mile, turn right onto Elm Street and go over a white girder bridge. The site is on the right.

From the South: Use Route 202. It can be reached from Routes 31 and 29 from the south. Take Route 202 north. Turn right onto Pleasant Run Road (County Road 629). Continue to follow County Road 629. It becomes County Road 567 (River Road). About 3 miles from Route 202, you'll see the white girder bridge. Make a right turn onto the bridge (Elm Street). You'll see the site on the right.

From eastern NJ: Take Rt 287 exit 14B (a left-hand exit) onto Route 22 West for 3 miles. Take the exit for Routes 206/202 south, then keep to the left to take Route 202 over the Somerville Circle. After 5.4 miles, turn left at the traffic light onto Chubb Way. Then follow the directions for people coming from the North.

For those with GPS units, you can give the address as 200 Elm St., Neshanic Station

Letter from the Seneschal

Hello all - per Policy (which I have read a lot of this past week in preparation of the review meeting tonight :) I am notifying you all that I have named a new Drop Dead Deputy - Sir Antonio Patrasso mka Adam Steinfeld and of my intention to step down from the office of Baronial Seneschal.

It is my intention to step down as Baronial Seneschal knowing that my drop dead will be more than capable and willing to take the office. I have full confidence in the abilities of Sir Antonio. Mundanely he is an attorney and within the Society he is a Knight, an OGR and a marshal - all positions of leadership and responsibility. I have offered to assist Sir Antonio with whatever he needs during his transition (should he be found acceptable by the Officers of the Barony) with the exception of running the Baronial election in which Edmund and I have already submitted our Letter of Intent.

Thank you all for your assistance, support and friendship during my term. Though I cut it short I do not plan on disappearing from Settmour Swamp. Should Edmund and I be elected then, of course we will still be active. Should we not, I am sure I will be able to find a position as an officer or a deputy to continue to serve the fine Barony - perhaps Herald should Erec and Jehannine become next Baron and Baroness.

I would like to finish my term by seeing Quest through. I understand that the presentation of candidates will be at Quest, and that Sir Antonio (should he be approved by the Officers) will be confirmed in court as the new Seneschal at Quest, but I would like to see the event through and use the event as a training experience for Antonio. Please let me know if this is amenable.

It has been my honor to be your Seneschal.

Emeline Patterson

Emeline Patterson

Upcoming Officer Elections

Your Barony Needs... YOU!

**Ask not what your barony
can do for you, but what
you can do for your barony**

Have you ever wanted to run
an event in the SCA?
Have you ever wanted to cook
a feast?

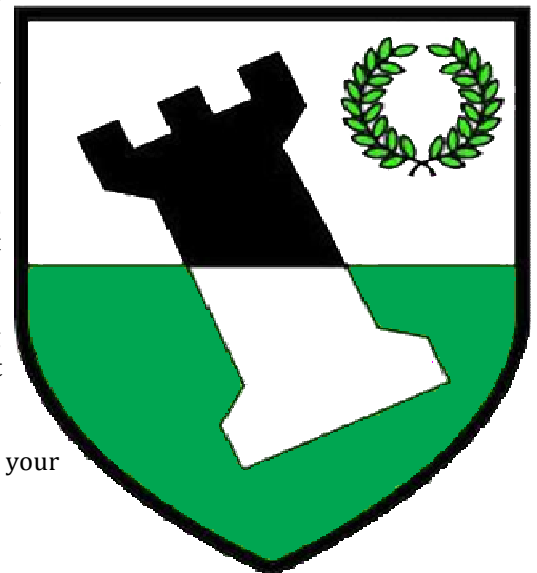
At the June Baronial Business
Meeting, the following offices
will be voted upon:

- Seneschal
- Chatelaine
- Thrown Weapons
Marshal

**Interested parties should
contact the Baronial
Seneschal,
The Honorable Lady
Emeline Patterson:**

[@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org](mailto:Seneschal)

@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5/5—Medieval Seder
- 5/9—Baronial Business Meeting
- 5/25-28—Quest

Practices and Activities

Armored Combat Practice

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 10:00 PM
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.

Sundays, 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Edison Moose Lodge
410 Talmadge Road
Edison, New Jersey 08817

Please check the Settmour Swamp Yahoo group so make sure Sunday practices are being held. Contact Ragnarr via email at ragnarr1001@aol.com or call 908-839-0349 for more info.

Rapier Practice

Thursdays, 7:30 to 10:00 PM
Edison Moose Lodge
410 Talmadge Road
Edison, New Jersey 08817

A \$3.00 donation is requested to help defray the cost of the site rental. If you have questions, contact Don Edmund Patterson: clost95@aol.com

Archery Practice

Archery practice **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** evenings at the home of Elizabeth Hawkwood. Please contact Baroness Elizabeth at hawkwoode@gmail.com for details and directions.

Archery and Thrown Weapons Practice

Sundays, 1:00 to 4:00 PM
The home of Maitresse Jehannine de Flandres & Master Phillip the Facetious

310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519), Milford, NJ 08848
(908) 995-4417

Please contact the hosts to ensure practice is happening.

May 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Medieval Seder
6	7	8	9 Business Meeting	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Quest	26 Quest
27 Quest	28 Quest	29	30	31		

June 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Business Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP: OFFICER LISTING

Baron	Master Alexander MacGregor (David Devito) baron@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 307 Village Dr., Somerset NJ 08873 (732) 297-1721	Renewed: July 2010 Term Expires: March 2013
Baroness	Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen (Bev Altrath) baroness@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 163 Anderson Rd., Asbury, NJ 08802 (908)537-7495	Renewed: July 2010 Term Expires: March 2013
Seneschal	The Honorable Lady Emeline Patterson (Kirsten Lotano) seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908)239-6336 no calls after 8:00pm	Elected: March 2011 Term Expires: March 2013
Sinking Tower Pursuivant	Lord Erec l'Claire herald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: January 2011 Term Expires: January 2013
Knight Marshall	Baron Brennan mac Fearghus marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: March 2012 Term Expires: March 2014
Exchequer	Ryan exchequer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: February 2011 Term Expires: February 2013
Chronicler	The Honorable Lord Owynn Greenwood chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: November 2010 Term Expires: Nov. 2012
Chirurgion	Master Phillip Reed chirurgion@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: February 2012 Term Expires: February 2014
Web Minister	Dalek Bolotnikov webmaster@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (732) 598-0662	Elected: November 2010 Term Expires: Nov. 2012
Minister of A&S	Mistress Jehannine de Flandres (Jeanne Berk) mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 319-0765	Renewed: October 2010 Term Expires: October 2012
Mistress of Lists	Lady Caera MacKieran MoL@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: February 2011 Term Expires: February 2013
Chatelaine	Don Edmund Patterson chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: June 2010 Term Expires: June 2012
Marshal of Fence	Lady Jehane de Fenwyk fencing@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: March 2012 Term Expires: March 2014
Thrown Weapons	Padraig Quinn thrownweapons@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: June 2010 Term Expires: June 2012
Captain of Archers	Lord Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg (Anthony Depczynski) archery@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 908-406-0143 - no calls after 9:00 PM	Renewed: October 2010 Term Expires: October 2012
Chamberlain	Lady Gudrun Gudmunderdottir (Patricia Butler) chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (973) 219-5694	Renewed: November 2010 Term Expires: Nov. 2012
Seneschal of Gyphonwald	Failenn Finn gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	
Seneschal of Marwick	vacant	

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chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Upcoming Baronial Business Meetings:

Wednesday, May 9, 2012— Please contact the seneschal for address and directions.

All are welcome to attend the Baronial Business Meetings. For directions or more information about the Baronial Business Meetings, please contact The Honorable Lady Emeline Patterson:

seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Many Hands Make Light Work

Running barony, canton or 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 to help with events and as officers. For more information on how you can help out, please contact Emeline Patterson: seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org.