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THE BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP

From Alexander and Rhiannon, Baron and Baroness Settmour Swamp, greetings to the members of the Swamp. We do hope you are all having as an enjoyable fall as we are.

On October 1st Settmour had the honor of hosting the coronation of our new King and Queen, Gregor and Kiena. Lord Erec la Claire did a marvelous job as Autocrat. The faux columns he made for the upper hall were quite impressive and were a big hit. While the columns were designed for a one time use, our new silk banners with the kingdom arms and the badges of the various kingdom awards on them are a permanent addition to the barony's regalia. These beautiful banners were made by Emeline, Jehannine, Eleanor atte Knoll, Thorlaef, Constanza, Judith & Galefridus, The afternoon's day-board was presented by Lady Vivienne Dunbar. We understand this was her first day-board but we do hope there will be more at future events. The evenings feast was prepared by Lady Charis and even faced with multiple oven failures in the kitchen, she prepared an amazing feast. If we name everyone who contributed to make this event

happen our letter would consume the whole Mudpuppy, but we do want to thank all of you for your efforts. Thank you to everyone.

On October 15th Iron Bog hosted River Wars II. This was a gorgeous fall day and represented most every aspect of the SCA and is one of the few if not only events that has equestrian activities in the region. During court several Swampies were recognized for their hard work. The Honorable Lord Owynn Greenwood was presented with a nomination certificate for a Blackfox award for his work with the Mudpuppy. He was also inducted into the Order of the Silver Crescent for his service to the Kingdom. Our Baronial Chirurgeon Lord Gasper received his Award of Arms and Lord Sean MacPherson received an Award of Arms and a Silver Rapier. Congratulations to all of you!

On November 5th Lord Galefridus will be leading a return trip to the New York Public Library for a day of research. All are invited. If you have any questions please contact Galefridus.

We are planning on traveling to the Shire of Rusted Woodlands on November 19th for 100 minutes war and in January to

Carillion for EK 12th night / Bardic Champs and Bellringers. We do hope many of you can join us at both events.

Our canton of Gryphonwald is making plans for Black Gryphon Inn in February. Please check back for the date and more information on it. We do hear there will be a German tavern theme this year.

We have a team put together for Mudthaw. Don Orlando and Lady Constanza will be autocrating Lord Yagyuno Kagetoki will be head cook.

Lady Judith is planning a special A&S event for late April- early May, that will be a Medieval Seder.

If you have any interest in autocrating or cooking Quest please contact our Seneschal.

We look forward to see you all during the fall.

Yours in Service,

Alexander and Rhiannon

Alexander MacGregor and Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen, Baroness and Baron Settmour Swamp

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Baronial Business Meeting Notes

Wednesday October 12, 2011

Recording Scribe: Emeline

Attending Officers:

Emeline	Seneschal
Alexander	Baron
Rhiannon	Baroness
Owynn	Chronicler
Pórláifr	Captain of Archers
Constanza	Deputy Chatelaine
Ceara	MOL
Jehannine	MoAS
Orlando	Fencing Marshal
Ryan	Exchequer
Erec	Autocrat Coronation
Gasper	Chiurgeon
Dalek	Webminister
Failenn	Gryphonwald
Erich	Knight Marshal

Other Attendees:

Phillip
Vivian Dayboard @ Coronation
Charis Feast @ Coronation
Galfriedus
Judith

- Note- there are 18 Regular Officers (2 vacant right now). 1 Seneschal of the Canton (Gryphonwald) and the Autocrats of any given event. Therefore quorum right now is 10 not counting autocrats. Currently 2 autocrats so quorum is 11 officers/deputies for this meeting.

Past Events

Coronation October 1

Improvements:

1. Layout tables for feast, get correct count of tables beforehand
2. Seating Chart
3. Event Announcement timing
4. Ovens - Em needs a write up on the problems with the site so that it can be used in negotiation with the site for Mudthaw (site also was not clean?)
5. Dancing not listed on schedule
6. Sign for pre-reg line needs to be

more prominent

7. Don't charge the servers for feast if they don't get to eat - dedicated server table?

8. Scoring for heavy list wasn't ideal

9. Add to the planner - re-organize/clean inventory and put inventory back at Gudrun's

Awesomeness

1. chair maze at troll works great

2. MOL at troll works great - if fencing needs mol, please let Ceara know in advance of the event

3. Sir Balin as MC of heavy list

4. Dancing in between courses worked well

Pie in the Sky (what we would love to see next time)

1. Changing area in royal room with racks

2. Have gate staff check-in in the royal room

Total Attendees: 339

Total Collected: 6175.00

NMS paid: By Friday

Future Events

Library Research Day part II

E-mail sent to Swamp List by Galfriedus

One response thus far

Mudthaw March 24, 2012

Orlando and Connie have agreed to co-autocrat with Owynn as deputy, bid approved

A bid has been received by Rookie - mka Christopher Stanley for feast, bid approved

Medieval Seder

Judith : I've been working on finding a place to hold the seder, with the preferred dates being April 28 or May 5, 2012. I called a number of American Legion halls, all of which were suffering

damage from Irene. The man in charge of the hall in Milltown (where we have held Black Gryphon Inn in the past) told me to call back in a week when they would have talked with their insurance company. I called him today (Monday), and he didn't want to commit to anything now, but thinks the hall will be back functioning by mid-November. He encouraged me to call again in a couple of weeks. I'm inclined to go with that hall since they already know us. We get a reduced rate because Padraig has joined the group. Their prices are reasonable (\$250 for the lower hall), but I haven't seen the kitchen yet though, so I don't know if it will work for sure. In the meantime, I've passed on to Charis who is cooking a couple of resources to help her think about what to serve. I've also been working on the actual service. I managed to figure out that the leader of the seder did not wear any special clothing during the Middle Ages, as he does now. Same site as BGI

Black Gryphon Inn

(Date still pending)

Autocrats PJ & Pippin

Cook Cass German Late Period
Jehannine to make Bavarian Beer

Paddy to hook up the same site

Quest

One new potential site will not be able to accommodate us for a weekend event, but will be willing to host us for a day event. Need new site - Charis has indicated she has 3 potential sites she is looking into
Rhiannon would like to write and run the Quest

Elections

- no elections this month

Cantons

- Gryphonwald

Old Business

Restaurant Depot Cards

- 5 Active Cards
- Charis has one - #3
- Megan has one.
- Who has others? Wilhelm?
Elizabeth Talbot? Cass? Trixie?

House Von Halstern Event

VH wishes to run an event beginning of October (yes), we will interface with them after the coronation stuff is decided.

New Meeting Site

Orlando proposes a search committee to locate a new Baronial meeting site. He will head up the committee. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Orlando directly.

New Business

New Group Sponsor:

Galen Mac Byrne came to discuss possible sponsorship of a proto-shire by Settmour Swamp. The proto-shire is in NY, and was formerly part of Rusted Woodlands. The officers asked Galen to please collect more info regarding the handling of monies by a NJ group (Settmour is now SCA NJ, Inc) for a group in NY (proto-shire is still SCA, Inc. but will eventually be SCA of NY, Inc.). Galen will return to his group and get more info for a further discussion.

Future Meetings:

November 9 -

Galfriedus and Judith's house

December 14

Constance & Magnus' home

Library Research Day part deux

Back by populace demand!

Missed this trip the last time around? Still got that research project nagging at you? On Saturday November 5th, I will once again be your guide as we travel to the New York Public Library (NYPL) for a day of research. Mundanely, I am an academic librarian, so if there is any information available on your topic, I can find it.

As before, I suggest that anyone who plans on coming devote some time to thinking about the specifics of what you're looking for. A specific topic (15th century Hungarian heraldry, e.g.) is much easier to work with than a general topic (medieval Eastern European heraldry, e.g.) Feel free to contact me privately if you have any questions.

Other considerations:

1. Bring a decent-sized USB flash drive to download information.
2. If you have a laptop, bring it -- it's easier to connect to the library's WiFi than to sign up for a workstation, which only NYPL card holders can do.
3. No scanners are available, so bring cash for photocopying.
4. There is no cafeteria within the library, so we will go some place for lunch within the immediate area.

In addition to the research session, NYPL is currently exhibiting their copy of the Gutenberg Bible.

This is the NYPL research library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, easily accessible by public transportation. We will be meeting in the gift shop shortly after it opens at 10am.

-- Galefridus

Schedule of Events

November 5—

- Library Research Day part deux
- Crown Tournament (Bergental)
- November 19—
100 Minutes War (Rusted Woodlands)

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.

Rapier Practice

Thursdays, 7:00 to 10:00 PM

Somerville / Raritan
Rescue Squad,
57 LaGrange St,
Raritan NJ 08869

A \$5.00 per person donation will be collected each week. For more information, please contact: Lady Jehane de Fenwyk at 908-217-4484

Archery Practice

Weeknight archery practice 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 at the home of Maitresse Jehannine de Flandres & Master Phillip the Facetious
310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519), Milford, NJ 08848 (908) 995-4417

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Fight Practice	3 Rapier Practice	4	5 Library Research Day Crown Tourney (<i>Bergental</i>)
6	7	8	9 Business Meeting Fight Practice	10 Rapier Practice	11	12
13	14	15	16 Fight Practice	17 Rapier Practice	18	19 100 Minutes Wars (<i>Rusted Woodlands</i>)
20	21	22	23 Fight Practice	24 THANKSGIVING	25	26
27	28	29	30 Fight Practice			

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Rapier Practice	2	3 Bhakail Yule (<i>Bhakail</i>) RP Mistletoe Revel (<i>Barren Sands</i>) Season's Beatings (<i>Ostgardr</i>)
4	5	6	7 Fight Practice	8 Rapier Practice	9	10
11	12	13	14 Business Meeting Fight Practice	15 Rapier Practice	16	17 All Things Scribal (<i>Carillion</i>)
18	19	20	21 Fight Practice	22 Rapier Practice	23	24
25	26	27	28 Fight Practice	29 Rapier Practice	30	31



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Upcoming Baronial Business Meetings:

Wednesday, November 9, 2011— 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.