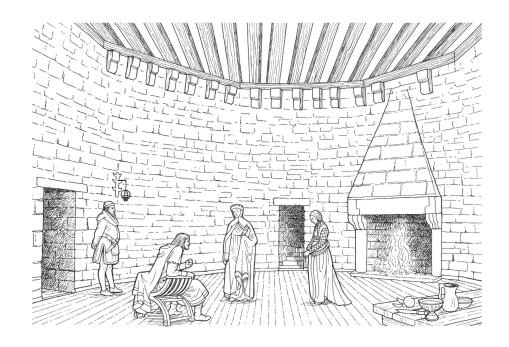
THE MUDPUPPY



The Newsletter of the Barony of Settmour Swamp

November A.S. XLII

Calendar of Events

| November | |
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| 3 (RP) | Fall Crown Tournament, Concordia of the Snows, Colonie, NY |
| 11 | Weapons practice, archery, Mini-Hafla, Flemington, NJ, 1:30 PM |
| 13 | Marwick meeting |
| 14 | Baronial business meeting at the home of Lady Eleanor Callaghan, |
| | Somerset, 7:30 PM |
| 10 (RP) | St. Andrews Returns to Tuscany for a Baronial Investiture |
| | An Dubhaigeainn, East Northport, NY |
| 10 | Metropolitan Museum of Art Field Trip, New York City, 9:15 AM |
| 17 (RP) | 100 Minutes War, Rusted Woodlands, Washingtonville, NY |
| 21 | Tir Mynydd meeting, Hope, NJ, 7:30 PM |
| 25 | Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions |
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| 25 | Gryphonwald meeting |
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| Marwick meeting |
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Into the People of Settmour Swamp do Alexander and Rhiannon, Baron and Baroness, send Greetings

We hope you are all well and stay well in this season of fluctuating temperatures. But as we move into the cooler months there is still much to do in and around our lands. As I write this we are in the final stage of preparation for the Textile Schola. By the time you read this, it will have become another wonderful memory where everyone learned something new and useful, was well fed, and passed a pleasant day with friends. Thank you to Lady Jehannine for hosting and Lady Eleanor for providing the dayboard and to all the teachers and everyone who helped to make the day a success.

Our next adventure will be on November 10th, when we travel to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City to visit the various galleries of the museum. Please join us on the steps of the museum at 9:15AM to be there when it opens at 9:30. People are arranging to meet at various places and carpooling or taking trains to get there. The most likely place for lunch will be the museum's restaurant which has been recommend as the best for the money in the area. Everyone is free to join us or follow their own path for the day. This is the main building of the MET. We are hoping to do another trip next summer to visit the Cloisters.

Don't tire yourselves too much on Saturday because the next day on November 11th, Lady Morgaine and Lady Lydia will host a mini Hafla at St. Paul's Church in Flemington, concurrent with the usual fighter practice from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Bring a dish to share, a rug or some pillows to sit on, don some Middle Eastern garb, if you have it, and come join the party. Dance, listen to the music and spend a relaxing afternoon with us.

Hundred Minutes War is next on the schedule on November 17th in the Shire of Rusted Woodlands. This annual event hosted by our northern neighbors is always a fun day, full of fighting and, of course, merchants, good food and good friends. Come and share the day with us if you can.

Regular fighting and fencing practices are still happening around the Barony and archery will continue as the weather holds. There are A&S projects in the works that could use your help. Lady Sofia is heading the committee to make Baronial favors for the populace. We would like to have a supply of them ready by Mudthaw. Lady Elisabetta is planning a banner and sheet-wall project to decorate our Pennsic camp next summer. Please contact either of these ladies to offer your assistance. For more details about any of the happenings mentioned above check elsewhere in this newsletter.

Many members of the Barony traveled down to Atlantia for Kingdom Crusades. The Barony was well represented on the fencing field, the heavy weapons field and especially in the A&S competitions held that weekend. Lord Alexander MacRus was awarded first place, Lady Sofia Serafimskaia was awarded second place and Lady Jehannine de Flandres won "best beer" in the brewing A&S competition. Vivat to all who traveled to our neighboring kingdom to the south.

We would also like to congratulate our Chronicler, Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood. The Mudpuppy and her Excellency were nominated for The William Blackfox Award in the category of Best Layout and Design. The William Blackfox Award is a Society wide award to recognize excellence in the work of Chroniclers and newsletter contributors. Congratulations Elizabeth!

Happy leaf peeping and Happy Thanksgiving to all! See you soon.

Rhiannon and Alexander

Officer Reports Submitted at the October Business Meeting

Arts & Sciences

I have heard a great deal about all the personal projects that many of our Baronial members are going to be working on over the winter. There are a lot of talented people out there!

Textile Scola is fast approaching and there is a full class roster.

The October Mudpuppy contained the second installment of the *Artist of the Month* column and it has been very well received. Thank you to Wilhelm and Sofia for being the first two victims!

Wilhelm is doing a great job promoting calligraphy and illumination in the Barony and for this I thank him. He also now has some pieces up on the East Kingdom site that are lovely. Great job!

Our very own Sof'ia took the prize for best Reliquary at the Crossroads at Canterbury event and a prize at Kingdom Crusades as well. Congrats!

That is all.

YIS.

Elizabeth

Captain of Archers

The weather has been good and archery will continue as long as the weather holds at the Sunday practices.

The Friday and Tuesday night practices are off until the spring, since it is getting too dark to shoot. The website and Mudpuppy will be updated to reflect this.

In service, Jehannine

Chamberlain

Well, a few totes of inventory are installed in the garage. We will bring everything used for the schola up here afterwards and start the great migration. Brona, Rowan and I did a quick and dirty inventory, but I haven't had time to retype it. School ATE my LIFE. I was hoping I would have it done to send by Wednesday but it just isn't happening. I will try to have it done by the schola. Once everything is up here I will start a formal, ongoing inventory with new photos that I will adjust every time inventory goes out and comes back with changes (we all know that happens). I won't be able to make the meeting on Wednesday, I have to go to a school board meeting so I can hand in my report by next week (like I said, school ATE my LIFE.) See everyone on the 27th.

Gudrun Gudmunderdottir

Chancellors Minor

Nothing to report. Will not be at the meeting this month.

Chatelaine

Upcoming demo request for April 19, 2008 from Kari Brescher for Norbu Lodge, Lake Telemark, Rockaway, NJ.

Previous Demos

Boy Scouts - September 18

Thank you to the following people who were able to make the Boy Scout demo a great success.

Fencing - Brenden Firebow , Antonio Patriquin, Edmund Patterson, Engracia de Madrigal Fighting - Aodhan Ó Dunlaing, Sir Jan Janowicz Bogdanski, Emidio di'Arquata Rachel of Gwynedd, high table; Thorlaeifr Hvitkegg , archery; Ceara MacKiernan of Arundel, calligraphy and illumination; Lliadan, SCA; Katheryn of Kringskeep, spinning; Gart Gunnarson, chainmail; Alexander MacGregor and Sofia Serafimskaia

For a small demo we had at least three people interested in joining us for meetings/events in the future. Unfortunately the public schools had their back to school night that same night. The boy scouts were very appreciative of our efforts. I'm sure they will remember the demo for a long time to come.

Victorian Days Demo - September 8 and 9

Lehoric Silverwater du Mer, Gudrun Gudmunderdottir, Emidio di'Arquata, Matteo, Elisabeth Elenore Lovell, Antonio Patriquin, Edmund Patterson, Emeline Patterson, Brona, Rick, Alan, Katheryn of Kringskeep, Gart Gunnarson, Caitlin Longstrider, Alan, Stephanie, Galefridus Peregrinus, Thorlaeifr Hvitkegg. Jehane. Andrusus, Sofia Serafimskaia

Clinton Shakespeare Festival July 8th

Please join me in thanking the following individuals who braved the hot weather to make the Clinton demo a great success:

Baroness Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen, Baron Alexander Macgregor, Stephanie, Lehoric Silverwater du Mer, Gudrun Gudmunderdottir, Katherine of Krigg's Keep. Erec L Claire, Sir Jan Janowicz Bogdanski, Aodhan Ó Dunlaing, Elizabeth Hawkwood, Emidio D'Arquatta, Rosamund von Schwyz, Weronika Bogdanska, Theodin the Oarsman, Wilhelm Theodinson, Appollonia von Kriegsfeld, Gart Gunnerson, Matteo and Gwen

Lady Sof'ia Serafimskaia Chatelaine, Barony of Settmour Swamp MOAS, Canton of Gryphonwald

Chirurgeon

September was a quiet month with no chirurgeon activity. To the best of my knowledge, the populace has remained healthy and safe.

Galefridus Peregrinus, MC

Chronicler

Newsletter for October has been published. Received two more electronic subscription requests. Only seven paper copies are being mailed. Chronicler will send copy to Seneschal for proofread before mailing out to everyone. The newsletter received a William Blackfox award nomination for "Best Layout and Design."

Exchequer

No bank statement so far. Jenna will send report as soon as she can.

Fencing

Fencing is going strong. We are averaging about 12 to 15 people on Thursdays. Trying to get more people to the Sunday Flemington Practices.

Edmund

Herald

I have an updated Settmour Swamp list of people, their arms and their awards, which I'll post to the Yahoo group.

I have managed to draft one official book heraldry deputy. Her name is Ragnvaeig and, although new to the Barony, she's been a book herald for a while. Galefridus has expressed interest in this aspect of heraldry so I am going to continue to train him. Consider him my Deputy-Deputy.

I have a surplus of interest in being a Deputy Court/Vocal Herald and I'm still considering the many choices.

I plan to have a consulting table set up at both Warrior's Nadam in Ostgardr and at our own Textile Collegium for anyone who wants to work on name and device submissions.

For those particularly interested in vocal heraldry, I will be co-teaching a class on running SCA courts at the Noisemakers Schola in Bhakail in February. It's going to be a 4-hour hands-on session with opportunities to actually try your hand/voice at running a court.

That's all for now, Alys, Sinking Tower

Knight Marshal

Practices are up and running in Flemington and Nutley and things are going well.

<u>MoL</u>

Nothing to report.

Ceara

Webmistress

I updated the calendar for October with the two C&I workshops and the Flemington times.

Eleanor





Culinary Corner

Lenten Pie (A twist on the fruit Rissoles)

Our first installment in the Culinary Corner is a recipe from <u>Lord Wilhelm von Utrecht</u>. For those of you who were able to taste the Lenten Pies on high table at Baron Alexander and Baroness Rhiannon's investiture, you will probably remember them. They are full of flavor and quite easy to make.

The fruit filling comes from various sources: The Viandier of Taillevent and The Menagier of Paris. Translated into: Early French Cookery by D. Eleanor Scully and Terence Scully, published by The University of Michigan Press. If you liked the investiture feast, then I highly recommend you purchase a copy of this book as 95% of the feast came from it.

The crust comes from: <u>The Little Pie Cookbook</u>, published by Smithmark Publishers with recipes from several contributors. Since there is no real documented pie crust that has survived, I used a butter based one I like and have worked with. After all, it is the current middle ages.

Documentation being done, it is time to put on your apron:

Yield: Two large pies

STEP ONE - PIE CRUST RECIPE

Yield: Two Pie Crusts top and bottom each

| <u>Imperial</u> | <u>Ingredients</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 cups | All-purpose flour |
| 1.5tsp | Salt |
| 1.5 cups | Cold Butter cut into pieces |
| 10-12 Tsp | Ice Water |

Sift the flour and the salt into a bowl. Rub in the butter and then stir in just enough ice water to bind the dough. Divide the dough into four balls, two slightly larger than the other two. Wrap and chill each for at least 20 minutes. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

STEP TWO - PIE FILLING

| <u>Imperial</u> | <u>Ingredients</u> | <u>Directions</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3-4 | medium sized cooking apples (tart) | Peal, core and slice apples. |
| 3-4 | medium sized pears | Peal, core and slice pears |
| 8 | Golden Figs | Core and cut into pieces |
| 8 | Dark Figs | Core and cut into pieces |
| 2 cups | Golden Raisins | _ |

| <u>Imperial</u> | <u>Ingredients</u> | <u>Directions</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 cups | apricots | Cut into smaller pieces |
| 1 cup | dates | Cut into smaller pieces |
| 1/8 inch | Bree Cheese with Rind | Cut into small cubes |
| 1 cup | chopped pine nuts or walnuts or both | roughly chopped |
| 1 cup | chopped flat leaf parsley | roughly chopped (no stems) |
| ¹⁄2 cup | sugar | |
| 1 tsp | ground ginger | |
| 3⁄4 tsp | ground cinnamon | |
| 1/4 tsp | ground cloves | |

Mix all of the above ingredients into a large mixing bowl. Mix well. Fold into a large pot. Add to this 1-2 cups of apple juice or white wine. If the mixture appears too dry, add apple juice or white wine a \footnote{4} cup at a time. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer for 30 minutes on medium heat, stirring occasionally. Turn off heat and let cool for 15-30 minutes. Strain mixture allowing most of the fluid to drain off. Set aside.

STEP THREE - ASSEMBLY

Roll out a large dough ball thinly and line a 9-inch pie pan. Roll out the smaller dough and cut out 3 inch leaves in place of the traditional pie lattice. You can cut out leaf veins in them if you like.

Beat an egg. Add to it a tsp of ground saffron (if desired). Brush the bottom of the pie crust with this egg glaze. Set aside remaining glaze. Fill the pie shell with the drained Lenten mixture. Mound well. Cover with dough leaves, while crimping leaves on rim with finger. Baste the leaves with the remaining egg glaze. If any of the leaves are loose, brush some glaze underneath the leave.

Bake for 10 minutes at 450 degrees.

Lower the heat to 350 degrees and bake for 35-40 more minutes.

COOL

Just prior to serving, sprinkle confectioner's sugar through a fine wire strainer on top of the pie.

This is truly one of my all time favorite pies.

As a variation you could also add browned ground pork to this pie, and then it would be a meat day pie. I have had it both ways and prefer the Lenten recipe.

I wish you good baking.

Wilhelm



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

Dance practice is cancelled for November. Marwick is still looking for a new location.

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 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM, 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 – 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, NJ

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.



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 directions and information.

From the Canton of Marwick

The November Marwick meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13th at the home of one of our members (to be determined). Please contact Jessa for details (seneschal@marwick.eastkingdom.org or call 732-563-1029).

Dance practice is cancelled for November.

Baronial Business Meeting

The November 14th meeting will be at the home of Lady Eleanor Callaghan at 7:30 PM. For directions and more information, contact the baronial seneschal.

Baronial business meetings are open to all members of the barony.

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