

The Mudpuppy



*The Newsletter of the
Barony of Settmour Swamp*

November A.S. XLIV

Calendar of Events

November 2009

- 7 Bjorn's Ceilidh, Barony of Concordia of the Snows (Scotia, NY)
- 7 (RP) St. Andrews Visits Iceland, Barony of An Dubhaigeainn (Center Moriches, NY)**
- 7 Fall Feast of Simplefare, Barony Beyond the Mountain (Manchester, CT))
- 11 Baronial business meeting, 7:30 PM at the home of Galefridus and Katherine, (Lake Towaco, NJ)
- 17 Marwick meeting (Cranford, NJ)
- 18 Tir Mynydd meeting (Hope, NJ)
- 21(RP) 100 Minutes War, Rusted Woodlands (West Milford, NJ)**
- 25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
- 29 Fight practice, archery, 1:30 PM St. Paul's Church (Flemington, NJ)

December 2009

- 5 Feast of Saint Nicholas, Barony of Concordia of the Snows (Cohoes, NY)
- 5 Toys for Tots Demo, Barony of Iron Bog (Pemberton, NJ)
- 5 Misteltoe Revel with A Twist, Barren Sands (Margate, NJ)
- 5 (RP) Bakhail Yule, Barony of Bakhail (Plymouth Meeting, PA)**
- 9 Baronial business meeting, 7:30 PM
- 15 Marwick meeting (Cranford, NJ)
- 16 Tir Mynydd meeting (Hope, NJ)
- 20 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*

January 2010

- 23 Chirurgy and Cooking: A Winter Schola, Barony of Settmour Swamp (Flemington, NJ)

For information on the Sunday practices held in Flemington, please contact the baronial seneschal at seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

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Greetings to the Swamp from the Baron and Baroness!

At the beginning of October we journeyed to the Barony of Concordia of the Snows to attend the Coronation of Konrad and Branwen. Coronation was held in the beautiful Cathedral of All Saints. It was an amazing sight seeing the thrones of the East set up in front of the stained glass windows and gothic arches of the cathedral. During the last court of Andreas and Gabriella, Lady Engracia was made a Baroness of the Court and Mistress Alys was made a Tyger of East. Congratulations to both.

The Serab Seraglio Remembered, in Flemington on the 24th, was a great success thanks to our autocrat Lady Ma'sai and the many wonderful and generous people who helped out. Profound thanks are due to more people than can be mentioned here and will be sent in a separate email to the Settmour Swamp yahoo group when the autocrat and the cook have recovered enough to think straight (it was only yesterday, as this is being written).

We will be holding a gold key workshop on Sunday November 8th. We ask that anyone who is in possession of Gold Key please bring it to Flemington practice that day. If you cannot make it, please try to arrange for someone to pick it up. The goal of the workshop is to take an inventory of what Gold Key we have and to organize it so it's easier to bring to events. If you have any garb that you no longer use and would like to donate to gold key, please let us or Lady Morgaine or Lady Gabrielle, our Chatelaines, know or just bring it to the workshop.

Over the winter the Barony will be hosting a Schola with classes for Chirurgeons and Cooks. There will be more details coming soon. We are also submitting a bid for Kings and Queens's Rapier Championships.

With the weather turning cold and the waters of our Swamp cooling down we need to start planning for Spring! Plans for Mudthaw XXX are already underway. Lord Alexander will be autocrat and Lady Cas will be head cook. We hope every one marks March 27th down on their calendars and comes help us celebrate the 30th annual Thawing of the Mud!

This is also the time of year we embark on the quest to find an autocrat for Quest in May. If you would like to autocrat Quest, write the Quest or be head cook of Quest please contact our Seneschal soon.

Rhiannon and Alexander
Baroness and Baron Settmour Swamp



A Note from Baron Alexander

Greetings,

Unfortunately due to a mundane conflict I was unable to attend The Serab Seraglio Remembered. As any good Baron would, I did have my spies at the event and have heard wonderful things about it. I would like to thank our Autocrat Maisah al Bahira and head cook Baroness Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen for all their hard work.

Officer Reports Presented at the October Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 PM in Flemington, NJ. In attendance: Alexander, Rhiannon, Eric, Charis, Orlando, Morgaine, Elizabeth, Edmund, Galefridus, Gudrun, Jessa, Jehannine, Eleanor, Siobhna. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Herald

No report

Knight Marshall

Practices continue without event. No injuries reported. Sunday practice at Flemington was unattended: there seemed to be conflicting activity going on inside the Hall, so there might have been a problem if the practice needed to be indoors. A couple of phone messages to "Pastor Bob" have gone unreturned. I reached out to my contact, who said that he maintains a good relationship with the Youth Minister - I'll try to talk to him or Pastor Bob in person in the next week or so to affirm our status in their schedule.

Exchequer

We have 9 reservations in total for the Herbal Symposium and 3 for Seraglio. I will need 1 person to help with troll for the Herbal Symposium and two to RUN troll for Seraglio as it is the same day as Pete and Denise's wedding. I will need to meet with the volunteers for troll for Seraglio before the event to go over the paperwork and provide troll materials and seed money. If you would like to volunteer for either of these events, please contact me OFF the list (e.rose.green@gmail.com or 732-300-0303).

Chronicler

The October issue has been distributed. No changes in the list of subscribers to the e-list.

Arts & Sciences

No report.

Mistress of Lists

No report

Chatelaine

We have revised the Trifold Pamphlet; please take a look at it and marvel! Actually just a few words were changed and some put into bold print. We haven't had any activity to speak of. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions, etc., please contact us at the chatelaine e-mail address.

Marshall of Fence

Rapier fencing practice continues on Thursday evenings at Meastro Fencing in Somerville from 7:30 to 10:00 PM. Loaner Gear is available for those who are interested.

Special thanks go out to Lady Engracia, for running the practice for the last year plus. Taking over as marshal in charge of the practice will be Don Malcolm Bowman. If you have a specific question regarding the practice, please contact Don Malcolm at malcolm@sourcechronicles.com.

There will not be any rapier activities in Somerville at the meeting on October 11th, nor do I expect any fencers to be in attendance. The meeting conflicts with the Known World Academy of the Rapier, which is taking place in our neighboring group, the Barony of Bhakail.

As I had stated prior, it is my intention to step down from the position of Baronial Rapier Marshal at the January 2010 meeting. I would ask the baronial seneschal to put out a call for candidates are required by the local policy and procedures. January will mark two years since I assumed the office as a drop dead deputy, and I feel that it is time to allow someone else the opportunity to serve the Barony and its populace. I have enjoyed my time as an officer, and would encourage anyone interested in stepping up to the office to contact myself or Lord Erec.

Captain of Archers

Nothing to report

Marshal of Thrown Weapons-

No report

Chirurgion (Acting)

Galefridus was deputy at Pennsic.

Chamberlain

The inventory is home and back in place. Nothing else to report.

Webmistress

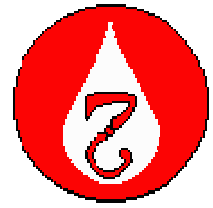
The front page of the website holds the information that the next event is the herbal symposium. The events page includes the symposium and the seraglio. The meetings page lists the church in Hope (with a link to the directions page) for Wednesday.



Chirurgý and Cooking: A Winter Schola

January 23rd, 2010

Flemington, NJ



Come join us for our Winter Schola! We will be having two class tracks: one on health and safety, and another on food and cooking. Many of the health and safety classes will be oriented toward those who serve or want to serve in the Chirurgionate

For those who wish to obtain or renew first aid or CPR certifications, we will be offering ASHI CPR and First Aid classes. The cost of these classes is NOT INCLUDED in the site fee.

The tentative list of health and safety classes includes:

ASHI CPR Pro (additional fee required)

ASHI Basic First Aid (additional fee required)

Bloodborne Pathogens: If it's wet and sticky and it isn't yours, don't touch it!

Chirurgion 101: Doing first aid in the SCA

Armor Extrication: Getting fighters out of their armor and staying their friend.

Heat and Cold Injuries

Care and Feeding of Fighters

Food Safety for Camping Events

Medieval Medicine: What the average medieval person knew about medicine.

The cooking and food class track is being prepared by Baroness Juliana von Altenfeld, OL, OP. If you'd like to teach a class, please contact her at feenercrai@aol.com A hearty dayboard will be provided, prepared by Maistreas Shannon Gallowglass. Please direct all food and allergy concerns to shannon@gallowglass.org

Directions:

From Route 287: Take I-287 to US-202 (Exit 17). Go South on US-202 to Flemington NJ Make first right at the circle to get onto NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital; make first left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place. The church is on left.

From Route 78 (western NJ/PA): Go East on I-78 to NJ-31 (Exit 17) Take Route 31 south Follow signs for Hospital; before you get there, make right onto Gaunt Place. The church is on left.

From Northeast Jersey/New York City: Take New Jersey Turnpike south to I-78 West, I-78 west towards GARDEN STATE PARKWAY/CLINTON. Merge onto I-78 express lane west. Take exit 29 for I-287 South towards Somerville (RT 202/206) Follow above instructions for Route 287.

From southeast Jersey/Garden State Parkway: Take Parkway North to exit 98 (I-195) Go West on I-195 to I-295 North. Take I-295 North to I-95 South. Take I-95 to exit 4 - Route 31. Go North on NJ-31 to Flemington. At circle, go 1/2 way around stay on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital; make first left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

From Philadelphia: Take I-95 NORTH to New Jersey, get off at exit 4 - Route 31. Take Rt 31 North to Flemington. At circle, go 1/2 way around to stay on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital; make first left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place. The church is on left.

Site:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church; 201 Route 31, Flemington, NJ 08822

Site Opens: 9:00am

Site Closes: 7:00pm

Event Fees: Adult Member: \$10; Adult Non-member \$13; No reduced fee for children.
(All children must be accompanied and watched by an adult.) Troll will open at 9:00am and close at 12:00 Noon. All reservations must be postmarked by January 13

Feast: There is no Feast

Reservations: Please send the following information with your reservation: mundane and SCA names for all persons included in the reservation, proof of membership for all members included in the reservation (photocopy of membership card or copy of cover of recent Pikestaff cover with the members name is acceptable), contact information, and check or money order made out to SCA Inc./ Barony of Settmour Swamp for the total amount of the reservation. All reservations must be postmarked by January 13 and sent to:

Settmour Swamp Chirurgy and Cooking Schola
c/o Elizabeth Green
140 Coburn Ln.
Somerset, NJ 08873

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.

If you plan on taking the CPR class, please notify the instructor (Master Robin Gallowglass deputy@chirurgeon.eastkingdom.org) so that he can bring sufficient materials. There will be a limit on class size.

Autocrat: Dom. Galefridus Peregrinus (Lon Mendelsohn) galefridus@optimum.net
Phone: (973) 214-4957 (before 10:00pm)

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

Project of the Month

Artist: Lord Owynn Greenwood (Michael Sklower)

Project description: A leather buckler for SCA rapier in the style of Marozzo (16th century Italian)



Why did you choose to take on this project?

I wanted to make a buckler for fencing, and rather than buy one, I thought I would make one from leather. After cutting out the leather, I realized that I wanted to decorate it with my arms. I had never before attempted to tool leather before this project.

Difficulty level: (beginner, intermediate, advance) intermediate

What materials are needed to complete this project?

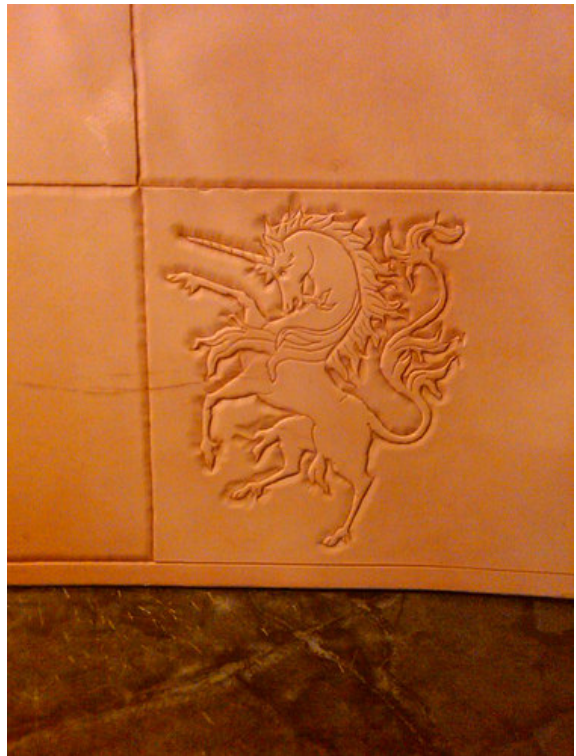
Leather, swivel knife, modeling tool, beveller, razor knife, other leather tools

How long did it take to complete? (or how long have you been working on it if it's not complete?)

So far I have about 20 hours into the project. I need to clean up the design, which I estimate will be about another 10 hours, then dye the leather which will be approximately 5 hours, harden the leather and mount a handle. The project should take about 40 man hours.

What sources, if any, did you use as your basis for this project?

Achille Marozzo - Opera Nova dell'Arte delle Arm - 1536





Practices and Activities

Archery Practice

Second and fourth Sunday, St. Paul's Church, Flemington, NJ.

Sundays at the home of Elizabeth Hawkwood, beginning October 1 and thru the end of March (weather permitting). Anyone interested in shooting, please contact Elizabeth 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.

Fencing Practice

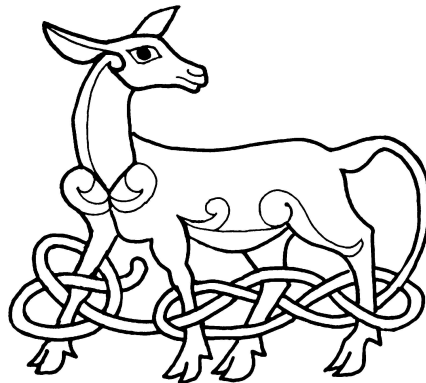
Thursdays from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM at Maestro Fencing, 217 W Main St, Somerville, NJ 08876
There is a \$5.00 site fee to cover the cost of using the facility. If you have a specific question regarding the practice, please contact Don Malcolm Bowman at malcolm@sourcechronicles.com

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.

Youth Fighter Practice

Practice will held one Sunday each month at St. Paul's Church in Flemington, NJ. Please contact the baronial seneschal for more information.



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.

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. Directions are available on line or contact Don Malcolm Bowman at malcolm@sourcechronicles.com



Baronial Business Meeting

The meeting will be on November 11th, 7:30 PM, at the home of Galefridus and Katherine in Lake Towako, NJ. For directions and more information, contact the baronial seneschal Lord Erec L'Claire at seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org or call him at 908-268-0725 for more details.

Canton of Gryphonwald Business Meeting

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.

Canton of Marwick Business Meeting

The Canton will meet on November 17 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman Street (on the corner of Eastman and Holly) in Cranford at 7:15 PM. For more details and directions, contact the seneschal, Lord Edmund Patterson at 908-561-2345 or email him at clost95@aol.com

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