

The Mudpuppy



*The Newsletter of the
Barony of Settmour Swamp*

October A.S. XLIV

Calendar of Events

October 2009

- 3 (RP) Coronation of Konrad and Brenwen, Concordia of the Snows (Albany, NY)**
9-11 Warrior's Naadam II, Ostgardr (Carmel, NY)
9-11 Known World Academy of the Rapier/Costuming Symposium, Bakhail
(Philadelphia, PA)
11 Baronial business meeting, St. Paul's Church (Flemington, NJ)
20 Marwick meeting (Cranford, NJ)
21 Tir Mynydd meeting (Hope, NJ)
23-25 Ghosts, Ghouls and Goblins, Carillion (Manalapan, NJ)
25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
31 (RP) Crown Tournament, Quintavia (Spencer, MA)

November 2009

- 7 Bjorn's Ceilidh, Barony of Concordia of the Snows (Scotia, NY)
7 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
17 Marwick meeting (Cranford, NJ)
18 Tir Mynydd meeting (Hope, NJ)
21 100 Minutes War, Rusted Woodlands (West Milford, NJ)
25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*

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

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Greetings, Oh Glorious Swamp Dwellers

There is a definite chill in the air. It's time to harvest the last of summer's bounty and start stocking up for the colder months ahead. The Herbal Symposium in Maplewood last month provided many of us with new (and old) information on period herbs and inspiration for next year's gardens. Thank you Baroness Merlinia and all the teachers and helpers for that wonderful event, dayboard and garden tour.

Thank you also, to those few dedicated souls who came out to the Victorian Days demo the following day. We hope that next year there will not be a conflict with two things happening the same weekend on opposite sides of the Barony. Makes it tough to do both.

River War, down in Iron Bog, will have happened by the time you read this and I'm sure the Wetlands Alliance triumphed and our borders and those of our friends and neighbors are still safe.

This month will see the Coronation of Konrad and Brenwen in Albany on the 3rd. Alexander and I will be there to pledge our fealty to the crown and also to stand with our cousins (the other Barons and Baronesses of the East) to pledge our support to each other. We hope to see many familiar Swampy faces in the crowd and at dinner.

Our next local event will be "The Serab Seraglio Remembered" which will take us back to the roots of this Middle Eastern themed event when it was an evening of delicious food with delightful entertainment between courses. The relaxed and friendly environment will be conducive to conversation and story telling so brush up on your raconteur skills and regale us with a tale over dinner if you wish. It is a reservations only event limited to 60 gentles, so send yours in soon. October 24th at St. Paul's Church in Flemington. See the event listing elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

Planning has already started for next year's Mudthaw. This will be Mudthaw 30 and we need everyone's help to make it the best Mudthaw in 30 years! The autocrat this year is Lord Alexander Younger and Lady Cassandra de Matisse will be the head cook. Please let them know if you want to help out.

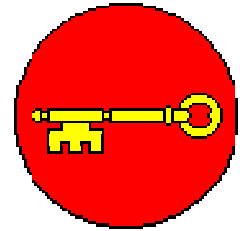
Hope to see you soon,

Rhiannon and Alexander

Baroness and Baron Settmour Swamp



FROM THE BARONIAL SENESCHAL



Greetings all subjects of Settmour Swamp and friends from your seneschal. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 11 at the church in Flemington, hope to see you there. Our next event is Seraglio on October 24; it is always a good time. Our Chirurgeon Collegium has been postponed.

Planning has already begun for Mudthaw, our 30th! There will be a fine A&S competition, bread and brewing as well, in addition to all the classics, fighting, fencing, youth, feast and of course the Thawing of the Mud ceremony. I you want to be in on it please contact the autocrat Alexander the Younger, or the seneschal.

Settmour Swamp is one of the greatest baronies in the known world, and the reason is the people. Thank you all for your participation, your enthusiasm, your efforts, and your enjoyment of the current middle ages.

There is always plenty to do in the Swamp, and our officers could always use some help so please contact any of them according to your interest.



Officer Reports Presented at the September Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM. In attendance were Trixie, Fiona, Bev, Philip, Jeannine, Thorleifr, Emeline, Edmund, Galefiredus, Retep, Alexander, Ceara, Miquel, Shaun and Gudrun

Herald

No report

Knight Marshall

Practices were suspended during the midsummer and August for Pennsic in Flemington and are due to resume Sept 13 & 27th. Nutley practice returned from hiatus Aug 26th. No injuries have been reported. Interest has been floated in the resumption of Flemington Thursday practice - as yet, this appears casual, however, if the site is still available it might be worth polling for available Marshals.

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 September 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 been trying to deal with the Victorian Days Demo. More to be discussed at the meeting. It has been pretty quiet here. Gabi has been dealing with the very few e-mail requests that we have had over the past few months. That is pretty much it. Thank you and good night.

Marshall of Fence

Practice has resumed in Somerville on Thursday evenings, starting at 7:30PM. We have loaner gear available. Cost per person is \$5/practice.

Pennsic Rapier Report (by Dona Emeline Patterson):

There were 3 members of the Barony on the fencing Champs team and 2 alternates: Sir Antonio Patrasso decisively won his bout; Don Orlando Sforza also won his bout; Don Malcolm Bowman lost but it was way close. Don Edmund Patterson and Lord Owynn Greenwood did not get bumped up from alternates, but now there's something to work toward next year.

Mid beat East in Champs 16-14...the closest it's been in a while. The field battle was a total success. TOAD (Settmour's local rapier unit) ended up fielding 30 people when we counted up all those who joined with us. By the time the battle began we had 5 teams of 4 and 5 people with Emeline commanding. TOAD was put right in the center, and both battles we fought strong and had more than half of our forces left once the enemy was decimated. The battles were last man standing and the Mid outnumbered us by 25%! Awesome job everyone!

One of the Settmour practice regulars, Gil Stalschmidt won the Novice Tourney by a decisive margin.

The Wood Battle was fun, however East and Mid lost to Allies 6-9.

Captain of Archers

I'm pleased to announce we have another archery marshal in the barony. Charis has been re certified at Pennsic, and she ran the practice at Flemington on the 23rd. Normal practices will resume this month now that war is past. Master Phillip Reed the Facetious was on the archery champions team at pennsic! The archers took all three shoots. The new archery range was debuted.

Marshal of Thrown Weapons-

No report

Chirurgeon

Galefridus was deputy at pennsic.

Chamberlain

No report

Webmistress

The front page of the web site 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.



**The Sarab Seraglio Remembered
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Flemington, New Jersey
October 24, 2009**



Murmurs of soft voices whisper in your ear, the smoky scents of Amber and Sandalwood waft through the air. Aromas of turmeric and cumin tease your palette while the low throbbing of drums caresses your soul.

Relax and revel in our intimate setting and have your senses titillated by Middle Eastern delights. Join us on Saturday, October 24 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Flemington, NJ. The evening begins with a Hafla and "cocktail hour" featuring live music. You will then enjoy a sumptuous Moroccan-themed feast prepared by Baroness Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen. During the feast you will be entertained by top-notch Middle Eastern dancers. After dinner the floor will be opened to all dancers (time allowing).

This is an afternoon/evening event. Doors open at 4:00pm and the evening will end at 10:00pm. Feast will be served about 5:30 or 6:00. Most seating is on the floor, so please bring a pillow to cushion your backside. There will be some chairs available for those who need them. On-board reservations only and seating is very limited. Reservations are \$15.00 for members and \$18.00 for non-members. There will be no reduced-cost reservations for children.

Autocrat:

Ma'isah al Bahira, (Kelly Moore), k.l.moore@earthlink.net, 908-625-5195 before 9:00pm.

Any Middle Eastern dancers or musicians interested in entertaining please contact:
Lydia FitzWaulter, mundanely Linda Finne 230 Orchard St, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Email: lfinne@telcordia.com or call 908-725-4938 before 9:30 PM

Fees: Adult Member: \$15; Adult Non-member: \$18; No reduced fee for children.
(All children must be accompanied and watched by an adult.)
Troll will open at 4pm and close at 7:00pm.
Feast fee is included in the site fee.

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 October 16 and sent to:

Settmour Swamp Seraglio
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.

Directions to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 State Route 31, Flemington, NJ 08822

From Route 287:

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

From Northeast New Jersey/New York City:

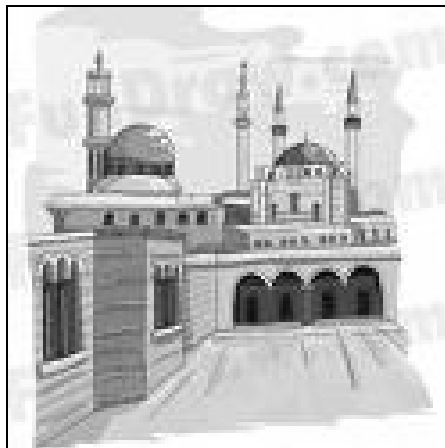
New Jersey Turnpike south to I-78 West. Take I-78 express lane west towards Garden State Parkway/Clinton. Merge onto I-78 express lane west. Take Exit 29 for I-287 South towards Somerville (RT 202/206). Take Exit 17 (202/206 south) towards Somerville(US-22 W)/Flemington. Stay straight to go onto US-202 South until you reach Flemington. Take first right on circle to stay on NJ-31 North. Follow signs to Hospital; make first left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on the left.

From Southeast New 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 to Exit 4 - Route 31. Go North on NJ-31 to Flemington, take the first right on circle to stay on NJ-31 North. Follow signs to Hospital; make first left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on the left.

From Philadelphia:

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



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. Contact Sebastian Estevan de Xavier for more information via email at Xavier1101@yahoo.com or call 732-742-8882.

Youth Fighter Practice

Practice will held one Sunday each month at St. Paul's Church in Flemington, NJ. Please contact Angus Sutherland at 908-284-2614 or email him at minor@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org for current information.

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.



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

Maestro Fencing is at 217 W Main St, Somerville, NJ. Directions are available on line or contact Sebastian Estevan de Xavier via email at Xavier1101@yahoo.com or call 732-742-8882.



Baronial Business Meeting

The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11 at St. Paul's Church in Flemington. For directions and more information, contact the baronial seneschal Lord Erec L'Claire at seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 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 Tuesday, October 20 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

Region of Tir Mynydd

Greetings from the great Northwest region of Tir Mynydd. All is well up here, we continue to hold meetings the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, mostly at the Episcopal Church in Hope, NJ. The alternate site is at Kathryn Goodwin's home in Hackettstown, NJ used for special occasions such as celebrations, 5th Wednesdays & the heat of August. We have our small core group that continues on, although it once again shrank a bit now that PJ went back to college. We are working on the ongoing problem of our meeting site and hope to have everything resolved by the end of the year. All is well in the Northwest.

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