

The Mudpuppy



December, 2004

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Calendar of Events

December 2004

4 Dinner, Dance, and Desserts

(Shire of Iron Bog - Swedesboro, NJ)

11 Bhakail Yule Revel

(Barony of Bhakail - Philadelphia, PA)

11 Mistletoe Revel

(Shire of Barren Sands - Pomona, NJ)

17-19 East Kingdom Brewers Collegium

(Crown Province of Ostgardr - Peekskill, NY)

January 2005

8 East Kingdom Twelfth Night

(Barony of Dragonship Haven - Bridgeport, CT)

15 Bellringers: The Investiture

(Barony of Carillion - Jackson, NJ)

22 Al Hafla

(Barony of Bhakail - Clifton Heights, PA)

February 2005

5 Black Gryphon Inn: "Tavern of the Rus"

(**Canton of Gryphonwald - Edison, NJ**)

12 Valentine Dance Revel

(Barony of Bhakail - Philadelphia, PA)

12 Venetian Winter Games

(Canton of Forestgate - Hamilton, NJ)

Practices and Activities

Archery Practices:

Sundays – 1:00pm in Pittstown (exit 15 off Route 78).

Arts & Sciences Activities:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 346 High Street (Rt 609), Hope, NJ. Contact the NW Canton Seneschal for information.

Monthly Business Meetings:

2nd Monday of the month, location changes. See the Mudpuppy or the Baronial website for location and directions.

Fencing Practices -

Wednesdays 7-10 pm, at St. George's Episcopal Church, 550 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood A donation of \$3 to \$5 dollars is requested to cover the rental cost.

Thursdays 8 - 10:30 PM, at the North Stelton Fire Company, 70 Haines Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

Youth Fighter Practices:

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, assuming that we do not have a conflict with a major holiday, church function, or local SCA event. Time is from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rte. 31, Flemington

Calligraphy Workshop

1st Tuesday of the month at the home of our Baron and Baroness, 39 Claire Dr., Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Directions to Practices

Fighter Practices, Moose Lodge, Edison

From I-287 South take Exit #3 – New Durham/Metuchen. Turn RIGHT at light onto New Durham Road. At next light, make a RIGHT onto Talmadge Road. At next light turn LEFT onto Coolidge St. Go 0.2 miles; make a LEFT into Moose driveway/parking lot.

From I-287 North take Exit #2B – New Brunswick/Rte. 27 South. Turn RIGHT onto Rte. 27 South. At third traffic light turn RIGHT onto Talmadge Road (Sturgis Road). Go 1.8 miles to 3rd light; make a LEFT onto Coolidge St. Turn LEFT into Moose driveway.

Youth Fighter Practices, St. Paul's, Flemington

St Paul is located along Route 31 in Flemington, next door to the Hunterdon Medical Center, two miles north of the Flemington Circle

From Route 287

Go I-287 to US-202 (Exit 17)., go Southwest 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 left.

From Route 78 in Pennsylvania

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Go East on I-78 to NJ-31 (Exit 17) Then Go South on NJ-31.

Follow signs for Hospital.

Make right onto Gaunt Place church is on Left.

From New Jersey Turnpike south to I-78 WEST/NEW JERSEY TPKE EXT EAST RAMP towards EXITS 14 TO 14C/CARS-TRUCKS-BUSES.

Merge onto I-78 WEST RAMP, Merge onto I-78 W.

Take I-78 EXPRESS Lane W towards GARDEN STATE PARKWAY / CLINTON.

Merge onto I-78 EXPRESS Lane West. I-78 EXPRESS Lane West becomes I-78 W.

Take the I-287 exit, exit number 29, towards SOMERVILLE (US-202/206).

Merge onto I-287 SOUTH RAMP., Merge onto I-287 S.

Take the US-202 SOUTH/US-206 SOUTH exit, exit number 17, towards SOMERVILLE (US-22 W) / FLEMINGTON.
Stay straight to go onto US-202 S. 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 left.

From Garden State Parkway

Go North on GARDEN STATE PKWY (Portions toll) to I-195 (Exit 98).

Go West on I-195 to I-295.

Go North on I-295 to I-95 SOUTH.

Go South on I-95 SOUTH to NJ-31 (Exit 4).

Go Northwest on NJ-31 to Flemington

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From Philadelphia

Go North on I-95 NORTH to New Jersey.

Go North on I-95 NORTH to NJ-31 (Exit 4).

Go Northwest on NJ-31 to Flemington

Go 1/2 way around circle to stay on NJ-31 North Follow signs to Hospital Make first Left past Hospital onto Gaunt Place, church is on left.

Black Gryphon Inn: "Tavern of the Rus"

Saturday, February 5th, 2005

Hosted by Canton of Gryphonwald - Edison, NJ

"The chapel is near, but the way is icy.
The tavern is far.
I will walk carefully."
--Ukrainian proverb

The Canton of Gryphonwald once again invites the populace to its annual tavern event!!!

It's 988 A. D., and Prince Vladimir of the Rus has just opened the trade routes from Kiev to Byzantium. Bold traders, trappers, dancers, musicians, fierce Cossacks, proud Poles, Kievians, Rus, and even Gypsies shall all converge on our tavern for a night to remember! A mighty feast will delight all throughout the evening, served in traditional buffet style.

DIVERSIONS currently being planned:

- Russian singing, courtesy of MOOL
- Ukrainian folk dancing

COMPETITIONS:

- Elimination Chess tournament
- Brewing contest: categories are heavy- [mead], medium- [Beer] and lightweight [Kvass, Kumiss, etc.]
(For more details, or to be on the judging panel, contact Lady Fionnghuala na Lamh-Ban (children_of_lir@yahoo.com.)
- A&S table for Slavic handicrafts
- Bardic competition: theme is East European folklore

For the more violent-minded, a trappers' thrown weapons tourney, and heavy weapons challenge will be held outside.

Directions:

FROM THE NORTH:

Take your best route to NJ, I-287. Get off at Exit #3 - New Durham/Metuchen. At end of ramp make a RIGHT at traffic light onto New Durham Rd. Go 0.3 miles to traffic

light, make a RIGHT onto Talmadge Road. Go 0.6 miles to traffic light. Make a LEFT onto Coolidge St. Go 0.2 miles, make a HARD LEFT at the Moose street sign-post, then RIGHT into Moose driveway/parking lot.

FROM THE SOUTH:

Take your best route to NJ, I-287. Get off at Exit #2B - New Brunswick/Rt.27 South. Ramp traffic flows onto Rt.27 South. Go 0.7 miles to third traffic light. Make a RIGHT onto Talmadge Road. Go 1.8 miles, again to third traffic light. Make a LEFT onto Coolidge St. Travel 0.2 miles, make a HARD LEFT at the Moose street sign-post, then turn RIGHT into Moose driveway/parking lot.

FROM THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY:

Take the exit for Route 27 METUCHEN (131). Follow signs for Metuchen. Route 27 will go through North Edison, zig-zag through Metuchen, then re-enter South Edison. Watch for the Pines Manor on the right hand side just past the Edison Post Office. At the traffic light where the Pines Manor is, turn right onto Talmadge Road (aka. Sturgis Rd.). Go 1.8 miles to the 3rd traffic light, and turn LEFT onto Coolidge St. Travel 0.2 miles, make a HARD LEFT at the Moose street sign-post, then turn RIGHT into Moose driveway/parking lot.

Event Website: www.geocities.com/gryphonwald

At-a-Glance Event Information

Site:

Edison Moose Lodge #1978
410 Talmadge Rd
(for mailing purposes only)
Edison, NJ 08817

Site Opens: 2 PM

Site Closes: 10 PM

Event Fees:

Site : This is an ONBOARD ONLY event limited to 100 gentles (sorry no outboards/offboards)! Cost is \$15 adult member, \$18 nonmember; \$7 ages 7-12, gratis for 6 and under.

Alcoholic beverages are available for purchase from the site's wet-bar ONLY.

The Moose kindly ask (well, actually they insist) that the populace ****DOES NOT**** bring alcohol with them, other than any entries into our brewing contest.

Feast: See above.

Send Reservations to:

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

From the Seraglio Autocrat

Greetings unto the Good Gentles of Settmour Swamp, Friend and Sojourners:

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Seraglio, today, and for all the help that everyone gave in making the event happen. I hope that everyone had some fun, and learned something, (which I think is fun!), today, as well.

Special thanks go to Lady Berelinde, and Lord Orvarg for the amazing foodstuffs that they so wonderfully prepared and presented; as well as to Carol for all her help.

Special thanks to Lady Brigid ni Chiarain for the absolutely wonderful breads that she made from scratch! They were delicious, to say the very, very least. And Brigid, you sneaked out before I could raise a toast to you in the Hall! So, here's to you: Vivant! Vivant! Vivant! :-)

Thanks for the myriad of help and hospitality that was given by Baron Teric and Baroness Paigan!

Thanks to my co-autocrat, Lady Rummi, to Lady Eleanor Callaghan for the efficient running of Troll and the classes and for all of the other jobs that she did. To Lady Sorcha, for her hard work in doing research for the Game and for coordinating the entertainment, as well as all of the other things she did.

Lady Gabrielle Gealbhan an Ruadh for the site tokens and many other things, and Lord Philippe du Marais for guiding me in the Ways of RPGs and for transporting Many Items to the event.

Thanks to Lords Eric L'Claire and Erik the Horseman and Christophe, to Lady Rachel Gwynn, Lady Richenda and Lord Lou (I'm sorry, your SCAdian name just leaked out of my brain) for Finding That Darn Plug and staying till the Very End. Thanks to Baron Durr, who had the Idea. Thanks to everyone who shared their special knowledge with all of us by teaching classes and those who entertained -especially those of Lady Kazuki's Drumming Class who put to use what they learned earlier in the day by providing the wonderful live music during the feast.

I am sure that I am forgetting many people by name, and for that I apologize, my brain is kind of fried, right now; but all of your help and efforts were sincerely and greatly appreciated and integral to the successful outcome of this year's Seraglio...Murder on the Silk Road.

Again, I hope fun was had by all and send my heartfelt thanks to all in attendance.

YIS,

Lady Dima Harrirah Al Ajara Ayuuna bint Durr (in the 12th century)

(Aka Morgaine Rodbjorn an Bheithir (in the 5th century).

From the Canton of Marwick

Greetings all, from the Seneschal of the Canton of Marwick. It has come to pass that Lord Erec will be moving out of the canton and thus will no longer be able to serve our fair barony as the canton's seneschal. The deputy seneschal for the canton will be moving up to be the seneschal of the swamp itself, leaving no clear candidate for the position. For the canton to survive it is imperative that it have a seneschal. no previous experience is necessary though it is helpful. If you have even the slightest inkling please contact the current seneschal. This is a great opportunity to write a new chapter in the Canton of Marwick.

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