

The Mudpuppy



June, 2005

A.S. 39

Calendar of Events

June 2005

4 Something Fishy This Way Comes IX / (Lord of the Rivers VIII, Rampart Riot VII Tournaments, Bhakail Baronial Champion IV, Bhakail Baronial Rapier Champion IV)

(Bailiwick of Iveyinrust - Philadelphia, PA)

10-12 Barren Sands War

(Shire of Barren Sands - Elmer, NJ)

17 - 19 [RP] Landsknecht Vereidigung - K&Q Champion of Arms

(Shire of Eisental - Lehighton, PA)

25 -27 Wolf Hunt Free Event and Public Demo

(Shire of Montevale - Waynesboro, PA)

July 2005

1 - 4 Northern Region War Camp

(Shire of Glenn Linn - Warrensburg, NY)

22 - 24 [RP] East Kingdom War Camp

(Shire of Eisental - Lehighton, PA)

16 Pre-Pennsic Archery War Camp

(Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Voorheesville, NY)

August 2005

5 - 21 Pennsic XXXIV

(Kingdom of East/Aethelmearc/Middle)

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Practices and Activities

Archery Practices:

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

Also, there will be archer practice at the youth fighter practices, 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

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

Settmour Swamp Fighter Practice:

Wednesdays 6:30 pm - 10 pm

Nutley, NJ

It costs money to rent this site, so a \$5.00 donation is requested! If you have questions please email Sir Tanaka Raiko salvacion_hank@hotmail.com. Should you get lost, Tanaka's pager is 201-232-9337.

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 traffic flows 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

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

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 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.

Nutley Fighter Practice

Note: Many of the exit ramps from Route 3 are sharp curves.

From NJ Route 3, Essex/Passaic County (East or West):

Take the MAIN AVE, NUTLEY-PASSAIC exit

At the bottom of the ramp, make left onto Main.

Go past Bradlees to the next light, make a right onto Kingsland,

Go to the first light, and turn left onto Franklin.

At the third light make a right onto Chestnut

Go one block and make left onto Hillside Crescent. The church is on the left-hand side; park on the street.

Alternate directions that will help you avoid some traffic:

From the South

Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 151. , at the end of the ramp make a right onto Watchung Ave.

At the next light make a left onto East Passaic Ave.

Take your 2nd right onto Coeyman Ave.

Take the 1st right onto Bromley Place. \Bromley Place turns into Glenview Place.

You will come to a stop sign at Ridge Road right after a curve (be careful). \Continue straight and Glenview becomes Chestnut St.

Continue straight through the traffic light at Bloomfield Ave.

*at the top of the hill, at Prospect St, Chestnut jogs to the right. Continue on Chestnut.

Take the next right onto Hillside Crescent. ,the church will be on the left after the curve.

From Route 3 Westbound

Take the Passaic Ave exit.

At the end of the ramp, make a left onto Passaic Ave.

Follow directions from ** below

From Route 3 Eastbound:

Take the Passaic Ave exit.

Stay to the right and merge with Ward Ave.

At the next intersection (50ft or so), make a left onto Passaic Ave.

**Passaic Ave turns into Cathedral Ave.

Stay to the right at the fork in the road.

At the end of Cathedral, make a right onto Kingsland St.

Take the first left onto Bloomfield Ave. (Across from Roche and at the railroad tracks).

Take Bloomfield Ave to the traffic light at Chestnut St. This should be the second traffic light, but there have been lights added to that road since I lived there. (Chestnut is one of those). The three streets on the left before Chestnut are Raymond Ave., Beech St. and Mountainview Ave.

Continue from * above.

From the Baron and Baroness

Greeting from Teric and Paigan, Baron and Baroness of Settmour Swamp!

We are writing this missive whilst on our 'pilgrimage' to the Caribbean, but are sure that even as we type our populace are busy at work making sure that all the plans and projects are getting finished in order to make this year's Quest one to be remembered!

We have been fending off pirates and sharks here in the islands, and are working on recruiting some of the locals as SCAdians so that we can expand our Baronial territory by establishing a new Canton here. btw, are pina coladas period?

When we return, we'll be looking forward to spending memorial weekend with fun and festivities amongst our friends and selecting the new Baronial Champions, whatever the weather throws at us this year.

Hopefully, everyone will have Pre-Reg'ed for Pennsic, and will be filling out their Swamp Camp forms and returning them to Baroness Paigan, so we can plan out the baronial encampment to everyone's optimum benefit.

We'll be heading out to Eisental a couple times over the summer, for two really great events -- Landsknect/K&Qs Champions in June, and Southern Region War Camp in July -- we hope that some of you will come join us there. There are also a lot of demos on the baronial calendar, and the more people who can come and add to the medieval atmosphere the better, so we encourage all of you to try to participate in at least some of them. It not only supports our relationships in the community and validates our non-profit status; they're also actually quite a bit of fun!!

See you all soon, be excellent!

-- Teric and Paigan

May Officer's Meeting Minutes

1) Officers Reports

a. Seneschal

- i. Change Quorum from 2/3 to 1/2 of officers - Passed
- ii. Due to personal reasons, Griffyn will no longer be serving as Exchequer. Since he is a signatory on the account, Baron Alexander has agreed to take over the position until a suitable replacement can be found and trained to take over the demands of the office.
- iii. Officers, please submit reports via email no later than the Saturday before the next officers meeting.
- iv. I will continue to take notes and publish minutes of the meetings. These will first be sent to the officer's yahoo group, and then passed onto the general populace through the yahoo group and the Mudpuppy. You will have a few days to review and amend or clarify statements.
- v. Policy & Procedures
 1. I will be taking on the responsibilities to create the policy and procedures documents, which will be passed along to all officers for approval. We will be having a mandatory meeting of officers on a Sunday to go over these documents. If you cannot attend, you will be expected to send someone in your stead with a proxy, either a deputy or another member of the barony. The date will be announced at a Business Meeting and in the Mudpuppy in the coming months with at least 30 days of notice given.
 2. Also, I have been working on an Autocrats Handbook and spreadsheet, to make reporting easier. I am looking for input from experienced autocrats in helping to devise these standardized forms.
- vi. I will be away at a trade show from Friday afternoon (May 13th) to Thursday (May 18th). Of you need to reach me during those times, please e-mail me and I will get back to you when I am able.

b. Baron/Baroness

- i. Our Baron is away in the West Kingdom recruiting allies for Pennsic. He attended the Moose & Squirrel War while out there, fighting for the Moose.
- ii. Quest is coming up as well as a number of Royal Progress events in the area.
 1. If you know of anyone deserving of receiving either a kingdom or baronial award, please forward your recommendations to Paigan and Terric.
- iii. They will not be attending West Windsor but encourage people from the barony to support our southern neighbors.
- iv. The next events on their calendar after Quest are: Landsknecht and EK War Camp in Eisental
- v. We are still working on making more baronial banners to decorate the various halls we hold events in. If you are interested in helping, contact the Baroness.

c. Exchequer

- i. If you have outstanding receipts, which need to be paid, please contact Baron Alexander.
 1. With that said, please include your mundane contact information including name you wish the check made payable to with your receipts.
 - a. Please make a copy of all receipts and hold onto it before submitting.
 2. Kingdom exchequer policies require the final event report to be submitted within 30 days of the event. Please turn over all receipts to the Autocrat for your event, no later than the close of the event. Again, please make sure to include your mundane contact information, and what the receipt was for.
- ii. Because of the delay in processing checks through our systems, we will be making some changes. Whoever is taking reservations for an event, should forward checks in a timely manner to the exchequer, not wait for the day of the event. We hope this will speed up the time it takes checks to clear.

d. A&S

i. There is a new sewing circle being started in Morristown by Kasha, Companion of the Maunche. This will be a bi-weekly meeting. More details can be obtained from Richenda.

ii. Due to the change at Kingdom Level, reporting for the office has gotten more intense. If you are hosting an open workshop that is promoted to the baronial populace, please inform Richenda of the activities and attendance.

e. Chatelaine

i. The tri-fold brochure is almost complete. These will be available for distribution shortly.

ii. The Kingdom Chatelaine is seeking the quarterly report from our Canton of Gryphonwald. Would the seneschal of Gryphonwald please contact the baronial chatelaine to resolve this matter?

f. Chronicler

i. The Mudpuppy happens!

ii. We are weaning people off of the paper copies, and onto electronic distribution.

iii. The Mudpuppy is always in need of articles. Please forward any articles to our Chronicler.

g. Herald

i. Heraldry happens. For the people that I owe submissions paperwork - I will have forms and such for people to review at Quest. At that time I'll need \$ from people for submission to the College of Heraldry. It is \$9 per item being submitted (for name + device that's \$18). Checks should be made out to the East Kingdom College of Heraldry, not to me. However, if people want to give me cash, I'll take it and write a check to the EKCoH myself.

ii. Remind anyone who is present from Tir Mynydd that I still can't submit names & arms for Tir Mynydd without the original signatures on the petition.

iii. Anyone who wants to help with Baronial Courts at Quest or Pennsic should contact me by e-mail. I will be available for consulting on *Saturday only* at Quest.

iv. I have a substantial amount of Baronial Stuff in my garage from Mudthaw, including the grill, 2 big coolers, and a container of propane. Given my crazy work schedule coming up, I'd like to drop this stuff off somewhere more accessible so people can get at it prior to Quest. Let me know if I can deposit it at Teric & Paigan's house or elsewhere. I should be able to do that this weekend, even if I am working.

h. Lists Not Present

i. Knight Marshal

i. Our current Knight Marshal will be taking his leave as of Quest. His replacement is Cullynn MacKinnon.

ii. Practices are happening in Nutley and Flemington. There is still the possibility of the occasional practice at the Moose Lodge in Edison.

iii. The new Southern Regional Marshal is Sir Garrett Von Halstern.

j. Marshal of Fence

i. Practices continue in Maplewood (Wednesdays) and Piscataway (Thursdays)

ii. This past Saturday, we hosted a regional fencing melee practice, which drew 18 fencers. New ideas and tactics were play-tested. Much fun was had by all.

k. Captain of Archers

i. Practices continue on Tuesday evening and Sundays at Elizabeth Hawkwood's home.

ii. Jeanine De Bordeaux, the baronial archery champion, will be running archery at Quest.

iii. We are in need of a Warranted Archery Marshal to supervise activity on May 22 in Flemington.

1. Due to the fact this practice will be opposite West Windsor, which is a major practice for the archery community, it is recommended that anyone who wished to shoot attend West Windsor. The chances of finding a marshal that is available is slim.

l. Youth Marshal

i. Youth fighting is running smoothly. I am assuming everything is set for Quest in terms of youth combat.

- ii. As for Flemington, please see if you can get another archery marshal to cover. I hate to see a potential loss of a full month before another shoot. SEE 1.k.iii.1
- iii. There will not be a meeting/practice in Flemington on June 12th due to a conflicting event at the church.
- m. Chamberlain not present
- n. Web-minister
 - i. Alyssa is stepping up as deputy and will be keeping the calendar updated along with other changes
 - ii. The seneschal instructed the web mistress to remove the office of Equestrian Marshal, as the office was never officially approved by the barony.
- o. Canton of Gryphonwald Not present
- p. Canton of Marwick
 - i. We are still seeking a regular meeting location.
 - ii. Next meeting is scheduled for May 18th. Location to be determined.
- q. Incipient Canton of Tir Mynydd
 - i. Meetings continue Wednesdays in Hope. Attendance varies between 2-3 and 8-10.
 - ii. The baronial seneschal has received the original petition for arms and name from the Incipient Canton and will be forwarding the document to the Baronial Herald for processing.

2) Events

- a. Quest
 - i. Quest is rolling along nicely.
 - ii. A finalized schedule of activities will be forwarded to the seneschal and web mistress to be posted to the website.
 - 1. The baronial championship fencing tournament has been moved to 10:00am on Sunday.
 - iii. If anyone has access to a pickup and can help deliver firewood to the campsite, please contact Eric the Wandering Horseman.
 - 1. Also help is needed in splitting the firewood
 - iv. Wilhelm will be doing a prep workshop at his home in Jackson on Sunday the 15th. All help is greatly appreciated. Please contact Wilhelm for details.
 - v. Wilhelm also could use some help with the feast
- onsite. Please contact him to volunteer.
- b. Pennsic
 - i. Pennsic camping forms will be coming out shortly. They will be available at Quest and posted to the website.
 - ii. The receipt for the Grimm's tent was submitted to the exchequer for payment.
- c. Fall Coronation
 - i. Our bid for the Coronation of Darius and Roxanne has been accepted.
 - ii. The date will be October 1, 2005
 - iii. Site is to be determined. It will either be the Westfield Armory or Port Murray Armory.
 - iv. Jessa has been selected to autocrat
 - v. Baron Alexander Lerot d₁ Avigne of Whyt Way will be preparing the feast
- d. Seraglio

- i. Budget was submitted for approval. Copies will be made available for the next officers meeting.
- ii. The cooks for Seraglio will not be including Wilhelm, but Matt of Bhethir. Sorry for the mix up.

e. 12th Night

- i. Date selected for our bid is January 14th, 2006
- ii. Site is the Salaam Shrine in Livingston
- iii. Berelinde has been selected as the cook for feast
- iv. The seneschal has received a preliminary budget. Copies will be available at the next meeting. With a break even of 500 attendees, site fees are estimated at \$10, with feast being an additional \$8.

f. Mudthaw

- i. We are seeking an Autocrat and cook for Mudthaw 2006. Anyone interested in either position should contact the seneschal. Selections will take place at the September Business meeting.
- ii. Site will once again be the Salaam Shrine in Livingston
- iii. Date selected is March 25th, 2006

g. Demos

- i. The following demos have been confirmed:

June 9 St Pauls Episcopal Church (Flemington) 12-2pm
June 25 Summit Library 1-3pm
June 28 Maplewood Library 7-9pm
July 5 North Brunswick Library 7-9 pm
July 14 Scotch Plains Library 7-9pm
July 21 Warren Township Library 7-9pm

3) New Business

a. Office of the Chancellor Minor

- i. Office has been created by a vote of the officers
 - 1. Brianna Sutherland is our new Chancellor Minor, congratulations
 - 2. Angus Sutherland is her deputy

b. Next meeting will be June 13th

- i. If you wish to host the meeting, please contact the seneschal.

Pennsic Reminder!

A reminder to all – Pennsic registration is over, now it's time to send in your Swamp form!

The form will be available on the files page of the Settmour Swamp Yahoo! Group site.

For those without computer access, a printed form has been included with this month's mailing.

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From our Herald

Congratulations to Owyn Greenwood, Emeline Patterson and Edmund Patterson, all of whom recently had their names and devices passed by Laurel.

Owyn's device is: Quarterly vert and argent, in bend two unicorns argent

Emeline's device is: Purpure, a crane closed and on a chief argent three mullets of eight points vert

Only Edmund's name passed, his device is still in the works.

Sebastian Estevan de Xavier: Name passed Laurel

In addition, the new spelling of my name has passed Laurel so I am now officially Alys Mackyntoich. Pronounced the same way, but spelling in a truly proper period fashion.

Alys Mackyntoich
Settmour Swamp Herald

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