

The Mudpuppy



December, 2005

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Calendar of Events

December 2005

3 Bhakail Yule Celebration

(Barony of Bhakail - Philadelphia, PA;
Delaware and South Chester County, PA)

10 Mistletoe Revel

(Shire of Barren Sands - Pomona, NJ)

January 2006

7 Ruantallan 12th Night

(Barony of Ruantallan - Lower Sackville, NS)

14 Blades and Blarney IX

(Shire of Glenn Linn - Glens Falls, NY)

14 [RP] East Kingdom Twelfth Night / East Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champions Competition

(Barony of Settmour Swamp - Livingston, NJ)

20 - 21 Al Hafla

(Barony of Bhakail - Clifton Heights, PA)

21 Bellringers

(Barony of Carillion - Forked River, NJ)

27 - 28 [RP] A Market Day at Birka

(Barony of Stonemarche - Manchester, NH)

February 2006

4 Flying Objects Collegium

(Barony of Settmour Swamp - Flemington, NJ)

18 Prussian Winter Games

(Canton of Forestgate - Hamilton, NJ)

25 1,001 Nights At The Black Gryphon Inn

(Canton of Gryphonwald - Edison, NJ)

Practices and Activities

Archery Practices:

Tuesdays (discontinued until April) – 6:30pm in Pittstown (exit 15 off Route 78). Sundays 1:00pm in Pittstown, please give advance notice if you're coming. Also, there will be archer practice at the youth fighter practices, 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. (Discontinued until spring)

Arts & Sciences Activities:

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 346 High Street (Rt 609), Hope, NJ. Contact fafnir62@yahoo.com 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. Tamp 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 Sinking Tower Pursuivant

Congratulations to Jeremiah MacCoull, whose name passed Laurel.

Congratulations to Kefira and Wulwyn, who received Awards of Arms at 100 Minutes War.

Alys, Herald and Ministress of Protocol

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East Kingdom Twelfth Night / East Kingdom Arts and Sciences Champions Competition

Saturday, January 14th, 2006

Hosted by Barony of Settmour Swamp - Livingston, NJ

It is with great pleasure that the Barony of Settmour Swamp invites you to the Twelfth Night celebrations of Their Royal Majesties Darius and Roxane on January 14th at the Salaam Shrine Center in Livingston N.J. The site opens at 10am and closes at 10pm.

Their Majesties have declared that a grand Arts and Science Triathlon will be held this Twelfth Night to determine Their Arts and Science Champions. They wish to extend an invitation for all artisans in the Kingdom to come and show off their best work, and compete for the honor of representing Their Majesties as one of the Kingdom's Champions of the Arts and Sciences. For full details of the competition please go to <http://www.macbane.com/as/>

For questions about the competition or to make special arrangements, please contact:

Lord Gavan MacBane
gavan@macbane.com
610.451.9936

In addition to the Arts and Sciences Competition there will be dancing in the afternoon before Royal Court and a Heraldic Scavenger Hunt will be held during the day.

Court will be followed a feast prepared by Lady Berelinde Cynewulfdohr.

Mistress Brighid ni Chiarain will be providing a delicious dayboard.

Directions:

DO NOT rely on Mapquest directions to the site.

From the Garden State Parkway: Take exit 145 to Route 280 WEST. Go 7.5 miles to exit 5A for Livingston, which puts you onto County Route 527/Livingston Ave. Take Route 527/Livingston Ave. SOUTH for 1.3 miles to the junction of Route 10/Mt. Pleasant Ave. Turn LEFT onto Route 10/Mt. Pleasant Ave. EAST. The site is 1/3 miles down the road on the left.

From Route 287: Take the exit for Route 10 EAST (exit 39 from 287 South; exit 39A from 287 North). Follow Route 10 EAST, continuing on Route 10 through the traffic circle at Eisenhower Parkway. The site is 8.7 miles east of Route 287 on the left.

Public Transportation: N.J. Transit has Bus service from Newark Penn Station that travels along Route 10 in Livingston and can stop near the site. Consult www.njtransit.com for updated information on service and schedules.

At-a-Glance Event Information

Site:

Salaam Shrine Center

369 E. Mt. Pleasant Ave

Livingston, NJ 07039

Show me a map!

Site Opens: 10:00 am

Site Closes: 10:00 pm

Event Fees:

Site : \$10 per person, \$5 for children (6-17), includes dayboard, Children 5 and under are free. A \$3 non-member surcharge will be collected from those adults without proof of membership. If you intend to use the express check-in, please send proof of membership with your reservation and a SASE for the express check in letter. Acceptable proof of membership includes a copy of your membership card or a current Pikestaff label with your name on it.

Minors on site must be supervised at all times. A minor waiver signed by a parent or guardian must be presented at troll. Copies of the minor waiver form are available on-line at www.sca.org and will be available at the event.

Reservation Refund policy:

If, after sending in a reservation, you are unable to attend, please contact the autocrat before the event. Site fees and merchant fees will be refunded after the event. Feast fees will be refunded if we are able to resell your feast space.

Feast: Feast: \$8 per person regardless of age; Pre-reservation deadline for feast is January 9th 2006 any seats remaining will be sold the day of the event.

Send Reservations to:
Baron Alexander Macgregor,
c/o David DeVito
307 Village Drive
Somerset, NJ 08873.

Autocrat:
Baron Alexander Macgregor
David DeVito
732-297-1721
ek12thnight@patmedia.net

Other Contact Information:

Merchant information:

There is a \$5.00 merchant fee this will get you space for an 8 foot table (we will have a waiting list if you need more space). Merchants can either bring their own tables or use the ones at the site. All merchants **MUST** be pre-registered with the merchant-o-crat two weeks prior to the event (January 1, 2006). Merchant fee is to be paid with registration for event. Please note, merchant space is limited.

Merchant contact: Lady Kalisfena Greenwood D'Mer
lilwench25@yahoo.com
908-447-2985 (between 6-11pm only)

Make Checks Payable to: SCA Inc – Barony of Settmour Swamp

1,001 Nights at the Black Gryphon Inn

The theme of the event is based upon the idea of "The Arabian Nights Entertainments" (Ed. Andrew Lang) Stories From the 1,001 Nights/Scherehzaht. Willing attendants will have to literally 'sing for their supper' (telling a short story or anecdote) during the feast and perhaps at other moments during the event. Every willing attendant will be asked to tell a story in order to justify their place in the hall at The Black Gryphon Inn. Stories need not be lengthy or difficult, just something to amuse one's feasting companions.

Site Address:

Edison Moose Lodge
410 Talmadge Road
Edison, NJ 08820
US

Site Opens : 11 AM

Site Closes: 10 PM

Site Fees:

\$15 **On-board only.**

Attendance limited to 100 people.

*An additional **\$3 dollar surcharge** applies to those who cannot prove membership.*

*Reservation refund policy.

If, after sending in a reservation, you are unable to attend, please contact the autocrat before the event. Site fee will be refunded after the event.

Feast fee will only be refunded if we are able to sell you feast space.

Feast Fees:

Please postmark your reservation by February 10th 2006.

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

Send Reservations to:

Baron Alexander Macgregor,
c/o David DeVito
307 Village Drive
Somerset, NJ 08873

*When sending in your reservations, if possible, please include your Membership number, SCA name and Mundane name and also an e-mail address so I can confirm your reservation.

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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, zigzag 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.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS!

Feeling left out of the loop about what's going on in the Barony? Thinking that things that happen at events could go so much more smoothly if only you were doing them? Want to make new friends and influence people?

Volunteer! Our good Barony is running events every month from September until June. Contact an Autocrat and sign on up! Current events and autocrats who would be thrilled to hear from you are:

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