

The Mudpuppy



March, 2006

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Calendar of Events

March 2006

- 4** King's & Queen's Rapier Championships
(Barony of Bhakail - Media, PA)
- 11** Crystal Snowflake Ball
(Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Cohoes, NY)
- 18** Iron Bog Baronial Investiture
(Shire of Iron Bog - Bellmawr, NJ)
- 18** Celtiberian Silliness: Sir Carnival vs. Lady Lent
(Crown Province of Ostgardr - Huntington, NY)
- 25** Mudthaw
(Barony of Settmour Swamp - Livingston, NJ)

April 2006

- 1** Coronation of Brion II & Anna II
(Barony of Bergental - Ludlow, MA)
- 21 - 23** East Kingdom Southern Region Spring War Practice
(Shire of Owlsherst - York Haven, PA)
- 29** Spring Thing III - Medieval Myths & Legends
(Shire of Caer Adamant - Middletown, DE)

May 2006

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- 12 - 14** Beltane
(Canton of Gleann na Feorag Dubh (incipient) - Glen Mills, PA)
- 13** Ian and Katherine's Last Championships
(Crown Province of Ostgardr - Carmel, NY)
- 19 - 21** West Windsor Renaissance Faire
(Barony of Carillion - Trenton, NJ)
- 21** Chivalry Grows in Brooklyn
(Canton of Brokenbridge (incipient) - Brooklyn, NY)
- 26 - 29** **Quest XXIII Magellans Voyage through Polynesia**
(**Barony of Settmour Swamp - Neshanic Station, 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 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.

Business Meeting Minutes for February

Seneschal

The 9th Leif Ericson Festival will be Sept 30th (Sat) at beautiful Vasa Park in Budd Lake NJ. The organizers would love to have us back. We were not able to participate last year due to the conflict with fall coronation. We are looking for someone who can be the contact person/organizer for our effort. Anyone who is interested, please contact the seneschal. To be published in the Mudpuppy.

All officers are requested to take a look at the revisions to the Policy & Procedures document, as written by Alys. Additional

work on this document by the officers of the Barony will take place at a special April Policy & Procedure meeting Sunday, April 2nd at Baron Teric and Baroness Paigan's home beginning at 2pm.

Because of mundane commitments, I feel it is best to resign as seneschal of the Barony at this time. With the upcoming process of polling for a new Baron and/or Baroness, I feel it is better to turn the process over to someone who can see it through to its completion and the investiture of the new Baron and/or Baroness. It would be unfair to the Barony and my replacement to try and keep the office. Therefore, Lord Philip the Facetious (mka Scott Berk), my drop-dead deputy had agreed to fill in until a new seneschal can be selected by the officers and approved by the Regional and Kingdom Seneschals. Per the proposed Policy & Procedures, an announcement for candidates for the office of Seneschal shall appear in the March and April issues of the Mudpuppy and shall be posted shortly to the Baronial Email list, and voting by the officers shall take place at the April Business Meeting.

Due to mundane commitments, Lord Philip, the Seneschal Pro Tem, would like to move the Baronial Business Meetings to Wednesday evenings. The March Meeting will be Wednesday, March 15th.

The March meeting was scheduled to be held at Baroness Ursula's home. Due to the proposed change of day, I will verify if she is still able to host the meeting. If not, the location will be announced soon. If anyone is willing to host a business meeting, please contact Philip. Meeting is confirmed for March 15th at Ursula's.

Baron & Baroness

The Southern Region Army would like to organize a practice ASAP at an indoor site. We are investigating use of a site in Sterling that has been previously used by MSR. We can expect 50+ fighters. We are going to ask for \$5/head, however, we will subsidize an additional \$500 from Swamp funds over the expected take of \$250, and we can use the \$190 in funds that we are holding in trust for the Southern Region to boost the total expenditure to \$940.00.

A&S

The monthly Dance meetings at Morgain's/Dima's home presumably continue.

The Sewing Circle that is held the first & third evenings of each month at Kasia Wasilewski's home are presumably still happening; I have heard nothing recent about that.

If there has been any such A&S activity within the barony, please inform me of it, so that I may include that in my next report (due before March 1st) to the Kingdom.

I am aware that there are some plans for upcoming A&S activities, but those have only been mentioned to me in passing by Her Excellency, Baroness Paigan. So far as I know, no concrete plans - including dates - have yet been laid. Field favors for Her Highness (who will be Her Majesty this Pennsic War), and more work on the new baronial banners that we started last year, were the two items of business we discussed a couple of weeks ago.

Our Kingdom A&S Minister, Baroness Mistress Danabren Madadh-

Mara, and I met for a short discussion at Twelfth Night.

The Barony approved \$95.00 for materials to make approximately 50 Queen's favors for Pennsic.

Herald

Heraldry happens. Lots of people have expressed interest in name and device research. Many consultations.

Mercedes de Califia has agreed to become my Drop-Dead Deputy. She is in the process of being warranted by Brigantia.

Showed proposed badges for the Ivory and Iron Tower. Approved for submission by the officers of the Barony.

Fencing

Bhakail would like to borrow our list towers for King's & Queen's Fencing Champions. If we agree, Alys will take care of transporting them.

Archery

Planning continues for the tournament at Mudthaw which will be held providing there is no snow on the ground. There will be two prizes awarded this year, one for overall high score and a Captain's Prize for the highest scoring novice.

Plans have also begun for the tournament to choose the next Baronial Champion at Quest. Tournament ideas must be submitted to the Baron & Baroness for approval.

Practices continue on Sundays.

Tuesday evening practices will resume in April.

Chancellor Minor

Mudthaw

This event draws a great many children (reason we need a CM office!)

Draguin will be running a youth tournament

Designated children's area in great hall upstairs

Will be setting aside 2 hours for various activities

(awaiting theme)

Will have "standards" of coloring pages, blocks, other things for unsupervised time and play

Quest

Outdoor games (scavenger hunt, blind man's bluff, etc.)

Will get some stakes & ropes for a designated "kids area" close to the youth fighting field – there will be a youth tournament

Planning unsupervised activities for Friday night and supervised activities for Saturday morning and afternoon.

If needed or requested will put together something for Sunday aft. / eve

Will get a craft project(s) together once I know the theme.

Other upcoming events

Do not know if we're hosting anything this Fall

I'll provide structured activities as needed / requested

Plan to attend Pensic during "war week" (week 2) and will help with kid's activities in whatever way I am asked to do so.

Other

Have subscribed to Libellus and continue to glean ideas from it

Have organized present materials and am working on acquiring other materials which would be useful (general purpose) to have on hand.

Working with Baronial Seneschal on policies and procedures

Attempting to compile a database of children / parents in the barony

Finding Ebay is an excellent resource for kids games, puppets, coloring books and other materials for CM activities (and pretty cheap too!)

Oriental Trading Co. always has specials going on craft kits

Does anyone know of a good source for medieval storybooks?

Chamberlain

Because of the 12th Night Blizzard, everything was packed dirty and needed to be washed and sorted when I got home. That has given me a great opportunity to sort stuff. Well, it's cleaned and sorted, so I might as well count it.

Over the next week, I'm going to be doing an inventory and reorganization of the baronial property stored at my house.

Currently, every time we have an event, I have to go through all the boxes to pull the items requested for that event. I'd like to try something new. I'd like to have 2 sets of boxes--storage boxes and transport boxes. That way, I could just go to the storage boxes for the items we need, put them in the transport boxes, and put stuff back after the event. It's probably going to save me a lot of headaches. I've got nearly enough crates already, but I'll have an exact count of the number I need to buy and the cost for the next

meeting.

Web Minister

Elisabetta, as Webmaster Pro Tem, has been taking care of website updates this past month. She was approved by acclamation as the new Web Minister. She and Jessa are directed to contact the Kingdom Web Minister to change the warrant.

Cantons & Regions:

Marwick

We have a meeting scheduled for February 22nd.

Events:

Flying Object Schola

99 people attended the event. Good reviews from those who were there.

\$200 was approved as a donation to the church for use of the site.

Black Gryphon Inn

Setup cannot begin until after 8:30pm on Friday, volunteers are requested to help

Menu may be facing some adjustments (beef vs. lamb) due to cost concerns.

Mudthaw

reservations are coming in and I have an ingredients list for the feast that I'll send to our web minister for posting. The A&S competition has been announced, and the brewing competition will

be announced soon.

Menu (+ ingredient list) and Schedule of activities will be posted soon

Quest

Approved the event announcement

We adjusted the site fees for attendees to include a family cap. Please see the event announcement.

Pennsic

Discussion regarding purchasing a canopy vs. renting.

Officers were in favor of renting this year from a new vendor since Grimm's is no longer in the rental business.

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Mudthaw 2006

Saturday, March 25th, 2006

Hosted by Barony of Settmour Swamp - Livingston, NJ

Event Last Modified: March 1st, 2006

The Barony of Settmour Swamp invites all to come celebrate the 26th annual thawing of the mud. Mudthaw will be held at the beautiful and spacious Salaam Shrine in Livingston, NJ.

Many fine tournaments and competitions are planned, including heavy weapons, youth fighting, archery, fencing, A&S and a brewing competition.

NOTE: All combatants must troll in before they can sign up for any lists. There will be an express check-in available on the field for combatants who pre-register. Reserve ahead and avoid the morning lines at troll.

Site tokens have been created for the event by Master Ali (a.k.a. Arab Boy).

Delicious victuals will be provided during the day for while gentles mill about activities, entertainments and shopping at fine merchants, and in the evening a fine feast prepared by Riordan a'Bheithir assisted by Quinn a'Bheithir will be served.

Mudthaw Subtletie Contest

Attention, gentles, let it be known that there will be an Arts & Sciences subtletie contest to take place on the 25th of March, 2006, at the event known as Mudthaw in the place known as Settmour Swamp. Tables will also be open for all A&S items that good gentles wish to display, as well.

Contest details:

* All entries shall have the theme "Settmour Swamp" to be interpreted by the entrant. All entries should be family-friendly or they will not be accepted.

* This shall be a "Period-style" contest, requiring not that participants recreate exactly a specific method, but rather that they try to emulate one, and provide written documentation to explain how it *would* have been done in previous times, and what modern methods were used to simulate the effect. (an example: In the year 1380, this would have been left in a cold cellar for 19 and a half days to achieve the proper temperature, but today it was refrigerated for 40 minutes).

* Entries shall be judged by panel on 3 criteria - execution, documentation, and taste. Yes, taste. Expect your food item to actually be eaten, at least in part, and be prepared for this.

* Please notify our Minister of A&S, Richenda de Honneflo in advance of your entry, so that we may provide the proper table space. You can find her contact information at <http://www.settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/officers.html> , and her email address is MoAS@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org.

* All entries should arrive on site by noon the day of the event. We regret that we cannot provide kitchen space for entrants to work in.

Directions:

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

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.

Feast: \$8 per person regardless of age; Pre-reservation deadline for feast is March 20th 2006 any seats remaining will be sold the day of 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.

Send Reservations to:

Lady Eleanor Callaghan (Tami Yaches), 95 Irvington Ave., Somerset, NJ 08873

PLEASE INCLUDE: The names, mundane and SCAdian of ALL members of your party, contact information (address and phone number) of the person making the reservation, and membership information (proof or a statement of non-membership) for each person included in the reservation. For express check in please also include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Autocrat:

Lady Eleanor Callaghan
Tami Yaches
908-230-8617
tryaches@aol.com

Other Contact Information:

Deputy Autocrat and Entertainment Coordinator:
Andrea Yaches
904-501-4480
yachesa@gmail.com

Merchant Liason:

Edmund Pattersen AKA Chris Lotano
CLOST95@aol.com
908-561-2345

Best to reach me between 5 and 9:30 PM Mon - Wed.

No calls after 9:30 PM

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

Quest XXIII Magellan's Voyage through Polynesia

Friday, May 26th, 2006 to Monday, May 29th, 2006

The Barony of Settmour Swamp welcomes one and all to our 23rd Quest for Wit and Wisdom. Quest is a three day camping event with something for everyone to enjoy. This year's Quest theme is Magellan's Voyage through Polynesia. The Quest will recreate Magellan's 1519 voyage through Polynesia where he visited the exotic and mysterious islands of Tahiti, Aotearoa (New Zealand), Rapa Nui (Easter Island), Samoa and Hawaii. Solve riddles and perform wondrous feats in pursuit of the ultimate prize and recognition.

Saturday will bring competitions for the Baronial championships. All are welcome to compete for the glory of representing the Barony of Settmour Swamp as one of it's Champions!. For those who crave battle, there will be competitions in armored combat, thrown weapons, fencing, and archery. . The Baronial Arts and Sciences championship competition will also take place on Saturday as well. A&S entries in all categories are welcome. There will also be youth fighting activities available

After the afternoon activities, we invite you to partake in a grand Polynesian feast. Lady Leolani (formerly Ma'isah) will be preparing wondrous delights from the Pacific Rim. Around the campfire, Saturday evening, come compete in, or just enjoy, the Baronial Bardic Competition.

The site is primitive. There is no running water on site. We ask you to please bring potable water for your needs. There will be port-a-castles onsite. The site is damp.

Children are welcome and there will be various activities for them to participate in. We ask you to please supervise your children at all times. Minor waivers must be signed for all under 18 by a parent or legal guardian. Pets are also welcome, but must be on a leash at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets

Directions:

From Route 206: [Route 206 can be reached from Routes 287 and 22 from the north, and from Routes 95,295,and 195 from the south. Take Route 206 to County road 514 [Amwell road] in Hillsborough NJ. If you are coming from the north, turn right onto Route 514. If you are coming from the south make a left. Stay on Route 514 for about 8 miles untill you come to a 3-way intersection at a large white Church. Turn right onto Route 567 [River road]. A mile or so down the road turn left and go across a white metal girder bridge [Elm St.]. The site is across the bridge, on the right.

At-a-Glance Event Information

Site:

Neshanic Station Fire Dept Picnic Ground
Elm St., Neshanic Station, NJ 08853

Site Opens: Friday May 26th at 4pm

Site Closes: Monday May 29th at 12pm

Event Fees:

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Adult [18+] day trip - \$10/day Adult Weekend - \$20/day

Child [6-17] day trip - \$5/day Child Weekend - \$10/day

Children under 5 are free

Adults arriving on Friday will pay an additional \$5

Families will pay a maximum of \$60

Persons who cannot show proof of membership must pay the \$3 Non-Member Surcharge. Monday is free.

Feast: Feast is \$8.00 per person and limited to 100 people. Please send in a reservation to reserve your spot.

Send Reservations to:

Baron Alexander MacGrigor [David DeVito] 307 Village Drive Somerset N.J. 08873 exchequer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Autocrat:

Lord Eric the Wandering Horseman [Fred Henninger Jr] Cell # 732-672-5345 or e-mail at wanderhrse@aol.com

Other Contact Information:

There is no charge for merchants but must supply your own tables.

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

From the Black Gryphon Inn Autocrats

The Black Gryphon's Innkeepers would like to thank all who sojourned with us here. A thousand thanks go to Baron Teric and Baroness Paigan for all of their help. Thanks to Sven Sturmwager for the wonderful food and an extra-special thanks goes to Lady Rachel Gwynn for pinch hitting in the kitchen, we couldn't have done it without her! Thanks to everyone who helped in the kitchen; especially Ben. Thanks to Ragnarr for liaising with the Moose and Erik the Horseman for enabling us all to find our way here and for being there for set-up as well as Cullynn and Edana. Many thanks to our Concierges (she's not a madam...), Eleanor and Andrea. Thanks to all of those who helped with the clean-up; especially Eric L'Clair and Mata for their clean-up help. And thanks to Mithgiladen who heralded throughout the day. Thanks to everyone who aided us during the whole day.

Thanks to all those who shared a story or song with the company assembled. We hope a good time was had by all!

Dima (Morgaine) and Gabi

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