

The Pox

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Calendar of Events

March 11: Markland to March Again in the St. Patrick's Day Parade - Come add a touch of color and history and fun to the St. Patrick's Day parade in D.C. on Sunday, March 11th. (The parade does not conflict with Jamestown.) Wearing of the green is optional, but warm clothing and perhaps comfortable shoes are advised (however be sure to cover or disguise any modern shoes). The parade starts at 12:00 noon at 7th St and Constitution Ave in D.C., but since Markland usually marches toward the middle or end of the parade, members usually meet on the National Mall near the Smithsonian Castle, off Jefferson between 11th and 12th Street. Form up is in time enough to march. We are never in the first group, so we will march later than 12:00, but we never know HOW MUCH later. The parade makes parking downtown difficult, but not completely impossible; We suggest taking the Metro, either the Smithsonian stop (Blue/Orange lines) or the L'Enfant Plaza stop (Yellow/Green lines). The parade is 10 blocks long, from 7th St to 17th St. (about 1.5 miles). Hope to see you there! For information, contact Barchan at 301 YES OR NO or SirBarchan@juno.com.

March 31: April 1 Tents and Alcohol War - Blue Rocks Camp Ground near Allentown, PA. Sponsored by the Order of the Golden Lion. Discreetly damp. For more information, directions etc see their web site at <http://www.tcnj.edu/~goldlion> or contact them at goldlion@tcnj.edu

April 7: Feast of the King's Tax - Scarlet Cross - Rutgers, New Brunswick. There will be fighting on the lawn and access to showers in the gym. The feast is a dry event, but there will be a damp party afterward at a different location. Price will be approximately \$10. Contact Todd Minetti for additional information. SPECIAL NOTE: THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO BOWS!!!!!! Bows are not even allowed on campus, even if they are unstrung. Rutgers University Police consider bows and crossbows to be a firearm and classify them as such. Anyone found with one will be treated the same as if you have a gun, and can be arrested on the spot, no questions asked

April 13-15: Death & Taxes War - Head Clan - Lums Pond State Park, DE on the DE Canal. Family Camping Available - separate area from primitive a camping. Saturday night bonfire. - several fighting scenarios. More to come. Officially Dry, but take out your trash. Horse facilities available - plenty of trails.

May 5: Schlaggerfest - Duchy of Marr - Revelwood - SCA - ECW - MSR invited to attend. \$5 to enter tournament. Potluck Barbeque on Saturday night (rule of three, enough for yourself and two other people). Very wet event. Directions at Revelwood web site: www.revelwood.org/tarani

May 19-20: 4th Annual North Wales Renn Fete -House Von Draken - North Wales, PA - Info TBA. Camping available, free feast afterward. They will be doing a cooking demo and allowing merchenting. There is a merchant's fee. Set up available on Friday evening. Discreetly damp.

June 2-3: West Windsor Renn Faire - West Windsor Lions Club - Mercer County Park. Details TBA. Head Reeve Bill Coe. They are looking for wenches, fops, entertainers, recreationist demos, singing, musicians, jugglers etc. Friendly busking will be permitted.

June 2: Bonnie Bray Event - Liberty Corners - Companions of the Cross - Day event only. Scottish Festival fencing tournament - trophy prize. Benefits the Bonnie Bray School for Boys. There is an entrance fee unless you contact Chet and he puts your name of the list of performers. You must be in garb for free admission.

July 28-29: Return of Summer War - Wolves Haven - Page's Farm, MD Fighting Feasting, Camping, and thoroughly wet event.

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GROUP SPOTLIGHT:

We are the warriors of the Circle. We focus our household mainly on Norse and Celtic culture and history. We hold weekly fighter practices, garb workshops, and frat weapons workshops for our members and other interested groups. We plan on holding a feast next October.

Members of our household are beginning brewers, experienced armorers, garb designers, freelance artists, and are knowledgeable in other various arts and crafts. To find us at an event look for Kegg's fire and listen for the drumming.

To promote group camaraderie we got out on mundane outings (movies, bowling, amusement parks, etc.) We are a household that fights first and then enjoys a good revel with fellow groups.

Markland, Ltd. Membership Information

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Annual membership dues are \$25.00 and include a subscription to **The Plague/Pox** (the monthly publications), group liability insurance, and full rights and voting privileges. A joint membership (2 members, 2 votes, 1 **Plague/Pox**) is \$33. A non-voting child's (under 16) membership is available for \$8 and does not include a copy of **The Plague/Pox**. Personal accident insurance (for official Markland events) can be purchased separately for \$4.50. Contributor's memberships are \$25, and include personal accident insurance.

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