



The Mudpuppy

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Barony of Settmour Swamp

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Food & Cooking Swamp Stomp

Food and cooking rises again!

We've all been taking a break for our busy summer plans and maybe we've played a bit with food on our own. Time to get together again! We'll be having an outdoor cooking play date starting 11am on 16 September at the Mayapple Hill South picnic shelter in the South Mountain Reservation in West Orange (<https://goo.gl/maps/G7fG352YSQn>). Signs will be posted to give directions from the parking area.

Not interested in medieval food and cooking? No problem! There will be plenty of room for folks to work all kinds of projects, or just to hang out with friends for a late summer/early fall picnic.

Officer Meeting— September 26, 2017

The officer meeting has been moved to help plan Coronation.

Date: Tuesday September 26, 2017

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Glen Gardner Youth Center, 16 Hampton Rd, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826



Brennan & Caoilfhionn's Ducal Challenges

September 9th, 2017

Hosted by **Barony of Settmour Swamp** - Pittstown, NJ

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3180>

Clinton Elks Lodge
201 Sidney Rd C
Pittstown, NJ 08867

Registration

At the door only, no pre-registrations

Adults: \$21 (Members discounted to \$16)

Children 13-17: \$10

Children 12 and under: Free

Family Cap: \$50

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

Schedule

10:00AM Site opens
10:30AM Setup for Baronial A&S begins
11:00AM Morning Royal Court
11:30AM Tournament lists close
12noon Tournaments begin
12-2PM Baronial A&S competition
~1:00PM Dayboard served
4:00PM Baronial Court
4:30PM Royal Court (estimated 90 minutes)
Immediately following Royal Court, site to close and cleanup to begin

Dayboard

Ham
Smoked pork belly burnt ends
Beef hand pies (from a period recipe)
Chicken kebabs
Mini mushroom quiches
Bread and butter
Cheese
Pickles
Hard boiled eggs
Fruit
Cracknels (16th century English bread with aniseed)



Brennan & Caoilfhionn's Ducal Challenges p.2

The tournament season begins in Settmour Swamp. Duke Brennan and Duchess Caoilfhionn again present their Ducal Challenges. This event will feature prize tournaments for both armored and rapier combatants. Each combatant is asked to donate a prize to the pool showcasing their art or a piece of art they have commissioned.

The tournaments will be fought in 4 round robin pools, with each pool advancing 4 combatants. The top 16 combatants will then fight a double elimination tournament down to the semifinals. The finals will be fought with rotating weapons forms.

The winner of the tournament will have first pick of the prizes for that tournament. The second prize pick will go to the artist/sponsor of the first prize picked. Then, the second finalist in the tournament will pick, and so on. Those combatants wishing to sponsor an artist (as opposed to make their own prize entry) may connect on the FB page for the event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1393358880731261/> or by emailing Brennan.

In addition to the martial activities, we have plenty for the Arts & Sciences. Their Excellencies Settmour Swamp will hold a competition to select the Barony's new A&S Champion. Also, there will be a youth A&S point run by Mistress Naomi bat Avraham. Details on both are forthcoming.

Their Majesties & Their Excellencies Settmour Swamp will have courts following the end of the tournaments and prize selections.

Prize suggestions include (but are not limited to):

- Armor pieces
- Inkled Trim
- Appropriate artwork
- Banners
- Glass beads
- Jewelry
- Scrolls (blanks)
- Garb
- Feast Gear/Pottery
- No Alcohol (per site rules)
- No IOUs!!

A hearty dayboard will be served. The site runs a cash bar outside near the tournament fields
There is no feast.

Tournaments start PROMPTLY at noon.

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3180>



Seneschale Notes

Pennsic laundry done? Check.

Tent dried and stored away? Check.

Living room back to something resembling order? Check.

Missing friends around the campfire? Check.

Then I think we're ready to move on to upcoming events. On September 9th **Brennan & Caoilfhionn's Ducal Challenges** will take place at the Clinton Elks where we hold Quest. In addition to the fighting and fencing, we will be choosing the next A&S champion for the barony. See the event announcement for more details. We need volunteers to help with set up, take down, troll, and other jobs. Please respond to requests for help posted on Facebook and sent by email.



The barony is putting on the **Coronation of Prince Ivan Ivanov Syn Dimitriov Vynuk Tzardikov** and **Princess Matilde De Cadenet** on October 7th. It will be held at the Greek Orthodox church where Mudthaw takes place. An extensive dayboard will be served, but no feast. The event will end after the final court. What this means is that clean up will begin earlier and be simpler. Again, we need your help volunteering to make this the fantastic event our barony is known for. Please respond quickly to requests for help issued through email and Facebook to spare **Mistress Elizabeth Lovell** who is running the event from fretting about how to get things done.

Yours in service,
Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel

Coronation October 7

Coronation Of Ivan Ivanov syn Dimitriov vynuk Tzardikov and Matilde de Cadenet

October 7th, 2017

SS NICHOLAS, CONSTANTINE & HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

80 Laurel Avenue

Roseland, NJ 07068

[Google Map](#)

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3241>



Pennsic Baronial Court

The Court of Baron Jonathan and Baroness Teresa

1. Camp moms, Lady Vika Gringina z Prahy & Mistress Elizabeth Talbot were rewarded for smooth, efficient camp operations with talismans against the evil eye.
2. Lord Donnan Fitzgerald (soon to be *Sir* Donnan Fitzgerald) was presented with spirits to accompany him to his vigil.
3. The Baron & Baroness Carillion (Baron Corcran mac Diarmata and Baroness Luned Gwyn) presented their Excellencies with fraternal gifts. To wit, finely crafted raiment of bovine design; plus White Castle sliders.
4. Tower folk, Don & Gawain, rewarded for tower design and construction with talismans against the evil eye.
5. Lady Stephanie MacGregor called in Danny, Rooster, and Eric and recommended them to the court for their fund raising efforts on behalf of Planned Parenthood in excess of \$1300.
6. Master Alexander MacGregor took Natal'ia Bolotnikova as a protege.
7. Lord Galen MacByrne was inducted into the Order of the Silver Tower. Scroll calligraphy and illumination by Don Orlando Sforza.
8. The children of Settmour Swamp were acknowledged as the future of the SCA and given gifts of candy and toys.
9. Baron Jonathan Miles encouraged Swampies to attend the Canal Days Demo and Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel provided details.





Pennsic Camp Memories

Greetings from the Baronial Pennsic Camp!

Fires, floods, battles, and mini-golf were weathered; neighbors pranked, a baronial gang sign created, the knighting of a beloved Swampie was celebrated and chicken wings unwittingly pillaged; and on Wednesdays, we wore pink. If you don't live in Swamp Camp, you aren't having as much fun as you could at Pennsic!

Looking ahead to next year:

The camp social was quite successful and we look forward to making it an annual event. All denizens of Settmour, please do come, whether you camp in the Baronial encampment or not.

The Settmour party is moving to *Tuesday* night. (At the time of this writing, Baronial Court is still intended to be on Thursday.)

Next year's capital improvements will be focused on new shower floors, and upgrading the sink infrastructure.

The Camp Command Crew wishes to thank all 83 camp members for pitching in, in all the ways necessary to make a camp of this size work. Each year, we get a little more efficient and a little more luxurious, and that's thanks to all of you. Hope to see you all next year!

In service,

Vika, Elizabeth, and Alexander



5. Alexander



Pennsic Photos by Master Alexander



See Baronial Court Report on p. 6 & photos p. 18, 27, 38





Sir Donnan's Knighting at Pennsic

Beloved Friends,

At this Pennsic XLVI, **His Royal Majesty Ioannes Aurelius Serpentius** saw fit to elevate me to a member of the Order of the Chivalry, making me a Peer of the Society. As I reflect on this, my mind relives my journey to this day and I smile when I think of all of you. My first of many times I would ride a bicycle to **Meghan and Captain Morghun FitzGerald's** house, where we would then travel to meet **Baron Eirik Rodbjorn** for an event or practice, was 34 years ago. I have traveled and lived many places since, most outside the borders of Settmour Swamp as it is today, but my heart is with you. One becomes who one associates with, and you are a Tyger's part of my chosen family. I thank you all for being my friends, my inspiration and my support.

I would like to relate some of the affairs where the good people of Settmour Swamp converged upon the events in the several days of my Knighting proceedings. To my eyes every detail, smoothly orchestrated, forged ahead without trouble or delay. As we are all no strangers to service, we deeply understand the struggle, craft and cunning required to secure such precision and efficiency. All know her deeds, but still, I wish to show gratitude to my lady wife, **Lady Aurelia Alfaiata d'Alcaçova** not only for her love and inspiration, but for her resourcefulness and competency.

Aurelia and my House Bloodguard, with assistance from Clan Bheithir, orchestrated and executed one of the most awe inspiring nights of my life, my vigil. That is a tale too long and fit for another place; my thanks to them will go directly. But an event of particular meaning with more bearing upon our beloved Swamp was the "This is not your vigil, vigil". I was sequestered in the Tower. Callers were intended to visit me and impart inappropriate advice as is our custom. I had envisioned this as an opportunity for humorous discourse with friends



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5. Alexander



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**Sir Donnan's Knighting at Pennsic** (continued)

in juxtaposition to my vigil. I soon found the meaning of juxtapose in this case leaning more toward comparison than contrast. It was not that I was not having inappropriate discourse, I certainly was. My marvel was that your inappropriate discussion was so thought provoking and useful. I applaud you.



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As to my Writ and my Knighting ceremony, those in attendance were a spectacle. Thank you for sharing the day with me, and your prodigious banner display was impressive. There are quite a few pictures published with Swampies in prominent view.



11. Katerina

There are people who are of special significance to my Knighting and who spoke for me at the ceremony whose import I would like the populace of Settmour Swamp to know.



Sir Donnan's Knighting at Pennsic (continued)

Their Royal Majesties Ioannes Aurelius Serpentius and Ro Honig von Sommerfeldt. Their kindness to my Lady Aurelia made such a difference in her experience of my elevation.

Duke Andreas Eisfalke Von Ulm, Hochmeister of House Bloodguard. As my Knight, family and friend, he is the single most instrumental person in enabling and guiding my journey to Knighthood. As precious as my chosen family of Bheithir is, House Bloodguard is precious to me also. Some of us spoke of this the night in the tower and gained a greater and favorable understanding of how Bheithir, my service to Settmour Swamp, Bloodguard, and my service to the Kingdom lace together.



And in the order they spoke for me:

Master Arab Boy: Brother and old friend. You are my family as true as the word was ever used. Saying more would only diminish that statement.

Mistress Hedewigis Ockenfüßin and Duchess Kiena Stewart: These are two women, both formidable and kind, that I admire so much. I speak well of them much more often than I speak to them, and it is not enough. I am honored beyond words for their approval of me.

Master Caine Ramsey: My brother, my Bloodguard family, I had not known you were such a teller of tales. Perhaps you are also a bard and your tongue is as sharp as your sword. Or perhaps the tale was of me and I liked it more than others would. Who is to tell?



Sir Donnan's Knighting at Pennsic (continued)

Sir Gui avec Cheval de Guise: Thank you for your words that day, your friendship, your counsel, your inspiration, example and franchise. There are a select few examples of knighthood that I seek to emulate and pay special attention to incorporate their example into myself. You are one such Knight.

His Majesty Willliam of Fairhaven, King of the Middle Kingdom: I too wish that one hundred years from now, tales will still be told when an Eastern Tyger came to the aid of a Midrealm Dragon. And yes, Your Majesty has ensured there will always be a bit of Midrealm in my heart.

The list is legion of **Bheithir, FitzGerald and Bloodguard** who deserve a chapter or more in the tale of those irreplaceably important to me. There is not the space in this missive to even list the names. Please let me collectively say that I care for you and let us speak in person when next we meet.

In Service,

Sir Donnan FitzGerald

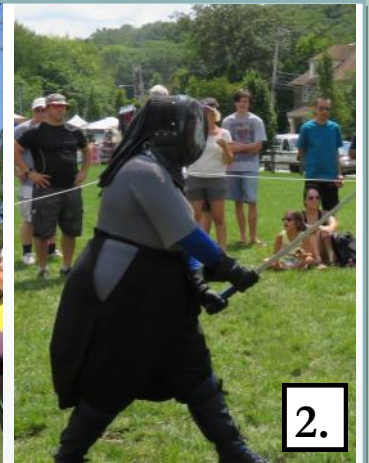
Chronicler's Note: See also the cover photo





Canal Day Demo Photos by Baroness Ursula

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Maypole Construction

Ursula constructed a Maypole for the Canal Day demo.

The ribbons are 30 feet long (15 feet per side) and 2 inches wide.

The pole is made from 3 inch (3.5 inch exterior) white PVC (schedule 40) drain pipe decorated with glitter-duct tape. The pipe has two five foot sections with one coupling fitting and one cap.

The pipe-cap is fitted with two large (8 inch) plastic plates. The cap and plates are drilled with a central hole and three holes close to the edge of the cap. The center-hole is used to secure the cap to one of the plates with a nut and bolt and a large washer. The ribbons are draped over the cap-plate and glued in place with Elmer's glue. The ribbons are then stitched in place with heavy thread using the three edge-holes. The second plastic plate is glued on top of the glued & stitched ribbons and stitched in place.

Flowers are wound together with heavy thread and stitched to the cap-plate-ribbon-plate assembly.

GREASE the pipe-cap and pipe-coupler before each assembly.

To set up the maypole, pound two light-weight, four-foot-tall fence posts into the ground, about 2 inches apart and angled slightly outward. Press the fence posts together and slip the lower decorated-pipe over the fence-posts. Add the greased coupling to the lower post. Attach the greased cap-plate-ribbon assembly to the top of the upper decorated-pole. Slip the upper pole into the coupling.

Ursula





What Makes the Dream? Aife Bean Mhic Íomhair

An interview with Baron Jonathan

This is the beginning of an ongoing segment which will focus on the Barony of Settmour Swamp's denizens, their achievements, their views of the dream we share, and what our Society means to them. In short what makes them do what they do in the Society, what excites them, what is their passion. This new segment was inspired by Sir Tanaka Raiko's challenge to the populus to speak to people you might not otherwise and find out what inspires them within our society.

In our inaugural segment we will be interviewing our Baron Jonathan Miles, who has graciously agreed to set aside time to speak with the Mudpuppy.

Aife (A): Thank you for taking the time to speak with the Mudpuppy your Excellency. Let's jump right in. How did you hear about the SCA?

Baron Jonathan Miles (BJM): I was told about the SCA by a wackjob train conductor on the Raritan Valley Line, when I saw the Society advertised at Rutgers I decided to attend a meeting. I felt like I fit in better with the people, and there were beautiful girls in the club who were very friendly. I was 19 at the time.

(A): What is your jam now in the SCA?

(BJM): Martial activities are now my jam, crafting is now my jam, spending time with people I feel very comfortable with who share my interests are my jam, and taking an event from an idea to reality is also now my jam. I have a lot of jam and there is never a moment where I have free time that I don't know what to do with it.





What Makes the Dream? (continued)

(A): I notice you are doing some work with rapiers, can you tell us a bit about that?

(BJM): Do you mean constructing the hilts?

(A): Yes, it seemed you're stepping into new places.

(BJM): I learned to make armor from Duke Ronald and Sir Mitchell MacBain when I was in my early twenties. I had a weekend of training from Master Eldrith in Atlantia thanks to Hugh Knight. I have also spent some time learning from Dave Rylak and I have even penpal-ed a little with the famous Robert MacPherson on the topic. None of this training has ever been enough for me to be able to make something completely on my own that meets my own expectations and its very frustrating.

That said I learned some useful skills along the way. I wanted to dip into something that was smaller scale, used less total skills so that I could have a greater chance of completing a project without melting down due to a deficient skill. Simple rapier hilts require only heating the metal, bending it, welding it, and sanding/polishing it. The most difficult aspect with a simple hilt is usually drifting the hole for the blade to slip in, but I've gotten better at it.

Anyway with less skills needed I have been able to make some stuff, and I have used the stuff I have made as well as offered a few peices up for tourney prizes and such. I also entered one into an A&S competition and won the newbie prize for it. Now I am looking for resources in the community to help me get better specifically with hilts. Our A&S Minister Mistress Caterina Giaocchini has found me someone to work with as a pen pal and I have decided to pick a project and really give it my all. I also want to set an example for the swamp in this experience, I think A&S brings us together and brings out some of our best qualities so I want to be more involved with it as perform my Baronial Duties.

(A): You have mentioned others, so what extent do you feel the community has lifted you up?

(BJM): I like Baronial life very much. Courts make my heart thump in my chest and motivating people to volunteer is difficult at best. That said we get a lot done, we work well with our Seneschal and Officer team. Camping with the swamp at Pennsic was an awesome experience.



What Makes the Dream? (continued)

(A): If there was one thing you could say to newcomers, what would it be? Follow up: what would you tell old hats?

(BJM): Newcomers: Don't limit yourself. Try everything. Ask for help. Talk to your Chatelaine (writers note: chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org). Volunteer as often as you can stand.

Oldtimers: We love our monarchy, we love the pomp and circumstance of ceremony, and we are grateful when we are recognized; but there is a new royal couple every six months and they are often giving out awards to people they don't know based on the recommendations of others. What is more intimate and rewarding in your eyes? The scroll and the hand shake? Or the look of adoration in the eyes of the college student you just taught to weave? One of those things you should chase, the other is something that washes over you like a warm wave when you aren't paying attention. You aren't paying attention because you are busy making the dream.

(A): Final question, what does our dream mean to you?

(BJM): Trying to do something noteworthy within a group of people who care about the same things. Spending time with people I love and who love me. Packaging up our values into our activities and games to teach my son about how I expect/want him to behave in the real world.

(A): That was beautiful, thank you for your time, your Excellency.

(BJM): No, thank you!

Interview by Aife Bean Mhic Íomhair

Deputy Chronicler

Chronicler's Note: See the **JUNE** Mudpuppy for more photos of our Baron in the Cow suit at Crown Tourney.





Foot Comforts for His Royal Majesty Ioannes

Settmour Swamp has a long history of service to the East Kingdom, and we continue this tradition by lending our hands to the current reign. Coordinator of the Royal Wardrobe **Sir Zhigmun' Czypsser**, even though he hails from the Kingdom of Atenveldt, has heard of the skill of our artisans and thus sought to commission for **His Royal Majesty Ioannes** the finest foot comforts that the Known World has to offer. Our own Champion of Arts and Sciences, **Lady Aurelia Alfaiata d'Alcacova**, was honored with this task and fulfilled it with a weave so excellent that Their Majesties saw fit to make use of them during our victory at the Pennsic War XLVI. The nalbinding shoe liners given to His Majesty were based on a Norse extant item unearthed in Uppsala, Sweden, constructed with undyed wool in Mammen stitch, and lastly fulled to fit the royal measurements.





Meet the Swamp's New MOL

Officers in a Barony change, and when that happens we may wonder "who is that person doing that job? I always saw so-and-so doing it".

Thus do I set pen to paper to write an introduction of the Barony's new Minister of the Lists (MOL), Jocelyn Wulf Le Queynte.

You may have seen her buzzing around the list supporting fighters with water, a nibble of food, or a smile when they became weary. Maybe it was her examining an A&S entry, or sitting around a fire sharing tales after retaining for court. While she has traveled the kingdom for several reigns, now she would partake of the joys a baronial life can offer. Her mind devises mundane scavenger hunts and games for adults and children alike, this coupled with her organization skills make her a natural for helping the marshals create and run tourneys both traditional and new. At the next event offer her a wave, or introduce yourself as she settles into her new office and helps maintain the tradition of quality events that is Settmour Swamp.



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Chronicler Notes

This is my FOURTIETH ISSUE!

The September issue of the Mudpuppy is dedicated memories of Pennsic, and Sir Donnan's kighting.

The Ducal Challenges and Coronation are coming up soon with details published here.

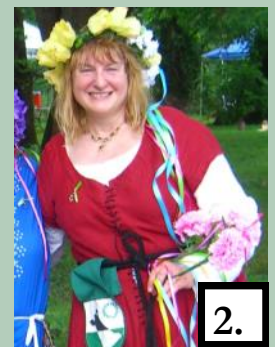
Feel free to contact me with ideas for an article. I am happy to help.

Baroness Ursula of North Woods,

Chronicler

I see the newsletter as capturing the history of the Barony of Settmour Swamp. By comparison, FaceBook is like a cocktail party where chaotic information floats rapidly by and can't be found a week later. We are after all a history group.

The newsletter captures the HISTORY of our HISTORY group.



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Note: all artwork, photos and creative articles are used with permission. Each item is marked with a number. The numbers refer to the list of contributors which is shown on the last page of this issue.



Swamp Officer Emails Moved to EK Server

All of the Officer Emails for the Barony of Settmour Swamp have been moved to the East Kingdom Server. This is in compliance with the EK Law. Please contact me if you need assistance with this transition to using the kingdom email system.

“As of the Curia Regis held at Birka on January 29th, 2017, East Kingdom Law was updated to require all communications for the East Kingdom to only be through East Kingdom email addresses.

It is a **request** from the **Office of the Seneschal** that all Kingdom Officers do not use email forwards to their personal email addresses for Society and Kingdom communications.”

(excerpted from <http://webminister.eastkingdom.org/>)

Baroness Ursula of North Woods

Deputy Webminister

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Chronicler	chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org
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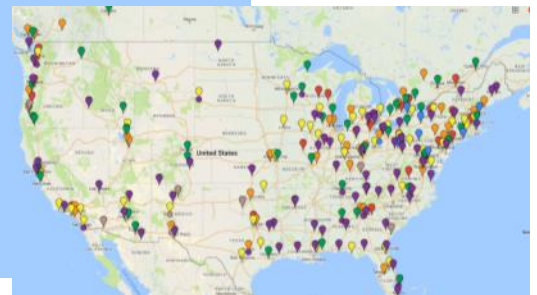
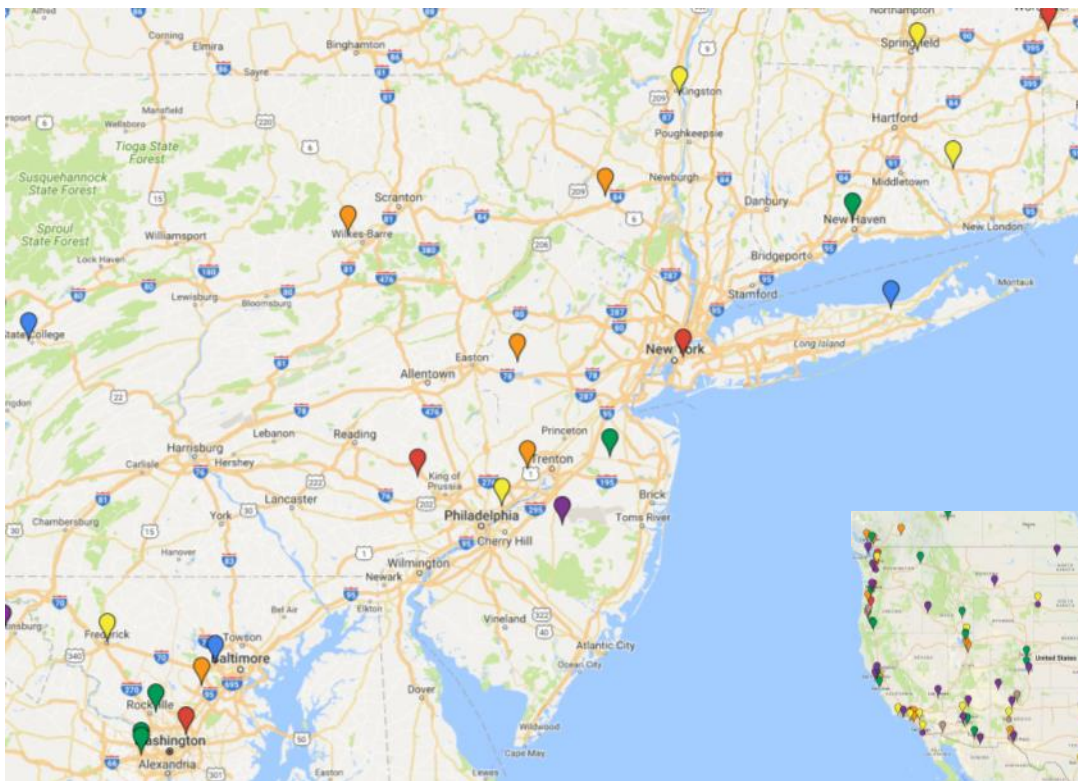
By Ursula of North Woods

The **East Kingdom Calendar**

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventListing.html>

Fencing Practices Map

Travelling?
Find Fencing Practices with the [Fencing Map](#) by
Lord Ciaran ua Meic Thire



Society for Creative Anachronism **Newcomer's Portal:**

<http://welcome.sca.org/>

A **Newcomer's Guide** to the SCA:

<http://www.sca.org/officers/chatelain/pdf/NewcomersGuidePages-low.pdf>



Business Meeting Notes June, 2017

June 14 Settmour Swamp Officer's Meeting Minutes

Present: Jonathan,, Ursula, Judith, Galefridus, Miles, Orlando, Alexander, Ogurr, Ceara, Cassandra, Brennan, Draguin, Aife, Jocelyn, Emidio

Nota Bene: These minutes are not necessarily in order as some events were re-visited, where that happened I consolidated the conversation into one space for ease of review.

Call to order by Judith-

Quorum had no objection to last month's meeting minutes.

-No currently upcoming events- Barony pull off 4 successful events. Job well done all.

Quest and attending Debrief:

Overview:

- Quest #s were up: Adults 217 Kids 26 Total 243
- Barony made \$2562, Silent Auction \$752 above seed
- Overall things ran smoothly, Ursula has paper copy of all materials, as well as digitized overview.
- These materials were exhaustive and could easily be helpful to another autocrat
- Some areas of improvement were identified
- Ursula provided extremely thorough report on all facets of Quest. Most can be found in Autocrat materials. The rest is below for **actionable points**.

Areas of Improvement/Future Consideration:

- Specify a clearly marked box as lost and found to be used year after year placed at Troll
- Consider using google sheets as a mode of volunteer sign up
- Seating for Feast- ushers and a very VERY clear expectation of sign ups are where you sit. Considered removing problem members for discourtesy.
- Develop an Autocrat box of stuff (markers, oaktag, flagging tape etc)
- Give options to merchants who wish to decamp from merchants row and sell in camping area
- Demarcate quiet zone with more space, perhaps a fabric wall and organize noisier groups to the far inner end of the "party zone"
- Update map with areas to indicate where campers who are mobile homes and vans may "camp"
- Indicate there is No Smoking in bathrooms
- Add one more porta-potty near the flushies.
- Provide a privacy curtains for men's toilet
- Archery foam must be 2 inches not 4 inches
- Formalize what the "Thank You's" should look like
- Use silent auction for Runnymede Event in 2019 budget



Business Meeting Notes June, 2017

Creation, Resurrection, and Improvement of Future Events:

Fall is looking empty - discussion around do we want to add something in that Oct-Jan category. **It is noted that bids are still needed for Kings and Queens Rapier, and 12th Night on a Kingdom Level both of which are Royal Progress.**

Mudthaw:

- Judith looking to book for March 24, 2018 as it is best for both Barony and Kingdom level RP.
- Delay on part of site, but Judith is persevering.
- Noted other dates would conflict with Easter, Passover, and other important Kingdom level events.
- Until site is booked no further progress at this time.

Quest 2018:

- Judith booked site and made deposit for Memorial Day 2018 with the Elks in Pittstown MAY 25- MAY 28 2018
- Ursula has an autocrat packet and digital guide for next Autocrat

Brennan and Caoilfhionn's Ducal Challenge:

- Got contract in hand with Elks for challenge
- Brennan is the autocrat

Pennsic

- Camp Mommies Vika and Elizabeth report things going well
- Vika gave news items to Ursula
- Be sure to pre-reg

House Runnymede

- Shooting for 2019
- Cross baronial love with Carillion to co-run
- Silent Auctions moving forward at Quest maybe go to that?

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Rapier By The Book (at Pennsic)

ACTION: VOTE

All in favor of raising budget from \$60 to \$100 dollars for event for
Larger prizes and light refreshment (lemon or cucumber
water/veggies- UNANIMOUS



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EVENTS THAT MIGHT FILL THE OCTOBER TO JAN TIME

12th Night:

- Concerns we could lose out on draw to Birka
- Not nixed but still in murmuring discussion

Seraglio:

- Perhaps we can resurrect this for that “Dead time” if someone steps up
- Concern is there is no Middle Eastern personas active to run this event

Open Mic Bardic (snappier name pending): (suggested by Ceara)

- Not a competition but an event for bards of all stripe and their admirers.
- Open to all levels of bard, can act as a mentoring workshop
- Play with new material to an attentive audience
- Dayboard

Winter Wolves:

- Came up- no further comments at this time

New Site Opportunity:

- Draguin atte Maeldun joined us alerting us to an exciting new site opportunity at the Polish-American Citizens Club
- Location: 29 Kline Blvd Whitehouse Station NJ <http://www.paccwhs.org/>
- Has full kitchen, bar, upstairs, downstairs, restrooms, stage, outdoor activity
- Upstairs holds 210
- Downstairs holds 140
- Can hire member to tend bar
- Onsite parking up to 100 cars
- Excellent for a medium sized event ala BGI, or a schola
- Cost unknown, also unknown: is each level a separate rental.

Miscellaneous Business:

Exchequer:

- Vika needs camp seed money - MILES will get amount from JUDITH after they speak with Vika
- **cash must be reconciled/deposited within 7 days of the event NOT LATER than 14 days.**
- Cash is defined as anything received (currency, cheque, etc)
- This has become a concern with Crown Tourney



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Chronicler:

- Photos currently are following corpora rules, and courtesy were asked to not be photographed
- That is a blanket
- This is not on a photo by photo basis.
- Aife allowed into Deputy Chronicler position

Knight Marshall:

- Maxine is stepping down as MOL, stepping up is Jocelyn Wulf Le Queynte
- Vote passed installing Jocelyn as MOL
- Jocelyn voiced need for a bit of help on paperwork at first
- Now using new off helm/on help inspection

Chatelaine:

- Old youth gear gotten rid of
- The purge of nasty kitchen items continues
- Reorganized storage
- Something needs done with tower style list posts. Not resolved

Heralds:

- Nothing at this time

Rapier:

(See Pennsic)

Standardization of Thank You's

- One or two location (SCA East Kingdom, Barony of Settmour Swamp) on Facebook
- A single format in which everyone is thanked.
- Give us time to organize and compare notes so no one is missed
- Sets baronial expectation of timeframes
- Set clear tone and provides a uniform look

One Final Note

- It was noted by JONATHAN, and well received, that officers are the leadership and as such must:
 - Be the voice of calm
 - Be fair
 - Be courteous
 - Be what we want to see in our society.
- Like Glengarry Glenross--without the sales-- ABC- ALWAYS BE COURTEOUS .

Meeting Notes recorded and edited by Aife Bean Mhic Iomhair



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Minutes of the Baronial Officers' Meeting

July 19, 2017

Present: Brennan, Miles, Kasia, Judith, Galefridus, Jonathan, Ursula, Mark, Jocelyn and Jehannine, Emidio,

Minutes from June meeting: Some changes need to be made to add Emidio attending and to change the segment under Officer Reports that is shown as Chatelaine Report to make it the Chamberlain Report. Minutes approved with changes. They will appear in the next Mudpuppy with the names changed from mundane to SCA names.

Harrassment Policy: Judith started the meeting by talking about the new harrassement policy issued by the Kingdom Seneschal and the BoD. The instructions are a bit unclear—the seneschal's instructions say it must be posted at gate/troll at any SCA event and included in any handouts to be given out. Facebook discussions in the A&S community specifically spell out what “any SCA event” means, and state it includes any practice or meeting to conduct business. The details of where it should be posted will be ironed out; the announcement of this new policy only happened this week. Judith pointed out that she had put a copy of the policy out obvious for this meeting. While it may take us a bit to get used to posting this sign, we all agreed that it was a good protection for individuals and the organization.

Upcoming events

Contracts for Mudthaw and Coronation for the Greek Orthodox church were picked up by Judith. The officers reviewed them. The cost for the site is \$4,600 for Mudthaw (\$200 more than last year), and \$3,500 for coronation. We noted that while Jonathan had negotiated a lower price for the site for Coronation, based in part on not using the kitchen to cook the dayboard (just heat it up), the contract specifies full use of the kitchen. We would like to play games in the time between the two courts, but the church says if the lawn is fragile from too much rain, we can't play on the grass. The final decision about whether we can use the lawn will be up to Gerry at the church. The contracts were approved by officers. Deposit checks will be cut for both events, a \$200 deposit for each. Judith will sign the contracts and deliver them and the deposits to the church.

Coronation: October 7th

In the last month the officers made several decisions by email discussions. When Judith asked if we were interested in any of the kingdom events the crown was still looking for people to host, the officers agreed that we could do Coronation. Jonathan (with some help from Judith) worked at finding a place to hold the event if we did it. He learned that recent coronations had an



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attendance of 250-300 people, which meant we needed to plan of a place that had parking for around 200 cars (if 300 people came). Their highnesses said they did not need a feast in the evening, which simplified planning for the event. Judith saw their majesties and their highnesses at GNEW and reassured them we were working on the bid. Our preference was to use a site we are familiar with since we have little time to pull this event off. Most of the places we hold events have a capacity of at most 250 (like the Clinton Elks), problems with parking (Elks again), or are too big (Mudthaw site). Jonathan negotiated with the church to lower their price because we will not be needing everything we usually use, and the event would be over earlier. The officers voted by email to use the Greek Orthodox church even though it isn't ideal. The concern was the cost of admission would have to be high to cover the rent. Based on this approval we submitted a bid to the Crown; we are the only ones bidding on this event.

The bid is for \$4,500 with a break even of 300 people. That sets the price to \$15. Because the barony can afford it, we decided to lower the cost to \$15 for members. Jonathan thinks attendance will be around 250, so we may lose money. Rather than set a family cap on admission cost, the officers felt that allowing children under 5 to come for free, and charging \$5 for 6-17 year-olds would allow families to attend. The simplified fee structure should also be easier for troll. Officers approved site fees. The information will be added to the event announcement online.

Officers voted to approve Stacey as autocrat. Jonathan noted we are trying to pull in and train new people for autocratting. We talked some about how to decorate the hall. Bhakail's recent investiture was beautifully done, but they had more time to plan. We still need a person to cook Dayboard.

Ducal Challenge: Sept. 9th.

The dayboard menu has been planned by Charity. Brennan didn't bring it tonight, but it will be sent to the officer list. He assures us it has items that will work for a number of different food challenges, including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free. They will need a check to purchase food before the event. Since there will be no August officers meeting, he will work with Miles to arrange pickup of the check.

They still need volunteers for setup and breakdown. They also need to arrange getting 4 EZ ups, tables and list poles from the storage locker. It is probably best to wait until after Pennsic to find volunteers.

Two vigils are planned: a Laurel and a knight. We also need to plan on holding baronial court to announce the new A&S champion. Youth A&S display and point will be a part of the event.

Demo at Canal Day: August 19th

Jonathan, Teresa, Oskar, Jehannine, Galefridus and Judith met with the man running the event



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and walked the site with him. It will be held in two adjoining parks. There will be crafts and food booths in the other park. The field where we will be has a band shell, and music will be playing at the other end of the field. We will be located by the entrance, so everyone will have to walk through our section to get on site, a pretty ideal setup for exposure.

How do we get people to come to be part of the demo? What can we do to showcase the SCA? Ursula will ask Rhiannon about using the May pole. She also agreed to work on putting together a computerized display of photos. We will have heavy and fencing. Archery and thrown weapons won't work because of the layout of the site. Those martial arts can be displayed and talked about, but not demonstrated. We plan to ask Merlinia about her food display. Galefridus will do something with cooking. We talked about getting some people to demonstrate fiber arts. Caera has said she'll do something with heraldry. We've asked some neighboring groups if they would like to join us. This is a large event, with about 5,000 people expected.

Winter Wolf: Manfred will discuss doing the event with his household, but probably it is not going to happen this year. It was suggested that we organize a Stomp and ask them to run a tourney there. May Apple Hill (South Orange Reservation) could be used, since Galefridus has a cooking event there Sept. 16th.

Past Events

Crown Tourney:

Total preregistration 156, and total number who came was 344.

Profit was \$50. It was a kingdom event, which means that all profits need to be split with the Kingdom. That profit takes into account the \$400 unaccounted for by troll. Miles went over the paperwork carefully, and found a few small errors, but that amount has not been found. The problem was reported to the officers at the meeting right after the event.

Officer Reports

Chronicler:

July mudpuppy is out.

Knight Marshal:

Nutley practice going well, but the number of dukes has been lower.



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Chamberlain:

All good.

Exchequer

The checking account is healthy. He is behind on reports, but trying to catch up. Ursula offered to help with spreadsheets if that would be useful to him.

MOL

Nothing to report

Chatelaine

We need the webpage updated and she still does not have access to official e-mail. Judith will make sure the kingdom knows she is in office.

A&S

Friday A&S night is being held this month. We had someone new to the barony reach out and they will be attending. Kasia will also help organizing the demo at Canal Days.

Fencing

Practice going well.

Next meeting

The officers often do not meet in August. The group felt we needed to communicate together to plan the large demo. We decided to do a conference call for the demo and coronation on August 16th. Jonathan will organize the call.

Meeting ended at 9:25.

Meeting Notes recorded and edited by Mistress Jehannine de Flanders



Ursula, Pete & Orlando Designed Settmour Swamp Tee-shirt

Interested in ordering a "BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP" tee-shirt? Then just call the toll free number below to speak to a **CustomInk** Sales Associate to place your order: **800-293-4232**

Call CustomInk and reference the previous order number **7397591**. The sales associate will then place your order using your email account and preferred shipping address. CustomInk will require your credit card information as well as your billing address information to complete payment.

<http://www.customink.com>

Note: Two Designs are available: request either the "TREE" or the "TOWER" design. High resolution images of these designs are available in the April, 2016 Mudpuppy.

http://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/mudpuppy/media/The_Mudpuppy_-_2016-04.pdf



Karin Jacobsdotter Designed a Settmour Swamp Mug



Karin Jacobsdotter designed a mug and a beer stein with Settmour Swamp logos. You may purchase one for yourself from **Zazzle**. Karin suggests you use a coupon code to reduce the price. Shipping costs can be reduced by ordering several at one time. All royalties will be donated to the Barony of Settmour Swamp.

<http://www.zazzle.com/mug-168521169520261667>



Tuesday Night Fighting & Rapier Practice & A&S

The **heavy weapon practice** and **rapier practice** meets most Tuesday nights.

We will also be hosting an **Arts & Science (A&S) gathering** to work on various projects for the Swamp. Or just come and watch, or bring a project of your own. All are welcome. There will be fencing and room for heavy weapons practice if a marshal is available.

Contact [Orlando](#) with questions.

Location:

The Glen Gardner Youth Center
16 Hampton Rd
Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826

Time:

Tuesdays 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Recommended Donation is \$5 to help offset the cost of the practice site.



Caterina's Arts & Sciences (A&S) and Calligraphy

Mistress Caterina Giaocchini (Kasia) is hosting

Arts and Sciences (A&S) get together on THIRD Fridays, at 7:00 pm

Calligraphy and Illumination (C&I) workshop FIRST Sundays, at 7:00 pm

55 Hillcrest Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960

917-968-9321

Bring whatever you are working on and come **chat and hang out** with others doing their thing.



Nutley Heavey Weapons Fight Practice (photo by Ioannes)

The **heavy weapon practice**, Nutley, NJ.
Contact **Ögurr Aðalbrandarson**
marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Location:

Franklin Reformed Church,
45 Hillside Crescent
Nutley, NJ 07110

Day/Time:

Wednesdays 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Donation are welcome

to help offset the cost of the practice



6. Ioannes

Archery Practice

Archery Practice is lead by Baron Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg each Sunday
Contact Thorlaeifr with questions.

Location:

**Archery is suspended.
Seeking a new location**



The Officers Of Settmour Swamp

Baron	Baron Jonathan Miles baron@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 908 644 4599 - (no calls after 9pm)	Invested March 2017 Expires March 2021
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Seneschale	Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (973) 214-5356	Elected November 2016 Expires November 2018
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Deputy Herald	Lady Jehannette Bouchart	Volunteered June 2017 Expires June 2019
Knight Marshal	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected March 2016 Expires March 2018
Exchequer	Lord Miles Boweman exchequer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed November 2016 Expires November 2018
Chronicler	Baroness Ursula of North Woods chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed April 2016 Expires April 2018
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Minister of A&S	Mistress Caterina Giaocchini moas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org.	Renewed December 2016 Expires December 2018
Deputy Minister of A&S	Magister Galefridus Peregrinus	Volunteered 2016 Expires 2018
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Chatelaine	Mistress Jehannine chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected May 2017 Expires May 2019
Fencing Marshal	Don Orlando Sforza fencing@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected January 2016 Expires January 2018
Captain of Archers	Honorable Lord Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg archery@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 406-0143 (No calls after 9pm)	Renewed December 2016 Expires December 2018
Chamberlain	Lord Emidio Di Arquata Chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org PHONE	Elected April 2017 Expires April 2019
Youth Combat	Vacant	Vacant
Chancellor Minor	Vacant	Vacant (organize activities for children and teenagers)
Thrown Weapons Marshal	Vacant	Vacant
Canton of Gryphonwald (Middlesex Cty, NJ): Seneschale	Failenn Finn gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed March 9, 2016 Expires March 9, 2020



Combat	Date/Time	Location	Contact	Notes
Fighter Practice	Wednesdays 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Nutley, NJ. Franklin Reformed Church, 45 Hillside Crescent Nutley, NJ 07110	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Other fight practices: Fighter Practice group at Yahoo!Groups; Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Fighter Practice	Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Glen Gardner Youth Center 16 Hampton Rd Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Also fencing and Arts& Science; suggested Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Fencing Practice	Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Glen Gardner Youth Center 16 Hampton Rd Glen Gardner, NJ 08826	Orlando Sforza rapierdon@comcast.net (908) 850-8690 (No calls after 9pm)	Also heavy fighting and Arts & Sciences; Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Archery Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Seeking a new location	Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg archery@settmourswamp.e astkingdom.org (908) 406-0143 (No calls after 9pm)	
Thrown Weapons Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Seeking a new location		



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Art	Date/ Time	Location	Contact	Notes
Caterina (Kasia) A&S Thingy	THIRD Friday 7pm	55 Hillcrest Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960	Mistress Caterina (Kasia) mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 917-968-9321	Caterina announces meetings on the Swamp email list and on the Swamp Facebook page.
Caterina (Kasia) Calligraphy & Illumination	FIRST Sunday 7pm	55 Hillcrest Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960	Mistress Caterina (Kasia) mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 917-968-9321	Caterina announces meetings on the Swamp email list and on the Swamp Facebook page.
Archery	By Appointment	Pittstown, NJ	Elizabeth Hawkwood hawkwoode@gmail.com	Email Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood for directions

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