



The Mudpuppy

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THE BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP

Letter from Alexander

Greetings Swampies

After six years it is time for me to pass on the Baronial coronet. Over the last six years I have had the chance to meet many new people and get to know them, and also get to know the people I knew much better than I had. Rhiannon and I always felt that building a community within the barony was important. Getting people to move beyond their close circle of friends and households, part of this was starting up Baronial road trips. Allowing people who might not have known each other before, to do things together outside of an SCA event and explore a common interest. I like to think we had some success with that. I know we both enjoyed the trips and the people who joined us for them.

Personally I would like to thank Baroness Ursula and Baroness Merlinia who have been with the swamp since the beginning and have always been there with advice or to help us at events. Lady Cassandra, who was a constant help behind the scenes, in addition to cooking and helping autocrat. Mistress Elizabeth Talbot, Lady Caterina Giaochini and Lady Vika for being there to bounce ideas off, especially Pennsic related issues. Mostly I want to thank Baroness Rhiannon for sharing the last six years, working together was a pleasure. I could not have done this without you. I hope you all give Eric and Jehannine the same support as you gave us, just like we made our share of missteps they will make theirs.

All I ask is that you be patient and understanding. There are more to these jobs then you see at events. This Barony has a long history of pulling together to keep our little swampy corner of the SCA alive and well. We need to keep that up as it is what makes us the best Barony in the known world. In order to do that, we need people to get involved, help at events and be deputy officers and Baronial officers. If you consider yourself a member of the Barony please be a part of it not a spectator, as we need all the people we can find to take an active role.

For me I am not going anywhere Erec the Horseman and I will be co-autocrating Quest. I hope to see you all there, beyond that there are always dishes to wash, chairs to stack, events to run and more. My time as Baron is past but after 30 plus years in the SCA I am not done being an active member of this Barony.

Thank you all for six wonderful years, I am looking forward to what is next.

Alexander

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Letter From Rhiannon

My beloved Swampies,

This is the last time I will be writing to you as your (now- ex) Baroness. I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to have had this extraordinary experience. I've met so many interesting people and made many wonderful new friends. I'm extremely grateful to my long time friends for their support, advice, patience, tolerance and forgiveness of my many blunders.

You are all my family and I am blessed to have you in my life. These past 6 years have been at times the most challenging yet rewarding of my life so far. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have been able to serve my Barony and my Kingdom in this way. I am confident that with your support, our successors will lead Settmour Swamp, the Best Barony in the Knowne World, into a glorious future.

I would especially like to thank the people who have helped me the most as retainers and just really good friends: Merlinia, Ursala, Ceara, Judith, Mordraug, Orlando, Angelina, Isabella, and of course, Alexander.

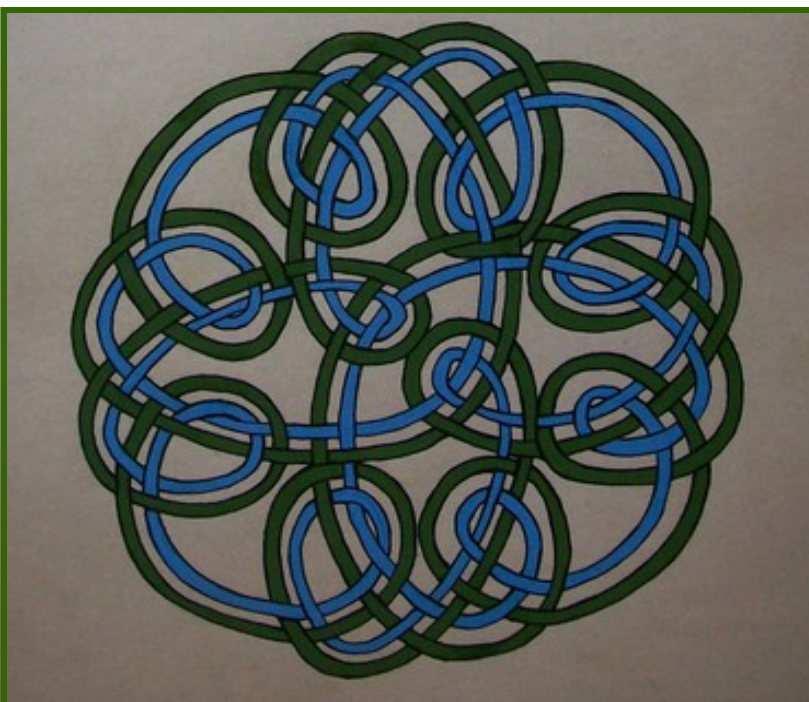
So, in the words of a wise old Hobbit "I think I'm quite ready for another adventure".

I have no magic ring to make me disappear, so you will be seeing me around and about.

But at this point I will just say "I'm going now. Goodbye."

Love,

Rhiannon



Your Barony Needs... YOU!

Ask not what your barony can do for you, but what you can do for your barony.

Have you ever wanted to run an event in the SCA?

Have you ever wanted to cook a feast?

The following offices are currently open and we are looking for people who wish to fill the positions:

- Chirurgion
- Thrown Weapons
- Chancellors Minor

Interested parties should contact the

Seneschal: Sir Antonio Patrasso

Entering Coronets

Right noble populace of Settmour Swamp, unto you greetings and hopes that these words find you well and in good spirits. With Spring comes the Thawing of the Mud, always a time of celebration in the Swamp. Mudthaw was well attended, and it does our hearts good to be host to our fair kingdom, and to see joy upon the faces of all. We would like to thank their Majesties for entrusting us with the great lands of the Barony of Settmour swamp, and you for joining us for our Investiture celebration. We would also like to thank our predecessors Baron Alexander and Baroness Rhiannon for their long service, under their guidance this Barony has become a shining jewel in the Eastern Crown.

We shall travel to Coronation this upcoming week and ask that you join us to come celebrate our new King and Queen. Many populace activities are planned, and a grand joust will be held. Preparations are underway for the next Baronial event: The Quest for King Solomon's Ring. We are excited to spend the weekend celebrating our thirtieth gathering. Great things are being planned, and we will choose our Champions during the course of the weekend.

Looking to the future we would like to continue to have trips to nearby medieval interests, museums and libraries. If you find anything that might make a good field trip, please bring it to our attention. We also invite you to camp with us at the Pennsic War behind the White Tower, and come to the war camps as we prepare to do battle.

As incoming Baron and Baroness, we also ask for your help. Settmour Swamp is many things to many gentles; diversity is our strength, as it widens our potential for growth and participation. We need new affordable event sites so we may hold new workshops, practices, and events. We especially want to nurture the growth of smaller, more focused events. As you travel throughout the Barony, keep an eye out for potential sites that could host such events, and bring them to our attention. Please reach out to us with ideas you have, things the Barony can do together, solutions, and comments and concerns as well. We ask that you inform us of the good works of members of the Barony that they may be recognized accordingly.

With spring's renewal we look to our future, we are honored to share it with you.

In Service,

Baron Eric L'Claire and Baroness Jehannine de Flandres



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Wednesday, Mar. 13, 2013

Recording Scribe: Antonio

Attending Officers:

Antonio – Seneschal
Alexander- Baron
Rhiannon - Baroness
Phillip – Chiurgeon & Mudthaw Autocrat
Malcolm - Chatelaine
Abdullah – Deputy Exch/Herald
Galfridus – Deputy A&S
Thorlaeifr Huitskegg -- Archery
Meghan – Gryphonwald seneschal
Owynn – Chronicler
Caterina – A&S
Brennan – Knight Marshal
Ceara -- MoL

Other Attendees:

Cass
Janos
Wilhelm

Past Events

Future Events

Mudthaw, March 23, 2013

-- The officers received a report on Mudthaw preparation from autocrat Philip Reed the Facetious.

MedFest, April 20, 2013

-- Malcolm Bowman has submitted an application for the SCA to participate in this demo event held at Drew University.

Quest, May 24-27, 2013

-- -- The officers received a report on Quest preparation from autocrat Baron Alexander MacGregor.
The site owners have confirmed availability of the site, but have not yet provided a contract or proposed cost.

March 2013 Baronial Business Meeting Continued

Officers And Offices

- 1) Lord Wilhelm was approved as Chronicler by a majority vote of officers present.
- 2) The term for Exchequer has expired. Ryan has indicated that he will remain in the position month-to-month until a replacement can be found.
- 3) Lady Ceara was approved for a second term as MoL by a majority vote of officers present.
- 4) Master Phillip's term as Chiurgeon has expired. The Barony thanks him for his service. Those interested in this position should contact Master Phillip, and the Seneschal.
- 5) Lord Erec will step down as Herald upon his investiture in March 2013. Those interested in this position should contact Lord Erec. An application for Herald has been received from Abdullah. Lord Erec will stand in as (Acting) until he is replaced.

Cantons

Gryphonwald

-- Not present

Marwick

Canton inactive

Tyr Mynydd

Canton inactive

Old Business

- The Baronial supplies are being moved to their new home. Master Phillip intends to assume the office of Chamberlain after Quest.
- The Officers are continuing consideration of policy revision proposed as a result of a review process undertaken in April 2012 by Seneschal Emeline Paterson.

New Business

- The officers discussed a proposal from Erec L'Clair for a Swamp Swap event, to be held Jun. 18. Discussion was tabled pending further investigation into potential sites.
- Rhiannon has received a notice to renew the registration for the Swamp trailer. She will do so, and forward the completed paperwork to the Seneschal.

Future Meeting Hosts:

Apr. 10 – Abdullah, West Orange

May. 8 – Antonio, South Plainfield

Lenten Pie

Pie Crust

Use your favorite store bought crust and follow the directions.

Pie Filling

3-4	Medium sized cooking apples	Peel, core and slice apples.
3-4	Medium sized pears	Peel, core and slice pears
8	Golden Figs	Core and cut into pieces
8	Dark Figs	Core and cut into pieces
2 cups	Golden Raisins	
2 cups	Apricots	Cut into smaller pieces
1 cup	Dates	Cut into smaller pieces
1 8inch	Brie Cheese with Rind	Cut into small cubes
1 cup	Chopped pine nuts	Roughly chopped (omit for nut allergies)
1 cup	Chopped flat leaf parsley	Roughly chopped (no stems)
1/2 cup	Confectioners Sugar	
1 tsp	Ground Ginger	
3/4tsp	Ground Cinnamon	
1/4 tsp	Ground Cloves	

- Mix all of the above ingredients into a large mixing bowl
- **Except the brie cheese.**
- Fold into a large pot.
- Add to this 1-2 cups of apple juice or white wine.
- If the mixture appears to dry add apple juice or white wine a 1/4 cup at a time.
- Bring to a boil then reduce to a simmer for 30 minutes on medium heat, stirring occasionally.
- Turn off heat and let cool for 15-30 minutes.
- Strain mixture allowing most of the fluid to drain off.
- Fold in the brie cheese pieces.

ASSEMBLY

- Beat an egg. Add to it a tsp of ground saffron (if desired). Brush the bottom of the pie crust with this egg glaze.
- Bake the pie crust according to it's directions.
- Let the pie crust cool completely.
- Fill the pie shell with the drained Lenten mixture. Mound well.
- Bake for 10 minutes at 450 degrees.
- Lower the heat to 350 degrees and bake for 35-40 more minutes.

COOL

Just prior to serving, sprinkle confectioner's sugar through a fine wire strainer on top of the pie.

This Lenten pie is set for a **Lean Day**. To make it a **Meat Day** try adding some poached: partridge, chicken or roast duck.

Sources

This is a new recipe based off of what was a common process of adding fruits and breads together in France. The recipe concept is based off of the Lenten Slices recipe from: [Early French Cookery](#) by D. Eleanor Scully and Terence Scully Published by: the University of Michigan Press. This cookbook translates different sources such as: [The Viandier of Taillevent](#) and [The Menagier of Paris](#).

To be clear, this is [Not a Redaction](#) of a recipe. It is a new recipe based off of old French techniques.

Help Make The Mudpuppy The Best Newsletter in The Knowne World

Are you involved in a project?

Please tell us about it.

What we are looking for:

- Articles
- Stories
- Poems
- Scrolls
- Songs
- Artwork
- Maps
- Photos
- Event Listings

We want to hear about everything you and your household is working on.

In addition we are very interested in seeing what projects you are working on, whether it is the first suit of armor you are putting together, a tourney you fought or on the other end of the spectrum some thread you made with a drop spindle.

The only way to increase the interest in our arts is to show them to our own members and the public in demos. If you have any questions please email the [Chronicler](#).

If you are looking to submit content to the Mudpuppy for consideration of inclusion for publication.

Please read over the submission release requirements on the next page. These are requirements that we are held to by the east Kingdom of the Society for Creative Anachronism, the Corporate office of the Society of Creative Anachronism.

Wilhelm van Utrecht

Mudpuppy Submission Cutoff Date

The Monthly Content Submission Cutoff from the Mudpuppy is the **15th day** in any given month for submission for the next month's issue.

We must adhere to the East Kingdom of the Society for Creative Anachronism and Corporate Office of the Society for Creative Anachronism's policies regarding obtaining releases from contributors for inclusion of their works and contact information.

Here is a link to the East Kingdom of the Society for Creative Anachronism policies that revolve around this matter.

[EK Content Release Policies](#)

Creative Release:

[Creative Release PDF](#)

If you are submitting content, whether that be in the form of an article or a picture, you must also include an executed release per the East Kingdom Chronicler guidelines. While this may seem burdensome, it is to protect the copyrights of all individuals and to respect their privacy.

If you are providing written content, you must provide an executed creative release.

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[Photographer's Release PDF](#), [Model Release PDF](#)

If you are submitting a photo, you must submit both the: photographer and model release. Please do not submit photos without model releases of all photo participants.

Name and Contact Release:

If you would like your contact information included as an attribution to your work, you must email the [Chronicler](#) and tell him what contact information you are allowing us to publish with your work.

Name and contact information will **NOT** be published unless you provide written release of such via e-mail and instruct the Chronicler what information you want published.

A scanned, legible, fully executed release and original work may be sent to: chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Submissions And Releases

Submissions to the Mudpuppy without the correct executed releases will not be published as they do not conform to the [EK Content Release Policies](#).

Please provide the correct releases with your content. Question in regard to these matters may be directed to the [Chronicler](#).

Rapier Practice

Thursdays

7:30-10:00PM
Edison Moose Lodge
410 Talmadge Road
Edison, New Jersey
08817

A \$3.00 donation is requested to help defray the cost of the site rental. If you have questions, contact Don Edmund Patterson: clost95@aol.com

Archery Practice

Archery practice Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the home of Elizabeth Hawkwood. Please contact Baroness Elizabeth at hawkwoode@gmail.com for details and directions.

Archery Practice And Thrown Weapons Practice

Sundays, 1:00 to 4:00 PM
The home of Maître Jéhannine de Flandres & Master Philip the Facetious

310 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. (Rt. 519),
Milford, NJ 08848
(908) 995-4417

Please contact the hosts to ensure practice is happening.



Baronial Business Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the Month.
Location varies. Please contact the seneschal for location and directions.

Armored Combat Practice

Wednesday: 6:30-10:00PM
Franklin Reformed Church, 45 Hillside Crescent, Nutley, NJ 07110.

A \$5.00 donation is requested to help defray the cost of the site rental. If you have questions, contact Sir Douglas Henry at: rayotd@yahoo.com or 551-206-1724.

Sundays, 12:00 - 3:00 PM Edison Moose Lodge
410 Talmadge Road
Edison, New Jersey 08817

Please check the Settmour Swamp Yahoo group so make sure Sunday practices are being held.

Contact Ragnarr via e-mail at ragnarr1001@aol.com or call 908-839-0349 for more info.

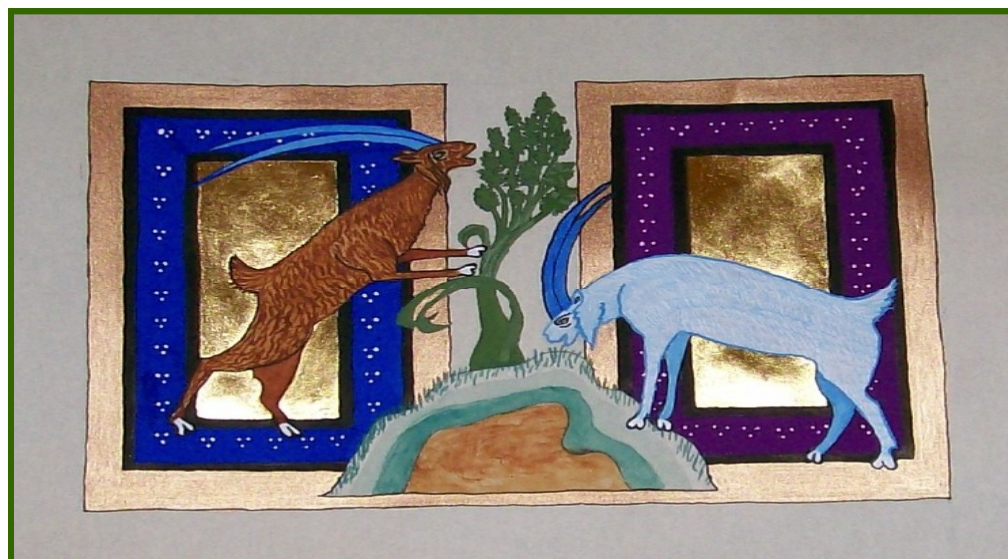
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April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 April Fools Day	2	3 Heavy Weapons	4 Fencing Practice	5	6
7 Heavy Weapons Archery & Thrown	8	9	10 Heavy Weapons Baronial Meeting	11 Fencing Practice	12	13
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Barony of Settmour Swamp Officer Listing

Baron	Baron Erec L'Claire baron@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 268-0725 (before 9pm)	Investure: March 2013 Term Expires: March 2016
Baroness	Maîtresse Jehannine de Flandres baroness@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 319-0765	Investure: March 2013 Term Expires: March 2016
Seneschal	Sir Antonio Patrasso (Adam Steinfeld) seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (732) 207-9657 (before 10PM)	Elected: June 2012 Term Expires: June 2014
Sinking Tower Pursuivant	Baron Erec L'Claire herald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed March:2012 Expired: March 2012 (Acting)
Knight Marshal	Baron Brennan mac Fearghus marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: March 2012 Term Expires: March 2014
Exchequer	Ryan (Acting) exchequer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Term Expired: Feb. 2013 (Acting) Month to Month
Chronicler	Lord Wilhelm van Utrecht chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: March 2013 Term Expires: March 2015
Chirurgion	Vacant	Vacant
Web Minister	Dalek Bolotnikov webmaster@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: November 2012 Term Expires: Nov. 2014
Mistress of A&S	Caterina Giaocchini mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: October 2012 Term Expires: October 2014
Mistress of the Lists (Mol)	Lady Ceara MacKieran mol@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected Mar. 2013 Term Expires Mar. 2015
Chatelaine	Baron Brennan mac Fearghus (Murray Blehart) chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: Term Expires:
Marshal of Fence	Lady Jehane de Fenwyk (Judithann Wapelhorst) fencing@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org Home: (908) 810-9237 Cell: (908) 217-4484	Elected: March 2012 Term Expires: March 2014
Thrown Weapons	Vacant	Vacant
Captain of Archers	Lord Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg archery@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 406-0143 (No calls after 9:00 pm)	Renewed: October 2012 Term Expires: October 2014
Chamberlain	Lady Gudrun Gudmunderdottir chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: November 2012 Term Expires: Nov. 2014
Chancellors Minor	Vacant	Vacant
Seneschal of Gryphonwald	Failenn Finn gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: Term Expires:

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Many Hands Make Light Work

Running a barony, canton or an event such as: Twelfth Night, Mudthaw, Quest, or even Black Gryphon Inn takes a lot of work. There are many positions where volunteers are needed. From decorating the hall and setting up chairs, to cleaning up after the event, the more people who pitch in, the better the event is for everyone. Volunteers are needed to help with events and as officers.

Upcoming Baronial Business Meetings:

Wednesday, April 10th, 2013 — Please contact the seneschal for address and directions. All are welcome to attend the Baronial Business Meetings. For directions or more information about the Baronial Business Meetings, please contact the Seneschal: Sir Antonio Patrasso