

The Mudpuppy



*The Newsletter of the
Barony of Settmour Swamp*

June A.S. XLV

Calendar of Events

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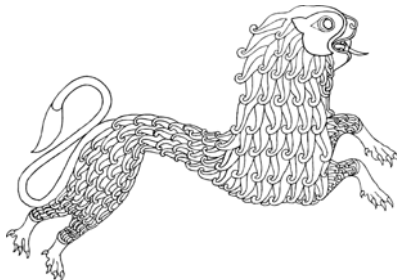
- 5 (RP)** **Ice Falcon's Ducal Challenge/Iron Bog Champions, Iron Bog (Moorestown, NJ)**
- 9 Baronial business meeting at the home of Eric L'Claire, 7:30 PM (High Bridge, NJ)
- 15 Marwick picnic at Nomahegan Park, 6:00 PM (Cranford)
- 18-20 A Summer's Day in the Country, Eisental (Leighton, PA)
- 18-20(RP)** **King and Queen's Archery Championship/Vineland Raids VII/ EK War College, Smoking Rocks (Yarmouth Port, MA)**
- 25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
- 25-27 Summer Archery Shoot, Concordia of the Snows (Delanson, NY)
- 27 Iron Bog Toys For Tots Warlord Tourney, Iron Bog (Pemberton, NJ)
- 27 Canton of Gryphonwald meeting, 7:30 PM (Highland Park, NJ)

JULY 2010

- 3-5 (RP)** **Northern Region War Camp, Glen Linn (Warrensburg, NY)**
- 14 Baronial business meeting, 7:30 PM
- 15 Marwick meeting (Cranford)
- 16-18 East Kingdom War Camp, Eisental (Leighton, PA)
- 25 Canton of Gryphonwald meeting, 7:30 PM (Highland Park, NJ)
- 25 *Deadline for Mudpuppy submissions*
- 31- 8/15 Pennsic XXXIX, Aethelmarc (Slippery Rock, PA)

For information on the Sunday practices held in Flemington, please contact the baronial seneschal at seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

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Swamp! Swamp! Glorious Swamp!

Summer is coming soon and things are getting pretty busy around here. The field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art on May 15 was a smashing success and a good time was had by all. We had quite a group join us for a very fun and educational day (hey, fun and educational - that's what this whole SCAdian thing is about, right?). We met up with Erec and Nancy, Galefridus and Katherine, Ceara and Rainer, Lydia and Roger, Brighid, and Ursula and her visiting cousins from the mid-west. First we trooped down to see the Limbough Bros. illuminated manuscript exhibit, used the magnifying glasses generously provided by the museum and were blown away by the magnificence of these miniature works of art and their unbelievable detail. We split into smaller groups after that and regrouped for lunch then split again after so we could all take in whichever various displays struck our fancy at our own pace. The other exhibit we all ogled was the medieval French tomb mourners, which was not at all what I expected. I thought there would be two or three life size stone figures that once graced the entrance to some mausoleum. They were in fact, 40 foot-and-half high alabaster figures that represented the funeral procession of a powerful Duke. They were borrowed from his tomb, where they usually rest, set into niches around the base of his sarcophagus and are meant to pray for his soul for all eternity. Again, the details were breathtaking, like some magician froze and shrunk these medieval people in mid-motion and cast them in stone. And then we bought books (and some other stuff).

Quest is a few days away as I write this but will have passed by the time you read it, so we'll leave the details 'til next month and hope everyone had a great time.

Don't forget to pre-register on-line for Pennsic before the June 15th deadline if you plan to camp with the Swamp. We are only allotted space for you if you pre-reg. Baron Alexander will be the Land Agent again this year and Leora Laughlin (MKA Victoria) will be our Camp Mommy because they both did such a great job last year! The swamp camp form should be up on the web site by the time you read this. Any concerns or questions, contact them or put something out on the Swamp camp yahoo group list if it needs discussion.

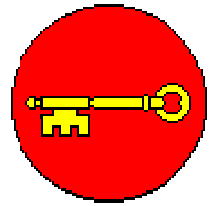
There are already plans in the works for a really cool demo after Pennsic, the weekend of Aug. 28-29. We have been invited to participate in the Warren County 4H Renaissance Fair which is a fundraiser for their student exchange program. Details will follow shortly as soon as we have more information about our allotted space and the site rules. But for now, mark the dates on your calendar and plan to come out and have some fun and show your stuff whether it's fighting, fencing, archery, weapon throwing, singing, dancing, acting, craft work, or just looking cute in your garb.

Ta and see you soon,

Yours in Service,

Rhiannon and Alexander
Baroness and Baron Settmour Swamp

From the Baronial Seneschal:



Greetings all Subjects of Settmour Swamp, neighbors, friends and all unto whom these letters come, from Lord Erec L'Claire, your Seneschal. At the time of this writing all is in order for Quest, but by the time you read this it shall have passed. Remember it fondly. We have a new quest author this year, a fine feast prepared, tournaments in various weapons forms (dare I say all of them) Arts and Sciences, but mostly great times with good friends.

We have a number of things lined up in the calendar, which see. Please try to attend, the more the merrier, and if you would like to contribute further you will be most welcome. Please contact the autocrat of the event, or your seneschal, directly. lorderec@yahoo.com 908-268-0725

Call for Candidates for Baron and Baroness

The term of Baron Alexander and Baroness Rhiannon is nearing its end. They are interested in running again.

Know that if they are not opposed, their term will be for two more years, and we will not have to do a polling. If they are opposed, we will have to do a polling, and the person or persons selected by the Crown will have a four-year term.

If there is anyone interested in running against them, you must submit your intent to the seneschal as soon as possible. **Deadline for letters of intent is June 29, 2010.**

Please read Section III – The Office of Baron and Baroness of the Baronial Policies and Procedures at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/settmour_swamp/files/Official% 20Documents/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/settmour_swamp/files/Official%20Documents/) for complete details.

Current Baronial Vacancies

Three officer positions are vacant and available immediately. Please come forward if you are interested.

Youth Marshall – Responsible for overseeing youth combat activities. The rules of the East Kingdom require **youth marshals to have a valid background check** and supervise practices using a '2 deep' model. This means that practices are coached by two adults who are not related to one another. One of them must have completed the background check. For complete details please reference the Youth Fighting website <http://youthfighters.eastkingdom.org/marshallate.html>

Chancellor Minor – Organizes activities for children and teenagers at event.

Chirurgeon - The Baronial Chirurgeon is in charge of arranging First Aid at Baronial events.
Note: the candidate(s) must be a warranted chirurgeon at the time he/she accepts the office.

Upcoming Elections – June

In accordance with Baronial Policy and Procedure, the following Baronial offices' are up for election in June:

Thrown Weapons Marshal – oversees thrown weapons activity
Chatelaine – new member liaison

All gentles interested in running for either of these positions must be present at the March business meeting. The incumbent officers must also be present. Candidates will have the opportunity to address the Baronial officers and answer questions at the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, please reference Section II of the Policies & Procedures Manual at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/settmour_swamp/files/Official% 20Documents/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/settmour_swamp/files/Official%20Documents/)

If you have any interest in helping out with any of these esteemed positions, please contact the seneschal Lord Erec L'Claire immediately. lorderec@yahoo.com 908-26-0725.

May Business Meeting Minutes

Location: Orlando & Charis's Home

Recording Scribe: Emeline Patterson

Attending Officers: Erec L'Claire – Seneschal; Alexander MacGregor – Baron; Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen – Baroness; Jehannine de Flandres – Minister of A&S; Siobhna na Preachainn – Exchequer; Orlando Sforza – Marshal of Fence and Deputy Herald; Elizabeth Hawkwood – Chronicler; Edmund Patterson – Seneschal of Marwick; Eric the Wandering Horseman – Autocrat Quest; Charis – Deputy Captain of the Archers; Owynn – Deputy Webmaster; Other Attendees: Galefridus, Emeline Patterson (Deputy Seneschal); Katherine

Note – there are 18 Regular Officers (2 vacant right now). 2 Seneschals of the Cantons (Gryphonwald and Marwick) and the Autocrats of any given event. Therefore quorum right now is 10 not counting autocrats. Currently only 1 autocrat so quorum is 11 officers/deputies for this meeting. Meeting Called to Order 7:44PM

Future Events

Saturday May 15, 2010 – Swamp Trip to the Met

Sunday May 16, 2010 – Flemington Practice

- * Working on Quest props?

- * Possibility to call for a special Quest workshop on Sunday May 23. if the church is agreeable and it is needed. TBD by Orlando

Friday May 28, 2010 through Monday May 31, 2010 Quest

- * Contract Obtained

- * Eric put up e-mails asking for volunteers for Troll, Feast, Quest, Clean-up and Set-up, still needs bodies

- * Suggestion to Eric to speak one-on-one to people to get volunteers rather than mass e-mails

- * Friday set-up begins at noon, event opens at 4:00pm

- * Eric was asked to post a schedule of events before the date so that people can plan their activities and may generate more volunteers

- * Eric to get supplies from Gudrun's; Erec L'Claire to bring list ropes; Rhiannon has 1 pop-up; Charis volunteered to bring 4 folding tables and kitchen stuff (Eric to provide to her); also needed 1 eight foot table for troll and a pop-up for troll; 2 tables for A&S and the carport for A&S/Baronial Court; and a carport for feast
 - * Orlando asked for a fighter for the Quest – Erec L'Claire volunteered. Then Orlando said a lot of cryptic stuff about the Quest – to talk to Baron and Baroness after meeting, asked for and received \$150 budget for Quest and prizes
 - * Charis proclaimed there will be food
- Side note – Erec L'Claire has asked that the current Quest site be measured so that while looking for a new site we will know what space requirements are needed
- * Current Site costs \$3800.00 for the weekend
 - * Erec is looking into a campground in Little York
 - * Jehannine suggested the Baptist Conference Camp on Route 22
- We did not re-visit this, what is status? Should it be on old business for June meeting?

Sundays June 13 & 27 – Flemington Practices

- * Orlando checking dates with church re dates
- * Jehannine to be in charge of a Pennsic Practice, Project and Picnic day on the 13th should church be available. Pot-luck picnic, Swamp to provide burgers and dogs, attendees to bring other items.

Saturday Jul 31, 2010 Pennsic Land Grab

- * Baron Alexander to be Land Agent
- * Leora Laughlin mka Victoria Conlin to be “Camp Mommy”
- * Baron Alexander ordered 20'X20' tent and tables
- * No new news on gate
- * Edmund asked about the trailer, found out stuff in it, will be cleaned out even more this year with “junk” to be tossed

Saturday & Sunday August 28 & 29, 2010 Four-H Fair

- * Baroness Rhiannon and Emeline to head this Demo
- * Baroness to e-mail contact info to Emeline so she can begin to politely harass
- * Emeline has ideas for more hands-on activities to draw people to SCA – let them pain illuminated initial, find someone to teach lucet making for participants to take home, let fighters explain armor pieces to people and let people try on armor. Emeline is looking into a few other ideas and will post soon. We need to get this to the lists for more ideas and volunteers
- * Elizabeth still waiting to hear from Company of St. Michael's about Pas demonstration

Saturday & Sunday September 11 & 12, 2010 Victorian Days

- * Was decided to take hiatus for one year so as not to overtax ourselves on demos this fall. If Tyr Mynydd wishes to run a Swamp presence at Victorian Days they may, but should let the Seneschal and Chatelaine know.

Break 8:31 PM, Meeting Resumed 8:45 PM

Old Business

A side note that Baron Alexander will contact Molly (Kingdom Exchequer) to try and push the on-line credit card issue was discussed. – We did not discuss this at the May meeting.

A proposed annual budget for the office of the Exchequer and the office of the Chronicler was discussed. A vote will take place next meeting after further discussion. – We did not discuss this at the May meeting.

Change to Policy & Procedure

- * No pushback from the publication of the new policy
- * Erec needs to send changes to Southern Region Seneschal (Owynn) per protocol

Settmour Swamp Gate

- * There is a schedule so that volunteers may go help complete this project. It was suggested that if complete would be outstanding to see the Gate at Quest

Heavy Weapons Loaner Gear

- * Orlando in possession. Orlando and Erik Hundeman to work together to refurbish the armor
- Painted Sign for Demos, no new update

Elections for Chatelaine and Thrown Weapon Marshal

- * Pushed to June because was not published
- * Suggestion re-made to publish the "expiration" dates of officers in every Mudpuppy so that publication is never an issue with renewing offices

New Business

- * Jehannine asked for a received a \$30 budget for Queen's favors making supplies. Workshop to be held at a future Flemington practice
- * Jehannine proposed a new event on behalf of Duchess Roxanne called Winter Brawl to be held in January 2011. Household Serpentius will do the heavy lifting for the event with the Barony's support. Charis will contact the school where K&Q Rapier was held to see if amenable to having Heavy Fighting in cafeteria. Roxanne and Jehannine to co-autocrat. Was acceptable to officers.
- * **New event "Swamp Swap and Flea Market" proposed for October 16, 2010.** Emeline volunteered to autocrat and Baroness Rhiannon and Katherine volunteered to do dayboard. This will be a swap meet/flea market open to all. \$5 fee at door or pre-reg (NMF applies). Pre-registering guarantees attendee table space if requested. No professional merchants to be invited. Marshal activities to happen weather permitting. Emeline will begin organizing and get place-holder write-up to Erec ASAP.

Future Meetings:

- * Wednesday June 9, 2010 – Erec's Home
- * Wednesday July 14, 2010 – Trixie and Tammi's Home
- * Tuesday September 14, 2010 – Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford, NJ (Marwick Meeting)

Meeting Closed 9:20 PM

Officer Reports Presented at the May Business Meeting

Herald

Still here and Wednesdays are still bad for me for meetings. I will not be going to Pennsic due to real world job issues, so I am looking for someone to handle Opening Ceremonies with the Swamp and Their Excellencies' Court. I ran a very well-attended heraldic workshop on April 25th at the Flemington site. I likely will do another one of these in July. Hopefully, this time the visual presentation for the armory will work. Anyone thinking about submitting a name or armory for registration is strongly encouraged to contact me *before* Pennsic. Pennsic Herald's Point is not the best place to do your name and arms submission, since the East tends to get upwards of 150 submissions out of Pennsic and it takes us months to process them on even a preliminary level. With the help of Emeline and Orlando, we're going to start building a pictorial dictionary of people's armory for the Barony. That's everything for the moment,

Knight Marshall

No report

Exchequer

The barony is solvent.

Chronicler

The May issue of The Mudpuppy was distributed. Files were also uploaded to the Yahoo group page. The deadline for the next issue is the 25th of the month. All lengthy submissions should be sent as a word attachment and please use "For the Mudpuppy" in the subject. Brief notices may be sent in the body of an email. Please let me know of any changes or additions to scheduled meetings or practices for the upcoming months.

Arts & Sciences

On May 2nd we held a "Basic Wire Working" class at the Flemington Practice. It was graciously taught by Kaaren Jakobsdattar. She has offered to come back and teach a wire wrapping class down the road. Plans are currently underway to hold a Queen's favors making day at the Flemington Practice.

Mistress of Lists

No report

Chatelaine

Nothing to report except that our Newbie, Connie, had a wonderful time, as did all, at the Wire-working Jewelry Class.

Marshal of Fence

April was a rainy month without any outdoor fencing in the Swamp. What fencing that was done was limited to Thursday nights in Somerville. No injuries, no new authorizations, but though we said farewell to Gil, we welcomed back Chris Accosta.

Captain of Archers

With the return of more pleasant weather, Archery has Resumed at Flemington site. first practice has 4 archers and royal rounds were run, recorded and reported. Design for Quest archery tournament is well under way and it should be fun.

Marshal of Thrown Weapons

No report

Chirurgion (Acting)

No report

Chamberlain

No real change, shelves are in, some inventory still out & about but should return after Quest. Should be back to meetings in June now that school semester is ending on May 12th!

Webmistress

No report

Practices and Activities

Archery Practice

Second and fourth Sunday, St. Paul's Church, Flemington, NJ.

Sundays at the home of Elizabeth Hawkwood. Anyone interested in shooting weeknights, please call to arrange. Contact Elizabeth at hawkwoode@att.net or call 908-996-6315 for more information.

Arts & Sciences Activities

Third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 346 High Street (Rt 609), Hope, NJ.
Contact fafnir62@yahoo.com for information.

Fencing Practice

Practice will now be held at the Somerville Rescue Squad, located at 21 Park Avenue in Somerville, NJ 08876. Practice will begin at 7:00 PM and end at 10:00 PM. A \$5 per person donation will be collected each week. For more information, please contact Lady Jehane de Fenwyk, who is the marshall in charge. She can be reached on (908) 217-4484.

Fighter Practice

Wednesdays 6:30PM to 10:00PM, Nutley, NJ. A \$5.00 donation is requested to help defray the cost of the site rental. If you have questions, please email Sir Tanaka Raiko at salvacion_hank@hotmail.com. If you get lost, Tanaka's pager is 201-232-9337.

Youth Fighter Practice

Practice will held one Sunday each month at St. Paul's Church in Flemington, NJ. Please contact the baronial seneschal for more information.



Directions to Practices

Youth Fighter Practice - St. Paul's Church, Flemington

St Paul's is on Rt. 31 in Flemington, next door to the Hunterdon Medical Center, two miles north of the Flemington Circle. Directions are on line.

Fighter Practice - Reformed Church of Nutley, Nutley

The church is on Hillside Crescent, Nutley, NJ. Directions are on line or contact Sir Tanaka Reiko at salvacion_hank@hotmail.com.

Fencing Practice – Somerville Rescue Squad

Somerville Rescue Squad, located at 21 Park Avenue in Somerville, NJ 08876 Contact the marshall in charge, Lady Jehane de Fenwyk. She can be reached on (908) 217-4484.



Baronial Business Meeting

The meeting will be on June 9 at the home of Erec L'Claire in High Bridge. For directions and more information, contact the baronial seneschal Lord Erec L'Claire at seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org or call him at 908-268-0725.

Canton of Gryphonwald Business Meeting

Gryphonwald meetings are held the fourth Sunday of the month. Contact the Gryphonwald seneschal, Lord Pippin a'Bheithir at gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org for details.

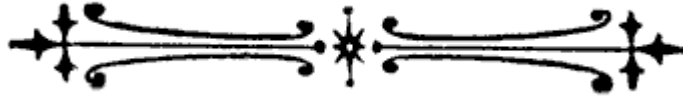
Canton of Marwick Business Meeting

The Canton will be holding a picnic at Nomahegan park in Cranford on Tuesday June 15th. All are welcome. Time to be determined soon, but figure around 6ish to dark Contact the seneschal, Lord Edmund Patterson at 908-561-2345 or email him at clost95@aol.com for details.

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