



The Mudpuppy

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
THE BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP

Letter From The Coronets

Settmour Swamp Attend!

This is a call to arms! War is upon us! Sharpen your skills, prepare your weapons, polish your armor, display your arts, fletch your arrows, and practice your class. Pennsic is nigh!

If you are to Pennsic War, Mind your schedules this year, as much is changed. The official website can be found at: <http://pennsicwp.org/>.

In planning for the war many things need to be prepared for. Please join us for procession and Opening Ceremonies, which will be Saturday evening, July 27th, from 8:00-9:00 pm in front of the Fort. We ask you to display the colors of Settmour Swamp and show the greatness of our Barony. There are rumors that a great spectacle will take place, so don't miss it.

We are honored to be able to serve as guards to EK royal and hope that you will come. Bring your stern face, but be prepared to make it fun! "You know, it seemed a bit daft, me having to guard him when 'he's a guard..." If interested please let us know so we can set up a time when most of us would be available.

East Kingdom court will be on Wednesday, July 31st, in the new Great Hall. Our Baronial Court will be on Thursday afternoon, August 1st, at 6:00pm. Our party will be same evening, this is sure to be an affair not to be missed! All are *very* welcome!

Those who will not be able to attend war, fear not! Keep the home fires burning bright.

When we return from war there will be a Baronial field trip On Sunday August 11th, to the NY Botanical Garden which has a Medicinal Plant exhibit and is featuring an Italian Renaissance garden based on a 1554 garden from the University of Padua, in the Venetian Republic. We also have the 4H demo on the weekend of September 7-8th, so mark your Calendar for these upcoming Baronial activities.

We also have some ideas for some new small Baronial events and are looking for potential new autocrats, cooks, and sites for events. Please look around your area for locations that might be open to the Barony to hold a small event and pass that information along to either us or our Seneschal Sir Antonio. We need to hold a champions event and need you to autocrat it, please step up and contact us if you would be willing to take on such a task.

Erec and Jehanine



Illumination by Wilhelm van Utrecht

Illumination from Baron Teric & Baroness Paigan's Silver Tower Scroll

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May 2013 Officers Report

June Officer's Business Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Recording Scribe: Jehane

Attending Officers:

Jehane – Fencing/Deputy Seneschal
Erec - Baron
Jehannine - Baroness
Malcolm - Chatelaine
Caterina – A&S
Miles -- Chirurgion
Thorlief – Archery
Brennan – Knight Marshal
Charitye – Deputy Chatelaine
Ceara – MOL
Wilhelm – Chronicler
Dalek-Webminister

Other Attendees:

Galfriedus
Rachel of Gwynedd

Past Events

- The Barony participated in a parade and demo held in Avenel on June 8. Erec L'Eclaire coordinated. We had approximately 7 participants, and won 2nd place in the novelty category.

Future Events

-- Any updates on potential Quest sites? Some sites have been located; however, they may not be a good fit for a Quest site. Baron Erec stated that a spreadsheet of potential sites has been created.

Officers And Offices

- 1) 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. It was suggested that the opening be posted to the swamp list in an attempt to find a replacement.
- 2) Applications are currently being accepted for the office of Chamberlain. Rhiannon has expressed an interest in the position. an eye to possibly have a cooking class/demo for students who may be interested. They will be submitting a formal proposal at the next meeting.

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Attending Cantons

Gryphonwald

Old Business

- Alexander is continuing consideration of policy revision proposed as a result of a review process undertaken in April 2012 by Seneschal Emeline Paterson.
- The Barony has received a request to run a demo at Troy Hills Health Care Center, a Nursing Home in Parsippany NJ. Malcolm sent an e-mail to the center, but no reply has been received.
- The Barony has received a request to run a demo at the Maplewood Library. Unfortunately, we were unable to accommodate the Library on any of the requested dates. We will look into accommodating them next year.
- Jehannine requests that the Barony research acquisition of feast gear for high table. Rachel will bring some samples that we can possibly choose from.
- June 15th Erec will host a Swamp Swap at his residence. The selling will be from 9 am to 4 pm, and afterwards Erec will be hosting a campfire at his house for Swampies.

New Business

- The Barony received a request for \$1441.05 for expenses and improvements in connection with the Baronial encampment at Pennsic. This will be partially offset by expected \$1575.00 to be collected in camp fees. This request was approved by the officers. A discussion regarding the method of collecting camp fees and how the Pennsic camp in funded was had. It was decided that we need to set up some guidelines regarding Pennsic camp, i.e. having the camp "parents" start planning earlier, and possibly creating a budgetary line or a spreadsheet for funds requests. A revision of the policy of how camp fees are collected was also suggested. We will schedule this discussion to be had at a meeting after Pennsic.

It was also suggested that the "camp mommies" ask this year's campers if they would be willing to donate an addition \$5 each to create a slush fund for next year's pre-Pennsic expenses.

Rhiannon and Ceara are interested in running a Swamp Swap/Novice Schola in early November (possibly 11/02). A site has been chosen in Glen Gardner that can accommodate us. They are looking for someone to be feastocrat for the day-board, with an eye to possibly have a cooking class/demo for students who may be interested. They will be submitting a formal proposal at the next meeting.

The New York Botanical Garden has a new exhibit of a Medieval Medicinal Garden which will be open until September 8. Jehannine has suggested a Baronial Field Trip to view the gardens on August 11.

Jehannine was contacted by Kaleigh McWhite, asking if the Barony would be interested in hosting a Southern Region Scriptorium. Dates in early January were discussed. We will discuss this further next meeting.

The next demo is the Warren County 4H demo on September 7 and 8. Saturday conflicts with River Wars, so we are concentrating on getting many participants on Sunday.

Charitye is collecting pictures which will be compiled into a slideshow to be displayed on a tablet during demos. All required waivers will have to be completed before any pictures can be released for the slideshow.

Future Meeting Hosts:

Jul. 10 – Phillip & Jehannine

We will discuss at the July meeting whether we will be having an August meeting.

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Warren County 4H Renaissance Faire DEMO Sept.. 7-8, 2013

Calling all Swampies, neighbors and friends. Mark your calendars and save the weekend of Sept. 7-8, for the Warren County 4H Renaissance Faire. The Barony of Settmour Swamp has been invited to participate in this fundraiser for the local 4H student exchange program. This will be our fourth third year of partnering with them to build it into a premier event for Northern and Central New Jersey.

Where: Warren County Farmers Fairgrounds, Rt. 519, Harmony, NJ (3 miles no. of Phillipsburg)

When: Sat. 11am-6pm, Sun. 11am-5pm. Set up Friday - contact us for details.

Fees: None if part of the Swamp Demo group - call or email Baroness Rhiannon at 908-574-5658/ sewho7@comcast.net .

Come in garb and show your SCA membership card at the gate.

Camping: Available in separate, safe compound area adjacent to fair for non-period camping. On site camping in period tents also allowed.

Food: Available from fair vendors or bring period food to share with our group. We will have a communal cooking fire for the demo. Talk with Rhiannon if you want to cook something.

What: We are looking for volunteers and coordinators for the following: Heavy Weapons, Fencing, Thrown Weapons, Archery, Dancing and Singing, Fiber Arts, Calligraphy, Blacksmithing, etc. Any period art, craft or activity that lends itself to having the fair goers try it out would be especially desirable (obviously that does not include the martial arts, those they can watch).

Only period tents, period furniture and accoutrements will be allowed on the fair grounds. This is to be an educational endeavor as well as an entertaining one.

Vendors: are also most welcome. Check the website or contact me for an application form.

Demo Coordinator: Baroness Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen .

Please call or email to sign up or with any questions.

Also, check out the Faire's website: www.warren4-hrenfaire.org.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Heavy Weapons Archery & Thrown Weapons	8 Armor work- shop at the Baron's 6-9pm	9	10 Nutley Heavy Weapons	11 Fencing	12	13
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28 Heavy Weapons Archery & Thrown Weapons	29	30	31 Nutley Heavy Weapons			

Calendar listing details can be found online via the Barony's website calendar, see the link below.

SYNC up with the [Barony's Google Calendar](#) Online.

A Call For Content

Help Make The Mudpuppy The Best Newsletter in The Known World

Are you involved in a project?

What we are looking for?

- Period Projects
- Articles
- Stories
- Songs
- Poems
- Recipes
- Pictures
- Scrolls
- Artwork
- Demo Listing
- Event Listings
- Award and Scroll Notifications

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

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The East Kingdom of the SCA and the Mudpuppy of Settmour Swamp's Content Submission

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 re-garding 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 Local Chronicler Policies](#)

Creative Release:

The creative release is available in the Yahoo Mudpuppy Group uploaded files.

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.

Photographer and Model Releases:

The photographer release and model release is available in the Yahoo Mudpuppy Group uploaded files.

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 Local Chronicler Policies](#). The Mudpuppy must also conform to society level chronicler policies to remain in compliance.

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

Wilhelm van Utrecht

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Rapier Practice

Thursdays

7:30-10:00 PM

The Edison Moose Lodge

401 Talmadge Rd.
Edison, NJ 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
Jehannine de Flandres &
Master Phillip the Facetious*

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

*Please contact the hosts to
ensure practice is happening.*

Upcoming Events And Demos

[Pennsic War 42](#)

[Summer Toylord
Tournament](#)

[The Feast of
John Barleycorn
Dead or Alive](#)

[River Wars IV](#)

[Lakewood
Ren Faire XXXII](#)

[Warren County 4H
Renaissance Faire
DEMO](#)

[Ghosts Ghouls
And Goblins](#)

[100 Minutes War](#)

If you would like to see a specific event or demo listed here, then please e-mail the event or demo details and it's online web page address to the [chronicler](#).



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.

Links:

[The Barony Of Settmour Swamp](#)
[Settmour Swamp On Facebook](#)
[Settmour Rapier On Facebook](#)
[Canton of Gryphonwald](#)
[East Kingdom Website](#)

The Officers Of Settmour Swamp

Baron	Baron Erec L'Claire baron@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 268-0725 (before 9pm)	Invested March 2013 Term Expires: March 2016
Baroness	Baroness Jehannine de Flandres baroness@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 319-0765	Invested March 2013 Term Expires: March 2016
Seneschal	Sir Antonio Patrasso (Adam Steinfeld) seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (732) 207-9657 (before 10PM)	Invested March 2013 Term Expires: March 2016
Sinking Tower Pursivant	Lord Abdullah herald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected March 2013 Expired: March 2015
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
Chirurgeon	Miles chirurgeon@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected March 2013 Expired: March 2015
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	THL Malcolm Bowman chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected Feb. 2013 Term Expires Feb. 2015
Marshal of Fence	THL Malcolm Bowman chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected Feb. 2013 Term Expires Feb. 2015
Thrown Weapons	Vacant	Vacant
Captain of Archers	Lord Thorlaefr 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
Chancelors Minor	Vacant	Vacant

Current Vacant Officer Positions: Chancelors Minor & Marshal of Thrown Weapons

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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

