



The Mudpuppy

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
THE BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP

Unto the Populace of Settmour Swamp, Baroness Rhiannon and Baron Alexander send greetings.

We hope that all are having a pleasant Autumn and getting out to see the beautiful colors of nature and to breath the crisp air before Mother Nature drives us indoors for more sheltered activities. Last month, we visited the Valley Shepherd Creamery in Long Valley and were joined by about a dozen other Swampies. It was a beautiful day, the company was wonderful, the tour was very interesting, the hayride to the cheese-aging cave was fun and the cheese is delicious. I'm fairly certain that everyone went home with a nice selection of cheeses from the shop.

By now, everyone's polling ballot should have been returned and if received by the deadline (Oct. 22) we should have a decision soon as to who our heirs will be. As soon as that momentous occasion arrives, we will let you know.

In the mean time, there are many events and happenings to please a wide variety of tastes. On Nov. 3rd, we plan to travel to Hartshorn Dale to

Artisan's Challenge to view the creations of our fellow Swampies, friends and neighbors, to ooh and ahh and to be impressed and inspired. On the 10th, we will visit one of our favorite places, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in NYC, to take in the recently revamped Islamic and Middle Eastern exhibits and a new exhibit dedicated to the original creator of the arms and armor collection. It's a lot to see in a day, but that's why we keep going back. And then, there's the gift shop – with books...need I say more?

Our new Mistress of Arts and Sciences, Caterina Giacchini, aka, Kasia, has been hosting craft and sewing workshops at her home for several months now, and we have also started up craft guild meetings (Swamp CATS – for Crafters, Artists, Teachers and Sewers) at various places around the Barony, usually around the 4th Friday. Look for specific times and dates on the Swamp email list and come whenever and where ever you can. If you would like to host a meeting or would like to teach or learn a particular art or science, let Rhiannon and/or Kasia know and we will do our best to accommodate everyone. The turn out so far has been encouraging.

The Barony is still in need of venues for workshops, meetings and events. We have a couple of potential sites for small events, but we need more possibilities that can be had for free or small donations to use for practices and workshops and for our two large events –Mudthaw and Quest. Please keep looking and let us or any of the Barony officers know what might be out there.

Join us at an event, workshop or on a trip whenever you can, but in the meantime, get outside and go play in the leaves. Winter is coming.

Rhiannon and Alexander

Rhiannon and Alexander

This is their Excellencies November missive to the populace. Due to Super Storm Sandy, the computer that housed the Mudpuppy files was destroyed. I apologize for there not being a November Issue. Additionally, I am looking for a replacement. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be interested, please let myself or the baronial seneschal know.

Owynn
Chronicler

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October Business Meeting Notes

Wednesday Oct. 10, 2012
Recording Scribe: Antonio

Attending Officers:

Antonio – Seneschal
Alexander – Baron
Rhiannon- Baroness
Erec - Herald
Phillip - Chiurgeon
Jehannine – A&S
Edmund - Chatelaine
Brennan – Earl Marshal
Ryan – Exchequer
Dalek – Webminister
Megan – Seneschal Gryphonwald
Judith – Deputy A&S
Abdullah – Deputy Exch/Herald
Owynn -- Chronicler

Other Attendees:

Constance
Cassandra Matis

Future Events

Mudthaw March 23, 2013

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

Quest

-- Autocrat, head cook and quest giver to be determined at November business meeting. Applications are now being accepted and encouraged.

Officers And Offices

1) Edmund Patterson continues as acting Chatelaine. Applications are still being accepted for the position. No application received to date.

2) Chronicler, Chamberlain and Webminister terms are up in November. Anyone interested in positions is encouraged to contact Seneschal.

3) Jehannine de Flandres' term as Minister of Arts & Sciences expired this month. The application of Caterina Giaocchini was approved by a majority of officers present.

4) Þórláeifr hvitskegg's term and Captain of Archers expired this month. His application for a renewal of term was approved by a majority of officers present.

Baronial Polling

1) Polling is ongoing; all polls must be received by Oct. 22.

November Business Meeting Notes

Wednesday Nov. 14, 2012
Recording Scribe: Antonio

Attending Officers:

Antonio – Seneschal
Rhiannon- Baroness
Erec - Herald
Phillip – Chiurgeon & Mudthaw Autocrat
Edmund - Chatelaine
Judith – Deputy A&S
Abdullah – Deputy Exch/Herald
Owynn -- Chronicler
Galfridus – Deputy A&S
Caterina – A&S

Future Events

Mudthaw March 23, 2013

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

Quest

-- No applications received for autocrat, head cook or quest giver.

Officers And Offices

1) Edmund Patterson continues as acting Chatelaine. Applications are still being accepted for the position. No application received to date.

2) Lady Gudrun Gudmunderdottir was appointed for a second term as Chamberlain by a majority vote of the officers present.

3) Dalek Bolotnikov was appointed for a second term as Webminister by a majority vote of the officers present.

4) THL Owynn Greenwood's term as Chronicler expired. There are currently no applicants for the position. THL Owynn was appointed as acting Chronicler on a month-to-month basis until a replacement can be found.

5) The terms for Exchequer and MoL will expire in February 2013. Those interested in these positions should contact the respective officer, and the Seneschal.

Baronial Polling

1) Polling period has closed. Next update will most likely be from TRMs. Cantons

December Business Meeting Notes

Wednesday Dec. 12, 2012
Recording Scribe: Antonio

Gryphonwald

-- No report.

Old Business

The Officers will consider policy revision proposed as a result of a review process undertaken in April 2012 by Seneschal Emeline Paterson.

New Business

- The Kingdom wishes to know if any SCAdians impacted by Hurricane Sandy are in need of assistance. Information should be forwarded to the Seneschal.
- Request from archery marshal for \$200 for purchase of new butts was approved by a majority vote of the officers present.
- Master Phillip suggested that the Barony may be able to move materials now maintained by the Chamberlain to a storage unit maintained by the Kingdom for the benefit of the Kingdom Archivist. Master Phillip will seek consent from Kingdom. Antonio will coordinate a potential move with the Chamberlain's office.
- THL Owynn proposed that the Mudpuppy move to a bi-monthly publication schedule. Such a change will require a modification to the Baronial policies, and will be taken up at the December business meeting.
- Antonio proposed a change to Baronial policies to permit the use of proxies for purposes of voting and counting a quorum at Baronial business meetings. This proposal will be taken up at the December business meeting.

Future Meetings:

December 12 – Philip's Office
Jan. 9 – TBD
Feb. 13 -- TBD

Attending Officers:

Antonio – Seneschal
Rhiannon- Baroness
Erec - Herald
Phillip – Chiurgeon & Mudthaw Autocrat
Edmund - Chatelaine
Abdullah – Deputy Exch/Herald
Owynn -- Chronicler
Galfridus – Deputy A&S
Judith – Deputy A&S
Caterina – A&S
Dalek – Webminister
Brennan – Knight Marshal
Thorlaeifr Huitskegg -- Archery

Other Attendees:

Cassandra Matis
Janos
Jehannine de Flandres
Goerys

Past Events

Future Events

Mudthaw March 23, 2013

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Quest

-- No applications received for autocrat, head cook or quest giver.

Officers And Offices

1) Edmund Patterson continues as acting Chatelaine. Applications are still being accepted for the position. No application received to date.

2) THL Owynn Greenwood continues as acting Chronicler expired. No applications received to date.

3) The terms for Exchequer and MoL will expire in February 2013. Those interested in these positions should contact the respective officer, and the Seneschal.

4) The term for Chiurgeon will expire in March 2013. 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.

Baronial Polling

1) We have a new Baron and Baroness-elect

Cantons

Gryphonwald

-- Not present

Old Business

- The Officers are continuing consideration of policy revision proposed as a result of a review process undertaken in April 2012 by Seneschal Emeline Paterson.
- Master Phillip suggested that the Barony may be able to move materials now maintained by the Chamberlain to a storage unit maintained by the Kingdom for the benefit of the Kingdom Archivist. Master Phillip will seek consent from Kingdom. Antonio will coordinate a potential move with the Chamberlain's office
- The Officers tabled the proposal to modify the Mudpuppy publication schedule. A monthly publication schedule is preferable. The Officers acknowledge that finding a new Chronicler, or assistance for THL Owynn, is critical to maintaining a regular publication schedule.

NY Public Library Road Trip

A couple of the Settmour Swamp "road trips" during the the past two years have involved traveling to the New York Public Library for a day of research and study.

I'd like to propose another such trip in January, on Saturday 1/19. This date falls between EK Twelfth Night and Birka and does not conflict with Bellringers. It also has the advantage that it's four weeks before K&Q A&S Champions, so folks who are planning on entering the competition can use this trip as an opportunity to strengthen their documentation.

Any who are interested in such a road trip should let me know.

We usually grab lunch at nearby restaurant, and some stick around for food and drink afterwards.

Galefridus Peregrinus,
galefridus@optimum.net

Upcoming Officer Elections

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?

As of the December Baronial Business Meeting, the barony is still looking for an autocrat and head chef for Quest, our annual Memorial Day Weekend event.

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

- **Chatelaine**
- **Thrown Weapons Marshal**
- **Chronicler**

Interested parties should contact the Baronial Seneschal,

Sir Antonio Patrasso:
Seneschal

@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Baronial Business Meetings

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

Practices and Activities

Armored Combat Practice

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 10:00 PM
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 email at ragnarr1001@aol.com or call 908-839-0349 for more info.

Rapier Practice

Thursdays, 7:30 to 10:00 PM
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 and Thrown Weapons Practice

Sundays, 1:00 to 4:00 PM
The home of Maitresse 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.

BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP: OFFICER LISTING

Baron	Master Alexander MacGregor (David Devito) baron@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 307 Village Dr., Somerset NJ 08873 (732) 297-1721	Renewed: July 2010 Term Expires: March 2013
Baroness	Rhiannon de Carreg Cennen (Bev Altrath) baroness@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 163 Anderson Rd., Asbury, NJ 08802 (908)537-7495	Renewed: July 2010 Term Expires: March 2013
Seneschal	Sir Antonio Patrasso (Adam Steinfeld) seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (732) 207-9657 (before 10PM, please).	Elected: June 2012 Term Expires: June 2014
Sinking Tower Pursuivant	Lord Erec l'Claire herald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: March 2012 Term Expires: March 2014
Knight Marshall	Baron Brennan mac Fearghus marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: March 2012 Term Expires: March 2014
Exchequer	Ryan exchequer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: February 2011 Term Expires: February 2013
Chronicler	The Honorable Lord Owynn Greenwood chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Term Expired: Nov. 2012
Chirurgion	Master Phillip Reed chirurgion@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: February 2012 Term Expires: February 2014
Web Minister	Dalek Bolotnikov webmaster@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (732) 598-0662	Renewed: November 2012 Term Expires: Nov. 2014
Minister of A&S	Caterina Giaocchini mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: October 2012 Term Expires: October 2014
Mistress of Lists	Lady Caera MacKieran MoL@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: February 2011 Term Expires: February 2013
Chatelaine (acting)	Don Edmund Patterson chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Term Expired: June 2012
Marshal of Fence	Lady Jehane de Fenwyk fencing@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: March 2012 Term Expires: March 2014
Thrown Weapons	<i>Vacant</i> thrownweapons@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: Term Expires:
Captain of Archers	Lord Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg (Anthony Depczynski) archery@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 908-406-0143 - no calls after 9:00 PM	Renewed: October 2012 Term Expires: October 2014
Chamberlain	Lady Gudrun Gudmunderdottir (Patricia Butler) chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (973) 219-5694	Renewed: November 2012 Term Expires: Nov. 2014
Seneschal of Gyphonwald	Failenn Finn gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	

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Upcoming Baronial Business Meetings:

Wednesday, January 9, 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 Sir Antonio Patrasso:

seneschal@settmourswamp.
eastkingdom.org

Many Hands Make Light Work

Running barony, canton or an event like 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. For more information on how you can help out, please contact Antonio Patrasso: seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org.