



The Mudpuppy

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
THE BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP

Greetings to the Populace of the Barony of Settmour Swamp from Alexander and Rhiannon, Baron and Baroness of Settmour Swamp.

Summer has arrived and with it, War! Settmour is making its preparations for the great march west to Coopers Lake and Pennsic 41. If you are camping with the Swamp please make sure you have your camp forms in asap. We need your tent dimensions to be able to place you in camp. If we do not have that information or if you arrive and your tent is larger then what we were given, you will need to fit in where you can, most likely up by the road.

We would ask all of our Baronial champions to check in with us at some point after you arrive at war so we know who is on site and we can update you on any schedule changes. As of now, our schedule is the following:

The Swamp will be mustering for opening Ceremonies in Swamp camp at 9:00am

on Sunday August 5th. We would like all our champions who are at Pennsic to march in with us. Opening Ceremonies are currently set for 10am. If that changes, meet an hour before, in camp.

Baronial Court is scheduled for Thursday at 6:00pm ish. We would like to see as many Swampies in attendance as possible. That same night, the Barony will hold its annual Pennsic Party in camp after dark; this year our theme is Egypt. This is the Barony's party not just the camp's party, so please stop by for a visit and enjoy the night. Also, any and all contributions to the party fund would be greatly appreciated. At some point during the week I suspect we would be doing EK Royal guard duty. We do not have any information on that as of yet.

After Pennsic, the polls will be going out to select the next Baron and Baroness. If you live in the Barony and want to be able to participate in the poll make sure your membership is current. Otherwise you will not receive a ballot.

In September we once again have our 4H demo on Saturday the 8th and Sunday the 9th. We hope you can join us and demonstrate whatever SCA skills you prefer. We are looking for anything and everything from the various marshal arts to the crafty type, especially those that can be geared towards hands on participation by the fair goers. Entertainers are also welcome and if you would like information on merchant space and costs you can contact Rhiannon at sewho7@comcast.net or go directly to the faire website, which is www.warren4-hrenfaire.org. Call (908-537-7495) or email Rhiannon to volunteer or with any questions.

We do hope you all enjoy the summer and have safe journeys to where ever you will be traveling.

Alexander and Rhiannon
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Edmund and Emeline

We have been members of the SCA for 12 years. During that time, we have both been autocrats of Swamp events, members of various Queens' guards and extremely active in Settmour Swamp.

Edmund has held the offices of Seneschal of the Canton of Marwick, Baronial Fencing Marshal and Baronial Chatelaine.

Emeline has held the offices of Herald of the Canton of Marwick and the Baronial Seneschal.

We both have received Bronze and Iron towers and recently Emeline received an Ivory tower from the current Baron and Baroness.

Additionally, we both have received the Kingdom awards: Award of Arms, Order of the Golden Rapier, Order of the Silver Crescent, Queen's Order of Courtesy and Queen's Honor of Distinction.

Should we be honored to be selected by Their Majesties to be the next Baron and Baroness of Settmour Swamp, it is our intention to continue the good works of the Barony. We feel that the Swamp is a strong and active Barony and want to continue to encourage the Barony to hold at least one major Kingdom level event, Mudthaw, each year and at least one large Baronial event, Quest, each year. We would also like to encourage members of the Swamp to run the smaller, more intimate events and are willing to lend our guidance and experience

to help new autocrats "find their feet" to run these events. Additionally, we will make it our goal to help grow the Swamp not only by encouraging existing members to become active in running events, but also by encouraging demos to gain new members to the Swamp that help breath excitement and vitality to our Barony. We feel that we have the experience and exuberance to lead this Barony forward through the coming years and would be pleased and honored to act as your next Baron and Baroness.

YIS
Edmund and Emeline



Erec and Jehannine

Warmest greetings unto the populace of the Barony of Settmour Swamp from Lord Erec L'Claire and Maitresse Jehannine de Flandres

We write this missive in order to tell you a little about ourselves and the reasons why we hope to be your next Baron and Baroness.

From East Kingdom Twelfth Night in Marwick (January 1990 in the modern reckoning) I Lord Erec L'Claire have been among you, making mead, sewing tents and garb, working wood and blacksmithing. I have taken up arms and travelled to the holy land on crusade, to our tournaments and Pennsic War. I have served you at your table; as Event Steward of Mudthaw, Quest and Coronation; as both Canton and Baronial Seneschal, and now as Baronial Herald. The current Baronial chairs were crafted by my hands. I have forged such public works as aqueducts, columns, and list fencing, and helped with our impressive Pennsic Tower gate. My medieval garden has provided food and herbs for feasts, and my knowledge shared by teaching classes on gardening in the barony, and society-wide. This service has given me a clear understanding of how our Barony works, knowledge crucial to being Baron.

I, Baronne Jehannine de Flandres, have been a part of the Society for nearly twenty years, and from the beginning I have been involved in a wide variety of activities. During my time I have served in many roles in the Barony - as an autocrat, head cook, Archery Captain and A&S Mistress. I have organized and hosted numerous A&S workshops, and have opened my home for officer meetings and martial activities. I have made site tokens and helped on several Baronial events. I remain involved on the Kingdom level in the

roles of Archivist and Deputy Captain General of Archers. As I have served several Kingdom Reigns, I am most comfortable interacting with our Royalty. I have been recognized by both our Barony and Kingdom for my service and experience. As an engaging, outgoing individual I have formed valuable relationships among Royalty, Peers and various groups, all which will serve my Barony well as its Baroness.

More information about us, including our offices, positions, awards and interests can be found on the East Kingdom Wiki at:

http://www.eastkingdom.org/mediawiki/index.php/Erec_L%27Claire

http://www.eastkingdom.org/mediawiki/index.php/Jehannine_de_Flandres

In addition, both of us wish to tell you why we are running. Settmour Swamp is many things to many

people; diversity is our strength, as it widens our potential for growth and participation. The Barony needs 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. Plus, we wish to promote educational opportunities and field trips to fun and entertaining medieval outings. In particular, we also see a need to strengthen our Youth activities.

The goals of our Barony will require not only our leadership and experience, but also the populace working together to achieve them. We both see our role as Baronial heads as a means to encourage you to become and remain an active member. We will promote you and our fair Barony to the Kingdom and the known world. This Barony will be a shining example of the best that our society is, and a leader towards what it can become.

In service to the Barony of Settmour Swamp.



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?

At the September Baronial Business Meeting, bids will be accepted for the following:

- **Mudthaw—Autocrat**
- **Mudthaw—Head Chef**

At the October Baronial Business Meeting, the following offices will be voted upon:

- Captain of Archers
- Minister of Arts and Sciences

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

- Chatelaine
- Thrown Weapons Marshal

Interested parties should contact the Baronial Seneschal,

Sir Antonio Patrasso:
[Seneschal](mailto:Seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org)

[@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org](mailto:Seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org)

June Business Meeting Notes

Wednesday June 10, 2012

Recording Scribe: Emeline

Attending Officers:

Emeline Patterson – Seneschal
AlexanderMacGregor – Baron
Rhiannon- Baroness

Erec - Herald
Ceara – MOL

Brennan – Knight Marshal
Jehane - Fencing

Owynn - Chronicler
Thor - Archery

Phillip - Chirurgeon
Jehannine – A&S
Edmund - Chatelaine

Other Attendees:

Antonio
Ze'ev
Wulfgar
Miriam
Judith
Ryner

Past Events

Quest May 25-28, 2012

318 people
\$6800 total
Made about 2K
Car tags worked well
No major problems

Future Events

Pennsic 7/27/12-8/12/12

Common tent reserved
29 prereges
Camp fees going toward Camp showers and pop up – Alexander has been researching
Party is themed Egyptian

4-H Ren Fair September 8 & 9, 2012

Everything is going well
Rhiannon to start posting about it soon

Elections

Seneschal – Antonio Approved

Cantons

Gryphonwald

Not present

Marwick

Officers have stepped down, all officer positions open, Canton inactive

Tyr Mynydd

Not meeting any longer.

Old Business

Camp Kiddie Keepwell – long discussion, Ed and Antonio to spearhead with Miriam's help

New Business

- From the Quest discussion, needs to be added to event spreadsheets that all receipts must go to the autocrat before the Exchequer so autocrat can figure in for expenses. Additionally, the Exchequer must check with the Autocrat before giving payment for event expenses.
Alexander to possibly propose a new January event

Future Meetings:

July 8 – Jehannine & Phillips (Meet and Greet) 1:00PM
September 12 –
November – Judith & Galefridus



July Business Meeting Notes

Sunday July 8, 2012

Recording Scribe: Antonio

Attending Officers:

Antonio – Seneschal
Alexander – Baron
Rhiannon- Baroness
Erec - Herald
Jehane - Fencing
Owynn - Chronicler
Thor - Archery
Phillip - Chirurgion
Jehannine – A&S
Edmund - Chatelaine
Gudrun - Chamberlain

Other Attendees:

Colin MacKenzie
Galefridus
Michael
Emeline Patterson
Lydia

Past Events

Quest May 25-28, 2012

-- Site security deposit has been returned, and submitted to Exchequer
-- Troll box tendered to Antonio. Antonio to perform inventory.
-- Final event report received from Exchequer. Profit of \$2,208.06 made on total revenue of \$7,837.00.

Seder May 5, 2012

-- Final event report received from Exchequer. Loss of \$940.23 sustained on total revenue of \$610.00.

Future Events

Pennsic 7/27/12-8/12/12

-- Alexander reports that preparation proceed apace. New shower has been received. Final list of campers has been compiled.

-- Party to be held Thurs. evening of War Week. Egyptian theme.

4-H Ren Fair September 8 & 9, 2012

-- Rhiannon has begun publicizing event, to begin in earnest following Pennsic. This year's fair will feature equestrian activities. Rhiannon will be coordinating 4H and SCAdian equestrians.

Mudthaw March 23, 2013

-- Phillip was appointed Deputy Seneschal for Mudthaw preparations.
-- A security deposit has been made with Shriners, and a draft site contract received.
-- Antonio will post notice seeking autocrat applications.
-- Phillip advises that the Shriners may be looking to sell the site in future. He advises beginning search for new Mudthaw site.

Officers And Offices

- 1) The Marshal of Thrown Weapons office is now vacant. Antonio will post notice seeking officer applications.
- 2) By majority vote of the officers, Edmund Patterson was appointed acting Chatelaine. Edmund will remain in office until a new Chatelaine is appointed. Antonio will post notice seeking officer applications.
- 3) Jehannine de Flandres' term as Minister of Arts & Sciences expires Sept. 2012. She will post notice seeking officer applications.
- 4) Þórlæifr hvitskegg's term and Captain of Archers expires Sept. 2012. He will post notice seeking officer applications.

Baronial Polling

- 1) Schedule for polling
Mailed September 7, returnable by October 22
- 2) A meet and greet for the candidates was held on July 8, 2012 at Philip and Jehannine's house, in conjunction with the regularly scheduled baronial archery practice.
- 3) A meet and greet for the candidates will be held one hour prior to the start of Baronial Court at Pennsic, scheduled for Thursday of War Week.

Cantons

Gryphonwald

Not present.

Old Business

- 1) Camp Kiddie Keepwell – no update
- 2) Policy Review – Antonio will coordinate with Emeline to insure implementation of any policy changes necessary to bring the Barony into compliance with Kingdom law.

New Business

- 1) By majority vote an expenditure of not more than \$50 was approved to cover costs of refreshments served at the meet and greet held on July 8, 2012. Jehannine to put in receipt for same to Exchequer for reimbursement.
- 2) Galefridus wishes to revive youth combat within the Barony. He will be taking steps necessary to become warranted as a youth marshal. He will coordinate with Orlando to obtain the baronial youth loaner gear.
- 3) Edmund reports that Barony has a significant amount of loaner garb, but not a great variety of sizes. He is actively looking to increase the selection of garb, while weeding out unneeded garb for eventual sale or disposal.

4) The possibility of running another Swamp Swap was discussed, potentially in coordination with a Newcomer's Schola. Antonio and Emeline to contact Barony of Carillion to discuss potential coordination over such an event.

Future Meetings:

September 12 – Antonio & Elizabeth
Oct. 10 -- TBD
November – Judith & Galefridus

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7/8: Baronial Business Meeting/
Baronial Candidates Meet and Greet

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.

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 K&Q Armored Champions
8 Business Meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14 Summer Warlord Tourney Great Northeastern War
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Pennsic
29	30	31	Pennsic			

August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Opening Ceremonies	6	7	8 East Kingdom Court	9 Baronial Court and Settmour Swamp Party	10	11
Pennsic						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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	Renewed: January 2011 Term Expires: January 2013
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	Elected: November 2010 Term Expires: 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	Elected: November 2010 Term Expires: Nov. 2012
Minister of A&S	Mistress Jehannine de Flandres (Jeanne Berk) mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 319-0765	Renewed: October 2010 Term Expires: October 2012
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	Elected: June 2010 Term Expires: 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 2010 Term Expires: October 2012
Chamberlain	Lady Gudrun Gudmunderdottir (Patricia Butler) chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (973) 219-5694	Renewed: November 2010 Term Expires: Nov. 2012
Seneschal of Gryphonwald	Failenn Finn gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	

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Upcoming Baronial Business Meetings:

Wednesday, September 12, 2012— 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.