



# The Mudpuppy

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
THE BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP

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

The Warren County 4H Ren Faire last month was a great success and we thank everyone who participated. If you have any ideas or would like to help with the planning for next year, please contact Rhiannon at:

sewho7@comcast.net.

It is hard to believe but summer is behind us and fall is here and, yes, winter is coming.

We are planning two fall field trips, one on Sunday October 14th to Valley Shepherd Creamery, Long Valley, NJ. Everyone who went last spring had such a good time we want to do it again. The fall tour is a little different, though, since it includes a hayride through the beautiful countryside (rolling hills, colorful leaves and all that great stuff) to the cheese aging

caves. The tour starts at 1p.m. and we need to meet in the gift shop at 12:30. We plan to have a late lunch (actually it will be about Tea Time) at a nearby Pub. Check the website for more details.

<http://valleyshepherd.com>.

Then on Saturday November 10th to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY. A favorite place to visit for many of us and it has been a while since we were there last. Since then, the recently renovated wing, housing the Islamic and Middle Eastern collections, has reopened and we have heard many of you say you are anxious to see it, as are we. We will meet at the front entrance when the museum opens at 9:30 am, and probably have lunch at the museum's café. And there's a gift shop... We will have more information next month on when to meet, etc.

As many of you know by now, the polling for the next Baron and Baroness is in the mail and you should have received it by now. If you are

a paid SCA member and living in the Barony and you have not received yours, contact our Seneschal asap. Please fill out your polling and return it. If you received a poll for a minor please make sure it is returned and mark off that the member is younger than 14 years old. It is important that we receive as many polls back as possible to insure the polling is accepted so we do not need to do this again.

The team for Mudthaw is coming together and now we are stating to look for the Autocrat and Head Cook for Quest. If you are interested please contact our Seneschal.

*Alexander and Rhiannon*

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## **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/Erec_L%27Claire)

[http://www.eastkingdom.org/mediawiki/index.php/Jehannine\\_de\\_Flandres](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.



## **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



## 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 November Baronial Business Meeting, the following positions will be voted upon:

- Quest Autocrat
- Quest Head Chef

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

- Captain of Archers
- Minister of Arts and Sciences

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

- Chronicler
- Web Minister
- Chamberlain

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**

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

## September Business Meeting

Wednesday Sept. 12, 2012

Recording Scribe: Antonio

Attending Officers:

Antonio – Seneschal

Alexander – Baron

Rhiannon- Baroness

Erec - Herald

Jehane - Fencing

Thor - Archery

Phillip - Chiurgeon

Jehannine – A&S

Edmund - Chatelaine

Brennan – Earl Marshal

Ryan – Exchequer

Dalek – Webminister

Megan – Seneschal Gryphonwald

Other Attendees:

Galafriedus

Zeev

Cassandra Matis

### **Past Events**

#### **Pennsic 7/27/12-8/12/12**

-- Baron Alexander reports that the Pennsic encampment was a great success. New showers worked well. Baroness Rhiannon to write up assembly instructions for tower gate.

#### **4-H Ren Fair September 8 & 9, 2012**

-- Baroness Rhiannon reports that the demo was a great success, especially in light of extremely bad weather on Saturday.

# SCA participants: ~30

# attendants: unknown

Activities demonstrated by

SCAdians: fighting, fencing, archery, A&S, maypole dancing, cooking.

### **Future Events**

#### **Mudthaw March 23, 2013**

-- Phillip Reed the Facetious was appointed autocrat by a majority vote of the officers.

-- Cassandra Matis was appointed head cook by a majority vote of the officers.

-- Draft site contract has been received; operative terms have been approved by the senior seneschallate. Antonio to coordinate with Phillip regarding execution of final contract.

-- Draft budget and feast menu were discussed.

### **Quest**

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

cepted and encouraged.

-- Antonio and Edmund have been researching campgrounds to which to move the event, with no leads so far. Ideas are encouraged.

### **Officers And Offices**

1) Edmund Patterson continues as acting Chatelaine. Applications are still being accepted for the position.

2) Jehannine de Flandres' term as Minister of Arts & Sciences expires Oct. 2012. She will step down at that time. Notice has been posted seeking applicants. No applications have been received to date.

3) Þórláifr hvitskegg's term and Captain of Archers expires Oct. 2012. He has indicated an intent to renew for another term. Notice has been posted seeking applicants. No applications have been received to date.

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

### **Baronial Polling**

Polls mailed on schedule, September 7, 2012. Cassandra to follow up with Kingdom Seneschal on polling issue.

### **Gryphonwald**

--Preparations for BGI proceed. Site has been obtained. Autocrat and head cook selection ongoing.

### **Old Business**

1) Camp Kiddie Keepwell – Antonio and Edmund visited camp in July. While the camp has potential as a cold weather event site, interior and exterior space limitations make it unsuitable as a Mudthaw or Quest site.

### **New Business**

1) Expense requests:

a. Approved expense of \$110 to cover half the cost of purchase for four Zen Warrior gorgets, to be used as Baronial rapier loaner gear.

b. Approved expense of \$261.71 to cover office supplies and postage purchased for poll.

### **Future Meetings:**

Oct. 10 – Cassandra Matis

November 14 – Judith & Galafriedus

December 12 -- TBD

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- Oct 10—Baronial Business Meeting
- Nov 14—Baronial Business Meeting

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# October 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Fallish Fiber Frolic
7	8	9	10 <b>Baronial Business Meeting</b>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Ghost, Ghouls and Goblins
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Stranger's Ball
28	29	30	31			

# November 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Artisans' Challenge and Display
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 St. Andrew Returns from the New World for the Baronial Investiture
11	12	13	14 <b>Baronial Business Meeting</b>	15	16	17 100 Minutes War
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP: OFFICER LISTING

<b>Baron</b>	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
<b>Baroness</b>	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
<b>Seneschal</b>	Sir Antonio Patrasso (Adam Steinfeld) seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (732) 207-9657 (before 10PM, please).	Elected: June 2012 Term Expires: June 2014
<b>Sinking Tower Pursuivant</b>	Lord Erec l'Claire herald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: January 2011 Term Expires: January 2013
<b>Knight Marshall</b>	Baron Brennan mac Fearghus marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: March 2012 Term Expires: March 2014
<b>Exchequer</b>	Ryan exchequer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: February 2011 Term Expires: February 2013
<b>Chronicler</b>	The Honorable Lord Owynn Greenwood chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: November 2010 Term Expires: Nov. 2012
<b>Chirurgion</b>	Master Phillip Reed chirurgion@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: February 2012 Term Expires: February 2014
<b>Web Minister</b>	Dalek Bolotnikov webmaster@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (732) 598-0662	Elected: November 2010 Term Expires: Nov. 2012
<b>Minister of A&amp;S</b>	Mistress Jehannine de Flandres (Jeanne Berk) mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 319-0765	Renewed: October 2010 Term Expires: October 2012
<b>Mistress of Lists</b>	Lady Caera MacKieran MoL@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed: February 2011 Term Expires: February 2013
<b>Chatelaine (acting)</b>	Don Edmund Patterson chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Term Expired: June 2012
<b>Marshal of Fence</b>	Lady Jehane de Fenwyk fencing@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: March 2012 Term Expires: March 2014
<b>Thrown Weapons</b>	<i>Vacant</i> thrownweapons@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected: Term Expires:
<b>Captain of Archers</b>	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
<b>Chamberlain</b>	Lady Gudrun Gudmunderdottir (Patricia Butler) chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (973) 219-5694	Renewed: November 2010 Term Expires: Nov. 2012
<b>Seneschal of Gryphonwald</b>	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.