



The Mudpuppy

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Michelangelo at the Met, December 17, 11 am

Swamp and friends. On Sunday, December 17th we will be having a **baronial field trip**, along with our friends in Ostgardr, to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to see the Michelangelo exhibit. **Yevgeniya Pechenaya** and I plan to be there for 11 am. This is a casual affair. Please join us if you can!!!

Fair warning, the weekend before Christmas is likely to be bananas and I anticipate a long wait to get into the exhibit!! I could care less!!! Join us!!!!

Baroness Teresa

<https://www.facebook.com/events/408164372919953/?ti=cl>

Officer Meeting— no meeting in December

No officer meeting will be held in December, 2017.

A teleconference may be organized to discuss a few pending issues, including checking in with the Mudthaw autocrats on how the planning for Mudthaw is going.



Food & Cooking and Arts & Sciences Gathering

December 15, 2017 7pm to 10pm

Montville Township First Aid Squad
137 Changebridge Road
Montville, NJ 07045

See map at <http://bit.ly/2kKV2tR>

Food and Cooking A&S Night

<https://www.facebook.com/events/147742095949590/>



HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE!
I INVITE FOLKS TO BRING AND TELL US ABOUT
MEDIEVAL JEWISH/CHRISTIAN/YULE SEASONAL
FOODS.

Hosted by Magister Galefridus Peregrinus.

- Garb is not required.
- The site is the town's EMS squad house. An active-duty EMS crew will be present in another part of the building and will be responding to (hopefully few!) 911 calls, so we will need to stay out of their way.
- Parking is available for 20+ cars on the right side of the building. If the lot fills up, please park on Old Changebridge Road behind the squad house. Enter at the door on the right. There will be signs to direct you.



- No fee is required, but we'll have a basket set out for donations to the first aid squad, and we encourage generosity.





Seneschale Notes

This topic isn't original, but sometimes originality is overrated.

I'm so **thankful** for all the good people of this barony. Some of you think of yourselves as overlooked, not mattering much, but often you are the ones helping set up chairs, or loading and unloading cars, or working at troll, or cutting carrots and washing dishes—you're reliably there when needed, doing lots of thankless jobs that never get much notice. We give thanks.



And some of you have taken on huge jobs, running events, being officers, serving in bigger ways, doing lots of work behind the scenes too, making it so our barony functions. You are turning up every week to run practices, making sure sites are thoroughly cleaned up so that the folks who own the place like us and want to rent to us again; you are marshalling and judging competitions, teaching skills, encouraging and passing on wisdom; you are making sure ruffled feathers are smoothed, and that the frictions that are inevitable when people are involved are addressed. We give thanks.

Some of you come to events, filling out our numbers and making the game work. You interact with new people and help build our community. We give thanks.

Yours in service to this glorious barony for which I am very thankful,

Lady Judith bas Rabbi Mendel

2018 Food & Cooking Gatherings

Magister Galefridus' Food and Cooking Gatherings will continue in 2018. The following dates have been reserved at the Montville Township First Aid Squad: Mistress Caterina may also coordinate Arts and Sciences gatherings on some of these dates.

Saturday 13 January 10am-4pm

Friday 16 February 7pm-10pm

Saturday 17 March 10am-4pm

Friday 13 April 7pm-10pm

Saturday 19 May 10am-4pm

Friday 15 June 7pm-10pm



Mudthaw—March 24, 2018

Mudthaw

Nowruz comes to the Swamp.

Aidé shomā mobāarak, Happy New Year and Happy Nowruz!! With the arrival of the vernal equinox, the festival of Nowruz has started. Their Excellencies Jonathan and Teresa and the populace of Settmour Swamp invite the Known World to help celebrate the annual thawing of the mud this year with a Nowruz theme.

Please join us on March 24th at the Ss Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Roseland, NJ, as we gather to enjoy much that our society has to offer. There will be tournaments of martial skill; the arts and sciences will be celebrated and demonstrated. After Kingdom and Baronial court we shall feast!

Yagyū no Kagetoki will be preparing a sumptuous thirteenth-century Syrian feast.

Event Steward:

Natal'ia Bolotnikova (Sarah Saladini)

Master Alexander Macgregor (Dave DeVito)

Both autocrats can be emailed at

mudthawsteward@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Please see the full event announcement for more information.

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventDetails.php?eid=3250>





Baronial Letter

Greetings all!

We have entered our event lull in the lead up to Mudthaw and BGI, a much needed rest for a very active Barony! We should be proud of ourselves, we have accomplished a great deal this year. We ran our own events, supported the Kingdom with numerous royal progresses, and we still managed a few swamp stomps and cooking socials thanks to Baroness Jehannine and Master Galefridus.

Perhaps this is a time to reflect, dig into art projects, or plan out the next year in some fashion.

As always we are seeking private feedback for ourselves and on behalf of the officer corps (who you are welcome to approach on your own too).

As a new baronial couple we have had quite a year! No matter how hard the job is, spending time with you guys is easy. We wanted to thank you guys for putting in the hours, showing up to make events the huge successes they have been; and for showing us so much care and attention as we stepped up. We may have flubbed a few lines here and there, but we always had the confidence that we had people to go to while we are learning the job and no shortage of volunteers to help with the work.

You guys are the best, our neighboring baronies are the best. This job is so much fun and we are both really looking forward to the years that come and the quality time, antics, pranks, ceremonies, awards, and hugs. Thank you all -so- much.

With Love,

Jonathan, Teresa, and Oskar



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Bovine shenanigans at Spring Crown Tourney, see June, 2017 Mudpuppy, page 35



Engagement Shenanigans– Settmour & BBM Alliance



At the Yule revel of the Barony Beyond the Mountain, Mistress Isabeau d'Orleans carried the words of our good Baron Jonathan and Baroness Teresa, proposing the **engagement of their son Oskar to Charlotte**, the daughter of Baron Dorian and Baroness Eloise. This union would enhance the friendship between our two baronies. As proof of the good intentions, Mistress Isabeau presented an offer of a manor surrounded by lush and fertile pasture lands as jointure to support Charlotte should she outlive Oskar. This was the very same pasture land that was recently coveted by the Barony of Carillion (see page 6 and the Mudpuppy issue June, 2017, page 35, **BOVINE SHENANIGANS** at Spring Crown Tourney).

Mistress Isabeau did suggest one possible stipulation for the happy engagement. Charlotte could not knock out any more of Oskar's teeth.

Baron Dorian and Baroness Eloise graciously listened to the offer of engagement. Her excellency suggested that further negotiations were needed, in particular due to the tender ages of the young couple. Mudthaw was proposed as the date for these further negotiations.

The full encounter may be viewed in a video captured by Baroness Arlyana van Wyck

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t319g3GGT10>

The “script” for these shenanigans was written by Mistress Isabeau and Baroness Eloise.

The above summary of the shenanigans was written by Baroness Ursula.



Pennsic on a Budget by Lady Jenna

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So you want to go to Pennsic, but the cost is daunting ...

This is all without taking on a paying job during Pennsic... which IS an option, especially if you have food-service or retail experience. Many merchants will hire help onsite.

Getting There

First: figure out how far it is, and if your **car will make the trip safely**. Preventive things like an oil change pay for themselves later (I have my mechanic do a "safety check" about a week before I leave - it's not an expensive thing to do).

**11. Raziya**

Figure out what your **gate fee** will be (member/nonmember, one week or two. Pre-registration saves a couple bucks, but only pre-register for one week. If you go for two its the same additional amount at the gate... if you go for one you saved \$40 each - and I suggest only War Week for your first time).

Then figure out roughly what you need for **gas/tolls** (remember you're likely to overload your car, and may have to deal with changing elevations, which affects gas mileage), **food**, and possibly **lodging** for the trip. **Put half of it in a sealed envelope** for the trip home so you don't accidentally spend it. (I travel with a friend, who doesn't drive, we budget a Super-8 range room each way).

Example, I drive about 400 miles each way, so $400 \times 2 = 800$ miles. My minivan gets roughly 20 mpg (really 22, on average, but I'm being pessimistic because I'll be overloading it and traveling through the Appalachian Mountains. So: $800 / 20 = 40$ gallons. Lets assume today's gas price is \$2.50/gal. $40 \text{ gal} \times \$2.50 = \100 for gas. I know I need to pay tolls of about \$20 each way - my gas/tolls should be around \$140 for the round trip. Err on the pessimistic side, and always round up to figure out your budget.

Food for Travel

You DO need to eat on the trip if you're going any significant distance (it is cheaper to bring durable snack foods like beef jerky, peanut butter, trail mix, etc., than to go to restaurants). Do budget for the rest stop/truck stop coffee/drinks/snacks if you're tempted by or need such things.

Garb

You'll want at minimum **4 full outfits**, you can rinse & hang dry in camp. (ideal is one outfit per day).



Pennsic on a Budget (continued)

Thrift stores and yard-sales are awesome. Solid-color sheets or table linens can be re-purposed if you sew. Remember that the weather can range from "and WHICH circle of Hell is this...?" to frost on the ground in the morning. Layers are good.

Women: Indian shalwar kameez (suits), or sarees. Broom skirts (or any long, loose/flowy, solid colored skirts) and poet/peasant shirts. Tunic tops were fashionable a couple years ago, look for solids with embellishment at the neckline (these can be worn with skirts or pants).

Men: plaid PJ bottoms from Old Navy with a simple tunic (larger sized women's tunics would work). Scrubs in solid colors, avoiding powder blue (the Cooper's Lake staff uses it as a uniform) the pants are fine as-is, buy the tops slightly large, pick the pocket off, and either add trim or do a little hand-stitching for decorations at neck and cuffs.

BOOM!! ... GARB!!.

There are a couple of inexpensive merchants onsite, but you want to arrive with at least some stuff you know fits.

Even better would be if you borrow from friends (or gold key - some groups will allow you to borrow for longer than a single event, some won't). Also check out **Bartertown** - both on FB and the in-person meetup at Pennsic (all sorts of things can be bartered, including services like babysitting or dishwashing - I traded a tunic I hated wearing for some delicious banana mini--muffins).

Food at Pennsic

If you can, camp with a group (this is generally a good idea, you get "native guides" plus can often share/borrow infrastructure items). See what amenities they have (some will have in-camp showers, a sink, some have filtered water for drinking, some may have a food plan you can buy or labor-in-trade for, some will have some simple kitchen gear you get access to - be sure to ask what the camp-group fees are!).

I make my own beef jerky, buy jars of pickles, and get a lot of my snack foods from Dollar Tree. I look for multipacks of single-serve things, which helps to keep ants out. Some years, I've bought into a food plan. Last year, I did my own because three of us had similar food preferences/issues and similar ideas as to WHEN to eat. I bought, cooked and froze taco meat and chicken breasts, and used them as they defrosted. I do a combo of purchasing Gatorade in bulk and bringing it (using it up leaves room for souvenirs/shopping on the trip home) and using the powder mix to refill bottles will reduce plastic waste.

Tent

Don't skimp on your tent: you want one you can stand upright in - **this is your home for a week!** BUT - you can probably borrow a modern tent from someone who uses their pavilion at Pennsic, but modern for local events! Ditto modern camp cots.



Pennsic on a Budget (continued)

Bedding

You can use bedding from home. The \$1.99 mylar emergency blanket under your air mattress (or between you and the mattress under fitted sheets) will help you stay warm on cool nights. Air mattresses act as a heatsink. Good on hot nights, not so much on cold nights.

Cloak

Also go for the "better" cloak - 3 1/3 yards of polar fleece on sale yields a half-circle cloak and the leftover corners are the hood (or do the same thing with two cheap wool blankets). Cloaks double as extra bedding if needed. The simplest cloak is simply a couple yards of wool (could be thrift store wool blankets roughly sewn together) or polar fleece (looks fine, and cheap with coupons from fabric stores) pulled around you and pinned.

Cooler

Go for the better cooler, especially if you plan to bring frozen goods. Food safety is of paramount importance. Ice is reasonably priced onsite. However, if you're a coffee drinker, you can make your coffee at home for the first part of the week: freeze it in square "milk" type jugs (leaving room for freeze-expansion), and you have inexpensive iced coffee as it melts PLUS good sized blocks of ice that will last for a while.

Hint: if you're not using dry ice, a little cold water in the cooler keeps things fresher longer. Keeping the cooler in the shade, and covering it to keep the sun off helps the lifespan of your ice.

Souvenirs

Budget for souvenirs (to this day I regret not buying the t-shirt I really wanted at my first Pennsic) and a few small luxuries like ice cream if it's hot. Some classes do have materials fees, as well - often, you can "audit" instead of doing the hands-on, and possibly just pay a smaller amount for the hand-out. (one cool, under \$1 souvenir, is the Post Card. You buy the postcard and the stamp at the same merchant. Return it to them by Thursday of War Week - I like to write a little blurb about some of what happened that year - and ask for the hand-cancellation - it's a different, unique one each year!)

For those who want additional general Pennsic info, I have my Pennsic 101 class notes, as well as pdf's of VERY detailed instructions for simple garb if you want to try sewing. The proverbial 8x10 colored glossies with circles and arrows. Tunic, tunic-dress, or simple pants can be hand-sewn in a reasonable amount of time, or machine sewn in about an hour. I also have instructions for hoods and cloaks.

Feel free to email me to request any or all of these (or to ask questions) at pmsattack@hotmail.com. Please be sure to put "SCA" or "Pennsic" in the subject line, I get a ridiculous amount of spam!

Lady Jenna ChildSlayer





Archive of Mudpuppy Issues 2007 to 2017

Mudpuppy issues back to 2007!!

Our webminister, **Dalek**, has been working his digital magic overtime and has added past issues of the Mudpuppy going back to 2007!

Dalek also added the Blackfox award winners and nominations for the Mudpuppy. The Blackfox Award is for excellence in SCA Newsletters, across the ENTIRE SCA! The Mudpuppy has won or been commended (runner up) in a category for the last three years!

To see the Mudpuppy issues, **click on the year** and issues from that year will display.

THANKS DALEK!!!

Ursula

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<https://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/mudpuppy/>

Chronicler Notes

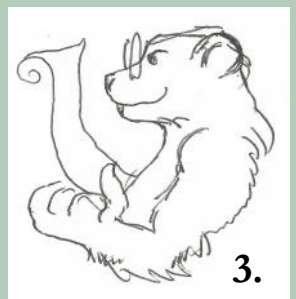
The December issue of the Mudpuppy is dedicated to **shenanigans** instigated by our Baron Jonathan. If you missed the bovine shenanigans at the Spring Crown Tourney, take a look at the June Mudpuppy. This issue has shenanigans at BBM Yule (page 7).

Feel free to contact me with ideas for an article. I am happy to help.

Baroness Ursula of North Woods,

[Chronicler](#)

I see the newsletter as capturing the history of the Barony of Settmour Swamp. By comparison, FaceBook is like a cocktail party where chaotic information floats rapidly by and can't be found a week later. We are after all a history group.



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Judith's Shortcake Recipe

A lot of people liked the shortcake that Judith brought to the November Swamp Stomp.

Here is her (modern) recipe. The original recipe makes an 8 x 8 pan. The amounts in parenthesis are for making it in a 9 x 13 sized pan.

2 c. flour (3 ½ c.)

¼ c. sugar (7 T.)

3 t. baking powder (5 ¼ t.)

¼ t. salt (½ t.)*

½ c. butter or margarine (7/8 c or 14 T.)

¾ c. milk (1 1/3 c.)



1. In a shallow bowl mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt.
2. Cut butter into the dry ingredients using the fork or pastry cutter until the texture is evenly crumbly. It should look like coarse cornmeal.
3. Make a well in the middle and pour into it the milk. Mix quickly.
4. Turn dough into greased pan (either 8 x 8 OR 9 x 13). Use fingers or spatula to even out the dough and make sure it gets into the corners. It often does not cooperate.
5. Bake in oven preheated to 450° for 15-18 minutes, or until golden and a toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean.

* The original recipe comes from New McCall's Cookbook. The amount of salt has been reduced.



Did You Know:

By Ursula of North Woods

The **East Kingdom Calendar**

<http://www.eastkingdom.org/EventListing.html>

Illuminated Manuscripts

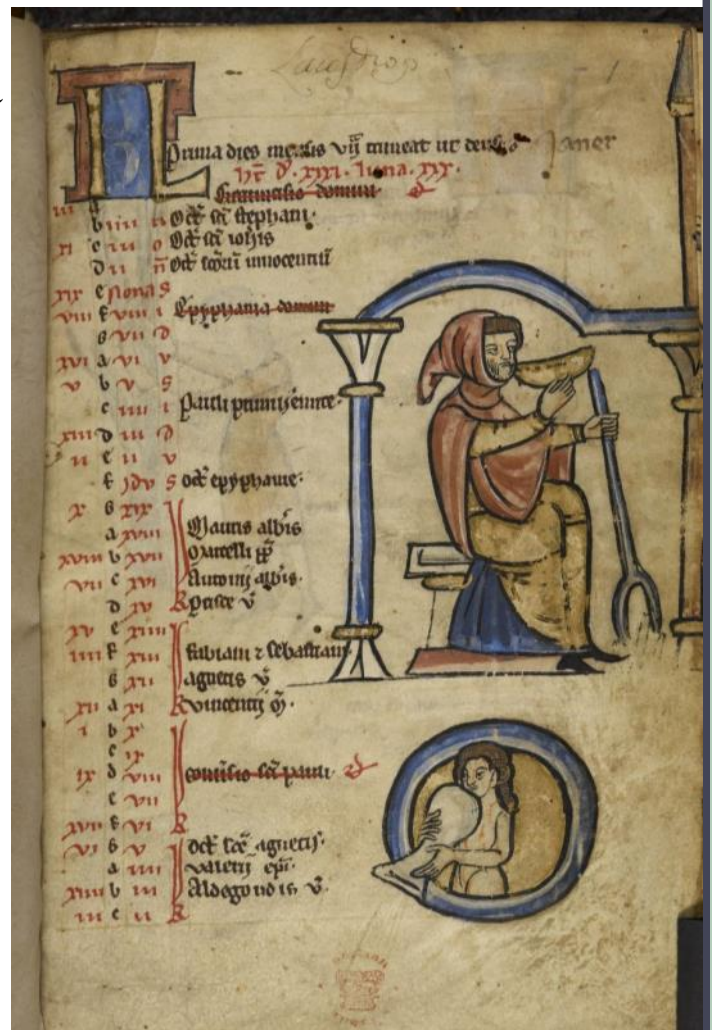
The British Library has an extensive collection of illuminated manuscripts in a searchable website.

<http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/illuminatedmanuscripts/welcome.htm>

Calendar page for the month of January with a man sitting before a fire with a fork, drinking from a bowl and a roundel with zodiac symbol. France, N. (Liège)

This image identified by the The British Library, is free of known copyright restrictions ...

<http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/illuminatedmanuscripts/ILLUMIN.ASP?Size=mid&IllID=58479>



Society for Creative Anachronism **Newcomer's Portal:**

<http://welcome.sca.org/>

A **Newcomer's Guide** to the SCA:

<http://www.sca.org/officers/chatelain/pdf/NewcomersGuidePages-low.pdf>



Business Meeting Notes October 18

Minutes of the Baronial Officers' Meeting

October 18, 2017

Present: Jonathan, Teresa, Oskar, Judith, Galefridus, Miles, Charis, Jocelyn, Perote, Emily, Natal'ia, Ursula, Emidio, Stephanie, Elizabeth Lovell. We had a quorum.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved with no changes.

Because some people were delayed in arriving, the order of items covered differed from our usual practice.

Report from the Exchequer:

Miles has been finishing up his work as exchequer. He still has some reports to file and promised to have them done within a week.

He asked how to contact the person in charge of the PayPal charges because he had some questions about why the charges differed. The fee varies from 16¢ to 60¢. The barony is charged a fee for each transaction; the amount of the fee also varies based on the total amount that person is paying. The price varied if someone is not a member, or if they are also paying for someone else, whether that person is a minor or adult, and possibly which credit card they used. We were charged slightly over \$95 for 198 preregistrations using PayPal. According to the SCA PayPal rules, we can't charge the purchaser those fees. We discussed whether that \$95 charge is an expense that should be entered on the event worksheet. Coronation is the first event we've done where we have used PayPal, and we're all learning how to work with it. It was agreed that the PayPal charges count as an expense. The baronial event worksheet will be changed to add this as a standard charge.

Another expense we should add to the worksheet is the fee for getting the list of members from the SCA California office. The PayPal preregistrations do not include the membership numbers, so whoever is running troll for an event needs to order this list the Monday before an event. The Milpitas office sends a pdf of all the members of the East Kingdom for a fee of \$8. The person running troll needs to add the membership numbers to the registration sheet. This list was very helpful to have at troll because we could refer people who had forgotten their blue cards to Bethany who had the list and could look it up for them.

**Business Meeting Notes October 18** (continued)

Miles has been continuing as exchequer even though his term has ended. Charis is willing to step into this position in the interim and train Emily to do this job. Mabel also wants to learn it. Charis and Miles plan to meet together next week so Charis can get up to speed. The officers voted in favor of having Charis as interim exchequer. Ursula will make the changes on the website and with emails. Judith will notify the kingdom exchequer.

Upcoming Events:**Mudthaw**

Neither Alexander or Yagyu no Kagetoki were able to join us. Natal'ia reviewed some of the key staff they have in place:

Feast cook (as approved at the last meeting): Yagyu no Kagetoki

Head gate (troll): Charis

The budget is based on last year's. We have a contract already, and a deposit of \$200 has been paid to the church. Judith took care of this at the same time she delivered the contract and check for Coronation. Judith asked for budget breakdown.

The menu looks good, but wasn't presented at the meeting. It is based on a 13th century Syrian cookbook, *Kitāb al Wuṣlah ilā l-Ḥabīb fī Waṣf al-Ṭayyibāt wal-Ṭīb*, or 'Book of the Bonds of Friendship or a Description of Good Dishes and Perfumes.'

Natal'ia said the theme of this year's Mudthaw will be related to the Persian Spring celebration called Nowruz. It dates back to ancient Iran and may start with Zoroastrian traditions, but Nowruz is considered an ethnic non-religious celebration shared by several countries. The officers recommended that Natal'ia talk with Gerry at the church and find out if they have a problem with this theme. We don't want to offend them and should ask the questions now before we go further. Our contract with them says we won't do anything they find offensive, so let's just make sure. One suggestion was to have a Nowruz display in the merchant section. If we use this theme, Stephanie agreed to write an article about it for the Mudpuppy in January or February so everyone has a chance to learn something about it beforehand.

Yagyu is also interested in having a fundraiser for Syrian refugees. He has done some research and found a nonprofit that works with these refugees he would like to direct the money raised to. There could be a box for

**Business Meeting Notes October 18** (continued)

voluntary donations on the table with the Nowruz display in the merchant section. Judith likes the cause but cautioned that we need to make sure we do it in such a way it doesn't violate any SCA rules. The thought is to make it a voluntary donation, not related to any costs of the event. Jehannine learned a lot about fundraisers in the SCA a couple years ago, and we should ask her for advice before we move forward on this.

We are already planning on a fundraiser with lunch items, like we have done in previous years. In past years we have donated that money to the royal travel fund. This year we could offer traditional desserts for Nowruz as some of the things people can purchase for lunch. We discussed some legal and insurance issues related to selling food at events. A bake sale-style of fundraiser avoids these issues because everyone knows there is some minimal risk in eating foods made in someone else's home kitchen and they are choosing to buy the food anyway.

Natal'ia mentioned the idea of having belly dancing as the entertainment at dinner. Elizabeth mentioned that in her conversation with Gerry that there was a comment about someone's garb that may have shown too much. We may need to be cautious with belly dancing. The contract mentions respecting their religion and culture. We recognize the sensibilities of the church and again don't want to offend, especially by having the dancing in revealing clothing. It can be done wearing modest garb. Would that be acceptable? This is a great site and we really don't want to lose it for something we don't have to have.

We have been asked by Kingdom to create emails for the main people running events. This request mainly applies to people whose email needs to appear in the event announcement and those representing the barony in doing business for the event. One concern was the poor impression made when people have what might be considered inappropriate email addresses. Ursula has already created emails for Autocrat1, Autocrat2... We agreed it might also be good to have MudthawEventSteward and MudthawFeast and MudthawRegistration. Those three positions consistently need to be in the event announcements. One advantage is that next year the new autocrat can look at the issues that came up with running the event the previous year in the stored emails. Quest and Mudthaw are the two recurring events that should have these standing email addresses.

Past Events:**Coronation**

Elizabeth arrived to give her report on the event. Judith praised her for running such a well-planned and smoothly running event. Elizabeth thought of new touches that we hadn't done before. Perote performed miracles: with only a day and half of notice, he increased the dayboard to provide for 450 people when the original plans were for 300. Fortunately we had warning of the increased numbers because of learning that we had about 250 preregistrations. That information let us know we needed to plan for a lot more people.



Business Meeting Notes October 18 (continued)

At our last meeting we increased the amount to be spent on dayboard from \$500 to \$600, but with the increased number of people we expected Perote would have to spend more. He turned in receipts for only \$637. Elizabeth asked that Miles write a check to Perote for \$37.36 he spent for bratwurst to stretch the food at dayboard.

Elizabeth said the cost of the site tokens was higher than she had planned. We had 300 made, and a lot of people did not get the coin tokens. They were highly praised by the people attending, and Master Stephan is making some more. Elizabeth will try to get them to the people who came late and didn't get one. A lot of people came in time for second court.

She said the fees were lower than expected from PayPal, and she was interested in the breakdown of fees. Judith has an Excel file showing the amounts charged for each preregistrant and will send it to Elizabeth.

Perote recounted how someone came back into the kitchen who was not a volunteer in the kitchen. They came in and said it is the tradition in Settmour to beg in the kitchen and attempted to take food from the royal platter. None of us had ever heard of such a tradition, and agreed it was not okay. If it ever was a tradition, it was a long, long time ago.

The only serious problem we knew of at the event was the long lines for dayboard, but it moved pretty quickly. Judith talked to Jerry about the handicapped bathroom stall in the women's bathroom that was not working. There was another handicapped stall in the bathroom located in the hall with the royal and changing rooms, and the person who needed a handicapped stall was able to use that one. Jerry said they have had regular problems with some of the stalls in that bathroom, and even replaced some of the plumbing without solving the problem.

Elizabeth added some features: charging stations and diaper changing spots in the changing rooms, supplies provided in both the men's and women's bathrooms so that trans folks could have them available whichever bathroom they chose to use. These are good ideas for Mudthaw. We might add hair pins, mini sewing kits, safety pins, etc.

Elizabeth needs a check for \$139.16 to repay her for covering the cost of set-up, the food to feed everyone who came and helped on Friday. It was a budgeted expense, but she had to pay it out of pocket.

**Business Meeting Notes October 18** (continued)**Officer Elections:**

Herald: Caera is interested in continuing as baronial herald (Sinking Tower Pursivant). She has a deputy who is doing the reporting. Caera is doing court heraldry. Berelinde does not want to do voice heraldry so this arrangement will work. Ursula says that Berelinde is doing well with reporting discrepancies between Baronial records and Order of Precedence. The officers voted that Caera continue as Sinking Tower Pursivant.

Upcoming Events, continued**Swamp Stomp: November 12th**

Jehannine was not able to join us. She sent an email with details: "We are locked in to have the Masonic Lodge in High Bridge on November 12th for a Stomp. We have already approved money for a main course that Emidio graciously offered to make. We can ask for pot luck side dishes and desserts. So we just need to decide if we want to have any festivities along with the day. Suggestions?"

"I was going to ask for donations of fabric for making gold key items, or ask for gold key donations. We specifically need men's tunics and large ladies dresses. Are there any other Barony projects that we could work on?"

Judith and Ursula will ask Jehannine for details and to market the Stomp.

Officers' Reports:

Chatelaine: Jehannine sent the following email: "I have submitted my quarterly report and have it confirmed that it was received. I am working on the November Stomp and will be putting a call out for Gold Key, so we can donate or get rid of some of the older items we currently have. I am also hoping to create a Settmour Swamp Newcomer pamphlet. I plan to have Beth (Emiline) help with this and she has agreed."

**Business Meeting Notes October 18** (continued)

Chamberlain: Emidio reported that there is a new combination lock on the storage locker. Please contact him by email if you need something from the locker, and cc Judith in the same email. After permission is granted, Emidio will meet them at the site—we don't want to hand out the lock combination to lots of people because we will lose control of our stuff. Ursula was asked to post this process in the Mudpuppy so everyone in the barony will know how to go about getting baronial stuff. He suggested that at a future Swamp Stomp we meet at the locker and go through everything and get rid of things we don't need any more. Judith asked that we replace the blue troll box because it is breaking. The suggestion was made that we get a box with wheels on it so that the folks working at troll can move it more easily. Emidio will check out options. The officers approved this expense. Emidio reported that almost everything has been returned to the locker from our recent events. He found the baronial banners that were thought to be lost. They were in a bin buried under other things. When Emidio checked that bin he saw purple fabric on top and didn't dig down further to discover the green and white baronial banners under that.

A&S: Galefridus reported on the food get-togethers. He has scheduled the dates for the next three meetings at the Montville First Aid Squad Building: October 20, November 17, and December. These will be done jointly with Kasia, with cooking in one part of the room and other A&S projects on the other side of the room. Galefridus is planning that the October Food meeting will be a Food A&S consultation, similar to the general A&S consultation tables done at a lot of events, but this one will be focused on answering questions and offering suggestions to people researching medieval foods.

Exchequer: Most of the updates were covered at the beginning of the meeting. Miles needs a couple of signatures on checks.

Fencing: Orlando reported that it is going well and growing wonderfully. We had been trying to find a new place to hold the practice. Orlando said for now the location is good, and it hasn't been easy to find a new spot. If anyone has suggestions of a different place, please tell him.

MoL: Jocelyn remarked that she is still not listed on the baronial website as the MoL. Ursula said that changing that part of the website is proving tricky. It doesn't work like other pages. She has tried to do it, but now needs to ask Aether for help with it.

Chronicler: Ursula is putting out the Mudpuppy monthly. She would like people to submit articles to include, and if people don't feel comfortable writing something either she or Aife will help. Aife wrote one article for the recent Mudpuppy. Perote offered to give Ursula a recipe from the Coronation dayboard that she could include in the Mudpuppy.



Business Meeting Notes October 18 (continued)

Webminister: Ursula is still learning, as seen by the struggles she is having with updating baronial officers. She has been participating in Monday night web conferences with kingdom web ministers. They are close to migrating the kingdom email to Google for Nonprofits. It is being slowly rolled out to test for problems before everyone starts using it.

NEXT MEETING: Will be the first hour of the Swamp Stomp. (12 noon to 1 pm) Charis offered to host a Stomp at her office at Great Swamp Watershed. There's plenty of space for it, and they often host groups there. There is no cost for using it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42.

Thanks to Teresa for taking the minutes. Judith typed them up.



Ursula, Pete & Orlando Designed Settmour Swamp Tee-shirt

Interested in ordering a "BARONY OF SETTMOUR SWAMP" tee-shirt? Then just call the toll free number below to speak to a **CustomInk** Sales Associate to place your order: **800-293-4232**

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<http://www.customink.com>

Note: Two Designs are available: request either the "TREE" or the "TOWER" design. High resolution images of these designs are available in the April, 2016 Mudpuppy.

http://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/mudpuppy/media/The_Mudpuppy_-_2016-04.pdf



Karin Jacobsdotter Designed a Settmour Swamp Mug



Karin Jacobsdotter designed a mug and a beer stein with Settmour Swamp logos. You may purchase one for yourself from **Zazzle**. Karin suggests you use a coupon code to reduce the price. Shipping costs can be reduced by ordering several at one time. All royalties will be donated to the Barony of Settmour Swamp.

<http://www.zazzle.com/mug-168521169520261667>



Tuesday Night Fighting & Rapier Practice & A&S

The **heavy weapon practice** and **rapier practice** meets most Tuesday nights.

We will also be hosting an **Arts & Science (A&S) gathering** to work on various projects for the Swamp. Or just come and watch, or bring a project of your own. All are welcome. There will be fencing and room for heavy weapons practice if a marshal is available.

Contact [Orlando](#) with questions.

Location:

The Glen Gardner Youth Center
16 Hampton Rd
Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826

Time:

Tuesdays 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Recommended Donation is \$5 to help offset the cost of the practice site.



Caterina's Arts & Sciences (A&S) and Calligraphy

Mistress Caterina Giaocchini (Kasia) is hosting

Arts and Sciences (A&S) get together on THIRD Fridays, at 7:00 pm

Calligraphy and Illumination (C&I) workshop FIRST Sundays, at 7:00 pm

55 Hillcrest Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960

917-968-9321

Bring whatever you are working on and come **chat and hang out** with others doing their thing.



Nutley Heavey Weapons Fight Practice (photo by Ioannes)

The **heavy weapon practice**, Nutley, NJ.
Contact **Ögurr Aðalbrandarson**
marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Location:

Franklin Reformed Church,
45 Hillside Crescent
Nutley, NJ 07110

Day/Time:

Wednesdays 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Donation are welcome

to help offset the cost of the practice



6. Ioannes

Archery Practice

Archery Practice is lead by Baron Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg each Sunday
Contact Thorlaeifr with questions.

Location:

**Archery is suspended.
Seeking a new location**



The Officers Of Settmour Swamp		
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Deputy Exchequer	Hekja Hornabryotr	Volunteered October 2017 Expires October 2019
Deputy Exchequer	Lady Mabel Fortune	Volunteered Nov 2016 Expires Nov 2018
Chronicler	Baroness Ursula of North Woods chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed April 2016 Expires April 2018
Deputy Chronicler	Aife Bean Mhic Íomhair	Volunteered June 2017 Expires June 2019
Webminister	Lord Dalek Bolotnikov webminister@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected April 2017 Expires April 2019
Deputy Webminister	Baroness Ursula of North Woods chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Warranted March 2017 Expires March, 2019



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Deputy Minister of A&S	Magister Galefridus Peregrinus	Volunteered 2016 Expires 2018
Deputy Minister of A&S	Lady Sofia Zhirinskaia Susanrae@gmail.com 239-4059283	Volunteered April 2017 Expires April 2019
Minister of Lists (MoL)	Lady Jocelyn Wulf Le Queynte mol@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected June 2017 Expires June 2019
Chatelaine	Mistress Jehannine chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected May 2017 Expires May 2019
Fencing Marshal	Don Orlando Sforza fencing@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Elected January 2016 Expires January 2018
Captain of Archers	Honorable Lord Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg archery@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org (908) 406-0143 (No calls after 9pm)	Renewed December 2016 Expires December 2018
Chamberlain	Lord Emidio Di Arquata Chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org PHONE	Elected April 2017 Expires April 2019
Youth Combat	Vacant	Vacant
Chancellor Minor	Vacant (organize activities for children and teenagers)	Vacant
Thrown Weapons Marshal	Vacant	Vacant
Canton of Gryphonwald (Middlesex Cty, NJ): Seneschale	Failenn Finn gryphonwald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org	Renewed March 9, 2016 Expires March 9, 2020



Combat	Date/Time	Location	Contact	Notes
Fighter Practice	Wednesdays 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Nutley, NJ. Franklin Reformed Church, 45 Hillside Crescent Nutley, NJ 07110	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Other fight practices: Fighter Practice group at Yahoo!Groups; Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Fighter Practice	Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Glen Gardner Youth Center 16 Hampton Rd Glen Gardner, NJ, 08826	Ögurr Aðalbrandarson marshal@settmourswamp.eas tkingdom.org	Also fencing and Arts& Science; suggested Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Fencing Practice	Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Glen Gardner Youth Center 16 Hampton Rd Glen Gardner, NJ 08826	Orlando Sforza rapierdon@comcast.net (908) 850-8690 (No calls after 9pm)	Also heavy fighting and Arts & Sciences; Donation are welcome to help offset the cost of the practice site.
Archery Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Seeking a new location	Thorlaeifr Hvitskegg archery@settmourswamp.e astkingdom.org (908) 406-0143 (No calls after 9pm)	
Thrown Weapons Practice	Sundays 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Seeking a new location		

Food & Cooking Gathering	Alternating Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons December 15, 2017 7pm to 10pm Saturday 13 January 10am-4pm Friday 16 February 7pm-10pm Saturday 17 March 10am-4pm Friday 13 April 7pm-10pm Saturday 19 May 10am-4pm Friday 15 June 7pm-10pm	Montville Township First Aid Squad 137 Changebridge Road Montville, NJ 07045 (occasionally at different locations)	Magister Galefridus Peregrinus
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Art	Date/ Time	Location	Contact	Notes
Caterina (Kasia) A&S Thingy	THIRD Friday 7pm	55 Hillcrest Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960	Mistress Caterina (Kasia) mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 917-968-9321	Caterina announces meetings on the Swamp email list and on the Swamp Facebook page.
Caterina (Kasia) Calligraphy & Illumination	FIRST Sunday 7pm	55 Hillcrest Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960	Mistress Caterina (Kasia) mas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org 917-968-9321	Caterina announces meetings on the Swamp email list and on the Swamp Facebook page.
Archery	By Appointment	Pittstown, NJ	Elizabeth Hawkwood hawkwoode@gmail.com	Email Baroness Elizabeth Hawkwood for directions

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