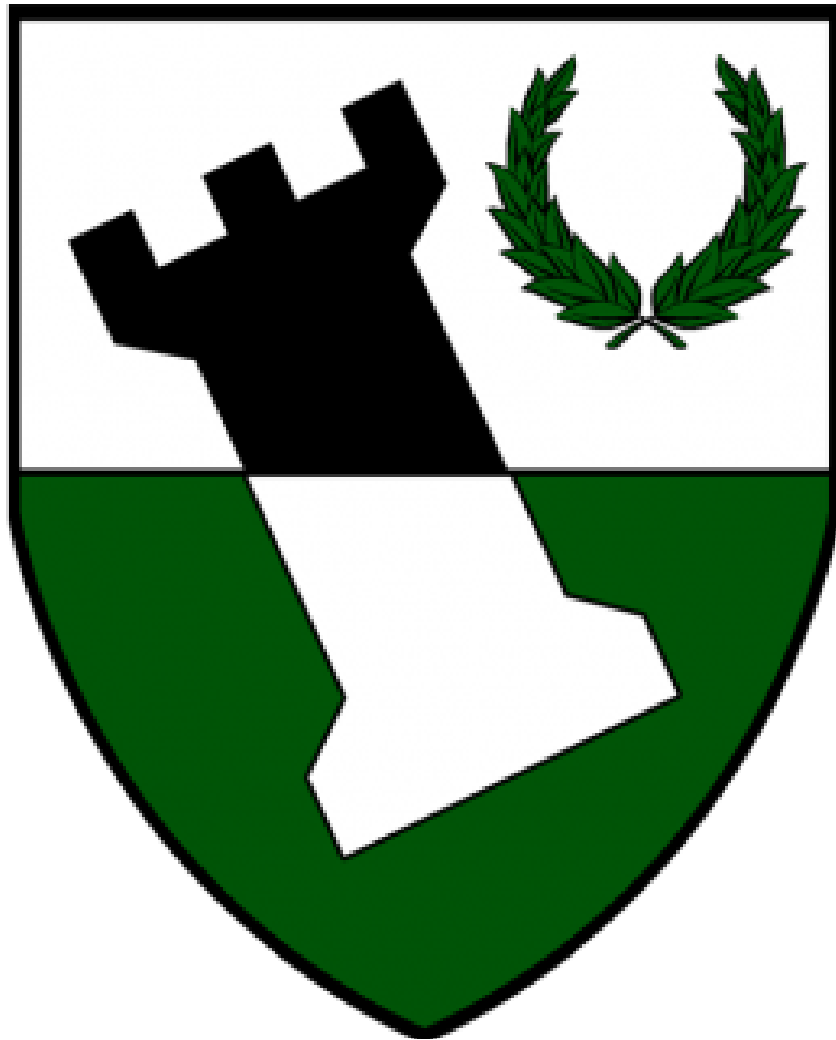


# *The Barony of Settmour Swamp*



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# Upcoming Events

10/5-10/8	Closing of the Inne	Shire of Coldwood - Peru, NY
10/5-10/8	The Endewearde Hunt	Barony of Endewearde - Newburgh, ME
10/6	Ruantallan: The Pearl of the East Baronial Investiture Anniversary XXX	Barony of Ruantallan - Bedford, NS
10/12-10/14	Ghost Ghouls and Goblins	Barony of Carillion - Manalapan, NJ
10/14	Dragonship Havens Champions Day	Barony of Dragonship Haven - Wallingford, CT
10/14	Tournament of the Fallen Stag	Shire of Caer Adamant - Newark, DE
10/19-10/21	Feste des Bois	Barony of Havre des Glaces - Trois-Rivières, QC
10/19-10/21	Shire Wars VIII, The Battle of Hastings	Shire of Owlsherst - Jonestown, PA
10/20	Autumn's Inspirations	Province of Malagentia - Gorham, ME
10/20-10/21	Goat's Tavern III	Canton of Northpass - Peekskill, NY
10/20	Shire of Smithwick Fall Ball	Shire of Smithwick - Littleton, ME
10/26-10/27	Golden Seamstress Challenge II	Barony of Beyond the Mountain - New Britain, CT
10/26-10/28	Ruantallan Demo at Hal-Con 2018	Barony of Ruantallan - Halifax, NS
10/27	Banshee Bardic	Shire of Caer Adamant - Newark, DE
10/27	Bjorn's Ceilidh/Baronial Investiture	Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Scotia, NY

# Minutes of the Baronial Officers' Meeting

October 10, 2018

Present: Judith (chairing), Teresa (taking notes), Jonathan, Oskar, Charis, Orlando, Galefridus, Hekja, Stephanie (by video), Natal'ia (by video), Phelippe (by video), Ogurr (by vide), Marcus, Lisa, Emidio, Mabel, William.

## FFESTY PEN

Preparations for the event are moving ahead, and reservations are coming in. They need to get a couple more prizes, for example: candle holders for table setting prizes.

Emeline is working on décor. Phelippe is working on the brewing contest. Jehannine is going to bring her apple press, and in addition may press some ahead of time. Caera is making Nine Man Morris boards—there will be one on each table. They are still working on assembling a clean-up crew.

The site tokens have been made: 120 clay medallions decorated with the Welsh dragon. They need to be painted, glazed, and fired.

The menu has been posted on the event announcement web page. Everything has been tested. Chicken fricassee has been added to the first course so there is a mix of “normal” and exotic dishes. She also added another dessert: currant and hazelnut filled tarts.

The site does not require us to get insurance; we just have to show general proof of insurance, and that's been done.

She will make arrangements to pick up cooking and serving stuff from storage and the baronial thrones.

## MUDTHAW

She submitted a budget for us to review. It is very similar to last year's with a few changes. The expense for renting rectangular tables needs to stay in the budget because they are for the K&Q A&S competition and the site has only a few rectangular tables. We don't need as many brochures as were budgeted for last year. She asked whether prizes or scrolls made better prizes. The baron and baroness said prizes are the better choice. We need three (heavy, rapier, and youth fighting), and \$25 is budgeted for each. They added \$100 for decorations.

## MUDTHAW CONTINUED

We discussed paying \$850 for a professional African dance troupe (Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble), and how to make their performance work well at the event. They do a lot of research in developing their choreography and music. They focus on traditional dance from central Africa, but will target it to what we are interested in. Stephanie said the idea is that they would be visiting northern Africa. The idea is that they would be doing dancing during the feast, between courses.

Some concerns:

Not from the same region we are specializing in for this event, but they are bringing something of their culture to us as visitors.

Not medieval,

Can't hear conversation at feast over their music.

Stephanie suggested having it during the remove after it's served when everyone is eating and not talking.

It will be difficult for people to see the dancing, and it wouldn't be safe to dance on the stage because the surface is made up of sections with seams between them.

Each dance portion can be in different portions of the space

We would need to make performers aware of what is happening that day. They seem to be very adaptable with regard to combinations of time, etc.

We can continue logistics about dancing perhaps later : talk to the royals to perhaps add an intermission in court and have some of the dancing and music there as well.

The budget is based on \$15 for members; \$20 for nonmembers. The break even is 550 people, which seems like a reasonable number.

The officers voted in favor of the budget. Stephanie will work with Charis to set up preregistrations using PayPal.

## DUCAL CHALLENGES

She would like to autocrat the 2019 event, but has never done it before. Judith said she would send her the Swamp planning worksheet to help her get started planning. Charis has found a nice site we might want to consider as an alternative to the Elks, called Newark Life Camp. We could still include archery. The price of the two sites is very close. Caolilfhionn will look at it. We probably won't have to hire a policeman if we use the camp. The rule with the Elks is if our attendance hits a 250 on site at one time, we have to hire a policeman the next time we hold that event. For the first time since we started using this site, Ducal hit that number. It may be because we had part of the Roses Tournament at the same time, but that may happen again. We had people elevated to peerages, but we've had that at previous Ducal Challenges, so that's not likely to be why the event grew in size. It has become popular.

The officers were supportive of the plans so far and look forward to receiving a bid.

## UPDATE ON BANISHMENT

The individual we spoke of last month contacted some of us saying we would not be hearing from him again. So far he has been silent. All contacts with him have been reported to the SCA appropriately.

## VOTE ON HERALD

We need a new baronial herald for reports. Because of rules from the Kingdom herald office, whoever files the reports is automatically the baronial herald. Caera is willing to continue being the court herald, but Berelinde is unable to continue as reporting herald. We have three people who have expressed willingness to take on this role, but only one was at the meeting. It was decided to wait until next month to hold the vote. We need to submit the heralds' report from Ducal. Orlando volunteered to do it. Teresa will send him the people who were honored in baronial court at Ducal Challenges.

## MARTIAL COLLEGIUM

He would like to put on a new event. It would be for fighters and fencers, to train marshals. He will talk with the dean of the War College. He'd like to plan for it to be sometime between October, 2019-March, 2020. He'd like to put it on at the Ninja gym in Flemington, which would cost \$55/hour. It has no kitchen so we'd have to work around that. The space is 40x40 and heated. He needs to line up teachers. Caoilfhionn volunteered to work with him on this because there's interest in a place to hold regional practices. He will also reach out to Ryu. Judith will also send him the Swamp planning worksheet to help him get started planning.

## LOANER ARMER PURCHASE

Ogurr has been doing research on the cost of buying some loaner gear for new fighters. Before the meeting he sent an email with some details.

Three sets of legs have been donated recently, so the order may need to be adjusted. He would like to spend \$1,500. The list of items he would like to purchase includes 5 helmets in various sizes, padding good enough to prevent concussions, legs, and hockey gloves. We have several shields to loan. He would like to add gorgets to the list.

Who will be responsible for storing and taking care of this new gear? Jonathan volunteered. He has tubs.

The officers voted in favor of making this purchase. Ogurr said he prefers to pay for it and then get reimbursed.

## OFFICER REPORTS

CHAMBERLAIN: Some baronial stuff is still out. The baron and baroness still have an SCA sign. Emidio noted that the posts take a lot of space. We use all of the new ones at Mudthaw; the rest of the year we use fewer. Things are looking good in the storage unit, but it is crammed. We now have a lot of archery equipment in there too. To get anything, you first have to spend 10 minutes to move stuff out of the way. Perhaps we should store the list poles and the EZ ups somewhere else. Judith will look into whether Compass Storage has smaller units and we can consider whether to rent two spaces or one larger. We also have some extra stuff we aren't using: old list posts, 4 sets of parking stakes, water jugs. We should do a thorough inventory, and then ask other groups if they'd find some of our extra stuff useful.

EXCHEQUER: We have money. NMS has been sent for Ducal. The report on that event is done, but it hasn't been sent. Charis is working on the quarterly report. She sent the information that the auditors for the Society finances were asking for.

FENCING: We've been using the high school as a temporary site. The disadvantage is that we won't be able to use it for two month this winter or during summer vacation. The big advantage is that it isn't costing us anything. Orlando would like to have a baronial sign to show people which door to go in to find the practice. He will take the sign the baron and baroness still have and use that. The high school is a stopgap solution to the crowding at Glen Gardner. The floor there is getting worse. We need to be looking for a year-round place we can use for fencing practices. Orlando would also like to purchase some gear, primarily for new fighters to use: a pair of team bags (the one we have is ripping), a pair of gorgets, and two light swords. We discussed what a reasonable amount was to spend, including shipping. The officers voted in favor of spending \$900 for this equipment.

CHRONICLER: Hekja is working on the next issue of the Mudpuppy. She will send us a copy to look over this weekend.

A&S: Natal'ia reported for Sof'ia. Nothing much is going on right now, but the good news is that Sof'ia's last treatment was this week. We look forward to having her join us.

SENESCHAL: Judith is willing to continue as seneschal for now. Natal'ia, her deputy, is not able to step up yet because she lives in Jersey City, which isn't part of our barony yet. She's also been busy planning her wedding. The officers voted in favor of Judith continuing for at least a year.

NEXT MEETING: November 14th, 7:30, at Galefridus' and Judith's home.