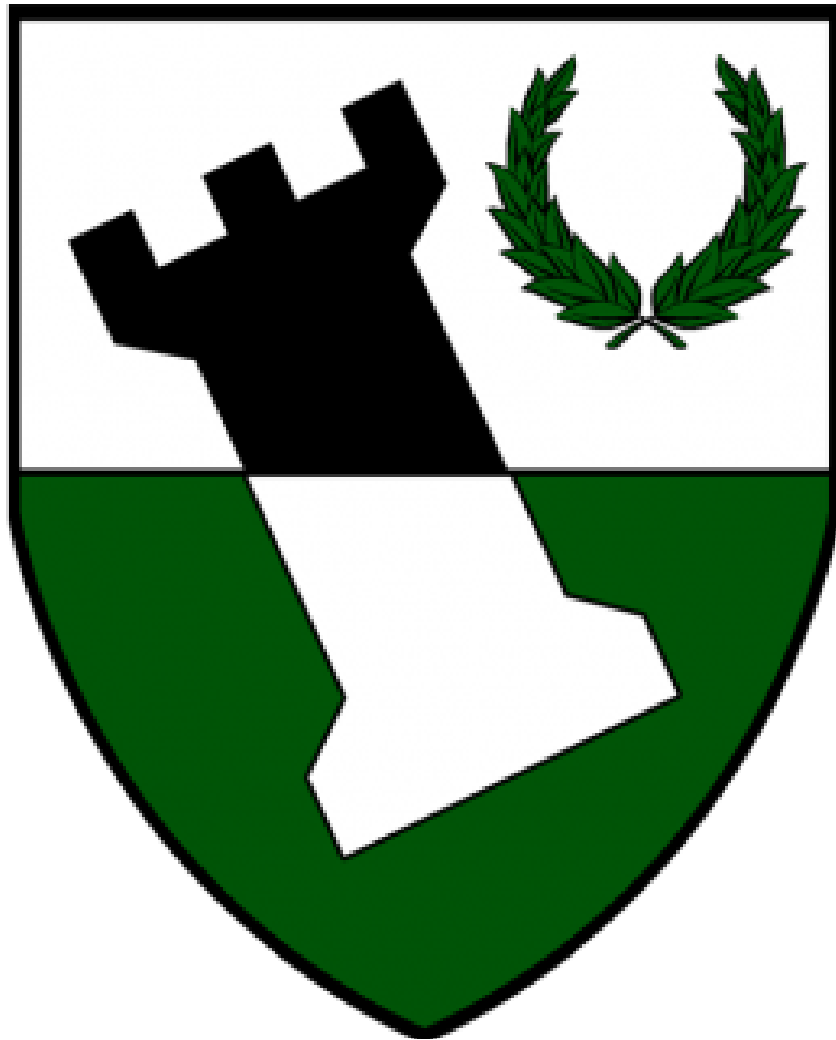


# *The Barony of Settmour Swamp*



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VACANT

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VACANT

Chancellor Minor

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Thrown Weapons Marshal

VACANT

# Upcoming Events

Settmour Swamp - Wharton, NJ

9/14-9/16 Lakewood Ren-Faire XXXVII	Barony of Carillion - Lakewood, NJ
9/15 Axes, Arrows & Ales at the Feast of Michaelmas	Barony of An Dubhaigeainn - Middle Island , NY
9/15 Dining Alfresco with Henri II **POSTPONED**	Shire of Hartshorn-dale - Berwyn, PA
9/15 Endewearde Baronial Heavy List Championship	Barony of Endewearde - Eastbrook, ME
9/15 Fall Harvest: the Dragon is Awake	Barony of L'ile du Dragon Dormant - Mille Iles, QC
9/15 Falling Leaves: Part 2 of Rose Tournament Carolingia Baronial Investiture	Barony of Carolingia - Westford, MA
9/15 Seashire Fall Schola	Canton of Seashire - Halifax, NS
9/20-9/23 Known World Commedia Symposium 2018	Kingdom of Æthelmarc - New Manchester, WV
9/21-9/23 River War	Barony of Iron Bog - Mullica Hill, NJ
9/21-9/23 Storm in the Fort Demo	Shire of Glenn Linn - Lake George, NY
9/22 Bergental Baronial Investiture	Barony of Bergental - Feeding Hills, MA
9/22-9/23 Demo at Queens County Fair	Crown Province of Ostgardr - Floral Park, NY
9/22 Harvest Moon	Province of Malagentia - Hebron, ME
9/22 Tir Mara Archery and Thrown Weapons Principality Championship	Shire of Avonmore - Riverview, NB
9/29 Coronation of Wilhelm von Ostenbrücke and Vienna de la Mer	Barony of Dragonship Haven - Middletown , CT

# Recurring Events in the Barony

Nutley Armored Fighter Practice  
Every Wednesday (Starting August 29th)  
7:00PM  
45 Hillside Crescent  
Nutley, NJ 07110

Glen Gardner Armored and Fencing Practice, Arts & Sciences  
Every Tuesday  
7:30PM  
16 Hampton Rd  
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

Baronial Business Meeting  
Time and location varies by announcement.  
Contact the Seneschal for details.

## Summary of the Minutes of the Baronial Officers' Meeting September 12, 2018

Present: Judith (chairing), Teresa (taking notes), Jonathan, Oskar, Emeline, Myrin, Marissa, Charis, Vika, Jocelyn, Galefridus, Hekja, Stephanie, Natal'ia, Alexander (by video), Antonio (by video), Ogurr (by video), Mark, Lisa, Emidio (by video).

The minutes and summary from the August 15, 2018 meeting were approved.

### BANISHMENT

Judith reported on an issue the barony has been dealing with. Jonathan publicly posted about him via Facebook to inform the barony of the issue. He noted that Kingdom has handled this issue well. Judith added that we in the barony take this type of behavior very seriously.

## MUDTHAW

In June Galefridus submitted a bid for K&Q A&S competition, and we have been chosen to host the event. Galefridus made it clear then he only wanted to run that portion of the event so we need someone to be the Mudthaw autocrat, but the basic bid has already been put together. Marissa and Stephanie would like to be the autocrats for Mudthaw. They presented their thoughts on running Mudthaw, but first we discussed the work that already been done on K&Q A&S.

We have already been getting lots of questions from the kingdom MOAS office about the competition. Judith and Galefridus have been trying to work with them, but realized that some of what they were making decisions about really needed to be worked out with the Mudthaw autocrats, and we didn't have them yet.

Lunch is being moved into the big room.

We will likely not host an Artisan's village or separate A&S tournament due to the complications of hosting the Kingdom A&S competition. We don't have the space. It may be possible to have 3-4 round tables set aside for Artisan's Village and have a set schedule of events so the same table could be used for 3 or more activities.

Jonathan noted we will need to have entertainment for children to keep them busy and engaged. There are no additional rooms available for rent.

To use the space efficiently, Galefridus suggested having the merchants outside under the overhang, and also having a chair-free morning court in the courtyard.

Stephanie and Marissa described their vision for the event:

They would like to have a North African Maghrebi theme this year.

Their plan is to have baronial and kingdom courts, K&Q A&S, armored/rapier/kids fighting, merchants, feast, and baked goods fundraiser like previous years.

Myrin submitted a bid for a feast with North African theme.

She will have lots of help in planning and day-of in the kitchen.

There was a discussion of having more vegan and vegetarian options.

The call for bids has been published for at least 30 days so we can vote on these two.

The officers to accept Marissa and Stephanie as autocrats. They also voted "yes" to accept Myrin's feast bid. Galefridus will be the liaison for the Kingdom A&S competition; Vika will prepare the event announcement.

## FFESTY PEN WELSH FEAST: NOVEMBER 3RD

Charis described the event as a Welsh feast day and Eisteddfod. She is the head cook, and Orlando the autocrat. It is an immersive event. We will encourage but not require people to wear 13th century garb.

## FFESTY PEN CONTINUED

### Activities and Schedule:

There will be food in the morning as you arrive.

Events throughout the day -- traditional Welsh Eisteddfod (bardic competition) - 3 categories with prizes, Fleece-to-shawl: how to spin, knit, etc. (to be run by Vivienne). Jehannine will bring an apple press, and we will press apples and perhaps make cider to serve at the event. There will be a demo of making rush lights if Charis can master the skill. Period games with Caera. Brewing contest and demo: Spirits are prohibited, but wine, beer, cider, and mead are fine.

Feast will be at 1 pm, the correct time for a traditional Welsh feast.

The plan is to have dancing with musicians after the feast.

We will have bardic performances throughout the day.

At 7 pm the final amounts of food will be served.

We need someone to be head server.

Event site: All Saints Episcopal Church in Millington. There is an elevator and chair lift so the site is accessible.

Costs and Event Fee: 100 people maximum limit. Pre-registration-only event. There is only one cost, which is all-inclusive (for both the event and the food).

The officers voted to subsidize the cost of this event, with the event fee set at \$15 per person (\$20 for non-members). We want to be doing smaller and more immersive events, and this one is very different.

The event announcement will include images of what the garb would look like and provide references to encourage people to dress in the time period for the event.

## DUCAL CHALLENGES

Antonio reported that the event went very well; 323 people came. Total grossed: ~ \$5,000.

The event came in significantly under budget, at a net of \$3330.82.

We ran low on food as we were expecting attendance in the 200s. They actually cooked for 300 and still ran low. The event site is great, and the staff is very friendly.

Next year:

Set up Paypal. Pre-registration would be great for this event.

Estimating attendance is difficult, especially if we don't have preregistrations.

Discussed ways to have the event end a bit earlier. Cleaning up in the dark is difficult.

Have a clean-up crew work on the kitchen BEFORE the event as well as after.

## DUCAL CHALLENGES CONTINUED

Thor was running archery: He had a catastrophic failure of his car's roof rack, and the archery targets ended up on the highway. Jonathan had to run off to get old targets from storage. Archery was able to take place.

Charis clarified that the only staff who are comped are the Autocrat, Cook, Excellencies, and Majesties. Please remember to troll in (particularly if you are working the event).

We made a profit. It was a royal progress, but not a kingdom event, which means that we DO NOT have to split the proceeds, but we can choose to donate. Officers voted to donate \$1,000 to the Kingdom.

## PENNSIC BUDGET - VIKA

Vika gave receipts and money to Charis. We came in under budget.

The plan for next year is to purchase shower heaters that don't burst into flames.

The barony has been repaid for money we paid up front before camp fees were collected.

We need someone to be Camp Parent next year. Vika will share documents, list of inventory, etc. She can also provide a projected budget for next year's Pennsic if no one has stepped up by January 1st. Jonathan volunteered himself and the baroness as temporary Parents until the position is filled.

## CANAL DAYS DEMO

We had lots of participation and great attendance.

Emeline will continue to print more brochures as they are very popular and helpful. We ran out of all she had printed.

There was a suggestion we host a post-event Baronial diner dinner next year.

## MUDPUPPY

Hekja reported that the Mudpuppy has been posted. Some extra items will be added in future issues.

## HERALD POSITION

We need someone to do research and paperwork. This job is separate from doing court heraldry. Because of kingdom-level rules, whoever submits the reports is given the title of baronial herald (Sinking Tower Pursuivant). Alexander, Galefridus, and Thornton have all volunteered.

Because the position had not been posted on the baronial website for 30 days, we will vote at the next meeting.



## SOCIAL MEDIA POSITION

Kingdom is slowing down on making this position official though they appreciate that we have begun working on this matter. They are trying to clarify with Society what exactly this person is supposed to do. We can continue to experiment using Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. to advertise in the meantime.

## GLEN GARDNER

The gym floor has issues with buckling.

We're trying to head off space constraints with the influx of newer fighters and fencers.

The baron and baroness have been graciously hosting new heavy fighters at their house while the weather holds.

We are looking at a different place.

## OFFICER REPORTS

MOL: At Ducal Challenges, 36 heavy and 48 fencers participated in the fighting, a significant increase from last year when the numbers for both were in the 20s. The report is already in to Kingdom MOL. She appreciated the people who volunteered.

Chronicler: See above.

Chatelaine: She has consistently had communication with about 15-20 new people. We received great feedback on Gold Key and on the display board at troll. (Emeline included sketches attached to the hangers for Gold Key items, showing what the clothing would look like. She assembled whole outfits on one hanger.) Her work received many compliments at Ducal Challenges.

Heavy Marshall: People are fighting and having fun. He is working with Jonathan on a quote for loaner armor that newcomers can use.

A&S: Natal'ia reported for Sof'ia. Galefridus was able to run the baronial A&S competition at Ducal.

Exchequer: We have money. The Quest check issue discussed at a prior meeting has been resolved. The monthly report has been sent. There was some discussion on the changes that need to take place with respect to Exchequer's duties and responsibilities. Judith, Jonathan, and Teresa need to collaborate on writing a letter to the Kingdom Seneschal that she will forward to Society asking that the requirements for this job be changed. The software/method of balancing is very difficult. Using something like QuickBooks would make the job much more manageable.

## OFFICER REPORTS CONTINUED

Seneschal: Judith's term is up in November. Her deputy is interested in the position but not ready to step up yet. She will work on learning the ropes over the next few months. This is one of the positions that requires that the person doing it live in the barony. As Jersey City is not yet baronial territory, Judith intends to continue.

Next meeting: October 10th, 7:30, at Jonathan and Teresa's house