# The Barony of Settmour Swamp



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## Officers of Settmour Swamp

## Baron

Jonathan Miles Elected March, 2017 Baron@SettmourSwamp.EastKingdom.org Ends March, 2021

## Baroness

Teresa Ana Perez Elected March, 2017 Baroness@SettmourSwamp.EastKingdom.org Ends March, 2021

## Seneschal

Judith bas Rabbi MendelElected November, 2016Seneschal@SettmourSwamp.EastKingdom.orgEnds November, 2020

## Deputy Seneschal

Natal'ia Bolotnikova Volunteered March, 2018

## Chancellor of the Exchequer

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## **Deputy Exchequer**

Mabel Fortune Volunteered November, 2016
Phelippe le Vigneron Volunteered February, 2019

## Chatelaine

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## Sinking Tower Pursuivant (Herald)

Alexander MacGregor Elected November, 2018 Herald@SettmourSwamp.EastKingdom.org Ends November, 2020

## Deputy Herald

Ceara MacKieran of Arundel

Renewed February, 2018

Ends February, 2020

## Officers of Settmour Swamp

Minister of Arts & Sciences

Sof'ia Zhirinskaia Elected August, 2018

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Deputy Minister of Arts & Sciences

Raela a Bheithir Volunteered December, 2018

Minister of the Lists

Jocelyn Wulf Le Queynte Elected June, 2017 MOL@SettmourSwamp.EastKingdom.org Ends June, 2019

Chronicler

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Mýrún inn irska Volunteered June, 2017

Webminister

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Ógurr AðalbrandarsonElected April, 2018Marshal@SettmourSwamp.EastKingdom.orgEnds April, 2020

Marshal of Fence

Orlando di Sforza Elected May, 2018 Rapier@SettmourSwamp.EastKingdom.org Ends May, 2020

Marshal in Training

Bahee ns hlnsee Volunteerd April, 2018

Archery@SettmourSwamp.EastKingdom.org

## Recent Awards

Bardic Champion Úlfarr Gyldir (Black Gryphon Inn XX)

Iron Tower
Jane Milford (Mudthaw XXXIX)
Ellynor Redpath (Mudthaw XXXIX)
Ciaran Ua Meic Thire (Mudthaw XXXIX)

## **Upcoming Local Events**

Quest for Wit and Wisdom XXXV: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Valhalla

Across the world a lone voice cries; from the bustling markets of Sverige to the rocky coasts of Éire, from the chilled plains of Greenland to the temperate grasslands of Iceland it yearns to know; "What happened last night?" Come join the Barony of Settmour Swamp as they retrace the drunken revelry of Leif Erikson. Put your bravery, camaraderie, and iron stomachs on the line in an effort to recover both his equipment and his wits as you wander the infamous viking settlements across the world in The Quest for Wit and Wisdom XXXV: A Funny thing Happened on the way to Valhalla.

QUEST is Settmour Swamp's local camping event and includes competitions to determine the Barony's champions for heavy weapons fighting, rapier combat, thrown weapons and archery. There is also an Artisan's row (live displays and hands-on demos), a brewing competition, a silent auction, a bardic circle, and of course the Quest. It is a scavenger hunt and an obstacle course and a mystery to be solved all combined in an adventure! Come and test your wit, courage and skill at a chance to win the Quest as well as wondrous prizes!

Baron Jonathan Miles and Baroness Teresa Ana Perez, welcome all to join in our weekend-long celebration.

Children are most welcome, but please supervise your children at all times. Anyone under the age of eighteen must be accompanied to the event by a parent or legal guardian. The SCA youth waiver policy will be enforced.

Pets are permitted, and must be kept on a leash at all times. Certain areas will be off limits to pets.

Alcohol Policy: No alcoholic beverages may be brought on site. There will be a site-run bar available, and open until 2:00am. This policy will be strictly enforced by event staff. Anyone in violation of this policy will be removed from the site. Rules for the brewing competition will include instructions on how to store these items on site.

Site Opens: 4 pm. Friday, May 24 Site Closes: 11:30 pm Monday, May 27

#### **REGISTRATION FEES:**

| Description                     | Price    |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Adult - Friday:                 | \$ 5.00  |
| Adult - Sat or Sun -SCA Member: | \$ 15.00 |
| Adult - Sat or Sun:             | \$ 20.00 |
| Adult - Weekend - SCA Member:   | \$ 30.00 |
| Adult - Weekend:                | \$ 35.00 |
| Feast:                          | \$ 10.00 |
| Merchant Fee:                   | \$ 5.00  |
| Minors:                         | \$ 0.00  |

## Upcoming Kingdom Events

| 5/17-5/19 | Middleground IX  | Shire of Lyndhaven - Yoho, NB                       |
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| 5/18      | Viking Day Festival Demo   | Canton of Brokenbridge - Brooklyn, NY               |
| 5/24-5/27 | Panteria XXIV  | Shire of Panther Vale - Thetford, VT                |
| 5/24-5/27 | War of the Roses   | Barony of Concordia of the Snows - Schaghticoke, NY |
| 5/25      | Hunter's Picnic  | Shire of Caer Adamant - Newark, DE                  |
| 5/31-6/2  | Artisan's Village and<br>*Baronial Rattan and Rapier Championship  | Barony of Buckland Cross - Point Pleasant, PA s*    |
| 5/31-6/2  | Sommer Draw and Bergental Archery and Thrown Weapons Championships   | Barony of Bergental - Greenfield, MA                |
| 6/1       | Sigtuna Viking Market and Tir Mara A&S/Rattan Championships  | Canton of Seashire - Lake Echo, NS                  |
| 6/1-6/2   | Tourney on a Summer's Day III  | Shire of Hadchester - Somerville, ME                |
| 6/7-6/9   | Southern Region War Camp IX and Baronial Investiture   | Barony of Carillion - Manalapin, NJ                 |
| 6/7-6/16  | War of the Lilies Kingdom of Calontir - Smithville, MS and Known World Historical Combat Studies Symposium |   |
| 6/8       | Border Town Schola   | Shire of Avonmore - Sackville, NB                   |
| 6/8       | Huginn & Muninn V  | Riding of Ravensbridge - Georgetown, ME             |
| 6/8       | Lions End Farmingdale Demo   | Canton of Lions End - Farmingdale, NY               |
| 6/14-6/16 | Baronial Muster at the Fort - Demo   | Barony of Endewearde - Prospect, ME                 |
| 6/14-6/16 | Opening of the Inne and "A" NRWC!  | Shire of Coldwood - Peru, NY                        |
| 6/15      | King's and Queen's Archery Championships   | Barony of Beyond the Mountain - New Britain, CT     |
| 6/15      | Potted Arms  | Canton of Hawke's Reache - Huntington, NY           |

## Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting April 9, 2019

Held at Warren Hills Regional High School, 41 Jackson Valley Rd, Washington, NJ

Present: Judith (chairing), Teresa (taking notes), Jonathan, Stephanie, Marissa, Emidio, Charis, Ogurr, Pippin, Emeline, Phelippe, Galefridus, Mark, Lisa, Dalek, Natal'ia, Sofi'a, Caoilfhionn, Alexander, Orlando, Myrin, Vashni

The minutes and summary of the March, 2019 meeting were approved.

#### Mudthaw

- -Overall, the event went very well.
- -Exchequer reported that there are some things to still work out. Current figures show just over 900 people in attendance. Final numbers are incomplete, but gross income is close to \$13,700 The event ran less than \$100 over budget overall but under budget for feast. We made approximately \$2,670, with 50% going to the Kingdom.
- -Issues: Improvements for Next Year

African dancing: We received tons of positive feedback about the dancing, but we also heard from some who didn't like it. Overall the officers felt the net result was a positive and worth it despite the controversy.

Timing: Court ran over an hour, and it was decided to have the dancers start their performance before court ended since that was the time stated on the contract, and we faced the choice of starting then or having no performance at all. We discussed how to work more closely with Kingdom in the future. We should communicate fully with the royals, letting them know the issues, particularly when we have outside entertainment and specific timeframes to meet. Next year could we start the tournaments earlier? Do we have to wait for the royals to begin them? Having a Girl Scout troop selling cookies worked out fine.

Parking problems: Heralds went through and called, but many who had parked incorrectly didn't move. We had more cars than usual and filled the overflow parking. This needs to be addressed next year.

#### -Kitchen

Going forward, the head cook should appoint someone to inventory what we use and then at the end double check to ensure nothing is left behind or mistakenly taken. The head cook is too tired at the end to be expected to do this, but it needs to be delegated beforehand so that person knows enough to do it.

We need to label our stuff!

Due to rising food costs, it was suggested we have a baronial spice cabinet. We've done it in the past, but the spices expire. When baronial feasts are close together, some food stuffs could be used for more than one.

Feast budgets are rising- do we need to increase feast costs? \$10 for a four-course meal is reasonable.

#### -Kids' table

This worked out wonderfully. We had enough chancellors minor to make it legal plus extra volunteers.

The rules concerning kids events (even if it's noted as family friendly) are complicated and crucial to protect everyone. Perhaps we or a bunch of us can become chancellors minor. This process takes about three months. The first step is to contact the Kingdom Chancellor.

### Quest

Emidio reported tokens are being worked on by Natal'ia. The Quest is already written up, Gunnar will be tweaking things with Galen. Emidio will put the call out for heads of troll, etc. He will get in touch with champions soon to get things running.

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## Canal Days Demo

We need someone other than Jonathan to handle it every year. The event occurs shortly after Pennsic. We need someone to communicate with the guy in charge.

They already know we will be there. They want us to do something with thrown weapons. Perhaps we will need additional security, i.e., nothing in the hands of the public, if we do proceed.

### **Boy Scout Demo**

The event was well attended.

## Officer Reports

Heavy – Ogurr: 67 fighters at Mudthaw.

Chamberlain – Emidio: We now have the 2nd storage unit with dedicated spaces for items. We need to address having sufficient cleanup staffing for future events.

Chatelaine – Emeline: She spoke with around 20 new people at Mudthaw who said it was their first event. She is meeting with some from Scarlet Cross (Rutgers) people who know Jonathan. They are working on cross pollination. If anyone can come to their event, that would be great.

Herald - Alexander: The Quarterly report is in. One person is trying to get their name through.

Exchequer – Charis: We have money. First Quarter Report is due. The hope that her deputies will have learned the job by the end of the year. Mabel did a great job at Mudthaw running troll. Charis needs Quest troll person to set up pre-reg.

Web – Dalek: Not much has changed. A new re-design of the website is in process.

A&S - Sof'ia: On May 11, we would like to set a date to work on Quest obstacles. We would like to host a Swamp Stomp to do this at the Moose lodge in New Brunswick. We'd have to pay for to use that location. The officers voted to spend \$200 to cover costs. NTD: By subsequent email, the officers voted to increase the budget to \$300.

## Swamp 40th Anniversary

Do we want to do something at Quest, or do we want to do something different like for the Swamp's 35th that was held at Baron Erec's? We have all the stuff from the 50th SCA anniversary. We saved it thinking we could use it for this celebration. The officers voted to have it at Quest.