



# The Barony of Settmour Swamp

## The MudPuppy

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## The search for Excellencies continues- from the Seneschal

As previously announced on July 12th, Baron Jonathan and Baroness Teresa will be stepping down this upcoming Mudthaw. Already, August is halfway done, and September 12th, the deadline for the call for bids, is approaching quickly. As you may be aware, the baron(s) and/or baroness(es) are the heads of the group, interacting and encouraging the populace to participate, recommending officer position nominees, and representing the Barony on a kingdom level. Serving in this position is an important and rewarding role that is an excellent way to support the Barony while getting to interact with neighboring groups and the Crown.

In this role, you will be supported by a team of officers. Monthly meetings led by the seneschal are held to discuss current affairs, plan future events, and elect officers.

The only requirements are that you live in the baronial territory and have an active membership. To check the location of your home, see

<https://settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org/about/territory/>

If you would like to submit a bid or have any questions about the process, please feel free to contact me directly at [Seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org](mailto:Seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org).

Those not seeking consideration as candidates can support the process in two important ways: watch the Q&A sessions to learn about the candidates, and participate in the polling which will take place in the Fall. This polling advises the Crown about our opinions of the candidates.

We truly encourage anyone with an interest to inquire!

**Deadline for letters of intent:  
September 12, 2020**







## Local Officers for the Barony of Settmour Swamp

Baron Baron Jonathan Miles  
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Invested: March 20  
Expires: March 2021

Baroness Baroness Teresa Ana Perez  
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Invested: March 2017  
Expires: March 2021

Seneschal Natal'ia Bolotnikova  
seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Invested: October 2019  
Expires: October 2021

Deputy Seneschal Judith bas Rabbi Mendel

Volunteered: October 2019

Exchequer Phelippe le Vigneron  
exchequer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Invested: April 2020  
Expires: April 2022

Deputy Exchequer Charis Accipiter

Volunteered: April, 2020

Chamberlain Galefridus Peregrinus  
chamberlain@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Invested: April 2019  
Expires: April 2021

Chatelaine Emeline la Chauciere  
chatelaine@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org  
Currently seeking applicants

Invested: August 2018  
Expires: August 2020

Social Media Officer Amitabh a' Bheithir  
socialmedia@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Invested: September 2019  
Expires: September 2021

Sinking Tower Pursuivant  
(Herald) Alexander MacGregor  
herald@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Invested: November 2018  
Expires: November 2020

Deputy Herald (voice)  
 Ceara MacKieran of Arundel

Volunteered: February 2018

Deputy Herald Markus Farmaðr

Volunteered: April 2020

Minister of Arts & Sciences Elizabeth Talbot  
moas@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Invested: April 2020  
Expires: April 2022

Deputy Minister of Arts & Sciences Raela a Bheithir

Volunteered: December 2018

Chronicer Raela a Bheithir  
chronicer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Invested: October 2019  
Expires: October 2021

Deputy Chronicer Judith bas Rabbi Mendel

Volunteered: October 2019

Webminister Dalek Bolotnikov iz Kabanov  
webminister@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Invested: October 2010  
Expires: May 2021

Deputy Webminister Ursula of North Woods

Volunteered: March 2017

Knight Marshal Ögurr Adalbrandarson  
marshal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Invested: March 2016  
Expires: April 2020

Marshal of Fence Wulfgar Silfrabárr  
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Invested: June 2020  
Expires: June 2022

Captain of the Archers Bahee Na hinsec  
archery@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

Invested: June 2019  
Expires: June 2021

## Upcoming Events

**BGI CANCELLED.** We tried rescheduling it from the Spring to October 3, but the Canton decided that the virus would still make it unsafe to hold the event.

**DUCAL CHALLENGES CANCELLED.**

**Pennsic Classes:** Many of them are still available for viewing. Virtual Pennsic University has closed, but they are posting links. Check out the playlists and channels at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcPqyAoBz-iFNf3G-kQt0eQ?fbclid=IwAR0d4zBI0I5iQ3wRgbls7x8B-ZE6lDKhga9uU3qlGpRlkcKQJcs8XMDq-E>  
You may have to look on the various kingdom (MOAS) websites to find the classes. 13,394 people watched the videos during the two weeks they were posted on the Pennsic University site!

**A Day at the Opera:** Music of the Renaissance Stage. Hosted by EK College of Performers Online (EKCoP). August 24. See EK Event page for link.

**Counsel with the Consules.** August 30, 4 pm. This first interactive session will be dedicated to an "Ask Me Anything" conversation with the Consules. The live stream will be at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/SCAEastKingdomEthereal/>

**SCA Virtual Classroom and Artisan Display** – This Facebook page lists many classes and recorded classes. A number of them are from other kingdoms. A link to the EK master list of classes:  
<https://moas.eastkingdom.org/list-of-online-webinars/?fbclid=IwAR2bAjVRgrXG-LRlhEv-s1nqgvFuGbUR-xrv4sQpnuU6Bpyi4WP6GxnuF-I> Also check out the East Kingdom Calendar of Online Activities at  
<https://www.eastkingdom.org/calendar-of-online-activities/> Try something new—look at the A&S Try-athon at  
<https://moas.eastkingdom.org/ek-tryathalon/>

**Deadline for Letters of Intent to be candidates for baron/baroness September 12**

If you know of events that should be listed, please contact  
chronicer@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org

## The Officers of Canton of Gryphonwald

Seneschal Stephanie MacGregor  
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Invested: June 2019

Exchequer Eleanor Callaghan  
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Invested: January 2018

Minister of Arts & Sciences Dalek Bolotnikov iz Kabanov  
moas@gryphonwald.eastkingdom.org

Invested: March 2008



# Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting

April 15th, 2020  
Via Video Conference

Present: Natal'ia (chairing), Jonathan, Teresa (taking notes), Alexander, Emeline, Judith, Galefridus, Charis, Orlando, Phelippe, Sofia, Dagdalena, Baron Sir Ditchell, Vashni, Ciaran, Eleanor Callahan, Markus, Dyrfinna, Ogurr, Elizabeth Galbot, Raela, Amitabh

Minutes of February and March were approved.

## MUDTHAW

- Charis has sent Judith a package of prepared checks so she could add the second signature to the checks, but she has not received the package yet.
- March 20, 2021 is a go next year for the event. Got a contract: Natal'ia will sign & send to site.
- Crossing Church parking lot - Judith is asking whether we can have it for next year, but has not heard back on that.
- Judith has figured out all costs she has control over, but not postage or Paypal fees.
- Today spoke with Rene in California about insurance. We will get refunds for part of our insurance that we can roll forward to next year's Mudthaw.
- Tokens - we can reuse these. We will write them off as an expense for this year's Mudthaw.
- Charis noted it has not been determined what to do with the event report we usually fill out. She has been in discussion with Kingdom.
- Consensus of officers to make April 30th the cut-off date for requests for reimbursements.
- We still somehow made money from people donating site fees. We appreciate their help.

## QUEST

- Only spent about \$130 on fire permit, tokens, etc.
- There is not much else to do to close this cancelled event. We will void the checks sent as preregistrations. Markus is contacting the other suppliers. We will write off the tokens as an expense.
- Charis thanked Stephanie Danfre for coming back to resubmit the feast bid.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### Exchequer - Charis

- She is working on Mudthaw refunds. Phelippe working hard to learn how to use spreadsheet. She passed all figures over to Phelippe, but warrants are backlogged due to what is going on. Kingdom gave permission for Phelippe to take over. We did hear back from Kingdom that all finances have been balanced for 2019. The Q1 2020 report is done.
- The officers voted for Phelippe to become the baronial exchequer.

### Fencing - Orlando

- Online encouragement to keep fencing and training.

### Chatelaine - Emeline

- No information on demos: we're in a holding pattern. She is working to create an online community with others. Additional support is needed to continue building this momentum.

### Heraldry - Alexander

- Two devices returned, in progress. New deputy - Markus!

### Chronicler - Raela

- Not much to put in The Mudpuppy. She can put in different how-to do things.

### AES -

- Voted for Elizabeth Galbot to be the new DOAS.
- Galefridus and Judith taught a cooking class online. It will be posted.

### Social Media, Webminister, Chamberlain, Archery, Heavy - Amitabh, Dalek, Galefridus, Natal'ia (on behalf of Bahee), and Ogurr

- No updates. Webminister is doing maintenance.

The next meeting will be on May 13th at 7:30pm via Googlehangouts.  
Judith summarized the minutes.

Chroniclers are advised that they would do well to include the minutes of the baronial business meetings in their newsletters. This time we have the minutes from several months. They allow you to see the process of decision-making in the barony. In the last issue, the minutes recorded the decision to cancel Mudthaw. If you find this boring, skip to the next section on page 8.







## Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting

Day 13th, 2020  
Via Video Conference



Present: Natal'ia (chairing), Judith, Galefridus, Jonathan, Teresa, Alexander, Emeline, Charis, Orlando, Phelippe, Dalek, Ciaran, Eleanor, Markus, Dyrfinna, Ocurr, Elizabeth Galbot, Wulfgar, Greannah, Kelly  
We now have a permanent link for these meetings.

### MUDGPUPPY

Refund checks have been sent out. Mail was slow: it took 27 days for the checks to get delivered for the second signature! A few more checks still to be sent. Judith spent total of \$321.78: \$100 on the insurance, rest on site tokens. Other costs are related to refunds.

### QUEST

Only about \$130-40 spent, on fire permit, tokens. Everyone has been informed of cancellation.

### BARONIAL SUCCESSION

Discussion ensued regarding succession. Natal'ia received response from Kingdom Seneschal, but is still waiting for next steps. She will follow up.

### DUCAL CHALLENGE

No status updates. When Judith contacted the site, they offered the full weekend. Maybe not a camping event but possibly two one-day events. We should meet soon to discuss whether to hold this event. Will set up meeting within 2 weeks when we know what date works for Caoilfhionn and Brennan.

### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Exchequer - Phelippe

- Quest refunds - will post how to request refunds in numerous places. Deadline for requests is the end of the month. Budget for this year will be same as last year, as if Covid was not a factor. Financial Policies to be voted on: nothing changed from last year. We have money.

#### Fencing - Orlando

- Online encouragement to keep fencing and training. Wulfgar is ready to step up. Officer position will be posted online and voted on at next month's meeting.

#### Chatelaine - Emeline

- Not much to report. People are still finding us online. Appreciative to everyone doing demos online. Demos we were going to do at libraries this summer are cancelled.

#### Heraldry - Alexander

- Deputy, Markus, working on his first assignment. We have 3 names to submit. Q1 2020 report in. Orlando willing to teach how to do voice heraldry. Greannah also volunteered to teach; we can put together a virtual meeting.

#### Chronicler - Raela

- Working on the next issue of the Mudpuppy. Will get out soon.

#### Archery - Bahee

Arrowmaking class was good. She'd like to get some equipment to make arrows. Archers are eager to start up again.

#### AES -

- AES virtual meeting went well. They will be taking place Wednesdays and Sundays once a month. We do not have Pennsic to prepare for so maybe by 12th Night we could have an event in which people could work on a more in-depth clothing project. For the reports she submits, she requested input from others as to what AES activities are going on. There was a discussion on outreach to current members of the Swamp.

#### Social Media, Webminister, Chamberlain, Heavy, DOL - Amitabh, Dalek, Galefridus, Ciaran, and Ocurr

- No updates. Webminister is doing maintenance.

### Miscellaneous

Date for coronation is the same day as BGI. A discussion was held.

The next monthly meeting will be on June 10th at 7:30PM via GoogleMeet. Natal'ia will let us know of date for Ducal discussion. Minutes summarized by Judith.



## Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting

### Special Meeting Held to Discuss Ducal Challenges

Via Video Conference, May 27th, 2020

Present: Caoilfhionn, Brennan, Natal'ia (chairing), Elizabeth Galbot, Teresa, Jonathan, Markus, Alienor Salton, Emeline, Phelippe, John of Settmour, Wulfgar, Galefridus, Judith, Ocurr, Alexander

Natal'ia introduced the discussion. Everyone has the SCA's best interests in mind. We're trying to find our best way forward. Emotions due to Pandemic are high, understandably. We will re open eventually, but we need to discuss what we are comfortable with.

There are a few options:

- We have a trial gathering;
- We have Ducal; or
- We don't have Ducal.

#### Feedback:

If we can't have a trial event safely in July or August, we have our answer to whether we can hold Ducal.

Under current executive orders, we can't plan even a trial event or small meeting.

Caoilfhionn pointed out that NJPAC is currently not allowing events before August. We can't provide safety precautions in the way they can. They have all sorts of techy thermal temp things and have the ability to sanitize, and we don't. How do we move forward? We can't move forward as Brennan and Caoilfhionn's Ducal Challenge if we can't have Challenge-like tourneys.

#### Realizations:

We would have to rent more portajohns and handwashing stations so costs will be higher.

Fewer people will come.

We are likely to lose money.

Risk is high.

Brennan said he didn't want an event in his name unless it was safe.

Is there a contract back out!? The Elks are easy to work with. They know we'll be back next year.

The consensus was that we clearly can't have an event. Sad but true.

Suggestion for a virtual Ducal pity party. Caoilfhionn asked to stay on the officers' list as we plan

The next monthly meeting will be on June 10th at 7:30PM via GoogleMeet.

Minutes summarized by Judith.



## Swamp Trivia

If you missed participating in the Trivia Quiz the night of the Great Swamp Pennsic Pity Party, here's your chance to test your knowledge of Settmour Swamp's history. If you were thrashed that night by our winner, refresh your familiarity with our background. These questions, the answers, and the stories were all supplied by Baroness Ursula of North Woods.

1. Dagda z Stalburg was the first Baroness of Settmour Swamp. Who served as Baron with her?

- a. Baron Irik Rodbjorn
- b. Baron Teric
- c. Baron Alexander Macgregor
- d. nobody

2. The first Quest (1983) came about after Gwentyth merch Llewellyn went to an event and saw a similar activity. Which event was it?

- a. A Coronation in the West Kingdom
- b. A War in Ansteorra
- c. A Guchux camping event
- d. A Bhakail camping event

3. Who was the longest serving Baron?

- a. Timothy of Arindale
- b. Eirik Rodbjorn
- c. Alexander MacGregor
- d. Erec l'Claire

4. Baron Teric Gwynedd and Baroness Paigan Crawford created many wonderful entertainments. For the 2005 Coronation of Darius and Roxanne, they organized a Roman event. What activity was the highlight of this event?

- a. A slave auction of Celtic slaves caught in Britannia
- b. Chariot Races with volunteers serving as horses
- c. A gladiator exhibition fight in the feast hall
- d. A divination of omens by the Roman augur priests

5. One dedicated Swampie has been insane enough to serve as the Baronial Seneschal for more than one term. Who is this nut case?

- a. Ursula of North Woods
- b. Omar Dohammud Dirzazadeh
- c. Alexander MacGregor
- d. Berelindis filia Cunowulfi

ANSWERS  
LOCATED ON  
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## Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting

June 17, 2020  
Via Video Conference



Present online: Natal'ia (chairing), Teresa (taking notes), Ciaran, Wulfgar, Emeline, Phelippe, Marcus, Alexander, Stephanie, Yagyu, Judith (writing minutes), Galefridus, Jonathan, Ogurt, Charis, Orlando. We had a quorum. We will wait until the next meeting to approve the minutes.

### QUEST

Marcus sent the final reports to Phelippe and Charis this past weekend. Some refunds still need to go out.

### BARONIAL SUCCESSION

Natal'ia has been communicating with Kingdom about this. Jonathan and Teresa can submit their step-down by video. Alexander recommended a clear time frame. We need 60 days to get names of people interested in taking on the position. We usually have three meetings with the populace—at Quest, at Pennsic, and at a Swamp Stomp. We can do those virtually this time. After that we do the polling.

### DUCAL CHALLENGE

Virtual Ducal? Anything new? Jonathan will follow up with Caoilfhionn

### OFFICER REPORTS

Exchequer - Phelippe and Charis

- April is balanced, but May still has a few issues. We have money.
- Phelippe was working on the 2020 budget, (laughter) but why do it at this point? Charis has some checks that need to be signed.

Fencing - Orlando and Wulfgar

- Nothing to report because it can't take place. We are waiting until the church is ready, and again that will be based on what is going on across the state.
- Orlando formally stepped down. The officers voted Wulfgar the new Marshal of Fence.
- Update from Governor: Low-contact sports (like drills) can start June 6. Medium-risk sports (like soccer) are scheduled for June 22. More high risk contact and competition are due to start up July 20. All of these rules are for outside sports and may change depending on whether covid cases increase significantly.

Chatelaine - Emeline

- Nothing much to report. The quarterly report is in. They are using a new reporting system through Google Forms. Some group chat about putting out some content online, perhaps to the Jersey City community.

Heraldry - Alexander

- Two devices are being worked on, and one name is being worked on.

DOL - Ciaran

- He will begin working on puncture resistant loaner tunics for fencing.

Chamberlain - Galefridus

- The price of the storage units is going up. Two invoices have been delivered to the exchequer.

Chronicler - Natal'ia reported

- Raela may be stepping down. Judith (the deputy chronicler) has some ideas for the next Mudpuppy, and Emeline has time to help now since the school year ended. Jonathan would like to contribute content as well. We need two issues to go out before Sept. 12 to comply with baronial procedures for finding a new baron/baroness.

### Baron's comments

Officers should not feel obliged to continue in their positions. The SCA is supposed to be fun. Don't feel guilty because you need to take care of yourself. You aren't letting us down.

Seneschal - Natal'ia

- There are some groups doing informal things. If there are practices or other things going on, the local seneschal needs to be told. There is a process. Kingdom has asked that we let them know about gatherings in groups -- they just want us to communicate with them to avoid issues!
- Our officer Gmail list is large. It's been weeded, but it needs it again. Natal'ia will arrange with Dalek to add Wulfgar.

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## Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting

June 17, 2020  
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### SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES in our group/SCA

Natal'ia raised the issue and we had a general discussion. The thoughts raised during this discussion included:

- Perhaps we should table the topic for another time and have a special meeting dedicated to this topic. It would allow us to think more about how we want to move forward. We could also include more than just our small officers' group.
- It might be good to say we are considering the subject and plan to hold a meeting.
- There's value in making sure our membership are part of the discussion.
- Collect data from populace via a Google form. Make it anonymous.
- How do we expand the feedback? Can we get people outside the barony to be part of the discussion?
- We want to learn how to be more welcoming and inclusive, but there are also pitfalls. A few random pictures showing someone of color won't cut it. What's more important is whether people feel like they fit in when they come to an event or practice.
- While it might be valuable for some of us to hear from PoC about their experiences in the SCA, they are likely to get very tired of explaining.
- There are discussions going on in the SCA Diversity group that might help us. We should include this group when we advertise our meeting.

July 8th. It will again be virtual.  
Minutes summarized by Judith.

## Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting

July 8th, 2020

Via Video Conference

Present: Natal'ia, Alexander, Emeline, Phelippe, Charis, Stephanie, Jonathan, Geres, Judith  
The April/May/June minutes were approved.

### QUEST

Vendor refunds have been confirmed. All pre-reg refunds have gone out according to Charis.

### DUCAL

No news.

### CANTON UPDATE

Hope to hold BGI in April, 2021.

### VIRTUAL SWAMP PENNSIC PITY PARTY

Taking place August 1st. It will be like the virtual Quest.

We reviewed a tentative schedule for the Virtual Swamp Pennsic Pity Party. It will include a melee video, a virtual auction, a trivia quiz show, the Peerlywed game, a fire dance spoof, and a bardic segment. The Baronial business meeting will be held at 5 before the fun begins.

### BARONIAL SUCCESSION

We need a formal announcement from the baron and baroness that they are stepping down.

Call for bids due date in September 12. Officers voted for this date by email recently.

Call for baron and baroness needs to be published twice in The Mudpuppy. The next issue is about to go out and will include it.

Baronial procedures state that the announcement must allow candidates 60 days to declare before the opportunity to be considered closes.

People interested in becoming baron and baroness need to be paid members and residing in the Swamp. (Only three officer positions require that the person be living within our borders—the other one is the seneschal.)

### OFFICER REPORTS

Exchequer - Phelippe

Second Quarter report submitted: no activity.

Fencing/Archery/Heavy/Heraldry/Chamberlain

Nothing to report

Chatelaine - Emeline

There aren't a lot of contacts right now. Once virtual Pennsic Pity Party event is updated, she will reach out to a few new people.

Chronicler - Judith as deputy Chronicler

Judith is working on getting out two issues with the assistance of Emeline. Another issue is currently being worked on as the June issue. It includes 10-12 blurbs about people describing what they were doing during quarantine. If you have suggestions of more people to interview, have people reach out to Judith. We'll include them in the next issue in August.

### NEXT MEETING:

August 1st at 5:30pm before the Pennsic Pity Party  
Minutes summarized by Judith.



## Pictures from Recent Courts

*At the eighth ethereal court of Queen Margarite, two people connected with the Swamp were recognized.*



Ciaran, our MoL, received a Silver Brooch Recognized for his amazing papercut work



Galefridus received a Consort's Order of Courtesy (Of necessity, in the car because power is out at home)

At the final court of Queen Margarita, Aurelia Alfaiata d'Alcáçova was elevated to the Laurel. The ceremony actually took place earlier and was recorded. A small group joined Aurelia in a carefully planned event where everyone was masked and practiced social distancing. The scroll was made by Onóra ingheainn Uí Rauric. Boxed lunches with some traditional Brazilian food were provided for everyone.



Stephanie MacGregor heralding in Aurelia, recounting her many praiseworthy qualities, the Keeper of the sluice of Bheithirian quaffs.



Additional pictures of the elevation found on the next page

### Swamp Trivia Answers:

1.d. Magda served alone.

At the time, it was not possible to have two Baronesses. Settmour Swamp was founded by Dagda z Stalburg and Ursula of North Woods. Ursula had a decade of SCA experience from the Barony of North Woods (East Lansing, Michigan, MSU). Magda had a long SCA history and understood the workings of the East Kingdom politics. Ursula served as the first Seneschale and the first Chronicler. Magda contacted the right people to get the Swamp registered first as a Shire (January, 1980) and then as a Barony (April, 1981). It all happened within two years.

2. c. Gwenyth went to at Tschux camping event and came back all excited about this great idea for sort of an obstacle course. She was instrumental in getting the first Quest organized.

3. b. Eirik Rodbjorn joined Ursula of North Woods on the Baronial throne in September, 1984. Eirik served alone from April, 1986 to March, 1995, when he was joined by Merlynia of Rivenoak. Eirik and Merlynia served together until March, 2001. All together he served for 17 years.

**MORE SWAMP TRIVIA ANSWERS ON PAGE 9**



*Pictures from recent courts, continued.  
Aurelia's Elevation to the Laurel continued*



The coif ribbon was made by Arabella de Mer;  
the coat and coif by Contessa Vienna de la Mer.



The coronation of Magnus Tindal and Alberic von Rostock took place on the Ides of August, AS LIV. The ceremony started with a message from the Queen being hand-delivered to each of them, and showed their long journeys to join her in the shire of Quintavia whither they had been summoned. Long live the Consules! Vivant!



**Swamp Trivia Answers:, continued:**

4. b. The chariot races were a riot. Each chariot had three strapping young men imitating horses and pulling the chariots in a complete circle around the sides of the dining hall. The chariot drivers wore helmets and had whips to beat the horses into a frenzy. At one point, one of the chariots toppled over spilling the driver.

5. c. Alexander served in 1985 to 1988 and again in 2002 to 2005. The term is usually three years.



# Swampie News

In the June issue, we included some short descriptions of what some of the gentles of the Swamp have been doing during this time of quarantine. I asked anyone who wanted to be included to contact me, but no one took me up on it. So this time the news includes some people I saw at Aurelia's elevation that most of us are likely to know but do not live in our barony. -- Judith

**Pippin a'Bheithir** said that between working a lot and taking care of a house full of roommates he has had little to no time for hobbies lately.

**Kaila Fitzgerald** has been working more than normal during this time. In addition to working remotely for a fitness studio, she has been working with a local handyman doing painting and some construction. Their family moved recently, with the help of Bheithir and extended family, and while this means she is now living in Iron Bog she commented that she is definitely still a Swampie. Her two teenagers are excited to be starting in a new school. Remote learning last year was difficult. Kaila recently bought her daughter a car and has been trying to teach her to drive, a task she described as "exciting." She also said that her kitchen in the new house has inspired her to cook more.

**Vienna de la Mer** has made about 1,500 masks since March with her sister. She has given them to a few hospitals, a foodbank, friends, and family members. She has sewn so many that she ran out of fabric. The fabric stores around her (including Joann's) were closed and later also running out of sewing supplies, so she had to get creative in finding sources. She contacted a friend who makes and sells clothing at Ren Faires, and through his contacts was able to get 100 yards of white cotton. She had to drive a ways to get it, at the time when we were all encouraged to stay at home. She also taught her sister to use a sewing machine. In addition, she has not stopped working, putting in 50-60 hours a week because they were short a few people. Wilhelm von Ostenbrücke is considered an essential worker because he's in IT and builds networks and servers for hospitals, emergency services, and agencies.

**Wulfgar Silfrahárr** finished teaching, but found it exhausting to do it online. He has been practicing fencing on his own, as well as taking classes from Master Remy via Zoom. He recently stepped up as the baronial fencing marshal.

**Cuthbad a' Bheithir** became financially independent a year ago. During this time of quarantine, he has been learning primitive crafts, especially perfecting primitive fire-making skills. He mentioned learning to make yucca cordage to use in bow drill fires. He described what he is doing as "playing in the woods," and mentioned that he goes for a 3-mile run in the woods every morning. He has also been making baskets out of grape vines and honeysuckle.

**Amy Webb and Erhart von Stuttgart** - Amy said she has not done much, explaining that existential dread was the cause. They have managed to continue regular visits for their child with grandparents. They have been trying to carefully follow the guidelines for four months, but in three weeks all that will go away when school reopens. Erhart has been making cosplay modifications to nerf guns.

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and tell us what you've been doing in quarantine.

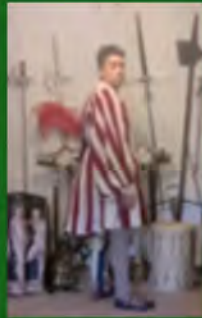
Let's keep in touch.



# GREAT SWAMP PENNSIC PITY PARTY

Because we knew we would all be sorely missing Pennsic this year, the Great Settmour Swamp Pennsic Pity Party took its place on Saturday, August 1. Vivats to all the people who planned it and participated in the fun. Thank you Charis, Emeline, Stephanie, Orlando, Phelippe, Natal'ia, Renny, and everyone else who helped make it such a success. They may cancel Pennsic camping, but the great plague could not keep the Swamp from a good party!

After greetings from the baron and baroness, we were properly entertained by a recorded melee. People had submitted videos of themselves attacking their phones, and the snippets were carefully spliced together in an amusing video, which included an attack chicken.

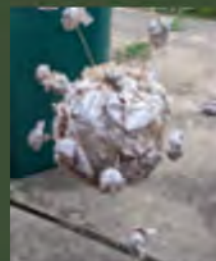


Emeline hosted the first of what we hope will be many game shows. The Peerlywed Game showcased peers and their dependents: Margrepa La Fauvelle (Laurel) and Phelippe le Vigneron: Alexander MacGregor (Pelican) and Natal'ia Bolotnikova: Jonathan Miles (Chivalry) and Markus Farmaðr; and Orlando Sforza (Master of Defense) and Ciaran Ua Meic Ghire. They had to answer a series of questions, guessing how the other one of the pair would reply. Orlando and Ciaran won when Ciaran said the item Orlando would guess that Ciaran would forget to bring to an event was his cup. This Sinking Tower Production rocked.



"This year I hear there is no Pennsic War.  
Stay home and stay safe is what we implore,  
Our health and our hearts we then will restore.  
And happily live in past ages of yore."

A new verse added to Master Orlando's Bardic Performance



COVID virus  
burnt in effigy

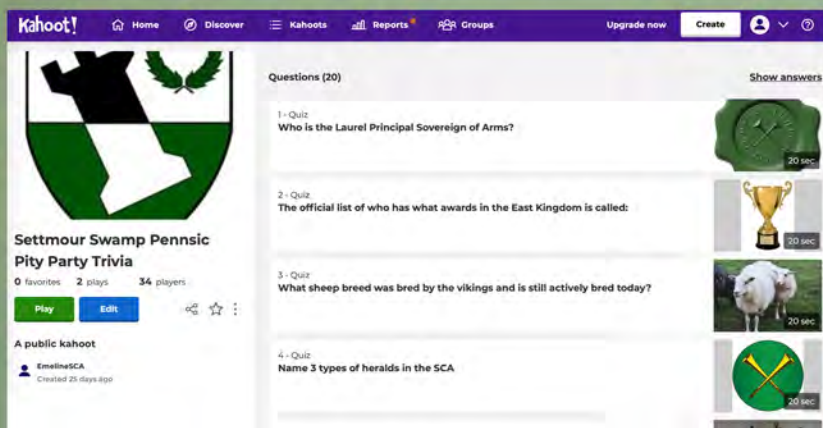


# GREAT SWAMP PENNSIC PITY PARTY, *continued*

Stephanie MacGregor spearheaded the fundraising, suggesting we donate the money raised to a modern cause, the United Negro College of Newark to help some of the college students in our Barony most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic finish their programs of study. During the week we bid on items in the silent auction, raising over \$2,000. The entertaining live auction was hosted by (the many times pied) Lord Renwick, and raised another \$1,000 for the fund. The items bid on at the live auction were two wooden boxes with the baronial arms, two meals for two cooked by Distress Charis, a meticulously researched historical meal for four prepared by Magistr Galefridus Peregrinus, and a box of hard-to-find spices compiled by Lord Uagyu no Kagetoki. The silent auction included items donated by Caera MacKieran, Cordelia am Bheithir, Debbie Stanley, Drea Ah Bheithir, Hekja Hornabryotr and Brogain O'Rianin, Jenna Brownstein, Jon Renwick, Natalia Bolotnikova, Vivian de Dunbar, Spatchcock, Siren of Ravenspittle, Stephanie Macgregor, Teresa Ana Perez, and Úlfarr Gylðir.



## SWAMP TRIVIA



Hands down, Dórfinnr Hróðgeirsson won the trivia contest, out-performing everyone else for most of the 20 puzzling questions. Many of us knew that Merlinia was the baroness who is associated with leeks, but fewer guessed other tough questions. The virtual fire dance featured Charis trying to work with kitchen matches and finally succeeding with sparklers. An effigy of the COVID virus was burned in the distant firepit located on the property of our Pennsic mommy. If only it were so easy to rid ourselves of this plague. The evening ended with several bardic performances. Thank you Úlfarr Gylðir, Drustan of Old Stonebridges, Andromeda, Orlando Sforza, and Bahee Na hinse for performing.

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