



# The Barony of Settmour Swamp

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## A Note from our Seneschal

We are happy to announce that the baronial polling period is open now through January 8, 2021. Each paid member will receive a letter in a separate individual envelope so be on the lookout! Every envelope have a sticker on the back with the baronial heraldry for easy identification.

The envelope contains: (i) the polling letter / form – to be completed, signed and returned; and (ii) a self-addressed and stamped envelope for returning the completed form – all you need to do is fill in the return address and pop it in the mail!

We really appreciate your attention to this important matter for our Barony. Even with one candidate pair, in order for the polling process to be valid we need to have 50% of the ballots returned. Please note, anyone under the age of 14 is included in this 50% threshold. As a reminder, the two requirements for you to vote are (i) that you live in Swamp proper and (ii) you have a current membership.

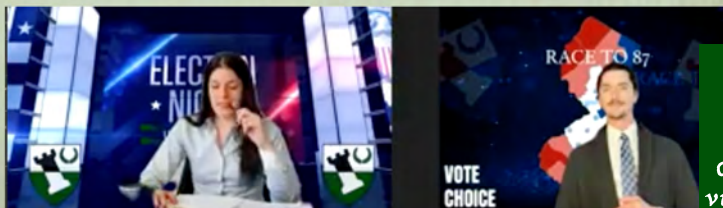
If you are a paid member and have not received your letter, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org](mailto:seneschal@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org).

Bummed you missed your chance for a cool sticker in November's election? Well you are in luck! To thank you for your participation, we will be mailing baronial "I voted!" stickers to all Swampies who confirm they have returned their completed form. Once your return form is in the mail, send me an email to claim your sticker!

Yours in Service,  
Natal'ia

Is there something you would like to see in our next issue of  
The MudPuppy?

Please feel free to submit any recipes, A&S projects, fighting  
projects, or any SCA-related content to:  
[chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org](mailto:chronicler@settmourswamp.eastkingdom.org)



Screenshot of our  
Baronial Polling  
Parody Video.  
Check out the entire  
video on the Barony's  
unofficial  
Facebook page.





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## Upcoming Events

**Settmour Swamp Bimonthly A&S Screen Solar.** TBD. Mistress Elizabeth Galbot hosts a Screen Solar for any and all A&S projects for discussion, feedback, as well as socializing. Be sure to check out the Baronial Facebook page for announcements of the next event.

**Sunday, January 10 - Fifth Ethereal Court of the Eastern Consules, Tindal and Alberic.** This will be the Fifth Court of the Eastern Consules, Tindal and Alberic. The court will focus on the presentation of awards. Please visit the East Kingdom Youtube page for more information.

**Sunday, January 17th - Deck the Halls of Valhalla IV Hosted by the Canton of Broken Bridge.** This yearly event celebrating togetherness in Nordic style. In previous years while we have celebrated in person, this year we are celebrating at our ethereal hall (aka Zoom). Classes will include: Viking Gender Roles, Slavic embroidery, and an ethereal trip through medieval architecture. Details can be found on the EK Events Page.

**Saturday, January 23 - East Kingdom Blacksmith's Guild Symposium & Panel** Join the East Kingdom's Blacksmith's Guild for a day of learning from 10am to 7pm via Zoom. After the workshops are over, there will be time for paneling your work to get a rank within the guild. Please see [ekblacksmithsguild.com](http://ekblacksmithsguild.com) for rules on panels and ranking. More information can be found on the EK Events Page.

**Saturday, January 23 - Tavern of the Mask and Rat - Bhakail Tavern 2021.** Join friends and make new ones in the (virtual) rathskeller as another Bhakail Tavern rolls around! We'll have a day of gaming, stories, and space for classes, music, etc. if desired, followed by Court. The event will open at noon, with ample time and Zoom breakout rooms available for classes/games/meetings/etc. should anyone want to organize an activity. Please see the EK Events Page for more information.

And in the more distant future, stay tuned for exciting updates regarding our Virtual Mudthaw event to be held on Saturday March 20th, 2021

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## Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting

August 1, 2020,  
Via Video Conference

Present: Natal'ia (chairing), Emeline, Phelippe, Judith (taking minutes), Galefridus, Ciaran, Bahee, Ogurr, Teresa (taking notes), Jonathan, Jessa, Stephanie, Elizabeth Galbot, Markus, Dyrfinna

Meeting was recorded. Officers approved the July minutes.

### Officer Reports:

Exchequer - Phelippe reporting: Some updates were made to the Second Quarterly report, and it was resubmitted.

Chatelaine - Emeline reporting: Little to report. We've had one new contact this month.

Chronicler - Judith as deputy reporting: We'll be publishing another issue within a week or so. She asked for suggestions of people to call to ask what they are doing during quarantine.

Archery - Bahee reporting: The Kingdom has put out guidelines for restarting archery. Can we do it safely?

A&S - Elizabeth reporting: Some people have made art. We've hung out a couple of times online.

Heavy - Ogurr reporting: No fighting is happening.

### Baronial Succession

According to our Baronial Policies and Procedures Manual, two issues of the Mudpuppy need to announce the search for new baron(s)/baroness(es) and sixty days need to elapse before the search closes. The 60 day clock for candidates to submit their names for consideration started on July 12 when an issue of the Mudpuppy was put out. We're aiming to have another issue out by August 12. The announcement has been posted on the website.

### Other Business

The SCA has decided that all events will be cancelled through January 31, 2021. That includes Birka.

Next meeting: September 9, 2020 7:30 pm by video

The link for the next meeting will be on the baronial website and Facebook page.

Natal'ia summarized the minutes.

Baronial Meeting Minutes Continue on the next page...



### Swampies At Home...

Lord Ulfarr, the Bardic Champion of Settmour Swamp, jamming in his jammies with his brand new lute! He tells stories, he sings, he plays, he and his wonderful wife

Lady Lily host bardic circles, and he champions the art form every chance he gets. He was on Santa's Nice List for sure.



Sir Jan test fits his new sword belt made by the Honorable Lord Firebow. The attention to detail on this circa 1580's Polish garb is extraordinary and has been years in the making. Sir Jan personifies many things, among them is patience and commitment.







## *Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting*

September 9th, 2020  
Via Video Conference

Present: Natal'ia (chairing), Dalek, Lillian Hutchinson [Amy Carson], Erec, Alexander, Elizabeth Galbot, Ceara, Ciaran ua Meic Thire, Jonathan Bayles, Teresa, Judith, Galefridus, Markus, Dryffina, Wolfgar, Phelippe, Emeline, Galefridus, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Ocurr,

Officers voted to approve the August minutes.

A Virtual Ducal is proposed by Orlando and Charis who were unable to attend the meeting.

Ceara suggested holding historical movie nights. We discussed how to make this happen, including what platform to use. She will look into this.

Baron Erec proposed having a Swamp Swap. The officers determined that they do not want to hold an official event at this time. Erec agreed that it wouldn't work now.

Chatelaine election:

Emeline's term has ended; she volunteered as deputy. Lillian and Gwenhoivar volunteered to be the next chatelaine. The officers voted, and Gwenhoivar was appointed to the position. The officers thanked Emeline for the work she has done as chatelaine.

We noted that we also need a chronicler. Judith has been filling that position since she is deputy chronicler. She is happy to continue as deputy, but is not able to do the chronicler's job at this time. Dalek will post the open position, and we will vote on it at the next meeting.

Baronial Succession

Natal'ia received one letter of interest so far. The deadline is September 12. Once that date has passed, she will coordinate with the candidates to set up some virtual Q&A sessions, and will keep the Kingdom Seneschal abreast of the progress.

Officer Reports:

Exchequer - Phelippe reported: We need the Exchequer report form Q2 from Gryphonwald. We still have money.

Chatelaine - Emeline reported: Several people have found us recently. It's hard because normally we would invite them to an event or practice. Instead she is connecting them with people who have similar interests. Quarterly report was submitted last week.

Chronicler - Judith (as deputy) reported: August issue is up on the website. We have put out the two issues within 60 days as required by baronial procedures before we close the call for baronial candidates.

A&S - Elizabeth reported: Some people have made art. She has hosted events online via virtual Solars throughout the month.

Heavy - Ocurr reported: No fighting is happening.

Website - Dalek reported: He has been doing ongoing maintenance.

Fencing - Wolfgar reported: Nothing official occurring. There has been a huge resurgence in interest in studying traditional forms online. Some have been taking online courses.

Chamberlain - Galefridus reported: No need to go to the locker.

MOL - Ciaran reported: Nothing to report.

Next meeting: October 14, 2020 7:30 pm by video. The link for the meeting will be on the baronial website and Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned.





## Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting

October 14th, 2020  
Via Video Conference

Present: Natal'ia Bolotnikova (chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Teresa Ana Perez (taking notes), Alexander MacGregor, Ciaran ua Meic Shire, Jonathan Miles, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Ögurr Adalbrandarson, Wulfgar Silfrhárr, Emeline la Chauciere, Galefridus Peregrinus, Lillian Hutchinson, Charis Accipiter, Orlando di Sforza, Melissa Olund, Elizabeth Galbot of Death, Yagyu no Kagetoki

Officers voted to approve the September minutes and summary.

Virtual Ducal (November 7th):

- Orlando and Charis – will create a virtual event page on the Kingdom calendar. Please promote it. We need A&S submissions. Charis is working with Emeline on entertainment.
- o For teams (fighter/fencer + artisan)
- o Everyone will get a prize. Several artists have offered to make sure enough items are submitted.

Meetings/Practices:

Jonathan brought up that the Shire of Rusted Woodlands had a practice and took every precaution: however, there was a scare of secondary exposure to COVID. Fortunately no one got sick. Nobody was being reckless, and measures were in place to prevent the spread. This practice has shut down.

We agreed that it is not feasible yet to start up in-person meetings/practices. For fencing to have outdoor practices, Wulfgar would need a deputy to run them. Jonathan experimented with fighting while wearing a mask, and it is possible to do. People are starting to take measured risks by having practices in private: any practices might be this way for some time. The barony and kingdom have no responsibility over these private get togethers.

Baronial Succession:

- Natal'ia has reached out to Kingdom Seneschal about the process.
- The following dates were chosen for virtual Q&A sessions with the candidates:
  - o Wednesday, 10/28 prior to A&S Solar
  - o Saturday, 11/7 at Virtual Ducal
  - o Potentially another Meet and Greet later in November
- We need to urge the populace to respond to the polling.
- o We need to get another Mudpuppy issue out with a write-up of our candidate pair as well as polling information.
- o We need to tell the populace of the barony how the polling works, that it is not a vote, and that the choice is up to the crown. We need the members of the barony to participate and advise the crown. If too few respond, the polling will have to be repeated.

Mudthaw Planning:

- Due to the pandemic, we need to plan for multiple scenarios: virtual, smaller (>50 people) and full/larger (600+).
- Autocrat – Emeline, Elizabeth Galbot, Judith, and Alexander all expressed interest.
- o Virtual idea – send out a packet with menu, sticker, site token.
- o Even if smaller event, we could have online portion for anyone who wants to attend virtually/could not get into the smaller event.
- Yagyu expressed interested in cooking for the investiture.

Chronicler Voting:

- Lillian volunteered for the open Chronicler position. The officers voted Lillian as the new Chronicler. Judith is willing to continue as deputy.

Officer Reports:

Exchequer – Emeline reported for Phelippe

- No new information. He is working with Charis to ensure the reports are accurate.

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## *Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting*

October 14th, 2020, continued  
Via Video Conference

### Chatelaine – Gwenhoivar

- She has been in contact with some new people who contacted her through the baronial website information link.

### A&S – Elizabeth

- A&S Solars are being held regularly and are well attended. No real teaching events tied to them as of yet; Elizabeth will work on future scheduling. The dates will change to work around Thanksgiving.
- Kingdom A&S championship will be conducted virtually this year. See East Kingdom MOAS website for detailed instructions. It is also possible to just display your work.

### Heavy – Ogurr

- No fighting is happening.

### Rapier – Wulfgar

- Nothing official occurring.
- There are virtual practices and classes happening, people are staying engaged.

### Chamberlain - Galefridus

- Jonathan has three bags of garb to look through for Gold Key or donation. Chatelaine will take a look at them.
- There was a discussion regarding the storage units. The officers agreed not to go down to single unit at this time. We have paid for the two units through December. We will revisit what we are losing in terms of funds in January. Charis will work with Phelippe on the budget.

### MOL – Ciaran

- Nothing to report.

### Heraldry – Alexander

- Heraldry applications are happening.
- The talk that Bahee facilitated at the Jersey State Museum about heraldry was very well-received.

### Archery –

- Bahee is stepping down.
- Aaron the Arrowmaker plans to set up virtual marshal trainings/information sessions.
- o Jonathan encourage all who are able to become marshals. It makes it possible for events/practices to take place that might otherwise have to be cancelled.

Next meeting: November 11, 20 7:30 pm by video.

The link for the meeting will be on the baronial website and Facebook page.

Meeting adjourned.

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## *Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting*

November 11th, 2020  
Via Video Conference

Present: Natal'ia Bolotnikova (chairing), Teresa Ana Perez (taking notes), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Alexander MacGregor, Elizabeth Galbot of Death, Emeline la Chauciere, Galefridus Peregrinus, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Hrifna (Melissa), John Craig, Jonathan Miles, Lillian Hutchinson, Markus Farmaðr, Ögurr Aðalbrandarson, Orlando di Sforza, Vashni Morgansdottir, Wulfgar Silfrabárr

The officers voted to approve the minutes and summary of the October 14th baronial meeting.  
Baronial Ducal

Virtual Ducal happened this past weekend. It had to be shortened because time did not allow all the preparations we had hoped to do. Many thanks to all. It means a lot to those who rely on these online events socially.

### Baronial Succession

The zip code list has been sent to the Seneschal. She has posted about the upcoming polling on the Facebook page and lists to make sure people are aware.

This time we have only one candidate pair, but people still need to reply. If fewer than 50% of the paid members do not respond by sending back their ballots, we will have to redo the polling.

We should be encouraging members to check their current membership status because only members can participate in the polling. The number of members in the barony has dropped, as it has throughout the SCA in the past year. There is a fund to help people with the cost if that's why they did not renew.

Everything needs to fall in place for March Mudthaw, when we really want the installation to happen. The polling letters should go out by November 30. This time Natal'ia and her husband will do all the stuffing and mailing. The text of the baronial letter has been approved by the kingdom. Natalia is working on incentives of some kind for returned votes, something like an "I voted" sticker. The officers voted to spend up to \$100 for this.

### Mudthaw

The group of people working on the upcoming Mudthaw met together virtually last night. They are planning for two scenarios: either 1) completely virtual; or 2) virtual with prerecorded segments that require people to have met together in small groups. Doing an in-person Mudthaw this year is not a viable option. Scenario #2 is likely to include the baron, baroness, incoming baron and baroness, their majesties, and officers. The more limited the number of people, the less likely people will feel left out. We will be working with Kingdom throughout the planning process.

Judith will reach out to Gerry at the Greek Orthodox church cancelling this year and reserving March 26, 2022. She will also contact the Crossing church whose parking lot we use.

### Officer Reports

Seneschal: Natal'ia encourages all the officers to find deputies! Do you have recommendations for someone to be deputy seneschal? Being deputy does not mean you are automatically in line to be that officer when the current person steps down.

A&S: Virtual Solars are not well attended, but regularly attended. She is planning only one virtual solar in November because of Thanksgiving. The next one will be Sunday, December 13th. Elizabeth has been sending out notifications of Kingdom online A&S classes, displays, and demos. Atlantia is putting on a virtual university on February 13.

Chatelaine: Gwen has received a couple of emails from new people. The Kingdom has put out new rules about communicating with minors virtually during these times.

Chamberlain: Galefridus received a couple of items to return to storage.

Herald: Alexander has been working on some stuff.

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## *Summary of Minutes of the Baronial Business Meeting* November 11th, 2020, continued Via Video Conference

**Heavy & Rapier:** Jonathan said that surrounding baronies are putting their practices on hold due to uptick in infections. The current baronial policy is that we are not holding any fighting practices. Private practices are the concern of the individuals involved. Wulfgar mentioned that yesterday Governor Murphy banned indoor sports. Some people in the Swamp are building spears and making new garb. They are excited about new weapons forms.

**Archery:** This position is currently open and we are seeking volunteers.

**Next meeting:** December 9th. The link will be posted on website and Facebook, like usual.  
The meeting adjourned.

## Baronial Polling Letter of Intent

With respect and humility do we, Mistress Charis Accipiter and Master Orlando di Sforza submit unto the Barony, our intent to run for the position of baron and baroness.

The Swamp has been our home in the Society for over 25 of years and it is out of our love for all of you that we hope to serve the barony in these positions. As baronial officers we have worked over the decades in various capacities. Charis as exchequer and seneschal, and Orlando as herald, fencing marshal and baronial champion of both archery and fence. We have also been working behind the scenes as autocrats and cooks, organizing fencing tournaments and feasts, and working on scrolls and bardic pursuits.

We recognize that the Baron and Baroness have myriad responsibilities: acting as recruiters, bringing new people who share our love of medieval history into the barony, and cheering on the works and achievements of our long-time members. Foremost among the many responsibilities is to help the barony not only survive these challenging times, but to thrive and grow, even as we maintain our feeling of family and our traditions. We look forward to making connections between people and their interests, and between our local households and the Barony at large, encouraging everyone to pursue the dream in their own way. Building on the vision of our predecessors, we will continue to encourage diversity, helping the Swamp to be a Barony that is fun and welcoming for all.

Whatever the decision of the populace and Their Majesties, we will continue to serve and to look forward to seeing our Barony, Settmour Swamp, continue to grow and prosper.

In Service to the Dream, the Society, and the Barony of Settmour Swamp.  
Mistress Charis Accipiter, OP, OSC, OM,  
Bronze Tower, Ivory Tower, Silver Tower  
Master Orlando di Sforza, OD, OSC, OM,  
Bronze Tower, Ivory Tower, Iron Tower  
Done this 25th day of October, 2020





# Oskar's Spoon

I have a friend who makes cool things. In the armor community that surrounds the SCA and other wonderful past times we call him Mac. If you follow Mac, who recently jumped into FB, you know he was making spoons not long ago. I happen to have a spoon that looked just like the ones he was making the new molds for, excepting that mine was made some 20-25 years ago. I wanted to know if Mac made it, but I couldn't find the darn thing to show him. The other day we found it in Oskar's room, it was his favorite spoon and he had been a little "my precious" with it. I took a pic and sent it to Mac. Not long after, Mac showed me side by side with a spoon that looked very much like Oskar's, old and patina-ed. He explained that it was a replica of a Billy and Charlie spoon, but not his making. He was pretty sure he knew who the maker was though.



But wait a minute, isn't Billy and Charlie's the name of Mac's shop at Pennsic right across from the old Bread Boule place? Why yes it is. Turns out that the real Billy and Charlie were a pair of mid 19th century con artists who made fake coins and other trinkets and sold them as real antiques. They were incredibly prolific and their fakes gained some notoriety of their own. If you ask me it's a brilliant name for a shop that makes pewter copies of historical things and evidence of the thing I like most about Mac and his lady, their senses of humor. Spend any time talking to Mac and if you don't hear something funny, it's probably that you just missed the joke.

Learn more about William Smith (Billy) and Charles Eaton (Charley) here:  
<http://www.mernick.org.uk/B&C/page1.htm>

Oskar's spoon was a copy of a fake. It had been given to me by Hugh Knight, a knight from my SCA household. While his persona on FB is rather problematic for a lot of us, he had been a very influential part of my SCA childhood and had been a great influence on my desire to seek truth in history. He'd turned me on to Mac's work very early on, and fomented in me the love of all things armor.

When I was just a pup, Hugh had loaded me into his Bubaru (his name for his Subaru) for a road trip to North Carolina to see an armorer who was finishing up his stuff. It was the dead of winter, during a blizzard, and his little hatchback had no heat. Mid trek I discovered the plastic tube under the dash had just become disconnected, and then we had heat.

We arrived at the home of the late Tom Justice, who was a great armorer whose work is still on the field today. That weekend was one of my first exposures to certain kinds of armor finish work and brass casting. His temperament, skill and kindness was evident. I spent an entire weekend working and learning. It was a truly wonderful experience: the kind that I wish I could do more of. It was likely on that trip that the spoon was procured and then later gifted to me and my lady fair.

Probably ten years ago by now I was playing in this really cool online game and had met a woman we called "Puffin." At that time Puffin was already on a trajectory toward the SCA. We'd never met in person, but Shannon didn't need much nudging. I nudged anyway because I love the hobby and I loved her too. We did end up meeting a few years later at a small convention for the game, and then after she



joined the SCA we met up at that big two-day Aethelmarc fighting symposium called Aedult Swim some years back.

Aedult swim would be the first time I saw and fought Shannon in armor. She had a gorgeous helm with an intricate visor, and I asked, as I wont to do, who was the maker. The maker was Tom Justice. She told me news of Tom and of his family, and I shared my story about the pilgrimage in the snow.

I know I can be a little dramatic. I know I am sentimental and silly. I just think it's neat how this little spoon tied all these things together. A gift from a friend who I lost, a reminder of youth and great learning experiences, connections to new friends, and delving into fun little mysteries to find truth. These are things that are not exclusive to the SCAdian experience, but the experience is steeped in them.

Whether it's your rusty old Mac Gauntlets, or that Shadowmaker knife, or the wavy lines on a brand new Lundell sword. These objects tie us together with people and experience in the most wonderful way. The value extends well beyond the first glance, even if pleasing.

I am reminded of a speech I gave to some kids at one of the Known World tournaments at Pennsic. We were in a receiving line handing out trinkets to the kids, and they were being so polite and patient, but I had to imagine that kids with pocket supercomputers waiting for them in their tents had little use for the junk we were handing them. So I told them:

"You know what these are for? You take them home. You put them in a drawer. You forget about them. In ten years while you are cleaning up you pull them out and you remember. You remember the day you spent with your friends and loved ones in the sun, and the great deeds you accomplished."

Oskar's spoon holds a little more in its bowl then can be seen with the naked eye.

Yours Truly,  
Baron Jonathan



## Swampies At Home...

Sir Culaan has recently returned to us from years of ruling the Principality of Oertha (Dundane Alaska) with his lovely Viscountess Sefa! While many of us know Sir Culaan as an accomplished Armored Combatant, Battlefield Tactician, and teacher of weapon arts, not everyone knows what an accomplished artisan he is. This "Memento Mori" shield painting is a commission he recently finished!



The lethal Mistress Elizabeth snuggles warmly for Ethereal Court. I am sure there is a sword under there somewhere!  
The amphora-stand behind her was made by her husband the talented and demure Master Antonio. She is joined by the many award scrolls marking a long and storied journey through the SCA.