



The Barony of  
Settmour Swamp

# The MudPuppy

*Spring 2023 edition*

## **Don Quixote's Quest for Wit and Wisdom (and maybe a shaving basin)**

This year, the citizens of Settmour Swamp traveled to 16th century Spain to assist Don Quixote in his quest. The journey began in the local inn where the innkeeper was preparing for a festival. Suddenly, an eccentric Spanish lord by the name of Alonso Quijano, aka Don Quixote de La Mancha and his trusty companion, Sancho arrived. In an effort to hurry Don Quixote on his way, the innkeeper tasked the adventurer with discovering the six knightly virtues. Only then would he be a true knight. To complicate matters further, Don Quixote stole the barber's prized shaving basin, believing it to be the famed Helmet of Mambrino, and declared he would only give it up to those he deemed worthy of its magnificence.

Thus begins the Quest for the knightly virtues, in which teams of Questers were tasked with discovering the knightly virtues of courage, wisdom, honor, generosity, mercy and humility. Questers completed unique challenges, such as jousting a windmill, feeding a dragon, and bravely placing their hand in the Box of Mystery. The winning teams, (adult) Faltigern, Nate & Wiley and (youth) Constance, Barrel & Maddie, completed the quest for all the virtues, then tracked down the elusive, singing Don to retrieve the "Helmet of Mambrino" and returned it to the barber.





## 2023 Baronial Champions

Quest was also the setting for determining the new baronial champions for the Swamp. In a contest worthy of Don Quixote himself, the final round of the rattan championship was determined by spear fight with Baron Lawrence Vaughn emerging victorious. Following the rattan championships, the fencers traveled to the inn where a sudden bar brawl ensued. Sir Douglas Henry was the final fencer standing and may have celebrated with another round of drinks.

While the fencers and rattan fighters competed, Paddy Panekake won the day as archery champion, and Lady Gráinne inghean Uí Néill successfully defended Don Quixote from brigands to win the thrown weapons championship.

In the morning, the fields of Quest were the site of a rousing tournament of Kube, with a large turnout of teams, including many new players. The Orange Squirrels, Lyra, Seth, and Finebhar Íkornilæ an Bheithir, claimed the day winning one of the Swamps' most coveted championships.

Settmour Swamp also crowned a new champion of Arts & Sciences. In one of the tightest competitions in years, Lady Emeline la Chauciere was awarded the championship. Her entry included beautiful historic roses, such as rosa mundi and rosa alba, grown in her very own garden. The entry was accompanied by equally flowery prose describing Don Quixote's selection of a rose for his Dulcinea. The populace choice for arts and sciences was claimed by Martina de la Rosa, while Lady Iseulte of the Clews was awarded an Honorable Mention for her hand-spun and hand-woven hood. The Settmour Swamp brewing competition also featured a variety of entries, with Lord Markus Farmaðr winning the championship.

Vivat to the champions!





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## The Mud is Very, Very Wet: Mudthaw 2023

The skies opened, the March wind blew, but Mudthaw remained warm with friendship, wine, and celebration.

Despite the conditions, autocrats Elizabeth Talbot and Vika Grigina z Prahy created a Mudthaw to remember. Participants were challenged to map the trail of the Vikings by traveling around the event hall, visiting stations that described the major cities where the Vikings landed, and learning about Viking culture, navigation, and trade at each station. The site also included a Newcomer's Point and Gold Key staffed by Emeline la Chauciere and her team to welcome new people to the Swamp. A rolling dayboard, prepared by Lawrence Vaughan and his team, offered an abundance of Viking and Scandanivian foods.

Despite the rain, a hearty group of fighters and fencers competed in the Mudthaw tournament. Sir Arne Ulrichsson won the day in heavy fighting and Antonio Patrasso won the fencing tourney.

The fighting also included a Youth Combat list that included six fighters, including a mix of newcomers and experienced division III fighters. Youth Martial, Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin said “ I was impressed with the way the more senior kids dialed things back to avoid overwhelming the first-timers. I'm also grateful to Karrah the Mischievous and Janette for helping to run the list and to Judith and her team for providing snacks and support.”



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# My Scribal Journey

By Teresa Bayles

I've been in the SCA a long time. Over 20 years... nearly 30? As a young SCAdian everything and everyone intimidated me. I let that fear prevent me from making connections and talking to people about making scrolls. Let's also remember that there was no Facebook, and I only spent my time with the same pool of friends. I was also under the misapprehension that I needed to be able to do Illumination AND Calligraphy to contribute. I did work up the courage to ask one Mistress (I don't even remember who) who was willing to teach calligraphy, but they didn't feel comfortable teaching lefties. I gave it up as hopeless. Life happened, we weaved in and out of the SCA over the years.

Fast forward to 2010, Jonathan and I decided to become more active in the SCA, as we wanted to raise our new son Oskar in an educational and creative environment, surrounded by people who meant a lot to us growing up who we wanted to be part of his life. I found out over the years that our friend Jan Janovich Bogdanski, a man I knew to be a fierce fighter, was ALSO doing calligraphy and illumination and had his own various Arts and Sciences pursuits. I don't know why that knowledge kicked me into gear. But it did. So thanks, Jan, you're awesome!

I've always been artistic to some degree and painted a bit all through high school. I'd purchased this book at some point, the spiral bound book edition of [The Bible of Illuminated Letters](#). It was a great starting place because while there were plenty of references to history and development of illumination throughout time, it also provided a list of supplies and techniques for use. I'd heard that gouache was a modern paint used by SCAdians to make scrolls, so I purchased some and started making my way through the alphabet listed in the book. As we became more involved in Settmour and built relationships with the Baron and Baroness, I began donating my scroll attempts for local use. I bravely donated blanks at Birka for Kingdom backlog use. I have accepted scroll assignments through the East Kingdom Signet office, usually for people I know; I have mostly contributed on a baronial level.

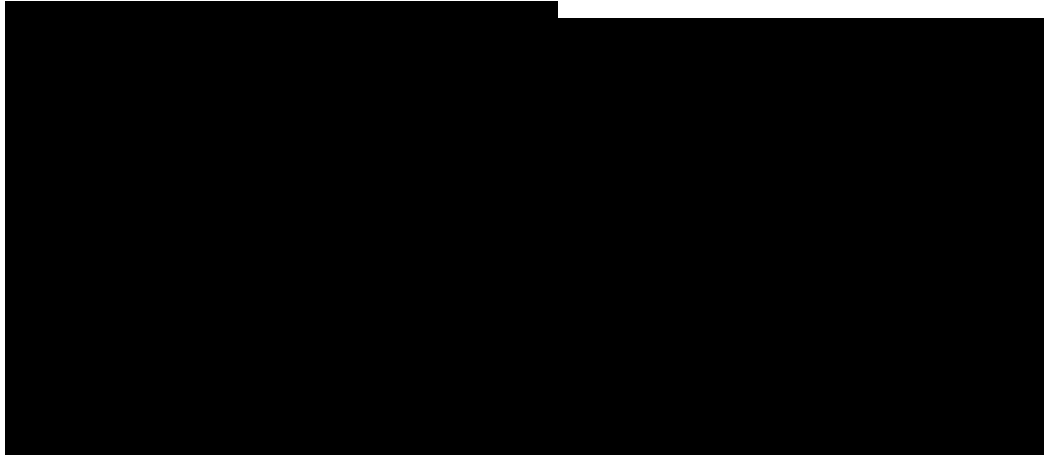
In terms of research and process, I have and will continue to wing it. I'm not in a formal student/teacher relationship so I rely fully on digital libraries, Pinterest, various library resources and skillsharing databases as well as my own trial and error. While I have gotten more comfortable reaching out to those I admire and have used social media to ask questions, there is just something in me that says "don't be a bother" or "figure it out." I don't necessarily recommend that course of action however and encourage anyone interested in calligraphy and illumination to reach out to their A&S heroes and enter formal relationships, if desired.

I realized early that I was not so much interested in exhaustive research as in attempting to forge what I found and loved in museums and books (look, I had a young kid and a career!!). After a while, I gave myself permission to embrace the "Anachronism" as I started to develop my own style, taking cues from examples in period as every "person" I tried to include in my illumination turned into a skull or skeleton. At the end of the day, I figured I was going to make someone's day and be a small part in recognizing them for their hard work and contributions to the SCA. As a former Settmour Baroness, I assure you, volunteer work in this regard is highly appreciated.

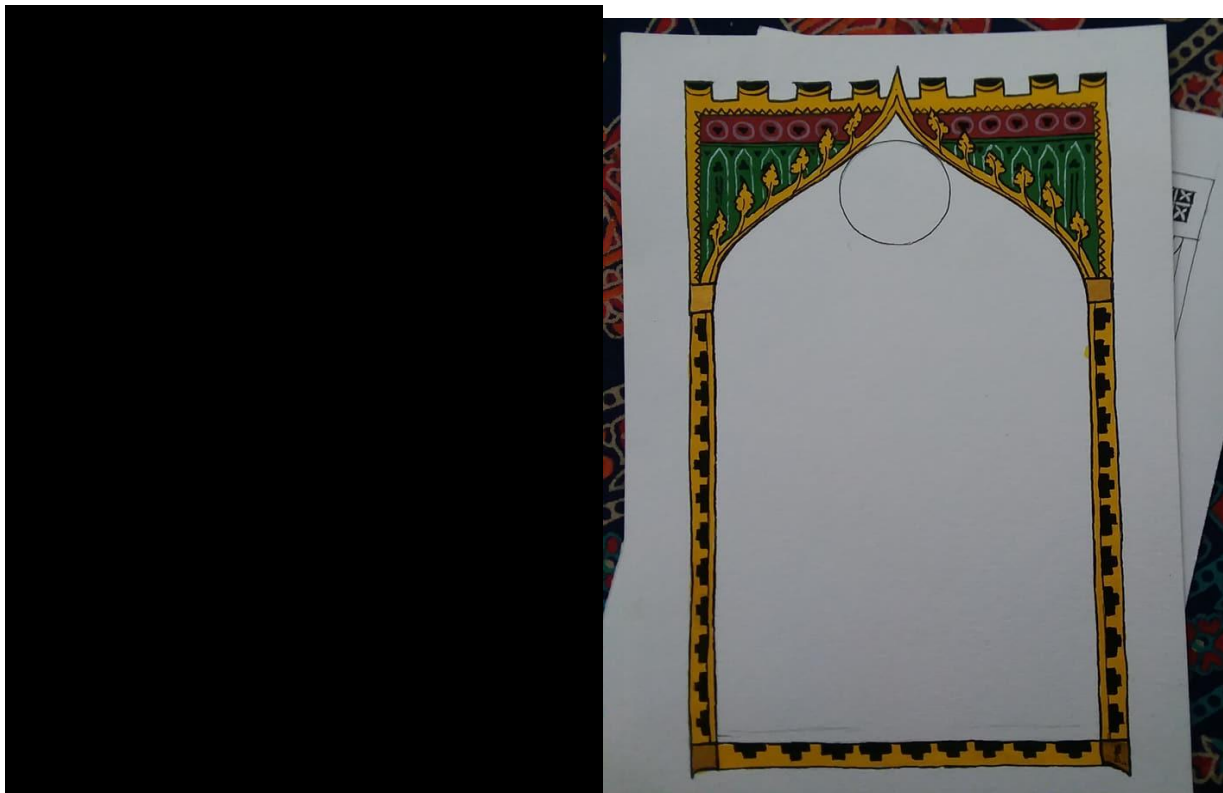


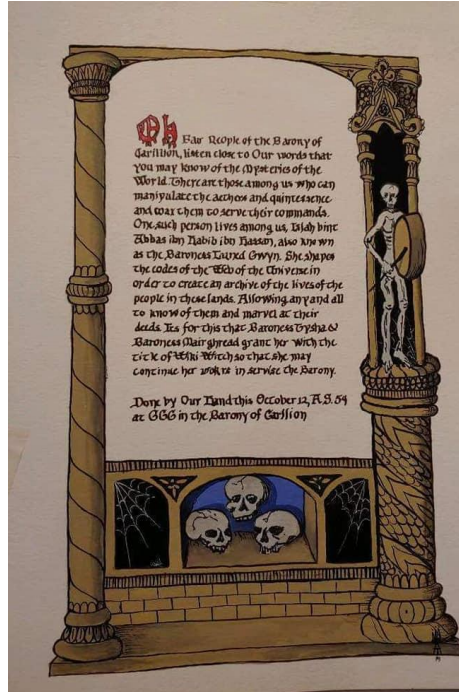
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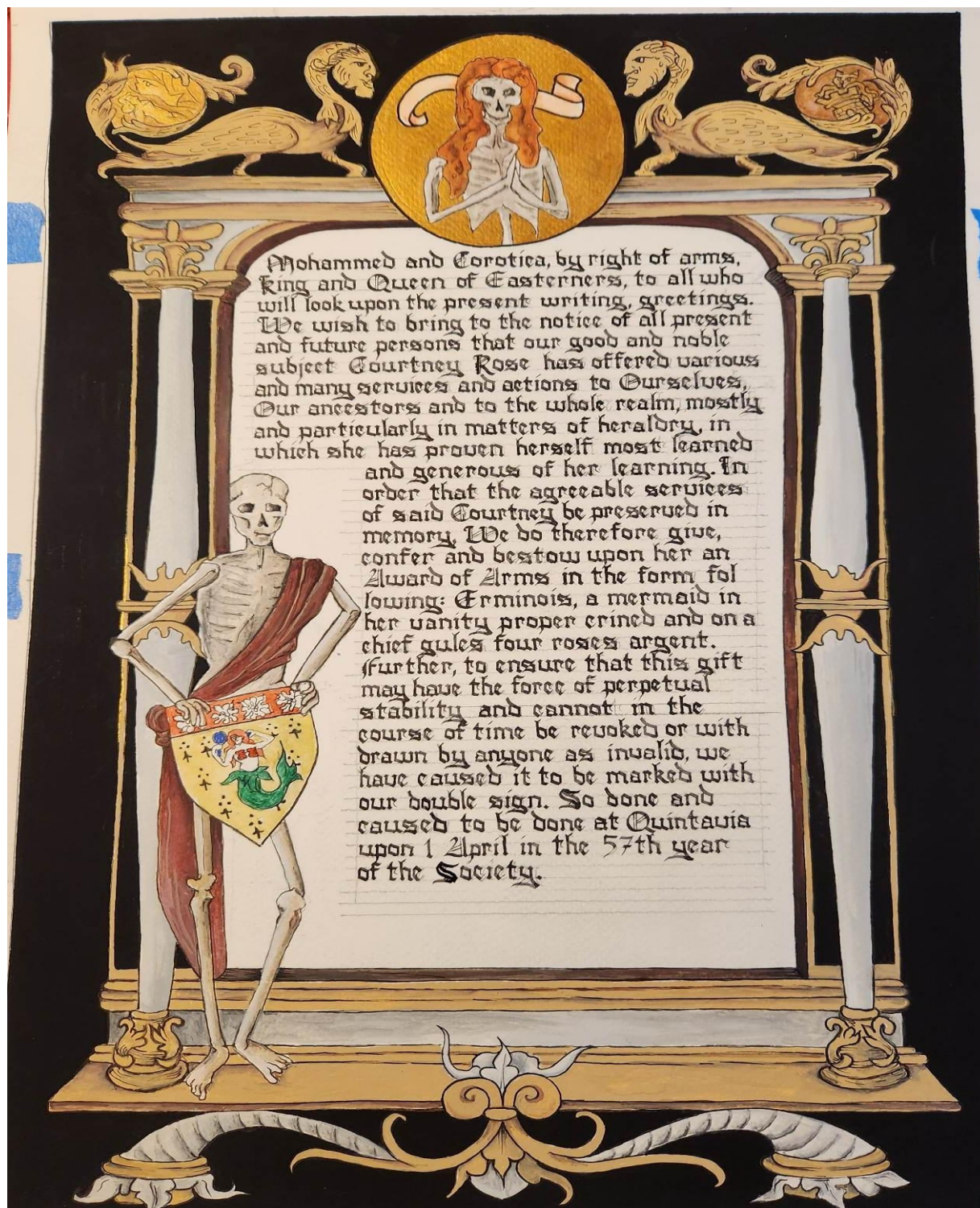
Early scroll attempts. Donations/gifts







This final one was never delivered. It was the original scroll that was supposed to be given to Courtney Rose for her AOA at her parents' recent coronation. It was sadly lost before or at the event.



Mohammed and Corotica, by right of arms,  
King and Queen of Easterners, to all who  
will look upon the present writing, greetings.  
We wish to bring to the notice of all present  
and future persons that our good and noble  
subject Courtney Rose has offered various  
and many services and actions to Ourselves,  
Our ancestors and to the whole realm, mostly  
and particularly in matters of heraldry, in  
which she has proven herself most learned  
and generous of her learning. In  
order that the agreeable services  
of said Courtney be preserved in  
memory. We do therefore give,  
confer and bestow upon her an  
Award of Arms in the form fol  
lowing: Erminois, a mermaid in  
her vanity proper erined and on a  
chief gules four roses argent.  
Further, to ensure that this gift  
may have the force of perpetual  
stability and cannot in the  
course of time be revoked or with  
drawn by anyone as invalid, we  
have caused it to be marked with  
our double sign. So done and  
caused to be done at Quintavia  
upon 1 April in the 57th year  
of the Society.

## **Calendar of Events**

### **SCA: The C is for Creative Shire of Eisental- Nazareth, PA July 8, 2023**

New to the SCA and unsure how to get started? Already here but want to try something new? Or are you the type who wants to do it all? This is the event for you!

Starting something new can seem daunting, and a bit of a financial investment. Have no fear there are creative approaches that are kind to your coin purse and will see you well on your way to discovering a new passion. The event will offer classes on several aspects of the SCA, with a focus on where to spend your money wisely as you try something new. We will answer the age-old question "I wish I knew this when I started"!

Want to share your knowledge and help others get started? Are you an expert at scoring finds at thrift stores or garage sales? We are looking for teachers, contact the autocrat with your ideas. We will also be offering martial classes geared to those just starting.

### **The Pennsic War L Kingdon of Aethelmarc- Slippery Rock, PA July 28- August 13, 2023**

Pennsic is the largest Society event with attendance around 10,000 people. Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pennsic War at Cooper's Lake Campgrounds with friends from across the knowne world. Activities include battles, classes, bardic circles, parties, and performing arts.

### **Bhakail Champions and Commons Barony of Bhakail- Newtown Square, PA September 3, 2023**

Join the Barony of Bhakail as we choose our next Baronial Fencing and Heavy Fighting Champions! A potluck lunch, "plague sale," space for arts and sciences, Baron Muin's court, and good friends are some of the many things you can look forward to!

There is no site fee for this event and no feast. There will be a potluck dayboard, please bring a dish to share. There will be grills available for cooking and we will provide charcoal. As the site is a state park, alcohol is not permitted.

### **River Wars Reboot Barony of Iron Bog- Mullica Hill, NJ September 22-24 TBD**



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**Summary of Baronial Business Meeting Minutes**  
**April 11, 2023**  
**Held virtually**

Present: Markus Farmaður (chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Brógáin Ó Ríain, Cassia Carataca, Charis Accipiter, Ciaran Ua Meic Thire, Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh, Dalek Bolotnikov iz Kabanov, Dennis, Douglas Henry, Elizabeth Talbot, Emeline la Chauciere, Erik Hall, Eva Vach Wylite, Ewa Grzybowska, Galefridus Peregrinus, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Hekja Hornabryótr, Hrefna Sigurðardóttir, Lillian Hutchinson, Natal'ia Bolotnikova, Orlando di Sforza, Silvanus Woodwose, Teresa Ana Perez, Vika Grigina z Prahy, Wulfgar Silfrahárr

Markus will resend the February and March minutes.

**Mudthaw**

The event went well, especially considering the less than optimal weather. Dayboard was great. We had a process issue at gate. Some fighters didn't pay or troll in. Some kitchen staff did not troll in. We really do need the kitchen staff to sign waivers. Attendance: 607 adults and 48 children pre-registered. 500 adults and 32 children attended. We are refunding 32 people. Net income: \$1,619.35. Eighty people volunteered; Elizabeth and Vika expressed thanks to those who stepped in and helped fill gaps. Vasa Park is a great site. They want us back. Vika and Elizabeth took some notes to help the next person who runs an event there. We pulled off a good event.

**BGI**

Erik said they are trying to get final numbers. Three weeks before the event, the kitchen was totally gutted to replace the flooring. They used camp stoves and made it work. A special thanks to Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh who got camping stoves. About 60 people attended. Brógáin is the new bardic champion. There was a nice turn-out for the A&S in progress and the brewing competition. Good job!

**Quest**

Eva is working on reaching all the champions from last year to make sure the championships are going to take place. The brewing competition, Kubbb, and Forestry Guild fun will be happening. Site tokens are being made by Dennis. Eva has been communicating with Úlfarr, who is running the quest. Sunday breakfast is budgeted. Smoked meat is likely to be on the menu.

**Pennsic**

Dumnoma is unable to oversee the camp this year. Vika is temporarily filling in. We usually have about 90 people camping with the Swamp. We need a land agent. We also need a steward. Eva is willing to be the deputy. The job of overseeing the camp is a big one and could be broken down into pieces that the steward oversees. For example, someone could be in charge of set-up, another of take-down, another of the physical plant.... Dalek is in charge of the party.



## **Swamp Stomp**

Charis is suggesting we hold a Swamp Stomp in the early fall at the Great Swamp Watershed Association in Morristown. It would be a hang-out day combined with a job fair where officers would describe what they do and look for people to become their deputies.

## **Solar**

We like to do it before Pennsic to help people make clothing for that event. We considered various dates and agreed that July 1-2 would be best. Charis will check whether that works for the site.

## **Ducal**

This year Ducal may take place outside the barony. Our usual sites are not available on the preferred date.

## **Canal Days**

Can we pull a team together to do this demo? It takes place shortly after Pennsic. We struggle to find the energy and enough volunteers, but it's always a good time that we are glad we pulled off. Vasa Park would like us to do a demo at Viking Days over the Labor Day weekend. We did fewer demos during Covid.

## **Officer Terms**

Natal'ia has been learning the position as Elizabeth's deputy and said she has been reinvigorating her love for A&S. The officers voted in favor of having her serve as MoAS. In June the terms of several officer positions will be ending: Webminister, MoL, and Rapier. These openings need to be posted.

## **Officer Reports**

MoL: Gráinne needs training before she steps fully into this position.

Heraldry: Alys plans to be at Quest and will run a consulting table there.

Webminister: Dalek said there wasn't much to report. Web site updates will be done in bits and pieces.

A&S: Natal'ia said we'd like a regular meeting for calligraphy and illumination. She'd like to hold A&S gatherings at the Thursday rapier practices twice a month. We have been asked to make some largesse.

Chamberlain: Emeline said they got almost everything unloaded from BGI and Mudthaw. Vika started doing an inventory. On April 22 we will move the contents of our two smaller storage lockers in a single larger locker. We discussed what to do with some items in the locker that we have not used in years. The suggestion was made to have a Last Chance table at Quest where people could buy those items. Anything left at the end will go in the dumpster.

Chatelaine: Gwenhoivar said she had nothing to update. She thanked Emeline for sitting at the Newcomers Table at Mudthaw.

Social Media:- Hrefna said Quest promotions are up.

Archery: Silvanus said we will be using the archery field we used last year for practices. We stored equipment there over the winter. He and Hrefna are also Thrown Weapons marshals.

Knight Marshal: Doug reported that practices are going well. He commented that they fought mostly on the blacktop at Mudthaw.

Chronicler: Lillian said the Mudpuppy for the first quarter is done. She would like suggestions for articles, especially for fighters. She'd also like to do profiles about A&S.

Exchequer: Vika reported that even income has been deposited. Over the past 12 months, donations collected at fencing practices have covered only half of the cost. Because of covid, there had been a limit on the number of people who could attend. Vika recommended that we track the donations for the next 3-4 months so we can decide if we want the barony to underwrite the cost of the rapier practices. We should also remind everyone who comes to make a donation.

Rapier: See Exchequer's report.

**Next meeting: Will be virtual. Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. The link will be posted. All are welcome to attend.**

Minutes submitted by Judith.

**Summary of Baronial Business Meeting Minutes**  
**March 14, 2023**  
**Held Virtually**

Present: Markus Farmaður (charing), Charis Accipiter (taking notes), Orlando Sforza, Alan G., Alys Mackyntoich, Brógáin Ó Ríain, Ciaran Ua Meic Thire, Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh, Dalek Bolotnikov, Douglas Henry, Elizabeth Talbot, Eva Vach Wylit, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Halldora Svidbalki, Lillian Hutchinson, Natal'ia Bolotnikova, Phelippe le Vigneron, Thora Kottr, Vika Grigina z Prahy, Wulfgar Silfraharr

**Mudthaw –**

Vika gave us an update on the plans, Mudthaw is in 10 days and will be held at Vasa Park.

- Prereg currently at 475.
- Will bring checks for site payment day of event.
- Event announcement was updated to include youth fighting and thrown weapons.
- We will pick up items from storage on Fri – Charis, Phelippe, Vika, Elizabeth and Natal'ia will all help.
- On-site set up will happen on Saturday morning starting at 7:30 am.
- Ez-ups will be used as changing rooms and will be set up outdoors.

**Quest –**

- VOTE – A feast proposal was put forth by Halldora Svidbalki – An Arabic themed feast – this was approved by the officers unanimously.
- VOTE – Eva Vach Wylite – put in a bid for event steward. She went over her bid – approved by officers unanimously.
- Has already reached out to past vendors.
- Discussed site fees – profit vs affordability.
- \$35 for whole weekend.
- Ulfarr Gyldir – will write the quest based on Don Quixote.

**BGI –**

Hekja and Ryan gave and update on the Canton and plans for BGI:

- BGI paypal prereg is live.
- Lucas Abernathy is event steward and organizing Bardic Baronial Champions competition.
- SCA insurance certificate was ordered for site.
- They will organize a run to the storage unit for necessary supplies.

**General business –**

VOTE – New chamberlain – Emeline la Chauciere put herself forward for the position of chamberlain (in absentia – Phelippe spoke for her) – she was voted in unanimously

Vika brought up that we need to reduce our Baronial spending costs. We discussed shifting storage back to one slightly larger unit. This will significantly reduce overall storage costs in the short term.

## **Officer Reports –**

Herald – Alys reported – Her reports are all in to kingdom. At Mudthaw she plans to run a consulting table.

MOL – Ciaran reported – Things have been slow. He is ready for Mudthaw with his MOL team. He has been running numbers of fighters and fencers in Kingdom. He is working to train his deputy – Gráinne.

Webministry – Dalek reported – Barony was hit with a malicious attack but was not affected.

Arts and sciences – Elizabeth reported – Things have been hopping. She has consistently been holding an artist of the quarter. Her last was Sefa. Eva has reached out to our current Baronial champion to begin discussing “How to write in people for Awards” workshop the previous Wednesday.

- Wulfgar suggested holding a post event meeting on how to run an event to help more people understand and be willing to understand.
- Charis suggested have a few meetings a year in person a year to build community feeling and so that more swampies will see how everyone works together to pull off our events.

VOTE – Elizabeth’s term is up and Natal’ia is ready to step up. Notice was posted for 30 days. Natal’ia will step up at Mudthaw. Vote unanimous.

Chatelaine – Gwen reported - Many new folks are coming to Mudthaw. Someone has asked permission to take some photos at the event. Wulfgar discussed that it should go through Kingdom Social media officer. Elizabeth is willing to say yes overall and agreed that a guide at the event would be good. The photographer intends to spend the day of the event with her friend who is in the SCA. Emeline will get newcomers point started at Mudthaw, and there will be a newcomers point table throughout the day. Charis noted that she will bring seven newcomers. Gold Key will be available.

Social media – Thora reported – A few new folks have reached out through social media. Will promote Mudthaw.

Knight Marshal – Douglas Henry reported – Nutley practice is good. Two weeks ago they had a huge practice with 50 people. All his reports are in.

Chronicler – Lillian reported – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Mudpuppy is almost ready to be submitted, just waiting for the last few edits. Put out a call for Spring quarter articles. Halldora is helping with layout. Markus asked for it to go out on social media and Swamp email list.

Exchequer – Vika reported – Major concerns with the amount of money going out without anything coming in. Significant deficit since the pandemic. Plans –

- Decrease storage unit costs. We will pay storage for April as is and then condense down before the end of the month to one unit.
- We need to address the fencing site costs vs incoming donations. Haven’t received donations from the practice in a while.



- Develop a budget each year and provide that to event stewards to ensure we are covering not only event costs but overall year costs.
- Adjust costs for Paypal fees
- Formula for figuring the number of portajohns needed per people for an event.
- Make sure a site actually needs to be named on the insurance; don't offer up front.
- Keep in mind that starting in 2024 any RP event will have some of the profit going to kingdom

Fencing Marshal – Wulfgar reported – Fencing is going well. He is ready for Mudthaw, has marshals lined up. A number of restrictions have been lifted and masks are no longer required, but fencers have been wearing them anyway so that everyone can come. Looking for Bhakail fencers to start coming. Charis asked if we could start A&S workshops at the site again and was told yes.

**Next meeting: Will be virtual. Tues April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The link will be posted. All are welcome to attend.**

Minutes submitted by Charis.

**Summary of Baronial Business Meeting Minutes**  
**February 21, 2023**  
**Held virtually**

Present: Markus Farmaðr (chairing), Judith bas Rabbi Mendel (taking notes), Teresa Ana Perez (taking notes), Alger Z'ev, Charis Accipiter, Ciaran Ua Meic Thire, Cuilean MacFhionnlaigh, Douglas Henry, Elizabeth Talbot, Emeline la Chauciere, Eva Vach Wylite, Galefridus Peregrinus, Gráinne MacCleud, Gwenhoivar of Lindley, Halladora Svidbalki, Jonathan Miles, Natal'ia Bolotnikova, Orlando di Sforza, Thóra Köttir, Úlfarr Gylðir, Vika Grigina z Prahy

**Imbolc Schola**

Elizabeth and Vika reported that 93 people attended the event. We received lots of positive feedback that day. People were very generous with their food donations for the morning potluck. We should have brought some Gold Key garb. They suggest that we do a schola next year, and maybe do two a year—one in warmer weather which would allow some other classes to be taught, including messier ones. The Madison church where we held the event works well for events of up to 100 people, but was slightly crowded. 35 classes were taught, some of them by new teachers. It's a good place for people to try teaching for the first time.

**Mudthaw**

270 people have preregistered, including 5 merchants. We won't be able to get onsite Friday to set up inside. We could do set up at 7 am on Saturday. We need volunteers throughout the day!

We discussed how to make the line at gate work better. We have tried a number of alternative ways of doing it in past years. Sometimes fighters arrive just as they want to fight. Preregistration helps. Vasa Park has one entrance. The driveway curves which mean we can allow drop-offs. We have a parking team. If the weather is bad, we will have parking at a nearby school and shuttle people to the site.

A tentative schedule has been posted. Marshals have been found for heavy, rapier, and archery. The Social Media squad will work on advertising Mudthaw. Emeline described what it takes to make fighters' coats of arms using Photoshop. It's not a fast process, taking about 50 hours and several people to work on it. We all agreed to table the idea for now.

We usually give some money to a charity through people's donations at Mudthaw. The officers voted for loaner gear for new people. Any profit we get from registrations will be split with Kingdom.

**Quest**

We are booked at the Clinton Elks for Memorial Day weekend. The event is not posted on the EK calendar yet. We are taking bids for autocrat. Halladora intends to submit a bid for a Middle-Eastern/Moroccan feast. We received a bid from Úlfarr to run the quest. The officers voted in favor of accepting his quest plans. Should we hold baronial championships at Quest, or have a separate Day of Champions? We agreed to take up the topic at our next meeting.

**Crown Tourney Bid**

We are not doing Crown this time because the site we wanted to use is not available.

## **Officer Terms**

Heavy: Douglas Henry who has been running the practice at Nutley for 20 years is willing to step up. Jonathan is willing to be his deputy. The officers voted in favor of having Douglas as our Knight Marshal.

MoL/Chamberlain: Ciaran is stepping down; Gráinne is interested and will shadow him at Mudthaw and for the next few months. Ciaran said if anyone else wants to learn to be an MoL, he's willing to teach, and commented that serving in this way is an awesome way to meet people. We will need to find a new baronial chamberlain.

Rapier: Wulfgar is stepping down in 3 ½ months. We need to advertise this position.

Webminister: The term ends in June.

## **Officer Reports**

Heraldry: Alys taught two classes at the Imbolc Schola and ran a consulting table.

MoL: Ciaran said he's getting ready for Mudthaw. He will talk with An-Hua or Ellesbeth about covering for Quest because he will not be there.

A&S: Elizabeth wrote up a document about what is going on in A&S; it is in the officer drive. It should help Natal'ia as she takes on the position. Elizabeth would like to do a clothing solar in June in preparation for Pennsic. Vivian is planning to do a hands-on dying class at Quest.

Chamberlain: Gráinne is stepping down as chamberlain. Things are being returned to storage from the schola so we are ready for Mudthaw.

Chatelaine: Gwenhoivar spoke about a new person who is trying to get to events.

Social Media:- Wrap-ups for the schola went up; thanks for the pictures others sent in. They've been doing advertising for Mudthaw and Quest. This is a busy time.

Knight Marshal: Jonathan (in his last report as Knight Marshal) said that fighting is happening. He has been helping one fighter make armor.

Chronicler: Lillian has been working on the winter edition and work on layout has been arranged. Lots of articles have been submitted for the Spring Mudpuppy.

Exchequer: We have money. The Year-End Report balanced and was submitted.

Rapier: New folks are coming to practice.

**Next meeting: Will be virtual. Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm.** (It will conflict with Gulf Wars.) **The link will be posted. All are welcome to attend.**  
Minutes submitted by Judith.