

THE SENTINEL

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FROM THE CHRONICLER

It has been a quiet Winter.

Although there were no grand Twelfth Night Celebrations had this January, we have taken care of our business as a Barony. A new St. Swithin's Bog Baron and Baroness have been elected, and we wish the couple all our best moving forward. An Investiture Event has been proposed and I think this may be the year that the plans we have made quite some time ago are carried to fruition.

To all my fellow Bidders-- Get your garb ready and your axes sharpened. Practice your art, be it martial or scribal. Start making those award recommendations. Prepare to eat, drink, and be merry with our Bog friends and family soon once again. Spring is near and there are shenanigans to be had!

Much love from Nilly

Submissions for the next edition will be due to me by the end of September, if you would like to contribute. I can of course make exceptions if needed, so please contact me if you have anything you would like to share, ideas, or concerns regarding publication. We are in agreement that most notifications (if not all) regarding practices, meetings, and events are published online in our Facebook group or page.

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Master Illadore, our Kingdom Seneschal, has asked our chroniclers to pass on a reminder that "doxxing" is against SCA policy and will not be tolerated. To dox is defined as publicly identifying or publishing private information about someone especially as a form of punishment or revenge.

Chronicler is a required office for a Barony and applicants must hold a membership in the SCA (any level). Primarily the job entails editing and sending reminders for submissions and publishing the newsletter. Interested parties should have reliable access to the internet and computer software along the lines of Microsoft Publisher or Word—and the ability to save or convert the document to a PDF format. If you are interested in offering your support as a drop dead officer please contact me!

Letter of Intent

From John-Philip and Jamie Gillies

In care of Arvik Hyttonen, Seneschal of St. Swithin's Bog.

Unto Their Majesties Maynard von dem Steine and Liadain ni Dheidre
Chaohamneigh and Their Highnesses Gareth Kincaid and Juliana Delemere do we
Lord Jean Philippe dit la Barbe Rousse and Lady Catherine de Troyes send
greetings.

It is our intent to submit ourselves as Baron and Baroness candidates for the Barony
of Saint Swithin's Bog. We love our Barony, its populace has become like family to
us, and where there is a need we are always willing to serve. We have each taken part
in SCA for 19 years and lived in this Barony for about 9 years.

Jean Philippe has focused on martial pursuits of heavy combat and also undertaken
a well-rounded study in the rest the SCA has to offer. He practices the arts and
sciences mainly to improve our gear, outfit others, and to donate largess. Jean
Philippe helps in every capacity he can, both within the Barony and away. He has
served as autocrat for events, as marshal for both heavy and youth combat, and
gladly spends most of our local events on his feet and busy. He has a passion for
training new fighters and introducing the SCA to newcomers. His management and
leadership skills come in handy to problem solve and get things done as a team at
many an event and practice.

Catherine finds her joy in filling the plates and cups of others, cooking medieval style
foods and brewing meads and wines. As such she's served as head cook for Twelfth
Night twice. She strives to improve historical ambiance of our own kit, applying arts
and sciences to practical purpose. She loves to really get to know people and
facilitate a welcoming, close-knit group of friends. She embraces "In Service to the
Dream" in the sense of immersion but more so ideals of community in the Society.

We are delighted with the direction the Barony has gone under the guidance of Their Excellencies Guthier and Rosheen. We are also pleased to see them get an extra year as the plague put a pause on most things SCAdian. Our intention for the next four years is to see that everyone is welcomed and serving in their favorite roles, each with a sense of purpose as we put on events.

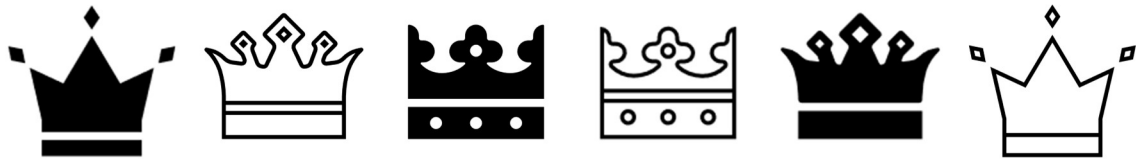
We plan on working with the chatelaine to foster new members, getting those interested into gear and garb and introducing them to mentors and friends. We want a well-rounded populace, where we all give many skills a try and everyone with knowledge has a venue to teach it. Bringing up our own three sons we are invested in fostering children's full participation in the SCA according to their interests. We will uphold the Bog's famed hospitality and fantastic events, our well-established ones and hosting more at the kingdom level. We will also rally, cajole, and bribe our populace to attend events together in order to enjoy fellowship and fighting as a unit more than ever.

We are more than willing to travel to events to represent our Barony and take on those associated costs. We are paid members of the SCA. We would be honored to serve as Baron and Baroness, should the populace and Crown choose us.

Yours in service,

Jean Philippe and Catherine





BARONY ELECTION RESULTS

On January 30, 2022 the ballots were counted from the Baronial Election.

From the Corporate Pulling we had a total of 54 possible voters of those 54, three were children, taking us to a total of 51.

From those 51 and those non-resident members that we consider Bog Family, there were a total of 37 votes.

Barony Vote

We had 36 people vote to remain as a Barony

We had 1 person vote to become a Providence

Baron and Baroness Vote

Whom: John-Phillip and Jamie Gilles vs No One

31 Yes / 6 Abstained



Business Meeting: December 12, 2021 (Zoom Meeting: 2:00pm)

Baron and Baroness:

- We wanted to wish everyone a great and wonderful Holiday season and look forward to the coming year.

Seneschal:

- 12th Night for this year has been cancelled. Due to all the restrictions and all other things COVID related, Illadore, our Excellencies as well as myself have decided that it would be in the best interest that we do not have a 12th Night Celebration this year. We are looking forward to next year and hopefully being able to celebrate with everyone.
- Zip Codes: Talked with our Kingdom Seneschal about the zip codes. She has requested that I get in contact with BMDL about the zip codes and would like for us to have this resolved by February.
- Election: I did not forget about the election. When talking with the Kingdom Seneschal it was decided that we wait to see what the new zip codes will be and then hold the election in February. She understands that this is going away from our bylaws but she is currently ok with this.
 - Discussion amongst the populace was had and it was voted upon to go on with our election after approval from Kingdom. Populace feels that this is not needed during this time and their Excellencies would like to begin mentoring the new prospects as soon as possible. The populace would also like to remain as close to the bylaws as it is stated.
 - St. Swithin's Bog Seneschal will email Kingdom to get approval of upcoming election.
- Few reminders:
 - Please make sure that you are keeping up with your memberships as well as your authorization and marshal warrants.
 - You are not allowed to have unofficial meetings at this time and please do not place such things on the group media channels.
- Galleria:
 - We have been working with finalizing the Galleria for our Arts and Sciences as well as most of our Marshal Activities. I have talked with our Kingdom Seneschal about what we have in regards to regulations with COVID and Safety when it comes to the public.
 - The Baronial Seneschal will write up paper that will have the following and submit to the Galleria.
 - We have to have a barrier from the public, this can be roped off etc.
 - If someone from the public would be interested in what we are doing, we will have to take them out of "SCA space" and talk with them.

- If public has proof of Vaccination or Proof of a negative test within 72 hours of coming to us, they will be allowed to enter as long as they follow the rules governed by the SCA.
- **Exchequer:**
 - Checking: \$4021.43
 - Savings: \$3092.51
- **Arts and Science:**
 - People continue to work on projects and stuff at home. Once we get the details taken care of with the Galleria, we will have an official Arts and Science day.
- **Chatelaine:**
 - The local Boy Scout Group that we did a demo for their Blue and Gold Banquet has asked us to come again and do a demonstration.
 - It was decided that they will get in contact with them and tell them about what we can and cannot do at this time due to COVID mitigations. From this we will be able to make a better decision.
- **MOL:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Social Media Officer:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Knight Marshal:**
 - Last practice we had in September we had 7 authorizations.
 - Practices will resume once we get everything worked out with the Galleria.
 - We continue to work on the loaner gear.
- **Fencing Marshal:**
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- **Youth Marshal:**
 - Practices will resume once we get everything worked out with the Galleria.
 - We continue to work on the loaner gear.
 - MIT needed.
- **Archery:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Thrown Weapons:**
 - Currently in need of new stands. We have two old ones and would like to donate them to Nithgaard while they get their program running.
 - Vote was taken and approved to give old stands to Nithgaard as well as make new ones.
- **Chronicler:**
 - Looking for submissions for the newsletter. If you have any please let me know.
 - Special Edition New Letter will be done promptly.
- **Herald:**
 - David Ruckser's name got passed, Stephanie Ann Stone's name also got passed.
 - If you need anything please get in contact with me.
- **Historian:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Scribal:**
 - Nothing to report.

- **Chamberlaine:**
 - We continue to look for a trailer. If there are any leads please let us know.
- **Old Business:**
 - None at this time.
- **New Business:**
 - Three Day bid was given, voted upon and passed. See attached bid form.

Barony of St. Swithin's Bog Event Bid Form Received and Accepted:

Event: Bog 3-Day 2022 A day at the Viking Townhall. (Also Investiture).

Proposed Date(s): July 15-17th 2022 (Two weeks before Pennsic land grab, original preferred weekend)

Autocrat: Lady Niamh Bean Bruin O'Labhradha mka Diana Lowry,

Proposed site: New Germany Grove Hall, 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill, PA 15958, (814) 495-4298 (Same site as last few years)

Please list the site facilities available for our use (hall, kitchen, # bathrooms, # changing rooms, cabins or camping space, etc.) and size or size limitations; include maps, drawings, pictures, or videotape if desired: Lots of Space for Camping, Marshal Activities, Classes, Tournaments, etc. outside. Huge hall inside big enough to leave court and the feast tables set up without having to switch them in between, amazing kitchen with anything you could ever need, three sets of bathrooms. Discreetly Wet, Above Ground Fires Only, No Pets. Service Animals Only.

Head Cook: Her Excellency Rosheen O Fayh (Tracey Zimmerman): and Co-Feastocrat Lord Biorn inn Digri (Chris Fedelia).

EXPENSES: Total site cost: \$625.00 Site fee per person: \$10.00
 Attendance break-even point for site: 63 Total Feast Cost: \$1800.00
 Feast Fee per person: \$10.00
 Total for Feast: 64 (plus high table)

Adult Registration: \$15.00 Adult Member Registration: \$10.00 Adult Onboard: \$20.00
 Child Offboard: FREE 17 and under. Child OnBoard: \$10.00

Misc Supplies, site tokens, children's activities, prizes: \$200.00
 Total Event Cost: \$2,625.00 Total Break Even: 263 adults.

Activities Hosted at Event:

Fencing: Possible Saturday Tournament TBD, Pickups, Authorizations, Armor Workshops, War Tactics Classes/discussion. Heavy Fighting: Possible Friday night Torchlight Tournament, Saturday Tournament TBD, Pickups, Authorizations, Armor Workshops, War Tactics Classes/discussion.

Archery: Tentative: Royal Rounds, Populace Shoot, One-on-one instruction.

Thrown Weapons: Tentative: Possible Saturday Tournament TBD as well as opportunities throughout the day to earn Royal Round scores.

A&S: IRON SCRIBE, A&S display and Competition.

Merchants will be welcome onsite. Court as it pleases Their Majesties and Their Excellencies.

Evening: **Bardic Activities**, Campfire Fun, **Helga Ball** practice. **Shenanigans**.

Feast: A delicious feast will be prepared by the very capable hands of Her Excellency Rosheen O Fayh (Tracey Zimmerman) and Co-Feastocrat Lord Biorn inn Digri (Chris Fedelia). Feast will be limited to 64 gentles plus high table (up to 10). Included in the site fee will be a **breakfast** and **lunch sideboard** on Saturday as well as leftovers for breakfast on Sunday

Additional Information: I will have an EZ-up set up for Chiurgeon's point with water, oranges and pickles. I hope to have the **Baronial Fly** to use as a viewing booth for their Majesties and Their Excellencies. I will have 1-2 canvas pavilions to use as **Royalty Rooms** depending on what royalty is in attendance.

Theme: A Day at the Viking Townhall. The Townhall was a place of congregation and festivities as well as a place for education and discussions. The hall will be adorned with banners from all the populace and the feast will be lit by light of a multitude of lanterns to recreate the enchantment of an evening Viking feast.



Business Meeting: 01/30/2022 (Zoom Meeting, held at 4:00pm)

Baron and Baroness:

- Not much to report at this time.
- We are planning on going to Spring Coronation and would like to see some of St. Swithin's Bog there.
- There is going to be a Brewer's Guild Auction, donations are wanted. Look to the Aethelmearc Media pages for more information.

Seneschal:

- Not much to report at this time.
- We counted all the ballots from the Baronial Election.
- Here is the run down:
 - From the Corporate Pulling we had a total of 54 possible voters of those 54, three were children, taking us to a total of 52.
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- Barony Voting
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Exchequer:

- Checking: \$3083.51
- Savings: \$4022.39
- The 2021 year end report has been submitted. We had a loss of \$376.17 for the year. This was not bad since we had 2 events with no admission fee and, only income was by donation.

Arts and Science:

- Loretta stated that people continue to work on projects.
- People have been making banners, badges, doing embroidery, hand sewing a Byzantine tunic and teaching a class on pleating.

Chatelaine:

- We were asked to a demo on 2/19/2022 at Camp Harmony for the Boy Scouts
 - More information is needed to see if we can do this or not

MOL:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Social Media Officer:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Knight Marshal:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Fencing Marshal:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Youth Marshal:

- Currently looking for a new Youth Marshal. We have one prospect. He is currently going through all the paperwork at this time.

Archery:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Thrown Weapons:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Chronicler:

- Need Articles for the up coming Newsletter. Please have the submitted to me by end of February.

Herald:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Historian:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Scribal:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Seige:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Chamberlain:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

- Nothing to report at this time.

REGULAR LOCAL MEETINGS/PRACTICES

Meetings: Monthly meetings are generally held on the 1st Sunday of each month, but can vary. Previously we had resumed meeting in person at restaurants for dinner or at Duman's Dam Park for picnics and practices. Updates and cancellations are posted to the Barony's eGroup and/or Facebook group. (Contact the Seneschal for more information.)

Archery, Armored Combat, Fencing & Thrown Weapons Practices are announced on the Barony's eGroup and/or Facebook group and had been generally held weekly when possible and in season. Archery is practiced at the home of Lady Catherine de Troyes, (Jamie Gillies) and Lord Jean Phillippe Barbarossa (John-Philip Gillies). Armored Combat and fencing practices are typically held at Lake Rowena in Ebensburg or recently also at Duman's Dam Park. Thrown Weapons participants usually get together at the home of the baron and baroness and alternate between other member's homes as needed. (Contact the marshals of each activity for more information.)

Youth Combat Practice is often held in coordination with other practices when able and has been at the Gillies residence of late. (Contact Lord Jean Phillippe Barbarossa (John-Philip Gillies) or Lord Battista di Lupo Speranza (Paul Tedeski)

Scribal Guild meets on Tuesdays from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Master Tower & Mistress Cynthia's Residence. Announcements and cancellations will be posted to the Barony's eGroup and/or Facebook group. (Contact Mistress Cynthia, Cynthia Chapple

Arts & Sciences Meetings and classes are held once a month. Recently we have been meeting in the Social Room at the Galleria Mall near Auntie Anne's Pretzels. All are welcome to attend and work on a project or just be social. Specific classes and workshops may take place at these meetings. Information will be posted to the Barony's eGroup and/or Facebook group. (Contact the Arts & Sciences officer for information.)

Please see the **Officer page** for contact information. Join the **Google Group**: Contact His Excellency, Baron Gunther **Facebook group**: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StSwithinsBog/>

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PLEASE CONSIDER OFFERING YOUR SERVICES AS A DROP-DEAD OFFICER! It's a great way to understand what each position entails and to be involved in our barony. Contact any of the above with questions or interests! Thank you.



Greetings from Jean Philippe and Caterine to the populace of Saint Swithin's Bog.

Frost and snow still covers the land but your electing us Baron and Baroness has warmed our hearts, thank you all! We look forward to serving the populace and growing this wonderful group of people we call family. We eagerly await the events to come and the chance to see all your faces again soon.



In Service,

Jean Philippe and Caterine