

The Glymm Mere Customary
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Preamble

The Customary of the Barony of Glymm Mere is designed to provide insight into the Customs and Traditions of the Barony and so that future Coronets, Officers and Members of the Populace shall have a record of what has gone before. The intent is to identify and maintain those practices which have become “tradition” within the Barony.

I. Territory

The Territory of Glymm Mere shall consist of the cities and towns of Thurston, Mason, and Gray’s Harbor Counties in the State of Washington, including Bucoda (98530), East Olympia (98540), Lacey (98503, 98509), Littlerock (98556), Malone (98559), Matlock (98560), McCleary (98557), Olympia (98501, 98502, 98504, 98505, 98506, 98507, 98508, 98512, 95813, 98516, 98599), Rainier (98576), Rochester (98579), Satsop (98583), Shelton (98584), Tenino (98589), Tumwater (98511), Union (98592), and Yelm (98597). Oakville (98568) was traded to the Shire of Fire Mountain Keep in return for Rochester (98579).

II. Recommendations for Baron and Baroness

It is the intent that the populace of Glymm Mere be able to express opinions as to who is best suited to the position of Baron and Baroness of Glymm Mere. This shall occur through a polling conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir. The populace of Glymm Mere consider the following conditions to be appropriate for any polling related to the selection of a new Baron and Baroness:

- A. The polling shall be conducted of all members of the Society for Creative Anachronism Inc, residing within the territory of Glymm Mere 12 years of age and older.
- B. The polling shall also consider the opinions of members of the Society residing outside the territory of Glymm Mere who submit a request in writing for an opportunity to express an opinion.

III. Baron and Baroness

The Baron and Baroness shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A. The Baron and Baroness shall be the representatives of the Crown of An Tir in Glymm Mere.
- B. The Baron and Baroness shall have seats on the Council of Glymm Mere.
- C. The Baron and Baroness shall have final approval of the recommendation to the Kingdom superiors for applicants to offices in Glymm Mere having Kingdom superiors, and final approval for officers not having such superiors.
- D. The Baron and Baroness shall bestow such awards and honors as they deem appropriate, subject to the following provisions:
 - 1. The Baroness alone shall bestow the honor of Sergeant, Yeoman, or Gallant.
 - 2. The Baron alone shall bestow the Honor of Livery, Valetti, or Courtier.
 - 3. The Baron and Baroness shall have final approval of and confer the baronial awards.

Traditional Awards and Recognitions include:

- a. Order of the Crystal of Glymm Mere
Awarded for outstanding Service to the Barony.
- b. Order of the Red Hart
Awarded for proficiency in the Arts and Sciences.
- c. Order of the Amber
Awarded for Service to the College of Wittanhaven.
- d. Award of the White Spring
Awarded to children for Service.
- e. Heap o'Tanks
Awarded for Service to the Barony.
- f. Mmmm
Awarded for Service to the Barony via cooking or autocratting.
- g. Sweetest Deed
Selected at Mayfaire, this is an important recognition of deeds considered to be extraordinarily noble. Selected by the current bearer of the token of the title, a large strawberry pot-holder, those selected for recognition are entitled to

use the appellation “Sweet” or “the Sweet” during the year of their tenure.

E. The Baron and Baroness may appoint a Court to consist of such persons as they deem appropriate. The Champions of Glymm Mere have traditionally been given a place in the Baronial Court as a privilege of their status. The Glymm Mere Court traditionally includes:

1. The Champion of Glymm Mere
2. Rapier Champion
3. Arts and Sciences Champion
4. Hummingbird Champion
5. Protector (Archery Champion)
6. Captain of the Beevairians
7. Lieutenant of the Beevairians

F. The populace shall have the opportunity annually to participate in a poll to determine the level of confidence and support for the current Baron and Baroness. The method and timing shall be determined by the Coronets in consultation with the Glymm Mere College of Pursuivants, but must be done within one year of the last poll. The results will be tallied by the Glymm Mere College of Pursuivants and forwarded to the Baron and Baroness, and the Crown of An Tir.

IV. Officers

The Council of Glymm Mere shall consist of all of the officers of Glymm Mere. The Council regularly meets at the Populace Meeting. All Officers are expected to attend all Council Meetings. The Seneschal of Glymm Mere shall preside at all meetings of the Council. All decisions of the Council shall be by consensus of all persons present at the meeting.

A. Required Officers

The following Officers are required at the Baronial level by the Laws of An Tir:

1. Seneschal
2. Exchequer
3. Herald
4. Marshal
5. Minister of Arts and Sciences
6. Chatelaine

B. Optional Officers

The following Officers are recommended:

1. Chronicler
2. Chirurgeon
3. Minister of Children
4. Scribe
5. Lists
6. Water Bearer
7. Archer
8. Gold Key
9. Chamberlain
10. Provost Marshal
11. Web Minister
12. Constable

V. Champions

Glymm Mere Champions listed in section III.E. are selected at various events throughout the year. Qualifications and entry requirements for each championship are traditionally published well in advance of the event in the Looking Glass and may also be available from the current champion, responsible officer or minister, the Baron and Baroness, and the event steward (autocrat). It is also recommended that these qualifications and requirements be announced at the beginning of the competitions. Champions of Glymm Mere are expected to represent the Barony throughout the Kingdom and the Known World by displaying their regalia and participating in the pursuits of their specialty in the Barony's name. They are also urged to sponsor displays, demonstrations and competitions, as well as teaching their skills and sharing their knowledge with the people of Glymm Mere and the Known World. Champions of Glymm Mere are expected to comport themselves as nobles, keeping in mind that by their actions they represent the Barony wherever they may be.

A. Champion of Glymm Mere. Duke Thorin Njallson. Duke Thorin was chosen by acclamation of the populace of the shire of Glymm Mere after winning the annual Mayfaire tournament to select a Lord Defender for the Shire for several years in succession. He was offered the title of Lord Defender of Glymm Mere for so long as he chose to keep it, which he accepted. When Glymm Mere was made a Barony and could name a champion by right or by contest,

Duke Thorin was offered the title of Champion of Glymm Mere, for so long as he chose to keep it. Once again he accepted, and remains the Champion of Glymm Mere for so long as he chooses to continue. Each new Baron and Baroness have reconfirmed the title to him at their investiture.

- B. Rapier Champion: Selected at Mayfaire
- C. Arts and Sciences Champion: A&S Championship event now usually in the fall, has also been held at various other times and in conjunction with other events.
- D. Hummingbird Champion: Selected at Mayfaire.
- E. Protector (Archery Champion): Selected at Honey War, but has been held at various events in the past as well.
- F. Captain (heavy) and Lieutenant (light) of the Beevairians: Selected at Mayfaire. While not precisely champions of the Barony, these martial positions are chosen by a competition of skill at arms, tactics, and leadership on the field of battle.
- G. Ensign of the Beevairians: Selected at Mayfaire at the same time as the Captain and Lieutenant.

VI. Meetings

- A. Monthly meetings of the Populace of Glymm Mere for the purpose of conducting Baronial Business traditionally take place on the first Tuesday of the month. This meeting is known as the “Populace Meeting” (or “Baronial Council Meeting,” or “Baronial Business Meeting”). These meetings are open to all.
- B. Financial Committee Meetings are normally held immediately prior to the Populace Meeting, and are open to all. Votes of the Committee members are taken to recommend expenditures to the Council and Populace. Such matters are then brought to the attention of the Council and the Populace at the Populace Meeting.
- C. Emergency meetings of the Council, the Financial Committee, or the general populace may be called to consider urgent matters. To be considered urgent, the matter must have an immediate or potentially harmful or negative impact on the well being of the Barony. In

extreme situations, telephonic contact may suffice if a majority of the Financial Committee or the Council can be reached for a vote. Any time an Emergency Meeting is called, a full report shall be made at the next Populace Meeting.

VII. Events

Events which traditionally have taken place in Glymm Mere are listed below. New events may be proposed at any time.

- A. Court of Love: February event, held near Valentine's Day
- B. Sergeants Trials: two weeks before Mayfaire, traditionally hosted by the College of Wittanhaven.
- C. Mayfaire: Held as close to the first of May as possible
- D. Honey War: June event, alternating years with Aquaterra
- E. Summer Seafood: Small local event in August
- F. A&S Championship: October event, may include classes
- G. Yule Feast: December event, winter Baronial court and feast

VIII. Amendments

Amendments to the Customary shall be made in the following manner:

- A. When changes to the Customary are being considered, a temporary Committee shall be formed to facilitate the process and present the proposed changes to the Populace. All changes to the Customary thus proposed shall be published in the Looking Glass for two consecutive months prior to the adoption of the amendment.
- B. At the Populace Meeting following the first publication, the Customary Committee shall present the proposed changes to the Populace and accept commentary on those changes. If, upon receipt of said Populace Commentary, the Customary Committee feels that additional changes are required, the publication and commentary process must start again, so that the new proposed changes are published in their entirety twice. At the Populace Meeting following the second publication, a balloting of the

populace will be taken in accordance with Section VIII.C. to adopt the changes.

- C. In order to receive a ballot from the administrator (exchequer or herald), those members in attendance who are registered within the territory of Glymm Mere and over the age of 12 years must show a current membership card to verify membership. The polling shall also consider the opinions of members of the Society residing outside the territory of Glymm Mere who submit a request in writing for an opportunity to express an opinion. There will be no absentee ballots.