# The Looking Glass



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**The SCA is participatory**: Every person plays a part in creating the atmosphere. For some, this means making an attempt at the proper clothing. For others, it means learning calligraphy, fencing, dancing, or whatever activities pique your interest.

There are a variety of gatherings weekly, as well as events nearly every weekend. Check out the information offered in this publication and our other outlets for details.

For more information contact our Chatelaine (newcomer contact person): HL Volk the Gray.

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Kingdom Website: antir.org

Baronial website: glymmmere.antir.org

Facebook: "Barony of Glymm Mere Populace Group" and "Canton of Caladphort" and "Fire Mountain Keep"

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YouTube for A&S Classes: EarlySweden

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Youth Activities: [OPEN]

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### **Baronial Serjeants**

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HL Volk the Grey, Yeoman

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HL Besseta Wallace, Courtier

HL Snorri Bjornsson

Master Gryphon the Black, Yeoman Emeritus

HL Duihhinn Mac Faolan, Courtier Emeritas

HL Rosamund Wynder, Courtier Emeritas

### **Baronial Champions:**

**Arts and Sciences**: Paullus Quinctilius Barbatus (Lyceum 2023) **Archery Protector:** Guy Blackthumb (Prelude to War 2023)

Bardic (Hummingbard) Champion: Lucrezia De Alanis (Lyceum 2023)

**Equestrian Champion:** Ivan Leskov (Honey War 2019) **Rapier Protector:** Lord Valentine l'Argent (May Faire 2022)

Rapier Champion Caladphort: Lord Valentine l'Argent (May Faire 2022) Heavy Weapons (Shield of the Barony): Sir Vasilius (Prelude to War 2023)

Thrown Weapons Champion: Lady Tullia Elenora Domenichi d'Aragona (Prelude to War 2023)

Thrown Weapons Guardian: HL Gerald De Huntington (Perennial)

Lord Defender of the Barony of Glymm Mere: Duke Thorin Njalsson, Lion of An Tir (Perennial)

The Sweet of Glymm Mere: Sir Seumas mac Brehon (Rose and Thorn 2023)



## Glymm Mere Calendar

### **Baronial Coronet Progress**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Night
- Q&A for all three meetings (Jan 2, Jan 5, and Jan 9)
- Ursalmas

### **Business Meetings**

First Tuesday (Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>) at 7 PM at St Benedict's Episcopal Church (910 Bowker St SE Lacey) - the Baronial Business Meeting

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. This is the best way to find out what is happening in our barony and see who is in charge of what. It is also a great way to meet people and get involved. The meeting lasts about an hour. In January the business meetings will be Q & A sessions with our Baronial Coronet Candidates.

Friday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at the Hoquiam Timberland Library is the Canton of Caladphort business meeting Tuesday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 (1185 State Route 603 Chehalis) is the Crow's Gate Business Meeting

<u>Submit questions for the Baronial Candidates using this link –</u>

<u>Questions can be submitted until New Year's Day.</u>

### Weekly events

Wednesday fight practices at Garfield Elementary in Olympia starting at 6 pm will start back up after the New Year

Friday fight practices at Library Garage in Hoquiam starting at 5:30

3rd Tuesday scribal at St Benedict's Church Lacey starting at 6pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday is an Arts & Sciences night – watch Facebook for themes and locations

\*Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health.

# Dec 5, 2023 - Financial Committee meeting

Open at - 6:40

**Attendees** 

Natasha Orionova Tamsyn l'Argent

Aleksei Zateev Lady Catrine le Crosetiere Master Erik Isabella de Walingeford

Volk the GraySir BrehanMelissa of DalmatiaPaullusMikael MacLeodSeraphina

Tristan Workman Valentine l'Argent Wolfegar Von Rothenberg Agnarr Wolfegarson Olivia X of Glymm Mere Lariel

Gisla van Windkeep Alistair MacRoibeirt

Sarah Huntsman Lark Tommaso Snorri

### **Exchequers Report**

We have money – for specifics please reach out to the Seneschal or Exchequer

**Yule** – Had income of \$3540 approximate net is \$1000+ but waiting on all receipts to go out. Charity Auction \$2005 for baronial thrones, \$696.00 for Gabi's Kids

**For the last while:** Looks like we've made money for most of the events over the last 2 yrs – 2022 & 2023 with the exception of Honey/Prelude. We'll double check funds for that even for 2023 – because we were pretty close to break even but now we're looking at a pretty significant loss.

### **New Business**

### **Event bid for Mayfair -**

- 1 day event at Oakville Grange 5/4
- \$300 for site with \$100 refundable deposit
- \$540 Break even number 43 people without the deposit, 29 with deposit back,
- from Zanetta Heavy, Rapier, no Cut & Thrust yet championships will happen there. Probably not Thrown Weapons, but no archery
- Approved by the financial committee

### **Autumn War**

- If we do 15% into Autumn War it would be less than \$2000, we would get 15% back at the end.
- This would be running/managing Arts & Sciences at Autumn War with BAO
- Worried about having volunteer burn out but A&S community is all about supporting A&S at Autumn War,
- Building a multi-barony input
- Approved for 15% by the financial committee

### **Bids for new Thrones**

- Looking for bids before 2/1
- Transportable, intuitively put together
- Comfortable and Period-ish
- Arms of barony on the chairs would be good
- Bid requirements approved by financial committee

### Business Meeting Opens – 7:19

### **Attendees**

Natasha Orionova Aleksei Zateev Master Erik Volk the Gray Melissa of Dalmatia Mikael MacLeod Tristan Workman

Wolfegar Von Rothenberg Olivia X of Glymm Mere Gisla van Windkeep Sarah Huntsman

Tommaso Zanetta Tamsyn l'Argent

Lady Catrine le Crosetiere Isabella de Walingeford

Sir Brehan Paullus Seraphina

Valentine l'Argent Agnarr Wolfegarson

Lariel

Alistair MacRoibeirt

Lark Snorri

### Minutes were approved

### Yule - Dec 2

- There was a slip and fall in the Kitchen but seems to be OK
- Lots of praise online
- Just a Heavy tourney Rapier thought it was too slick

### Lyceum

- Planning is going well
- Event is on the FB and Calendar
- Michelle is Gate Lead
- PayPal pre reg will start early in Jan

### **May Fair – 5/4**

- Approved
- PayPal for Pre-reg approved by the financial committee

### **Officer Reports**

### Chamberline

- On Thursday, November 30th, I met with the previous chamberlain to get the keys to the storage unit and trailer.
- I do not have access to the chamberlain email yet. If people need to get in touch with me, they can send a Facebook message to Sarah Huntsman (my SCA name) or they can email woolley.sarah@gmail.com.
- I am not submitting a budget request this year. I am not positive that I will need to purchase anything this year.
- Before doing anything else, I plan to finish the inventory that the previous chamberlain and I started. I would then like to identify anything in the storage unit that can be disposed of through auctions, adding items to largesse, gifting them to newcomers, donating or lending to another barony for use, etc. I also plan to reorganize the storage unit and trailer and make sure that all containers are clearly labeled on the outside to make it easier to retrieve things when they are needed.
- Once those things are completed, I may need to purchase some new storage bins, but this can probably wait until the next fiscal year.
- Please let me know if there is anyone else who needs to get these reports ahead of the meeting.
- Three sets of Keys Chamberline, Coronets, and Seneschal

### Web minister

- Having time to work on things
- Updated the news posts to include the baronial succession

- Started Adding the Looking Glass issues to the website
- We'll need the more recent versions.
- Upcoming events should go to the Web Minister for posting on the website

### **Youth Activities**

No report

### Lists

- Brehon was keeping list at Yule
  - Sigmund won

### Scribal

 The scribe has a broken wrist which has hindered anything and everything. I would like to thank Daniella Zantiel (AKA Dani Walkingstick) for all her help, she has become my right hand for Yule's event charters

### **Archery**

- Archery will be shut down because it's cold and wet
- The site is ready for next year

### Herald

- I attended no events so no in-person discussions of matters heraldic.
- I posted nothing to the branch FB concerning such matters.
- No one contacted me concerning such via the office's email address.
- If there were any Baronial Courts during this period the Court Reports were not forwarded to Dexter Gauntlet, which I find unlikely.
- I continue to be one of Dexter Gauntlet's informal stable of OP maintainers; I make a point of grabbing any Court Reports from Glymm Mere, Blatha an Oir, and Dragon's Laire given some knowledge of these branches.
- Going forward we need to determine my term of office according to the submitted paperwork
  and take steps to ensure the renewal is handled in a timely manner, presuming no one qualified
  expresses an interest in stepping up to the office.

### **Canton of Caladphort**

- Rapier practice is going well they are hiding now in the garage of the Timberland library in Hoquiam
- Our monthly Business meetings have moved upstairs in the library as well, while this is not ideal
  it works for now library closes promptly at 6 pm which only gives us 30 minutes for canton
  business, But low in attendance has made the meeting quick and easy.
- We will have a new exchequer as of this month Barbara Leavitte/Seraphina Quintata.
- January meet and greet /Q&A Will be the 5<sup>th</sup> of January at the timberland library in the meeting room down stairs, 5:00-9pm.
- Yule went very well a lot of great complements to the entire staff, people left singing the praise
  of the kitchen staff with many full bellies. We had one accident in the kitchen a slip and fall that
  has been taken care of and reports filed.
- 2024 will bring down time for myself with only two events Rose and Thorn I am shadowing the
  event steward and July coronation which I will be sharing the duties of event steward with
  Theodora.

### Master of Stables – Tales of Stabby Land – Better to give than receive

- November was a slow month for rapier. Winter weather and family requirements kept several of our fighters from coming to practice.
- There have been no injuries this month. There was damage to one piece of baronial equipment, which I expect to be able to repair.
- We hosted a Cut and Thrust day, with several prospective local fighters and marshals coming to learn from our Kingdom officers of C&T and Rapier and their assistant. Through this event we have gained 4 junior marshals and 7 fighters! There are already talks with Blatha An Or about sharing our new pool with them to help them generate interest in getting a program going as well.

- It was discovered during the C&T workshop that our loaner gear box is painfully limited in some regards. Discussions are underway to acquire, refurbish from heavy, or make enough gear to bring us up to a more satisfactory level.
- Though it was officially during December rather than November, I will note that due to hazardous field conditions there was no Rapier tourney at Glymm Mere's Yule.
- While Baronial practice is suspended through the beginning of the new year, Caladphort will continue to hold practices for anyone who is able to attend. All are invited!
- I am personally looking forward to learning more about armoring during the break, so that I can contribute to the pool of resources for new fighters as well as work toward getting the C&T gear up and running for next season so that we can start adding that sport to our practices.

### Arts & Sciences

- November A&S nights at House Ravenhart happened a week early due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Anita brought her awesome Yule tokens to A&S for painting. They were all decorated as needed for the event.
- A Blacksmithing workshop is confirmed for December 17th . \$30 to make 6 tent stakes. Who doesn't need extra tent stakes? Doors open at 10, class starts at 10:30, bring lunch but there will be a BBQ on so we can have a Stake steak Sunday. FB event will be posted 12/5
- And our December A&S night (28th) will be featuring a class on Sashiko, a Japanese style of embroidery, to be taught by Lady Yamamoto Yukiko, no cost – materials are donated.

### **Armored Combat**

- For the month of November, we've seen continued excellent attendance by fighters and spectators at our weekly Baronial practices.
- We've been lucky in seeing a rotating cast of newer fighters eager to learn. We're now averaging 10-12 fighters every week
- Our last practice of 2023 was Wed 11/29, and we won't be starting back up until the first week or two of 2024.
- HE Alasdair has generously offered to host an armoring day or two in December, on the same days as Fighter Practice normally is. We will be setting up a DoodlePoll to accomplish that.
- For fighting events coming up, Yule is the only one that may have fighting.
- One minor injury, as Nic's helmet latch came partially undone during practice on 11/29, and they
  received a light thrust to his forehead. It was not a major injury, but I asked them to submit a
  summary, as I didn't witness it, and I'll submit Injury Report. I also strongly advised Nic to
  permanently fix their helmet, as the latch regularly wobbles loose, presenting a risk to them
  when neither they nor their opponent notice it.

### Chatelaine

- Continued to communicated through e-mail with Ellen about upcoming A&S and Business meetings.
- Will be attending the Known World Chatelaine symposium on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Dec
- I plan on stepping down at the end of January 2024
- The Chatelain budget request for 2024 is \$100.00. This request went to the Exchequer on 11/7/2023

### Gold Key

No Report

### Chronicler

- Dec was posted on Thanksgiving
- Will ensure that the web minister has past copies of the Looking Glass

### **Exchequer**

- See above report from the Financial Committee
- We have money
- For specific numbers reach out to the Seneschal or Exchequer
- Gobal has been resolved
- Event Stewards please make sure that event bids and post event information is sent to the exchequer

- Current financial policy requires that a member of the financial committee is part of the Event team for events as a liaison
  - Alaisdair
  - Tamsyn
  - o Brehon
  - o Melissa
  - o Catrine
  - Isabella
  - o Ysmerelda
- Need to go through and look at the financial policy before the new year
  - Thursday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> proposed Financial Committee meeting to review the financial policy
     6pm on zoom Disa or Melissa will do a link about an hour before.

### Seneschal

- Canidates have been announced for B&B
  - o Contact Kimi/Catrine for questions as Tamsyn is a candidate
  - o Maester CdB wants to be facilitator for questions which will be in the newsletter below

### Their Excellencies

- Yule was awesome
  - Kids and Majesties really enjoyed it
- Baronial Change over will be at May Faire
- Everything is online please be sure to make a log in for Kingdom website so your voice can be heard for polling
  - o The website takes a while (1-2 weeks) to create an account

### **Good of the Barony/Old Business**

- Need more officers to include social media officer
- Steak Stake day need all the baronial stakes to fix from the chamberlain.
- We should get a Baronial Zoom account
  - We're still relying on personal accounts to do things
  - Voted and approved!
- We should look at some of our newer folk to take over some offices and also get some deputies to cover stuff should folk need to step down.
- Questions for the B&B should be sent to Catrine and Charles de Bourbon for publication before the Q&A event

Meeting Closed – 7:56



