**Customary of the Barony of Glymm Mere**

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**Scope:** These are the rules of governance of the Barony of Glymm Mere, as permitted by Corpora I.A., a branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. It is not a corporate publication of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., and does not delineate corporate policies. These rules are superseded by Federal, State, and local Laws and Ordinances, the Governing Documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., and the Laws of the Kingdom of An Tir. These rules may be amended by the members of the Barony.

**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, not to be interpreted as law.

**Territory**: The Territory of Glymm Mere shall consist of the cities and towns of Thurston, Mason, and Grays Harbor Counties as defined by the United States Postal Service in the State of Washington. Oakville (98568) was traded to the Shire of Fire Mountain Keep in return for Rochester (98579). Upon the creation of the Canton of Caladphort, Oakville was returned to Caladphort as it fell within the borders of Grays Harbor County. In 2023 Fire Mountain Keep requested to become a canton of Glymm Mere adding Lewis County to the baronial territory. the Canton of Fire Mountain Keep (in the process of changing its’ name to Crows Gate), occupies the areas of Lewis County and a small portion of Thurston County.

**Recommendations for Baronage:** It is the intent that the populace of Glymm Mere be able to express opinions as to who is best suited to the positions of Baronage 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:

1. The polling shall be conducted of all paid, members at the age of majority of the Society for Creative Anachronism Inc., residing within the territory of Glymm Mere, and its’ cantons of Caladphort and Fire Mountain Keep.
2. Members of the Society residing outside the territory of Glymm Mere, who wish to express their opinion on polling may contact the Crown directly.

**Baronage: ie the ruling pair**:

The Baronages have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. The Baronage shall be the representatives of the Crown of An Tir in Glymm Mere.
2. The Baronage are the voice of the Barony to the Crown.
3. The Baronage shall have seats on the Council of Glymm Mere.
4. The Baronage 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.
5. The Baronage shall bestow such awards and honors as They deem appropriate, subject to the following provisions:
   1. One of the ruling pair (*historically the Baroness*) bestows the honor of martial Sergeant; including Sergeant, Yeoman, Gallant and Lancer.
   2. The other of the ruling pair (*historically the Baron*) alone bestows the honor of non-martial Sergeant.
   3. This division is at the discretion of each pair of Coronets.

The Baronage have final approval of and confer Baronial awards.

1. Traditional Awards and Recognitions include:
   * Order of the Crystal of Glymm Mere: Awarded for outstanding Service to the Barony.
   * Order of the Ewer: Awarded for continued outstanding service to the Barony.
   * Order of the Beacon of Glymm Mere: Awarded for long term dedication and service to the Barony.
   * Order of the Red Hart: Awarded for proficiency in the Arts and Sciences.
   * Order of the Golden Bell: Awarded for continued excellence in the Arts and Sciences.
   * Order of the White Spring Awarded to children for Service.
   * Golden Wolf: Awarded for excellence, chivalry and leadership in heavy armored combat.
   * Hunting Horn: Awarded for excellence, chivalry and leadership in archery and thrown weapons.
   * Glimmering Gauntlet: Awarded for excellence, chivalry and leadership in rapier combat.
   * Balm of Glymm Mere: The Balm of Glymm Mere is awarded to those who take the good of the Barony and its people to heart. Those who focus on inclusion and community building and strive to make a safe and welcoming place for all.
   * Baron’s Favor: Awarded for service to the Baron
   * Baroness’ Favor: Awarded for service to the Baroness
   * Sweet of Glymm Mere: Presented at Mayfaire, this is an important recognition of deeds that are considered to be extraordinarily noble. This recognition is selected by the current bearer. Those selected for recognition are entitled to use the appellation “Sweet” or “the Sweet” during the year of their tenure. The Sweetest Deed was created by Founding Baroness Gwendolyn Fitzalan at an early shire Mayfaire she served as Event Steward to encourage courtesy. It was given by her as Event Steward in consultation with others present at the event. In time it became tradition to call the person who received the "Sweetest Deed" by adding the word "Sweet" to their name. The original token was a strawberry potholder that Baroness Gwendolyn created.

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. The Shield of the Barony
    3. Rapier Champion
    4. Arts and Sciences Champion
    5. Bardic Champion
    6. Protector (Archery Champion)
    7. Captain of the Beevairians
    8. Lieutenant of the Beevairians
    9. Thrown Weapons Champion
    10. ~~Brewing Champion~~

**Champions**

Glymm Mere Champions listed above 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.

It is 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.

Glymm Mere Champions are 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.

* + - 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.
    - Shield of the Barony (Heavy Champion): Selected at Mayfaire
    - Lord Protector of Glymm Mere:
      * Master Gerald de Huntingdon: HL Gerald was named the Lord Protector after blowing away the competition at our Thrown Weapons Championship for several years running.
    - Thrown Weapons Champion
    - Rapier Champion
    - Arts and Sciences Champion
    - Bardic Champion
    - Protector (Archery Champion)
    - Captain and Lieutenants of the Beevarians While not precisely champions of the Barony, these martial positions are chosen by the Baronage for skill at arms, tactics, and leadership on the field of battle.

**Meetings**

A. **Financial Committee Meetings** are normally held immediately prior to the Business Meeting, and are open to all. Votes of the Committee members are taken to recommend expenditures to the populace. Such matters are then brought to the attention of the Populace at the Business Meeting. This meeting is chaired by the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Exchequer).

B. **Monthly meetings of the Populace of Glymm Mere** for the purpose of conducting Baronial Business; traditionally occurring on the first Tuesday of the month. This meeting is known as the “Business Meeting” (“Baronial Business Meeting”) and is chaired by the Seneschal. These meetings are open to all.

C. **Emergency Meetings** of the Financial Committee, or the general populace may be called to consider urgent matters. In extreme situations, telephonic or electronic contact may suffice if a majority of the Financial Committee can be reached for a vote. Any time an Emergency Meeting is called, a report shall be made at the next Business Meeting.

**Events**

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

* + - * Sergeants Trials: time and location chosen by the Baronage.
      * Mayfaire: Held as close to the first of May as possible.
      * To be named summer event.
* Lyceum: Held in Spring
  + - * Yule Feast: December event, winter Baronial court and feast.

Appendix

**Awards: The following awards have been given historically and are still valued:**

* + - * Order of the Amber: Awarded for Service to the College of Wittanhaven, an SCA branch for the Evergreen State College within the Barony of Glymm Mere. The Order was founded by Baron David and Baroness Sancia. College groups, by nature come and go, but perhaps one day another group will arise at Evergreen, the birthplace of Glymm Mere.
      * Mmmmm: Awarded for Service to the Barony via cooking or autocratting. The Mmmmm stands for Mary Margaret McInnes' Marvelous Munchies. HL Mary was the 3rd Seneschal of the Shire of Evercleare and known for her yummy culinary production. The award was a Nordic rosette cookie form (strung from a blue ribbon. Given for culinary excellence in the Shire in honor of this founding culinary wizard. It was usually given at feasts by the autocrat to recognize tasty treats.
      * “Orden de la Conquistador: Awarded for excellence, chivalry and leadership in youth armored combat.”
      * Hunting Hauk & Hunting Hound: Additional levels awarded for excellence, chivalry and leadership in archery and thrown weapons.
      * Golden Dragon and Golden Boar: Additional levels awarded for excellence, chivalry and leadership in heavy armored combat.
      * “Heap o’Tanks: Awarded for Service to the Barony. This is given by the event steward to a person who …
      * Orden de Maria, Orden de Juana, and Orden de Rodrigo: Given for excellence in Youth Armored Combat
      * Order of the White Chalice, Order of the White Fountain, Order of the White Well:” with “Order of the White Spring
      * Champions: The following champions have existed historically:
        + Ensign of the Beevairians: Selected at Mayfaire at the same time as the Captain and Lieutenant. This position was created by Baron David and Baroness Sancia. The intent was to select someone to bear the banner of the Beevairians as a position of honor.
        + The Big Bard: During the first year as a barony, Glymm Mere held bardic gatherings and a proposal by Damaris (*now Duchess Dagmaer*), created a baronial troop, like the Beevairians, made up of anyone who wished to support the barony with bardic skills. Being a silly place, it was suggested to name the group the Hummingbards. Keeping with the bird theme, our first champion was known as The Big Bard and wore a yellow feathered caplet.
        + Brewing Champion: Selected at various events.

**Events: The following events have been held historically:**

* + - * Court of Love: February event, held near Valentine’s Day. The first court of the Baron & Baroness of Glymm Mere was held at a February event shortly after 12th Night to honor Saint Valentine's Day and the courts of love in the medieval tradition.
      * Summer Seafood: Small local event in August. The Summer Seafood Feast was held for many years during our Shire and early Barony period. The main purpose was to celebrate summer and our local seafood culture in a small, mainly local event that was laid back. Usually, it was a simple picnic in a park or field with some bardic entertainment and fighting if we felt like it.
      * Seafarers: Held in late summer it was an event focused on period sea faring and related activities.
      * Honey War: a summer war.