



Greetings unto Their Majesties, the Kingdom Seneschal, Their Excellencies of Glymm Mere, the Seneschal of Glymm Mere, and the populace of our wonderful Barony and the Cantons within our borders -

It is with great elation that we, Her Ladyship Melissa of Dalmatia and Honorable Lord Mikael MacLeod express our desire to serve the great Barony of Glymm Mere as Baroness and Baron. We now call the Barony of Glymm Mere our home and have both been active participants within the society for at least a decade or more. Though our dynamic as a couple is newer, we believe that we are on a clear path toward success as leaders and advocates within the Barony.

We want to focus on continuing and promoting traditions fostered by Their Excellencies Disa and Alisdair. Throughout their governance, they have focused on community building, encouraging newcomer growth, and supporting SCA journeys by shining a light on the successes of the populace, and we seek to honor that effort and continue their vital work.

We have seen amazing success and growth with the current fight practice format with its focus on education and sharing and we want to continue with that momentum. With the increasing importance that social media has gained, we want to continue to expand and support our social media presence not just through advertising for events and newcomer activities but also to create a library of educational content that's available for all.

It is also our intent to support and recruit to the Baronial Sergency. We want to ensure that we focus on promoting the Sergency and then ensure that they have an active role in not just Glymm Mere but An Tir as well.

Words from Melissa

My first event was June Faire in 2014; I camped with friends where they tagged me and I was committed. I promptly went out and purchased a membership which has been active ever since. It wasn't long before I discovered my love of service, not just to my Barony but to those around me and The Dream itself. I also discovered that as cool as I was, I was definitely going to need to up my garb game.

This led me to volunteering for water bearing, gate, learning medieval beekeeping, and embellishment techniques, and with my background in education I'm excited to share what I was learning.

After attending a baronial business meeting or two the Seneschal convinced me into becoming the Master of Stables. Since I was already involved in supporting the fighting community, I was excited to take on this role.

One of my personal priorities within the SCA is increasing visibility within our local community. For example, while I have lived in Glymm Mere nearly my entire life, I didn't find the SCA until I left the state and I didn't know the Barony existed until my late 20's.

I know that there have been demos in the region for years, but if I did see them they didn't have any impact on my interest in the local medieval options. I really want to create more ways that we can be a resource and be visible within the community. I'm excited that my creation and production of the Shamrock and Harvest Tourney Demos have done as well as they have over the last few years and I'm looking forward to how we can promote and grow the SCA and Barony within the local region. Given the honor and opportunity to be Baroness, the increased visibility will provide further opportunity for Glymm Mere and her people to shine.

Words from Mikael

I began my SCA journey when my uncle, an active member and a friend of Baron Micheil, Blatha An Oir, took me to June Faire back in 1998. I had always had a passing interest in history, but here in the SCA, I had found my people. I managed to cobble together some pickle barrel armor, and had every intention of going to events and practices, however young adult choices made attending events and activities challenging. I joined the military and shipped off to ports unknown leaving my new game, garb, and gear behind. After my time in the Army, I started to play in the SCA again, mostly in the Eugene/Adiantum area. As a single dad and without any armor, I attended as often as I could, but more as an attendee rather than a participant.

Then I was gifted armor, sword, shield and helm and rediscovered my passion for combat. With my education in ancient and medieval warfare, and the ability to "hit" and "hit others", I found War in the SCA to be exactly everything that Chivalry encompasses. It shows leadership, skill, and it gives every person on the field of battle a chance to act honorably, be they unbelted, belted, Peer, or Crown. On the field of war, we all have a chance to tell a story of Chivalry and

Valor, to test ourselves mentally and physically against others. To me, in a word, war fighting in the SCA is glorious.

I have spent most of my time since I have actively returned to the Society focusing on war events and fighting. I have helped organize small War Bands, and assist training others to fight in war scenarios. Thanks to Sir Gavin, Sir Brehon and especially my Knight, Sir Agmundr, I have been exposed to all kinds of war events and fighting groups. I have learned from existing War Units, speaking to their members and leaders to learn what makes them successful, and I have made many friends. I want to continue to encourage new fighters and to help Glymm Mere's Beevarians grow into a more storied fighting unit of An Tir.

While war fighting has become my primary passion, I have also discovered the joys of service, especially those that lend themselves to sharing this love of the game with potential newcomers. I have spent many hours setting up and tearing down pavilions, creating erics, moving hay bales, serving in gate shifts or picking up the slack to make events run. I've served on retinues, acted as guard, or just been general go-fer, and I've talked to countless people about everything The Dream is and could be. Many hands make light work and I only hope that I can make the load a little lighter for every event I attend.

One of my goals in the coming years is to ensure that I'm doing my best to shine a light on those that play and serve our fair barony, and ensure that though they may be new or old, their presence is appreciated. My chosen SCA family has welcomed me into the fold, and I hope to provide that kind of encouragement and recognition to all newcomers and long time participants that interact with me.

It is my goal, if given the honor of being Baron next to Melissa, that we will continue to be able to share our passions with the Barony of Glymm Mere, and with our combined experience, dedication to service, and teamwork, that we can help continue Glymm Mere's legacy of growth, outreach, and assist in leading to further success in the future. Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to making The Dream a reality. We look forward to answering any additional questions you may have and we once again thank you,

Yours In Service,