

# The Looking Glass



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# The Looking Glass Barony of Glymm Mere

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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.

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**Youth Activities:** [OPEN]

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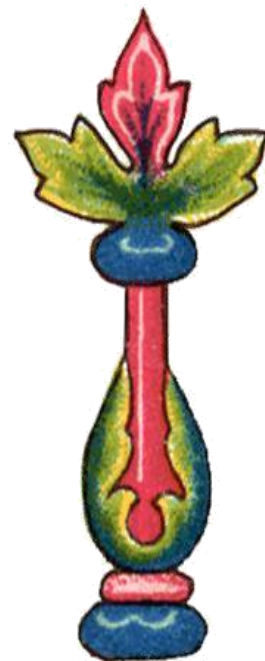
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HL Besseta Wallace, Courtier  
HL Snorri Bjornsson  
Master Gryphon the Black, Yeoman Emeritus  
HL Duihinn Mac Faolan, Courtier Emeritas  
HL Rosamund Wynder, Courtier Emeritas

## Baronial Champions:

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

- Glymm Mere Yule – Dec 2

## Business Meetings

First Tuesday of the Month 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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at the Library in Aberdeen is the Canton of Caladphort Business Meeting at 5:30 pm  
Crow's Gate Business Meeting, Nov 14, 1185 Old Hwy 603 at 6pm

## Weekly events

Wednesday fight practices at Garfield Elementary in Olympia starting at 6 pm

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday scribal at St Benedict's Church Lacey starting at 6pm

Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of Nov 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.

**Nov 7, 2023 -  
Financial Committee meeting**  
Open at – 6:45

**Attendees**

Natasha Orionova  
Aleksei Zateev  
Master Erik  
Volk the Gray  
Melissa of Dalmatia  
Mikael MacLeod  
Lark  
Wolfegar Von Rothenberg  
Olivia X of Glymm Mere  
Gisla van Windkeep  
Disa I Birkilundi  
Snorri

Tamsyn l'Argent  
Lady Catrine le Crosetiere  
Isabella de Walingeford  
Sir Brehan  
Agmundr Glumsson – TMG of BOA  
Zanetta  
Valentine l'Argent  
Agnarr Wolfegarson  
Lariel  
Alistair MacRoibeirt  
Theodora  
Jane Eagle

**Exchequers Report**

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

Rose & Thorn

Attendance:	162 Adults	5 Youth	21 Non-Members		
<b>Expenses</b>			<b>Income</b>		
	Proposed	Actual		Cash At Door	\$1400
Hotel	\$1000	\$1000		ePay	\$1874.36
Awards	\$300				
Site Tokens	\$230	\$230	Total Income		\$3274.36
Advertising		\$36			
Insurance	\$50	\$50			
Site Copy	\$30				
Misc	\$190				
Total Expense		\$1316	Net Profit		<b>\$1958.36</b>

**New Business**

- Annual Budget will be voted on at the Dec Business meeting
- Financial Committee meeting will need all 7 members – to review the financial Policy
  - Probably best to do it by zoom
  - Probably going to be a few hours
  - Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm zoom meeting
- Feast equipment for the Barony
  - Working with CDB and Yule team to identify what we need
  - \$300 to pick up equipment on Black Friday/Cyber Monday
  - Money was approved a number of years ago but not all was spent – and it's been a hot minute
  - Alisdair motioned to approve – passed unanimously
- There's an interest in what we made as a barony over the 2023 yr – info will be provided at Dec Meeting
- Rose and Thorn 2024
  - Oct 11-13, Olympia Hotel – break even at 78 people

- Site limit is 200
- Bid is \$1950 - \$25/member
- Tamsyn motioned to approve – unanimous approval
- May Fair 2024
  - Jane Eagle – Steward
  - Do it as a 1 day feast at the Tenino Quarry - \$415 for the day
    - Extra event permit for using the park
    - Can't control access to the park
  - But been talking to Bess North about the Sable Couturier so thinking about adding that in – but need a location.
  - Looking for other ideas – but keep it easy.
  - An Tir Wester Chiv are looking at having a fall/spring Chiv meeting and Practice – so hopefully that'll boost attendance – but it'd be a 2025 thing
  - No formal bid has been put forward at this time but discussion ensued.
- Lyceum 2024
  - Oakville Grange – 3/9
  - \$500 – break even total – 34
  - Admission 15/adult
  - Disa Motion to approve – unanimous.

Ended – 7:19

Business Meeting  
Opens – 7:20

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Theodora  
Jane Eagle

Minutes were approved

**Yule – Dec 2**

- Yule had sold out quickly within 73 hrs
- This coming Sunday we are doing a kitchen walk though for the kitchen staff.
- Please remember we are allowed real candles at this event site but I request they are unscented, and not left burning if you are not at your table, no wax on the table and possible “protections”. This will be a low light event as we found out last year how pretty the hall becomes by candlelight.
- Classes have been announced and listed.
- Please bring wall decorations, if possible, the night before so we can get them hung up in a timely manner. Also, for table decorating we ask that you use some restraint as the tables are not that wide and we do have a full house.
- Site opens at 9am – We'll have some time going in Friday afternoon/evening
- Looking to borrow a pop up or two
- 30<sup>th</sup> Glymm Mere birthday party
  - Table decorating contest – most glymm mere-ian table
- Charity Auction
  - Gabi's Kids
  - And Essentials
- Mystery Auction – for new Baronial Thrones – Sir Richard will be the Auctioneer
  - Artisans will be the only known item – won't know what they're presenting
- Dirty Half Dozen Largess Competition
  - 6 items of the same thing.
  - Populace Vote and Baronage Choice
  - No Necklaces, thread conditioner, smelly or perishable

**Rose & Thorne 2024**

- Approved for 2024

**Lyceum**

- Approved for 2024

**Officer Reports**

**Chamberline**

- Nothing new
- But looking for someone new in the role

**Web minister**



- Looking for plug-ins for events – but not looking so hot
- The An Tir.org sites were done
- New Section for Events
- Added Second Rapier Practice survey, but it has ended so will be removed
- Newsletters need to be published on the Website, we'll get that added

#### **Youth Activities**

- No report

#### **Lists**

- There will be lists at Yule

#### **Scribal**

- Multiple charters have been given out at several events this qtr. An original Balm was done by Sir Morgan and given out at Prelude to War. Several beginner Scribal classes were taught at Prelude to war. That was about it for the Barony and Canton.

#### **Archery**

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

#### **Herald**

- No Report

#### **Canton of Caladphort**

- The October meeting had to be called because we did not have enough officers attending.
- Our Scribal officer is holding another scribe night at her house in Oakville on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, she does request anyone wishing to attend to please reach out to her for the address.
- Rapier officer reported that they have had no injuries and have moved the weekly practice to the covered garage at the Hoquiam library.
- The November monthly meeting will be moved I will be speaking to the library tomorrow to see if we can use the media room.
- We have been contacted by the Seneschal of the canton Porte da l'Eau to let us know they have placed a bid for KAS to be held out in Ocean shores and has requested any help from the canton that is possible, so this will be relayed at the November business meeting.

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

- October is behind us and winter is here. We had a MOD guest this month, though few fighters have made it regularly. Winter brings fewer people and more weather as it does every year.
- The basics- there have been no injuries, and no damage of equipment.
- I am still working to promote Cut & Thrust. Anybody who is interested should notify me as I work through my contacts to set up training for fighters and marshals.

#### **Arts & Sciences**

- October A&S nights at House Ravenhart was well attended.
  - The amazing silk banner workshop With Maestra Ana De La Sara was well attended.
  - 13 banners were expertly created and will be flying proud in the future.
- Many preparations are in the works for GMs most famous Yule feast coming up in December.
- A Blacksmithing workshop penciled in for December 17<sup>th</sup> (probably a stake making workshop). Stay tuned for more details.
- A&S night will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> – Third Thursday

#### **Armored Combat**

- For the month of October, we've seen 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, with as many as 15 armored fighters, mostly from the barony/cantons!
- The Baronial Armoring Day on 10/7 hosted by Their Excellencies was a success. I suspect that we'll hold another one in the spring.
- For fighting events coming up, I believe that Yule is the only one that may have fighting.

- No injuries or damaged equipment, and things just keep getting better!
- No fight practice in December back up and running on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Jan– but Alisdair suggested that we might possibly do some armoring days on those Wednesday nights

### **Chatelaine**

- The Canton of Crow’s Gate had an event on October 28th. There were at least 4 newcomers in attendance.
- Still looking for a replacement
- On the 23rd the Kingdom Chatelaine Una of Grimwith made an announcement concerning the Chatelaine 101 class.
  - The class will be ready sometime in March.
  - She anticipates that Chatelaine will have greater office status by then and we will be working closely with the DEIB office.
  - She encourages that the Chatelaine attend the online event, Known World Symposium December 30-31.

### **Gold Key**

- I have 2 requests for Yule garb that I will be processing.
- Several outfits are still out on loan - if you have one and no longer need it please return it!
- Other than than, no report.

### **Chronicler**

- Hoping to get Dec up by Friday
- November was up on the 23rd
- Need to make sure we’ve got everyone’s up to date information – Sargents, Monthly Events, etc
- Quarterly Report was sent in

### **Exchequer**

- See above report from the Financial Committee
- We have money
- For specific numbers reach out to the Seneschal or Exchequer
- There’s an outstanding check to Gobel – from Prelude
- Finally have signers correct on the account

### **Seneschal**

- Moving forward, those that are planning events, should include some funds towards youth activities
- Congrats to Crow’s Gate for their first event
- Two new deputies
  - Marissa will be helping out with paperwork – digital support
  - Sir Brehon is going to be stepping up as Deputy

### **Their Excellencies**

- Went to Crows Feast
  - Was so much fun
- We’ve put in a request for crown – We’ll probably stepping down at Kingdom Arts and Sciences
- Waiting for letters of intent – announced at Yule
- Timeline for new B&B
  - Letters of intent due at the end of the month
  - Q&A’s at all of the business meetings in January
  - Polling will happen online in Jan after the Q&A’s
  - Crown Decides
  - Current B&B step down potentially End of March at KAS
- Yule is coming
- Board of Directors will attend 12<sup>th</sup> Night
  - We need a food/beverage donation for a mixer event on Friday night which is planned to be a “cocktail/mocktail hour” to meet the BOD.

## Good of the Barony/Old Business

- Agmundr – Autumn War Sept 12-15 – T90 Ranch
  - More money to site, less for biffies, cheaper overall
  - Approached Madrone for Emprise – so Emprise is happening with Autumn War
  - Extend the offer to Glymm Mere to run an A&S affiliated Event – a % buy in would give an equal % pay out
  - Total event expenses \$12050 - \$35 for camping, \$20 day trip – Camping 345 people is break even
  - R&T is three weeks later – so finite volunteers
  - It's been a while since we've had a “universally considered” event
  - No formal decision made yet.
- Yule Tokens have been made – please come to the A&S to paint tokens
- Governing Documents and Customary are approved as written.

Meeting Closed – 8:34



