

House Mylläri of Ravenhold

Coat of arms A crimson river parting a field of snow, on which a bear and a bell of black are presented.

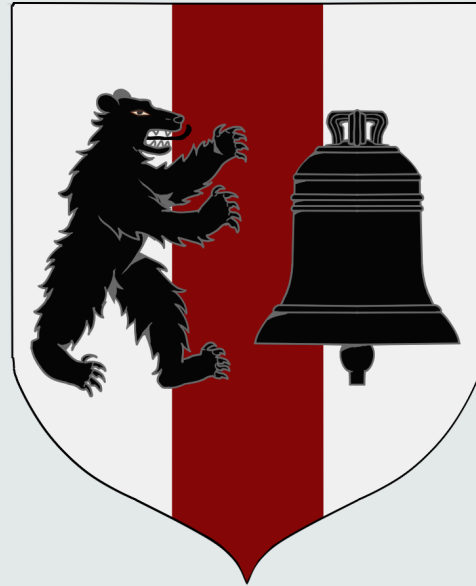
(Argent, on a pale sanguine a bear rampant to sinister sable and a bell sable)

Words *the Strong Shepherd
the Weak*

Seat Ravenhold
Head Sivard Mylläri
Region The Veldt
House Type Minor House
Titles

- ❖ Lord of Ravenhold
- ❖ Protector of the Valley

Heir TBD
Overlord House Hildjöfurr
Founder Franciska Mylläri



Reputation

Formerly strong and reputable, House Mylläri has had a long held distinction for their strong knights and skilled hunters. The House has held the Swords of Evenfall in high esteem since the beginnings of their founding. Often sending strong and able bodied knights who are willing to their cause. Though in recent years those volunteers have been harder to find than previously.

More recently though, their reputation has taken a nosedive after rumors started circulating that the previous head's youngest had killed him out of mercy, while other rumors of his eldest, the current head, had orchestrated the hunting incident so he had an advantage to inherit over his younger sibling. As rumors are wont to do, they may or may not have been blown out of proportion but the damage those have done to the House reputation can't be denied.

To recover their good name, House Mylläri has pleaded with several of the other Houses in the Veldt and promised to send as many as they can spare to the Swords, including one of the daughters of Sivard Mylläri.

Symbolism

Strength, Protection, Justice, Sacrifice, Bravery & Valor

The sigil of house Mylläri at its core has the bear and the bell. One signifying their strength, bravery, independence and their devotion to the Allmother. While the bell represents a warning to others and confidence.

The red in the shield, a river of blood, is to both indicate what they have lost and those who have sacrificed themselves for the greater good and their house, as well as a lesson for others; the blood spilled of those who did not heed their warning.

Worship

As is common in the north, they are generally staunch worshippers of the Allmother, Mithra. Though in lesser measure they worship and pray to Vhaehra as well.

Key Features

Their fur is often a light color, shades of whites, grays and blondes. Their ears are distinctly round and small in comparison to their rougher and large exterior and their eyes more often than not a gray-blue or brown.

One of their more notable traits is a mutation stemming from early on in their bloodline, resulting in an either purple or blue coloration of their gums and tongue.

Heirlooms

A simple but heavy mace made of damascus steel, named Mourning Glory. The handle is engraved and sufficiently wrapped in linen thread, replaced when the title and weapon are bestowed onto the new head of the house. It's said the words engraved on the weapon are to be read by those who inherit the heirloom. Currently in the possession of Lord Sivard Mylläri.

Traditions

- One of the house funeral traditions is rooted in Mazuran normalcy. Those who have passed are given an ornamental funeral pyre. Ideally those pyres would burn with enough heat and long enough to leave a significant amount of ashes and bones reduced to smaller fragments.

Afterwards their ashes and bone fragments would be collected and attached to ravens (much like carrier pigeons) and released. Being of the belief that ravens take and shepherd the souls of the dead to the afterlife safely.

Not only is this tradition used in funerals, oftentimes they will also use ravens to bring news to the dead of births and marriages in similar fashion. Believing that those who have passed await will receive the good tidings in the afterlife too.

- Their family has had a long running tradition to ‘fairly’ pick the next heir of the house by trial. Dating as far back as the founding of the house. A melee between those eligible to inherit. Which is most commonly siblings born to the former head of the House. There have been few exceptions in the past.

Those who come out victorious have earned the right to inherit unless they forfeit willingly.

Origins

It is said that initially House Mylläri had humble beginnings as a small troupe of hedge knights who pledged allegiance to King Ragnar. Many of the troupe were lost to the conquest, unwilling to yield until their lives were spent. The last remaining few, one of which was the founder of what would become the first lord of Ravenhold, which was Franciska Mylläri.

Pledging loyalty to House Hildjöfurr to gain and add to their status until some years later where they were rewarded their own keep, which started as a small hunting village that over the many years had been built and grown into what is now Ravenhold. Near Ravenhold now stands another, bigger village reminiscent of what it used to be, named Torben Valley.

Even back then those of House Mylläri would pledge themselves to the cause of the Swords, if only to keep alive the memory of the old days.