



The Gatekeeper

Barony of Winter's Gate

Calendar

Oct. 15-16 -- Michaelmas Italian Feast & Masked Ball

Oct. 15 -- All Hallow's Eve Masque (Pavlok Gorod)

Oct. 22 -- Hop-tu-Naa (Eskalya)

Oct. 29 -- Oktoberfest/Samhein (Selviergard)

Nov. 11-13 or 18 -- St. Boniface Collegium

Dec. 3 -- Yule (Selviergard)

Dec. 10 -- Yule (Eskalya)

Dec. 16-17 -- Yule

Jan. 7 -- Twelfth Knight (West Kingdom)

Jan. 20-22 Midwinter Coronet (Oertha)

Feb. 11 -- Saints Feast (Selvergard)

Feb. 18 -- Heart Revel -- Margery Garret

Feb. 25 -- Death by Chocolate (Eskalya)

March 11 -- March Madness (Eskalya)

March 11 or 18 -- OLIO (St. Boniface)

March 24-26 -- March Crown (West Kingdom)

April 8 -- Not Easter Fool's Revel -- Hans & Braun

April 22 -- Collegium (Oertha)
 April 28-30 -- Beltane Coronation (West Kingdom)
 May 13 -- Cherry Blossom Festival (Eskalya)
 May 20 -- Spring Offensive (Selviergard)
May 26-29 -- Spring Captaincy & Wolf War
 June 3-4 -- Three Baron's Faire (Eskalya)
 June 10-11 -- Three Baron's Faire (Eskalya)
 June 17 -- Newcomers' Event (Eskalya)
 July 15-16 or 21-22 -- Midsummer Coronet (Oertha)
 Aug. 18-20 -- Purgatorio Coronation (hosted by Oertha in Eskalya)
Sept 2-3 -- Harvest Commander Tourney
 Sept 9 -- Baroness' Champion (Eskalya)
 Sept. 16 -- Fall Hunt (Selviergard)
Oct. 14 -- Michaelmass
 Oct. 21 -- Samhein (Selviergard)
 Oct. 28 -- Samhein (Eskalya)
Nov. 18 -- Collegium (St. Boniface)
 Dec. 9 -- Yule (Eskalya)
Dec. 16 -- Yule
 Dec. 30 -- Winter Warming (Selviergard)

All 2017 dates are tentative. They were agreed upon at the principality scheduling meeting at Midsummer Coronet, but must still be calendared and approved at kingdom.

Fight practices are currently on Sundays 1-5 pm at Upark gym. All are welcome to attend fighter practices. If you're a noncombatant, there is a comfy lounge to sit, chat, and work on projects (bring your own chair if you have one). Keep an eye on the elist and Facebook page for changes.

All other activities (A&S activities, guild meetings, scribal sessions, etc.) are subject to change and will be posted to the baronial email list and Facebook page. The above calendar includes events throughout the principality, as well as important kingdom events and wars. Those events without a listed location and in bold are local.

If you're interested in the workings of the barony, come to the monthly business meetings! They are now held at fighter practice. Keep an eye on the elist and Facebook page, or contact the seneschal for the exact date.

From the Prince and Princess:

Hello Oertha,

I would like to take this time to announce the conventions of combat for winter coronet.

First, I would like a short message either in my inbox or my Facebook page if you are planning to fight. This is so her Highness can prepare gifts for your inspirations. Please don't wait till the last day, as she really wants to make something nice.

Second, the conventions of combat will be a best two-out-of-three all the way up double elimination. (This will not change.)

The other requirement is heraldry. I want to see it on your shields. If you have a device, display it proudly and show it off. If you do not have a device, then there are the populace badges. Please use them; that's what they are for.

Remember to train and prepare. Make armor checks. see that you have everything you need before you arrive.

Also my Whim is Heraldic Clothing/Surcoats. So let's see what you've got. I can't wait to see them.

If anyone has any concerns about anything I have said here. please get in touch with me and I'll be happy to hear them.

Thank you,
Kenric, Prince of Oertha

From the Baron and Baroness:

Greetings Unto the Populace!

Baron Braun and I did recently visit the Land of the Sun in Bakersfield, CA. Great Western War, 2016, marked one of the largest contingencies of Oerthans attending! Our Principality Populace fought bravely under the command of Prince Kenric and Oertha was honoured by King Alfar and Queen Eilis. GWW was a wonderful opportunity to view the world of the SCA on both an international connection to a larger SCA family and its connection with other individuals. The next year will mark a full and exciting chapter of Winter's Gate.

Baron Braun and I were honoured to represent Winter's Gate and the Baron fought bravely along side other Winter's Gaters: Viscount Duncan, Baroness Elisheva and Lord Hans. At the end of GWW, the Baron and I were inspired. We continue to follow the SCA dream as your Baron and Baroness for the next ten months with strength and service to our Populace. We will not lose vigor nor deviate from representing Our Populace with verve or vivacity. Now is a time for stepping forward, not back. Winter's Gate still remains an intricate part of our family and an intricate part of the larger SCA international family.

We are fortunate to share many upcoming events. Our Fall Collegium will host many new teachers in November and new classes. Winter's Gate will also host other events such as Michaelmas with their Highnesses Kenric and Dagmar and we look forward to a visit from the King and Queen of the West and Their Highnesses for Yule. In 2017, Winter's Gate will host Our first war, Wolf Wars, as a part of Spring Captaincy, where fighters will also take the field for the honour of being Captain of the Guard for a full year.

Our Warden of the North, Lord Faerghus, has begun to rebuild an SCA group in Kotzebue and we welcome new members to our Winter's Gate family. Many of Our populace are growing and changing and change is a good thing. In Alaska, change brings a different shape to the landscape as leaves fall and snow begins to cover the ground in its crystal brilliancy. Winter's Gate changes also bring a new brilliancy to our SCA family.

As the winter's cool breath blows down from the north and a new year begins, we look forward to all its up-coming changes and are excited to remain, "Yours in

Service," to Winter's Gate, Principality of Oertha.
Baron Braun and Baroness Cemper

From the Seneschal:

Unto the populace: the announcement calling for Letters of Intent to be the next Baron and/or Baroness of Winter's Gate has been posted to The Page, the West Kingdom newsletter.

For those who did not read the newsletter: "The Barony of Winter's Gate is now accepting Letters of Intent for Baronial Candidates. If you are interested in serving your Barony as Baron and/or Baroness, please submit your letter to the Principality Seneschal via email at annaharie@gmail.com. Deadline for Letters is November 30, 2016. If you have questions regarding what should be included in a Letter of Intent, please contact the Principality Seneschal. "

Timeline: Letters due to Principality seneschal [not me] by Nov. 30; Meet and Greet with Her Majesty at Winter's Gate Yule Dec. 17; Polling TBA (but reasonably soon after Letters are accepted); Their Majesties' Decision TBA; Baronial Investiture TBA.

More info will be posted when more info is available.

Sapphira the Navigator

From the Chronicler:

I am always looking for short articles (A&S projects, history, adventures in period cooking, etc.) and stories of people and events to include in the newsletter. Especially stories! We are losing our history of past events, and current events become past events all too soon. I encourage you to make a contribution to the newsletter from time to time. Send them to me offlist.

Most who receive newsletter are members of the barony and its outlying groups, honorary citizens, members now in exile, and friends of the barony. Others receive this because you are our neighbors, including the territorial barons and baronesses, seneschals and chroniclers (and their kingdom counterparts). If sent to you in error, please let me know.

The Gatekeeper now goes out only electronically. If you do not wish to receive it, please email me at morgana@gci.net and you will be removed. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter as an attachment in the future, please also let me know.

Copy for nonlocal events is usually picked up from other newsletters and elist postings. Unless otherwise noted, local event reports were written by the chronicler and corrections and complaints should be addressed thereto. The chronicler welcomes words from any baronial officers, and guildmasters or mistresses, as well as reports of events and activities, as her mind holds only so many details and memories.

--Morgana yr Oerfa

Upcoming Events:

Michaelmas Italian Feast and Masked Ball

Barony of Winter's Gate
October 15-16

Goditi la vita! Feste e Festival! Enjoy life! Feasting and Festival!
Come and join Winter's Gate for a weekend of Festivities, as we immerse ourselves in the Italian Culture. Eat! Drink! Be Merry! Learn! Create!

On Saturday, join Winter's Gate as we celebrate Michaelmas with a Three-Course Italian Feast, Desserts, Music, Merriment, Festival and Ball. Festivities include appetizers served during the course of the evening. Other event festivities will be announced.

Menu is posted below. Feast and appetizers will include both dishes that are allergin-free and those that contain all the allergies.

Competitions are: Autocrat's Whim -- Italian Garb (any century); Baron's Whim -- Italian Art depicted in any form; Feastocrat's Whim -- Liqueurs. Documentation encouraged in all.

On Sunday there will classes (for details see below) and heavy fighting practice. A simple lunch of potato soup, salad and bread will be served, as well as any feast leftovers. The populace is encouraged to bring a side dish to share. (Remaining feast food -- if any -- will also be served.)

Site for Saturday's feast and ball is the Masonic Lodge, 402 11th Avenue, Fairbanks. Site opens at noon on Saturday and closes at 9 pm. The site is wet.

The site for Sunday's fighter practice and activities is University Park School, 1000 University Avenue, Fairbanks. Site will be open from 11 am to 5 pm. Park in the back and check at the gym for specific classrooms.

Event fees for Saturday are: adult members, \$22 per person; adult non-members, \$27 per person; youths 13-17 years, \$15 per person; children 6-12, \$10; children 5 years and younger are free; member family cap, \$50. This fee includes site, feast, classes (excepting specific class materials fee, appetizers (people are welcome to also bring their own) and lunch on Sunday.

For more information contact the autocrats, Baroness Cemper (Alys Johns-Robinson), Box 56652, North Pole, 99705, 385-1084 home, tolkienscholar@yahoo.com, or Lady Elena (Jessica Grahn), jessicaeringrahn@yahoo.com, [XXXXXX].

Feast Menu

with sources

This menu is subject to change.

There will be alternatives for those with gluten intolerance and onion allergies.

Appetizers:

Mountain Mushrooms (*Libro de cucina del secolo XIV, 14th century*)

Ova Farcta - eggs stuffed with cheese, raisins & herbs (*De honesta voluptate*)

Cheese & Pine Nut Fritters - The Emperor's Magnificent Fritters (*Libro de cucina del secolo XIV, 14th century*)

First Course:

Citrus Chicken (*Liber de Coquina, an Italian or French 14th century ms*)

Asparagus in Onion Sauce (*Libro della cocina, an anonymous Tuscan ms*)

Second Course:

Pomegranate Pork - original recipe calls for chicken, but this is especially savory with pork (*The Medieval Kitchen: Recipes from France and Italy*)

Roasted Onion Salad (*Libro della cucina del secolo XIV, a collection of 14th century recipes*)

Lasagna (*Liber de Coquina, an Italian or French 14th century ms*)

Third Course:

Chicken with Fennel (*Frammento di un libro di cucina del sec, XIV, 14th century*)

Dry Soup - this recipe is inspired by two other Italian recipes: Lasanis from the 14th century and Vermicelli from the 15th century.

Dessert:

Sweet Bread & Sweet Rice -- specific recipes to be determined

Italian Focused Classes

Italian Sleeves: Mistress Margarita (11:30-12:30)

Creating a Perfect Italian Bodice: Mistress Margery (12:45-1:45)

Italian Fencing and Dagger Work: Baroness Etáin (1:45-3:00) -- Attacking with sword and dagger using the methods of Fabris.

Creating a Balza: Mistress Sapphira (3:15-4:15) -- The Italians wore interesting headwear. Learn how to make one with simple techniques. Materials fee: \$3.

History of Masks and Mask Making: Baroness Cemper (3:30-4:30) -- both Venetian Leather and Italian Muslin styles. Masks were popular items that hid the identity of the wearer for a variety of reasons...some sneaky and nefarious! Learn about the impact of masks and make a mask in either style. Materials fee for leather \$5, for cloth \$3.

All Hallow's Eve Masque

Shire of Pavlok Gorod (Kodiak)

October 15

Come one and all to a masque in honor of All Hallow's Eve, presented by the

Shire of Pavlok Gorod! Arrive in garb or costumed as a character from the Middle Ages or the Renaissance, with your own mask if desired. Then enter the mask-decorating contest, learn courtly dances, and play medieval games for all ages. Prizes to be awarded in two age categories for most beautiful, most amusing, most frightening, and most inventive mask, as well as best costume.

An Italian feast will be followed by dancing and song. Autocrat's whim: best decorated table.

Site is the Fisherman Episcopal Church (Parish Hall), 421 Thorsheim St., Kodiak, Alaska. The site opens at 10 am and closes at 6 pm. Directions: from the downtown ferry dock, drive up Center Avenue and cross the main intersection to the entrance of Thorsheim Street (next to McDonald's). St. James is at the top of the first hill. From Pier 2, get onto the highway (Rezanof Drive) and turn right toward town. Turn left at the main intersection to get onto Mill Bay Road, then left again almost immediately onto Thorsheim. From the airport, turn right on Rezanof Drive and follow it into town to reach the main intersection and your turn.

Event fee is accepted donations; feast fee is \$13.

For more information, contact the autocrat, Gwen Seis, jenniferhansen@gci.net. For information about the feast, contact the Head Cook, Lord Alasdair, jclary5150@gmail.com.

Hop-tu-Naa

Barony of Eskalya

October 22

Ta my haagh crowal lane dy astan! The time has come to celebrate the turning of the seasons and this year the Barony of Eskalya invites you to join them in the Isle of Man. There will be games for young and old, fighting, dancing, and traditional turnip carving. Spin your best spooooky tale and bring some candy so the young (and young at heart) can beg a sweet. There will also be a meet-and-greet for the candidates in the Eskalyan Baronial polling.

Tentative Schedule:

The Turnip Carving Station will be open all day.

2:00 pm -- Opening Court

3:00 -- Three-Legged Race and Gaming

3:30-4:00 -- Tournaments (Rapier then Heavy)

5:00 -- Dancing and Dinner set-up

5:30 -- Dinner Break, Storytelling, and kids Trick-or-Treating

7:00 -- Evening Court

After court: more gaming and Meet-and-Greet

Contests include Best Spooookoooky Story and the next contest in the Oerthan A&S Championship - Syrups.

Greetings! Or as you would say in Manx, Fastyr mie!

Legend holds that the mighty Manannán Mac Lir, the Son of the Sea, is the patron of the Isle of Man. A Manx poem from 1504 says: Manannan beg va Mac y Leirr / Shen yn chied er ec row rieau ee (Little Manannan was a son of Leirr; he was the first that ever had it [the island]). To help protect Man, Manannán gave the Isle four gifts: his coat that protects against all wounds; his breastplate which no weapon can pierce; his helmet with two gems that flash and change colors; and his sword, the Answerer, the wounds from which will never heal.

To honor Manannán and his gifts, a prize will be awarded for the best representation of one of the four items. Examples of entries might include biscuits in the shape of the sword, child's paper-mache helmet, a coat made for a doll, or any other item that fits the theme. Be creative!

Ta my haagh crowal lane dy astan!
Cynehild

Site is the Anchor Lutheran School, 8100 Arctic Blvd., Anchorage. The hall will be open from 1 pm until 9 pm.

Event fees: member adult \$10, non-member adult \$15, children (6-16) \$5, family cap \$30.

For more information, contact the Event Steward: Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor (Claire Knudsen-Latta), clairemargery@gmail.com, [XXXXXX] W. 75th Ave. #2, Anchorage, AK 99518, 907-[XXXXXX].

Yule Meet and Beat
Barony of Winter's Gate
Dec. 16

Please come and join Their Majesties for what is to be an evening of Peerage Meetings as well as fighter training to be led by His Majesty.

Peerage Meetings - Members of the Order of Chivalry, Members of the Order of the Laurel, Members of the Order of the Pelican, and those Masters of Defense (should any be present in Oertha at this time), please come and sit with Their Majesties for an evening so that They can hear you. There will be goodies to nosh on as well as drinks to drink.

Fighters of Oertha - Those fighters who wish to brave our Oerthan elements, please make yourself available for a night of training with His Majesty Alfarr. Such an opportunity should not be missed as we do not get many out-of-principality fighters visiting, let alone a chance for one-on-one training. Please note that this will be an outdoor training should the weather permit. As such, be sure to bring your non-slip footwear.

This evening is set for to begin at 6:00 pm. It will be held at 3320 White Spruce Drive in North Pole (Duncan and Violet's house).

I hope to see everyone there!
In service, Elisheva

Midwinter Coronet
Principality of Oertha (Wasilla)
January 20-22

Unto the Populace of Oertha & West Kingdom,

It gives me great pleasure to announce Winter Coronet 2017!

In staying with Their Highness's Theme " A Known World Pilgrimage," we the Event Staff wish to embrace and let you all embark on said adventure to discover the next Heirs of Oertha!

The site is the Wilderness Lodge, St. Therese's Camp, 7180 E Twin Lakes Road, Wasilla, Alaska.

Start your calendar and plan your pilgrimage to Winter Coronet, please visit www.coronetfoertha.com to reserve cabins and feast tickets. In regards to the feast, the registration form has feast set for \$0. This is just for logistics! This is an honor system, and if you register for feast we will hold your honor accountable and the fees will be expected to be paid at the gate. The cabin range from five beds to 14 and can be reserved in a block. Beds are \$10 per night and must be prepaid by Dec. 15, with checks sent to the Event Steward.

The Event Staff, and I are super excited and we have a lot of high expectations set for ourselves and a lot of never been done before things that are going to add the atmosphere and dream that will be Winter Coronet 2017.

See you on the path!

In Service to the Coronet & Crown!

Faunus De Arden, Event Steward

(Faunus Arden, Bo 940264, Houston, AK 9694, 231-0491, faunusdearden@gmail.com)

Event Reports and Thanks:

Midsummer Coronet Autocrat Thanks

Now that the work is done, the totes have been unpacked, the laundry is in piles to be washed and our brains have come back down to earth, we want to thank the Populace of Oertha for making this an amazing Coronet.

Thank You to the Prince and Princess and the Seneschal for believing in us enough and letting us do this event. Thank You to the Queen of the West, Ivone PonsLeyr for traveling to her far off lands and sharing her wisdom, her laughter and her beauty with her children. Thank You to the Crown Princess Eilis O'Boirne who we all look forward to seeing as much as we can.

Thank You to the King Hans and Crown Prince Alfar for Taking the time to see us all via Live Feed, Thank You to everyone involved in making the live feed happen. And to Nikor for running the shoot on site,

Thank You to the Prince and Princess of the Mists, Geoffrey and Catherine of Wessex for traveling up on his birthday and sharing in all the fighting and activities. Thank You to All who traveled up, down and sideways to be here for Coronet.

Thank You to Sheva for the amazing feast. Thank You to the Fell Hounds for a wonderful fund raiser breakfast.

Thank You to our fighters that entered the Coronet list and for the show of prowess and chivalry.

Just Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to everyone that was there and held a pole, rolled a rope, did a turn at troll, walked the bear watch and just out n out made this weekend Fun!!

Yours in Service,
Master Crü & Mistress Vicana

Miscellaneous

New Guildmaster

Let it be known to all by this notice that E'ta'in O'Rourke did successfully celebrate her GuildMaster Prize at Midsummer Coronet. She presented the second in a three-part series of workshops on the studies and form of Salvator Fabris, which was attended by the rapier community, new interested fighter to be and witnessed by the Princess of Oertha.

This was immediately followed with the Prize where Etáin accepted challengers to three passes each while she successfully displayed the Rapier and Dagger form of Salvator Fabris throughout the display. Her Majesty, Their Highnesses of Oertha, Her Royal Highness of the West, Their Highnesses of the Mists, the Barons and Baronesses of Oertha, challenging rapier fighters and the populace attending said event witnessed this milestone as she displayed her skills and accepted all challengers on the Field of Honor. All were in agreement as to the successful display of this Prize and Etáin was recognized in Her Majesty's closing court on Sunday.

Huzzah for our newest GuildMaster.
In Service to the Guild and the West,
Sorcha Careman, AGMoF

A&S Principality Championship

Greeting's Oertha!

First, it my absolute honor to recognize our first Principality Arts and Sciences Champion, Lord Camshron mac Gille Finnan! He entered all but one contest and produced a wide range of excellent entries. And all from Kotzebue! Please join me in recognizing Lord Camshron's accomplishment!

Second, it's a new year and time for a new championship has begun! The schedule for the 2016/2017 tournament is below. The last two dates will be finalized when they have been added to the Kingdom calendar. If you have any questions about the schedule or how to enter, please don't hesitate to contact me!

10/22/2016 – Hoptu-Naa/Eskalya – Syrups (Domestic Arts and Sciences)

12/3/2016 – Yule/Selviervard– A small item of clothing (e.g. a coif, braies, a hood, etc) (Textile)

1/21/2017– Winter Coronet/Wasilla – A Story of a Hero, Saint, or God (Performing Arts)

3/?/2017 – March Madness/Eskalya – Open Topic (Research Paper)

5/?/2017 – Spring Captaincy/Winter's Gate – Bone, Antler, or Wooden Combs (Technological)

The contests are being drawn from six categories (one contest representing each category): Textile - clothing, weaving, needlework; Domestic Arts and Sciences - small items, cooking, herbcraft, brewing; Technological - armor, casting, metal working, skeletal materials; Studio Arts - bookbinding, glass work, calligraphy, illumination, paper making; Performing Arts - arts which are performed; Research – research papers and presentations.

More information about the categories and links to get you started can be found here: <http://oertha.westkingdom.org/arts&sciences/lumenassli.html>.

Individuals who wish to enter an item but will not be able to make the event, may mail items to Claire Knudsen-Latta, 917 W. 75th Avenue #2, Anchorage, AK 99518. Please email me at clairemargery@gmail.com to let me know items are coming. Items will be returned by mail with judging sheets within one week of the event.

Contestants for the championship must enter at least four of the categories. Contestants may enter only one item per event (no double dipping).

Incomplete projects may be entered, so long as the part of the project being judged is complete. For example, if you want to enter a scroll in the calligraphy contest but the illumination isn't complete, you may enter it so long as the calligraphy is complete.

At least minimal documentation is required. Minimal documentation will be considered one 3x5 card and one primary source. More documentation is suggested.

Research papers should be between 1,500 and 2,500 words, or four to six pages, double spaced. Papers should be submitted by email one week before the event, to allow judges sufficient time to review the paper.

If there are three or more entrants in a competition, the winner is the entry with the highest score. If there are fewer than three entries, the winner is the entry with the highest score over 66% of the available points. If there is only one entry, the entry will be judged, but there will be no competition – however, the points will count towards the Championship.

Whoever racks up the most total points wins!

I look forward to seeing the talent and skill of Oertha's Artisans and wish all the entrants the very best of luck!

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Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor
Craeftwicnestre Oerthas

Heraldry Fees Announcement

To the Heralds and Populace of the West, Greetings.

This is your warning that the schedule of fees for heraldic submissions is changing as of the November Meeting. Due to the increase in the fees that we have to send to Laurel (increased from \$3 to \$4 per item), we will be removing the "two item together" discount.

We are NOT increasing the fee per item, but starting with the November

meeting the fees submitted must be \$6 per item, i.e. Name is \$6, Device is \$6, Badge is \$6. Name and Device is \$12, etc.

This change was undertaken to allow us to continue to cover our costs in the face of a 33% increase in the fees sent to Laurel. We will continue to work to keep them as low as possible.

Consulting heralds, please pay heed!
Flieg, Vesper Principal Herald

Submissions Herald

Khevron, Wolfhound Herald (principality submissions deputy) would like to help anyone who needs it with their name and device development and submissions. Contact email: khevron@warpmail.net.

Oertha History Guild

The Oertha History Guild is active and we're collecting any details of past events, and ask members to submit a review, recap, thoughts of one event per year, recent or ancient. The Oertha History Guild is active and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/OerthaHistory/.

Photos posted to the West Kingdom History Pages are encouraged.
<http://history.westkingdom.org>.

Everyone should check their information on the Who's Who website as well, and you can add to your SCA resume, including offices (primary or deputy) held and events hosted or cooked for, and other achievements.

--*Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov*

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And now for something entirely different:

Du'ad Bob Review

I'd heard about this movie before ever seeing it. In fact, if I'm to be truthful, it was the reviews on IMDb that first piqued my interest in it. Reviews that said things like: "after 20 minutes I tried gnawing my own leg off while trying to hope that the film would improve, but it then performed the impossible accomplishment of getting even worse!" and "This movie is so bad and so badly acted, that it will make your eyes and ears bleed." So how could I pass up a movie that gets reviews like that? With that kind of vilification by reviewers, there was a good chance that this film could match *Deathstalker II* as the worst movie I have ever reviewed. You can see that I had to. I simply had to. And so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you 2012's ***Robin Hood, The Ghost of Sherwood*** (also found as *Robin Hood, Ghosts of Sherwood*).

I'm not sure why there is a "ghost" or "ghosts" in the title; there are no ghosts in the movie. Partway through it, Anna Sue thought that the only way it could be improved was with the introduction of zombies into the storyline. Then they added zombies. She was wrong.

Starring Martin Thon as Robin Hood, Ramona Kuen as Maid Marian, Kai Borchardt as Friar Tuck, Dennis Zachmann as Will Scarlett, Anika Neubauer as the Witch, Claude-Oliver Rudolph as Guy of Gisbourne, and Tom Savini, whom I don't think I have seen since his great turn as Morgan in 1981's *Knightriders*) as the Sheriff of Nottingham (alas, how the mighty have fallen! Really, Tom, *Zombieddon? Horrorween?* Have you no shame?). Anyway, this version of the Robin Hood story takes some bits and pieces of the Robin Hood stories, mixes them in with some magic potions, a witch whose motivations are entirely unclear, and eventually turns Robin Hood and most of his Merry Men into zombies wandering about Sherwood Forest in search of people to kill and eat.

Good points: Real chain mail.

Bad points: The real chain mail was made with too large rings of too small a gauge wire. The furry horse bridles. The fight choreography. The script. The acting. The soundtrack. The costuming. The witch: long fingernails, dirt all over her face, bad teeth, and all. The witch's potion as Febreeze. Setting a large fire in the middle of a forest! Newly-created zombies foaming at the mouth.

Zero breasts. Four gallons of blood. 57 dead bodies. (Although, two of them are brought back to life without turning them into zombies, so I'm not sure how to count those.) Arrow fu. Maul fu. Sword fu. Dagger fu. Potion fu. Garrotte fu. Fire arrow fu.

Exploding rock fu. Fighters roll. Merchants roll. Heads roll. Gratuitous woodland stream. Gratuitous magical transfiguration potion. Gratuitous Indian (India Indian) merchant. Gratuitous religio-philosophical discussion. Gratuitous democratic socialism, a/k/a hippie commune. Gratuitous musical interlude. Gratuitous slo-mo. And ... just when you think the movie is over and they start running the closing credits, it continues on for another ten minutes. Academy Award nominations to Ramona Kuen as Maid Marian for her reaction to Friar Tuck's cup of "medicinal" wine: "That's awful! What swamp was it made in?"; and to Anika Neubauer as the Witch for "I heard the screams; everything must be all right." As with *Deathstalker II*, the outtakes are better than the movie. At one point, Maid Marian asks "How could you do this?" Frankly, that was my question to everyone who had anything to do with this throughout the entire movie: "How could you do this?" Anna Sue says she'd rather watch *Robin Hood: Men in Tights* twice than ever see this movie ever again. And if you know Anna Sue's aversion to Men in Tights, you know how much that's really saying here. A perfect 100 on the Vomit Meter. Zero stars. Da'ud Bob says, "It's official! This movie is worse than *Deathstalker II* (by 1/2 star). Check something else out!"

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