

# *The Gatekeeper-Dec. A.S. LII*



## *Upcoming Events for A.S. LII-LIII*

Jan. 2nd. 6:00 pm. Business Meeting (Blue Room, 3rd floor, Pioneer Park/Centennial Hall)

Jan. 19th-21st, (2018): Coronet

Feb. 17th-18th: (2018) Heart's Revel (autocrat: Sheva)

March 24th (2018) Olio

April 28th-29th (2018): Fool's Revel (autocrats: Grete and Shondra)

Barony Events: <http://wintersgate.westkingdom.org/events.html>

Kingdom-wide events can be found at: <http://www.westkingdom.org/calendar/sca>



## *Words from the Baronial Seats*

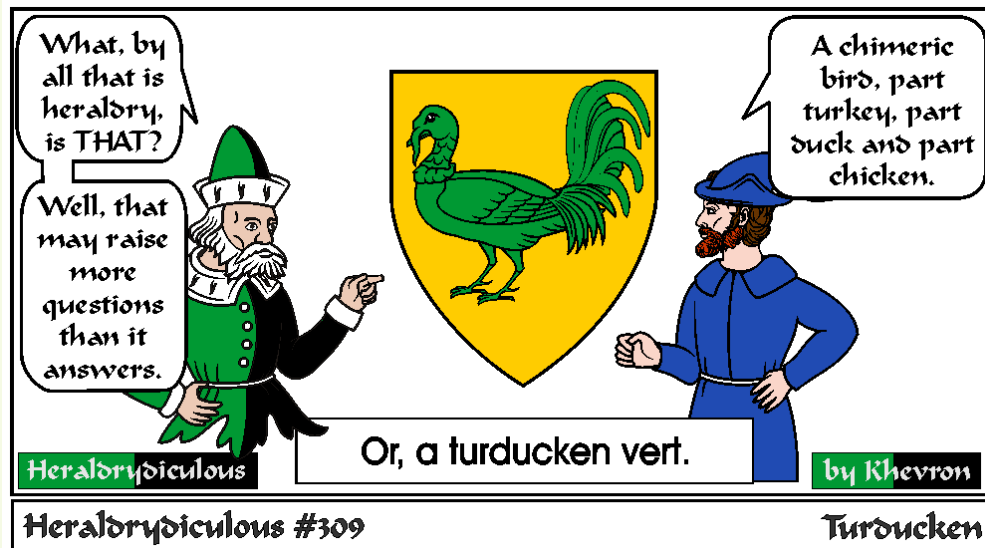
*The long winter nights soon will start to grow short. Days grow longer heralding the coming of the Oerthan Prince of spring. We look forward to witnessing the revealing of the new prince through fear of arms. Our hope is not only that Winters Gate fills the list in the tournament, but our populace joins as well traveling south to cheer on our fighters as they fight. We have been fortunate to have the current Prince and Princess of Oertha grace Winters Gate by living within our borders, we cross our fingers that those fighters who call the barony we'll fight with such ferocity that the coronets continue to dwell here. We continue to be open to wise counsel from all corners of Winters Gate. Not only on ways that we can make the SCA experience more enjoyable, but also which gentles within our borders through acts of service or skill are deserving of recognition and awards. As I write this there are also positions of leadership open for those gentles who would like to take more responsibility in the running of our fair barony.*

*Hans and Elena*

*Baron and Baroness of Winters Gate*



## Master Khevron's Heraldrydiculous



Words from Captain of the Guard and Commander of the Cavaliers

Winter has come and it becomes more difficult for us to strap into armor and engage in amazing feats of arms and lesser feats of arms. I know the same pains of sloth and how easy it is now that the local tournament season has ended to put off consistent training. Before you can shake a stick Coronet in Oertha will happen and we should prepare to meet our cousins to the south and give as good as we receive. I make this promise to every heavy fighter of Winters Gate, every Sunday I will have my armor ready from now until I am no longer able and if one lord or lady is willing I will engage in honorable combat and help them become the engine of destruction they want to be.

Love Live the Fighter's of Winter's Gate

Hans Schaffer, Captain of the Guard, Baron of Winter's Gate



To the Cavaliers!

We, The Cavaliers, now have our own Winters Gate Cavaliers Facebook page with several links of interest on it from informative information on Rapier styles to a State of Rapier in the West Kingdoms treatise and many more links to come as they are found. A great class was taught at Michalemas by Etain, Sevastian and Angela from the notes provided by MoD Sorchia (thank you to all involved including everyone that partook in learning from them). We are diligently working on growing our Rapier community and encourage any to attend any practice or discussion to learn what we are about, that includes non-combatants as well as Heavy-fighters. Thanks to all who participated at Collegium in November and special thanks to MoD Sorchia for her contributions to the Cavaliers of Winter's Gate!

In Service, Baron Braun Sparhawk





## A&S Corner

### Very Easy Largess for the Non-Crafty:

What is Largess? Many people have been in the SCA long enough to know that the Baron, Baroness, Prince and Princess, King and Queen bestow gifts to others. Gifting is a large part of the Medieval Tradition. The Baron and Baroness hold the bounty of the barony for the people and bestow gifts upon the populace. The epic poem, *Beowulf*, written around the 3th c., hails King Scyld for his goodness based upon tribute received. Later, Scyld's son, Beow, is hailed for his gift giving, "Giving freely while his father lives so that afterwards in age when fighting starts steadfast companions will stand by him and hold the line" (lines 21-24).

*Oft Scyld Scefing sceaþena þreatum  
monegum mægþum meodo-setla ofteah;  
egsode eorl[as] syððan ærest wearð  
easceaft funden; he þæs frofre gebad,  
weox under wolcnum, weorð-myndum þah,  
oðæt him æghwylc þara ymb-sittendra  
ofer hron-rade hyran scolde,  
gomban gylðan. Þæt wæs god cyning!  
(Beowulf, lines 1-11).*

So. The Spear-Danes in days done by And the kings  
who ruled them had courage and greatness. We have  
heard of those prince's heroic campaigns. There was  
Shield Sheafson, scourge of many tribes, A wrecker of  
mead-benches, rampaging among foes. This terror of  
the hall-troops had come far. A foundling to start with,  
he would flourish later on As his powers waxed and his  
worth was proved. In the end each clan on the outlying  
coats Beyond the whale-road had to yield to him 10 And  
begin to pay tribute. That was one good king!  
(Beowulf, lines 1-11).

Whilst anyone can gift another, not everyone can gift gold, shields, torcs and treasure. Not everyone is crafty but that does not mean one cannot contribute largess or even gift another. Below, you will find some very easy largess suggestions.

1. **Flavored Cooking Oils:** (Easy) **Needed:** One bottle of Olive Oil. Herbs from the store (those pre-bunched are easiest). Fancy bottle for oil (found at Lord Michael's or Lady Joanne's). **Directions:** Heat oil on stove until warm-not hot. Put herbs in the fancy bottle. Pour oil into fancy bottle (use a funnel if needed). Cork or close bottle. Label all ingredients. Paste or attach label...don't forget your name.
2. **Bath oils:** (Easy) **Needed: (All can be found at Lord Fred Myers).** One bottle of Baby Oil. One bottle of Mineral Oil. One fancy bottle. One bottle of essential oil. **Directions:** Heat equal amounts of baby oil and mineral oil on stove until warm-not hot. Put a few drops of essential oil in fancy bottle. Pour in warm oil. Add more essential oil until the desired smell is achieved. Cap or cork. Label all ingredients. Paste or attach label...don't forget your name
3. **Viking Treasure Pendants:** (A bit more than Easy) **Needed:** 14-16 gauge wire. Selection of pretty glass beads. **Directions:** Take a loop of wire about 7 inches long. String 3-7 beads upon it, any colour, then cross the ends and twist them 3-4 times to form a circle of beads and a "stalk." Take the ends and pull away from each other and wrapped one around a round chop-stick going one way and the other around the chop-stick going the other so it forms opposite spirals. This provides a hole with which the new pendant may be strung. Label with your name.







### ***Winter's Gate Office Vacancies or pending Vacancies:***

#### **1. Officer vacancy: Constable:**

Duties: The Constable is the chief public safety officer of the Barony. The Constable reports directly to the Seneschal, and shall be responsible for maintaining order amongst people at events, working with modern authorities to promote public safety at events, collecting site fees and delivering the collected money to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, providing general waivers, and ensuring that people attending events sign waivers. (Job description derived from West Kingdom Law)

#### **2. Officer vacancy: Deputy to Minister of Lists**

Job description: The Minister of the Lists shall organize and coordinate the lists as directed by the Baron and Baroness in cooperation with the Baronial Marshallate and Heralds. Ideally the MOL shall be present at events at which tourneys are held.