

THE GATEKEEPER, FEBRUARY, 2020, A.S. LIV (54)

Words from the Baron and Baroness.

To the lords and ladies that make Winters Gate home, greetings. Winter is finally ending and we are able to venture from our homes into the wonderful outdoors. This does not mean that all of our endeavors will be outside. The Feast of Walpurgis is an educational event where we can learn the skills needed to make the awesome things. I encourage everyone to take some time and look through the classes and try something new or something that you would like to continue to pursue. Warm weather is coming and that is our chance to get out and shoot some arrows, our archery marshal should be starting practices as soon as the weather permits. Once we have clear ranges he will let us know. As always we would appreciate any award recommendations you believe would be deserved by our populace. Long live Winters Gate!

--Hans



YULE. December 28 AS LIV (2019). The event (held at Walden Estates Community Center) was a mellow, low-key event. We crowned a Bean King. Talorc and Max won the Boar's Head competition. We enjoyed a story by Talorc, and "A Christmose story" by Khevron. Thanks to Melinda of Winter's Gate for running her first event!

CARNEVALE, February 2020

Winter's Gate Carnevale was held on 15 February 2020 at Walden Estates Community Center. 24 people attended, and all were encouraged to wear fun garb in the spirit of this festive season. The site was wonderfully decorated by Lady Aurelia de Canal and her crew in colors of green, purple, and gold, and masks were everywhere, in keeping with the Baronial whim of Masks in many forms. Lady Melinda took charge of children's activities, and there was an opportunity for both kids and grownups to make their own masks. Many other people participated in board games. There were 2 contests: Baronial Whim: masks, A&S: renaissance jewelry. Court was held after the sumptuous pot luck feast where the contest winners were announced: Baroness Talorc for her exquisite peacock mask, and Lady Melinda for her lovely gold & white Renaissance necklace & earrings. Lady Melinda was also presented with an overdue scroll for the AoA granted by their Highnesses Duncan and Violet. The Decadent Dessert course followed court. Mistress Sapphira the event steward thanked all who helped make this an enjoyable event, with extra thanks to the clean up crew.



JANUARY CORONET 2020

St. Therese's Camp, Wasilla, AK,
Jan 17-19, AS LIV (2020)
Event Steward -- Delphine de Granada

Stepping down: Gregor and Isabella

Stepping up as Prince and Princess:
Søren j Alborgh & Alienor FitzHenry.

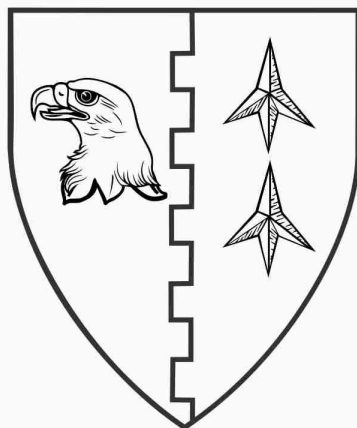
There were 10 contenders in the list.



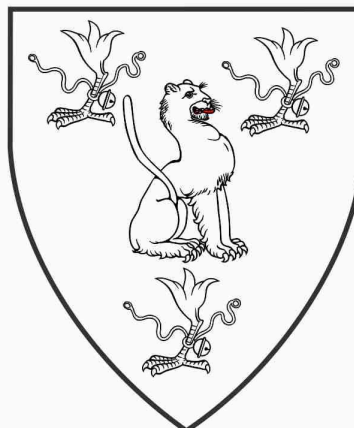
70th Prince and Princess of Oertha

Gregor IV & Isabella II

July 21, A.S. LIV (2019) to January 19, A.S. LIV (2020)



Per pale embattled Or and azure,
a hawk's head erased azure
and two caltrops in pale Or.



Purpure, a natural panther sejant contourny
between three hawk's legs erased
à la guise belled and jessed argent.

Lord & Lady Guardian Bartram Sinclair & Anna Caterina Neri

Fighters in the Lyst and their Inspirations (9)

Søren j Alborgh for Alienor Fitzhenry, Sebastian Agafangilovich Golyitsia for Angela of Eskalya,
Bartram Sinclair & Anna di Caterina Neri, Gregor Hawke for Isabella Hawk,
Fergus MacThomais for Margarita Catherine di Calvi, Kollr Ulfsson for Estrid Thyasdottir,
Hans Shaffer for Elena verch Rhys, Fheargus Mac Gyllfinnan for Fionngula inghean Ragnall,
Alric Skegglauss for Hawise de Pevensey

Court of Their Highnesses

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| Princess' Heavy Champion Hraði Köttr | Princess' Escort Bran Sparrowhawk Captain Alric Skegglauss | Princess' Rapier Champion Angela of Eskalya |
| Princess' Archery Champion Rodrigo de Reinosa | Bran Mac Fynin Étaín O'Rowarke | Lady of the Chamber Astríðr of Eskalya Ceara der Alcan |
| Knight Counselor Sevastian Agafangilovich Golytsin | Hans Shaffer Kollr Ulfsson Ryutarou Komori Thorgrim Hauksson | Cempestra Sidda O'Breonian Fionnghuala inghean Raghnaill Hawise de Pevensey Olivia du Chat of Lion's Keep |

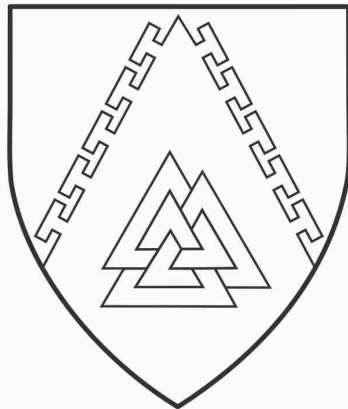
Events Attended

Oerthan Summer Coronet and Investiture (Eskalya)
Baroness' Champion Tournament
Great Western War
Samhain (Eskalya)

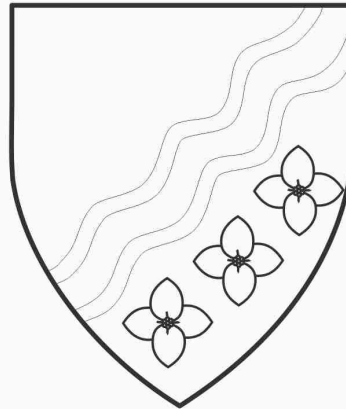
Samhein (Winter's Gate)
Grand Yule (Eskalya)
Oerthan Winter Coronet and Investiture (Selviergard)

71st Prince and Princess of Oertha

Søren j Alborgh & Alienor FitzHenry
January 19, A.S. LIV (2020) to July 19, A.S. LV (2020)



Chape' potenty throughout vert
and argent a valknut vert.



Vert, two bendlets sinister wavy
and in base three dogwood flowers
in bend sinister argent

Lord & Lady Guardian Fergus & Margarita

Fighters in the Lyst and their Inspirations (10)

Søren j Ålborg for Alienor Fitz Henry, Fergus MacTomaïs for Margarita Calvi, Bartram Sinclair for Anna Neri,
Hraði kottr for Sylvia of Thrace, Sextus Velarius Crucillus for Eilis O'Boim, Hans Schaeffer for Elena verch Rhys,
Kollr Úlfsson for Æstrid Thyrasdóttir, Alaric Skegglaus for Hawise de Pevensey, Sigurd of Eskalya for Eira Vidarsdóttir,
Duncan bek Angus MacDrake for Roisin Corby

Court of Their Highnesses

Princess' Escort (Knight Counselor)
Sevastian Agafangilovich Golytsin

Princess' Escort (Captain)

Fergus MacTomaïs

Princess' Escort

Sapphira the Navigator

Fergus mac Ronain

Angela of Eskalya

Kinehild le librari

Bernadette Tix

Princess' Rapier Champion

Étaín O'Rowarke

Princess' Heavy Champion

Cyrus Aurelius

Princess' Archery Champion

Bartram Sinclair

Ladies of the Chamber

Caitríona inghean ui Chionaodha (Head)

Clare Elena de Montfort

Verica of Lighthaven

Ellisif í Reykiarvík

Silvia of Thrace

Rosalinda Lopez

Mæva of Eskalya

Fearghus mac Gyllfynnan

Princess' Artisans

Bran Mac Fynin (Laurel Counselor)

Hawise de Pevensey

Gisla Þðikollr

Hrathi Kottr

Leonía the Mouse

Events Attended

Oerthan Winter Coronet & Investiture (Selviargard)

Oerthan Summer Coronet & Investiture (_____)

THE FEAST OF ST. WALPURGIS COLLEGIUM UPCOMING IN APRIL

April 25-26 (Cemper)

Join us as we travel back in time to the Convent at Wimborne, the first scholarly home of St. Walpurgis!

St. Walpurgis was a Saint acquired from the pagan holiday "May-Day", she was known for her emphasis on scholasticism. She founded a convent that was academic by nature, and the residents produced beautiful artwork, and eventually became Superintendent of Heideman monastery.

The Feast of St. Walpurgis event focuses on workshops that are hands on and are beyond the Introductory Level. The symposium will be in depth rather than breadth, each workshop will be at least 3 hours long. The symposium is not a collection of lectures but rather focused on utilizing skills or expanding upon those who have some familiarity with the topics.

Workshops will have fees that cover materials and the teachers will be providing a list of materials needed. There may be limited availability in some classes. Students will need to pre-register for all of the workshops, so all the instructors know how many copies of information and what supplies will be needed to bring.

Since the classes are workshop oriented there will be no auditing (not paying the fee and just watching or listening). Workshops will be hands-on, teachers will need to be able to focus on those who are making items and may need a teacher's direct one-on-one assistance.

There will also be workshops for the children, one on sewing small animal toys which children can keep them or donate for largess. Mistress Margery will also be conducting workshops focused on the requirements of the Page School.

There will be a Foolish Competition as part of the feast entertainment.

An Artisan's Auction will be conducted on Sunday.

Current Projected Workshops (This List Will Change Before the Event) But we are working hard to finalize things so we all can plan.

- * Cook's Class and Feastocrating - This will be all day and will end in a feast for the event.

- * Scroll and Illumination:

- * Children's Animals:

- * Thorsberg Pants:

- * Card Weaving:

- * Sewing Fur projects: (tentative)

- * Page School:

- * Arrow Making:

- * Fighter's Workshop:

- * Liqueur Making: (tentative)

- * SCA A&S Documentation for competitions:

- * Medieval Correspondence

- * Joy of the Hall!

- * History of Italian Lyric Poetry & Sephardic Music (tentative).

- * Spices and Spice Mixtures: (tentative)

- * Sewing with Fur:

Times: Site opens April 25th at 8:30 am, Workshops start at 9:00 am Site closes April 26th at 5:00 pm.

Place: Tanana Lodge Masonic Hall, 402 11th Ave, Fairbanks, AK

Registration Fee, Adults 18+: \$30.00 Members enjoy \$5. discount.

Youth ages 11-17: \$5.00 children 10 and under free.

Site fee does not cover class costs.

Site fee does include feast!! Yum!

More information to follow on classes, their supply lists and costs.

Directions: Make your best way to AK-2, Airport Rd, Fairbanks. Turn onto Noble Rd. Turn left at the 3rd cross street onto 11th Ave. The Masonic Hall will be on your right.

Steward Contact:

Baroness Cemper at: cemper@westkingdom.org OR Baroness Talorc at India.Brink@gmail

Class postings for Feast of St. Walpurgis!

Whitney of Utqiagvik: Working with Fur. Fur is warm, cozy and beautiful. Students will make outer fur mittens and will make inner mittens if time allows. Students will need to bring their workshop supplies to class as supplies will not be available to purchase at the workshop.

Class limit: 6 people

Students will need to bring to class:

Fur: At least 2 rabbit skin sized fur pieces per hand per mitten. One lined mitten will require 2 pieces for the outside and 2 for the inside.

Leather: .8-1 mm 11x 11 or 1 hand sized piece per mitten

Leather working needles: Straight or curved is fine

Pliers: Jewelry is best but any will do-these are used to pull the needle through if needed.

Seam ripper

Fee: \$2.00 covers sinew, markers, pattern making materials.

Mistress Kinehild: SCA A&S Documentation:

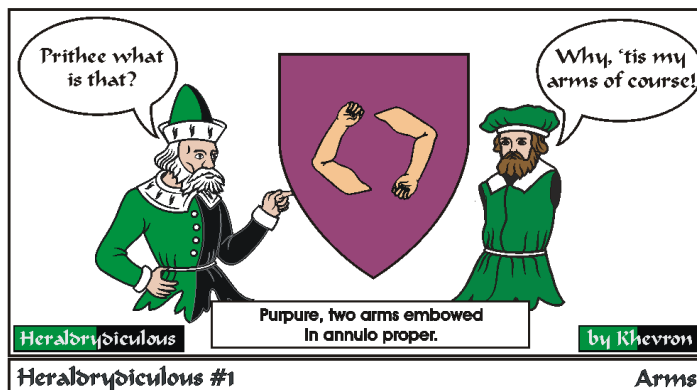
RESEARCH IS THE BATTLE CRY! Let's talk about research and documentation as it applies to the SCA. What makes a good source? How do you structure your documentation? What are the ancient and arcane secrets of the Turabian system? Woo research!!

Mistress Kinehild: Medieval Correspondence:

This class will look at one of the classic manuals of letter writing (Anonymous of Bologna's *Rationes dictandi*, c. 1135) as well as examine extant letters from the early, high, and late middle ages before practicing drafting our own letters. We'll also *briefly* touch on appropriate styles of calligraphy, the matter of signatures, and ways to send letters in the SCA.

Mistress Kinehild: Joys of the Hall:

Join us for a discussion of the "Joys of the Hall" in early Germanic cultures. Topics covered will include drinking practices, etiquette, games, and other practices. Sources discussed will include Anglo-Saxon poetry, Old Norse sagas and eddic poetry, and continental sources. Please bring a mug and something to drink.



CALENDAR

March 14-22 Gulf Wars XXIX Baron Hans & Baroness Elena Attending

May 30 Spring Captaincy

June 6-7 Three Baron's Fair (Eskalya)

June 13-14 Three Baron's Fair (Eskalya)

July 1-5 West-AnTir War XXXV Baroness Elena Attending

July 17-19 Principality Summer Coronet

July 24 - August 9 Pennsic War 49

September 4-6 Harvest Revel

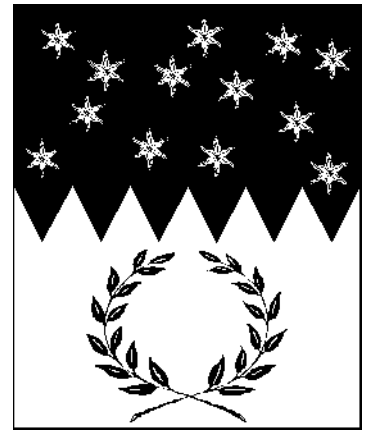
October 5-12 Great Western War Baroness Elena Attending

October 24 Samhain

December 26 Yule

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Latest Baronial Awards:

12/28/2019 (Saturday) -- Winter's Gate Yule
Melinda of Winter's Gate Baroness'
Recognition (Winter's Gate)

10/26/2019 (Saturday) -- Winter's Gate Samhain
Fionnghuala inghean Raghnaill Silver Swan
Margery Garret Ice Worm

West Kingdom Award Recommendations.

Everyone has been encouraged to make an award recommendation for someone they feel is worthy. Forms are here:

<http://heralds.westkingdom.org/Awards/forms/AwardRecommend.php>

HERALDRY SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

From the Estoile Pursuivant Herald: The next Kingdom heraldry meetings are: March 8, Submission Deadline: February 26
May 17, Submission Deadline: May 6
July 26, Submission Deadline: July 15
September 20, Submission Deadline: September 9

If anyone needs help with submissions or developing a name or device, contact Elfwyn at St Boniface or Khevron (khevron@warppmail.net).

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