

# The Gatekeeper



The Newsletter of  
the Barony of  
Winter's Gate  
**May, A.S. LV**  
**(2020 Gregorian)**



## WORDS OF THEIR MAJESTIES

Greetings one and all. Please pay heed to the words of Their Majesties:

Beloved West Kingdom,

Based on recent information and guidelines, We are cancelling all events through July 4, 2020. This directive is in-line with social distancing and shelter in place guidelines and orders issued by local, state, and federal agencies and officials. Be assured that the safety and wellbeing of Our populace, Our Kingdom, and the Society remain top priorities to Us when making these decisions.

We hope to continue to attend virtual events, video happy hours and meetings, and to online classes and demos. We love the support and resourcefulness to remain connected and engaged with others during these difficult times. Please continue to invite Us, and We will continue to attend as We are able.

We will continue to provide updates on the status of events as information changes. Thank you for your support and understanding.

In Services to the Kingdom and Populace of the West,

*Uther, Rex*  
*Vera, Regina*

## *Words of the Baron and Baroness:*

Rejoice kind gentles for the winter cold has at last abated and the summer sun shines down upon our fair lands, and with that we can indulge the possible wonders of our vast tracks of unspoiled nature that is the beautiful tapestry of this our Winters Gate. Though our circumstances requires that we not come together for our annual spring captaincy tournament know that you and your safety is at the foremost of our thoughts and we look forward to when we are able to come together again after this tumultuous time has passed. We are confident that we will be together again soon, and can once again band together, sharing those close bonds of friendship and engaging in revelry during our next time together.

--Hans and Elena

--Baron and Baroness of Winters Gate



WEST KINGDOM BELTANE COURT

<https://youtu.be/qF11OYddOi8>

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Baroness Cemper O'Breoniann, newest member of the Order of the Western Lily Thank you for fostering and teaching the arts and sciences. Huzzah!

--Elena





From Sapphira the Wanderer (Vicki)

To my dear friends of Winter's Gate:  
I regret that I have been unable to It is with  
a heavy heart that I leave Winter's Gate. I  
have met so many wonderful people and so  
many of those have become dear friends. I  
already miss going to fighter practices and  
doing A&S together. I'll miss Oerthan  
camping events where it's not a terrible  
thing to forget to bring a flashlight, but  
you'd better bring bring something warm to  
wear. I will miss going to our events where  
we all get together and have a good time,  
joined by our common interests in medieval  
stuff, and cemented by our fellowship. When  
you get down to it, it's the people who make  
an organization wonderful.



### WEEKLY "FIGHTER PRACTICE"

We are still meeting on Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, now online using Zoom. Meeting links can be found on the FB Winter's Gate page: STITCH & BITCH.

Or email our officers:

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## THE VIRTUAL MIDDLE AGES

Miss those chats around the campfire at events?  
Come check out Tullia and Helga's videos.

### BETWEEN TWO PEERS

Tullia and Helga are friends who play in the Society for Creative Anachronism, who interview other SCA members to keep themselves sane while they shelter in place.

[https://m.facebook.com/between2peers/?\\_rd=1](https://m.facebook.com/between2peers/?_rd=1)



## UNIVERSITY OF ATLANTIA

### MORE ZOOM A & S

**JUNE 13, 2020  
ALL DAY!**

Bookmaking, history, clothing, Viking jewelry, Introduction to knitting, Documentation, Esoteric and Magical teachings in Japanese Martial Arts, Beginning Renaissance Dance, Scrollmaking, Beowulf Basics, Metal Finishes for Blacksmiths, and much more!



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### EVENT CALENDAR

June 6-7 Three Baron's Fair (cancelled)  
June 13-14 Three Baron's Fair (cancelled)  
July 1-5 West-AnTir War XXXV (cancelled)  
July 17-19 Principality Summer Coronet; now at Anderson!  
July 24 - August 9 Pennsic War 49 (sadly: cancelled)  
September 4-6 Harvest Revel  
October 5-12 Great Western War Baroness Elena Attending  
<https://www.facebook.com/greatwesternwar/>  
October 24 Samhain  
December 26 Yule

NOTE: When social distancing allows, we will continue holding events, so this schedule is subject to change. Kingdom, then Principality will get priority as to dates when meetings resume.



## WANT KNIVES?

POSTED BY:  
April Woolery  
Conversation Starter  
· April 7 at 9:03 PM

Patrick no longer uses Facebook, so he is borrowing my account to make the following offer:

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Who wants a new knife? Who wants to trade?

I'm trying to encourage folks to do some crafting and also to have the fun of a trade. We are all locked in a lot and crafting only for ourselves can get stale after a while. I decided I'd rather give these knives away than to ask money for them.

\*\*\*Please read the whole message before you ask questions.

I make knives for the enjoyment of doing it, and I make pretty good knives. I have 21 knives ready for new homes and you can have one if you want it. (My daughter has claimed #2 and I have decided to keep #6, but all the rest are available as of this posting.)

To see the knives and read a description of each, go to my blog (no, this isn't a way to drive traffic over there, just a convenient way to avoid writing all the same things again). The numbers are on the blog pictures, the picture I'm attaching is just to show all the knives in one shot.

<https://manytalentsinalaska.blogspot.com/>

-How can you get one?

Claim one. Respond to this message with the number of the knife you want from the pictures. PM your address. If you are in Fairbanks or North Pole, I'll deliver it to your home next time I'm out and about. I'll leave the knife wrapped in a shopping bag where you designate so you can use your best quarantine practices with it. If you don't live locally, send me a mailing address and I'll mail you the knife. (US addresses only, unless you want to pay postage.)

-I mentioned a trade, so what do you owe me in return?

Here's the deal! You have to make me something. It doesn't have to be medieval, but that would be nice, too. Something you enjoy making. (No food or drink, as I would prefer to avoid anything edible in this time of virus concerns and I don't normally drink alcohol.) Sew me something, carve me something, embroider me something, paint me something, draw or illuminate something, whatever. It doesn't have to be done today, but if you have a cool thing you've already made, you can make the exchange when I bring your knife over. I just want something you enjoyed making and are happy to trade for a handmade knife. If I mail you a knife, you will have to mail me something, too.

I would like to post pictures of what folks trade, if that's okay with y'all.

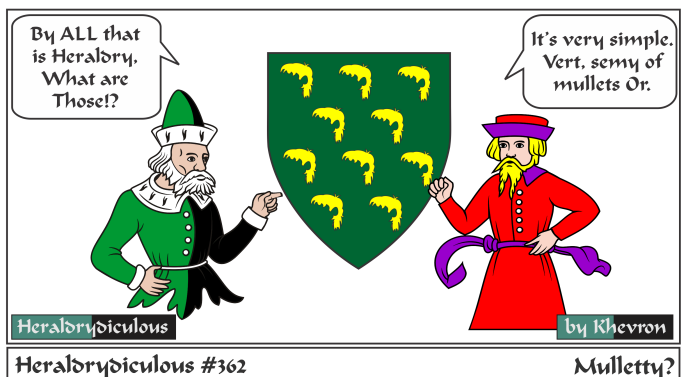
-Can you claim 2 knives?

One knife per person. If there are two people in your household and both want knives and both are willing to make me something, then post two messages to claim them.

-What about sheaths?

No sheaths. Either make your own or commission a leather worker who needs the business.

That's it! Who wants one?



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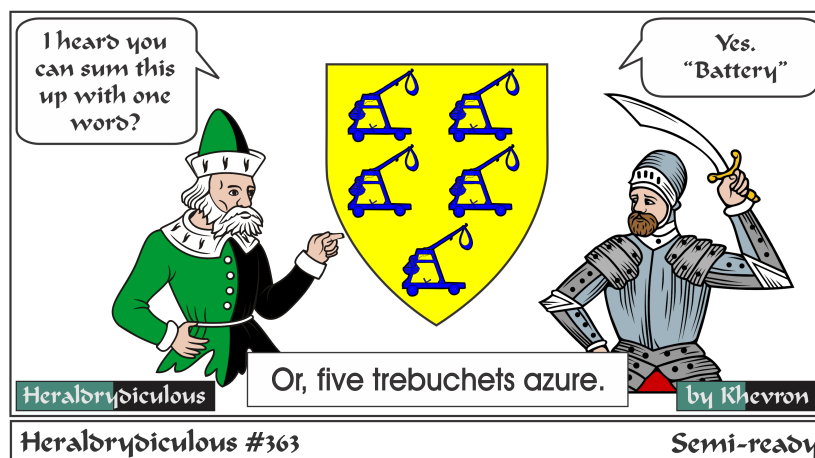
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[WWW.KHEVRON.COM](http://WWW.KHEVRON.COM)

Another registration added to the Winter's Gate Heraldry rolls!

Roisin Corby! <http://khevron.tripod.com/wgheraldry/index.html>



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