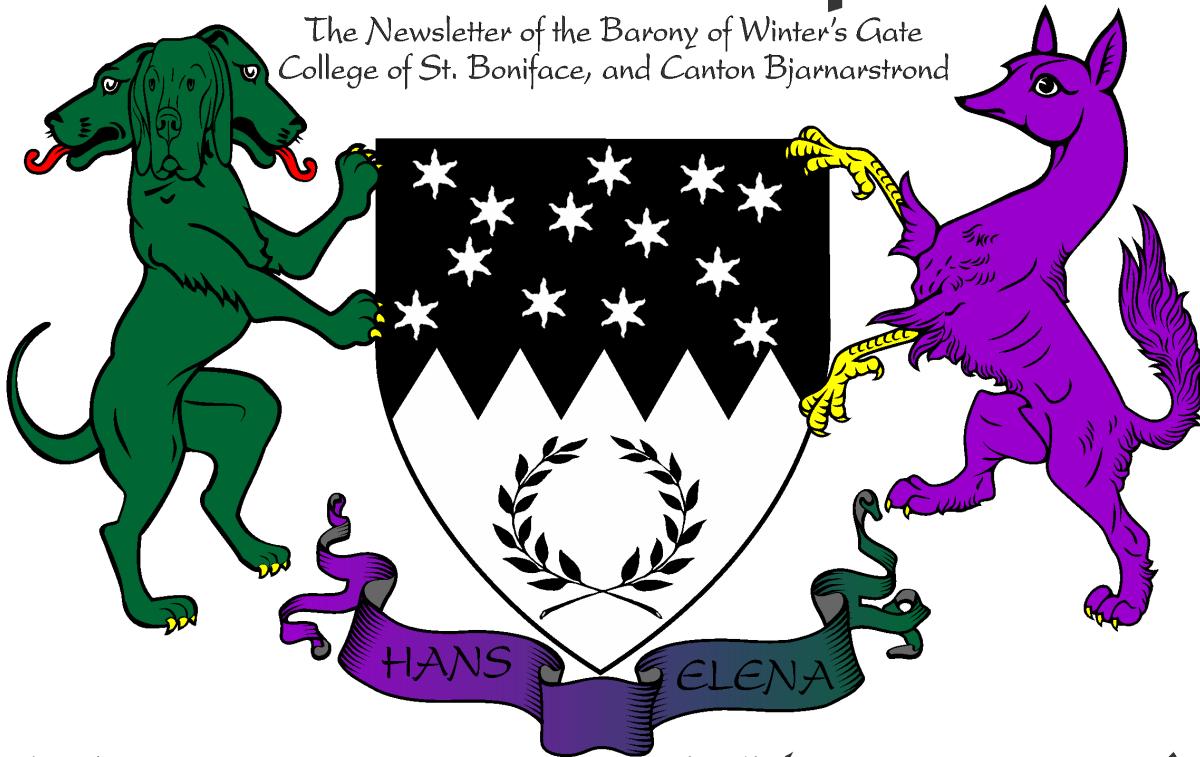


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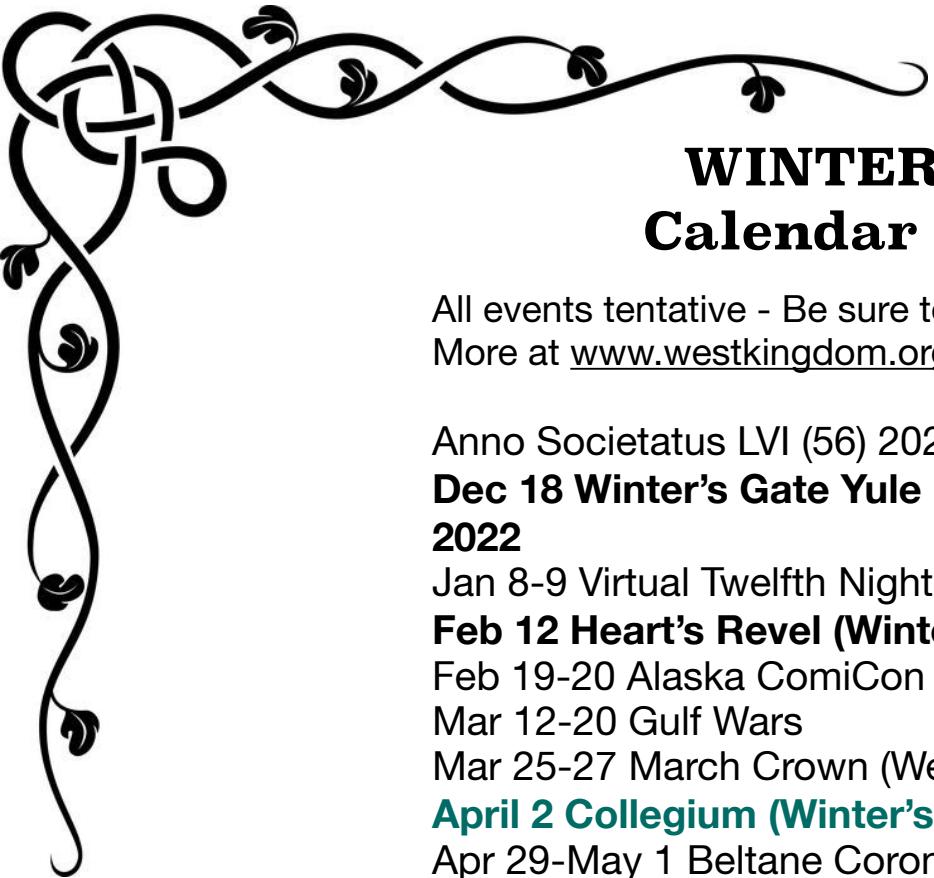


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WINTER'S GATE Calendar of Events

All events tentative - Be sure to Verify
More at www.westkingdom.org/calendar

Anno Societatus LVI (56) 2021

**Dec 18 Winter's Gate Yule
2022**

Jan 8-9 Virtual Twelfth Night (West)

Feb 12 Heart's Revel (Winter's Gate)

Feb 19-20 Alaska ComiCon (Fairbanks)

Mar 12-20 Gulf Wars

Mar 25-27 March Crown (West)

April 2 Collegium (Winter's Gate) Tentative

Apr 29-May 1 Beltane Coronation (West)

Apr 30-May 1 Arctic ComiCon (Anchorage)

Anno Societatus LVII (57)

May 6-8 Cynagua-Mists War (West)

Jun 4 Spring Captaincy Tourney (Winter's Gate)

Jun 17-19 June Crown (West)

Jun 29-Jul 5 West-Antir War (West)

Jul 22-24 Summer Coronet (Oertha)

Jul 29-Aug 14 Pennsic War (East)

Aug 19-21 Mist-Cynagua War (West)

Aug 26-28 Purgatorio Coronation (West)

Sep 2 Fall Tourney (Winter's Gate)

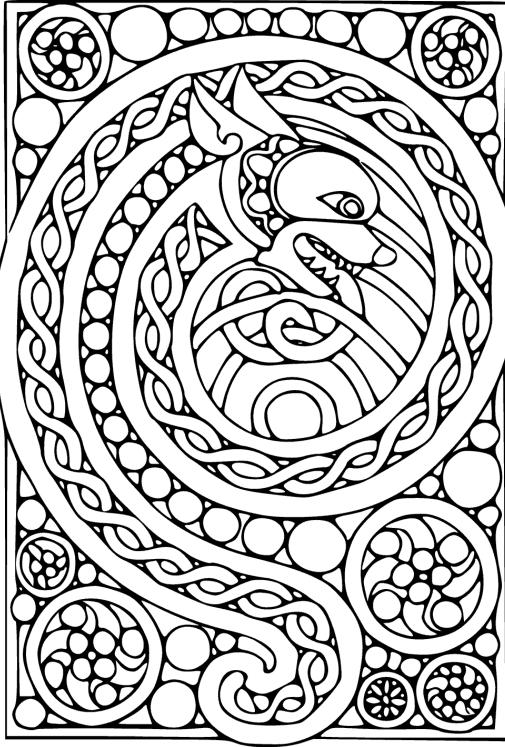
Sep 30-Oct 2 October Crown (West)

Oct 4-10 Great Western War (CAID)

Nov 12 St. Boniface Collegium (Winter's Gate)

Dec 17 Winter's Gate Yule

Local in Bold



Yule Event Dec. 18th 12:00-9:00 pm

Join Winter's Gate as we celebrate Yule and our Winter's Gate Family! Don your most festive garb and join us for an evening

of merriment, music and feast!

Where: Masonic Hall, Tanana Lodge 3, 11th ave., in Fairbanks, Ak

Registration fee: One can per person of food for the Fairbanks Food Bank. The Feast is included in the "cost."

Activities:

- There will be an SCA Themed Gift Exchange, Viking style, after dinner.
- Garb-Swap: Please bring any garb you would like to give, or trade.
- A "Sip it, drink it, name it" experience of unmarked and unknown content of liqueurs will be shared (must be 21).
- Children of all ages are invited to decorate sugar cookies.

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www.khevron.com

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<http://www.modaruniversity.org/Heraldry.htm>

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<https://scamerchantmall.com/merchants-2/>

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Gather Ye Olde Suburban Knights
<https://www.npr.org/sections/pictureshow/2010/09/14/129852912/knights>

A male wolf
azure. Good.
Position?
Head?
Tail?
Tongue?
Pizzle?

Sejant Erect!
Head Erect!
Tail Erect!
Langued Erect!
Best not mentioned.

Or, a wolf sejant erect azure.

Heraldrydilous by Khevron

Heraldrydilous #407

Erect

Winter's Gate Captaincy Tournament

Saturday, September 4, 2021

FROM THE CHRONICLER'S PEN:

Greetings Winter's Gateans:

After a long hiatus of meetings, the Barony is coming alive again! And now the Gatekeeper wants to turn over a new leaf by becoming something bigger than it has been. We hope to include more event reports, art, and even articles in our quarterly issues. And we will be mailing out paper copies, as well as passing them out at events. We hope that if you have an idea for an article or some art, you will send it to Merewyn at: lareena@warpmail.net. Deadline for the next issue will be February 27th, 2022.



Captaincy was the first in-person event that the Barony of Winter's Gate had since the beginning of Covid restrictions. It was held at Pioneer Park, with over 18 people in attendance. Masks were mandatory and there was no pot luck or feast, only individual food. Still, we were happy to be together again!



In the Captaincy Tournament: Talorc,
Feargus, Gisla & Hans

Results of Captaincy:

Fearghus mac Gyllfynnian
Fionnghuala inghean Raghnaill

Captain of Winter's Gate
Heart of Winter's Gate



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WORDS FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

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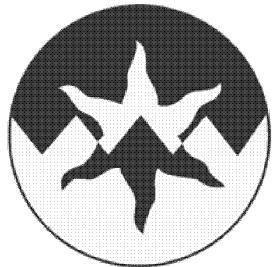
With Yule around the corner and with the spring soon following we look forward to once again spending time together.

With the spring of a new year we welcome our new heirs and wish them all the success in achieving their goals for Winters Gate.

In service of the dream.

-Hans and Elena, Baron and Baroness of Winter's Gate.





The Winter's Gate Populace Badge.

Anyone claiming Winter's Gate as their home may display it.

Baronial Business Meeting Zoom Summary

October 28

Attending were Hans, Elena, Khevron, Margery, Fearghus, Fionnghuala, Merewyn, Talorc, & Meleri

Events coming up: Samhain Oct 30, Yule Dec 20

Officers Reports and Comments:

Exchequer: Talorc – Funding Yule and further events for free or keeping site fees low. Discusses NMS fund. Each office can spend \$50./year w/o authorization. Event competition prizes should be paid for by the Barony.

Arts & Sciences: Fearghus to judge at Samhain competitions

Herald: Khevron – Court Reports done. No submissions in the works. Kingdom meetings bi-monthly.

Chronicler: Merewyn – to do Paper (and electronic) Gatekeeper quarterly. No subscription – hoping to reach people not on facebook. December, March, June & September best rotation. Barony to provide postage, toner & paper. Possibly Post cards between issues when necessary.

Seneschale: Margery – Rummage sale at Yule to benefit Barony. Setting up Polling from Nov 18-Dec 20. Paper or web. Membership#/Adult required to participate. Letters of intent to be next Baron & Baroness due by Nov 1st. Q&A Meet & Greet candidates set for Nov 11 over Zoom. 2 couples put in Letters of Intent. Looking for Successor after Polling done.

Autocrats:

Margery - Samhain– Discussion about prizes and event budget.

Cemper & Fionnghuala – Yule Working on Yule Budget.

New Business: Khevron – As Facebook info missed by non-users, Inviting people to new e-mail list service with groups.io service. Just have to post to both groups.io and Facebook for better coverage. Groups list will be local SCA folk only. Free for up to 100, which should be fine.

Meleri applying to become Exchequer. Has accounting and decades of SCA experience.

SAMHAIN EVENT REPORT

Samhain this year was held Saturday, October 30th, 2021. And finally...we got to have a pot luck feast, as Covid restrictions lifted! We played games, told stories, and wrapped mummies!

Thank you to everyone who came and made our Samhain event such a fun one!

I want to give extra special thanks to Lady Katla and Lady Aurelia for their decorating expertise, to Lady Irinia and Lord Bragi for being my rescuers (often), to Mistress Ghisla, Baroness Talorc, and Lady Meleri for being the brave and mighty cleaning crew. Thank you, everyone!

--Margery Garret



Competition Winners:

Best Mask - Lady Katla

Best Total Themed Ensemble - Khevron

Best Medieval Subtlety “Finger Food” dessert - Fearghus MacGyllfynnian





Oerthan Fall Coronet

**September 25 & 26th
at Kincaid Park**

At long last, Oertha once again held an in-person Coronet event, after 20 months without an event. There was no feast or potluck, due to Covid restrictions. This was our first Oerthan event in 20 months, with almost 100 in attendance. King Miles and Queen Jitka joined us, along with their small and adorable child.

The Court of Miles and Jitka, King and Queen of the West

Oerthan Coronet Tournament and Investiture
(9/25 - Saturday)

Anna di Caterina Neri Laurel
Ulrich Gregorsson: Award of Arms



Gregor Hawke Western: Roll of Honor

Kollr Ulfsson: Queen's Guard

(9/26 - Sunday)

Celestria Textrix: Pelican
Gisla Æðikollr: Laurel
Unna of Eskalya: Award of Arms
Caitríona inghean ui Chionaodha: Queen's Cypher
Cyrus Aurelius: Queen's Cypher



Oerthan Fall Coronet List:

Fergus McThomais for Margarita di Calvi, Sextus Valerius Cruscillus for Nemonna Vicana, Bartram Sinclair for Mistress Anna Di Caterina Neri, Hans Shaffer for Elena verch Rhys, Fearghus MacGyllfynn for Fionnghuala inghean Raghnaill, Alric Skegglauß for Hawise de Pevensey, Thorgrimm the Dane for

Court of Søren & Alienor - Oerthan Coronet

Saturday Court:

- Oerthan Order of Grace Anna di Caterina Neri
- Oerthan Order of Hospitality Thorfinn the Cruel
- Oerthan Order of Hospitality Tullia Serafina da Ferrara
- Princess' Riband: Clare Elena de Montfort, Cyrus Aurelius & Leonia the Mouse
- Boreal Fireweed: Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov & Margery Garret



Sunday Court:

- Snowy Owl: Fionnghuala inghean Raghnaill, Hans Shaffer
- Argent Stylus: Astridr THorudottir
- Oerthan Order of Grace: Ceara der Alcan
- Coronet's Favor: Anna di Caterina Neri, Caitríona inghean ui Chionaodha, Kinehild le librari
- Princess' Patrons: Anna di Caterina Neri, Fearghus mac Gyllfynn, Gisla Æðikollr, Lena of Eskalya, Ulfhildr Sverradottir, Verica of Lighthaven,
- Shield of Chivalry: Thorgrimm the Dane

Oerthan Fall Coronet (Con't)

First Court of Cruscillus & Vicana 9/26/2021 (Sunday)

Bartram Sinclair Princess' Champion - Heavy
Bernadette of Eskalya Princess' Champion - Rapier
Bartram Sinclair & Anna di Caterina Neri: Lord & Lady
Guardian

Princess' Escort
Alric Skegglauss, Bran
Sparrowhawk, Eirný Viðarsdóttir,
Fearghus mac Gyllfynnian, Gavin
Woodward, Sigurd of Eskalya
Talorc Caer Arienrhold - Captain
Gregor Hawke - Knight
Counselor

Ladies of the Chamber
Alana Patryson, Cempestrae of
Winter's Gate, Fionnghuala
inghean Raghnaill, Hawise de
Pevensey, Isabella Hawke, Maeva of Eskalya, Saoirse ui
Elphinstone

Princess' Artisans (Oertha)
Ceara der Alcan, Elena verch Rhys, Fionnghuala inghean
Raghnaill, Lena of Eskalya, Ulfhildr Sverrattir
Margery Garret- Laurel Counselor



FIGHTER PRACTICE SPACE:

We are looking for a permanent regular indoor place for fighter practice.
(No longer planning to share library auditorium with Amtgard). Contact Hans with ideas.



POLLING IS NOW OPEN:

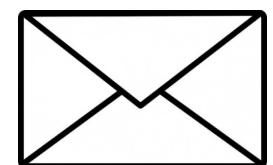
Hans and Elena have announced their intention to step down, and the Baronial Polling is now open. In the running are: Khevron & Merewyn and Fearghus & Fionnghuala. Here is the Google Link to vote electronically. <https://forms.gle/c7bVgvhgHDP6ucvy9> or you can use the paper ballots mailed to you. These can be turned in at Yule. Remember, you MUST have a valid membership for your vote to count!

JOIN THE NEW EMAIL LIST FOR WINTER'S GATE!!

Please join our new e-mail list that isn't Facebook!

For Local (Northern Alaska) SCA interested folk only, active, semi-active or lurking. wintersgate@groups.io find it at <https://groups.io/groups>

If you need an invite, contact Khevron at khevron@warpmail.net



Da'ud Bob's Movie Review for Dec. (Cont.)

Da'ud Bob's Movie Review for December 2021

I have to admit, I'd been waiting for this one to finally show up in the theaters for quite a while. Although, admittedly, not with the greatest anticipation, since: (1) it was "based on true events", which is often a death knell for a historical movie; and (2) some of the scenes in the previews left me questioning just how accurate it was going to be. So when it opened in the theaters, I made my way there, hopeful but with some strong qualms, to see what I could see. As it turns out, some of it was far better than I had anticipated. But, alas, some of it was pretty much what I had expected. But so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you "the unbelievable true story", as one of the previews put it, of *The Last Duel*.

Directed by Ridley Scott (whose first movie was *The Duellists*, based on a true story about two men who fought a series of duels during the Napoleonic era), and starring Matt Damon as Sir Jean de Carrouges, Adam Driver as Jacques Le Gris, Jodie Comer as Marguerite de Carrouges, Harriet Walter as Nicole de Carrouges, Ben Affleck as Pierre d'Alençon, Alex Lawther as King Charles VI, and Serena Kennedy as Queen Isabeau, the "duel" of the title was the last royally-sanctioned duel to take place in France, in the year 1386. The movie opens with the beginnings of the duel itself, and then goes back several years to give you the series of events which led to it.



The trick to the movie is that the backstory is told three times: once from the point of view of Jean de Carrouges; once from that of Jacques Le Gris; and again from that of Jean's wife, Marguerite. Rather like *Rashomon* meets *Henry V*, although this is some years before the 1415 Battle of Agincourt, following which Henry V of England married Catherine, the daughter of King Charles VI of France, who is only about 18 and still under the regency of some of his uncles in this movie. The central act leading to the suit before the king and the ensuing duel is the rape of Marguerite de Carrouges by Jacques Le Gris, so we get to see that twice, once each from the viewpoint of each participant.

Good points: The movie really gives you a feel for late 14th Century France. The mail hauberk. Much of the armor. The banners. The horses. The king's and queen's robes. Much of the heraldry, including the use of France Modern (a blue shield with three golden fleurs-de-lis), which came into use in 1386, just ten years before the duel of the title. The mail coifs. The soundtrack and songs. The arena where the duel took place, and the many people there to watch it, matches the historic descriptions.

Bad points: The "half-faced" bascinet helmets. Where's all the color gone? (Look at any late 14th Century illuminated manuscript; the knights and horses in their caparisons, the banners, the shields, are a riot of color. Most of what's in the movie is pretty muted at best.) The much-abbreviated oaths of fealty. The mullet haircuts. The spaghetti strap negligee. I have serious doubts about some of the women's hairstyles, and the lack of hair coverings in public. The overshot mill wheel with no place for the water to come from. The huge bed. (It looked like a king-sized bed, much, much larger than any period beds I have seen.) Pierre d'Alençon's bleached hair. Two breasts. Two gallons of blood. 27 dead bodies. Lance fu. Sword fu. Dagger fu. Chainmail fu. (No, really!) Battle axe fu. Arrow fu. Flaming arrow fu. Heads roll. Gratuitous geese. Gratuitous orgy scene. I'd say gratuitous rape, but it is in fact central to the story. Gratuitous man-splaining: "A rape cannot cause a pregnancy; it's just science." A 68 on the Vomit Meter. Three stars. Da'ud Bob says, "It was a little too rape-y for my personal taste, but overall it was a better, (mostly) more accurate, and interesting movie than I had expected it to be. But it needed to have a lot more color in it."

Check it out!

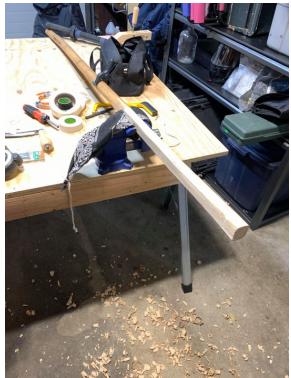
Making a Glaive for Sir Bartram, By Hans



This should be a normal 6' piece of rattan in my vice. I worked out the measurements of the blade to duplicate the one that I use...but the length is more a personal decision.



This is after using a draw knife to shape the striking surfaces of the glaive.



And this is me squaring the inner core that will come to be the center between the two "blades" of the glaive. The trick is not to shave down to a point where you lose rigidity but to shave enough to reduce head weight.



Then I wrapped that in packing tape to reduce splinters and dust that may occur during fights.

Making a Glaive (Cont.) Pt 2

This will be the "blade" made from split rattan. This is also given a single wrap of packing tape to reduce splintering and dust from hits.



I left the bottom untaped. This was done so that any cracking of the weapon would happen in the blade and not the core of the stick. I can more easily replace a "blade" than replace a 6' stick.



Attached both "blades" to the haft of the weapon. At this point the goal is to just have them attached.



Then the whole head of the weapon is wrapped in packing tape to avoid splintering or dust. Also I wrap twice to reduce the chances of the tape being ripped through to the wood making the weapon unusable until repaired.

Making a Glaive (Cont.) Pt 3



I then traced the head of the weapon onto my foam to make a thrusting tip.

I use three types of foam when constructing my tips in order to have more give.



Because this is a two handed weapon I make sure that I have the 1.5" of foam on the thrusting tip.



This is me starting to put on the first foam piece. Notice that I use an angled piece of tape on a corner of the pad.



Making a Glaive (Cont.) Pt 4

The second one is done in the opposite direction of the first in order to give the tip less give should the tip score a hit on a slash.



On the last piece I use a V to reduce the shifting front or back on the tip.

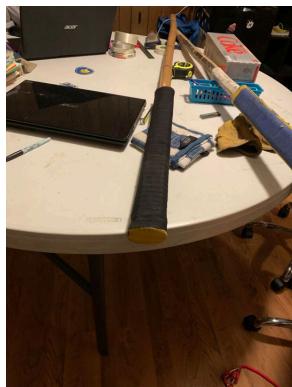


Then I give it a single layer of packing tape to help the thrusting tape resist any forces not related to an impact from the tip.



I wrapped the whole head of the weapon in hockey tape.

Making a Glaive (Cont.) Pt 5



I made sure that the thrusting tip was done in a contrasting color.

On the right is the finished head sporting contrasting white tape to show the blade of the weapon. On the left is the one that I was trying to make a copy of.



I affixed the stick to the work bench to shorten it to match the same length as the one copied.



Once that was completed adjusted in order to start shaping the haft of the weapon with a draw knife.



Making a Glaive (Cont.) Pt 6

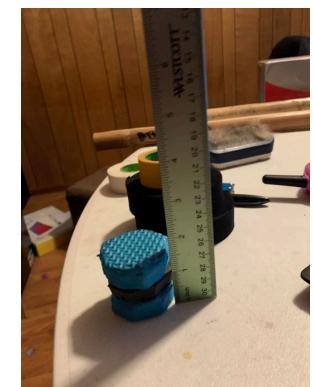
Shaped haft. Be careful with a draw knife to avoid waves in your cuts. I am still learning this skill.



What the shaped part looks like after using a draw knife to shave off unneeded rattan.



Checking to make sure that my butt spike will meet the minimum requirements, just like the thrusting tip previously made.



It is affixed the same way as the thrusting tip for the most part.



Making a Glaive (Cont.) Pt 7



This isn't as secure from lateral forces like the thrusting tip because this striking surface is not likely to see a lot of slashes

Affixed my contrasting color on the tip to mark it as a killing surface.



The final wrap on the butt spike securing it firmly to the haft of the weapon.

Original on the left and the attempted copy on the right. I am about 3/4 of an inch shorter on the copy than the original. But should have comparable speeds and reach.



Help Wanted

The following Officers are looking for successors to take over:

Seneschal
Lists
Gold Key

All Officer Positions are in need of deputies, not necessarily to inherit, but to train or help.

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Chatelaine
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Constable
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Contact the current Officer or the Seneschale

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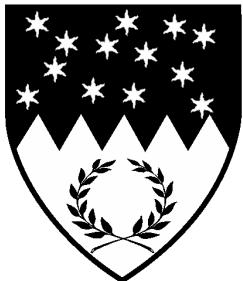
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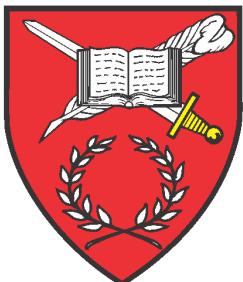
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