

# The Gatekeeper

The Newsletter of the Barony of Winter's Gate,  
College of St. Boniface, and Canton of Bjarnarstrond  
Groups within the Principality of Oertha  
Kingdom of the West

## Charter Edition v.2

We'd like to update the Baronial Charter, the by-laws that govern this Barony. This project has been going on some months.

We need you, members of the populace, to look over the proposed changes and comment.

*Send Questions/comments to the Baron or the Seneschal.*

At Yule December 9, the polling didn't yield definitive results, so we're here for Round 2.

The Current 2011 version of the Charter is in Files on the Barony Facebook Page and Web-site under Gatekeeper.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WintersGate/permalink/10159297184111127>

The next pages has awards that need updating,  
Section VI: Awards.

IV: Some Awards & Honors we've been giving in the last decade, and some new ones for your approval.

After the next poll, the new version goes to the Kingdom Seneschal and the King and Queen for approval, then the whole will be published in the next Baronial Newsletter.

**January 5. Anno Societatus LVIII  
(2024 Gregorian)**

Proposed corrections to Territories, we found that territories aka zip codes, are assigned by the Kingdom seneschal, so we're sending them, through Principality, to be administrated from there.

## Awards

The Awards on the following pages are

1: what we already have in the 2011 Charter.

2: What we've been giving since the 2011 Charger, so, need to officially add.

And 3: New awards for approval.

Please look at those proposed awards, and attend the Business Meeting Zoom in February, to vote on each.

Explanations:

1. We wanted to make official the honors of Baroness'/ Baron's Champions, i.e. for Heavy, Rapier, Archery and A&S. This could come and go as the current Baronage prefers.

2. People are participating in Wars more often. The Company of Winter's Gate bestows a group title on past Champions as those who represent Winter's Gate by attending War.

3. The Aspen Tree rewards those helping build our numbers in the Barony.

4. The Lynx Kit Serves as encouragement to newcomers who are settling in.

5. The Stewards Annulet recognizes those serving as Event Stewards, so the Baronage and higher Royals can further recognize this service easily in the Awards List.

6. Baron's Recognition, to distinguish from the Baroness' recognition to be used as He will, or if there is now Baroness..

7. The (Metals) Mooses are for recognition of continuing work in the Martial Arts, Service and A&S.

## Current Baronial Awards List

Current Awards: Last updated July, A.S. XLVI (2011)

VI Baronial Awards & Honors

1. Order of the Estoile, for excellent Service to the Barony
2. Order of the Silver Swan, for excellence in Arts & Sciences
3. Companion of the Bear Claw, given for ferocity on the field.  
Can be bestowed multiple times.
4. The Gilded Lily, given for exceptional death on the field.  
Can be bestowed multiple times.
5. Companion of the Snow Drop, given to those who have served as Heart of Winter's Gate. Can be bestowed multiple times.
6. Baroness' Recognition, given in thanks to those who have rendered aid to the Baroness. Can be bestowed multiple times.
7. Friends of the Barony, given to those of other groups who provide companionship and support (formerly the Stout Hart)
8. Companion of the Polar Bear, given to those who have served as Captain of Winter's Gate. Can be bestowed multiple times.
9. The Silver Star, given for children's achievements in Chivalry, Arts & Sciences, and Service.
10. The Order of the Pewter Pot, given for excellence in Cooking.
11. Pearl of Chivalry, given for acts of Courtesy and Chivalry.  
Can be bestowed multiple times.

## Current Baronial Awards in Use but not yet in Charter

### Proposed Amendment of Awards:

(items not included in the 2011 Charter text)

VI Baronial Awards & Honors

12. Fool of Winter's Gate, given annually either by appointment or contest.
13. Companion of the Shooting Star, given to those who have served as Light of Winter's Gate. Can be bestowed multiple times.
14. Companion of the Arctic Fox, given to those who have served as Commander of Winter's Gate. Can be bestowed multiple times.
15. Order of the Ice Worm (moved from St. Boniface to Baronial awards) This recognition is given for the most outrageous ideas that are actually carried out. Can be bestowed multiple times.
16. Order of the Crystal Heart, to recognize in children examples of grace, dignity, and willingness to do great service.
17. Order of the Atlas, for people who work quietly in the background. Current recipients are charged to pass the recognition on to new recipients directly and report.

## Proposed new Baronial Awards

- Baron/ess' Champions (Heavy, Rapier, Archery, A&S)**  
recognized annually by contest or appointment by  
the Baronage.
- The Company of Winter's Gate, given to those who have  
gone to war or served as Baronial Champion:  
Fighter, Archer, A&S or Service.**
- Order of the Aspen Tree, to recognize those inspiring  
newcomers. Can be bestowed multiple times.**
- Order of the Lynx Kit, to acknowledge and welcome  
newcomers who have settled into the Barony**
- Stewards Annulet, for Service as Event Steward. Can be  
bestowed multiple times.**
- Baron's Recognition, for any service deemed worthy by the  
Baron. Can be bestowed multiple times.**
- The Order of the Silver/Bronze/Iron Moose – For excellence  
in the fields of Service, Arts and Sciences, and Martial  
Activity (resp.) within the Barony.**

**At the meeting, you may vote  
Yes or No on each award. We  
need 2/3 of attending to pass  
each item. if you're a member,  
you may vote!**

The final update will likely be arranged differently,  
but the information will be consistent.

## In Other News:

### UPCOMING SCA ACTIVITIES:

Every Sunday 1:00-5:00+ P.M. **Fighter Practice and A & S** (crafts)  
Once again at the U-Park gym,  
(1000 University Ave, off Sandvik Street, Fairbanks)

**January 11 Baronial Business Meeting  
Zoom 6:45pm**

January 19-21 Winter Coronet (Oertha)  
in Chugiak

**February 8 Baronial Business Meeting  
Zoom 6:45pm**

**WINTER'S GATE 40 Year Celebration  
February 24  
3:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.  
JP Jones Center Multi-Purpose Room**

Winter's Gate became a Barony January 29, 1984!  
Come celebrate the Barony's 40th year!  
Wear the oldest garb you have (that fits).  
Baronial Artifacts Exhibit. Bring any Tokens or Items to show?  
Newsletters? Books or pamphlets?  
A&S Champion Contest: Something using the Baronial Colors and/or  
Estoiles/Indented field division. Extra points for Documentation!  
Bear Pit Prize Tourney for Heavy and Rapier!  
(if weather allows outside in parking lot),  
the winner to be declared our **victorem quadraginta anno!** (XL year Victor)  
Round Table: Share a story from your time in the SCA in Winter's Gate!  
Feast: Bring a Potluck contribution to feed 8-10

**March 9-10 Collegium**

**June 1-2 Spring Championships**

# Local Winter's Gate Officers



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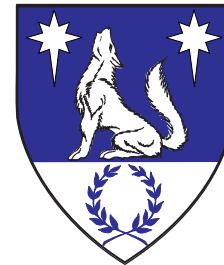
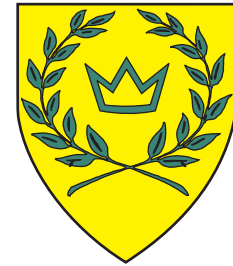
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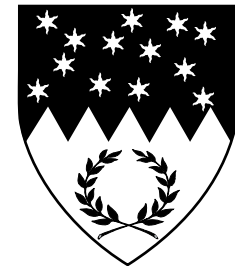
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