

PREPARING FOR THE RAID

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Each answer to a crossword clue can be anagrammed to a type of weapon or armor:

The raven in charge -> BOSS CROW -> CROSSBOW

Guy who likes his serranos and jalapenos -> ACHILIMAN -> CHAINMAIL

Distant celebration of two pints -> FARQUART FEST -> QUARTERSTAFF

Less cold cured meat -> WARMER HAM -> WARHAMMER

Illicit smoking device for the wise bird? -> OWLBONG -> LONGBOW

Peddled incorrectly -> SOLD WRONG -> LONGSWORD

Story of former winged cave dweller -> EX-BATTALE -> BATTLEAXE

Awesome ovum! -> RADEGG -> DAGGER

Most recent firearm -> LATEST GUN -> GAUNTLETS

Spotless -> CLEAN -> LANCE

Extra item or bowling term -> SPARE -> SPEAR

Fathers obtain financing -> DADSBORROW -> BROADSWORD

Reading the highlighted letters gives the message BIFROSTGUARD for the answer
HEIMDALL.