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The Guardian

Newsletter for the Principality of Oertha, Kingdom of the West

From the Prince and Princess...

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Unto Our Great Populace of Oertha...

It was truly an honor to serve as your 60th Prince and Princess of Oertha. We hope Our populace had a great time; I know we both had a fabulous time. There are no real words to describe the gratitude we both feel towards Our populace. Each of you made this a very exciting and fulfilling experience for both of us.

On a personal note from Prince Gregor: thank you all for making this an amazing experience for my lady, Isabella. I feel very blessed to be a part of such a loving family here in Oertha.

We look forward to meeting Our Heirs and the bright new future they help bring to these lands. May the Gods always smile upon the Principality of Oertha and the Glorious Kingdom of the West!

Gregor and Isabella

Gregor & Isabella

Your 60th Prince and Princess of Oertha



Oerthan Winter Coronet

January 17-18, 2015
Principality of Oertha

Pay heed! Harken to the Coronet of His Highness Gregor and Her Highness Isabella in the Principality of Oertha! Winter's Gate is honored to host Winter Coronet, January 17th-18th, 2015.

Come celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Principality of Oertha in Winter's Gate.

Site for those who are camping indoors opens on Friday, January 16th at 5:00 pm

The official Coronet of Their Highness Gregor and Isabella begin on Saturday, January 17th at 8:00 am.

Site closes on Sunday, January 18th by 5:30 pm.

Site Information: Pioneer Park, Exhibit Hall, 2300 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska AK, 99701.

Facilities and Dressing rooms is provided on level one for all members of the Populace. Toilets are available on each floor.

Indoor "camping" will be available for those who have free-standing tents or pavilions, or those that choose to may sleep on a pallet/cot. No privacy barriers will be provided.

No hotplates or crock-pots in the camping area although plug-ins for computers and phones are available. Those who stay on-site may arrange crock pot space with the Feastocrats, Lady Elena and Lord Camshron. The indoor camping is limited and on RSVP basis. Due to circumstances beyond our control, camping space is limited. Please contact Lady Sheva to reserve your camping space.

If you do not wish to stay on site overnight but need assistance in finding housing within Winter's Gate

please email the head of hospitality Lady Merewyn for assistance.

For those flying into Fairbanks, Lady Merewyn can assist with transportation arrangements should you need them.

There are many competitions which have been listed via the A & S officers and are available via the Principality Facebook group. Winners will be announced on Sunday.

There will be a partial feast provided on Saturday night, Winter's Gate will be supplying the main dishes. Servers will be providing service to High Table; however, the Populace will be eating buffet style. Please send your RSVP and dish (if you know what you are bringing) to jessicaeringgrahn@yahoo.com and any food allergies at ellisif3@yahoo.com.

The site is a wet site. The cost for the partial feast is included in the site fee.

Site Fee Cost: \$20.00 per member (proof of membership must be shown), Youth, 10-17, \$10.00 each. \$25.00 per non-member.

There will be some car-plug-ins available. Please noted due to safety issues, a rotation will be provided for those who need to plug in their "steeds" (cars); however, drivers are responsible for signing up for a rotation and ensuring their own vehicle is secured.

For more information please contact the autocrat Lady Elena or Baroness Cemper.

Winter's Gate looks forward to serving both the Principality of Oertha and the Kingdom of the West!



Winter Coronet Schedule

Friday

- 5:30 pm: Site opens at Alaskaland/ Pioneer Park
 6:00 pm: A&S entries open
 8:00 pm: Handfasting Ceremony for Their Highness

Saturday

- 8:00 am: Breakfast Fundraiser. Hosted by St. Boniface
 9:00 am: Lists open for Coronet Tourney
 10:45 am: Lists close for Coronet Tourney
 11:00 am: Invocation and Opening Courts
 1:00 pm: (or 30 minutes after Court ends)
 Coronet Tournament begins
 Roses Tourney will begin directly after
 Coronet Tourney
 3:00 pm: (or 20 minutes after Tourney ends)
 Arachne's Web/Ivory Thimble Meeting
 3:30 pm: Bobbin Lacing class
 4:00 pm: A&S Entries closes
 4:30 pm: Evening Courts with Processional Entrance
 6:30 pm: (or 30 minutes after Evening Court)
 Feast (Main dishes will be provided. The
 Potluck will be Side dishes). There will be a
 formal High Table.
 7:30 pm: Bardic
 Vigil for His Highness Gregor begins
 Knight's Meeting- TBA

Sunday

- 8:00 am: Pelican's meeting
 9:00 am: Laurel's meeting
 10:00 am: Principality Officers meeting
 11:00 am: Class: Medieval Correspondence.
 10:30 am: Rapier Prize Tourney
 12:00 pm: Class: Medieval Bad Girls
 1:00 pm: Closing Courts
 4:00 pm: Site cleanup begins
 5:00 pm: Site closes

Calendar

January

- January 17-18 Winter Coronet
Principality of Oertha

February

- February 7 Dancing Revel
Eskalya
 February 21 Heart's Revel
Winter's Gate

March

- March 15 Lenten Feast
Earngyld
 March 21 Bi-Baronial Collegium
Selviergard / Eskalya

April

- April 4 Fabric War
Selviergard
 April 18 Cherry Blossom
Eskalya
 April 25 Fool's Revel
Winter's Gate

Autocrats and Seneschals: it is important to advertise your event! Please ensure that your local events are posted on the Kingdom Calendar.

The Principality of Oertha is celebrating thirty years of pageantry, splendor, excitement, and chivalry! *The Guardian* looks back at a few memories from the past.

1. Prince Georg leads the armies of Oertha into battle during the War of the North in 1998. Photo submitted by Halfdan Ozzurson.

2. Colin the Bard is made a Knight during Oertha's Summer Coronet (2001). Photo by Anna Neri.

3. Armies prepare to clash during the Border Wars North between Selviergard and Winter's Gate in 2007. Photo by Heleyne of Avebury.

4. Kuba and Tam fight during Eskalya's Solstice Games in 1986. Photo contributed by Breock of Whitby.

5. Unknown people during fighting at one of the Renaissance Fairs held in Eskalya. Date Unknown. Photo contributed by Halfdan Ozzurson.

6. Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor stands ready to enter the fray during Selviergard's Vikings Invade Japan in 2011. Photo by Halfdan Ozurrson.

7. Viscount Sir Brendan Shimeringstar at an unknown event. Date unknown. Submitted by Halfdan Ozurrson.

8. Baroness Katarzina accepts oaths from those that would fight to be her Champion at Selviergard's Baroness Champion in 2007. Photo by Stephen de la Bere.

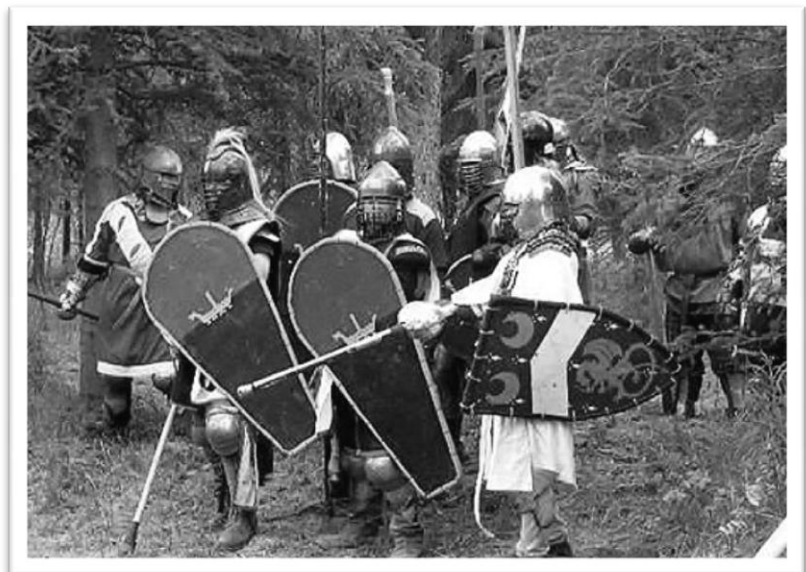
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PRINCE BULWYF

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From the Chronicler...

This year, according to the official calendar, looks to be quite busy. As Oertha moves into its thirty years as a Principality and the Kingdom of the West moves into its fifty years as a Kingdom; we should take a moment to look back at all the wonder, excitement, and chivalry that has made the Society for Creative Anachronism a family. I encourage everybody to share their memories with each other as that is how *The Dream* grows and thrives around us and how our past remains alive.

Creating *The Guardian* is always a pleasure for me, and this edition is a very special one. We look back together to see what has happened before us and to revel and delight in the accomplishments of those we knew, those we did not know, and ourselves. I have delved deeply into the histories of Oertha and have found a few images that help define who we are as a group. Sadly, not all of these memories were able to be included as I would need many more pages than what I have. Hopefully these recollections show a glimpse of Oertha as a whole and the fun times enjoyed by many.

The Guardian is published four times a year, twice in hard copy and twice in digital format. This gives ample opportunity for you, gentle reader, to contribute to this publication so that others can grow and learn in *The Dream*. Please take a moment to consider what you would like to share with your Cousins in Oertha.

The future is ours to behold and I look forward to sharing it with you, my family, as we move on into the amazing new future that awaits us all in both the Principality of Oertha, the Kingdom of the West, and the Society in which we dwell.

In Service,

Despotes Halfdan Ôzurrson, Chronicler of Oertha



Oerthan Officer Positions Available

Looking to help out the Principality of Oertha as an officer? The Principality of Oertha has two offices currently looking for a successor or deputy. Oertha is in need of individuals willing to take the offices at this Winter Coronet.

Constable

Deputy Regalia Minister

If you are interesting in either (or both) of these positions please contact Mistress Anna di Caterina Neri, the Principality Seneschal.



Call to Battle

By Danpira Snowsong

Hear the call from hill to home,
 come the foreign hoards.
 'gainst the which we gather
 to go now with your lords.

Chorus:

Rally now, raise the call, bring Oertha fame.
 Mighty warriors may ye give us victory again.

From all corners far and near,
 venture to the fray.
 Brave Oerthan bands to the
 Battle far away.

(CHORUS)

Waiting in your Wintry homes,
 wives and loved ones dear.
 Hold onto the hope that your
 victory songs they'll hear.

(CHORUS)

Now amass the Northern might,
 names of high regard,
 Winters Gate, and Earngyld,
 Eskalya, Selveirgard.

(CHORUS)

Swirling wind-borne snow secures
 from the foeman's sight.
 Softly moving shadows and
 Steel-struck glint of light.

(CHORUS)

Quickly run the quailing foes,
 quarter give ye none.
 Many will be mourned when the
 massacre is done.

(CHORUS)

Back across the bleak white land,
 battle-weary friends.
 Hasten to the Haven of hearth and home again.

(CHORUS)

The History of Oertha

*Being a brief historical look at the beginning of the
 Principality of Oertha and the origins of the name of
 that group.*

Originally known as the Region of the North, consisting primarily of the Baronies of Eskalya, Winter's Gate and Earngyld, this land was a part of the Principality of An Tir. When An Tir petitioned for kingdom status, this Northern Region wished to maintain its loyalties to the Kingdom of the West, and was granted permission to do so. This land became known as the Northern Marches. Eventually the regions within the Northern Marches formed an alliance and submitted a petition to become a Principality within the Kingdom of the West. They were granted that right.

Debate started to ensue as to what this new Principality should be called. 'The North' was favoured, as they *were* formerly known as: 'the Region of the North', and 'the Northern Marches'. The request was submitted and was rejected by the College of Heralds.

At this time, one of their brave and bold knights was returning from a long quest, Sir Kylson Skyfire. It was on his return that he happened across a mystic tome, in which he read the name 'Oertha', Guardian of the North. This fabled tome had slipped from his hold, but he remembered the name and brought it back. He offered it up, and the people rejoiced, for it was a fine name. It was presented to the College of Heralds, and was accepted. However, that priceless mystic tome, from which the name Oertha came, has been lost to us forever.

Oertha became a Crown Principality in A.S. XVII, and was elevated to full principality status in A.S. XIX. Name and Arms were registered first in March A.S. XIX. Further research into the Name 'Oertha' has uncovered the following definitions:

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- A similar Welsh word, meaning 'the Cold Lands', 'North', or 'Northern'
- Oertha is also the name of an Angel who guards and rules over Aparktiās (a Northern Wind). **'He has a torch of fire in his hand, and holds it to him and his sides and warms his coldness so that he does not freeze the earth.'** (As Beliar said to Bartholomew and was written down in 'The Gospel of Bartholomew - The Apocryphal New Testament')

The arms of the Principality of Oertha are *Azure, a wolf sejant, head erect, between in chief two compass stars and on a base argent, a laurel wreath azure.*

Missed an issue of *The Guardian*? Master Khevron has taken the time to collect and share past newsletters, including this publication, for historical purposes. You can view them on his website at:

<http://khevron.tripod.com/guardian/index.html>

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*Long live the King and Queen of the West!
Long Live the Prince and Princess of
Oertha!*



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