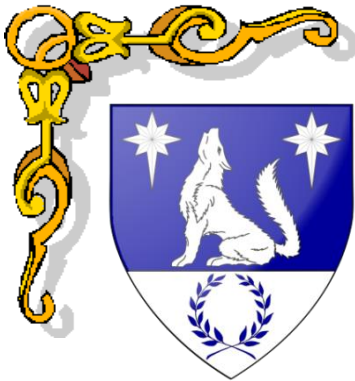


To the Dream. To the West. Oertha Forever.



The Guardian

The newsletter for the Principality of Oertha, Kingdom of the West

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From the Prince and Princess...

It is time to seek the Heirs to the Snowy Lupine Thrones of Oertha!

Heralds are commanded to hit the roads shouting and spread this decree far and wide and every depth and breadth of these lands,

For the Royal Event Steward has been tasked to throw a gathering of all members of this populace to come together.

However; there is more than meets the eye for during the day all shall be standing side by side...

When the evening is upon us, and the hour gets late...

A Court shall be called and again we shall celebrate.

For the fame of our lands and deeds of our people... Heirs are to be proclaimed, and challenges be given

A feast prepared, and dreams a reality, Lets dawn our wears to relive the simpler days of Tavern Tales...

So lets us dress for feast, and dine with glee for after the feast there shall be dancing.

One last thing, before you head off to bed...

Know that you are the heart that makes our Principality.

Kenric and Dagnar

Prince and Princess of Oertha



All Hallow's Eve Masque

October 15, 2016
Shire of Pavlok Gorod

Come one and all to a MASQUE IN HONOR OF ALL HALLOWS' EVE presented by the Shire of Pavlok Gorod! Arrive in garb or costumed as a character from the Middle Ages or the Renaissance, with your own mask if desired. Then enter the mask decorating contest, learn courtly dances, and play medieval games for all ages. Prizes to be awarded in two age categories for most beautiful, most amusing, most frightening, and most inventive mask, as well as best costume.

Site Information: St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church (421 Thorsheim St., Kodiak, AK). Site opens at 10AM on Friday and closes at 6PM.

Member Adult Registration: By Donation Only.

Feast Fee: \$13

Autocrat: Gwen Seis

Feastocrat: Lord Alasdair



Michaelmas

October 15-16, 2016
Barony of Winter's Gate

Goditi la vita! Feste e Festival! Enjoy life! Feasting and Festival! Come and join Winter's Gate for a weekend of Festivities, as we immerse ourselves in the Italian Culture. Eat! Drink! Be Merry! Learn! Create! This year we celebrate Michaelmas with a three course Italian Feast, Desserts, Music, Merriment, Festival and Ball. Festivities include appetizers served during the course of the evening. Other event festivities will be announced.

On Sunday there will be Heavy Fighting Practice and Italian Class Sessions which include: Italian Sleeves with Mistress Margarita di Calvi, Creating a Perfect Italian Bodice with Mistress Margery Garret, Italian Fencing and Dagger Work using the methods of Fabris with Donna Etain O'Rowarke, and Creating a Balza with Mistress Saphira the Navigator.

Site Information: Masonic Lodge (402 11th Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99701). Site opens at NOON and closes at 9PM on Saturday. Site is Wet. Please note that on Sunday the event will be held at the University Park (1000 University Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99709). Site opens at 11AM and closes at 5PM on Sunday.

Member Adult Registration: \$22.00. Non-Member Adult Registration \$27.00, Child Registration \$15.00 for children aged 13-17. Child Registration \$10 for children aged 6-12. Children under 5 free. \$50 family cap.

Feastocrat: Lady Taylorc (India Brink)

Hop-tu-Naa

October 22, 2016
Barony of Eskalya

Ta my haagh crowal lane dy astan! The time has come to celebrate the turning of the sea-sons and this year the Barony of Eskalya invites you to join them in the Isle of Man.

There will be games for young and old, fighting, dancing, and traditional turnip carving. Spin your best spooooky tale and bring some candy so the young (and young at heart) can beg a sweet. There will also be a meet-and-greet for the candidates in the Eskalyan Baronial polling.

Contests include:

- Best Spoooooooooooky Story
- Best Representation of one of the four gifts of Manannán Mac Lir (his coat that protects against all wounds; his breastplate which no weapon can pierce; his helmet with two gems that flash and change colors; and his sword, the Answerer, the wounds from which will never heal)
- Oerthan A&S Championship Contest - Syrups

Site Information: Anchor Lutheran School (8100 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage, AK 99518). Site opens at 1PM and closes at 9PM.

Member Adult Registration: \$15.00. Non-Member Adult Registration \$20.00, Child Registration \$5.00 for children aged 6-16, Children under 5 free. \$30 family cap.

Autocrat: Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor (Claire Knudsen-Latta)

Calendar

October

- October 15 All Hallow's Eve Masque
Shire of Pavlok Gorod
- October 15 Michaelmas
Barony of Winters Gate
- October 22 Hop-tu-Naa
Barony of Eskalya
- October 29 Oktoberfest
Barony of Selviergard

November

- November 12 Collegium
Barony of Winters Gate

December

- December 3 Yule
Barony of Selviergard
- December 10 Yule
Barony of Eskalya
- December 17 Yule
Barony of Winters Gate

January

- January 6-8 Twelfth Night
Kingdom of the West
- January 20-22 Winter Coronet
Principality of Oertha



Oktoberfest

October 29, 2016
Barony of Selvieregard

Welcome Fall in classic style with Oktoberfest! Celebrate with tourneys, fall crafts & games., and the bountiful feast of German dishes in honor of St. Martin and the harvest. Plan for a busy day of activities, contests and maybe even a little trick-or-treating between dinner removes.

Don your best Landsknecht or other fancy garb., and remember a bag of candy for the little ghouls, who are surely about!

There will be a Rapier Tournament, a Heavy Bear Pit Tournament, as well as Archery and Thrown Weapons. Activities include bobbing for apples, making St. Martin's Lanterns, trick-or-treating, table decorating contest, and a pie contest.

Feast is a three-remove affair with roulade, wurst, spaetzli, and many more German yummys.

Site Information: Lavern Griffin Camp (4495 W Little Cloud Dr, Wasilla, AK). Site opens at 9AM and closes at 8PM.

Member Adult Registration: \$20.00. Non-Member Adult Registration \$25.00, Child Registration \$13.00 for children aged 5-12, Children under 5 free. \$40 family cap.

Autocrat: Delphine de Grenada (Elizabeth Thompson)

In some cases; event information included in this publication have been altered to fit within. Some information was condensed or removed to fit within the allotted space. Please check the event listing on the Yahoo Groups or Facebook or contact the Autocrat for more information.

Yule

December 10, 2016
Barony of Eskalya

In Celtic tradition, Yule is the time when the Oak King triumphs over the Holly King. The Holly King represents the death and darkness that has ruled since the onset of Samhain. At Winter Solstice, the Oak King brings the opportunity to be reborn and begin new life. The Yule Season raises one's spirit and brings tidings of comfort and joy as the carol goes.

Another version of the Oak/Holly King theme is the ritual hunting and killing of a wren. The wren, little King of the Waning Year, is killed by the Robin Redbreast, King of the Waxing Year. The robin finds the wren hiding in an ivy bush (or as in some parts of Ireland - a holly bush).

Join the Barony of Eskalya as we celebrate these traditions. Bring your Holly; Your Ivy; Your Candles and Cheer! For the warmth will be found with friends and family here.

There will be an Arts and Science Sponsorship Tourney for both Heavy and Rapier, to honor the Kings of Holly/Oak and The Kings Wren/Robin Redbreast!

There will be a Baroness' Tea, a Roshambo Gift Exchange (with a twist!), Dancing taught and led by the wonderful Mistress Anna di Caterina Neri, Children's activities, a Yuletide photo opportunity with mistletoe, and a served Feast.

Site Information: Anchor Lutheran School (8100 Arctic Blvd, Anchorage, Alaska 99518). Site opens at NOON and closes at 10PM.

Autocrat: Isabella Hawke (Missy Snyder)

Law Change for the Principality of Oertha

Dated this 15th day of July AS. LI as proclaimed by Shawn and Arabella

A section shall be changed:

Article IV, Section 4.3

Each fighter, by entering the Coronet Lists, declares the he or she will be able to attend his or her Investiture, the following Coronet Tournament, and the Investiture of his/her successor, for no one shall compete for the Coronet of Oertha without intending to reign, should he or she win. Each person entering the Coronet Lists shall fight for some person of the opposite sex, whom he or she shall name as Consort Princess or Consort Prince should he or she win. This person shall be willing and able to attend his or her Investiture, the following Coronet Tournament, and the Investiture of his or her successor.

Shall be changed to the following:

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Oerthan Officers Seeking Deputies or Successors

Stellanordica Herald
(Deputy / Successor)

Arts and Sciences
(Deputy / Successor)



Are you interested to learn more of the history of the Great Principality of Oertha? Do you have items from our past that you would like to share?

Join the Oertha History Guild Today!

The Oertha History Guild is for people endeavoring to recover and preserve the glorious history of our Principality and all its Branches.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OerthaHistory/>

Winter Coronet & Investiture

January 20-22, 2017
Principality of Oertha

*“O Januarie, what myghte thee devinaille
To them who to Oertha on shippes saille?
What delices and mirth dust you see
At Oerthes corounet feste and reveli?”*

*Corious pilgrym, herk to my propheci,
Of excellent fode and good compaignie.
At Corounet all this and moore I quidde,
No mervilnes fro thee do I bihidde.*

*Than longen folk to goon on pilgrimages,
And comen acrois from her fremed strondes,
To halles couthe in sondry sowprene londes;
And specially, the baronries and shires sende
To Oertha, for Winter Corounet they wende,
Ryghtwis and worthi heires for to seke,
Doughti of dedes, wlonke, and full reke.”*

Site Information: St Therese’s Camp (7180 E Twin Lakes Dr, Wasilla, AK).

Member Adult Registration: \$20.00. Non-Member Adult Registration \$25.00, Child Registration \$8.00 for children aged 6-16, Children under 6 free.

Feast Registration: Adult Feast Registration \$15.00, Child Feast Registration \$10.00.

Cabin Rental Information: All Beds are \$10.00 per night. Cabins may be rented by groups. Please fill out the information provided on the event website to reserve your cabin.

Event Steward: Faunus de Arden

Event Website: www.coronetfoertha.com

From the Chronicler

The Guardian is the newsletter for the Principality of Oertha, and as such, I need your help in keeping it full of information, articles, and such. If you are an autocrat of an event please consider sending your event information to the Chroniclers (both the Principality and the local branches) so that others may have the opportunity to attend your event. If you have wisdom to share please consider using the newsletters as a way to share it so that others can learn as well. The newsletters are only as good as the items submitted to it. Take a moment to think about what you can contribute to this and other fine publications around our Principality.

The Guardian is published quarterly. The deadline for submissions for the Winter edition of *The Guardian* will be January 1st.

In Service,

Halfdan “Two Bears” Ozurrson
Principality Chronicler



Oerthan Arts and Sciences Competition

The 2016/2017 Oerthan A&S Championship continues!

10/22/2016 – Hop-tu-Naa – ESK
Syrups (Domestic Arts and Sciences)

12/3/2016 – Yule – SEL
A small item of clothing (e.g. a coif, braies, a hood, etc)
(Textile)

1/21/2017– Winter Coronet – PRIN
A Story of a Hero, Saint, or God (Performing Arts)

3/?/2017 – March Madness – ESK
Open Topic (Research Paper)

5/26/2017 – Wolf Wars – WG
Bone, Antler, or Wooden Combs (Technological)

The contests are being drawn from six categories (one contest representing each category): Textile - Clothing, weaving, needlework, etc. Domestic Arts and Sciences - Small items, cooking, herbcraft, brewing, etc. Technological - Armor, casting, metal working, skeletal materials, etc. Studio Arts - Bookbinding, glass work, calligraphy, illumination, paper making, etc. Performing Arts - Arts which are performed. Research – Research papers and presentations.

Individuals who wish to enter an item but will not be able to make the event, may mail items to Claire Knudsen-Latta. Please email me at clairemargery@gmail.com to let me know items are coming. Items will be returned by mail with judging sheets within one week of the event.

- Contestants for the championship must enter at least four of the categories.

- Contestants may enter only one item per event (no double dipping).

- Incomplete projects may be entered, so long as the part of the project being judged is complete. For example, if you want to enter a scroll in the calligraphy

contest but the illumination isn't complete, you may enter it so long as the calligraphy is complete.

- At least minimal documentation is required. Minimal documentation will be considered one 3x5 card and one primary source. More documentation is suggested.

- Research papers should be between 1,500 and 2,500 words, or four to six pages, double spaced. Papers should be submitted by email one week before the event, to allow judges sufficient time to review the paper.

- If there are three or more entrants in a competition, the winner is the entry with the highest score. If there are fewer than three entries, the winner is the entry with the highest score over 66% of the available points. If there is only one entry, the entry will be judged, but there will be no competition – however, the points will count towards the Championship.

- Whoever racks up the most total points wins.

Please send any questions or concerns to clairemargery@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing the talent and skill of Oertha's Artisans and wish all the entrants the very best of luck!

Juvo,

Cynehild Cynesigesdohtor
Craeftwicnestre Oerthas



Thoughts Regarding a “Council of the North”

Written by Micheil, Yr. of An Alltan in the March edition of *The Eskalya Chronicle*, AS XIII (1980)

This intriguing monologue, published in the March AS 13 edition of the The Eskalya Chronicle, is presented for history in this newsletter. The author discusses some of his ideas of governance for the land called The North--the lands that would one day become the Principality of Oertha -Halfdan, Historian.

Sometime in the wee hours of Samhain at Black Spruce Manor, the discussion turned to the governance of the North. Having expressed my opinions, I was encouraged by those present (and still awake) to write them down for publication at my earliest opportunity and being stranded out upon this barren rock I finally have that opportunity.

Now that there is more than one branch of the Society here in the North, we should have some organization to coordinate activities between the Branches. The formation of a “Council of the North” could provide this coordination. It would not have Principality powers, having no sovereignty of its own, but could aid in establishing practices for use at events attended by more than one branch when practices may differ between branches. It could always help plan and organize events between different branches and provide a way to make the exchange of information and ideas between them easier. Duties of this kind are usually provided in the more settled areas of the Known World at the Principality or the Kingdom level. Although we are theoretically part of the Principality of An Tir and the Kingdom of the West, these august bodies are in reality too distant to be of any real service to us in these areas, thus our unique circumstances and needs provide us with the opportunity to try and new and different organization.

The Council of the North should consist of equal

numbers of representatives of all the independent branches of the Society (Baronies and shires, etc.) here in the North – possibly two from each; perhaps Cantons could send one representative. Each branch should be allowed to decide how its representatives will be chosen. The Council could function in a democratic manor, elect a “President of the Council of the North” to preside over it, or act in any other way its members can agree on except, of course, that it could not interfere in the affairs of any branch if it was not wanted. As an example of representatives selected for the Council, perhaps Winter’s Gate would name its Captain and Seneschal as permanent representatives, but allow them to name other members of the Shire to go in their place(s), if they so chosen.

There is a possible variation on the idea of a democratic Council, for those that want a more traditional form of government, if they prevail in this decision. Someone could be recommended to the King (Prince) to be appointed “The King’s Lieutenant of the North.” The person to be recommended and the length of the time he should hold office could be decided in some agreeable way (ie. A tourney). The Lieutenant of the North could then preside over the Council and both he and it would have what powers it was agreed to give them. (NOTE: This is similar to the way the mundane medieval kings of England governed both Northern England and Ireland at various times in their history. The King appointed a Lieutenant of the North (or a Lieutenant of Ireland), usually a prince or high-ranking nobleman, and he, at least in the North, appointed a Council-the Council of the North to aid him in ruling, in the King’s name, those distant and turbulent parts of the realm).

A number of possibilities exist for the evolution of a Council of the North as the Society grows up here. A “Northern Confederation” could be formed-based on the mundane medieval Swiss Confederation-where every local branch would retain its own “sovereignty”

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with the Council acting between the branches as before. At first, the Council would owe “fealty” to the Prince of An Tir until its member branches reached Principality level, then it would owe it only to the King of the West, and then finally it would become independent and equal to the King of the more traditional kingdoms to the South.

The Council could also provide a compromise position between the independents who do not want to be ruled by an absolute monarchy and those absolutists who do. When the time comes for a Principality of the North (and the Kingdom of the North after it), there could be a prince (King) determined in the normal way, and the Council could become his Privy Council (with the possible addition of the Great Officers of State); neither, however, would have absolute power – their exact powers would have to be determined at the time by the desires of the populace.

The future governance of the North should be decided by the populace of the North, as it does not seem to make much sense to belong to an organization that is not run the way most of its members want it to be run. This suggestion is, therefore, presented to the populace of the North for their thought and discussion, to help them in deciding how they will wish to be governed, since they are the ones that should make that decision.

There are a few other things I would like to see started up here (besides something like the Council and the War). One thing I would like to see is a North-wide tournament. There are the Lord Defender’s tourney in Eskalya and the Captaincy tourney in Winter’s Gate, but I know of no citizen of Winter’s Gate who will fight in the Lord Defender’s tourney and thus admit himself a citizen of Eskalya (after all, that is what this War is all about!), nor do I think we or Winter’s Gate will allow Eskalyans to fight in our Captaincy Tourney. Thus, a tourney for, say, “Champion of the North” could provide a place for all the fighters and other peoples of

the North to get together for a bash. The winner would not get anything but the honor of knowing he was the best fighter in the North – unless we wanted to make up some sort of prize for it; however, it could become the Coronet/Crown tourney if we decided to go that way. I think we should have something like this at least once a year, or at least perhaps as a part of the demonstration at the State Fair.

The other thing I would like to see is for all the people up here with Scottish Highland persona form a clan. I had nothing to do with Clan Colin while I was in the South, so I do not know exactly what Society clans usually do, but I am sure we could come up with something – or perhaps correspond with Colin. As for the War and such, Clan Colin does not appear to have any scruples about having members fight on both sides of a war, and from the mundane worlds, if I am not mistaken, branches of Clan Neil fought each other during the long feud between Campbells and MacLeans. I know the MacNeils of Gigha supported the Campbells while the chiefly family, the MacNeils of Barra, supported the MacLeans during that time.

I hope everyone finds these suggestions of some interest, and I would like to thank everyone involved for encouraging and allowing me to present them, and

I remain your humble and obedient servant,

Micheil, Yr. of An Alltan



Oerthan Blogs: A Directory

The Principality of Oertha hosts a wide variety of artisans. From all aspects of the arts and sciences do we participate in, experiment with, and excel at. Some of these artisans share their works online. Here are artificers who have published their information for all to see. Take a moment to check them out and be inspired. *All blog titles are hyperlinks to the blog or website.*

Matsukaza Workshops

by Brann mac Finnchad

The period covered varies widely, according to my current interest, but has a focus on men's clothing and tailoring--documentation, articles/bibliographies, and tutorials, as well as my "Featured Garment" articles.

Violet Tailyeaour

by Violet Tailyeaour

I like to make things. I try to remember to take pictures of the things and post them here.

The Sable Pestle

by Faunus de Arden

My persona is a 14th Century English Apothecary/Physician from Henley-in-Arden. My specialties and knowledge focus is on 12-14th century Herbals in all varieties, Cheese Making, Period Anatomy & Physiology, Battlefield Chirurgeonate, and other natural sciences. I love to teach in "persona" and have a series of classes recorded on the site. If you have any questions, please let me know!

Elena Verch Rhys

by Eleana Verch Rhys

14th - 16th-century clothing with special interest in German clothing and accessories. I also blog about other projects like illumination, soap making and other household arts.

The Two Bears Codex

by Halfdan Ozurrson

A collection of articles, research posts, and other interesting tidbits that relate to different aspects of the Society and the Byzantine Culture...though other cultures I am sure will sneak in there from time to time.

Another Crafting Blog

by Cass of Winter's Gate

My A&S projects that I remember to document, with a side of modern nerd crafting.

Goddess Feeds the Ravens

by Cemper Breoniann

Special interest in herbs with emphasis on women's health, dying (cloth), and medieval holistic health. I have a special interest in the life of women in The North (Greenland to Finland) and the Courtesans of the Italian States. Garb interests range are Greenland to Venetian and other garb as it interests me. One long-term goal is to create garb from each century and area. Research, past, current and on-going can be found on my blog.

Medieval Home Companion

by Cynehild Cynesigesdottir

Random A&S stuff.





The SCA takes part in SenshiCon. Photograph contributed by Soren j'Alborgh. October 2, 2016.



A moose sighting during Fall Captaincy in Winter's Gate. Photograph by Yamano Yuki. September 3, 2016.



Archery was held at Eskalya's Baroness' Champion event. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson. September 10, 2016.



Egg-cellent battles fought at Chicken Wars V. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson. August 20, 2016

Since Summer Coronet in July a lot has happened in our Principality. Here are photographs from but a few of these events and activities that we participated in. Special thanks to the Oerthan History Guild and their members as well as independent photographers for preserving these fascinating memories.

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*Long live the King and Queen of the West!
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