

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 King and Queen of the West...

It has been an eventful month. The year turned and we took the thrones. We thank Their Graces, Alfar and Eilis for their efforts and their support.

We traveled to An Tir, Oertha, and Cynagua for coronations and investitures. We are grateful for the hospitality and support we have received. One of the joys and pleasures of this station is the chance to meet people you wouldn't otherwise. We have enjoyed that so far and don't expect to stop.

We have also seen the contribution of service from the children of the West, through the Children's Service Initiative. It greatly pleases Us the joy and enthusiasm they show in being a part of making events happen. If they are to be our future, we need to encourage them to be a part of our now.

While Mars claims next month, February is dedicated to War. The month begins with War Collegium/Wargy and ends with Estrella. War Collegium/Wargy will be the first event at the KHTI site, a chance to knock off the war rust, and an important preparation for Estrella. We hope that many of you will join us at Estrella. Their Majesties Atenveldt have promised a good time and the West's contribution is important.

Our heirs will be selected on March 25 in the Barony of Vinhold. The tournament will be in the traditional format. There is one requirement. As announced, all combatants will have had to perform one hour of service to the Society between October and the tournament. The form of service isn't important. Hold an office, help at an event, sit gate, teach a class. Its an hour. There will be no exceptions.

Finally, newcomers are important. We like them and want to meet them. If you are new, say hello to us. If you meet new people at an event, introduce them to us. We want to get as many people involved in our reign as possible. Help us make this happen.

Roger and Zanobia

King and Queen of the West



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.coronetoforthertha.com

Winter Coronet & Investiture Schedule

Thursday

3PM - Site Opens for Event Staff

Friday

3PM - Site Opens/Move In

7PM - Principality of Oertha – A&S Competition

8PM - Oertha Memorial Fireside Service
(Registration, at gate)

Saturday

0830 - Merchants Move In

0900 - Site Opens

1030 - Opening Court

1130 - Armor Inspections

1200 - Tournament Starts

1400 - Close of Tournament

1415 - Chivalry Council

1430 - Rose Tournament

1530 - Rapier Community Showcase - At Her Majesty of The West's Request

1700 - Evening Court

1900 - Tattered Tabard Tavern Opens

2000 - Principality of Oertha Arts & Sciences Competition performed during feast.

2100 - Tavern Closes

2130 - Site Closes

Sunday

0900 - Unbelted Meeting

0900 - Laurels Council

1000 - Pelicans Council

1100 - Oertha Business Meeting

1200 - Investiture Court

1700 - Site Closes

Law Change for the Principality of Oertha

Dated this 10th day of December, A.S. LI

An Article shall be added: Article VI: Principality Events

Section 1: Before the calendaring meeting at July Coronet and Investiture, proposals may be made for Principality-level events in addition to Coronet/Investiture. These proposals may be made by an individual or by a branch. To be considered, the proposals must include an autocrat, a proposed date and site, a summary of planned activities and a budget. These proposals will be reviewed by the financial committee, and will be either accepted and placed on the calendar, or will be denied. Any Principality events, up to two per reign, which is accepted and placed on the calendar will receive priority over any other events in scheduling.

Section 1.2: If the event is sponsored by a branch, all financial obligations and profits and/or losses are shared in equal proportion to the agreed financial contributions by the Principality and the hosting group to the costs of the event. If the event is autocratted by an individual, all financial obligations will be met by the Principality, and any profits and/or losses will belong to the Principality.



Calendar

January

January 6-8 Twelfth Night
Kingdom of the West

January 20-22 Winter Coronet
Principality of Oertha

February

February 18 Heart's Revel
Barony of Winters Gate

March

March 4 OLIO!
Barony of Winter's Gate

March 11 March Madness
Barony of Eskalya

March 24-26 March Crown
Kingdom of the West

April

April 8 Fool's Revel
Barony of Winter's Gate

April 21-23 Culinary Symposium
Kingdom of the West

Autocrats: It is important to advertise your events. Please send your event copy to your local chroniclers as well as ensuring that the event is listed on the Kingdom Calendar

The Reign of Kenric & Dagmar, Prince and Princess of Oertha



*Prince Kenric and Princess Dagmar at the Barony of Winter's Gate Fall Captainty.
Photograph by Yamano Yuki-san*



*Princess Dagmar admires her carved turnip at
the Barony of Eskalya's Hop-tu-Naa celebration.
Photograph by Baron Halfdan Ózurrson*



*Princess Dagmar throws a spear at the Barony of Selviervgard's Warlord's Tournament.
Photograph by Baron Halfdan Ozurrson*



*Prince Kenric welcomes all to Chicken Wars.
Photograph by Lady Rainna Fathirsdottir*

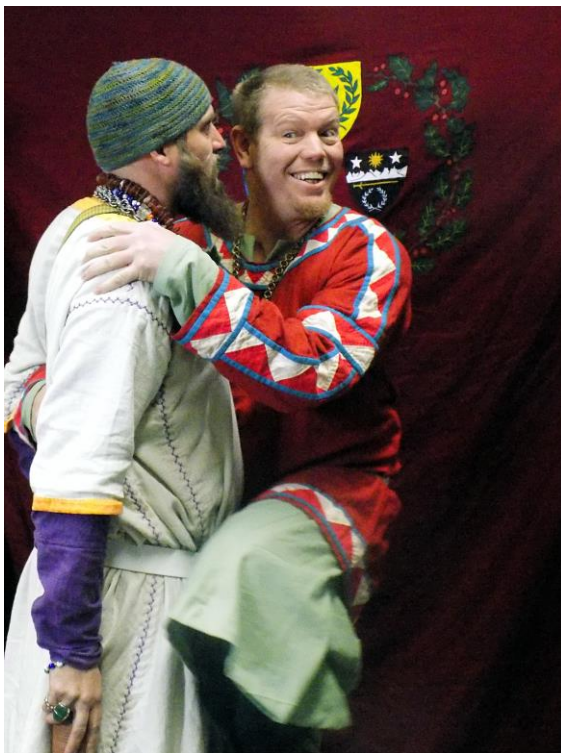
LONG LIVE THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF OERTHA!



Prince Kenric talks to King Alfarr and Queen Eilis at the Barony of Winter's Gate Yule. Photograph by Master Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov



Prince Kenric takes a short break from the fighting held at the War of the Chicken in the lands of the Barony of Selviargard. Photograph by Baron Halfdan Ozurrson



King Alfarr of the West and Prince Kenric at the Barony of Eskalya's Yule. Photograph by Baron Halfdan Ozurrson



Kenric and Dagmar step up as the Prince and Princess of Oertha at Oertha's Summer Coronet and Investiture. Photograph by Yamano Yuki-san

Since Summer Coronet in July a lot has happened in our Principality. Here are photographs of Their Highnesses 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.

Heart's Revel

February 18, 2017
Barony of Winter's Gate

Come One, come All to Winter Gates' festival of the Heart. This year we celebrate the two sides of Medieval Love...The Beautiful and the Bawdy.

This event will be broken into two parts: the first half of the day will be from noon till 5pm and will be focused on the beautiful side of love. Competitions will include best period finger food, best "ode" in a consort's honor, and best period token of love.

There will be a break for dinner from 5-7pm. The site will be open and you are welcome to bring in or leave and get dinner.

After the break, we will consider the bawdy side of romance. As this will be ribald in manner, parental guidance is requested. Competitions will include best "aphrodisiac" finger food, best "medieval" pick-up lines, and best bawdy token (think pilgrim badges).

Registration: Adult Event Registration: \$10, Adult Member Discount Event Registration: \$5, Children (Ages 12 and under): Free

Site Information: Walden Estates community center; 1108 Hampstead Ave, Fairbanks, AK

Site Opens at Noon and Closes: 11pm

Site is discreetly wet.

Directions: The best way to site is to get to Danby Rd. either from College Rd or from the Johansen Expressway. Turn off of Danby on to Hampstead Ave (left if coming from College, right if coming from Johansen), follow the curve around, and the community center is located at the intersection of Bainbridge and Hampstead.

Autocrat: Mistress Margery Garret (Michele Griffin)

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; twice in paper edition and twice in electronic form. The deadline for submissions for the Spring edition of *The Guardian* will be April 1st.

In Service,

Halfdan "Two Bears" Ozurrson
Principality Chronicler

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/>

Oerthan Arts and Sciences Competition

The 2016/2017 Oerthan A&S Championship continues!

1/21/2017– Winter Coronet – PRIN

A Story of a Hero, Saint, or God (Performing Arts)

3/11/2017 – 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!

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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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