



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 of Oertha...

We want to thank all of the populace for their contribution to the Dream! Each of you makes this possible! Every one of you is vital to the future of Oertha and the West!

Ask yourself, "What can I do to enrich the dream for myself and the people around me?" It's quite simple... Be that person who reaches out to others. Be the one who supports another person's dreams. Be the one who boasts of other's great deeds. Be that light others want the courage to be. A bright future is within each of us. All we need to do is have the courage to reach out and play a part in someone else's dream. A true leader supports, encourages, and helps elevate those around them. Be that person we all look up to! You do not need to wear a white belt or be a peer to inspire people to great deeds. We are firm believers that ALL from every station have something to offer or to teach. Have the courage to be that light!

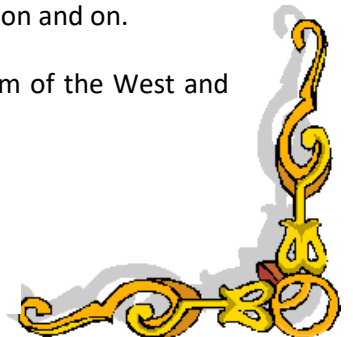
Coronet is upon us and with that comes the time to find Our Heirs. Before this day even happens We know our future is secure. All of Oertha will be there to support Our Heirs and Their dream.

We want to remind the fighters who wish to enter the list, that there is no need to submit a letter of intent. All you need to do is make sure you have your cards for yourself and your consort ready for the list table that day. Save the glorious words of your consort for Invocation. We also want to remind the fighters to bring two different styles to Coronet. You cannot use the same style back to back as you progress through the tournament. This will be enforced by your honor. Weapon styles will reset for the finals so choose your first style wisely. Examples of different styles are: sword and shield, axe and shield, mace and shield, sword and lance, two swords, greatsword, upside down greatsword and sword, glaive. The list can go on and on.

In loving Service to the Principality of Oertha, the Kingdom of the West and this amazing dream!

Gregor and Bella

Prince and Princess of Oertha



Winter Coronet and Investiture

January 17-19, 2020
Principality of Oertha

Let your mind wander back, to a time of beauty and pageantry, a time of bold deeds and fair ladies, a time of grand tournaments and fabulous feasts. Then journey with me to the lands of Oertha, where knightly competitors battle for the favor of their lady's honor and tales of victory and honorable defeat are told over the table laden with tasty food and drink. Where is this fantasy come to life? As the song says, "To Oertha, Ho!" Beyond the northern seas, what a Principality!

Their Highnesses invite you to join them as They witness the tournament for Their Heirs. Fighters: bring two weapon styles, as you will be alternating with the rounds of the tourney. The grand hall of St. Therese's Camp will be festooned in azure and argent to welcome the new Heirs.

There will be dancing, an indoor snowball fight, a color court, and a grand feast. Contests, sponsored by the Guilds, will provide many opportunities to display the work of your hands during fall and winter, and our cooks promise a delightful feast, to increase the coffers of the Principality. "Come, quest with me, to where the hearts are full, and the ladies there are irresistible, to Oertha, ho"!

Site Information: St. Therese's Camp 7180 Twin Lakes Dr., Wasilla, AK 99654

Event Registration: Adult Event Registration: \$25, Adult Member Discount: \$20, Children 12 and under: \$15. No Family Cap.

Feast Information: Feast Tickets: \$20.00 per person. For questions about feast, contact the Head Cook, Margarita di Calvi (Gretchen Thompson).

Event Steward: Delphine de Granada (Meghan Thompson)

Oerthan Winter Coronet and Investiture Schedule

Friday

10:00 AM	Site Opens for Crew
5:00 PM	Site Opens / Troll
9:00 PM	Troll Closes for the Night
11:00 PM	Hall Closes for the Night

Saturday

8:00 AM	Hall and Troll Reopens
9:00 AM	Lists Open
10:00 AM	Opening Court and Invocation
11:30 AM	Armor Inspection
NOON	Coronet Tournament
2:00–4:00 PM	Roses / Dancing / Classes / Contests / Shopping
5:00 PM	Evening Court
6:30 PM	Feast / Dinner Break
8:00–11:00 PM	Dancing / Bardic / Vigil
11:00 PM	Hall Closes for the Night

Sunday

8:00 AM	Hall Reopens
9:00 AM	Morning Food / Coffee Available
9:00–11:00 AM	Peerage Meetings (order TBA)
NOON	Investiture Court
5:00 PM	Hall Closes

If you arrive on site early, prepare to be conscripted into the crew!

Schedule subject to change

Winter Coronet Feast Information

Their Highnesses invite you join Them as They celebrate the new Heirs, with Her Majesty and the Royal Family, and guests. The Head Cook promises delights from *A Forme of Cury*.

Remove One

A delightful soup, bread, cheese and other tasty nibbles.

Remove Two

Personal chicken pies and a lovely salad.

Remove Three

Roasted pork and a root vegetable medley.

Remove Four

Winter fruit pies and a subtlety.

All of this for less than you'd pay for dinner at most local restaurants. Folks with allergies are invited to contact Mistress Margarita.

Feast tickets will not be available at the door!

Greetings Oertha!

It is that time again! The financial committee is now accepting bids for Summer Coronet and Investiture.

If you, your household, or group would like to host Summer Coronet 2020, please submit your event plan and bid to Anna.neri@westkingdom.org.

All bids must be received by January 21st 2020 to be considered.

In Service,

Anna di Caterina Neri
Seneschal, Oertha

Calendar

January

- January 3-5 12th Night
Kingdom of the West
- January 11-12 Mid-Winter Revel
Shire of Pavlok Gorod
- January 17-19 Winter Coronet
Principality of Oertha

February

- February 15 Carnevale!
Barony of Winter's Gate
- February 17-23 Estrella War
Kingdom of Atenveldt

March

- March 14 Ides of March
Barony of Selviargard
- March 14-22 Gulf Wars
Kingdom of Gleann Abhann
- March 27-29 March Crown
Kingdom of the West

April

- April 11 Newcomer's Feast
Shire of Ravensfjord
- April 18-19 Fantastic Fairytale Fete
Shire of Pavlok Gorod
- April 25 Spring Revel
Barony of Winter's Gate



The Prince and Princess of are revealed at the conclusion of the Summer Coronet and Investiture. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.



Prince Gregor enjoys a game of holding axes at the Barony of Eskalya's Baroness' Champion event. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.



Prince Greor surveils the land at the Barony of Eskalya's Baroness' Champion event. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.



Princess Bella enters into an Archery competition at the Great Western War. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.



Princess Bella is ready for a shopping run at Great Western War. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.



Their Highnesses enjoy the day at Eskalya's Baroness' Champion event. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.



Prince Gregor samples some delights at Great Western War. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.



Prince Gregor and Princess Bella prepare for feast at the Barony of Eskalya's Samhain celebration. Photograph by Halfdan Ozurrson.

Since Summer Coronet in July a lot has happened in our Principality and in the Kingdom of the West. 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 wonderful memories.

Carnevale!

February 15, 2020
The Barony of Winter's Gate

Carnevale is here! Come drive away the winter blues and let off some pent-up energy with the friendly folks of Winter's Gate.

Starting in medieval days (and continuing to contemporary time) Carnevale aka Karneval aka Fasching aka Carnival aka Masopust aka Fastnacht aka Vastenavond aka Mardi Gras was a time for fun and frivolity before the Lenten season put an end to all that foolishness. The day's activities will include whims and contests in the spirit of Carnevale (details to follow). Feast is a potluck with a meat dish (hey, it's Carnevale) provided by the Barony.

In the spirit of generosity, we will be collecting donations for the Fairbanks Food Bank.

Site Information: Walden Community Center, 1108 Hampstead Ave, Fairbanks AK 99701.

Site opens at NOON and closes at 10PM.

Directions: Take your best route to Johansen Expressway, exit at Danby, turn right on Bainbridge, site is at the intersection of Bainbridge and Hampstead.

Site is extremely discreetly damp.

Event Registration: Adult non-member \$15, Adult member \$10, youth under 18 free

Event Steward: Sapphira the Navigator (Vicki Wyan)



Frytour of erbes

From Gode Cookery

PERIOD: England, 14th century | SOURCE: Forme of Cury | CLASS: Authentic

DESCRIPTION: Batter-fried herb fritters

ORIGINAL RECEIPT:

156. Frytour of erbes. Take gode erbys; grynde hem and medle hem with flour and water, & a lytel zest, and salt, and frye hem in oyle. And ete hem with clere honey.

- Hieatt, Constance B. and Sharon Butler. Curye on English: English Culinary Manuscripts of the Fourteenth-Century (Including the Forme of Cury). New York: for The Early English Text Society by the Oxford University Press, 1985.

GODE COOKERY TRANSLATION:

Fritter of herbs. Take good herbs; grind them and mix them with flour and water, & a little yeast, and salt, and fry them in oil. And eat them with clear honey.

MODERN RECIPE:

8 Tbs. of chopped or diced mixed green herbs: savory, parsley, marjoram, etc.
2 cups flour
1 ½ - 2 cups lukewarm water
½ tsp. salt
1 Tbs. yeast
oil
honey to garnish

Dissolve the yeast in a little of the water. Mix together the flour, herbs, and salt. Add the yeast and enough of the water to make a smooth, thick batter. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, then drop by spoonful into hot oil and fry until a light golden brown. Garnish with honey.

From the Chronicler...

The Winter winds blow, the snow is on the ground, and the Northern lights are in full splendor in the night skies. It is time for Oertha's Winter Coronet and Investiture and time to celebrate the reign of Gregor and Bella and welcome in their Heirs.

Welcome to another edition of The Guardian, the newsletter for the Principality of Oertha. This newsletter is best kept full by submitting items for publication. Rhymes, stories, event copies, event reports, artwork, and more is always needed to ensure that The Guardian is full and well fed. Please consider submitting items for publication.

I am currently looking for a successor for the Office of the Chronicler. This has been a fun job but the time has come as I move onto other projects near and dear to my heart. If you are interested in this position please contact me either in person or via email and I will be more than happy to let you know just how easy it is to produce a newsletter for the Principality of Oertha and have fun while doing it.

In Service,

Halfdan, 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/>



The next edition of The Guardian, the newsletter for the Principality of Oertha, will be published on April 15, 2020. The Chronicler is looking for stories, rhymes, research papers, and other items to add. Please contact the Chronicler if you would like to have something published. The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2020.

Halfdan Ôzurrson, Principality Chronicler

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Long Live the Prince and Princess of Oertha!



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