

The Guardian

Words from Their Highnesses

To Our Dearest Oertha do Cruscillus and Vicana send our heartfelt thoughts,

It has been an amazing reign, albeit a long one, but truly amazing nonetheless. We have visited far away lands and spread our artisans talents far and wide. We have received many joyous responses to the amazing largess you have bestowed upon us.

We have had the pleasure to witness the changeover of our Northern barony. We have Broke bread and rubbed elbows with many of the populace at great events. It was our pleasure to welcome many a newcomer to our fair game.

All of this, of course, would not have been possible without all the work our populace does in the name of this game. At this time of Plague, trying to get back to in person eventing has been hard, but Oertha stands strong and heralds in the future with a battle cry.

Alas it is that time again. Our Reign must come to an end. To that end we will gather once more to find our Heirs through the skill of combat. We will drink and be merry. We will remember good times with joy and try to forget the less happy times.

As we close out our reign, know that we hold each one of you dear, and wish you all health and happiness.

So say We,

Cruscillus and Vicana

Princepts and Princepessa of Oertha



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Special points of interest

- It's Coronet weekend!
- Page School is coming back!
- The laws have been reorganized!
- Period Food is Tasty!
- The Seneschal can be bribed with interesting research tidbits!



Return of the Page School!

The Oerthan Page School is a wonderful program that was developed by Viscountess Gwyneth Rhiannon of the Seas, to teach various Arts and Sciences, service opportunities, and the structure (society studies) of the SCA. While it was created for children 8 years and older, it's structure is such that it easily adapts to whatever ability level is of the students. Thus it can be made to challenge anyone, including adults. Viscountess Tama Katerina Evstokh'eva completed the Page School as Princess, and was the first adult to do so.

The Page School is a great, well rounded, way to learn about a lot of the different things the SCA has to offer. There are three main "tracks", Arts and Sciences, Service, and Society Studies, that you learn on, each of which teaches about a different aspect of the SCA. The Arts and Sciences track allows you to sample many different topics that are as wide ranging as needlework, clothing making, armor/fighting styles, cooking, and even animals. The Service track exposes you to lots of ways to help in the SCA, like volunteering as a page to officers, helping fighters, bringing dishes to events, or even participating in a bardic. The Society Studies track teaches you all about how the SCA is structured, and how it works.

The Page School is open to anyone who is interested. If you would like to know more about the Page School, or if you would like to sign up, please feel free to contact Mistress Margery Garret at akbee@westkingdom.org.

βραχὺς ὁ βίος: εἷς καρπὸς τῆς ἐπιγείου ζωῆς, διάθεσις ὅσια καὶ πράξεις κοινωνικάι.— Marcus Aurelius, Meditations, Book 6, ch. 30

Financial Policy

Oertha does not have a Principality-specific financial policy, but rather follows the Kingdom's policy. This policy relies on a financial committee to make financial decisions. Principality Law defines the financial committee as consisting of the Prince and Princess (acting as one voice), Exchequer, and Seneschal. Two votes of the committee are required for any decision, but unanimous decisions are always preferred. The committee does not meet regularly, but rather conducts most of its business via email. When seeking to sponsor a Principality-level event, a prospective event steward should email the financial committee as a whole, unless another method is requested. If you are proposing a new piece of regalia, you should include an email to the regalia officer and herald.

Principality Financials

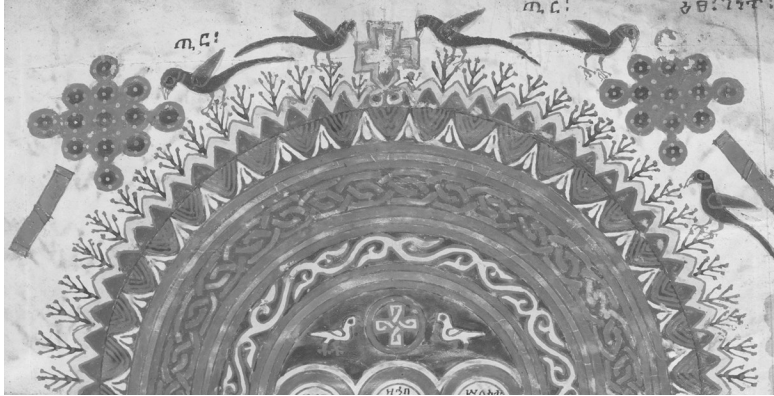
In the 2021 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021, FY21), the Principality brought in \$21.00 from Estrella volunteer hours and \$162.03 in fundraising for the PPF Hedeby event. Due to the pandemic, no money was expended in FY21.

In the 2022 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022, FY22), the Principality brought in \$2,316.33 from Fall Coronet, of which \$1,346.33 was from gate and \$970 was a subsidy from Kingdom to offset the cost of the second day of site rentals. Additionally, the Principality received a refund of \$1,410 for the site cost for the cancelled PPF Hedeby event.

Expenditures for FY22 were as follows:

- \$2,565 in costs for the Fall Coronet, of which \$300 accounts for gate start cash.
- \$78.67 in bank fees for new checks.
- \$1,860 in returned site fees for the cancelled PPF Hedeby event (note, the Principality still retains \$2,689.49 in money raised for the cancelled PPF Hedeby event).
- \$2,246.31 in accumulated storage costs due to multiple years of no invoices from Eskalya.
- \$1,000 in costs for Summer Coronet 2022.
- \$358.10 in officer expense reimbursement.

	July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021 (FY21)		July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022 (FY22)	
	Checking	Savings	Checking	Savings
Start	\$11,569.45	\$3,739.94	\$11,752.48	\$3,740.31
Income	\$183.03	\$0.37	\$3,726.33	\$1.18
Expenditures	—	—	\$8,108.08	—
End	\$11,752.48	\$3,740.31	\$7,370.73	\$3,741.49



Principality Law Re-Organization and Revision

By the gracious permission of Their Highnesses, we've completed a complete reorganization and revision of the Principality laws. Major highlights include:

Throughout - gender-specific language was removed.

Article II, Section 5.4 - This section was re-written to point readers to the Grievance Procedures in Corpora. The language reflects Article VI of Kingdom Law.

Article III - The Article addressing awards has been re-organized to break out armigerous and non-armigerous awards, as well as list appointments. Language regarding Curia Princeps and a Regency Council has been moved into Article II.

Article III, Section 3.4 - Princess' Riband, this section was revised to make it more gender neutral and include possible alternate award names when the consort doesn't use the title Princess.

Article III, Section 3.14 - Orion, language has been revised to indicate it's the color of the cord rather than the arrowhead that identifies the nature of the award.

Article III, Section 3.15 - Ursa Major, award token has been changed as the previous token was never used.

Article III, Section 3.19 - Shield of Chivalry, replaced "a shield decorated as the Consort sees fit" with a description of the shield in use and instruction to return the shield at the end of the awarding reign.

Article III, Section 3.23 - Princess' Patrons, this section was revised to make it more gender neutral and include possible alternate award names when the consort doesn't use the title Princess.

Article IV, Section 1 - deleted office of Chirurgeon to reflect change in Society laws and office of Scribe to reflect change in how scribal now works in the West. Added DEI Office.

Article IV, Section 5 - deleted the section as it is no longer in use.

Article IV, Section 7.1 - revised and simplified the A&S Championship.

Article V, Section 2 - added "Laird Guardian" as an option for non-binary recipients.

Article V, Section 4 - added some clarifying language after discussion with His Highness.

Article V, Section 9 - revised the language governing who is eligible to enter the Coronet tournament to consolidate language in various subsections, make it match Kingdom Law, and clarify the Coronet's right to approve entrants.

Article V, Section 9.2 - deleted requirement that entrants fight for someone of the opposite gender to reflect current corpora and streamlined clunky language.

A copy of the revised laws is attached to this newsletter, a redline is available from the Seneschal.

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Equestrian Marshal

Clare Elena de Montfort

Rapier Marshal

Tama Katerina Evstokh'eva

Regalia Officer

Eilis ni Roibeard O'Boirne

Web Minister

Soren j Alborg

2023 Oerthan Calendar

January 14—Twelfth Night (EA)
January 21—Winter Coronet (Oertha)
February 4—A&S Contest (HR) and
Midwinter Revel (PG)
February 25—Hearts Revel (WG)
March 11—Pie'ds of March (ES)
April 1—Fool's Revel (WG)
April 15—Newcomer's Feast (HR)
April 22—Fantastic Fairytale Fete
(PG)
May 6—Walk and Roll for Hope (PG)
May 20—May Revel (ES)
May 27—Baronial Changeover (SE)
June 3—Spring Hastilude (WG) and
Three Barons' Fair (ES)
June 10—See the Sea (PG) and Three
Barons' Fair (ES)
June 17—Newcomers' (ES)
June 24—Newcomers' (WG)
July 8—Lioness' Tournament (ES)
July 15—Summer Coronet (Oertha)
July 29—Cook's Playdate (Oertha)
August 5—Warlord's Tournament
(SE) and Swords and Needles (PG)
August 12—Allthing (HR)
August 19—Houston Demo (SE)
August 26—Baroness' Champion (ES)
September 2—Fall Hastilude (WG)
September 16—Newcomers' (PG)
October 21—Samhain (ES)
October 28—Samhain (WG)
November 4—Samhain (SE)
November 11—St. Boniface Collegi-
um (WG)
December 2—Bibaronial Yule (ES/SE)
December 9—Yule (WG) and Yule
(PG)

(ES) Eskalya, (HR) Hrafnafjordr, (PG)
Pavlok Gorod, (SE) Selviargard, (WG)
Winter's Gate

Selviargard Warlord's Tournament, 8/5—7/22

WARLORDS will be happening August 5—7, 2022 at the Little Susitna River campground pavilion, at milepost 57 of the Parks Hwy in Houston, AK. Site fee is \$20 or \$15 with the membership discount, ages 6—12 is \$7, under 6 is free.

Site opens at 3 PM Friday and closes at 8 PM Sunday.

Campsites are available for \$20/night. If you contact the event steward, Rolinda, at (907) 521-1737 or via Facebook, she can reserve a campsite in advance.

Activities will include:

Warlords Tournament! You must champion a resident of Selviargard. Conventions will be set by the current Warlord, Sir Bartram Sinclair.

Troll Games! Teams of four will compete in a combat game of Rock, troll tug of war, sun dodging, club holding, and of course, sheep stealing! So get those sheep sheered and gathered (make them out of cotton balls & Q Tips, paint wood blocks or rocks, felt or

whatever to make your flock of sheep), we might even find a troll bridge to cross.

Feast! Meat will be provided, cooked on the big grill, as well as bread. Bring a side dish to share that can feed 8 people. Other meals are BYO.

Bardic and Belly Dancing in the evening.

Come join us for a weekend of fun and relaxation!



Let's get stabby!

Eskalya Baroness' Championship, 8/19—21/22

Hello good friends, one and all! Come join me in the selection of new Baronial Champions!

Artists and craftspeople have a bid to become the Baronial A&S Champion! Bring your best Plague Doctor in any mode, to celebrate coming out of the Plague together and stronger than ever as a community!

Archers! Prepare your bows and check your arrows, this grueling archery will determine who has the keenest eye and steadiest hand in Eskalya!

Rapiers, do you have what it takes to take the Championship from the steely-nerved Bernadette? Limber up and show her that you have what it takes to be the next Rapier Champion.

Heavies! Test your strength and endurance as you pit yourself against me in your bid to become the next Heavy Champion.

I hope to see you all there! Yours in service to the Dream—Kollr Ulfson

Winter's Gate Tavern Games, 9/6—8/22

Greetings and Inebriations,

Come join us for one last camping event in Winter's Gate this year, as we spend Labor Day Weekend celebrating tavern games in an event we like to call... Tavern Games! We have worked to steal as many period games of skill and daring from other locations around Oertha, so that you, dear gentle, can enjoy a weekend of mirth and silliness.

So come up to Anderson and join us for axe throwing, bar brawls with both heavy and rapier, two tournaments, jousting, and kubb! The event will open on Saturday, the third of September, and have events running throughout the long weekend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hans Schaefer (John Duncan) or Hakim al-Basim Rashid (Micah Karrick).

Eskalya Samhain, 10/16/22

The Barony of Eskalya invites all, to celebrate Samhain! As we hold a 'Wag' festival; honoring the Osiris, God of the Underworld, and those souls on their journey through the Egyptian Afterlife! Pass through the Seven Gates of the afterlife; wrapping your 'doll' at each gate. Weighing them on the Scales of Anubis. Will it weigh as light as the feather?

A&S will include two formats: First is; Autocrats whim; Gods or Goddess Leather Face Masks. The only stipulation; No Anubis; Horus; Or Bastet. If you require pointers please message Viscountess Bella. She is excited to help you learn the ways of leather mask making! Second is 'Miniature Boat Offerings'; offered as a gift to ensure the soul had passage through the afterlife. Any Mode you wish.

Fighting; Trivia; Food! Come Join us!

Jewel Lake Parish in Anchorage; October 15th. More info on our Facebook Event Page!



Ræd sceal mon secgan, rune writan, leof gesingan, lofes gearnian, dom areccan...— Maxims I, lines 138-140

Job Postings!

Principality Chatelain/Chatelaine - Currently Vacant

The Principality Chatelain/Chatelaine is the officer responsible for coordinating outreach activities around the Principality. Working with local, Principality, and Kingdom officers, the Chatelaine develops hand-outs, pursues demo and outreach opportunities, and provides regular reports to their senior officer. The ideal candidate has experience at the local level or with similar duties and is familiar with applicable Kingdom and Society policies.

Principality Social Media Officer

As a deputy to the Web Minister and working with the Kingdom Social Media Officer, the Principality Social Media Officer will run the Principality's existing social media presence, including both moderation and, as applicable, content production, as well as recommend new platforms they believe might be beneficial. The ideal candidate is familiar with content production and forum moderation on various social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and Tiktok and willing to familiarize themselves with Society and Kingdom social media policies.

Principality Constable—Deputy/Successor

The Principality Constable is responsible for organizing constabulary duties at Principality events, training and assisting local constables, and providing quarterly reports to Kingdom. Constable training is available from Kingdom.

Please see Kinehild if you're interested in filling any of these roles!



The Principality of Oertha

The Principality of Oertha is a branch of The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA) and is part of the Kingdom of the West.

The Principality of Oertha is comprised of several smaller branches; including Baronies, Shires, Cantons, and Colleges located across the state of Alaska. The SCA is devoted to the research and re-creation of pre-17th century skills, arts, combat, culture, and employing knowledge of world history to enrich the lives of participants through events, demonstrations, and other educational presentations and activities.

Period Food is Tasty!

Ember's Day Tart from *Forme of Cury*, an early fifteenth century cookery manuscript from the court of Richard II of England.

TART IN YMBRE DAY. XX.VIII. V.

Take and parboile Oynouns presse out þe water & hewe hem smale. take brede & bray it in a mortar. and temper it up with Ayren. do þerto butter, safroun and salt. & raisouns corauns. & a litel sugur with powdour douce. and bake it in a trape. & serue it forth. (*Transcription by Samuel Pegge, available from Project Gutenberg*)

Tart for an Ember Day

Take and parboil onions, press out the water, and chop them up small. Take bread and grind it in a mortar (or food processor). Mix the breadcrumbs with eggs and add the onions, butter, saffron, salt, currants, a little sugar, and powder douce. Bake this in a tart shell and serve it forth. (*Translation by Kinehild le librari*)

A complete redaction (with ingredient amounts and baking instructions) is available from the fantastic website "Medieval Cookery" at <https://medievalcookery.com/>.

Principality of Oertha

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Laws of the Principality of Oertha

Current as of July A.S. LVII

As proclaimed by Kylson and Anne in March A.S. XIX, and amended by Eric and Erlyn in July A.S. XXI, Nickolai and Annora in July-January A.S. XXII, Brendan and Aryana in A.S. XXIV, Phelan and Vanora in A.S. XXV, Brendan and Aryana in A.S. XXVII, Morbran and Margarita in January-July A.S. XXVII, Georg and Katarzina in July-January A.S. XXVII, Gregor and Alicianne in July-January A.S. XXX, Morban and Margarita in A.S. XXX, Gregor and Alicianne in July-January A.S. XXXI, Georg and Katarzina in January-July A.S. XXXII, Fergus and Margarita in July - January A.S. XXXVII, Cyrus and Caitriona in January-July A.S. XLI., Dietrich and Bianca July – January A.S. XLII, Fathir and Etain January XLIII – August, XLIV, Rurik and Trava July XLVI - January XLVI, Rurik and Trava in December XLVII, Gregor and Isabella July XLIX – January XLIX, Shawn and Arabella, January XLIX – July L, Duncan and Violet July L-January L, Shawn and Arabella January L – July LI , Kenric and Dagmar July LI - January LI, Soren and Alienor January LI-August LII, Duncan and Violet August LII- January LII, Cruscillius and Vicana January LIII – July LIV, Cruscillius and Vicana September AS LVI – July LVII

ARTICLE I: LAW AND THE WORD OF THE CORONET

Section 1 Source of the Law

The Word of the Coronet is Law, subject only to the Word of the Crown and the order of precedence established in the governing documents of the S.C.A., Inc.

Section 1.1

Any proclamation of the Coronet becomes the Law of the Principality from the moment it is spoken by the Coronet at court, subject only to the Word of the Crown and the order of precedence established in the governing documents of the S.C.A., Inc.

Section 1.2

Until a proclamation of the Coronet has been printed in the Kingdom newsletter, no subject of the Coronet shall be considered to be breaking the law if acting, through ignorance, contrary to that proclamation.

Section 1.3

Only those proclamations of the Coronet approved by the Crown and published in the official kingdom newsletter shall become permanent amendments to Principality Law. All other proclamations are understood to be in effect only for the duration of the Coronet's reign, and shall lapse with the investiture of a successor.

Section 2 Publication of the Law

The laws of the Principality of Oertha shall be published once a year in the official Principality newsletters. The Seneschal shall be responsible for providing the Chronicler with the current laws.

Section 3 Authority Under the Laws

If any officer of the Principality of Oertha receives instruction, directions, or orders, save only routine administrative directives, from anyone not having the authority by these laws to give such, that officer shall take no action without attempting to consult the Coronet as to its pleasure in the matter.

ARTICLE II: THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING THE CORONET, THE RIGHTS OF FEALTY BETWEEN THE CORONET AND THE POPULACE, RIGHT OF COMPLAINT, RIGHT OF SPORT COMBAT, CURIA REGIS, AND REGENCY COUNCIL

Section 1 Method of Achieving the Coronet

The Coronet Sovereign and Consort shall attain their Coronets in the following manner:

Section 1.1

The Coronet Sovereign shall have won by combat the list at a duly authorized Coronet Tournament. The Coronet Consort shall have been the inspiration of the Coronet Sovereign at that tourney.

Section 2 Fealty

Upon Investiture, the Coronet Sovereign and Consort-elect shall swear their fealty to the people of the Principality of Oertha, and to uphold the laws of the Principality of Oertha and the laws of the Kingdom of the West, and that oath shall be given to the reigning Coronet Sovereign and Consort, or their representatives and be witnessed by the Principality Seneschal, Principality Herald, or their representatives, and the Principality Marshal or such members of the marshallate and Chivalry of the West as have witnessed the Coronet lists and will bear witness to the validity of the claims of the tournament winner and consort.

Section 2.1

In recognition of the fact that fealty is a reciprocal oath, and that the Coronet Sovereign and Consort are considered by the Coronet oath to be Liege Lord and Lady to each and every subject of Oertha; the following shall be the rights of every subject of Oertha as granted by the Coronet and law:

Section 3 Right of Complaint

It shall be the right of every subject of Oertha to address grievances directly to the Coronet Sovereign and Consort.

Section 4 The Right to Sport Combat.

It shall be the privilege of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort, should They either choose, to take the field of honor to sport in combat, at pleasure in Their own name and honor, subject to only that They do not enter the Coronet List to become Their own successor, and subject to the normal rules of the List of the West Kingdom. Striking the Coronet Sovereign or Consort in this sport shall in no way be conceived of as treasonous to Their Person. Should the combatant choose, they may request, in courtesy to the Coronet, that the Coronet Sovereign or Consort acknowledge a "killing" blow verbally

rather than, as is customary, allowing them to fall to the ground but failure to make the request shall not be construed as disrespect to the Person or Title of Coronet Sovereign or Consort.

Section 5 Curia Princeps

It shall be the right and privilege of the Coronet to convene and hold a Curia Princeps for the purpose of hearing counsel, discussing, or making pronouncements on any issue of concern to the Principality of Oertha.

Section 5.1

The Curia Princeps shall consist of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort who convene the court and preside over it, any Officers as may be concerned with the subject of the court, and other persons as the Coronet may desire to include in a particular meeting of the court.

Section 5.2

Any subject of the Coronet of Oertha may attend the sessions of this court and may petition the Coronet upon matters relevant and appropriate.

Section 5.3

Decisions of the court shall be made by the Coronet Sovereign and Consort after hearing the advice of the Officers and the populace present. All decisions of the court must be printed in the next newsletter to be considered official.

Section 5.4

Any investigation or decision of the Curia Princeps must be done pursuant to the Society's Grievance and Sanctions Procedures, listed in the SCA, Inc. Organizational Handbook, Corpora Section X.B. Grievances and X.C. Sanctions.

Section 5.5

Notice of a Curia Princeps must be printed in the Guardian before the meeting, with an agenda of topics to be considered and the time and location of the court.

Section 5.6

The business of the Principality of Oertha is not secret from the subjects of the Coronet.

Section 6 Regency Council

Should the Coronet Sovereign and Consort for any reason whatsoever be unable to complete their reign, a Regency Council composed of the Principality Seneschal, Marshal, and Exchequer shall be created. The Council shall act in all ways as the Coronet subject to the following limitations:

Section 6.1

All actions of the Council must be taken under unanimous agreement of its members.

Section 6.2

The Council shall have the power to change the laws of the Principality only to the extent required to correct any contradictions between the laws of the Principality, and the Kingdom laws, the governing documents of the S.C.A., Inc., or mundane law.

Section 6.3

Any changes enacted by a Regency Council must be publicly confirmed by the next Sovereign and Consort of Oertha or they shall be automatically rescinded.

Section 6.4

A Regency Council shall have no power to grant awards.

Section 6.5

The reign of the Council shall cease upon the investiture of a Coronet Sovereign and Consort who have been selected via the usual manner as prescribed in these Laws.

Article III: Awards, Orders, and Honors, and Appointments

Section 1 Right to Present Awards, Orders, and Honors

It shall be the right of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort of Oertha to present the following awards, orders, and honors.

Section 2 Armigerous Awards

The Coronet Sovereign and Consort may present such armigerous awards as may be approved by the Crown of the West.

Section 3 Non-Armigerous Awards, Orders, and Honors

The Coronet Sovereign and Consort may create awards, orders, and honors which do not in themselves convey the right to bear arms.

Section 3.1

Membership in the Companions of the Diamond Willow may be conveyed to any of Their subjects who have performed outstanding service to the Principality. The token for this award shall be a diamond willow pendant hung from a cord in Principality colors.

Section 3.2

The Order of the Snowy Owl may be given to any of Their subjects who have notably enriched the Principality in the fields of Arts and Sciences. The token for this award shall be a blue glass bead etched with a feather, or a snowy owl in flight, hung from a cord in Principality colors.

Section 3.3

The Oerthan Order of Grace may be given to any of Their subjects who display commendably courteous or chivalrous behavior. The token for this award shall be a silver snowflake pendant hung from a cord in Principality colors.

Section 3.4

The Coronet Consort may grant Princess' Riband to any of Their subjects whose talents and unstinting service have uniquely enriched the Coronet Consort's reign. The Riband holds no precedence and may be given to the same person as many times as various consorts deem the individual is worthy. The token for this award shall be uniquely determined by the Consort bestowing it. The Princess' Riband may also be known as the Prince's Riband or Consort's Riband, if appropriate.

Section 3.5

The Order of the Oerthan Sword may be given for martial prowess and chivalrous behavior on and off the field. This award is presented from the hand of the Coronet Consort, usually upon the consideration of candidates proposed by the Knights' Council. The token for this order shall be a belt sword ring made of blue leather and metal.

Section 3.6

The Order of the Raven's Heart may be given to Their subjects under 17 years of age for exceptional contributions to the Principality. The token for this order shall be a heart within a circle, both made of hematite. This award may be given to the same person as many times as various Coronets deem the individual is worthy.

Section 3.7

The Order of the Polaris may be given to Their subjects who foster tradition and teach the customs and ways of the Society to the populace. The token of this award shall be a sphere of interlocking pearls suspended on a blue silk ribbon.

Section 3.8

The Order of the Silver Ulu may be given for notable achievements in the practice and research of the culinary arts. The token for this award shall be a silver ulu pendant hung from a cord of Principality colors.

Section 3.9

The Coronet may elevate any of Their subjects to the Order of the Bards of Oertha, who have notably enriched the Principality in the bardic arts. The Coronet may decide to present this recognition directly, or may determine the individual to be awarded through a contest. The token of this award shall be a golden harp pendant hung from a cord of Principality colors.

Section 3.10

The Order of the Argent Stylus may be given to Their subjects who have made notable achievements in the art and service of scribing.

Section 3.11

The Order of the Glove may be given to Their subjects who have displayed chivalry and prowess on the rapier field and possess the qualities of a courtier. The token for this award shall be a blue leather glove decorated with the white Oerthan wolf.

Section 3.12

The Ursa Minor may be given upon successful completion of the Oertha Page School program, in recognition of the service and knowledge gained through the program. The Page School officer shall maintain the program, and will advise the Coronet of participants who, through service and learning, have shown maturity in the customs of the Society and Principality. The token for this award shall be a bear charm, hung from a cord of Principality colors.

Section 3.13

The Argent Flame is given to those who show true Oerthan hospitality to strangers and friends to our fair Principality. Who through their generosity and charity provide for the needs of newcomers and members alike. The token is a silver flame formed into a pendant.

Section 3.14

The Order of Orion may be given for achievement and excellence in the field of Archery. The token for this award is an arrowhead dependent from a cord, the color of which reflects the area of archery the recipient is being recognized for. A gold cord for fostering Archery, a white cord for Target Archery, or a blue cord for Combat Archery.

Section 3.15

Their Highnesses may bestow the Ursa Major on any of Their subjects whose outstanding efforts and unstinting service have positively guided the children and youth of Oertha. The token for this award is a pendent showing the Ursa Major constellation, suspended on a cord of Principality colors.

Section 3.16

The Coronet's Favor may be given to recognize those who contribute to the well-being of the Coronet. The token of this award shall be determined by the Coronet.

Section 3.17

The Order of the Sandhill Crane may be presented for notable achievements in enhancing the pageantry and richness of these Current Middle Ages, primarily through the use of heraldry, whether it be display, oral, or written. The token of this award shall consist of a white crane.

Section 3.18

The Order of the Wandering Wolves may be presented to those individuals departing, or have departed Oertha, who have considerably enriched the Principality. The token for this award is an argent wolf passant, head erect.

Section 3.19

The Shield of Chivalry may be presented by the Consort during Their final court to the fighter who has displayed outstanding chivalry both on and off the field, during the Coronet tournament. The recipient of the shield will carry and maintain it until the next Coronet list, at which time it will be returned to the Consort. The token of this honor is a blue center grip round shield decorated with a white Oerthan Wolf, Compass Star, and six snowflakes. The recipient shall bear the shield for the duration of the following reign, after which it shall be returned to the Coronet.

Section 3.20

Membership in the Order of the Lumen Borealis shall be offered by the Coronet to the winner of the biannual Principality Arts and Sciences competition.

Section 3.21

The Oerthan Order of Hospitality may be offered to those gentles in other lands who provide care and comfort to the Royals and members of the populace during their travels beyond the borders of Oertha. The token for this award will be a roundel depicting a road through the mountains suspended on a cord in Principality colors.

Section 3.22

The Order of the Boreal Fireweed may be offered to those the Coronet finds deserving of great honor for their consistent contributions in teaching others of their skills and knowledge of the arts and sciences so that they may strengthen and enhance the Principality.

Section 3.23

The Order of the Princess' Patrons is offered by the Consort to those individuals or groups who, by their consistent efforts in creating various works and providing such items to the Coronet to use as gifts to others, greatly contribute to the Coronet's ability to show largesse. The token for this award shall be chosen by the Consort granting the recognition. The Order of the Princess' Patrons may also be called the Order of the Prince's Patrons or Consort's Patrons, if appropriate.

Section 3.24

The Historian of Oertha may be presented to those who have earned recognition as a recorder of our Principality's history and who therefore have greatly enriched the Principality with the preservation of our wonderful history. The token for this award shall be an open book, argent.

Section 3.25

The honor of the Argent Wolf is given to groups (households, clans, etc.) who, as a group, have served the Principality outstandingly. The token of the award being a pennon in Principality colors and otherwise decorated as the granting royalty sees fit, to be displayed with the honored group's banner or on their pavilion.

Section 4 Appointments to Court

The Coronet Sovereign and Consort may make such appointments to Their court as They deem appropriate. These appointments may include an escort for the Consort, artisans, and attendants.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS AND GUILDS

Section 1 Officers

The Greater Officers of the Principality of Oertha are the Seneschal, the Stellanordica Herald, the Knight Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chronicler, and the Constable. Lesser Officers of the Principality need not swear direct fealty during the Coronet Investiture, and include the Chatelaine, the Clerk of Regalia, the Rapier Marshal, the Archery Marshal, the Minister of Lists, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer.

Section 2 Appointments to Office

Appointment to and removal from all offices shall be according to the procedures established for warrants or those established for official rosters, as appropriate.

Section 2.1

No term of office shall be more than two years. Prior to the expiration of the term of any Officer of State, the officer shall consult with the Coronet and Kingdom superior officer concerning renewal of the term, whereupon the Coronet and superior officer shall determine their pleasure in the matter.

Section 2.2

Each officer, at least four months prior to resignation from the office, if possible, or expiration of their warrant, shall advertise in the Kingdom newsletter or other appropriate media soliciting resumes for the upcoming vacancy. Upon review of the available candidates, the officer is expected to recommend a successor to the Coronet and to their immediate superior, as appropriate.

Section 3 Duties of the Officers

These officers shall have the same duties within the Principality as do their superior officers in the Kingdom of the West, except that they shall directly obey the Coronet, subject to the ultimate obedience of all subjects to the Crown of the West.

Section 3.1

Each greater officer shall swear fealty to the Coronet of Oertha at each Investiture. If it is impossible for an officer to attend the event a written oath of Fealty should be sent to the Principality Herald or with their deputy to be read at Investiture.

Section 3.2

Each officer of the Principality is responsible for encouraging and assisting their subordinate officers in the performance of their required duties to ensure the smooth functioning of the Principality. As part of this responsibility, each officer shall maintain regular communications with their subordinates.

Section 3.3

With sufficient evidence that an officer is not fulfilling the duties of that office, the Coronet may petition their Kingdom officer for removal and replacement.

Section 4 Deputies

Each officer will appoint one emergency deputy capable of assuming the office at anytime. This deputy need not be the replacement in cases where a replacement for the officer is needed. The emergency deputy will ensure the functioning of the office until the position can be advertised as in Section 2 above and a successor chosen.

Section 4.1

Each officer may appoint deputies to serve specific functions of the office.

Section 5 Report of the Officers

The officers of the Principality shall inform the Coronet Sovereign and Consort of the state of the Principality in writing at Investiture. Failure to do so may result in removal from office at the Coronet's discretion, subject to Article III, Section 2.3.

Section 6 Financial Committee

There shall be a Financial Committee consisting of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort, the Seneschal, and the Exchequer. All expenditures shall have approval of the Committee.

Section 7 Guilds

Only guilds recognized by the Coronet may hold contests at Principality events. All others are subject to Section 8.

Section 7.1

A guild shall become an official Oerthan guild upon submitting a charter and a minimum of six signatures, of which at least one shall be from each geographic area. New groups will be placed in the appropriate area for guild determination. A guild shall remain official and active by submitting a minimum of six signatures, of which at least one must be from each area, on a dated roster to the

incoming Coronet Sovereign and Consort at Their Investiture. One half of the active guilds in Oertha shall report at Summer Coronet, and the other half shall report at Winter Coronet. Guilds shall maintain a contact with the Seneschal, who shall determine which guilds submit a roster at which Investiture. Failure to submit a roster could result in the guild losing official status. It is the right of the Coronet to accept or deny a guild's petition of official or continuing status.

Section 8 Arts and Sciences Competitions

The Principality arts and sciences competitions will be administered by the Minister of Arts and Sciences. All other contests at Coronet Tournaments and Investitures will be held at the discretion of the Event steward.

Section 8.1

The Minister of Arts and Sciences will be responsible for scheduling at least two (2) competitions per year, one per reign, to determine the individual with the foremost skill in the medieval Arts and Sciences. The competitions will be scheduled each Coronet, or at other events in which the Arts and Sciences are represented. These competitions will draw from one of six categories (Textile Arts, Domestic Arts and Sciences, Technological Sciences, Studio Arts, Performing Arts, and Research), so that after three years, each category will have been represented. The competitions shall be chosen by the Minister of Arts and Sciences and announced at the preceding Coronet and Investiture.

Anyone is welcome to enter the competition. However, to be declared Champion an entrant must reside within the Principality

Section 9 Submission of Funds to the Exchequer

All monies collected through auctions, shilling, donation, etc. that are "ear-marked" for Oerthan coffers shall be turned in to the Oerthan Exchequer within thirty (30) days of the event at which they are collected.

Section 10 Regalia

There shall be a Commission of Regalia. The Commission shall consist of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort, the Seneschal, the Stellanordica Herald, the Exchequer, and the Clerk of Regalia or their designated representatives.

Section 10.1

The duties of the Clerk of Regalia shall include the following: The Clerk shall maintain an inventory listing of all Principality regalia including the declared value of each item and the name of the individual in possession of each item. The Clerk shall store items of regalia that are retired or used only for special purposes, communicate to the Principality Chancellor of the Exchequer the inventory information for financial reporting purposes, and make efforts that the Principality Commission of Regalia meet at least once during each Coronet reign. Upon the Investiture of a new Coronet Sovereign and Consort of Oertha, the Clerk shall conduct an inventory of all items of regalia prior to its transfer to the incoming Coronet, and afterwards shall make a written report to the Commission of Regalia and both incoming and outgoing Coronets.

Section 10.2

The duties of the Commission of Regalia shall include the following: The Commission shall advise the Coronet on the merit and value of Principality regalia and approve the specific acquisition, retirement or disposal thereof. At least once during each Coronet reign, the Commission shall meet and examine the regalia inventory report prepared by the Clerk of Regalia. The Commission shall determine if the outgoing Coronet or other individuals will be held financially responsible for loss or damage of regalia entrusted to their care. The incoming Sovereign and Consort will accept custody of regalia to be placed in Their care by signature receipt of the completed inventory, as acknowledgement of their financial responsibility for the care and custody of Principality property. A copy of the inventory shall be kept by each member of the Commission.

Section 10.3

All items of regalia are the property of the Principality and may be disposed of only with the approval of the Commission of Regalia. If the item has sufficient value to be declared in the Principality's annual financial report, then the approval of the Principality Exchequer Council shall also be obtained before disposal. Principality regalia shall be considered not only those items commonly used by the Coronet, but also items in the possession of Principality officers which are of substantial monetary, historical or ceremonial value.

Section 10.4

The Coronet of Oertha shall be notified in writing about all gifts to Principality Regalia before it is made or presented. All gifts given without prior notice shall be returned to the donor at which time the donor can clarify whether the gift is regalia or a personal gift.

ARTICLE V: SUCCESSION, TOURNAMENTS, AND CONDUCT OF COMBAT

Section 1 Method of Succession

The fighter who achieves victory in the Coronet lists shall be invested as Prince or Princess, as the case may be. Their consort shall be invested as Prince or Princess Consort (See Article II).

Section 2 Guardians of Oertha

The fighter who placed second in the Coronet Lists shall, at the same event and together with their consort, be invested as the Lord, Lady, or Laird Guardians, as appropriate. These titles shall hold no rights or privileges. Their Highnesses shall expect the Guardian and their consort to observe the procedures and bearing of the Coronet, so that they might be conversant in its ways should they, one day, be Coronet Sovereign and Consort in their own right.

Section 3 Ban on Self-Succession

No fighter or consort may succeed themselves.

Section 4 Failure of intent to reign

Prior to their investiture, should it be discovered that the victor and inspiration of the Coronet tournament not intend to reign, and sufficient evidence of their failure be presented to the Coronet, or should they be unable to reign due to circumstance, the couple who placed second in the Coronet Lists shall be invested as Coronet Sovereign and Consort in their place.

Section 5 Failure of Consort to complete Their reign

If during the reign the Consort is unable or unwilling to continue the reign, the position shall remain vacant for the remainder of the reign.

Section 6 Failure of Sovereign to complete Their reign

Should the Sovereign become unable or unwilling to complete their reign, the Consort shall act as Regent and retain all the power of the Coronet.

Section 7 Failure of Sovereign to attend step-down

Should the Sovereign be unable to attend the Investiture of Their successor, the Consort shall act as Regent.

Section 8 Scheduling of Coronet Tournament

There shall be two Coronet Tournaments a year, held approximately the third weekends in January and July. The Coronet Investitures shall be held within thirty hours of the tournament. The responsibility for selecting the dates for the Coronet Tourneys and Investitures shall rest with the Seneschal. Dates will be announced at the first of each year. The locations will be rotated throughout the regions, with any group eligible to place bids.

Section 8.1

Coronet Tournaments locations shall be selected using the priority bid system described in Sections 8.2 and 8.3.

Section 8.2

Branches wishing to host a Coronet event must submit a written bid to the Coronet, Exchequer, and Seneschal. This bid must provide the specifics of event steward, date, location, and accommodations for the List and Investiture. Final bid approval will be verified by the Coronet who will be reigning during the event.

The following points will be considered with regard to bids:

- A) Any group within the Principality that meets Society, Kingdom and Principality Law for hosting a fighting event may place a bid.
- B) Bids, once accepted, can only be changed by agreement of the Coronet, the Seneschal, the hosting branch, and the event steward except as may be necessary to meet Society, Kingdom, or previously existing Principality law.

- C) In consideration of the possible remoteness of some branches, the Coronet or Seneschal may request the bid to provide reasonable evidence that enough authorized fighters can be expected to attend so that the minimum List requirements set forward in Society, Kingdom, and Principality Law can be met.
- D) In the unlikely case that no qualifying bid is received, the Coronet and the Seneschal shall select either the largest branch in the Principality or the branch that has not hosted a Coronet event in the longest time and request that group to prepare an event that meets at least the minimum requirements set forward in Law.
 - 1) If no acceptable bid can be developed, the Coronet shall direct the Seneschal to event steward the Event and the Principality Officers shall complete the event steward Team.

Section 8.3

A branch that has not held a Coronet event in as many times as there are eligible branches may submit a bid that asserts priority. In the case of multiple priority bids, the branch that has not held a Coronet event in the longest time shall receive higher priority. A priority bid that meets the standards set forth in these Laws shall be strongly considered in preference to any other bid. The final decision for the winning bid will rest with the Seneschal.

The following points will be considered with regard to bids:

- A) Baronies and Shires are eligible for priority ranking. Other branches may receive priority ranking only by bidding through the nearest barony or shire.
- B) For a bid to receive priority consideration, it must be submitted no later than one week prior to the Coronet event preceding the event for which the bid is written (6 months and one week before the event).
- C) For purposes of priority, new groups shall be counted as if they held the Coronet event immediately prior to their establishment. In the case that this creates a tie for priority, the event shall be awarded to the new group.

Section 8.4

The Principality Seneschal shall have primary responsibility for working with the hosting branch. The event steward of the Coronet event shall be responsible to the Seneschal, who is in turn responsible to the Coronet in all matters involving the Coronet Tourney and Investiture. Any decision to replace the appointed event steward will be made by the Seneschal after consultation with the Coronet.

Section 9 Entry into Coronet Tournament

All who wish to compete in the Coronet List of the Principality of Oertha, either as a fighter or a consort, are welcome, subject to the following conditions:

- A) Competitors must have physically resided and participated on a regular basis in the Principality for at least two months during the most recent reign. Regular participation shall be defined as attendance at three or more published activities, such as: fighter practices, local

events, officer or guild meetings, and must agree to reside in the Principality for the duration of their reign.

- B) Competitors must be current members of the SCA, and be in compliance with the Laws of the Kingdom, Laws of the Principality of Oertha, and the governing documents of our Society.
- C) The fighter of a competing couple must be authorized for SCA armored combat and must be in compliance with the Rules of the Lists.
- D) Each prospective fighter must have a consort, both of whom declare that that they intend to reign and will be able to attend their Investiture, the following Coronet Tournament, and the Investiture of their successor.
- E) Competitors must not have been excluded by the Coronet for reasons it deems valid.

Section 9.1

By entering the Coronet Lists, a fighter declares their loyalty to the Coronet, the Principality Laws, the Populace of Oertha, and the Crown of the West.

Section 9.2

Each fighter, by entering the Coronet Lists, declares that they will be able to attend their Investiture, the following Coronet Tournament, and the Investiture of their successor, for no one shall compete for the Coronet of Oertha without intending to reign, should they win. The competitor's consort must also be willing and able to attend their Investiture, the following Coronet Tournament, and the Investiture of Their successor.

Section 9.3

The conduct of combat, rules of the lists, and the requirements for arms and armor shall be exactly as stated in the laws of the Kingdom of the West except that the Coronet Sovereign, Coronet Consort, and the Knight Marshal of the Principality shall act in the place of the Crown Sovereign, Crown Consort, and Earl Marshal where so stated. The final responsibility for the lists will rest with the Principality Marshal.

Section 10 Additional Coronet Considerations

The Coronet Lists shall have present representatives of the Principality Seneschal, Herald, and Marshal in addition to either Sovereign or Consort. Combat will not be held unless five fighters enter the list. Should any of these conditions not exist on the weekend appointed for the Coronet Lists, a Regency Council will be convened to reschedule the tournament at the first reasonable opportunity. The Council shall consist of the Coronet Sovereign and Consort, Seneschal, Marshal, and Exchequer and shall be subject to the limitations of a Regency Council as defined in Article II, Section 6.

ARTICLE VI: BRANCHES

Section 1 Elevation of an existing branch

Elevation of any branch to the status of Barony or Province shall be in accord with the Laws of the West and the governing documents of the SCA, Inc. However, the petition for such status may be forwarded through the Coronet of Oertha and the Principality Seneschal to the Crown.

Section 2 Creation of a new branch

A new branch below the level of Barony or Province may be founded within the Principality when such a proposed branch has at least five subscribing members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, at least three officers, including a Seneschal, and Exchequer and either a Herald, a Marshal, or a Minister of Arts and Sciences, and when such a proposed branch shall find favor with the Coronet Sovereign and Consort of Oertha, and be granted existence by the Crown of the West. If such a branch shall require proficiency in any office, most especially the marshallate (due to considerations of safety in combat), it may request that a deputy of that office be sought of the corresponding Principality officer who will give what aid and training may be practical until a branch member is qualified to receive appointment within that office.

ARTICLE VII: PRINCIPALITY EVENTS

Section 1 Calendaring Meeting

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 event steward, 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 organized and run by an individual, all financial obligations will be met by the Principality, and any profits and/or losses will belong to the Principality.