



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

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# The Guardian



Greetings Beloved Oertha,

We would like to start this off by saying "Thank You" to the populace.

Also, to the people who hold an office, to our wonderful Barons and Baronesses, and the people who run our Shires: you have made this experience an unforgettable time in our lives. It is one which we will soon not forget. We have had an amazing time traveling and showing off Oertha to the Known World. It was only capable because of the wonderful support that Oertha shows to its Principality and to its Populace. We are very proud when we travel to say that we are Oerthans and that we come from the Land of the Snow and the Rising Sun. We shall cherish this time and the time to come that we get to spend with the Principality of Oertha and its Populace.

Long live the S.C.A.!

*Inn Irski Floki and Cempestrae,  
Prince and Princess of Oertha*



Photo by Sandra Brenchley

## Oerthan Winter Coronet and Investiture

The Palmer Depot Palmer AK January 17-19, 2025  
The Principality of Oertha

Come Join Floki and Cempestrae, Prince and Princess of Oertha, as they search for their successors and celebrate 40 years of living the Dream in Oertha.

Our weekend will start with setup and a Bardic circle on Friday night, facilitated by Baron Colum of Selviergard. On Saturday, join Their Highnesses in cheering on the many worthy competitors in the Oerthan Coronet Tournament and the Roses Tournament, and His Highness, Floki, invites all fighters, whether competing in Coronet or not, to come show your martial prowess by participating in his "Tournament Within a Tournament Within a Tournament" (details to be published soon).

Don't forget to take some time to enjoy the meat pies and soups being offered at the Donation Lunch, admire the beautiful work on display at the Wreath of Hephaestus and A&S Competition tables, and share in the potluck dinner while enjoying performances highlighting Oertha's history through story and song. Finally, Sunday, gather to celebrate the Investiture of a new Royal Pair and hopefully kickoff the next 40 years of fun in Oertha!!

Where – Palmer Train Depot (610 S Valley Way, Palmer, AK 99645)

When – January 17-19, 2025 (Site opens 4pm Friday and closes 4pm Sunday)

Feast – **On Saturday**, we will have a donation lunch of meat pies and soup and a dinner Potluck Feast. **On Sunday**, there will be tea, coffee and small pastry type snacks. Arts and Sciences - "Proud to be Oerthan" themed A&S Competition & Wreath of Hephaestus Display Competition. Bonus non-A&S Competition – Best Table Setting

**Event Steward:** Lyneya of the Burnt Wood MKA Carrie Binder **Email:** lyneya@westkingdom.org

**Phone:** 907-952-4156

**Site:** Palmer Depot

**Site Address:** 610 S Valley Way, Palmer, AK 99645

**Directions To Site: From Anchorage** - follow the Glenn HWY to Palmer. Right on Evergreen Way (the main intersection in Palmer). Turn left on S. Alaska St for the Front Parking lot which will be on your right or left on S. Valley Way for the back parking lot which will be on your left. **From Wasilla** - Follow the Palmer-Wasilla HWY to Palmer. Continue straight onto Evergreen Way. Turn left on S. Alaska St for the Front Parking lot which will be on your right or left on S. Valley Way for the back parking lot which will be on your left.

**Adult "Non-Member" Registration:** \$30.00

**Adult Member Registration:** \$20.00

**Children (under 17 yrs of age) FREE**

**Hrafnafjörðr Newcomers  
(Kenai, AK)  
March 1, 2025**

Come one, come all! Newcomers of all ages are welcome and celebrated! Experience the modern Middle Ages and usher in the Spring. Learn the avenues of costume creation and armor making. Gain information about gathering your heavy or rapier fighting kits. Get involved and become an active, contributing member of our society. Existing members, please bring in any weapons, armor, or costumes you are willing to lend or give!!! Bring your favorite songs, dances, and/or Arts & Sciences to share and teach. We will have an egg decorating table to teach the traditional art of Kraslice/Pysanky/wax-resist egg decorating. Potluck buffet throughout the day with alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Come prepared for rapier and heavy fighting demonstrations and recruitment.

**Date:** Saturday, March 1•11:00am – 7:00pm

**Site Name:** Four Royal Parker's Bar

**Site Address:** 36185 Kenai Spur Hwy, Soldotna, AK 99669

**Written Directions to Site:** From Anchorage, drive to Soldotna on the Sterling Highway and turn right at the light on the Kenai Spur Highway. Destination will be on your left about 1.7 miles down the Kenai Spur.

**Event Steward SCA Name:** Krok of Vysehrad

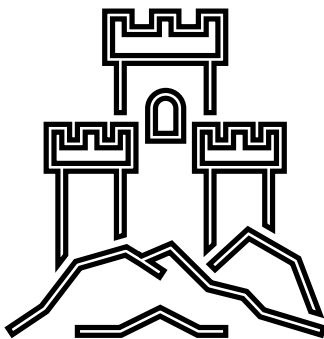
**Event Steward contacts:** leifabel@yahoo.com (907)252-5172

**This is A Donation only Event**

**Site Accessibility:** Wheelchair Accessible, Electrical Outlets, Sidewalks, Close / Handicap Parking, Cell Phone Reception

**Terrain Description:** Possibly slushy or slick parking lot.

**Bodies of Water on/near Site:** No, although there is a large pothole that may form a puddle!



**Wintersgate Collegium  
(Fairbanks, AK)**

**March 8, 2025, 9:00am – March 9, 2025, 4:00pm**

Come to Winter's Gate in Fairbanks for two days of arts and sciences! Cost is free (but we'd accept a donation). Bring your own lunch. There may be three or four class tracks. **CLASSES.** Garb making, Heraldry 101 (Baron Khevron), Viking Wire Weaving, Bookbinding. Probably some fighting classes (Sun) and a Bardic Hour where people can perform songs or stories.

And more! We are still putting together the list of classes.

**If you are interested in teaching a class, please contact Ellisif at: [ellisif@westkingdom.org](mailto:ellisif@westkingdom.org)**

If you are driving up to Fairbanks, contact Baroness Merewyn to see if we can find you a place to stay.

Lareena: [lareena@warppmail.net](mailto:lareena@warppmail.net)

**LUNCH:** We plan to provide soup with rolls. Other than that, bring your own lunch with some extra in case you want to share with someone.

**Event Site Open:** Mar 08, 2025 at 10:00 AM

**Event Site Close:** Mar 09, 2025 at 5:00 PM

**Site Name:** University Park Building (Old U-Park)

**Site Address:** 1000 University Avenue, Fairbanks

**Written Directions to Site:** From Airport Way turn north onto University Ave. U-park will be on your left. If you cross the railroad tracks you've gone too far. Parking is available at the rear of the building. Parking should be free on Sat/Sun.

**Event Steward SCA Name:** Merewyn of Ynys Taltreath

**Event Steward contacts:** [lareena@warppmail.net](mailto:lareena@warppmail.net) (907)347-4269

**This is A Donation only Event**

**Site Accessibility:** Wheelchair Accessible, Sidewalks, Close / Handicap Parking, Cell Phone Reception

**Terrain Description:** Indoors (paved parking lot)

**Amenities on Site:** Potable Water, Shopping nearby, Modern Lighting: Such as Street/ Walkway lights



**Ides of March**  
**(Barony of Selviergard, Houston, AK Area)**  
**Saturday, March 15**

**LUDITE SECURI QVIBVS AES EST SEMPER IN ARCA**

“Play without concern when your purse is full”

Celebrate the Ides of March in true Roman style with a Roman themed tournament, some favored Roman games, a Mediterranean themed potluck, and perhaps a bit of intrigue as well. Celebrants for the event will be given enough Denarii coins to participate in a variety of activities where, just like the favorite amusement of soldiers and the aristocracy, you can bet on games and even the fighting if you so choose. As an added reward, a prize will be given to the person with the most Denarii by the end of the event. Make sure to dress in your best Roman clothing as the Empire's authorities will be out enforcing the Foreigner Tax. Don't have roman garb yet? It's easy to make and in no time you too can look like a Roman and bypass the authorities without paying the hefty fine. A prize will be given to the “Best Dressed” Roman of the day. Gladiators of the lands of Oertha, prepare yourselves! A Roman-themed tournament worthy of any gladiatorial arena will take place in which you will fight with daggers for glory and the amusement of the crowd—and some Denarii to fatten your purse. The Arts and Sciences Competition theme is “Roman” and may be of any suitable medium. A prize will be given for the winner of the Arts and Sciences competition as well as some Denarii to add to their purses. Documentation is encouraged.

**Special notes for the event:** Please bring tables, chairs, and decorations. This is a great opportunity to make sure you have these items as we progress into the Tournament season. Coins won throughout the day must be returned to the Autocrats for use in future events.

Some roman games will be provided but you are encouraged to bring some games of your own.

**Feast:** There will be a Mediterranean-themed potluck showcasing delicacies from around the Roman world. Potluck dishes needs to be enough to feed 6-8 people. The suggested potluck assignment is by mundane last name.

**Ides of March Continued**

Please remember to fill out a card noting ingredients for those with allergies.

A-F Pasta or Antipasto

G-L Meats

M-R Breads or Cheese

S-Z Fruits or Vegi

**Event Site Open:** Mar 15, 2025 at 11:00 AM

**Event Site Close:** Mar 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM

**Site Name:** Houston City Hall

**Site Address:** 13878 w Armstrong rd Houston, AK 99694

**Written Directions to Site:** from Wasilla - Take the Parks Hwy north. Turn right at the Houston Fire Department and go up the hill to the right of the building. The building has a gravel parking lot ADA Ramp for building access and compliant bathrooms.

**Event Steward SCA Name:** Sir Sextus Valerius

Cruscillus (Josh Sampson) and Lady Freija of

Selviergard (Madeline Rhoades) **Event Steward**

**contacts:** Cruscillus@westkingdom.org 907-202-0323

**Adult “Non-Member” Registration:** \$20

**Adult “Member” Registration:** \$10

**Children/Miner Registration (Age and \$):** 17 & younger free

**Site Accessibility:** Wheelchair Accessible

Electrical Outlets Close / Handicap Parking

Cell Phone Reception **Terrain Description:** Level

gravel Parking lot, snow and ice possible.

**Bodies of Water on/near Site:** none

**Insects or wild animals to be aware of on/ near site:**

Level gravel Parking lot, snow and ice possible.

**Amenities on Site:** Shopping nearby, Please bring potable water. Bathrooms on site.



**Save the Date!!!**

**Pie Party**  
**(Barony of Eskalya, Anchorage, AK)**  
**Saturday, March 29**

## A Word from the Exchequer

### Principality of Oertha Financial Report December 31, 2024

Bank Accounts as of December 31, 2023

Checking \$ 7,056.97

Savings \$ 3,747.10

Total \$10,804.07

Account Activity Return of Damage Deposits \$ 500.00

PayPal Pre-Registrations \$ 1,665.56

Coronet Gate Receipts \$ 1,780.00

Silent Auction \$ 265.00

Interest Paid \$ 4.53

Storage Unit Charge \$ (573.00)

NMS Fees \$ (105.00)

Refunds (Less PayPal Fees) \$ (115.18)

Site Rental \$ (250.00)

Net Change \$ 3,171.91

Bank Accounts as of December 31, 2024

Checking \$10,224.35

Savings \$ 3,751.63 Total \$13,975.9



## Want Ad's

### Principality Chronicler Deputy/Successor

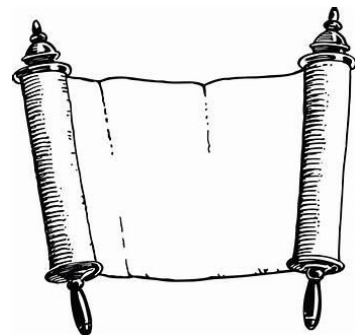
The time has come for me to have a deputy successor. Being a chronicler is fun and is a great creative outlet. If you are interested in a deputy or deputy successor for the chronicler, please email your interest and any relevant experience to myself and our seneschal [vicana@westkingdom.org](mailto:vicana@westkingdom.org) and [oertha-seneschal@westkingdom.org](mailto:oertha-seneschal@westkingdom.org)

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## A Word from the Chronicler

Officers of the Principality if your warrants are expiring soon or are you passing your office to a Deputy? Are you renewing your warrant? Please get your ads in for your office so they can be printed in the Guardian. Remember they need to run for 3 months before the date of the current warrant expires. If you have changed offices or taken one, please make me aware so I can make the regnum changes.







*Long Live the King & Queen of the West  
Fabian & Eliska*



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