

# The Gatekeeper

Barony of Winter's Gate

## Calendar

**Nov. 16-17 -- Collegium**

Dec. 1 -- Yule (Selviergard)

Dec. 8 -- Feast of the Appreciative Populace (Pavlok Gorod)

Dec. 9 -- Yule (Eskalya)

**Dec. 22 -- Yule** (Gwyneth)

Jan. 4, 2013 -- Twelfth Night Coronation (West)

Jan. 18-20 -- Midwinter Coronet & Investiture (Oertha)

**Feb. 16 -- Heart Revel**

**April 20 -- Fools' Revel**

**June 1-2 -- Spring Captaincy**

**July 20-21 -- Midsummer Coronet**

**Aug. 3-11 -- Tanana Valley Fair**

**Aug. 31-Sept. 1 -- Harvest Captaincy**

**Oct. 26 -- Michaelmass**

**Nov. 16-17 -- St. Boniface Collegium**

**Dec. 21 -- Yule**

June 17-27, 2016 -- 50 Year Celebration (Midrealm, Danville IN)

Fighter practices are scheduled for 1-5 pm Sunday afternoons at UPark Gym (entrance in the back, or through the front if the back is locked). All are welcome to attend. If you're a noncombatant, you can cheer the fighters on or work on projects. Bring your own chairs if you can.

All other activities (A&S activities, guild meetings, scribal sessions, etc.) are subject to change and will be posted to the baronial email list. The above calendar includes events throughout the principality, as well as important kingdom events and wars. Those events without a listed location and in bold are local.

If you're interested in the workings of the barony, come to the business meetings! They are usually held on the third Thursday of the month, at 6 pm in the party room at the Pizza Hut on College Road. The next meeting is November 29. Watch the elist for possible changes.

### *From the Chronicler:*

My apologies for the months of no newsletter. Between falling just before coronet, and then my old computer dying during the fair, it's been awhile since I've had the energy and the wherewithal to publish one. Hopefully the new 'puter and I will have many years of fruitful working together.

Most who receive newsletter are members of the barony and its outlying groups, honorary citizens, members now in exile, and friends of the barony. Others receive this

because you are our neighbors, including the territorial barons and baronesses, seneschals and chroniclers (and their kingdom counterparts). If sent to you in error, please let me know.

The Gatekeeper now goes out only electronically. If you do not wish to receive it, please email me at [morgana@gci.net](mailto:morgana@gci.net) and you will be removed. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter as an attachment in the future, please also let me know.

Copy for nonlocal events is usually picked up from other newsletters and elist postings. Unless otherwise noted, local event reports were written by the chronicler and corrections and complaints should be addressed thereto. The chronicler welcomes words from any baronial officers, and guildmasters or mistresses, as well as reports of events and activities, as her mind holds only so many details and memories.

--Morgana yr Oerfa

### Upcoming Events:

## Collegium

*College of St. Boniface (Fairbanks)*

*November 17-18*

Dear Winter's Gate and Oertha!

Collegium is next weekend. There are a bunch of great classes lined up. Sharpen those #2 pencils and bring your keen minds to learn some cool SCA arts & sciences.

Time: Saturday -- 9 am - 6 pm; Sunday -- noon - 5 pm. Event fee: none, but donations happily accepted. Some classes may have a small fee for materials.

Site for Saturday is the Gruening Building on the University of Alaska campus. Directions: make your best way to the intersection of University Avenue and College Road. Turn toward the time & date sign and head up the hill. At the top of the hill, bear rightish. The Gruening Building is the tall square gray one and the classrooms are on the ground floor.

Site for Sunday activities is the University Park campus. Directions: go back to University and College Road. This time, head away from the campus on University. Take the first right after the railroad tracks. Drive to the back, go in the back entrance and turn left into the gym. If you're the first one there and that door is locked, go to the front of the building, make your way back to the gym, and prop the locked door open.

Please contact the autocrat, Aine Barleg (Rebecca Young) with questions or comments. 812-322-8458 cell, [rcyoung@alaska.edu](mailto:rcyoung@alaska.edu).

### Saturday Schedule

#### Room 304

10 am-noon -- Starter Garb (Margery)  
noon-1 pm -- Lunch  
1-3 -- Viking Garb (Ellisif)  
3-4 -- Beginning Chainmail (Rafail)  
4-5 -- SCA Heraldry (Morgana)

#### Room 307

10-11 -- Blackwork Embroidery (Margery)  
11-12 -- Holiday Herbs Part 1 (Cemper)  
noon-1 -- Lunch  
1-2 -- Holiday Herbs Part 2 (Cemper)  
2-4 -- Late Period Kirtle Adaptations (Margery)  
4-5 -- Period Shoes (Greteke)

Room 306 is the Common Room to check in, leave stuff, be social if you're not in a class and eat lunch.

Sunday

1-5 in Gym -- SCA Fighting: Reading Your Opponent (Kennric).

Room 151 -- gathering room for impromptu classes, working on projects started yesterday, getting away from noisy fighters, etc.

## **Selviergard Jol**

### *Barony of Selviergard (Wasilla)*

*December 1*

The Barony of Selviergard invites you to attend a Viking-themed Jól celebration as we welcome the holiday season and celebrate the return of our Baron from the Crusades. Come make merry and enjoy a warm hall, good friends, and diversions to keep your mind away from the winter months ahead.

Feast will be potluck by Persona Culture: Norse/British Isles cultures bring a dessert, Western Mainland European bring a meat, Eastern Mainland European bring a vegetable, Middle Eastern or other cultures not listed please bring starches.

Bring your games to play inside (Nordic games will be provided as well), or if you are feeling adventurous (and weather permitting) try your hand in a Kubb game or two. Additionally, a Hnefatafl Tournament will commence sponsored by Sticks-n-Bones; the Oerthan Gaming Guild. Don't know how to play? Not a problem--a brief introductory class will be given by Halfdan.

Contests include: Bragging Competition, Bardic Competition, Traditional Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament to determine who will be the Lord and Lady of Misrule. Arts and Sciences Competitions include: Norse Winter Gear, Hats, Bats in Any Mode, and Warming Foods as a cooking contest (details for the Arts and Sciences competitions will be posted to the lists).

Site Information: Boys and Girls Club of America, 3700 E Bogard Road, Wasilla, AK 99654. Site opens at 10 am and closes at 7 pm

Event Fee: This is a free event; however, donations are greatly appreciated. While chairs are in abundance, please bring a table to share with the rest of the populace as well.

For more information contact the autocrat, Halfdan "Two Bears" Ózurrson, (Travis Abe-Thomas), Box 2254, Palmer 99645, thomassorngrym@yahoo.com, 746-4137 (home).

### *A&S Competitions*

Norse Winter Gear: Come join us in these frozen Northern Climes with your Viking winter gear. Two Categories -- (1) Winter Clothing: any kind of (warm) Norse outer clothing (hats, gloves, boots, coat/cloaks, etc.); (2) Equipment: Your other gear, such as snowshoes, ice skates, skis, winter games, sleds/sleighs, etc.

Hats: Early period soft caps, whether the Norse Four-Panel, Phrygian, pillbox, Birka pointy etc. I'm looking for hats that will keep you warm outside, and look good doing it. I will accept early period hoods as well—the cutoff date is around 1300 (exception being pieces from the Greenland find). I am not looking for any form of coif, snood, or blocked

hat.

There will be both children's and adult categories providing there are entries. The children's entries do not require documentation.

Some documentation would be nice, in particular on the subject of the equipment--just a small note-card about the piece yours is based off of will do. If you are not sure if your proposed design is what we are looking for, please contact me privately—odds are that I'll be fine with it.

Warming Foods (or Drinks): Just what it says. I'm looking for things that will warm you from the inside out. Please note that due to the location of the event (Boys and Girls club) no alcoholic beverages may be served. Judging for this will be by popular vote--my suggestion is to make it your potluck entry.

In addition, an autocrat's whim competition for Bats in any Mode in honor of the Return of our Baron will commence. Use your Imagination.

Yours in Service,

Tiarna Bran mac Finnchad, MoAS Selviergard

## **Feast of the Appreciative Populace**

*Shire of Pavlok Gorod (Kodiak)*

*December 8*

The Feast of the Appreciative Populace will bring together larger elements of The Feast of the Immaculate Conception which began in the seventh century to honor the day Mary was conceived. Attendees are invited honor all Ladies instead of one specifically.

Autocrat's Whim is "Ladies in any mode." As Spain has been historically regarded as the most fervent country to honor the Immaculate Conception, the A&S competition will be pre-1600 Spanish celebratory dishes. Documentation and hard copy of recipe are required.

Torchlight processions were essential, so, we will alight the Eric just before dusk for rapier displays of prowess. Bardic theme: celebration of New Life, Ladies and the elements of Winter.

Site opens at 2 pm and closes at 9 pm. No event fee.

All off island guests are encouraged to contact either the autocrat or seneschal immediately to make accommodations. For more information, please contact the autocrat Tama Katerina Evstokh'eva (Tamie Everton Fogle), 539-5269 (home), 3251 Katmai Drive, Kodiak, AK 99615, tamfogle@gci.net.

## **Yule**

*Barony of Winter's Gate (Fairbanks)*

*December 22*

Welcome, one and all to our Annual Celebration of Midwinter Solstice and Yule!! Join us for a day of warmth and merrymaking as we fend off the terrible cold outside. There is space for dancing and both heavy and rapier fighters to play (although perhaps not all at once). This will also be a continuation of the ongoing round-robin cribbage tourney. If you have one, please bring a banner so we may include it in the hall decorations.

To keep active minds busy, there will be fondant available for kids of all ages to sculpt decorations for the dinner tables. And competitions! We must have competitions! The Autocrat's Whim is for edible subtleties. For A&S, it's ornaments. And for the enjoyment of all, there will be a bardic competition during dinner.

Speaking of dinner, we will have a marvelous potluck, as is traditional. Please bring a dish that will serve about eight, and bring a card that lists the ingredients. (Or track down Ellisif the Food Wrangler, who will have cards available.) For those poor unfortunate souls who missed Michaelmass Feast, this is your chance to partake of a few of those dishes.

After dinner will be the also-traditional 'Chinese auction' Gift Exchange! Please bring a wrapped gift that your persona would be happy with.

Site information: site opens at 11 am and closes at 9 pm. There is no event fee, but donations will be happily accepted to replenish the sorely depleted baronial coffers. We will be gathering in the Exhibit Hall in the Bicentennial Arts Building (Civic Center) at Pioneer Park (Alaskaland), located at the corner of Airport and Peger roads. It is the large round three-story building in the center of the park.

For more information, please contact the autocrats, Hallbiorn (488-3986, parrish@mosquitonet.com), Dagmar (bayca27@yahoo.com), or Ellisif (ellisif3@yahoo.com).

## **Midwinter Coronet and Investiture**

*Principality of Oertha (Anchorage)*

*January 19-20*

As the cold winter winds of the Arctic take hold, Their Highnesses Varyag and Trava, Prince and Princess of Oertha, invite one and all to bear witness to the selection of Their Heirs by right of combat and Their Investiture the following day.

There will be a Roses Tourney for both heavy and rapier fighters after the Selection of the Heirs.

The A&S contest is Heraldic Display in Any Mode. Entries must be new or not previously entered in a contest. Examples are scrolls, tabards, table settings, clothing, jewelry, wood boxes, etc. If you aren't sure of an item, please feel free to contact an autocrat or any A&S officer. Last Winter Coronet had 17 marvelous entries and some very creative ones! As heraldry can be used in so very many ways, this is a great time to make something fun and new for yourself or perhaps even a gift. Documentation showing period examples will garner extra points, and documentation can be as simple as a picture from an illuminated manuscript or as complex as a research paper. Don't let it scare you; let it be a creative "jumping-off" point instead.

His Highness' Whim is the performance of an ORIGINAL bardic piece (song, story, or poem) which depicts battle and creatively glorifies violence.

Her Highness' Whim is for Shortbread Cookies. These will be judged upon taste, presentation, and documentation.

The Autocrats have a whim for Banners! Personal, household, baronial, principality, kingdom or other, which should also be new or never entered in a competition before.

Site information: Dimond Center Suite 230 (the old library on the 2nd floor), 800 East Dimond Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99515. Site is open from 10 am Saturday to 6 pm Sunday. Doors will be locked with security on staff overnight, but valuables should not

be left. Lunch of soups and finger foods will be provided Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Site is very discreetly wet.

Event fee: adults \$15 (plus \$5 for non-members), children 5-15 are \$5, and under 5 are free. Family cap \$40. Please make checks payable to SCA, Inc.-Principality of Oertha.

Driving directions: Take the Seward Highway to the Dimond exit. Turn west down Dimond Blvd. Turn left at the Dimond Center Dr. Turn left into the parking lot (by Olive Garden). Best parking for closest access to site is by American Eagle. Take escalators upstairs, and the site is directly ahead. There is access to an elevator for heavy items.

Nearby hotels: the Dimond Center Hotel (<http://www.dimondcenterhotel.com>) is across the parking lot from the site. Nearby restaurants & dining: in the mall are Olive Garden, Subway, Famous Wok/Umi Sushi, L&L Hawaiian BBQ, Charley's Steakhouse, and more. Outside the mall are Gallo's, Red Robin, Haru Sushi, and Sicily's Pizza.

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### Miscellaneous

#### Harvest Captaincy Thanks

Our Harvest Captaincy event is now history. Thank you to all who came to participate in the tourneys (as combatant, inspiration, marshal, MOL, herald or crowd assembled) and share the Dream. I offer a sincere thank you to all who helped out when key players were unable to attend.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the Weather. There's nothing like the cool & damp Great Outdoors to make one appreciate warm clothing, warm food & drink, and a good roof. Thank you to Margery and Griffin who so generously hosted the (indoor, yay!!) Bardic circle. A special thank you is given to our teachers on Sunday, Tama & Hallbiorn, who shared their time and expertise with us. If I forgot to thank anyone I offer my profuse apologies, grovel at the appropriate feet, and beg forgiveness- I'm old and growing feebler by the day.

In Service, Sapphira

#### Michaelmass Thanks

I hope everyone is recovering from Michaelmass!

A big thank you to everyone and a big thank you to Ellisif and her Kitchen Minions. The food was delicious! I probably won't need to eat for days since I stuffed myself and the pfeffernusse was as good as mom makes!

A thank you to Hallbiorn for taking care of the announcing! Many and much thanks to Sapphira for her dance instructions and taking the time to teach us how to glide and braul. A big thank you to those who cooked off-site and brought dishes and especially Braun who really hammed it up.

Thanks to Kennric who was the first one there, did the walk through and turned on the heat. Thanks VERY much to all who stayed and helped clean: Genevieve, Rafail, Hakim, Aine, Greteke, Ellisif, Dagmar and Kennric, Iriniia, Jame, Margery, Hallbiorn, Johanna and if I forgot anyone, my apologies!

We had many new faces who really enjoyed the festivities and thanks to all for making them welcome. Michaelmass was also a wonderful time to officially meet the

newest member of our barony, James E., who did not mind being snuggled and passed around to anyone and everyone.

May you stay safe and warm,  
Cheers, Cempestra Sidda O'Breoniann (Cemper)

### Oertha Artisans

To my Dear Artisans of Oertha,

As some of you know, I have been trying to put together a database of the members of the populace that teach various subjects. My goal here is to create a source that anyone—whether autocrat, officer, or newcomer—can reference when they want to know who may be willing to teach a given subject. While this is a longer term project, I would like to get started on it as soon as I can and hope that the database will be in use, helping those who wish to learn, for many years.

I'm looking for classes on any subject within the Society, whether it's an Art (or Science), making things, research topics, etc. Fighting related—hitting things, stabbing things, chivalry, etc. Service of Others—autocratting, performing offices, chivalry again. Providing this information is not a promise that you will teach at a specific event, but just saying what you are willing to share your knowledge at some date, perhaps in the far future. I would be greatly appreciative if you could send this information to me, along with any questions you might have.

Information requested: Name. List of Classes you are willing to teach (whether generic like Basic Jewelry Making or more specific like Styles of Anglo-Saxon Brooches),

I would also like to know your preferred teaching format(s)—i.e. roundtable, one-on-one, small classes, and whether you are willing to spend time teaching at events or would prefer an A&S day dedicated to your subject:

I would also, if possible, like to know what subjects people would be interested in learning and attending—who knows—maybe it'll happen...

Yours in Service,

Bránn mac Finnchad, Deputy Arts Minister, Oertha, beorn\_se\_becaire@yahoo.com.

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And now for something entirely different:

### **Du'ad Bob Review**

I know that some of you may be surprised to hear it, but Kenneth Branagh was not the first filmmaker to popularize Shakespeare. (As Edmund Blackadder said to William Shakespeare in an episode of *Blackadder* after mentioning the name Ken Branagh and Shakespeare replying, "Who's Ken Branagh?", "I'll tell him you said that. He'll be very hurt.") But it's true. What's more, this particular purveyor of popular Shakespeare plays did it when his nation was in the middle of a war for its very existence, and used this particular film to boost patriotic fervor and morale on the home front. And the man who did all this? Why, Sir (though he hadn't been knighted at the time of this movie) Laurence Olivier. The year was 1944, and the film was *The Chronicle History of King Henry Fift with His Battell Fought at Agincourt in France*, more often called and far better known simply as **Henry V**.

Starring Laurence Olivier in the title role, with Leslie Banks as the Chorus, Felix Aylmer as the Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Helpmann as the Bishop of Ely, Vernon Greeves as the English herald, Gerald Case as the Earl of Westmoreland, Griffith Jones as the Earl of Salisbury, Morland Graham as Sir Thomas Erpingham, Nicholas Hannen as the Duke of Exeter, Michael Warre as the Duke of Gloucester, Ralph Truman as the French herald Mountjoy, Ernest Thesiger as the Duke of Berri, Frederick Cooper as Corporate Nym, Roy Emerton as Lieutenant Bardolph, Robert Newton as Ancient Pistol, Freda Jackson as Mistress Quickly, George Cole as the boy, George Robey as Sir John Falstaff, Harcourt Williams as King Charles VI of France, Leo Genn as the Constable of France, Francis Lister as the Duke of Orleans, Max Adrian as the Dauphin, Esmond Knight as Flulellen, Renée Asherson as Princess Katherine, and Janet Burnell as Queen Isabel of France, you should already be familiar with the plot of this movie, wherein Henry V of England presses his claim to the throne of France with an army, and soundly defeats the French at Agincourt.

Good points: It's Shakespeare. It's Olivier. The armor. Much of the costuming. The use of heraldry, and heralds. The French princess learning English. The tents. The Dauphin and French Constable bragging among themselves the night before the battle. The great panoply at the opening of the battle. Beginning the play as a play at the Globe

Theater and then moving it out into the real world is an interesting approach.

Bad points: Making the Bishop of Ely a laughingstock during the discussion of Salic law. Some of the heraldry was not, as we say down here, quite "right". (As in, "That boy ain't right." In this case, "That heraldry ain't right.") Fabric chainmail. (Admittedly, there was a war on, with things like metal being in short supply so as to equip the army, navy, and air forces.) The huge label on a French prince's surcoat. Winching a knight into his saddle. Armorial shields not matching the surcoats and horse barding of their bearers. The wedding cloaks. The perspective on a number of the painted backdrops made them look less real. (Although many of these were actually borrowed from the Very Rich Hours of the Duke of Berry.)

Zero breasts. 1/4 gallon of blood. 53 dead bodies. Sword fu. Cannon fu. Arrow fu. Mace fu. Leek fu. Papers with lineages roll. Knights roll. Gratuitous long slow pan of Elizabethan London. Gratuitous rainstorm. Gratuitous fainting. Gratuitous praising of horses. Academy Award nomination to Laurence Olivier as the director for making Shakespeare, and Henry V, come to life, and especially for doing so at a very trying time in Britain's history. (Indeed, the filming of one battle scene was stopped while overhead a group of RAF fighters attacked a formation of German bombers. When the air battle passed out of sight, filming continued.) A 53 on the Vomit Meter. 3-1/2 stars. Da'ud Bob says, "Check it out!"

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