



The Gatekeeper

Barony of Winter's Gate

Calendar

May 30-31 -- Spring Captaincy & Sunday Business Meeting

June 6-7 -- 3 Barons' Faire Demos (Eskalya)

June 13-14 -- 3 Barons' Faire Demos (Eskalya)

June 19-21 -- June Crown (West)

July 17-19 -- Midsummer Coronet (Oertha, in Selviergard)

July 24-Aug. 9 -- Pennsic War (East Kingdom)

Aug. 1 -- Warlord Tourney (Selviergard)

Aug. 15 -- Baroness' Champion Tourney (Eskalya)-----unconfirmed

Aug. 21-23 -- Purgatorio (West)

Sept. 5-6 -- Harvest Captaincy

Sept. 19 -- Bi-Baronial Harvest Feast (Selviergard-Eskalya)

Sept. ? -- UAF Club Fair

Oct. 2-4 -- October Crown (West)

Oct. 17 -- Michaelmass Feast

Nov. 14 -- St. Boniface Collegium

Dec. 19 -- Yule

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

This week's Sunday fighter practice will take place on the second day of Captaincy, as will the business meeting. Watch the elist and facebook for notice of where we will be holding practices over the summer.

All other activities (A&S activities, guild meetings, scribal sessions, etc.) are subject to change and will be posted to the baronial email list and facebook home. 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 monthly business meetings! They are now held at fighter practice. Keep an eye on the elist, or contact the seneschal for the exact date.

From the Prince and Princess (reprinted from The Guardian):

Greetings all to whom these letters come,

We want to thank our populous for a wonderful winter. With the melting of the snows we look forward to spending time with everyone at the upcoming events in the warmer weather.

Attention to all fighters, if you plan on fighting in midsummer coronet, Letters of Intent should be submitted no later than June 17th, 2015. The Coronet Tournament shall consist of multiple qualifying tournaments each using a different weapon style, each fight shall be the best 2 out of 3 with the victor moving on to the next round. The number of fighters in the list will determine the number of tournaments that will be fought prior to the final. Tournament 1: Glaive (6' to 7.5'). Tournament 2: 6' and under 2-handed weapon (great sword, axe, hammer, maul). Tournament 3: 9' spear (possibly over a barrier). Tournament 4: Florentine (weapon in each hand, i.e., two swords, sword and dagger, inverted sword and broadsword). Tournament 5: will be as Her Highness chooses. Final Tournament will be weapon of choice and the number of fighters moving on the final tournament will determine the number of fighters in the list.

Shawn and Arabella, Prince and Princess

From the Baron and Baroness:

Greetings Unto the Populace!

Spring sprang into the world with our wonderful Fool's Con in April, as we celebrated with our Cousins from Astral Winds! A big thank you to Mistress Margery for her autocrating skills and her creativity. The site tokens were wonderful and most of us have kept them as both modern and SCA tokens. The event was a huge success and...very foolish! We say good-bye to our Old Fool, Master Khevron, and welcome our New Fool, Lady Sapphira, into Our Court.

Spring Captaincy is right around the corner. During Spring Captaincy We will be welcoming our Cousins from the south, establishing Our Guard and also announcing a new Order. The new Order has been the brain-child of Baron Bran for some time and he has been working with Master Khevron on it. Baron Bran will provide more detail during Court. Their Highnesses will be gracing Us with Their Presence and We look forward to their Royal Progress.

Summer also heralds in the lazy and fun-filled Winter's Gate, Alaskan summer. Summer is a green time. 'Tis a time for relaxing and for gathering, grilling, and enjoying the lush land. Although many people during summer go their separate ways wandering the hills, visiting family, taking time to work on home projects or just taking time to enjoy life, the spirit of Our Barony, Our family, is thus revived when fall approaches.

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
Until we meet again.

Enjoy your summer!
Yours in Service,
Bran and Cempestra, Baron and Baroness

From the Chronicler:

I'm late again, but getting it out. I apologize. It seems that despite being thousands of miles away from my parents for 4-5 decades doesn't allow you to skip the grieving process. I have been functioning very slowly and disorganized (more so than usual) since I heard that my father, who would have been 97 in June, died in his sleep mid-May. So make sure your loved ones know you love 'em, when you can...I now return you to our regularly-scheduled news and information.

I am always looking for short articles (A&S projects, history, adventures in period cooking, etc.) and stories of people and events to include in the newsletter. Especially stories! We are losing our history of past events, and current events become past events all too soon. I encourage you to make a contribution to the newsletter from time to time. Send them to me offlist.

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 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, elist postings and occasional facebook hunting. 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:

Spring Captaincy

Winter's Gate
May 30-31

Spring is upon us once again, and it's time to gather and do battle to decide the next Captain of the mighty Winter's Gat militia! Watch as they fight for the honor of the next Heart of Winter's Gate, for it is she (or he) who keeps our souls warm.

Listen as the Sandhill Crane heralds the coming of spring and the warmth that is to follow! The autocrat welcomes any form of heraldry to be entered into the A&S competition in honor of spring. Additionally, the Baronial Whim will be woven items. As always, documentation is highly encouraged!

Further, there will be a class for our treasures taught by Lady Ciara. Additionally classes may also take place.

Dinner will be a potluck as usual. Please bring enough food to feed 6-8 people, and bring a list of ingredients so we can properly appreciate your skills (and the allergic will know to beware of).

The site is the Moose Creek Pavilion at Pioneer Park. Event is noon to 8 pm Saturday and noon to 5 on Sunday. You can drive onto the park grounds from First Avenue to unload, but you must be out of the grounds by 11 am.

Event fee is \$5 for adults 18 and up (with \$5 surcharge for non-members), \$3 for ages 12-16, and under 12 are free. Contact the autocrat for a family fee.

For more information, contact the autocrats Elisheva bint Sitt al-Sirr (Sheva Corning, elishevacorning@yahoo.com), or Nathan Hartman (Nathan Webb, 515-7717, Nwebb@alumni.unity.edu).

Directions: take your best way to Airport Road. Drive to the Peger Road exit and turn toward the river and the Pioneer Park sign. The second exit on the right is the canoe rentals, and that parking lot can be used for loading. To reach the pavilion, follow the signs. From the main parking lot off Airport Road, meander toward the back left corner of the park, behind the Centennial Arts Building (the big round building), and the Airplane Museum behind it.

Midsummer Coronet
Selviergard
July 17-19

Greetings!

The returning light and early spring weather now stretching across Oertha has reminded us that winter is ending and summer is on her way! We therefore invite you to join us at Oertha Midsummer Coronet and Investiture, to be held at the France Equestrian Center within the Palmer Fairgrounds. Come witness the selection and investiture of the Heirs of Their Lupine Highnesses, Shawn and Arabella, Prince and Princess of Oertha.

So that all are aware, no animals other than service animals will be permitted on site. This is a prohibition of the site's owners and therefore will be strictly enforced. Please be aware that the Palmer Fairgrounds fall under the taxing authority of the City of Palmer.

Please also note that the location of the event has changed slightly. Rather than being in the horse arena, we will be across the way in a large grassy field. This will

afford us more space and better parking. We will still have access to the small log cabin for classes and meetings.

Please be aware that space around the list field will be reserved for period encampments. Space nearby will be available for modern tents and RVs.

A potluck dinner will be available Saturday night. If you are interested in coordinating this, please contact the event team at kginalaska@gmail.com. If your group or guild is interested in hosting a fundraising lunch on Saturday, please also contact the event team (tentatively Ravensfjord is hosting Saturday morning breakfast and Eskalya is doing Sunday morning).

The Stewards' Whim is a period camping accessory (table, chair, bench, lantern, etc.). We look forward to seeing what is created!

There will be archery.

Event fee will be \$15 for individuals over the age of 17, \$10 for those age 10 to 17, and free for those under 10. The non-member surcharge will be \$5. The family cap is \$50.

We look forward to seeing you all this summer! --Clare Prima et Clare Secunda

Nifty Nine Largesse Derby

At this summer's coronet, we will be hosting a Nifty Nine Largesse Derby to collect largesse for Their Highnesses. To enter the Derby, bring nine items of a single type (e.g., nine pieces of trim, nine note cards, nine balms, nine sewing kits, etc.), tagged with your name and group.

One item from each entry will be entered into a prize pool and the other eight will be provided to Their Highnesses and Their Heirs to distribute as largesse. Everyone who enters will be given a chance to pick an item from the prize pool, and an additional prize will be given to the Derby winner.

If you would like to mail entries in, please email me offlist at clairemargery@gmail.com, and I will help with logistics. Period items with documentation are strongly encouraged, but not required.

Let's show off the skill and bounty of Oertha's artisans! --Cynehild

Merchanting Information

A note for anyone thinking of merchanting at coronet. This site is within the boundaries of the City of Palmer, and merchants must follow the laws of the city.

Key highlights: merchants must have a state business license, "and" a special event business license from Palmer (\$10, must be obtained in advance). Sales in the Palmer boundaries are subject to a 3% sales tax, and merchants are responsible for submitting that payment to the City after the event.

Question can come to me, as merchant coordinator (catherineaheroy@gmail.com), or to Palmer City Hall at 761-1324.

In service, Caitriona ighean ui Chionaodha

Event Reports and Thanks:

Fool's Revel

The Barony and the local chapter of Amptgard, the Duchy of Astral Winds, made a successful combined event at the annual Revel.

Winners of the various competitions are: Kolskegg Ungi won the best representation of a fandom in medieval clothing (his vivid green Tinkerbell); Ciara Der Alcan and Sirena Dela Cienaga Congelado tied in the subtlety competition; and in a hotly-contested and hilarious display for the Baronial Fool for the next year, Sapphira the Navigator narrowly defeated Elena Verch Rhys, who was appointed Deputy Fool.

Amptgard fighting, along with their accompanying drumming, went well into the evening.

We were graced not only by many enthusiastic Amptgard attendees, but also by Their Highnesses Shawn and Arabella. During Their Court, they honored Hannah of Winter's Gate with an Oerthan Order of Grace.

Miscellaneous

Midrealm Baronial Visit Rumor

It is rumored that Maximillian and Caroline, Baron and Baroness of Shattered Crystal, will be visiting our fair Northern lands this summer and attending Midsummer Coronet. It is also a possibility that Baron Maximillian, who fights both heavy and rapier, may be traveling to Winter's Gate for the weekend preceding coronet, and will be bringing his armor. So keep that weekend free.

Coronet Commentary Requested

Greetings Unto the Populace of Oertha,

We have received two artisan bids for the completion of the new Coronets for Oertha. In the files section of the Oertha group (on Facebook, one assumes), you will find a folder labeled "2015 New Coronet Bids."

Please review both the bid details and the drawings that accompany them and send any comments you may have to myself at annahnaie@gmail.com or Alienor at fishfood43@yahoo.com. Comments should be kept respectful and constructive.

In Service,

Anna di Caterina Neri, Oertha Seneschale

Alienor Fitzhenry, Oertha Exchequer

Submissions Herald

Khevron, Wolfhound Herald (principality submissions deputy) would like to help anyone who needs it with their name and device development and submissions. Contact email: khevron@warppmail.net.

Oertha History Guild

The Oertha History Guild is active and we're collecting any details of past events, and ask members to submit a review, recap, thoughts of one event per year, recent or ancient. The Oertha History Guild is active and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/OerthaHistory/.

Photos posted to the West Kingdom History Pages are encouraged. <http://history.westkingdom.org>.

Everyone should check their information on the Who's Who website as well, and you can add to your SCA resume, including offices (primary or deputy) held and events

hosted or cooked for, and other achievements.

--*Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov*

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And now for something entirely different:

Du'ad Bob Review

So, the day had finally arrived, and it was airing on TV. Eight half-hour episodes of adventure, set squarely in the Middle Ages. Dashing heroes. Damsels in distress. Villainy. Dungeons. Castles. Cameo appearances by famous actors. Swordplay. Knights in armor. Everything a reviewer of movies and shows set in the Middle Ages (or Renaissance) could possibly want. And it could be educational, too! (I know that I certainly learned a few things!) So I sat and watched the entire series. (Season 1. No word yet on if there will be a Season 2.) The series has been described in a number of ways, but my favorite is: "one part *Robin Hood: Men In Tights* and one part *The Princess Bride* with liberal doses of *Monty Python And The Holy Grail* added in for good measure. So you can imagine my feelings of anticipation (and potential dread) when the day finally came for its airing and I could review it for you. Well, it did, and I did, and so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob reviews for you ABC's wintertime fill-in for their long-running *Once Upon a Time* while it was on hiatus, ***Galavant***.

Starring Joshua Sasse as our hero Galavant, Mallory Jansen as his love Madalena, Timothy Omundson as the wicked (well, at least he tries to be) King Richard, Vinnie Jones as his confidant/bodyguard/henchman Gareth, Karen David as Princess Isabella, Luke Youngblood as Sid (short for Sidney), Darren Evans as the Chef, and with a host of cameos by the likes of John Stamos, Rutger Howard (as King Richard's elder brother Kingsley), Ricky Gervais, "Weird Al" Yankovic (a member of an order of singing monks), and Hugh (Lord Grantham of *Downton Abbey*) Bonneville as Peter Pillager the Pirate King ("next to the sea"), and Sophie (*Downton Abbey*'s cook's apprentice Daisy Mason) McShera, *Galavant* is the story of a dashing hero attempting to reclaim his "Happily Ever After" after his love, Madalena, is stolen from him by the evil King Richard. Of course, there's a lot more to it than just that. For one thing, once he gets to Madalena, she doesn't want to go back to him, preferring riches over true love. The plot not so much "thickens" as it twists and turns like a convoluted medieval line dance. A medieval line dance during which, on a regular basis, people break out into song.

Good points: The horses. The castles. The tents. Real chain mail. Decent heraldry (for the most part, and some of it was real!). Some of the costuming. The armorial stained glass windows.

Bad points: "We're doing 'it.'" The way they almost constantly break into song. The epee versus broadsword fight. The lions in some of the coats of arms were taken straight out of Fox-Davies (a late 19th Century author). Sidneyland. Galavant's dad wearing the Royal Arms of England. (Appropriate to the era, and heralds would blazon

them as *Quarterly, 1 and 4, France ancient, 2 and 3, England*, but entirely inappropriate to be worn by anyone except the King of England or one of his heralds.)

Zero breasts. No blood. Ten dead bodies. Sword fu. Lance fu. Hug fu. Rubber sword fu. Pie fu. Dagger fu. Cutlass fu. Knights roll. Gratuitous sheep. Gratuitous plot twists. Gratuitous snoring princess. Gratuitous jazz hands. (Did I mention the order of singing monks?) Gratuitous tango for two. It is in fact modestly educational. For example, I learned that folks in the Middle Ages would break into song at the drop of a hat, or a hint, or for almost any reason, or for no real reason at all. A 67 on the Vomit Meter. Three stars. Anna Sue says, "It's amazing how entertained you can be if you lower your standards completely." Da'ud Bob says, "Check it out! And watch out for a possible Season Two."

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