



The GateKeeper, Nov. 2019. A.S LIV (54)

Words From Their Highnesses:

Greetings from Gregor and Bella, Prince and Princess of Oertha! We are excited to enter into the Samhain/Yule seasons! We Oerthans, do thrive so well in the cold months! His Highness and I are eager to see the Hospitality and Generosity that is Oertha shine ever bright during Yule especially! Princess Bella asks that all children join her at each Yule event! She will bring her magic snowballs and have a wonderful 'Magic Snowball Fight' with all the Treasures-and Young at Heart-who wish to join in! Beyond the Yule season comes the Tourney to decided our Heirs. Join us on January 17th-19th in the Barony Selviargard, for Winter Coronet and Investiture! His Highness wishes it known; in order to give the entrants time to prepare; the Conventions of Combat: We task each fighter to bring their TWO very best weapon styles. Fighters cannot use the same style back to back. For instance a Sword and Shield can be used for the first fight and a Great Sword for the second fight. Fighters may start with any style but cannot use the same style back-to-back as you progress through the tournament. Weapon styles reset for finals. Contestants will get to choose their personal first round styles until a Victor is declared. The second Convention is completely weather dependent. If good weather prevails and the temperature is above zoish degrees, we would like each round to be Best Two out of Three and the Best Three out of Five for Finals. If very cold weather prevails, we will host a Standard Double Elimination with a Two out of Three for finals. Go forth and prepare your best two styles for this Coronet! We wish all Fighters and Consorts the very best! Also, no letter of intent is necessary! Save your glorious words for the Populace during Invocation! Our lists are open to all Oerthans who wish to enter! Make sure to have everything in order for the list table when it opens Saturday morning. We look forward to seeing the Populace enjoy the bounties of the food stored away for the coming feasts, and the good times to be shared by all!

Yours In Service,

Prince Gregor and Princess Bella





Notes from the Officers:

A&S: Our new A&S Year will be starting in Yule with Greenery in any mode. Also, show off your work! All new A&S projects done during the past year are welcomed to be displayed! Don't forget our A&S drawing during Yule! If you have hosted an event, taught a class, entered a competition or won a competition, your name is entered into the Sort-of Hat and one name will be drawn. You must be present to win!

St. Boniface: St. Boniface Collegium Nov. 9-10. Greuning Hall. UAF. For more information see <http://wintersgate.westkingdom.org/events.html>

Hearken from the Herald! Fools Revel v.2 and Commander of Winter's Gate Rapier Tourney Event recap!

Spring Fool's event "Viking Luau" on April 27, 2019 was canceled due to a location scheduling conflict, so "Commandercy" and Fool's were combined for this event on September 14, AS LIV 2019. Leis for everyone at Gate and many Viking Luau themed costumes. ! Over 30 members of the populace attended the event. Far travelers included Sir Bartram, Lady Angela, Sir Sevastian, and Viscountess Etain. The Weather for Mid-September was sunny and warm!

Four contestants fought in the Round Robin Rapier Tournament, Baroness Etain, Lady Angela, Lord Liam and Baron Halbiorn, with Sir Sevastian Marshalling. Everyone won at least one fight.

Pot luck dishes were delicious and plentiful.

Sapphira won the Spam food contest & all entrants shared winnings of the Garb Contest (Candles).

Master Khevron read an Epic humorous story of Vikings traveling to Hawaii.

At the Court of Hans and Elena, Baron and Baroness of Winter's Gate, there were event announcements and the following awards:

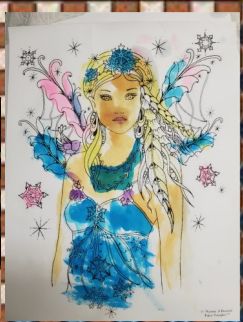
Baroness' Recognition Ellisif í Reykiarvik & Hallbjörn Erlændarson for hosting the event.

The new Commander of Winter's Gate is Étaín O'Rowarke and the new Light of Winter's Gate is Rayna Fathirsdottir, Étaín's daughter attending UAF.

The outgoing Commander and Light, Angela of Eskalya and Gisla CEðikollr, were awarded the Arctic Fox and Shooting Star.

The new Fool of Winter's Gate is Khevron Oktavii Tikhikovich Vorotnikov – his 4th time as Fool.

Long Live King Hans and Queen Helga, Prince Gregor and Princess Bella, and Baron Hans and Baroness Elena!



Samhain Oct. 26, 2019 and Treasured Art

Mistress Margery the event at Walden Estates Community Center. Samhain started at 12:00 pm and went until 11:00 pm and included a pot luck dinner of delicious foods.

Attendance at the event was well over 40, plus many Treasures (13+). Winter's Gate hosted many out-of-town visitors including Their Highnesses Gregor and Isabella and their son. There were many first event folk and newcomers from Bjarnarstrond (Barrow) who have joined Winter's Gate.

Our pumpkin/ gourd carving was a challenge as the artificial pumpkins had their own trick when they turned out not to be hollow! Baron Hans regaled the Populace with his ghost story whilst people ate dinner including the items from the bread baking contest. During dinner, the Treasures announced that all who wanted to be in a play should come forward. When some of the adults asserted that perhaps they were also kids and could be in the play, one Treasure clearly proclaimed "If you have gray hair--you are NOT a kid." Then they proceeded to do the play "Cats" which consisted of lots of children acting as cats running around and meowing a lot. It was fairly adorable! After dinner, our Mummy Wrapping Contest with 3 contestants and their assistants used TP to complete their Mummy Masterpieces!

COURT AWARDS:

Awards and Honors were given by Their Highnesses Gregor and Bella, Prince and Princess of Oertha, at Winter's Gate Samhain, October 26, 2019, A.S. LIV

(Mistress Sapphira Heraldng)

- The Princess' Ribands: Hans Shaffer & Cempestra Sidha O'Breoniann
- Companions of the Diamond Willow: Fionnghuala inghean Raghnaill

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(Master Khevron, Heraldng)

- Ice Worm: Margery Garret
- Silver Swan: Fionnghuala inghean Raghnaill

A small Bardic was held outside after Court. If anyone needs a Songbook for future Bardics, please see Mistress Margery.

Many thanks to all who participated, assisted, traveled and attended! Tis our Populace who makes Winter's Gate a warm place to be!



Classifieds

Used axe for sale! Was used for many raids! This beauty is slightly dull but can be sharpened. Fairly good condition with only a bit of Monk left in the handle. Gives the oak a nice sheen but can be cleaned. 5 gold beads. OBO



Everything must go!! Longhouse Land Sale! I'm off to Greenland to seek my fortune! Carts! Sheep! Slaves! Horses! Tapestries! Kitchenwares! Wives! Everything must go and all sales final! Sale starts on Thor's Day of the 13th month at the break of day! See Snorri the Weak!
No reasonable offer refused!

Looking for adventure! Wanting to build your resume? Seeking infamy? Join the Armed Forces! Guaranteed to teach your skills such as Pillaging, Plundering, Rowing, Navigation, Weaponry, Shipbuilding, Capturing, Conquering.

Viking Strong! A Hoard of One!
Vikings, be all you can be!

Lonely Viking Seeks Independent Beautiful Wife. Must like long walks on the beach, sailing, hnefatafl, listening to Sagas, insults, Knattleikr, and drinking. Dowry a must. See Alder the Ugly at The Tavern on Freya's Day in the evening at dark.

Cloak and Dagger Detective Agency

Are you worried your brother might be planning treason? Worried your sister was murdered by her husband? Send your case by Carrier Pigeon (or Raven) to:

Cloak and Dagger Detection Agency in France!
We promise to use all methods of torture to find the truth! Results guaranteed!

New Castle For Sale! 4 turrets and not yet stormed! Wooden Gate and a drawbridge. Moat includes a dragon that is so elusive neither your enemies nor you will ever see it! First floor offers one banqueting hall, an indoor kitchen and 2 receiving rooms. 4 rooms upstairs, one could be a nursery! Comes with a 6 cell dungeon but iron chains are extra. 2 inside privies empty into the moat-to feed the dragon of course!
Contact Count Drakul for more information.