



# GateKeeper

The Newsletter of the:  
Barony of Winter's Gate  
and  
Canton of Bjarnarstrond  
Groups within the:  
Principality of Oertha  
and  
Kingdom of the West



Greetings from your Baron and Baroness!

The septentrionalis extremus Barony of the West Kingdom survived another Winter, and we're getting right into Summer Outdoor Activities! Weekly outdoor Fighter and Archery Practices, We had an excellent Collegium and Fool's Revel! Much was learned and many were entertained! Congratulations to Calliope on becoming Fool of Winter's Gate for her 27 minute re-telling of Princess Bride! Three times longer than court!

The plan is We will hold Our last court at Spring Championships, and Baronial Changeover will be at Summer Coronet. We've truly feel privileged to have been your Baron and Baroness, and we're sure it will be in good hands with our successors, Master Hallbiorn Erlaendar son and Mistress Ellisif I Reykiarvik!

#### Communications

We have this newsletter, our Baronial Web-Site, Facebook page, Archery discussion, Baronial Sundays (fighter chat), the io e-mail list, and for other SCA subjects: Discord and more. The issue is how to find the latest information. You have to look for it. Facebook orders things by popularity, apart from pinned posts, so the new info may be further after older posts, or in the discussion comments. The Web-minister and officials post and update, but it's up to everyone individually to mine for the information. It may seem tedious, but each person is on they're own schedule, and we can't - phone/text/present personally - everyone with each update, when it's raining and practice is moved or canceled or basic info for the next event. So please, check for updates, not just on top, 2-3x per week if you want to be up-to-date. Be first to say "vox non-significativa" to the Baron at Spring Championships and win a prize!

Between events, please take some time to attend Fighter Practice, both for Combat and Arts! Sundays 1-5pm Growden Park or North Pole Terry Miller park, and Archery every Monday 5:15 at the UAF Range.

Baron Khevron II and Baroness Merewyn

# From the Office

Dear Gentle Readers,

It is often the case that one finds themselves jumping into the deep without looking at the work one is getting oneself into. While that can be seen in the lesser offices such as the one I find myself in, it is also the case with our soon to be Baron and Baroness who will soon be passed the circlets of our fair barony. With the elevation of our new Baron and Baroness many of the roles within the barony will have new faces in them, some may just have a recognizable face with another hat.

In the next issue you may notice more voices than just that of this dear writer or our lovely Baron and Baroness. My voice although important is just one of the many and the goal of this newsletter is no longer to be a “Gatekeeper” of our amazing barony but the guide or welcoming hello to our lands. So I would like to take this space to offer any of our officers that wish to have their words known submit them before our next issue. I would also encourage all of the lords and ladies in this land to try some of these offices by becoming lieutenant to any office that they may find interesting and wish to know more about. I for one feel that service is one of the greatest aspirations we can have in this society.

With that I would bid you goodbye until next time. May the wind always be at your back and the roads well cared for where you venture within the Kingdoms of the SCA.



# Fool's Revel 2025

Good Gentles be it know that on the nineteenth of April the Barony of Winters Gate held their annual Fool's Revel at Walden Estates. This, dear reader, would be the last Fool's Revel that Baron Khevron and Baroness Merewyn will preside over. The main competition for Fool of Winters Gate was storytelling which had four brave souls take part; Viscountess Anne FitzRichard, Baroness Talorc Veda, Calliope of Winters Gate, and Sir Hans Shafer von Teufelhund. The viscountess took the stage first sharing a story about cookies and at the end gifted their highnesses who were in attendance cookies pressed with the Seal of Oertha. Calliope went next winding through a creative retelling of the Princess Bride while being dressed as Vezzini. The young storyteller carried on for twenty seven minutes rivaling the later court. The baroness finished the storytelling competition dressed as a character from Labrynth. Much fun was had as all. During court Baroness Talorc Veda was recognized for winning the costume contest. When it came time to award the title of Fool of Winters Gate their excellencies chose Calliope of Winters Gate for her spirited tale.





## Coronet Summer LX

Join Bartram and Soren, Prince and Prince Consort of Oertha, as they search for their successors and continue to celebrate 40 years of living the Dream in Oertha.

Cheer on the worthy combatants for the Coronets of Oertha on Saturday. The Wreath of Hephaestus, Arts & Sciences Competitions, and Ivory Spoon activities will be ongoing during the weekend. All households and groups are invited to join in a community meal on Saturday evening. Rather than a potluck, each group or household will feed their own members and guests as we gather together in the central part of the encampment. We will end the weekend with the Investiture of the Lord and Lady Borealis.

Arts & Sciences will be in abundance in this 40 Year Part 2 Celebration.

**Ivory Spoon** - Leeks take center stage in the Summer Coronet Ivory Spoon competition. Bring a dish where leeks are part of the ingredients. Want to be brave? Create your dish on site! I'll have leeks available at the event for you to use.

**40 Year Glow Up!** - Get ready to participate in the "40 Year Glow-Up," a special historical arts and sciences contest celebrating the growth and evolution of talent within the SCA! Participants are invited to recreate one of their earliest craft projects—a tunic, scroll, piece of armor, or any other handmade item—using the knowledge, materials, and techniques they've acquired over the years. This contest honors humble beginnings and the remarkable journey of learning and refinement that defines our community. From rough-hewn relics to masterful replicas, let your work tell the story of your dedication, curiosity, and creative evolution.

**Wreath of Hephaestus** - once again bring items to display. Mistress Elisif will be in charge of this event that showcases many of our Oerthan artisans and craftspeople.

Where – Purple Lawn (Purple Gate Entrance), Alaska State Fairgrounds, 2075 Glenn Highway, Palmer, AK

When – July 18 - 20,, 2025 (Site opens 4pm Friday and closes 4pm Sunday)



# Calendar of Events

Including Local, other Branches and Oerthan Events

Anno Societatus LX (60)

2025

May 10 Collegium (Hrafnafjörör)

May 24 Spring Offensive (Selviergard)

—\*— **May 31-June 1 Spring Championships** —\*—

June 7-8/14-15 Three Baron's Faire

June 14 Cook's Playdate (Earngyld)

June 21 Newcomers (Eskalya)

June 28 See the Sea (Pavlok Gorod)

—\*— **July 18-20 Summer Coronet** (Selviergard) —\*—

—\*— **July 26, August 2 Tanana Valley Fair Demos** —\*—

August 2 All-Thing (Hrafnafjörör)

—\*— **August 30-September 1 Autumn Tournaments** —\*—

—\*— **October 18 Baron's Ball** —\*—

October 25 Samhain (Eskalya)

November 1 Samhain (Selviergard)

—\*— **December 6 Yule** —\*—

December 13 Bi-Baronial Yule (Selviergard/Eskalya)

2026

—\*— **January 16-18 Winter Coronet ( )** —\*—

\* = Baron & Baroness Plan to Attend — Local in bold —  
See official Calendar at [www.westkingdom.org](http://www.westkingdom.org)

## Help Wanted!

Please attend Baronial Business Meetings  
and have influence on future activities!

Actively seeking successors:  
Deputy Seneschal!

All Officer Positions are in need of  
deputies, not *necessarily* to inherit,  
but to train or help.

### Need Deputies:

Herald  
Marshals, DEI,  
Exchequer, Lists  
Arts & Sciences  
Heavy/Rapier  
Constable, Lists

Contact the  
current  
Officer or the  
Seneschal



## Court Reports:

*Featuring Local Populace*



### Beltane Coronation

**May 2, LX (2025)**



by Fabian & Eliška, King and Queen of the West



#### Order of the Queen's Treasure

Calliope of Winter's Gate

Cempestrae sjón í Holti

Elena verch Rhys

Fionnghuala inghean Raghnaill

Flóki inn írski

Gisla Æðikollr

### Beltane Coronation

**May 3, LX (2025)**



by Sighfridh & Sof'ia, King and Queen of the West



#### Royal Court

Aurelia daCanal

Elena verch Rhys

Gisla Æðikollr

*Their Excellencies Khevron and Mereywn will  
be stepping down as Baron and Baroness  
of Winter's Gate at Oerthan Summer Coronet  
The King and Queen will be presiding.  
Please send The King and Queen, and  
The Prince and Prince Consort Award Recommendations.*



## Current Honors in Winter's Gate

**Captain & Heart**  
Hans & Calliope

**Commander & Light**  
Hans and Elena

**Baroness' Heavy Champion**  
Hakim al-Basim ibn Rashid

**Baroness' Rapier Champion**  
Donal

**Baroness' Archery Champion**  
Chris

**A&S Champions**  
Fionnguala (Fibre)  
Patrick (Flame)

**Fool of Winter's Gate:**  
Calliope of Winter's Gate

**Artisans:**  
Fionnghuala inghean Raghnaill

**Attendants/Ladies:**

Aurelia daCanal

Ceara ingen Ailchon

Ellisif í Reykiarvik

Kaye of Winter's Gate

Morgana yr Oerfa

**Baroness' Guardsman:**

Gisla Æðikollr

**Pages:**

Alex, Calliope, Thomas



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Please consider taking a deputy position for a baronial office! It's a great way to serve.



## Canton of Bjarnarströnd

(Nome, Alaska),  
Coastal Winter's Gate

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### Principality of Oertha

(Alaska)

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Prince and Prince Consort  
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### Barony of Winter's Gate

(Northern Alaska)

Khevron II & Merewyn  
Baron and Baroness  
[wintersgate.org/](http://wintersgate.org/)



### Barony of Eskalya

(Anchorage, AK)

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### Barony of Selviergard

(Mat-Su Valley, AK)

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Baron & Baroness  
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### Shire of Earngyld

(Juneau, AK)

[www.facebook.com/groups/earngyld](http://www.facebook.com/groups/earngyld)

### Shire of Hrafnaþjörðr

(Kenai, AK)

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# Calendar of Events Outside of the Principality

Including Kingdom Events and Wars

## Anno Societatus LX (60) 2025

May 2-4 Beltane Coronation (West)  
May 23-June 1 Double Wars XXXVI (Drachenwald)  
June 6-8 Kingdom A&S Tournament  
June 6-15 Lilies War (Calontir)  
June 20-22 June Crown (West)  
July 3-6 West- An-Tir War  
July 2-6 Battlemoor (Outlands)  
July 25- August 10 Pennsic War LII (Æthelmearc)  
August 22-24 Purgatorio Coronation (West)  
August 29-September 1 Ducal Prize (West)  
September 26-28 Fall Crown (West)  
October 25 Kingdom Collegium (West)  
November 4-10 Great Western War

## 2026

January 2-4 Twelfth Night (West)  
March 20-22 Spring Crown (West)  
May 1-3 Beltane Coronation (West)  
June 26 SCA 60 Year Anniversary (Midrealm)

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