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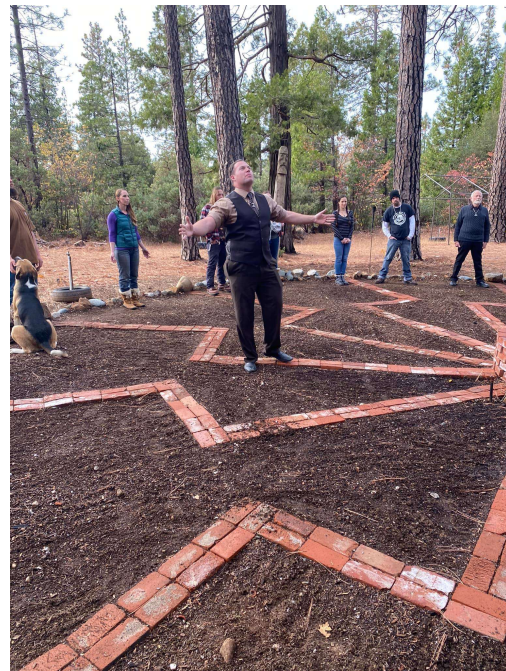


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## Words from the Alsherjargothi

2020 has gone by in a flash! Thank you all so much for celebrating the Silver anniversary of the Asatru Folk Assembly with us this year and making 2020 the best year for the AFA yet!

It was great to see all the celebrations this month for the Einherjar as well as for our Alfar. It seems every week, even in times like these, AFA members around the world are together in celebration and worship. That's one thing I love about the Runestone each month, we get to see our AFA family, far and wide, together as a Folk. November also saw the birth of the Stonewall Kindred in the West



As we go into the Yule season, I want to continue to encourage all of you to make the most of time with your family and Folk. This year more than any before we need to gather, we need to celebrate, we need to do Yule right! This is my favorite time of year and a great time to be joyful, find that joy in your life, and share it. I want to wish my AFA family a warm and happy Yule, may we all be surrounded by family, by friends, and by Folk. As we celebrate, may we all be mindful to raise our horns and our voices in praise to the glorious Æsir as we stand Asa-TRU.

Hail the Gods!

Hail the Folk!

Hail the AFA!



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**Óðinshof - First Hof of the Asatru Folk Assembly**



### **Food Bank at Odinshof – the need grows!**

The Covid crisis has placed new restrictions on how we distribute food to the hungry people of Brownsville each month. Our numbers almost doubled in November, but we were efficient and everyone got plenty of food. The biggest problem came with the change of weather. Due to Covid, people now “drive-thru” which is easier for us and requires fewer volunteers. On a rainy day though? Our first big rain of the season hit us hard and drenched us from shoes to hats. But this is who we are and what we do – building goodwill in our community and beyond, in spite of discomfort. Thank you so much to those who came out and helped. We are proud to do our part for the Brownsville community!

### **Seasonal Celebrations – from Disir to Alfar**

*A wonderful Feast of the Einherjar at Óðinshof.*

his young daughter from his home in the mountain wilderness, west of Mt. Shasta. He arrived in the afternoon and left by nine, in order to get home in time for his wife's early morning trip to work. Upon leaving, Jay gifted us a black-walnut bowl from a hundred-year-old tree. It's inscribed with an Othar rune and will be used as our Ancestor's plate at Odinshof for generations to come.

In another AFA first, Gythia McNallen led us all in a powerful Alfablót. Our offering at this afternoon ritual was ale, instead of mead, which was also traditional for our county Folk. As we had called our mothers at Winter Nights, this time we each remembered a father of our own lineage. Fathers and grandfathers ~ we spoke to them in silence, thanking them for their gifts. We offered blót to them; then asked for blessings of strength, wisdom, honor, guidance – and all things have fathers impart to us.

That evening, Stephen McNallen did our Einherjar Blót, calling on the Might and Wisdom of Odin, who is Father to us all. A part of our offering was the tossing of papers into the bonfire, each inscribed with the name of a personal hero and the lesson learned from his life. We connected deeply with men of our Folk, bringing a balance of masculine with the feminine, fathers with our mothers, at this time of year.

Soon after, the Sumbel fire was blazing, ready for tales of daring, strength, and sacrifice that are part of our families' tales. We remembered and hailed the Fallen Heroes, and then ended our last ritual of Autumn 2020.

**THINGS WE'LL DO:**

- Decorate the Yule tree
- Ornament exchange (optional)
- Secret Santa Gift Exchange (optional)
- Visit by Father Yule with gifts for children
- Children's crafts, storytelling, and songs
- Auction & Raffle
- Lunch & Grand Feast (pot-luck)
- Rituals to include *Welcome to the Gods* and a *Blot to the Aesir*

**HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

**RSVP by Dec 16th**  
Let us know children's names & ages

**MEALS: Check with**  
Krystal about items needed for lunch & dinner

**Bringing a Friend?**  
Check with us first.

**Auction items & cash donations gladly accepted**

**OVERNIGHT:**  
Staying in the hof or camping outdoors is an option. The Brownsville Motel might have rooms available.

**December 19th**  
**10 am until 10 pm**

**C**ome dressed up for a day of joyful celebration. We'll invite the Spirits of the Season through our blot to our Gods & Goddesses, and to our Ancestors that they may enjoy the goodness and frith that abounds

*For more information*  
Contact Marc MacLeod, Krystal Bailey, or Sheila McNallen on Facebook  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11: Yuba Sutter Food Bank, distribution from 10:30 – 11:30

December 12: 2nd Annual Brownsville Yuletide Celebration

We're inviting local families from 1:00 – 3:00 to share some joy from our traditions, with Papa Yule (Thorgrun Odden) handing out toys, plus cookies, cocoa, story-telling & singing. This will take place outdoors around our picnic tables.

December 19: Yule at Odinshof.

This festive day will have something for everyone, to include tree decorating, children's crafts, feasting, gift exchange, an auction, and an Aesir Blot led by our Alsherjargothi Matt Flavel. And yes, Papa Yule will be arriving from the far north with gifts for the children. Write to [sheila@runestone.org](mailto:sheila@runestone.org) if you'd like more information.

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## Þórshof - Second Hof of the Asatru Folk Assembly



On November 21, 2020, Thorshof celebrated Feast of the Einherjar with Folkbuilder Rob Stamm leading the ritual. It was an amazing feeling to be around the Folk due to what is going on in the world today. We held a class on what the Feast of the Einherjar means and who it is for, also learned more about the rune Algiz and how it applied to this ritual. The ritual itself was very powerful with everyone galdring Algiz and

We also started collecting toys for our very first Toy Drive. And soon we will be gifting them to be delivered to the children.



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## Baldurshof - Third Hof of the Asatru Folk Assembly





Another month of work has been done in our temple to the Shining One! The basement has been a hefty task since the acquisition of this property. When this project started, the main question was "Where do we start?" After several months of trial and error, we found ourselves on the right track. The basement project went from a looming monster to a proud accomplishment. We found ourselves completing more and more work, and fixing what needed to be fixed. As has been the theme this fall, we are building a stronger bond with our Folk when we work together to solve problems.

We are also very happy to announce that Baldurshof now has a working, and very effective, furnace. This part of the country gets a little chilly during the winter. We now have a warm place for our Folk to gather.

After one of our workdays, we took some time for a ritual to honor our Einherjar. Food and drink were shared with our noble warriors, as well as the wights of the land. This is sure to be the first of many rituals performed at this site.

As always, there is plenty of work that still needs to be done! The next main project will involve making the upper level of the building as bright, shining, and beautiful as Baldur himself. Please contact any member of the Northern Plains leadership team if you are interested in helping out!

Hail Baldur!

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## Day of Remembrance

### Egil Skallagrimsson

This month, we raise a horn in honor of Egil Skallagrimsson. His deeds make up a large portion of Egil's Saga, which also gives a glimpse into the political, social, and cultural climate of 10th century Scandinavia. The work offers us a working model of how the society of our ancestors worked, what they valued, and how things were done.

Egil was born in Iceland, in 904. His poetic gifts became apparent at the age of 3 when he composed his first poem. His ferocity also surfaced at a young age, after being cheated at a game. Young Egil returned with an ax and split the offending party's skull. Both his poetry and ferocity would shape his life, sometimes at the same time.

After a disagreement with his father, Egil set out for Norway. While out and about with his colleagues, they were received by a servant of the king, Bard. This man was less than hospitable towards them, until a feast later that night. Egil began to taunt Bard viciously via poem, and Bard poisoned his drink. Egil carved runes on the poisoned horn, and it shattered. He then stabbed Bard and left. While the king sent out a search party to capture Egil, the matter was eventually settled monetarily.

Egil spent the next 5 decades touring the seas of northern Europe. His talents and skills were showcased many more times, whether fighting for a king, erecting a nothing pole to drive an offending party away from the land, or using rune magic to cure a gravely ill woman. Egil's poetic gifts also remained with him throughout his life. Some of these poems were in praise of the living, others in tribute to the dead. Egil even composed a poem that so flattered a king, that this king spared his life. In his final years, and in declining health, Egil returned to his native Iceland. He died in 995, after burying his fortune. When his remains were to be moved, a priest is said to have hit Egil's skull

with an ax. The bone is alleged to have not broken, but just turned white at the point of impact.

Egil has also found himself a topic of scientific conversation. In the last several decades, scientists have begun to question the causes of his unusual appearance, as well as the durability of his skull. As his father and grandfather were also described as having similar unique features, geneticists have begun to look more closely at several possibilities, leading to more genetic research involving the Folk at large. While no conclusions have been made, new discoveries about our DNA are always a boon and may prove useful to future generations. May Egil continue to inspire our Folk, in poetry, bravery, or discovery!



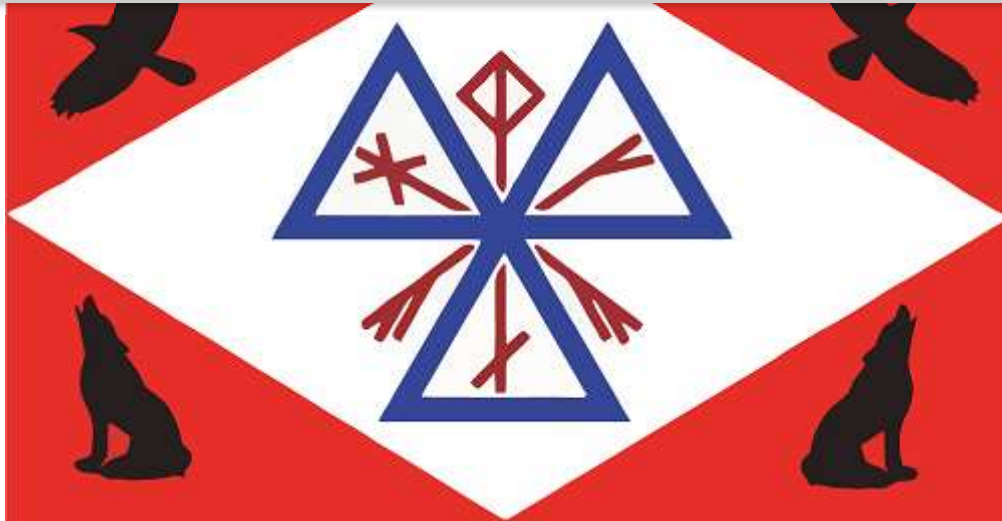
Hail Egil Skallagrimsson!



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## Kindred Spotlight

Heimdall's Midgard Kindred



In this month's Kindred spotlight the AFA would like to honor and thank Heimdall's Midgard Kindred of Indiana. They were one of the first Kindreds to join the program after it began several years ago. Led by Folkbuilder Zach Cato they are a close-knit family that hosts a wide variety of events from camping trips to Genealogy classes and study groups. Thank you Heimdall's Midgard for everything you do and for being a beacon and a representative for our folk.

Hail Heimdall's Midgard Kindred!  
Hail the Asatru Folk Assembly!!!



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## Upcoming National Events

There is so much going on around the country right now in spite of various obstacles.

Assembly is in person with your Folk!

January 22 - 24

Thorfest 2021

Colorado

<https://thorfest2021.eventbrite.com>



February 5 - 7

Charming of the Plow 2021

Washington

<https://charmingoftheplow.eventbrite.com>



March 12 - 14

Ostara at Þórshof

North Carolina

June 11 - 13

Midsummer at Óðinshof

California

September (TBA)

Fallfest VI

October 15 - 17

Winter Nights in the Poconos X

Pennsylvania



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Alabama



Some members of Ravensblood Kindred gathered at the Worsteins' beautiful home in

I led a blöt to Odin, Thor, Tyr, and to the Folk who fell in defense of their tribes or nations! The Worsteins made us a wonderful dinner of steak and brussels sprouts with sautéed bacon and onions, which we washed down with some locally-made Alabama muscadine wine.



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## Florida





It was a beautiful day and there was a good turn out for the Feast of the Einherjar. We did something a little different and made an offering to Forseti, the most persuasive judge in delicate matters and in settling disputes, that he watch over the proceedings of Ursula Haverbeck. when she returns to court in Berlin on the 17th of November. Her courage and steadfastness are something we should all aspire to in our daily struggles.

The American Crow Kindred welcomed the Ulveskare Kindred to share in our hospitality and lend their voices to the blot. We enjoyed a truly great feast and built bonds with our new friends in attendance. We look forward to growing in Frith with them over the coming years. During sumbel for the ancestor round, we focused on our ancestors who had died in battle, to honor the Einherjar to whom this feast is dedicated, and we ended it with a round to all for which we are thankful.

The Deep South welcomed two new members home in November, including one of our folk who joined us for this event.



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### Heimdall's Midgard Kindred



Greetings from the Midwest,

We've had quite a bit of action in the Midwest this month. We had multiple events in most of our states and a new Apprentice Folkbuilder, Joe Drotos, added to the team. I look forward to working with him.

This month Heimdalls Midgard spent a weekend at a beautiful cabin location. Throughout most of our years together we camp between April and October. So instead of going to restaurants for the remaining months, we've decided to seek out cabins. And we plan to continue this tradition from now on.

We are looking forward to the coming Yule. And seeing our Folk gather around all over the world in honor of our Gods and Ancestors. Last year I wrote a Yule paper that some may find interesting. If you would like to view it send me an email at [zcato@runestone.org](mailto:zcato@runestone.org).

We hope everyone has a wonderful Yule. Until next time...





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## Northeast





Another month down in 2020. Some may want to forget the year it's been. This is understandable if we view our success on only material "things". Yes, we all may have lost some "things", money, jobs, etc. We can all agree it's been difficult and maybe a time we'd like to forget but, as Asatruar, we look beyond this. We see the light where others don't. With all the downs there will always be an upside. Not only has the AFA continued to grow but, our outer family (non-Asatru) is beginning to come around to what we represent. Asking questions and showing interest. They see us standing tall and guiding the way wondering if they too can have this positivity in the storm they find themselves. Well, they can and they will. They are us too with all the same spiritual potential! In the mass awakening that is upon us, I implore all of you to continue to show our extended family the way. This is not only the upside but, our destiny and in part why we have been placed here.

I had the pleasure of attending two events this month. First was a meetup with some of the PA members west of me. All the week prior I looked forward to that day and I'm sure everyone else did as well. We met in a little town called Lititz in Amish country. I was astonished at what a beautiful town it was. A place unchanged by modernism. Like a scene from the 1950s as we walked to the meeting place, Bulls Head Public House. Once inside we all got to know each other. Some of us meeting for the very first time. We talked, ate, and drank. Interestingly in my recollection not many times discussing anything going on in the outside world or at least anything negative. That day we were just a few like-minded Folk enjoying a Sunday together as we all should do more often. A special thanks to Dave and Sara Green once again who did the legwork on making this meetup a success.

Second, this month was the Feast of the Einherjar hosted by the Lansdale Tru Folk. For many of us, this was a special Holy Day. A day to reflect on the Folk who selflessly gave all of themselves, regardless of the consequences or pain, reaching Heroic status, entering the Halls of Walhalla until they come back for the final battle to selflessly give

years prior. How many things have changed and much more to come and not just for me but, for all of us. We are exactly where we are supposed to be and lucky for it. Once everyone arrived we all talked and caught up on anything new in our lives as the children played amongst themselves. Soon it was time for Blot. Witan Erickson lead us in the powerful ritual leaving an empty seat at the head of the table for the fallen Hero. As we ate we all gazed down at the seemingly empty seat but, we all knew it wasn't. He was with us as he always was and always will be. They all will be. The night ended with Sumbel speaking words of praise to the High Ones, to the Heros we once knew, and to the Heros of today.



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### **Wotan on the Peaks**

*Sunday, December 6, 2020, at 9 AM EST*

*Phoenicia, NY*

*Hosted by Adam Hudak and AFA Northeast*

Join me as we hike the Burroughs Range Trail ( Wittenburg Cornell Slide Mountain) to honor our High God. This will be a pretty long hike and will take most of the day. Daylight will be fading quickly so please try to be on time for an early start. Look forward to seeing you there.

### **Monthly Moot**

*Saturday, December 12, 2020, at 12 PM EST*

*Nockamixon State Park, PA*

*Hosted by Lansdale Tru Folk*

Let's get together for a fun afternoon of hiking with a pub moot to follow! (exact locations will be shared once RSVP'd)

Nockamixon State Park is a beautiful 5,286-acre park in scenic Bucks County. This park features miles and miles of hiking, camping, and a 1,450-acre lake perfect for

well as folks interested in our group. Can't make the hike but want a pint of beer? Let us know when you RSVP, we'll save a spot for you at the pub. Wear good hiking boots and bring water! this hike is moderately difficult and about 3 miles long.

### **Folkish Yule in Pennsylvania**

*Saturday, December 26, 2020, at 3 PM EST*

*Lansdale, PA*

*Hosted by Lansdale Tru Folk*

A Yuletide Faining, open to friends and members of Lansdale Tru Folk and the Asatru Folk Assembly, followed by a feast and a sumbel hosted by the Lansdale Tru Folk. If you would like to bring an offering or gift to the Gods, an ancestor, or for luck in the new year please do. For information, please email [cerickson@runestone.org](mailto:cerickson@runestone.org).



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## **Northern Plains**

**Northern Blood Kindred**



November flew by pretty fast for us in the Northern Plain and in Minnesota. We have been focusing most of our time on getting Baldurshof finished and ready for the dedication. There is heat and its piping hot inside now thanks to the new furnaces installed. Things are falling into place and we have created a space that continues to build up more each time we are there. Gythia Anna Mae led us in a Feast of the Einherjar Blót after the workday followed by a potluck feast. Feels like home and I know the rest of our folk will feel the same way. This is an exciting time to be alive right now. We have several Hof's now for our children and their children to grow up in and honor our Gods and Ancestors.

More events will be posted as they are planned.

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## Northwest



Hails from the great Pacific Northwest!

November saw several gatherings for the “Feast of the Einherjar” around the NW, and the most exciting news is that Heath and Maya of the Nordvestri kindred welcomed baby Clementine into the world!

The Nordvestri kindred in the Seattle area had quite an eventful month with our newest Folkbuilder Mason Johnson reporting the following; “a successful Land taking Rite was performed to Honor the Wight’s surrounding and within the new house that will be essentially used to benefit our local Folk, early in the month Rachel and I hosted a

The season of Jule is now upon us and these long winter nights that may seem so dreary can be shortened and turned into a time of celebration, thanks to our ancestral holiday of Jule. Jul was celebrated from the new moon of November to the new moon of December. At this time, the animals for slaughter were the fattest, flour had been processed, all the work of autumn was completed, and it was time to celebrate.

I’m looking forward to gathering with our folk and lifting a horn of mead in celebration, so make an effort to come out to one of our Jul events around the NW and we’ll lift one together!

The “Charming of the Plow” AFA national event site is now up and running. This event will be held in Leavenworth Washington on the weekend of Feb 5-7. Email or call me directly for details, this event is also on the “Moots and Meets”, FB page. Don’t delay reserve your spot today!

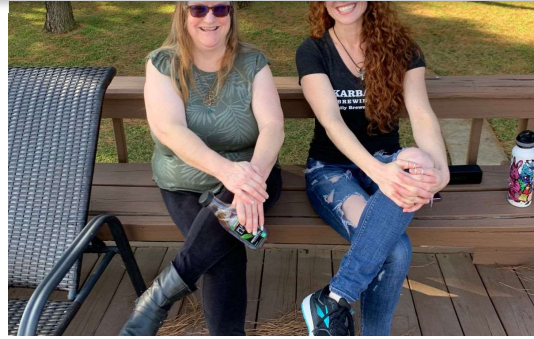
If you would like to organize an event in your area, contact me and I will help you set it up.

- December 2,9,16,23,30-----AFA NW weekly call-in Forum 8:00 PM PST.
- December 6th -----Yule logging North Idaho Althing, Coeur d’ Alene ID.
- December TBD -----Nordvestri meet and greet, Seattle Wa.
- December TBD -----Yule Celebration Portland OR.
- December TBD-----Yule Vinland volk, Vancouver B.C.
- December TBD----- Yule North Idaho Althing, Coeur d’Alene ID.



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The AFA South Central group went all out this month in order to celebrate our fallen comrades for the Feast of the Einherjar. The group chipped in to rent a beautiful property on Lake Athens, taking in the best of nature as we paid homage to our warrior Gods and ancestors. Texas continues to prosper and grow in Frith as we celebrated our largest gathering of folk to date for the Feast of the Einherjar. Not only was it our largest gathering, but we were able to meet three of our newest members as well. It is obvious that our Texas Heathens are eager to gather and ready for the future and possibilities for the Fridr Folk Kindred. We had a great feast, great discussions about

December in San Antonio. There is a lot of interest in our group and it is our hope that we will continue to gather new members in Texas/Louisiana and build more friendships in the future.



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## Upper South

Greetings!

The upper south has been coalescing around Thorshof. I would highly recommend coming out if you haven't been. Towards the tail end of October, we celebrated the Feast of the Einherjar at Thorshof, which was a really magical gathering. Coming up in December we will have Mother's Night of Yule at Thorshof. Please bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to our toy drive if you are able. We will distribute donations to needy families of the local community on the 27th. There will also be a hof maintenance day on Dec. 5th.

I know March seems like it is far away, but it will sneak up on us, start planning to be at Ostara in the south, the first of many at Thorshof! We will not have on-site accommodations, but suggestions of local hotels and campgrounds will be forthcoming. Plan early and collaborate for the possibility of group rates at hotels.

Ladies and gentlemen, this has been a challenging year for everyone. I want to really emphasize that we can start to feel isolated and faceless in a sea of covered faces. Take refuge in your folk and the AFA. When we come to events and to Thorshof, all that melts away and it's a little slice of normal and warmth. This becomes especially important as the outer world seems to drag isolation on. And if you are in need of help or just want to talk, please don't hesitate to reach out to any Gothi or Folkbuilder. We are here for you.



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## Baby Blanket Project



The **Women of the AFA** are proud to be continuing this fine and noble work we call the Baby Blanket Project! We're committed to ensuring all new babies born within the AFA are gifted a handmade — knit, crocheted, or woven — baby blanket! It's just our little way of celebrating each new addition to our folk!

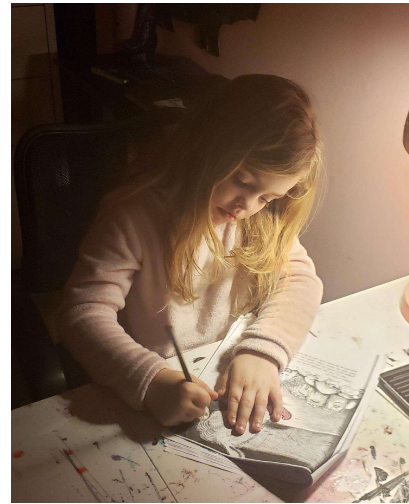
This project has been going strong for nearly a year now, and has been a rousing success! The Ladies of the AFA have knitted, crocheted, and sewn beautiful baby blankets for over 20 of our littlest folk, with more on the way. They've been delivered everywhere from Alaska to Florida,

California to Sweden!

If you are a member of the AFA who is expecting a baby, please let your Folkbuilder know so we can get a blanket to you. If you would like to contribute, either financially or by volunteering as a baby blanket crafter, let your Folkbuilder know about that as well, so he can get you in touch with the right people. It's so rewarding to see your handcraft being loved by our little heathens!

Would you like a blanket for your newborn, or to donate and help with yarn costs (yarn is expensive!)? Please notify Mandy ([mandy@runestone.org](mailto:mandy@runestone.org)) with the subject line: **BABY BLANKET.**

The AFA Youth Program is now halfway through a very successful year! We had high hopes when this program started in January and the kids have surpassed all of our expectations and goals. Our youth have been working on monthly assignments and fun projects centered around Lore, Days of Remembrance, Holidays, AFA Culture, and monthly themes based on the Nine Noble Virtues.



Registration for the Youth Program is open year-round and open to youth ages 6 to 18. Our program is currently e-mail based. Parents receive their assignments through e-mail on the first of each month. The Youth Program is free and open to all of our AFA families!

If you are interested in registering your child for the AFA Youth Program, send an e-mail to [youth@runestone.org](mailto:youth@runestone.org) to get started.

## Folk Services

For some, it may be a natural disaster. For others an unexpected change in health, and for some just an unforeseen chain of events. Whatever the case may be sometimes we find ourselves in a sticky situation, and although we try and to work and do our best to pull ourselves out, sometimes we may need the help of our Folk community to give us a hand up...

That's when our folks Services Program comes in. We give one-time monetary grants to those members in need. These folks are so grateful and we know that once they get back on track they will contribute to this fund. For those that are able, we are in need of funds so we can be prepared for when these situations arise in our community. If you're able please place a donation today. Even a small donation adds up in the grand scheme of things and even \$5 or \$10 can help if enough people pitch in. If even a fraction of the folks who like the page did that each



AFA Folk Services is intended to provide modest, one-time monetary grants to AFA members in dire need of basic services. It is also to be a source for referrals and information to help members get help beyond what the AFA can directly provide. For more information, send a private message to the [Folk Services page on Facebook](#).

Your contributions are earnestly solicited and of course, are tax-deductible! Please donate to Folk Services or one of our other AFA Fundraisers at <http://www.runestone.org/donate/>.

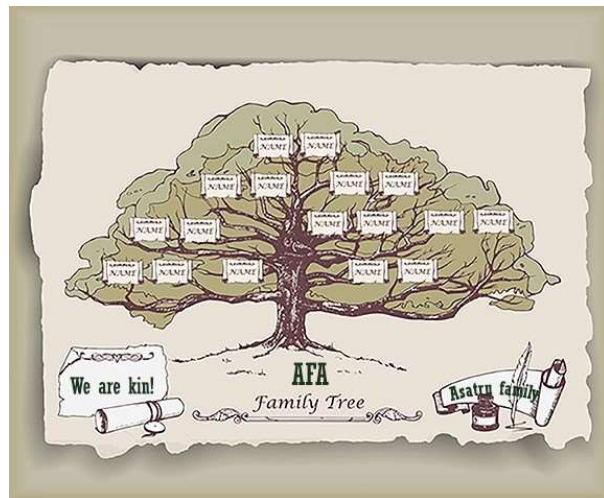
Thanks in advance!

## Genealogy Group

This is a place for AFA Members to discuss genealogy, family history research, and share tips and information related to genealogy. Rules here are simple: Keep your posts to the subject matter of this group, keep it friendly, have fun.

Every month, Steven Ingle publishes a spreadsheet listing all participants with their cousin matches. Yes, we all have cousin matches in the AFA, some closer than others. This is open to our greater family tree and is not just for members in the U.S.

What if you're brand new to all of this? First, you will need to have your DNA tested through one of the companies like Ancestry DNA or 23andme. We will give you instructions on what to do when you get your results. What if you're not on Facebook but still want to participate? When your DNA is tested, and you get results, you can create a Gedmatch kit number, Send that kit number to Sheila and we'll run it in the next batch. She will send you the results of your analysis. You too will say, "Oh, my Gods! Wow! Incredible! and "Hey, there Cousin!"



This group is a place where AFA members 50 and over can come to support one another in facing the challenges of aging, caring for family and loved ones, and exploring how over shared beliefs can help with it all.

To join the group you must be a member of the AFA in good standing. You must be 50 or older, exceptions are the AFA Witan, AFA Folkbuilders, and AFA Gothar. There is no commercial activity or soliciting in the group.

## Eir's Blessings

Everybody needs a little extra help sometimes. Women, being the frithy creatures that we are, are uniquely suited to the task of manipulating energy for the purpose of healing. Magic, you could say.

Do you have a health concern and need a little extra energy? Are you battling a mental illness like depression or PTSD? Is your baby having a hard time with teething? If you've answered yes at all, reach out to us. Once a month women of the AFA will get together to perform healing rituals all across the globe. If you would like to be included, please send a message to let us know!



At the same time, Women of the AFA! If you are interested in helping to create a frithful, healing magic, let us know! It's easy, but it makes a huge difference to those in our community who need our help!

You can reach us at [EirsBlessings@runestone.org](mailto:EirsBlessings@runestone.org)

## Photo Donations

We have a real need for hi-res photographs of our members' gathering, being active in their kindreds, and showing what it means to live Asatru. If you are willing to donate some hi-res photos for use in promotions such as the AFA Calendar, the AFA website, our publications, and more please email them to [photos@runestone.org](mailto:photos@runestone.org). The larger the resolution the better, so please email them from the device where the photo was taken.



## Remembrance & Holy Days

### 2020

Date	Observance
December 9	Day of Remembrance for Egil Skallagrimson
December 20	Mother's Night
December 21-31	Yuletide

### 2021

Date	Observance
January 9	Day of Remembrance for Raud the Strong
January 23	Porrablót
February 9	Day of Remembrance for Eyvind Kinnrifi
February 20	Charming of the Plow
March 9	Day of Remembrance for Olvir of Egg
March 20	Ostara
April 9	Day of Remembrance for Jarl Haakon
April 17	Hexennacht
May 9	Day of Remembrance for Else Christensen
May 22	May Day
June 9	Day of Remembrance for King Athanaric of the Goths
June 20	Midsummer

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July 1	Day of Remembrance for Alexander Rud Mills	
July 17	Sigrblót	
August 9	Day of Remembrance for King Radbod of Frisia	
August 21	Freyfaxi	
September 9	Day of Remembrance for Prince Hermann of the Cherusci	
September 22	Winter Finding	
October 9	Day of Remembrance for Meister Guido von List	
October 15	Birthday of Founder Stephen McNallen	
October 16	Winter Nights	
November 9	Day of Remembrance for Queen Sigríð of Sweden	
November 11	Feast of the Einherjar	
December 9	Day of Remembrance for Egill Skallagrímsson	
December 20	Mother's Night	
December 21-31	Yuletide	

## Volunteer for the AFA

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