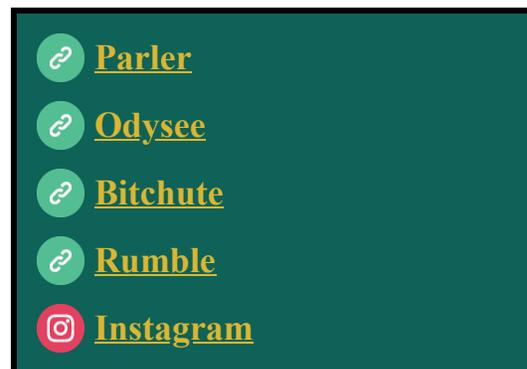


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Words from the Alsherjargothi



SIGRHEIM IS OURS!

I am proud to announce that as of this article, Sigrheim is ours. Right now, it is raw land and a dream, in the coming months, years, and decades it will become the thriving home of the Asatru Folk Assembly. This would not have been possible without the amazing generosity of our AFA family, thank you all so much. This was also made possible by the special effort of Daniel Mason and his wife Kira and by the constant effort of Gothi Daniel Young, these are the heroes that made this happen. Hail

the Æsir! Hail Týr! Hail Victory!

I have been focused on Sigrheim these last few weeks, but November was a great month for us generally. Our AFA family continues to grow by leaps and bounds. We have record member numbers and now members in The Netherlands and in France! 2022 has been a year of victory and growth, and we have much to celebrate this Yule. I wish you all a warm and joyous Yule, surrounded by family and friends.

Hail the Gods!

Hail the Folk!

Hail the AFA!



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Words from the Witan

The Banishment of Alienation



The Asatru Folk Assembly's [Declaration of Purpose](#) contains something I would like to talk about in this run-up to Yuletide and the start of a new year.

IV. The restoration of community, the banishment of alienation, and the establishment of natural and just relations among our Folk

Our ancestors had religious and social folkways that gave them a feeling of continuity and community while jealously preserving individual rights; we can and will reestablish this natural order among our Folk. Asatru encourages sound, traditional families while providing an extended family or tribe to support the basic family unit. We help each other materially, socially, and religiously while respecting the privacy of individuals and families. Society would work better if families and communities cared for each other, rather than relying on coercive, intrusive "help" from outside sources such as the government.

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We have all seen the various collections for our Folk in need via the [Folk Services Fund](#), but I think a lot of our members might not be aware of how much occurs behind the scenes because the AFA can't "boast" about some of our activities while also respecting the privacy as we have promised to do. In my position as an AFA Witan and Gothi, I see it all the time, when an AFA member mentions to a Folkbuilder or our clergy that life dealt something unexpected and every time the AFA offers help.

Since I cannot brag about how the AFA had helped others, I will brag about a time the AFA offered to help me personally. My privacy is my business after all!

Years ago, I used to drive a 1987 Jeep YJ Jeep Wrangler that was affectionately and jokingly called the "Jurassic Jeep" among AFA members and a few leaders because it was the same as the Jeeps in Jurassic Park and because it had a logo on the doors for "Paragon Park" which was a rock climbing park that used to own the Jeep. This Jeep was a real clunker, but like all Jeeps, it would always go even if there were a trail of smoke and people on the highway suggesting I pull over. "No, it's fine. It's a Jeep" was always my reply.

In 2013 or 2014 I drove this Jeep down I-95 from Pennsylvania to Georgia with our Gythia and Gothar program coordinator Rebecca as a passenger, and the then "AFA East horn" (the sister horn to the one currently at Óðinshof) that was in my care from Gythia Pat Hall. We were on an overnight mission to get our Gythia Rebecca down to Ostara in the South for a presentation, and then she was returning to Pennsylvania by train the same day. I was going to stay the night Saturday, and then would be going home on Sunday.

The trip down was uneventful, the presentation was well-received, and the "AFA East horn" was present for this great event, and it was very much appreciated by the Folk that it was brought down. I stayed up late enjoying the short time I had with my Folk and when it was time to drive home the next morning, I was very tired.

I started to doze off in North Carolina, so I decided to exit the highway and find a place to take a nap. As I was turning into a truck stop, I cut off a Ford Mustang which then t-boned the Jeep. I was very lucky that I bounced off of a curb and didn't roll because I most likely wouldn't have survived if the Jeep rolled. The Jeep was totaled and the AFA East horn had a large crack near its mouth. As soon as I had contacted someone, I received calls from numerous Folkbuilders, Gythia, and Mrs. McNallen. I was astonished by a few things.

1. No one cared that the horn was cracked
2. They were all concerned that I was okay and had somewhere to spend the night
3. Mrs. McNallen knew how much this Jeep meant to me and offered a loan from the AFA to help replace it.

I had always heard about how the AFA cares for its members and had been a witness to the AFA's hospitality, but this was the first time I was able to witness in a very personal way that the AFA **means it** when we say, "we help each other." I was fortunate that I didn't need to take that loan since I was a single young man and had the resources to take care of things. If this happened to me today as a husband and father, I would probably accept the loan. The horn was repaired, although sadly it was stolen years after this. (that is another story!)

Please, never be afraid or embarrassed to ask for help. The AFA takes care of our family, and that means you.



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Lawspeaker's Challenge - Memory



Yule is a time for remembrance – remembrance of the simpler times of our childhood as well as the good memories of our families and ancestors. Along with those direct family memories we are taken to recall the memories of the Folksoul, which after all surround us this time of year: Yule trees, holly, garland, mistletoe, and the giving and receiving of presents.

Many of us have extra time off during the Yule season, so this is a good time to work on one of the components of our souls – memory. Memory, along with thought, form, will, and other parts, form the whole (same root word as “holy”) person. So while we have some extra free time we should work to strengthen and expand this part of our soul.

So, this month’s challenge: memorize something challenging. Memorize several stanzas of the Havamal (or the whole thing!). Memorize a long poem that you have always liked. Memorize your grandparents' and great-grandparents’ names back three or four generations. Memorize all 108 names of Wotan. These exercises make you stronger and healthier mentally and expand and strengthen your soul complex. Be strong, and acquit yourselves well.



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The Quest for Freyshof

“Njördr in Nóatún begot afterward two children: the son was called Freyr, and the daughter Freyja; they were fair of face and mighty. Freyr is the most renowned of the Æsir; he rules over the rain and the shining of the sun, and therewithal the fruit of the earth; and it is good to call on him for fruitful seasons and peace. He governs also the prosperity of men.”

– Gylfaginning



[Freyshof Fund – Asatru Folk Assembly \(runestone.org\)](https://runestone.org)

This sacred quest has had a great start so far! The generosity has been amazing, as always!

This is the list of things that need to happen before we can make Freyshof a reality:

1. We need to pay off Njörðshof. (We have paid off 41.25% so far)
2. We need to raise our monthly donation average by 12%. (This is membership dues/Hoftollar plus other donations)
3. We need to locate a suitable property.
4. We need to find lenders and build a war chest.

This is not a "quick" process so stay patient and resolute. As we progress, I will keep you all updated on our progress!

Hail Freyr!



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AFA Homeschool Program



Check out the Asatru Academy at AsatruAcademy.org

Greetings parents and students! Happy Yuletide to you all! This month we will focus heavily on our Yule traditions. Be on the lookout for new Yule stories and content to be posted on Quickschools. A very special story time and other great lessons! We hope

your Yule is wonderful. We can't believe the first half of the school year has gone by so fast! If you need anything, don't hesitate to reach out to any of [our dedicated school staff](#).



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Remembrance & Holy Days



2022

Date	Observance
January 9	Day of Remembrance for Raud the Strong
January 15	Þorrablót
February 9	Day of Remembrance for Eyvind Kinnrifi
February 19	Charming of the Plow
March 9	Day of Remembrance for Olvir of Egg
March 20 (observed on 21st)	Ostara
April 9	Day of Remembrance for Jarl Haakon
April 31 (observed on 16th)	Hexennacht
May 9	Day of Remembrance for Else Christensen
May 1 (observed on 21st)	May Day
June 9	Day of Remembrance for King Athanaric of the Goths
June 21 (observed on 18th)	Midsummer
July 9	Day of Remembrance for Alexander Rud Mills
July 16	Sigrblót
August 9	Day of Remembrance for King Radbod of Frisia
August 20	Freyfaxi
September 9	Day of Remembrance for Prince Hermann of the Cherusci
September 21 (observed on 17th)	Winter Finding
October 9	Day of Remembrance for Meister Guido von List
October 15	Birthday of Founder Stephen McNallen
October 15	Winter Nights
November 9	Day of Remembrance for Queen Sigríð of Sweden
November 19	Feast of the Einherjar
December 9	Day of Remembrance for Egill Skallagrímsson
December 20	Mother's Night
December 20-31	Yuletide

Day of Remembrance

Egill Skallagrímsson



“Here I am at the hearth
Of my host, Yngvar
The Generous, who grants
Gold to heroic men;
Free-handed fosterer,
You’ll find no three-year
Babe among bards
More brilliant than me.”

So “penned” the three-year-old Egill Skallagrímsson after stealing a horse from this father to attend his grandfather’s feast. That small poem was just a precursor for the man who would become known as one of the best poets of the Viking age. Planting an ax in the skull of the boy who cheated him at a game at seven years old would similarly set the tone for a man who would become known as a fierce warrior prone to berserker rages.

From Egill’s Saga, one of the great Icelandic family sagas written in the 13th Century by Snorri Sturluson, we learn about a man who was both an unforgiving warrior and a masterful poet. He spent a good half of his life as a very successful Viking chieftain whose violent tendencies took him through most of Northern Europe. From Norway to Latvia, from Sweden to Saxony, his exploits were prolific.

Egill was known to always strike out in revenge against those who wronged the ones he loved, even going so far as to rip out the throat of a man with his teeth in an honor duel. For all the man was known for his ferocity, Egill Skallagrímsson was also known for his love of his family. This is seen most clearly in his poetry. Many of his poems were

composed as a result of the death of someone he loved. He wrote a poem for his brother, Thorold, and recited it in his poems. He also wrote a poem named “Sonnatorrek” after the untimely death of both of his sons.

His skills don’t end there, however. Egill was considered a skilled runemaster, even going so far as to heal the daughter of a man with whom he was staying by carving runes into a stick and placing it under her pillow. Truly he seemed to be gifted by the Allfather.

Egill retired to a farm in his middle years and lived to be nearly 90 years old before dying of a sudden and quick-acting illness.

What can we learn from this story?

Egill represents the true duality of human nature.

Egill’s Saga is one of war and one of love. We watch the pagan chief battle his way across all of Northern Europe, and we watch him immortalize his love of his friends and families through masterful poems. His loyalty to those who were important to him was tantamount to the man he became.



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Yuletide



Yuletide is the 12-day period in December in which we hold our biggest celebrations. During the Yuletide, we celebrate our families and our tribes and the bonds that hold us strong. We celebrate our Ancestors. We celebrate our Gods and the Wild Hunt. We celebrate the bright fires of the hearth that keeps us warm, and we celebrate the rebirth of the sun. We have made it halfway through the harshest time of the year. The sun begins to stay in the sky a little longer each day, moving us closer and closer to the fruitful and warm summer.

We celebrate by gathering together to feast and sing songs. We put up our Yule trees and our wreaths. We bake cookies and give presents. We build strong bonds and traditions that our children remember and pass on. It is a joyous time of the year.

We begin the Yuletide on the 20th of December, called Mothersnight. During Mothersnight, we celebrate our ancient mothers, the Disir, who kept the hearth flames burning bright. One way to celebrate this is to extinguish all of the lights in the house. Light a candle to represent the hearth flame and, if you have children, give them pots and pans. Starting at the central part of your home, or the hearth (usually the kitchen and the stove, but can be a literal hearth if you have a fireplace), let the children “chase the ill-wights,” or the bad energy, from each room by running through the house and banging the pots and pans. As you go through each room, light a waiting candle. You are bringing the light of the hearth, of the Goddess Frigga, of the Disir, into each room to bless it. You can say something simple with each candle you light, like “The Goddess

Frigga bring love and light into this room” or “The Disir bless this home and all who live within it.”

Yuletide ends on December 31st, a time when people can make oaths for themselves for the coming year.

An AFA tradition started by our esteemed founder Steven McNallen, focuses on celebrating 12 Asatru virtues: Industriousness, Justice, Courage, Generosity, Hospitality, Moderation, Community, Individuality, Truth, Steadfastness, Loyalty, and Wisdom. Each night, we light a candle in honor of each of these virtues. Steven McNallen has videos for each of these days on our YouTube channel, and we recommend that everyone take some time to watch them.

Erickson Family Traditions



One of the things that my husband and I agonized over was how to make Yule something completely magical for our children, and completely separate from Christmas. We do not hate Christmas, but we want our children to be so in love with Yule and with Asatru that they do not consider any other way when they are old enough to choose for themselves. But how do we do this? All the real Yule traditions have been adopted and aren't strictly Asatru anymore.

We had such a hard time with it that it wasn't until our son was two and a half (his third yule) that we had any sort of traditions to start. Speaking with Witan Svan Herul was the turning point for me, and over the yuletide season, we honed our own family traditions.

As a Gythia helping find traditions for my family was important but finding traditions that all our children can grow up with is even more important. How wonderful would it be for our children to see each other at gatherings and be able to talk about Yule without having different experiences?

I know that many of us already have our traditions and even more of us have children who are old enough to “know what they know,” but I am sharing my traditions here in the hopes that it helps at least one family.



We begin with the Tree. Every year we chose a live tree. When we find a tree we like, Eoghan leaves a small offering of an apple or an orange. We then ask the Wight of the tree to come home with us. This is our Yule Wight. He is one of Santa's many helpers during Yule, and Santa is the biggest of the Yule Wights. This allows us to talk about Santa without it being Christmas-related. When we get the tree home, we build a little nest in the branches. We use a wool scarf. Every night before bed we leave a small offering in the nest. It can be a cookie, an orange, or some other small food thing. Every morning we wake up and go to see that the Yule Wight has eaten the offering!



On the 1st night of Yule, Mother's Night (December 20th), We light a candle to Frigga and the Disir. Today we decorate our Yule tree. The lights have been on since we brought it home, which was done the weekend before the 20th. That evening we turn off all the lights in the house. We light a candle, and this candle represents the hearth flame. The children have pots and pans, and they go from room to room banging the pots and pans to scare away all the bad things that might be in the darkness. When each room is "free" from bad things we light a waiting candle and call on Frigga and the Disir to keep our home safe and happy.

The last candle we light is on our dining room table. We have twelve candles surrounding our Yule Log or a piece of our Yule Tree from the year before. That candle we light in honor of Frigga. We leave an offering for the Yule Wight and the kiddos go to bed. When they check the tree in the morning, they will find that the Yule Wight has left two small gifts in return! We use this to teach the children the importance of gift-giving and the gift cycle.

Every morning after this the Yule Wight will leave gifts.

Additionally, we take a plate of food from dinner outside every night and leave it as an offering to the God to whom we lit our candles that night.



On the 2nd day of Yule, we light a candle to Sunna. During the day we build a sun wheel out of materials we find in the yard, mostly pine boughs, and pinecones. That evening we build a fire (inside or outside, doesn't matter) and we honor Sunna and the sun before burning the sun wheel. We then light a candle and with it, we light our candle on our Yule wreath.

On the 3rd day of Yule, we light a candle to Nerthus. During the day, we make dough ornaments and paint them, or we do other fun yuletide crafts. When we call on Nerthus, we remember the Earth that we need so much.





On the 4th day of Yule, we light a candle to Mani. During the day we bake our cookies! That evening we decorate the cookies altogether. And we eat some too! When we light our candle to Mani, we remember the nighttime and the moon.



On the 5th day of Yule, we light the candle for the Ancestors. We don't have a particular daytime activity, but when we wake up, we find small, wrapped gifts either in our stockings or under the tree. One of my family's personal traditions is to have a special "tea" instead of dinner. I spend the day making all the different appetizers that my family ate as a child. Sometimes the kiddos help. That evening we make tea and serve the appetizers. Teatime is when we finally get to see the presents.

The Yule Wight made a special trip to the halls of our ancestors and brought back gifts from them. Each gift is something practical. A hand-knit wool sweater, or a pocket knife (in the case of an older child). When we hand out the gifts to each person, we tell everyone who the gift is from, and we take turns telling stories about that ancestor. This

is a great way to familiarize our children with their ancestors. It is to those ancestors we light our candle before bed.



On the 6th day of Yule, we light a candle to Tyr. To the rest of the world, this day is Christmas. This is the day that children go downstairs to find presents under the tree, delivered by the magical red man himself, Santa. To not get presents on this day would be bad for any child, but how do we separate Yule from Christmas, so that this is not the culmination of Yule for our children when there is so much more?

As yesterday was Ancestor's night, today is family night. We celebrated our dead and now we celebrate our living. When our children wake up today, they will find presents under the tree. These presents are the presents from grandmothers and grandfathers, aunts and uncles, and any of our living family who has given gifts. It is a day spent with our extended families. We have our big Yuletide feast and sing our Yuletide songs (though admittedly, there aren't too many of these right now). This is a day for everyone else. It makes our Christian family members feel better and it lets our children be a part of everything without being a part of it.

Before bed, we light our candle to Tyr to honor him for truth, and the maintenance of order in our lives.



On the 7th day of Yule, we light a candle for the Einherjar. Typically, this is the day we host our Kindred's Yule. We gather to celebrate and make merry. We light a candle to remember those who have fought hard to protect us and our rights to practice our faith.

On the 8th day of Yule, we light a candle to Odin. The following days don't have daytime activities yet. It's still a work in progress for us, but the candle we light to the wisdom God, to the Allfather, Odin. The children are still leaving gifts for the Yule Wight, and the Yule Wight is still leaving small gifts in his nest for the children.



On the 9th day of Yule, we light the candle to Ullr, the hunter. This marks the end of the hunting season for those who hunt and a good way to celebrate Ullr's day is to clean and bless all the hunting tools from the season before storing them away.

On the 10th day of Yule, we light a candle for Thor. Friend of man, and arguably one of the Gods best known to us, today is a good day to spend time outside playing. And eating!



On the 11th day of Yule, we light a candle for the Land Wights. Though never really seen, our land wights are always there. They can help us or hinder us as easily as the rain can fall or the sun to shine. Today we spend the day cleaning. It doesn't have to be a deep clean, but to honor them, dust and mop the floors. We go outside and clean up fallen branches or twigs from the yard and sweep the front stoops. When we leave our nightly offerings, we make sure they include bread, cream, and honey, some of their favorites.



On the 12th day of Yule, we light a candle to Freyr. Now we begin the decline of winter. Days will get longer and colder. Freyr will soon be seen in the growing things again and so we honor him and all the things he will bring us. Tonight is the last night that the children leave an offering for the Yule Wight.

When we wake up on the morning of the first there will be more presents under the tree. These will be our presents to the children. We chose to do this for several reasons. The first, and maybe most important reason, was to make sure that the anticipation of Yule didn't end on "Christmas". They had MORE to look forward to. It was also a nice way to be able to end Yule with a lazy just-the-family day.



We spent a great deal of time worrying about making Yule perfect for our children in a way that will stay with them forever and really emphasize our faith above all else. Santa is a Yule Wight. The Boss if you will. We have a Yule Wight in our home who helps Santa. The Santa's in the mall are Yule Wights who help the Bossman. They get presents on Christmas without it being Christmas. I hope that some of our traditions can help the new parents out there marry existing Christmas traditions with new, authentic Asatru Yule Traditions.



Special thank you to Witan Svan Herul, whose 12 nights I fell in love with and sort of adapted to fit our family.

A Merry Yule to every one of the Asatru Folk Assembly.



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Upcoming National Events



Order your tickets at

[Charming of the Plow at Njörðshof – Asatru Folk Assembly \(runestone.org\)](https://runestone.org/Charming-of-the-Plow-at-Njorðshof)

The Charming of the Plow is an ancient custom of our Folk that will be the National Event at Njörðshof for the first time in 2023, held the first weekend in February. The celebration can be tied to the Gylfaginning, where Gefjon, one of the Disir in service to Frigga, went to visit King Gylfi of Sweden to ask for land of her own.

To our ancestors "luck" meant preparation. This was the time to prepare for the new year, to make plans and set goals that will allow us the prosperity we seek. Njörðr is our god of prosperity, and it is at his temple the AFA will gather to make ready the earth to accept the seed of our plans for the coming year. Whether it's preparing the actual soil for planting, or sharpening the plow, taking a class that will let you advance at work, or even changing careers; to work our will in this world our implements must be sharp if they are to be effective.

This is why we ask that you join us at Njörðshof for our first Charming of the Plow starting Friday, February 3rd and running through Sunday, February 5th.

In addition to the blots and Sumbel, there will be great food (ask anyone that attended our dedication), activities for the kids, discussions with our Góðar, an auction, and more. Build Frith with your folk in Florida, so get out of the cold for a great time in the sunshine state at Njörðshof.

Tickets are available at

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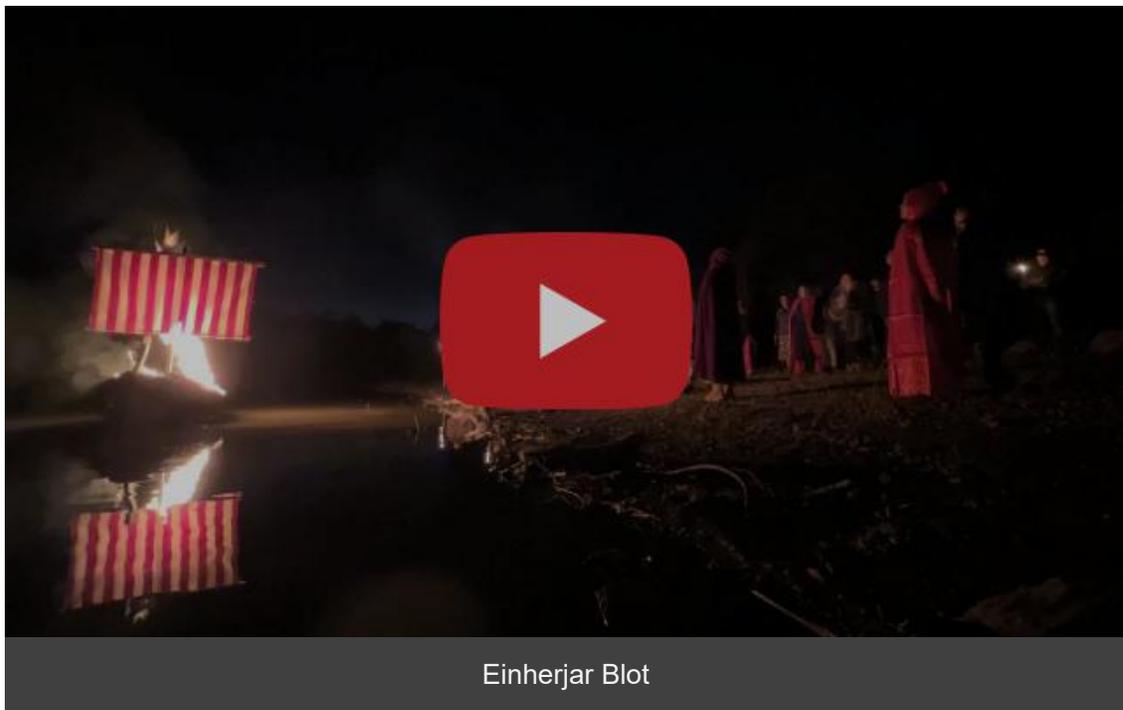


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Feast of the Einherjar 2022



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Be a Doer



We need you to volunteer for the AFA!

Yes, you. We have work to do and need folk who are artists, editors, writers, accountants, lawyers, publicists, reputation managers, professionals of all manner, technical support, web developers, system admins, tradesmen, craftswomen, and more. See the list of amazing projects we have below. We will find a way for you to help our Folk.

Please email volunteer@runestone.org to help us make a difference in our world.

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 handicraft 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 email babyblanket@runestone.org today!

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 month, imagine the possibilities!

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, please email folkservices@runestone.org.

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!

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 the AFA at photos@runestone.org. The larger the resolution the better, so please email them from the device where the photo was taken.

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 with 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 fruitful, 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

Last Will and Testament

Recently, several members of our AFA family have passed beyond the veil. One was an old man in ill health, two were young men in the prime of life... all died with no legal will on record. Sadly, in two of these cases, our dead AFA members did not have their wishes respected regarding their funerals nor the final resting places of their remains.



We never know when tragedy will strike. We have a responsibility to our loved ones, we have a responsibility to our own legacies, to plan for our passing, and to make our wishes known. Planning for and contemplating our death is uncomfortable. Hopefully, we all have plenty of time for that down the road, but we can't count on that. Maybe we worry about expenses or hiring a lawyer. We all have excuses to put things off until later, unfortunately, sometimes the clock runs out before "later" happens.

We have found an amazing resource for our U.S. members to make legally binding wills in minutes online for **free**. This site also has resources to make Advanced Medical Directives and Powers of Attorney. It takes only **minutes** at <https://www.doyourownwill.com/>.

Please make your will **today**.

The AFA would like to collect signed original copies of wills for all our members and

store them. We want to ensure that when members of our AFA family die, their wishes are honored. Please send these to:

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Witan Allen Turnage
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Cooking for Our Folk

A top-down view of various cooking ingredients and tools arranged on a white marble countertop. The items include a large bowl of white flour, a metal measuring cup, a whisk, a bowl of brown sugar, a sifter, a bowl of blueberries, a bowl of oats, a rolling pin, a bowl of eggs, a bowl of butter, a wooden spoon, and a bowl of brown seeds or grains. The background is a clean, white marble surface.

Calling all Chefs

We are looking for recipes for a cookbook. We ask that the recipes were served to the folk at a Hof or moot. Please include where and when it was served.

cookbook@runestone.org

Cooking from the Heart. One of the first chefs I worked for told me that there are two main rules to cooking.

1. ALWAYS cook from the heart!
2. You must know the why of the rule before you can think about breaking it.

To this day, I still believe that number one is the most important; but two is the most valuable lesson. So, for example: why would you add flour to the mix when are you making Fried Potato balls? It doesn't add anything to the dish overall and in fact, it takes away flavor and disrupts texture. The reason is that what flour takes away: is moisture. It adds to the binder and liquid consumption.

So, what does this mean for the folk? Plan and simply don't take shortcuts. Whenever I pick up the knife and began cooking for the folk, I think of it as channeling the ancestors. Cooking reminds me of that age-old musing "I don't measure seasoning; I wait for the tap on the shoulder from the ancestors to tell me that's enough."

When you cook from the heart, people can tell. Don't cook out of spite or obligation. Cook for the folk because you want to! Find new recipes. Test them. Make them better. And when your heart tells you it is right...time to serve. If you have never made cookies from scratch...make them. Why not? Use the best ingredients you can afford (don't take out a second mortgage for this) but be proud to feed the folk.

When the recipe is right and you feed the folk, please send the recipe to cookbook@runestone.org with details of when and where it was served (Hof/moot).



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Ancestral Food and Culture



Nikkaluokta soppa. From my wife's cookbook, 'The Nordic Cookbook' by Magnus Nilsson, comes one of our favorite recipes for winter. It is a hearty soup that warms both body and soul. Just what you need for the cold nights in both winter and autumn.

CABBAGE AND MINCED MEAT SOUP FROM NIKKALUOKTA

Nikkaluokta soppa (Sweden)

Nikkaluokta is a small village in the very northern part of Sweden. This soup is one of my best school canteen memories from growing up. It is usually flavoured with a bit of tomato purée and a bit of mustard, but most of the flavour comes from the cabbage and minced (ground) meat itself.

Serve it with some sourdough rye crispbread with butter and cheese.

Preparation and cooking time: 35 minutes

Serves: 4, generously

½ cabbage (about 400 g/14 oz)
25 g/1 oz (1¼ tablespoons) butter
1 leek, finely sliced
400g/14 oz minced (ground) beef

2 tablespoons strong mustard
2 tablespoons tomato purée
1 litre/34 fl oz (4¼ cups) Beef Stock
(page 650)
2 bay leaves
splash of Chinese mushroom soy sauce
salt and white pepper, to taste
1 handful parsley, chopped

Use a mandoline to slice the cabbage finely.

Heat the butter in a pot over a medium heat. Add the cabbage, leek and beef and brown until it is all quite dark. Let it take its time.

Stir in the mustard and tomato purée, followed by the beef stock. Add the bay leaves and a splash of soy sauce. Bring to a simmer and cook for about 10–15 minutes, or until the cabbage is soft. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Sprinkle with parsley and serve straight away.

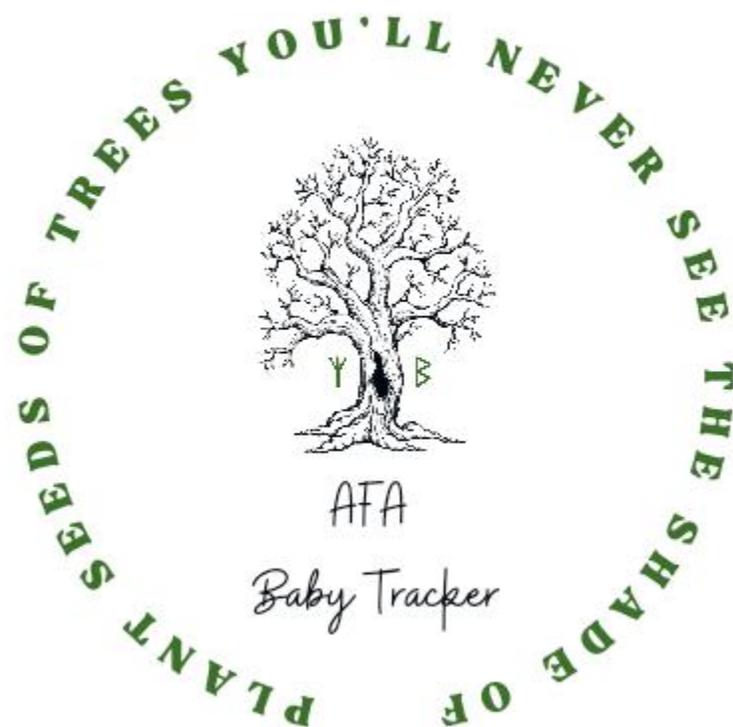
As our family does not herd reindeer; we substitute the reindeer meat with moose meat and that works just fine for us. Feel free to try out whatever minced meat you are able to procure. Enjoy!

- Apprentice Folkbuilder Erik Lugnet, Sweden, Thorshof District



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Baby Tracker



To show the growth of our folk we present to you an ongoing baby tracker. We will be keeping track of how many children have been and are born within the AFA from 2022 and forward. The ongoing tracking is proof that we are building something sustainable for the future of our folk, which is a place for these children to grow up within and a place where they can feel proud of who they are!

Total babies born in 2022: 42



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Óðinshof Restoration Project



ÓÐINSHOF RESTORATION PROJECT

Óðinshof Restoration is a project I created in October to help raise funds for the upkeep and repair of the first Hof of the Asatru Folk Assembly. Óðinshof was an older building when we purchased it and as the years go on there are things we continually need to mend and replace to keep this building running for many years to come.

The first fundraiser got us approximately \$700! This will get us a new door in the kitchen, repaired window, and paint. Our second fundraiser will be over on Dec 10th, so if you would like to participate, please reach out to me (astockton@runestone.org) or my fiancé Michael Sessumes (msessumes@runestone.org) and we can get you all the details needed.



We will need so much more to fix the roof, walls, floors, kitchen, and back property, so every little bit counts.

Different ways to contribute are by donating your time or money, participating in raffles, donating something beautifully handcrafted, or simply spreading the word to people you know.

Also it is worth noting that donations of over \$500 get you on the donor's board inside Óðinshof and all donations are tax deductible.

Óðinshof is a beacon lighting the way home for our folk and a place that belongs to Óðin and us. It is important that we make Óðin proud, keep this hall beautiful and sacred as it is a place where so many folk souls reawaken. Óðinshof is always a place where we can gather in good company around a fire and more often than not a hot meal. Let's work together as I know we can and make Óðinshof as grand as possible!

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Saga's Literature Project



Saga needs your stories!

Do you have thoughts throughout your day or your studies that you ponder about our Gods, Goddesses, Heroes, or our Faith?

Do you and your family or Kindred have ways you like to venerate the Gods that are special to your own traditions?

How do you celebrate our Holidays or Days of Remembrance?

Do you have advice for those who have finally come home and wish you could have it handy to give to them?

Are you enrolled in Asatru Academy or partake in Lore Study or the Virtue Recovery Group?

The Asatru Folk Assembly wishes to create booklets, brochures, and pamphlets to have on hand in our Hofs and with membership Assembly-wide to give out to anyone with curiosity, whether they are a member or not.

This will be key in our studies as experienced practitioners, and should serve as a more efficient way than directing those with questions to our websites alone.

Saga needs your help! Submit any ideas or write-ups you have on the topics listed above to me, Apprentice Folkbuilder Shane Duffy at sduffy@runestone.org!

Note: All submissions are subject to review from myself and up the chain of command to the Alsherjargothi himself.



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Now Available in the AFA Store

Scarfs are in the store! There is a limited number left, so order fast if you would like to get yourself one!



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Njörðshof

Feast of the Einherjar, Folksgiving, and Food Pantry at Njörðshof



In November, the Asatru Folk Assembly celebrates the Feast of the Einherjar. This is a winter holiday in which our Folk gathers to honor the All-Father and our fallen warriors, as well as to strengthen the Frith between us as the cold winds blow, hence the "Folksgiving".



As an Army Infantry veteran, the Feast of the Einherjar is a holy tide that is especially important to me. I've known a few of our Folk who left their homes and did not return

from the fray. This holiday is to honor them, as well as our warriors who did make it home.



This year, my wife and I celebrated Folksgiving with our AFA family at Njörðshof! Due to our busy schedule, we were only able to stay for a few hours, but those few hours were worth the drive!



We arrived at the closing of the food pantry, which fed 34 families. Then, we all shared a delicious feast prepared by Njörðshof Folk. Afterward, I led a Blöt to Odin, followed

by a talk on the coming cold season. Finally, Goði Lane Ashby led us all in a High Sumbel.



We had an amazing time with amazing people, as did many families across the AFA!

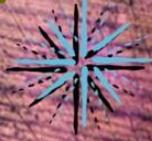
Happy Folksgiving, and we hope to see you at Yule!



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Upcoming Events at Njörðshof

MOOT & SUMBEL



FRIDAY

December 16th

WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Yule Eve

**ASK MIKE, OTTO
OR TRACY FOR DETAILS!**



JOIN US FOR

**YULE AT
NJÖRÐSHOF
17-18
DECEMBER**

REACH OUT TO
TRACY ADLER FOR
DETAILS



Please Bring an Ornament for

NJORDSHOF
ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Yule at Njordshof
December 17-18



Arkansas



Jesse Parton and I hosted a Folksgiving in Arkansas. We all enjoyed ham, potatoes, cornbread, green beans, and homemade pumpkin pie.



My family and I attended the Feast of Einherjar. It was an amazing experience, and I can't wait to keep having more amazing experiences in the AFA.



Getting together with the Folk is never a poor decision. Get out there and meet up!

Upcoming Events

MOOT IN
DOWNTOWN HOT
SPRINGS
ARKANSAS
DEC. 10 5:30PM

RSVP APPRENTICE FOLKBUILDER
TABATHA OWENS FOR MORE
INFORMATION AT 8703458077



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Florida

Skate Moot



A great day to skate. Members from Njordshof meet in Gainesville to dust off their longboards and roller skates. A rails-to-trails path next to a local Brewery seemed ideal. After a pint or two of beer and some food, we were ready to hit the trail. Was a little wet but a fun time was had by all. About two miles skated total with many requests to do it again.

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Njordshof Member Call



Njordshof Member Call had a great turnout tonight. Folkbuilder Shea McCurdy did a fantastic presentation this month, and everyone got to enjoy meeting everyone through the call that we haven't seen or met in person. I can't wait to do it again next month. Our next Njordshof membership call will be on December 29th. Thank you, Njordshof!!!

German Restaurant Moot



Florida folk got together to have an amazing dinner and mead, at Mr. Dunderbak's German restaurant in Tampa, Florida. We had a great turnout and were given a private room for our dining experience. We had time to discuss upcoming events and projects. This beautifully decorated restaurant includes a quaint grocery shop to make purchases of German candy and groceries. We loved this place so much but next time we will probably try others for comparison. Thank you again to everyone who came out.



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My Personal Experience at The Feast of Einherjar Oklahoma



My family and I went to the Feast of the Einherjar in Oklahoma and I wanted to share some of my personal experiences. I was lucky to have my children's dad also attend. He is an Apprentice Folkbuilder as well. So between the two of us and my oldest son Aidan, we were all able to juggle who's watching kids and who is attending blots and sumbel and so on. Well, I chose to hang out with my kids during Sumbel. During that time, after getting my littles ready for bed and settled in for the night, I took some quiet time for myself to speak with the Gods and my Ancestors. I asked to please be given some other way of honoring my grandparents and my dad who have all passed and were Veterans.

The next morning Witan Callahan came up to me and said I need you, come with me. So I stepped outside with her, Gythia McNallen, and Folkbuilder Jesse Shaffer. Witan Callahan explained we were going to be singing our Einherjar off to Valhalla during the Einherjar Blot. But it was going to be divided into parts. The three of us were to lead a

group of women in our part.

Then she said to me since you are in group three you will also have another part. You get the hardest part. After the three groups parts are done you will have a solo part and then all the ladies will join you in saying that part two more times.

I felt so much at that very moment. My prayers felt as if they had been answered. This was how I was going to truly honor my direct Ancestors who were Veterans.

So later that morning all the women got together to practice. This feeling I had during the practice was so overwhelming. It was a huge honor to even be chosen for a part like this. But there was more to it. Witan Callahan has a way of helping women find their voice! I am normally a very soft-spoken woman. I don't speak up for myself and I wouldn't consider my voice powerful or strong at all.

During this practice every time we got to my solo part I heard myself becoming more powerful and strong. I started with soft, sweet, and pretty to becoming bold and proud! I don't think anyone other than Witan Callahan could have brought that out in me. Witan Callahan is such a powerful teacher and leader. She knows exactly what she is doing. I heard this weekend that others say everything Witan Callahan does is with purpose. I would have to say I believe that one hundred percent.

Unfortunately, while some of us went to see the Heavener Runestone things got switched around and I almost didn't even get to join everyone for the Einherjar blot because of safety reasons for the children. My son, Aidan, stepped up and said "NO! You go honor our Ancestors, I will watch the children, I can't honor our Veteran Ancestors like you can!" That was such a precious moment for me as a mother. My oldest is growing up and stands up for his mother and our Ancestors. Proud mommy moment!!

So I got to participate in the Einherjar Blot and honor my Veteran Ancestors which was what I needed. No matter how things went and after some time to reflect I have realized I need to take what Witan Callahan brought out in my voice and apply it to my everyday life. We all could use some lessons from Witan Callahan.

Mothers Attending AFA Events



As mothers going to AFA events we are well respected and honored. I know it can be hard on us though. Especially when we want to attend blot and sumbel but our kids maybe are still full of energy, maybe even more than normal because AFA events are high energy and children can pick up on that. Plus they get so excited to see their friends just like we do.

It can be a struggle for us to even attend. In the unfortunate situation when we are told not to attend a ritual or even asked to leave a ritual due to a fussy baby it can feel like everything is working against us. This doesn't happen often but it can happen.

Just know the Gods and Goddesses see your struggle and your efforts to be there. Know that your Ancestors definitely appreciate you.

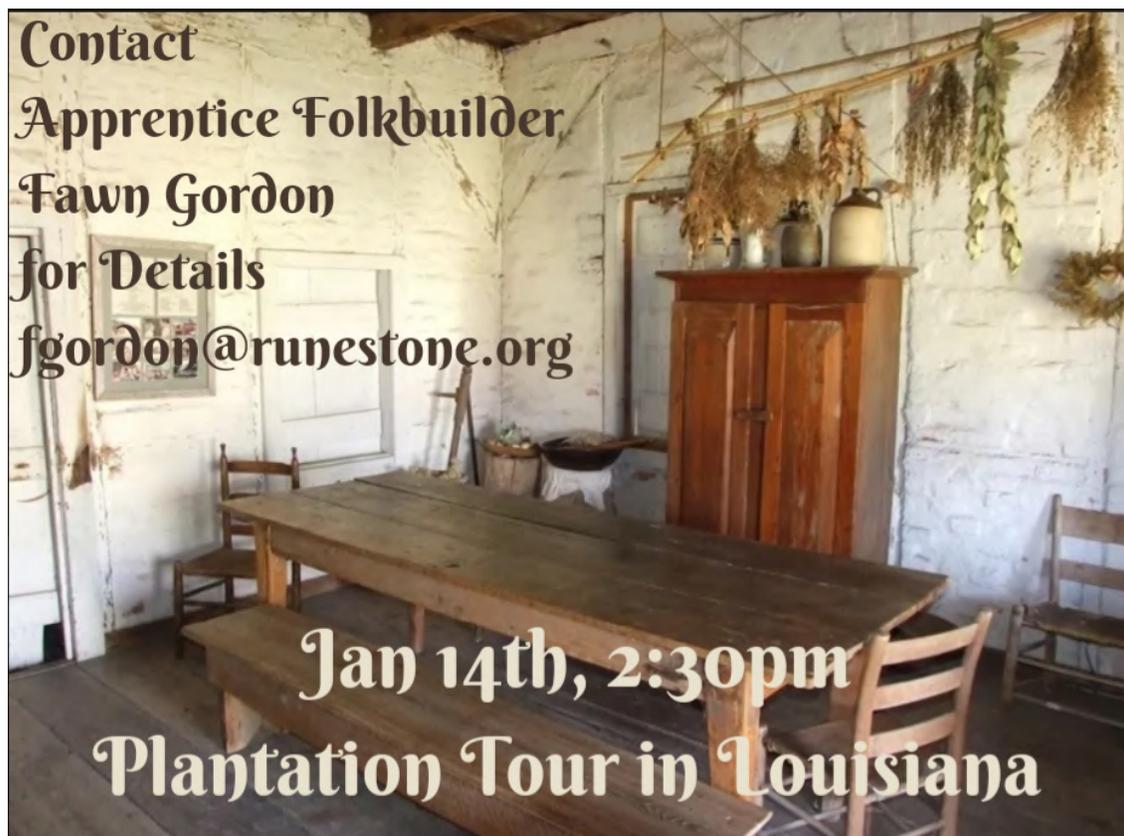
What can we as a Folk do to help mothers attend ritual? We could definitely offer to take a child out of the circle so the mother can stay. We can offer a hand to help rub a fussy baby's back. I understand the need for no disruptions. But I ask you, are our children really disruptions, or are they our future? Couldn't we be more helpful? Have you taken a second to think about all our mothers go through just to attend events? What happens when a mother is struggling, her children get anxious every blot or sumbel and she always has to step out of the circle? I'll tell you what happens, the mother gets hard on herself thinking she can't do anything right, and eventually stops coming to events altogether.

As mothers what can we do? Because ultimately it's on us and we know it. One big

thing we can do is start holding family blots and sumbel once a week at home. This will help the children to understand its importance. This is a time to be on our best behavior. It will become familiar to them and over time something they look forward to.

Depending on the ages of our children we can have talks with them about why we do blot and sumbel. If you have story time with your children regularly and they learn to sit through and pay attention during story time then it will be easy to add in family blot and sumbel. It will take more time for some than others but if we are consistent and don't give up it will eventually work out. Be patient. And others please be patient with mothers, be caring and understanding. We are all in this together, working towards the same goal.

Upcoming Events



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Jan 14th, 2:30pm
Plantation Tour in Louisiana

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Hello Njordshof!!!!



Hello, my name is Charles Evans, and I'm a new Apprentice Folkbuilder for the Njordshof District. I'm based out of Oklahoma, but since I travel for work, I can be anywhere in the United States. I grew up in Missouri and Oklahoma with about 9 years in each state. After high school, I joined the US Navy and spent 9 years as a Nuclear Machinist Mate. I got to see a lot of the world and the US during that time. After getting out of the Navy, I got married with 2 stepkids, then we had 3 kids of our own, and also lost the older daughter. We just got divorced after being together for 10 years, and during that time, we did a lot of traveling around the US, so I have seen most of the states. My plans as a traveling Folkbuilder are to be able and get out and meet our folk wherever my jobs are, and also to try to help out other Folkbuilders with events they are having in the area I'm working.

The Feast



Over Veterans Day weekend, the Feast of the Einherjar was held in Oklahoma, which I was able to attend. There were around 50 people that attended the event, which was 4 wonderful days spent with our Folk. I helped make foam weapons, spears, and targets for the ax and spear throwing games that took place.



This event was special for me being a veteran with a blot and sumbel meant for our fallen. I also got to visit the Heavener Runestone. I got to meet Stephen McNallen along with Witan Brandy Callahan for the first time.

A Holiday Folksgiving



At the end of November, me and my ex-wife, Fawn Gordon, planned an event to be held at Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO. At the event, we had our oldest son, who is a member of the AFA, along with Folkbuilder Nick Rice showing up to the event. Silver Dollar City is an amusement park in the Ozarks of Missouri built in an 1880s theme over top of a cave.



This time of year, they set up Christmas lights all over the park and have an 8-story tree in the middle of their main street. Our youngest 3 kids all had fun riding the rides along with the dinner we had. We also got to see one of the shows they put on there, which was Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol. Even with the cold air and the rain that came in, in the end, everyone had a lot of fun, and we got to see their parade also with their light show before we called it a night.



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Potential Usefulness



Having just completed a nearly week-long Feast of the Einherjar, which of course had months of preparation involved ahead of the event, appreciation for the doers is warranted. When we prepare, get ready—or a phrase said often in my part of the world—are “fixin’” to do something, there may be a point of completion, where all is neat and orderly. Waiting for the right moment to employ those resources may never come, and fortunately so, in many emergency circumstances. The time of use, though, could be immediate and even arrive before we are ready. This readiness is innate in our Folk. Something that our ancestors earned through their struggles to thrive through winters with or without harvested crops and livestock in a frozen northern landscape.

As much as I like a fresh and new package in storage to open later, I also enjoy that awaited opening moment. It really is THE pinnacle point of the process. Releasing that potential can be perfectly timed.

I'll admit, I'm a bit of a tightwad, as one must be to scrimp and save. But I also have the need to break the seal on things occasionally. Wearing new work clothes to my construction job has often been painful. I have to replace clothing often because of the wear and tear that comes with the territory. Still, it hurts to wear a new pair of jeans or shirt, only to snag a sharp edge or gain a permanent stain, too soon. They are definitely work clothes then, and often become my favorite ones. Once they have a designation as being allowed to get dirty, I find myself past the point of resignation and can concentrate on the tasks at hand. Trepidation becomes license.

A nice suit of clothes could be a hindrance to action for fear of ruin. I find myself in this dilemma when wearing clothes that will tear with play or must be dry-cleaned. I avoid shoes that are worthless outside or require a different gait to walk.

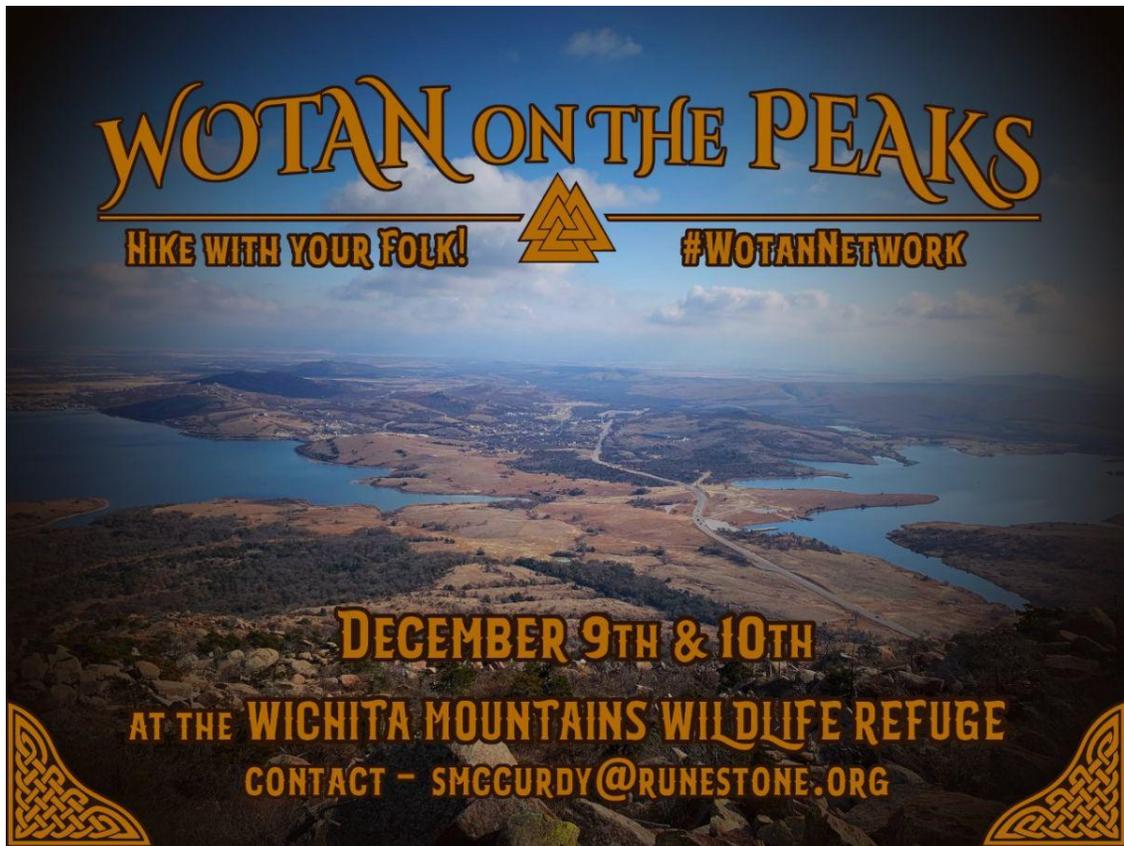
Things that are meant for show, are much like words, they can merely be wind. While at the recent Feast of the Einherjar, building a ship with the intent to burn it as an offering, embodied the gifting cycle and sacrificial aspect of creation for a more meaningful ritual.

We attended a beautiful wedding ceremony to wrap up the wonderful week. One of the wedding gifts to the bride was a fine set of Damascus steel knives from her brother. She mentioned, in so many words, that they may be used less in order to keep them pristine. Her brother urged her to use them because "A knife loses it's soul without use."

I couldn't agree more. Imagine a favorite knife set that is well-loved doing what it was intended. Such items become heirlooms that have an intangible quality about them.

Like these examples, we can be of service and build Orlog and Frith with our Folk.

Upcoming Events



Join us for a beautiful hike as we complete a Wotan on the Peaks in the Wichita Mountains of Oklahoma this upcoming weekend!

SECOND ANNUAL

AN OLD TIME YULE IN OKLAHOMA



***The season's most awaited event!
save the date!***

December 15-18
Located near the Heavener Runestone
Follow the link to register!

And Yule will be here before we know it! If you can't make it out to Florida for the Njördshof Yule celebration, locals out in the middle of the continent may consider joining us in Oklahoma.

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South Africa

Coffee Farm Moot 2.0



Our first coffee farm moot was so much fun that another was inevitable. And so, on November 12, we enjoyed good food, company, and conversation stimulated by copious amounts of coffee.



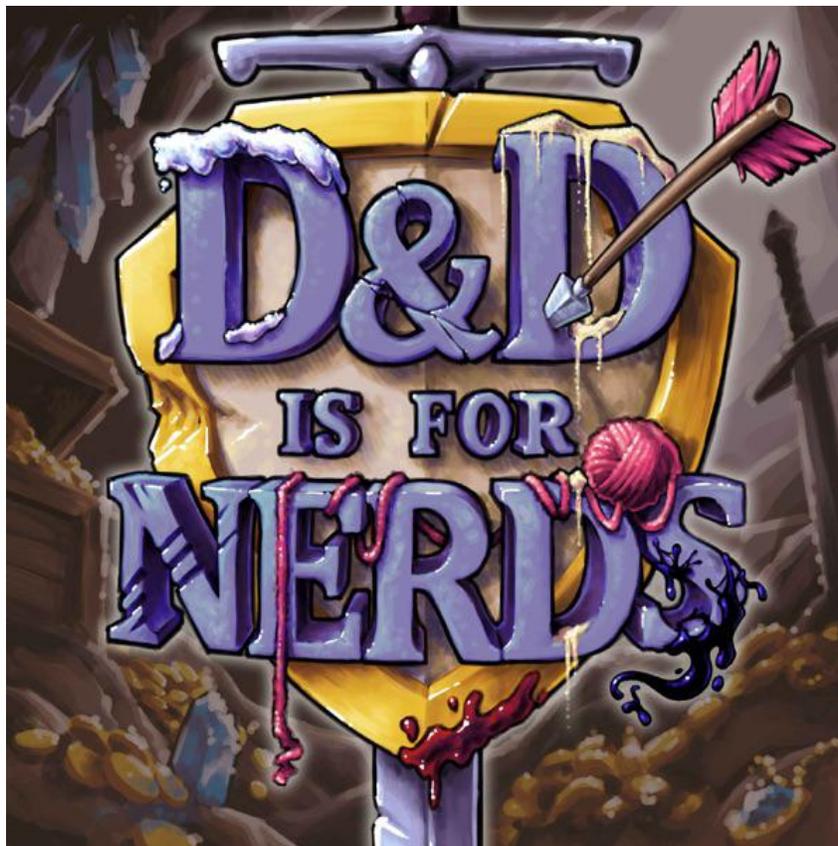
I hope to report back on Coffee Moot 3.0 in the next edition of The Runestone.

Trans-Continental Frith



The Teams call for European and South African AFA members hosted by Apprentice Folkbuilder Erik Lugnet and myself has been such a success that what was meant to be a monthly event now takes place weekly. Much Frith has already been built in only a few weeks, and we keep breaking our record for the number of countries represented on a given call. You know that you are in the company of family - even if they are thousands of miles away - when five hours simply fly by!

DnD with Jolly Friends



With the great success of the Europe/South African calls we have been having, one thing many of us found in common was our desire to have fun together. And we found a great activity just for that: Tabletop Roleplaying.

For the uninitiated, Tabletop Roleplaying is essentially getting together with your nerdy friends to play pretend. It is a hundred times more fun than it sounds.

Apprentice Folkbuilder Erik Lugnet took on the task of running the game and decided we would be playing Dungeons and Dragons, the 3.5 edition, in a world of my own making.

Here are the tales from our great adventure...

The characters are denizens of the nation of Dawnland, on the fictional continent Coldras. In this medieval fantasy world, the people find themselves under the tyrannical thumb of an oppressive foreign religion. The old ways have been declared heresy, and the gods of yesterday have been banned. Yet, there is hope. There still are those who call on the old gods.

The characters taking on epic quests in this game thus far are.... *drumroll*

Sexrad the wise Druid (Michael)

Ulfhild the quick-witted Ranger (Tam)

Grug the massive Barbarian (Dave)

...and Flyrex, the sneaky Rogue (Jackie)

The setting: These four noble heroes find themselves in a makeshift prison camp outside the capital of Galdena. The camp overseer has picked them out at random to send them on an apparent suicide mission. Our adventurers are to enter the city sewers and find out what, or who, has been kidnapping people from the camp and taking them into the stinky bowels of the city. The choice is simple: Accept the mission or be hung. Our heroes quickly join forces and enter the sewers. There, they fight off oversized rats. The team is strong (and at times, incredibly clumsy). Together, they manage to find the culprit! Arnold the Diseased, a cultist who dedicated his life to the being Hel, and Mathilda, his horribly mutated rat (to who he had fed the kidnapped people). Aghast at this vile man and his abominable pet, the heroes quickly dispatched justice and slew them both. Narrowly must be added, for they were moments away from being chomped up by the voracious Mathilda.

Emerging victorious, the heroes now take some well-deserved rest before they deal with the camp overseer in the morning. What great deeds will these heroes perform next? Will the drunk bard (Roger) finally awaken from his stupor? And will Ulfhild be able to wash the rat blood off her attire? Stay tuned for the next edition of the Runestone to find out!

Blot to Thor



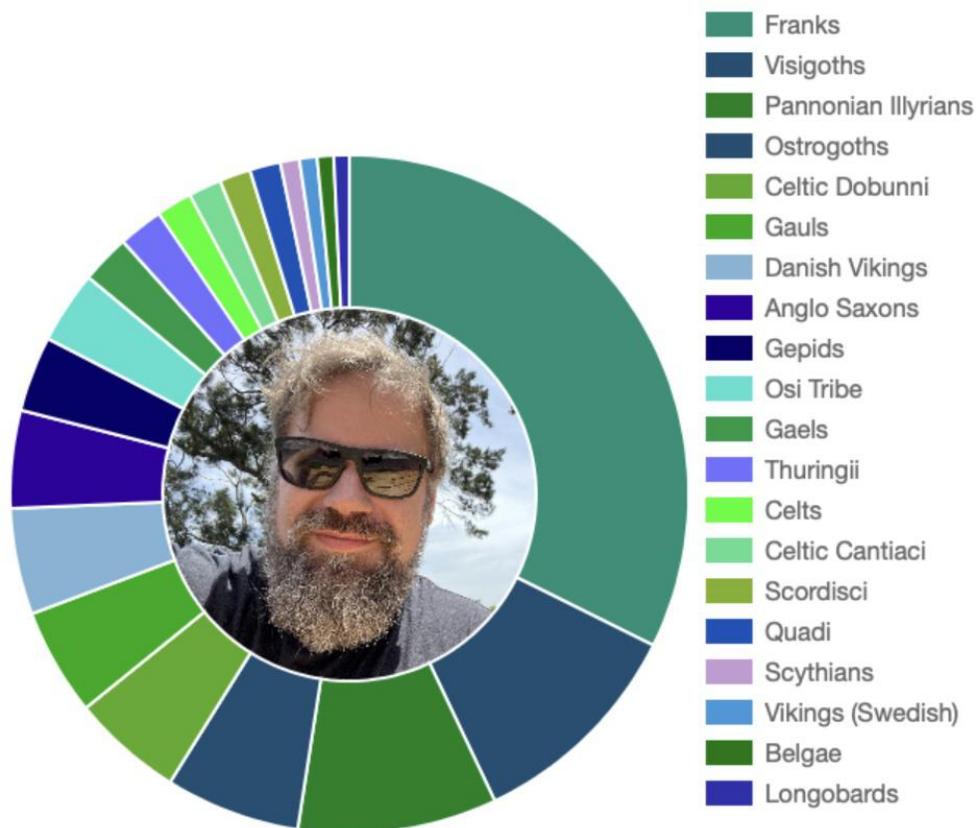
We honoured our protector and champion Thor with a Blot on the afternoon of November 19. Hail Thor!

Plight of Destitute White Folk



In the middle of November, I visited a charity that provides a place to stay and food to destitute folk, many as a result of legally enforced discrimination in the workplace. The plight of homeless and hungry white people is something the media simply does not care about, so the only way to find out what is happening on the ground is to go and see for yourself. Ninety people currently live in this “tent city”, and it is one of the smaller sites of its kind. I will be paying another visit there and to another charity soon, and hope that they may be good candidates to be beneficiaries of the South Africa Fund so generously supported by AFA members around the world.

Some Thoughts on Ancestor Worship in the South African Context



Ancestor veneration has remained a very important part of black South African culture even after Christianization. Many of the Christian denominations active here had to begrudgingly make concessions to this practice, and even among the mostly secular, there is an awareness of the importance of honouring and not angering the Ancestors.

The opposite is sadly the case for white South Africans, especially the overwhelmingly Calvinist Afrikaner people. Any talk of Ancestor veneration or worship is likely to remind them immediately of African religious practice. Among the more fundamentalist Christians, it would be seen as something satanic. Among the growing number of atheists, something superstitious.

Those of us trying to bring our folk here back to their true spiritual heritage thus face a difficult (if not entirely unique) challenge. Education is key. We need to show them that Ancestor worship is not African, or Asian, or limited to fringe religious cults - that it is indeed the most natural expression of the religious impulse. It is almost universal in non-Semitic religions, and historically and anthropologically, that means that not worshipping your Ancestors makes you the statistical outlier. Another point that needs to be driven home is that Ancestor worship was and is part of our folk's traditional ethnic religion, and so it is very far from being something foreign. We need to remind our folk that they are part of a much older and bigger family than the one they may

identify with now. The Afrikaner identity may be almost inextricably tied to Christianity, but we were not always Afrikaners. Go back far enough in your family tree, and you will find people who worshipped the Gods and the Ancestors. We cannot understand ourselves, our people, and our folk, if we draw artificial lines cutting ourselves off from millennia of our history. Let us honour the great achievements of our Christian Ancestors, let us honour the great achievements of those who came before them, and let us strive to be the sort of people our descendants will be proud to worship as their Ancestors. Hail the Gods! Hail the Ancestors! Hail the AFA!

Upcoming Events

MIDSUMMER

December 18
Leisure Bay, KZN



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Texas

Friðr Folk Kindred Texas Attends Feast of the Einherjar in Oklahoma



From November 17th-20th, members of Friðr Folk Kindred Texas attended the AFA Regional Feast of the Einherjar 2022 event in Oklahoma.



We ate great food, attended numerous ceremonies by prolific AFA leaders, competed in games of skill, visited the Heavener Runestone, witnessed Apprentice Folkbuilders Justin Day, Thomas Isaac Gleason, and Shea McCurdy take their oaths as Folkbuilders, witnessed the baby naming ceremony of Bloom 'Stormbringer' Gleason, and topped things off with a handfasting. It was a most spiritually enriching event, and we are looking forward to attending again next year!

Friðr Folk Kindred's Second Annual Feast of the Einherjar Folksgiving in Elgin, TX



On November 26th, 2022 Friðr Folk Kindred Texas held our second annual Feast of the Einherjar 2022 in Elgin, TX. We had a fantastic potluck, some friendly sparring, and enjoyed plenty of Frith with our Folkbrothers and sisters. It was a wonderful and

rejuvenating end to a fantastic month and the love was palpable. Looking forward to our Yule celebration in December!



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