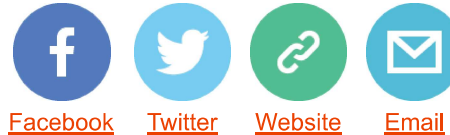


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Words from the Alsherjargothi

July was a month of action, for myself and across the AFA! I started my 37th year off by flying up to my homeland of Alaska. I packed my mom and her things into a U-Haul and drove the 3,000 miles from Palmer, Alaska to Sparks, Nevada to start the next chapter of her life living with Mandy and I. What a drive! It is amazing see how much the landscape changes over such a long journey. I am a very fortunate man to get to spend time with my mom and care for her as she deals with her health challenges and advanced years.

starting to happen more and more in observance of these Remembrance Days for Asatru heroes. This month I was fortunate enough to gather to honor Rud Mills here in Reno as well as up in Alaska. It was great to spend time with old friends and new up in the Last Frontier and I always appreciate sharing a meal with my old kindred Der Volkstamm Auf dem Nordliche Bär.

For the second month in a row, AFA members at Óðinshof teamed up with the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank to provide food to the good folk of Brownsville, California. I am so proud of our members who volunteer their time to do this for our community. As usual, the Viking Brotherhood took the lead in this endeavor.

July has been marked by getting things accomplished. We have added Kindreds, expanding our Folkbuilder ranks to provide even greater coverage for our members, and we have seen a massive growth in local AFA gatherings far and wide. As summer turns towards fall, let's all double up on our efforts and sprint towards fall with full vigor that we can all celebrate an abundant harvest.

Hail the Gods!

Hail the Folk!

Hail the AFA!

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Fallfest III, 2018
by Blaine Qualls, Jr., Folkbuilder of the Northern Plains,
South Dakota



September 7,8,9 in the Minnesota Northwoods the Asatru Folk Assembly will be hosting one of its premier national events. This event, now in its third year, grew out of a conversation between myself, Sheila McNallen, and Gothi, Bryan Wilton at Winter Nights in the Poconos 2014. Our first year saw antifa try to stop us, but they only served to make the event even that much better. Our second year was a huge success with people from across the country attending.

Each year this event has grown bigger, each year this event has grown better. This year will be no different. We have special guest, Steve McNallen speaking. We have our Lawspeaker, Allen Turnage, giving a presentation; we have Gothi and Witan member, Thorgrun Odden holding a discussion. We have world renowned author and Gothi Bryan Wilton giving one of his always inspirational talks. Blotar, a rite of womanhood for a young lady ready to take her place in the tribe, baby blessings, sumbel.....amazing food, a mead competition, and yes, even a bagpiper. Cabin camping with hot showers right on the St. Croix river.

Truly, this is THE event of the year, we may not have the Hof, but here there is no having to sleep in tents. We may not have the beautiful Pocono mountains, but we do have the just as beautiful Minnesota northwoods. We will have nearly the entire Witan of the Asatru Folk Assembly, numerous Gothar and Gothar students, Folkbuilders and leadership from across the country. Anyone who has attended this event before knows just how amazing it really is. We only have beds for 120 people and they are filling up quickly. Get registered soon and come enjoy some Northern Plains hospitality.

Blaine Qualls
Gothar Program Coordinator



Winter Nights in the Poconos, 2018
by Clifford Erickson, Folkbuilder of the Northeast,
Pennsylvania

AFA Winter Nights in the Poconos

Every year the Tru Folk here in the Northeast gather to worship our Gods, our Goddesses,

renewing old friendships. We look forward to seeing members and friends at this year's Winter in the Poconos hosted by the Asatru Folk Assembly in Milford, PA from Friday, October 12 2018, 6:00 PM to Sunday, October 14 2018, 12:00 PM [EDT].

Your registration fee includes all workshops, lectures, meals, cabin lodging, and of course our holy rituals. Only AFA members and vouched-for-guests will be admitted to this event. If you are not an AFA Member you should confirm with the member who is vouching for you that they will do so when asked about your registration. Registration opens August 1st at:

<http://winternights2018.eventzilla.net>

Things to know:

- Children 17 and under attend for free!
- The cabins have bunks. You will need to bring your own bedding and it can get quite chilly at night, so plan accordingly.
- Tenting is permitted in the main field.
- Dogs are welcome for a small fee but must be leashed at all times and are not permitted in common indoor areas such as the dining hall.
- Camp location will be provided upon registration.
- Check out the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2154889354794973/> more information and updates.

If you have any questions or concerns please email cerickson@runestone.org or gschindler@runestone.org.

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Clifford J. Erickson

AFA Witan, Technical Administrator, & Folkbuilder- North America Northeast



Oðinshof Charity Drives

AFA Food Distribution

For those who are not in the know, Brownsville, the small town where our Hof resides, is just that. A small town. About a week prior to our Midsummer event, our little town was hit really hard when it's only market caught fire and burned to the ground. This was the primary source of groceries and fuel for many. In order to help out our neighbors, the AFA has teamed up with the local food bank and will be helping to distribute food from the Hof on the first Saturday of every month. Our first food hand out was done by the Viking Brotherhood and was very well received by the community. Since we'll be making this a regular occurrence, any of our members are encouraged to come by and lend a hand. Especially our Central and Northern California members (but it's by no means required!). If you are interested in helping out, please contact myself or Jessica Rose and we will be more than happy to answer any questions and get you set up. Our next food distribution will be held on July 7th.

AFA Book Drive

By now, everyone should have received an email from me describing our effort to stock the library at the Hof. The intent is to maintain a repository of texts, books, newsletters and other materials which concern our Faith, Culture, History and continued betterment of our Folk. If you have a duplicate copy of something (good to new condition) or if you prefer to help us out by buying new items, please reach out to either myself or Bryan Wilton. We do

someone there, and we don't need things delivered to the Hof and left unattended on the doorstep. Anything sent should be of a Folkish nature or an academic work. No uni stuff! if you do decide to purchase something new, please remember that Amazon Smile is an option (details in the Shop and Help the AFA section). The AFA can be selected as your charity of choice and a portion of all purchases made becomes a donation to the AFA as well. Double Whammy! A book for the AFA library and a small portion of the cost comes back to us as well. What a way to help your Folk! Once we have established this library, items may be eligible for checking out or potentially donated at auctions during our National events in order to raise funds! Let's see what kind of tomes we can come up with and increase our store of reference material!

Sacred Trees, the Roots of Our Folk by Ryan Harlan

Donar's Oak, once mightily grew, in the lands of our ancestors. Chopped down by Boniface, much as the sacred Irmisul, and many a sacred grove across Europe which succumbed as well. Defaced by those bent on destroying the culture and faith of their ancestors and kinsmen, for the empty promises of an alien cult. The blow of the axes upon the trunks, matched only by the the blow of axes upon the unwavering necks of those who refused to submit. But much as the Oak once felled, the old ways have sprouted anew from roots which remained untouched, hidden beneath the surface, biding it's time for when the conditions are right. Awaken! Your roots run deep. Our past sprouts anew. That which was, is again. From the mighty fecund Earth we spring, reaching towards the heavens, the children of the Sun rejoice! Wotan has risen, and the memories, once thought lost, are stirred. To be forgotten, our fate is not. The Gods of our Folk have been woken from an eon long slumber, and shall not be bidden back to sleep. A flame has been kindled from ashes thought cold. Flames once kindled, need only be fed, and tended. The foundation upon which great things are to be built, was laid long ago. We need only be willing to work for it, and remain tru. Let lesser beings wallow in their baseness, and be consumed by the status quo as their unbridled egos crash and burn. Nidhoggr is going to become one obese bastard by the looks of things.



A Mountain Begins with a Pebble



On July 21st, AFA member Tyler Max Hansen and his wife Christina Hansen blessed the Kindred Der Volkstamm auf dem Nordliche Bar, the AFA, and the entirety of European descended peoples by welcoming their second son to Midgard.

In traditional fashion, the Hansens waited the traditional nine days before gifting the child with his name. In a powerful and beautiful ceremony, attended by AFA members from all over the state at Tyler and Christina's home in Seward Alaska, the young man; the second son and fifth child of the Hansens received his name.

It is with great pride and love that I introduce to the Asatru Folk Assembly and to Midgard the young and the strong Rygh Geary Hansen.

Hail the AFA

Hail Der Volkstamm auf dem Nordliche Bar!

Hail the Hansens!

Hail Rygh Geary Hansen!

-Eric Whisman, Folkbuilder







The Joy of Life, the Joy of Hope



The biggest moment in one's life is when you have a child. No matter how many children you have, each birth is magical and you marvel at everything. And to bear the little life that spreads joy, giving hope to the future and making it worth the effort to fight it is a wonderful feeling. Without children, the world would feel so empty and we would be nothing. Therefore, I would like to proudly present the new addition to the Klasson family. A girl born in the morning of Friday the 27th of July. Everything is just fine. She eats and sleeps, as well as screams and poops. It's as it should be.

Martin and Malena
Gautr Kindred
Sweden

Hail to the Fallen



July 23rd, 2018 will always be remembered as a sad day for members of the Ulfhednar Clan, an AFA affiliated kindred. On that day our brother, Brian Hemphill, only 37 years old, was killed in a tragic motorcycle accident in Northern California.

Brian Hemphill was the only other Asatru Folk Assembly member in North Dakota when I joined. Soon we would be joined by Les Lauer and Vronna Strand and the seeds of the Ulfhednar Clan were planted. Brian had a heart of gold, kindness and generosity were just who he was. His sense of humor always garnered a laugh no matter how cheesy. He was always willing to lend a hand no matter the chore. Brian was one of those rare people who made wherever he was a better place. Totally dedicated to his Folk and to the Nine Noble Virtues he helped to build the AFA here in the Dakotas from nearly nothing into a solid community of tru folk.

He was one of us, a brother and loyal friend and he will be greatly missed. Go now and reside with the ancestors and we will share a horn again one day brother.

Hail Brian Hemphill!!!

Ulfhednar Clan

*Cattle die
And kinsmen die
And so one dies one's self.
But a noble name
Will never die
If good renown one gets.*

*Cattle die
And kinsmen die
And so one dies one's self.
One thing now
That never dies
The fame of a dead man's deeds.*



Day of Remembrance For King Radbod of Frisia by Bryan Wilton

King Radbod was the ruler of Frisia. That area along the Southeastern coast of the North Sea in what we refer to today as the Netherlands. This month we will spend a day honoring him and what he stands for. When we take the time to remember this King, take pause for just a second longer and consider the parallels in our time. Radbod was in constant conflict with the Merovingian Kings. That line of Frankish kings who fell in line with the directives of the Pope. A constant state of being derided and harassed because they were still a Pagan kingdom. When the whims of the Pope and the church changed directions to the Carolingian Kings, Frisia and its ports became an important and hotly contested resource between two kingdoms who simply assumed that Radbod would fall in line. Political intrigue, royal weddings, assassinations and many battles plagued the kingdom. All in the

rapidly vanishing.





His enemies, the Franks, were legendary warriors such as Charles Martel. But there were ordinary men as well, with weak spirits, they became priests and began to assume a greater role in the politics of the day as Bishops and Cardinals. Lesser men whose faith was in something outside of themselves. King Radbod, though he was greatly feared (even the rumor of Radbod forming an army caused the French to tremble) he was also wise enough to take into consideration the welfare of his people. Constant warfare and persecution began to wear the old king down. And soon he found himself standing at the edge of the baptismal pool. But unlike the kings around him, King Radbod enjoyed the thought of his ancestors standing in a long line behind him. They had been the ones who had supported him from the beginning. It was the very thought of them and living up to their deeds that propelled Radbod forward through the toughest of times. In the moment when Radbod had but one foot in the pool, he paused and looked at the priest, gayly adorned and doing his best to remind everyone around them that he was, in fact, greater than this king, because he was a man of the foreign god. In that moment, the whisper of a thought crossed Radbod's mind. Perhaps it was no more than "we love you" or maybe it was "remember us", maybe it was the look of disappointment in the eyes of the crowd. Disappointment at seeing someone they had fought so hard for, believed so fervently in,



That split second was all that was required for one, very powerful question to arise in the mind of the Frisian King. He asked Wulfram, the priest and missionary to the Frisians “Will I see my ancestors in your Christian Heaven?” “No” replied Wulfram, “Those contemptible pagan ancestors do not reside in the glory of heaven”. At which point Redbod began to remember who he was. He stood up and removed himself from the baptismal pool. His fortitude arose from within and he replied “I would rather spend an eternity in hell with my ancestors, than to spend it in heaven with my enemies, the Franks”.



In days gone by, many older heathens and Asatruars will tell you that their path was looked upon with disdain. It was discouraged, and people reminded us routinely that we would find ourselves in Hell. We are surrounded by easier softer paths lined with the comforts we take for granted. What would our decision be if those comforts were threatened because of our faith? King Radbod died in 719. His sons continued to fight the Franks. Radbod the Successor fought valiantly. Their struggle was I am sure a powerful one. Full of champions and heroes. Just like today, our wars at home and abroad have produced within our ranks many champions and heroes. Men and women more than willing to take up the challenge of life on these new terms we call Asatru. But it was the sentiment of a Pagan King, 1300 years ago, which has provided us with a thought process which reminds us that we needn't fear all the forces the world has to throw at us. That we need not compromise with anyone concerning our right to raise a horn, worship our old gods and celebrate our ancestors. For no matter what may happen, they will be with us.



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Eternal Forest and Eternal Folk Belong Together
Written by Gerhard Keil
Translated by Duncan Edmister

forestry and hunting regulations exist as unarticulated professions in an age of industrialization and digital communication. There is little focus on the all-encompassing importance of the forest as a means to lift our spirits- in business and in soul. The forest takes a special place in our history; beginning as a multi-faceted holy origin of the Germanics.

During the time of the Middle Ages the forest was for quite a while held to be a matter of marketable importance only. After that, the state forest was a relic in favor of the collective will of the community protecting it against the attack of selfish individuals. As the population increased and industrialization advanced, the forest began to demise. It was a time in which the woodlands were regarded primarily as a source of building materials. Certainly, as the damages became aware, the interests of forestry became entwined with the multi-faceted practice of restraint. This practice of thinking in regard to responsible consequence may be viewed as a positively turning of the page. The practice of Germanic forestry became a matter of highest cultural significance. Justly for romantic Germans the forest is plainly living space. Indeed, it is actually much more. It is a spiritual refuge where the trees have deep psychological meaning. Their existential significance holds an important place, as it lets itself be known in spirituality. The world-tree Yggdrasil, at whose roots the Norns weave the fates from the well of antiquity, holds meaning in Germanic mythology of the entire cosmos.

The history of the Germanic practices of forestry and hunting held a place of unrivalled achievement taken in international regard during the early past. In all regards this cannot be regarded without viewing advances of the 1930s, in which the subject is little known. The objective observer may regard the fact with significance that Germany of the 1930s had a vision apart from building armaments for the realm of war. It shall be correctly mentioned that Hermann Göring, who was tried at the Nuremberg International Military Tribunals, was set forth as one of the most important people entrusted with forest and wildlife. Certainly, it was ordained of Göring, of whom by no means was there a matter of greater significance. The people today associate Hermann Göring mostly with his place as supreme commander of the Luftwaffe (air force) of the Third Reich. Much less well-known was his place as Minister for Forestry and Hunting. This was his ideologically strong connection to nature; as to which love of forest and wildlife cannot be separated. In his place as Reich Forest Minister he acted as a trustee of the German woodlands and protector of sites of natural scenic splendor. As Reich Hunting Master he acted as overall protector of German hunting. Alone in these activities shall the matter be dealt with in this article.

The task at hand was a type of assurance and maintenance, and also a pledge to the German forest in its meaning for folk and culture of the land. The promotion of forestry business and its practice for the labor and raw materials use through administration and management of public forests and state-regulated oversight upon private forests was considered. Similarly to Frederick the Great, who in 1770 created a separate Forestry Department with a Forestry Minister at its head, Hermann Göring decreed the first German Reich forestry master. In hardly any other field were the up-until-then separate states' differences greater than in the treatment of matters of forestry. A matter of prime goal was that the forests no longer be subject to the fluctuations of the state of boom and bust markets. Great fluctuations of lumber prices in the unbounded liberal business system of the Weimar Republic had made forestry difficult to sustain. Forestry and wood-related businesses were pitted against each other. Every year the production was less 11 million cubic meters than demand. Great manipulations were needed to import this deficit from foreign countries. Business needs of consumption should have set profitability aside in consideration of protecting the field of business. A pledge of performance of the national business was required. The triumvirate of forestry business, forest harvest, and provision of labor should have been treated in a comprehensive manner.

How was the matter to be approached? On December 1, 1933 the Prussian State Forestry Administration was formed from the authorities of the realm of Ministry of Business of the Land. Thereby an independent unity of administration was created. Independent Forestry Ministers were placed in the Forestry Department with one Forestry Minister of the Land at its helm. The

Finally, in all ways this was to be a function of the interest of the German Folk. In 1934 followed the formation of the Reich Forestry Office. What followed from this was that the Reich Provisions Ministry sections pertaining to forestry- and hunting-related matters was super-ceded by the Reich Forestry Office. Matters of forestry practice of the German states were made subservient to the Reich Ministry. In January of 1934 the law against decimation of forests was enacted. For example, the felling of evergreens of less than fifty years of age and the clearing of great sections of immature forest became forbidden. In 1934 alone, following a practice of reforestation, 88,000 acres of new forest was provided. State Secretary and General Forester Walter von Keudel, later Christian Demoratic Union member and awarded the Bundes German Service Medal, was far-sighted and commissioned, as far as possible, the leading policy of foundation of a total German forest in forestry business. In the year 1935 followed a unification of the Reich Forestry Office with the Prussian Land's Forestry Office. In the same year, the Reich Forestry Office assumed jurisdiction over the Reich Provisions Minister for forestry business and for the handling of native lumber. Also, the authority over nature protection laws of the Reich Interior Ministry and Reich Science Ministry was taken over by the Reich Forestry Office.

The matter of urgency in regard to provision of labor realized itself in forestry business. Of the millions of folks previously unemployed in the course of rejuvenation of business, many were able to return to their original professions. Hundreds of thousands became employed in forestry during this phase of transition. New fields of business, such as founding of diversely-planted forests; making efficient use of trees; and use of branches increased the opportunity for work places. Within a short period of time there were no longer any unfilled positions in the private forestry profession. In the Prussian state forestry business alone the work days rose from 5.5 million in 1932 to 9.5 million already by 1934.

The conditions of employment and opportunities for advancement also improved. The situation turned out well, especially in the eastern provinces of Prussia. Many private foresters previously had to set their trade aside as a result of a state of ruinous business. The situation turned itself about. Soon after the Ministry took over, the Reich Forestry Master took care that previously incurred debts were replaced with suitable types of credit. In this manner, an increase of positions and standards of living of forestry workers were improved by 1937. In the same year, a disposition of the Reich Forestry Ministry made it favorable for schools to visit; whereby it was hoped to make consideration for large families to enter the field of business. In the same way, rising levels of income for forestry recruits and forestry helpers enable the founding of families readily-affordable. Over several years, provisions were made to improve the scanty homes to become more meritorious. Many new forest homes were improved and built by carpenters. A path of advancement was opened for efficient foresters to become district foresters, even without written exams. Innovations in the field brought each worker to a place in the highest international standard. Thusly, it came about that sawdust was converted into pipes that were comparable in quality to those made of metals. It became possible to cease the importation of cork by making use of poplar. Wood curing had been done with diesel oil. This was replaced by one liter of synthetics per six pounds of wood, regardless of which type. Innovations in the making of woodstoves and advancements in the construction field were made. Not the least of goals in these areas was sought to reduce the consumption of wood. Innovative new founding of lumber-related businesses was, especially on account of these reasons, especially permitted.

Our Western Celtic-Germanic type of man may especially be described as being equipped with a soul of the forest. Without arrogance, this can truly be said to be different than the desert soul of the Orient. Forests are not only a cultural place of refuge of German romance, rather a definite place of breathing freely to heal the soul. As a rule, the awesome consequences of being in forest retreats are relaxation and the release of stress. Certainly, scientific research has shown that there are more forces at work. The forest flora emit certain notable substances that are unique to plants, the so-called phytonzide, with similar anti-biotic function on one's environment. We breathe these elements in- as taken from Latin "inspiration" that we absorb.

in the second century after Christ. Therein, Arrian describes, although mostly in a technical manner, the hunting of the Celts. It is in this way that the first evidence of ethical standards in hunting- the justice of the huntsman- are found in today's language. Arrian stood in favor of the right of every Celt to hunt. This quickly changed, and indeed with some good reason. Up until 1848 the right to hunt was held only by landowners, as a rule. The German states, with the exceptions of Mecklenburg Schwerin and Mecklenburg Strelitz, lifted these rules in the aftermath of the 1848/1849 revolution. Up until that time, hunting was only possible on one's own land. Through un-regulated possibilities to exercise hunting came the danger of an overwhelming extinction of wildlife. The German states enacted laws in the 1850s that separated the right of hunting of landowners and the right of hunting in general. The right to hunt was thusly entrusted to communities and organizations of property owners.

In the field of hunting the most meaningful advances were made. As protector of sportsmanly hunting, the Reich Hunting Master turned his attention to the movement to protect nature. Alone, the plan of the Reich Nature Law of 1935 was advanced in the greatest degree. The fundamental idea of this regulation came without a doubt in the clarification of the example that stated- "Today for once nature in forest and field of the German Folk's longing, joy, and health are realized. The German Reich Government sees it as its duty that even the poorest citizen be guaranteed to enjoy natural beauty." This policy remained in effect continually in the Federal Republic of Germany until the enactment of the Federal Law for the Protection of Nature in 1976. It is worthy of mention that during this period, breeding of the bison, elk, and wild horses practiced in the Schorf Heath in order to provide them with a new sanctuary. The German Reich government had made great effort to maintain the race of the bison. During 1936 alone, 140,000 visitors traveled to view the bison preserve in the Schorf Heath. Protection of forests and of wild animals were practiced together. The field of hunting was entrusted with the care for these matters. At this time, there was nowhere else in the world any law for the protection of wildlife as there was in the Prussian Hunting Law. This was the predecessor of the Reich Law. On July 3, 1934 the Reich Hunting Law was enacted. This law centralized and reformed the various laws of the German states into a district system. The American occupation regime took over this method for its' own jurisdiction in 1948. In its place came the Federal Hunting Law of April 1, 1953; that in function and authority retains the district system which is in place to this day. The German Hunting Law of the 1930s was viewed in awe as the standard for such regulations worldwide.

Under the leadership of Göring, the banishing of the practice of vivisection- the experimentation on and cutting apart of live animals- was enacted. This brought world-wide sympathy and support for the Third Reich from those who wished to protect animals. Still today, there are many who work in opposition to vivisection. A vivisection, as described by: "the cutting apart of living humans and animals" comes from Latin vivus: "living" and sectio: "cutting". It is a functional attack on living organisms (for the purpose of research) that is done upon animals as well as living people.

Other methods were taken to prevent what was viewed as cruelty to game animals. Hunting on horseback as practiced upon foxes and other animals being chased by a pack of hounds was forbidden. The keeping of a hunting dog was allowed in order that a hunted animal that was wounded would be found without suffering a slow and miserable death. The use of steel plate traps and poison, as well as lights, were forbidden methods of hunting.

Then president of the International Hunting Society CIC Ducrocq spoke publicly in support of the Reich Hunting Law as follows: "They have presented the practice of hunting with a new law that has excited the interest of the whole world. Now for the first time, it is based upon not exclusively fundamental rights. Rather, it is also founded upon exalted traditions of the past. The fundamental character of honorable sportsmanship is maintained. It is not only a shooting sport in which it is striven that hunting be practiced without needless cruelty to animals. Its value lies in

Right after the enactment of the Prussian Hunting Law, the International Hunting Legislature made a request of the Reich Hunting Ministry. It wished for them to enter into this authoritative body as an honorable member. The field of hunting was without exception in agreement.

Written by: Gerhard Keil. Translated by Duncan Edmister.

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Our Folk in Plight
by Camerron Mottus, Folkbuilder for Australia, New Zealand
and South Africa

The plight of the South African Whites continues. In my opinion, the situation in South Africa is the thin edge of the knife for European people around the world. Marxism and anti-European hate are an existential threat to our Folk. What we do now will define our future.



"We are cutting the throat of whiteness."
Joseph Malema, South African Politician

What started out as a challenge put out to the members of my region (Australia, New Zealand and South Africa) has now turned into a fully fledged fundraising campaign supported by the Asatru Folk Assembly.



Over the last few months the AFA has raised a tremendous amount of funds for the South African Family Relief Project (SAFRP). Originally at the beginning of our campaign I had

"Thank you so much for your kindness and the fact that you are willing to share our plight in your country. We truly need all the help we can get. We live without electricity and try to be self-sufficient but it is not easy. Winter is upon us and we are not coping to feed the masses. We are positive and pray every day. Hard work and giving to families in need is our passion and we will continue to do so."

Granted, most of the folks we are helping are not Asatruar, but they are still our Folk and I am taking a personal interest in ensuring that we do what we can to assist them. What I find most inspiring is that the South African Folk, despite the hardships they are facing, keep moving forward and making the best of the situation they are in.



How do you help? Simply go to www.runestone.org and click on the Donate button. In the description, type "South Africa", fill in your particulars, and then click 'Donate Now'.

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Personally, I am committing to \$20 for the next 12 months. If we all do that the Folk in need will get an ongoing, predictable stream of funds.

Where does the money go? Initially, the money will be held by AFA Folk Services. Every month the AFA will make a donation to one or more charities in South Africa. Currently, there are two that we are considering.

1. [The South African Family Relief Project](#) - The SAFRP works on a daily basis to assist people in need.
2. [Suidlanders](#) - The Suidlanders are preparing for the potential of a future emergency (genocide/civil war)

If you know of any other South African charities or you want to help please contact me at cmottus@runestone.org.

**Folkbuilder Coordinator Update
by Marc MacLeod**

Over the last 6 month, we have been very focused not only on embracing the area's where we are already very active, but also pushing into some of the area's where we're less established. I'm happy to say that we have a Folkbuilder in every region in the United States, Sweden, Europe, New Zealand and Australia. We have brought on some very motivated and talented Apprentice Folkbuilders with the ultimate goal of having activity in every state, that we have members in. We are still a ways off of that but pushing that direction and working hard to see that happen. I'd like to introduce our 2 newest Apprentice Folkbuilders. Joe Rozanek, is from the Portland, Oregon area, and will be organizing for us in the North West Region, which has been stagnant for some time now, but is about to change. Joe already has 4 events planned over the next couple of months and is determined to put it back on our map. James Dover from South Carolina, has also stepped up to join the Deep South Folkbuilding team with Joshua Smith in Georgia, Trent East in Alabama, And Ralph Viola in Florida. The Deep South Region has a event almost weekly somewhere. I am pretty happy seeing the events around the country any given weekend. Real life events, with people face to face, honoring our gods and goddesses, building bonds and building REAL community's! That's our mission and that's what we will continue to do!

Hail the Folk!
Hail the Doers!
Hail the AFA!





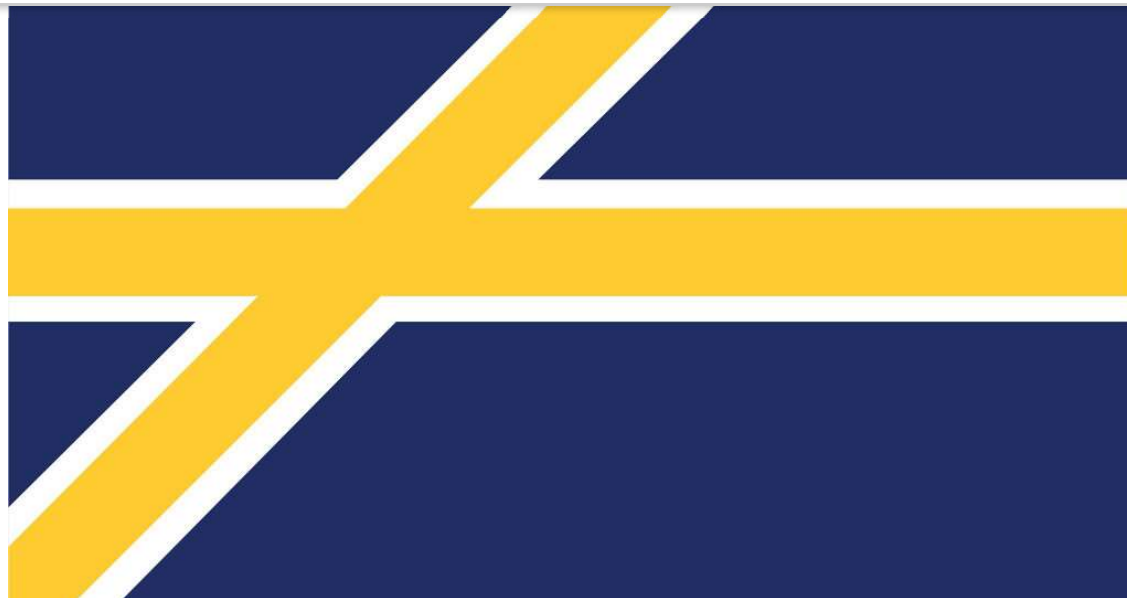
Joe Rozanek, Apprentice Folkbuilder for the Northwest Region in Oregon





James Dover, Apprentice Folkbuilder for the Deep South in South Carolina

**The Northeast Regional Update, Pennsylvania
by Clifford Erickson, Folkbuilder and Member of the
Witan**



Winter Nights in the Poconos

October 12 – 14

Milford, Pennsylvania

Registration opens August 1 at <http://winternights2018.eventzilla.net>! See the main article in this issue of The Voice or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/2154889354794973/>.

Lansdale Tru Folk, an AFA Kindred in Pennsylvania, is hosting the following upcoming events:

- Freyfaxi, 8/25 at 3pm
- Harvest, 9/15 at 3pm
- Feast of the Einherjar, 11/17 at 3pm
- Yule, 12/29 at 3pm

Please contact Clifford at cerickson@runestone.org if you are interested in attending!

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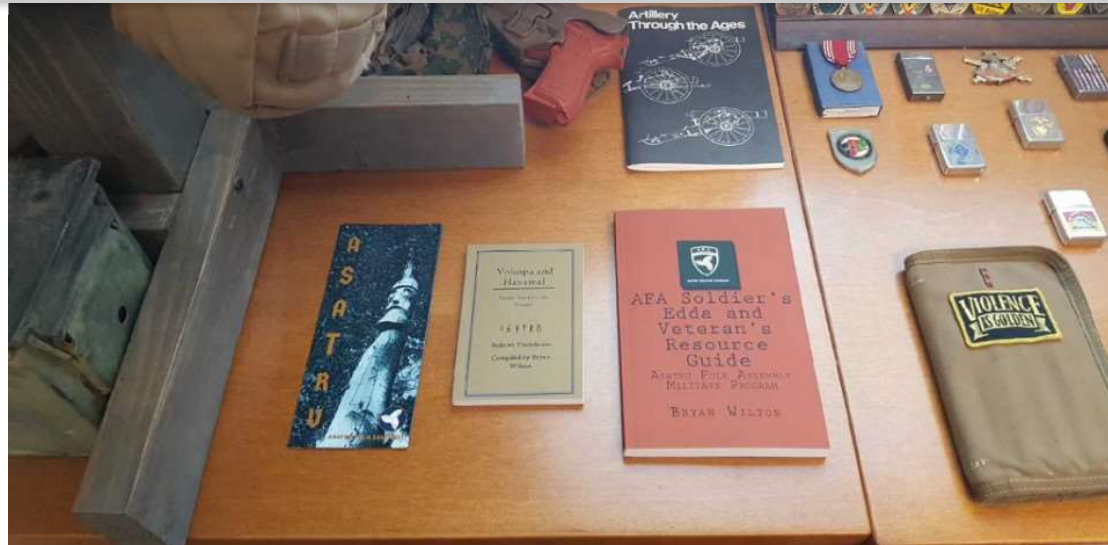
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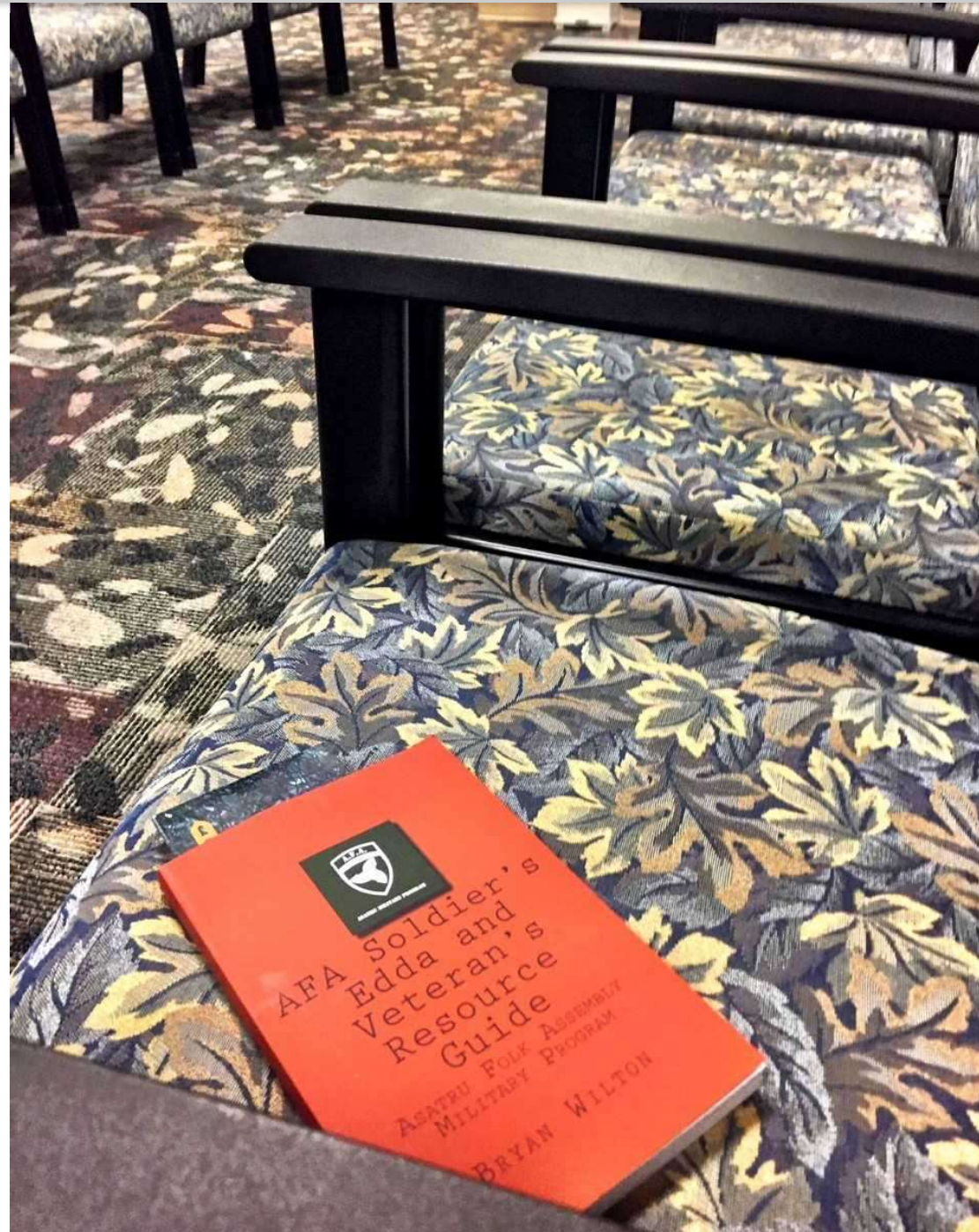


ASATRU FOLK ASSEMBLY MILITARY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Our material has reached states all over the US and even abroad! Once again thank you to all our folk who donated to our book drive fundraiser, volunteers, and those who share our posts! We have already helped some of our folk find their way home and become AFA members, that is a victory!! We have some plans in the making to further our success and presence as AFA military members on our bases and in our community! If you are interested in volunteering to help the program out in any way, send us an email or reach out on Facebook.

Kevin Long
Military Program Coordinator
Klong@runestone.org





Northern Plains Regional Update, Minnesota by Jason Gallagher, Folkbuilder



July flew by fast and we had another productive month.

We started the month out with the day of remembrance for Alexander Rud Mills. The next day Anna Funk led us in a Blót for Odin world prayer day and Wotan on the peaks except we did it on the water a river. She put this event together and organized it. And we had the Children's Nine Noble Virtues study followed by a instructional kids Blót. The Minnesota Kindred moot was the next event followed the next day by Crafting and woodworking day. The monthly Edda and Rune study group was very enlightening as usual and Gothi Bryan

If you are interested in attending a event you can email me at jgallagher@runestone.

Hail the Doers!

Hail the Asatru Folk Assembly!!!





- 8/11 Children's Nine Noble Virtues study 1-3 Bloomington,MN
- 8/12 Day Of remembrance for King Radbod 5-7 Winzer Stube Hudson,WI
- 8/18 Riverside meet and greet 3-6 Hitchinson,MN
- 8/25 Freyfaxi 3:30-7 Bloomington,MN
- 8/30 Monthly Edda and Rune study 5:30-8:30
- 9/7-9/9 Fallfest 3 in the Northwoods
- 9/22 hike and picnic on the Mississippi 4-7 Minneapolis
- 9/29 Harvest and Ullr Blót 2-5 location tba
- 10/20 Third Annual Disir Blót 3:30-7 Bloomington,MN



The West Regional Update, Northern California by Ryan Harlan, Folkbuilder

For more information on any of these events, please reach out to myself or Jessica Rose.

Happenings and events in Northern CA and NV.

AFA Remembrance Moot and Meal for king Radbod of Frisia. Sunday, August 12th from 5pm to 7pm at La Cucina Italian Eatery, 3600 Lakeside Drive, Reno Nevada, 89509.

We invite you to join us as we raise a glass in honor of King Radbod. This time we are doing it on a Saturday so more folks can attend. Faced with the prospect of Heaven or Hell, King Radbod chose an eternity in Hell with his honored Asatru ancestors that an eternity in Heaven with "a

Events at Odinshof:

Brownsville food distribution day, Saturday, July 7th.

On the first Saturday of July, the Viking Brotherhood, AFA volunteers, and our partners at the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank, once again came together to distribute food to our neighbors in need here in Brownsville. This will be a regular occurrence until our community rebounds from the loss of our grocery store. We always need help in such endeavors, so if you're in town, close by, or able to give us a hand, please reach out to us. This is in no way a requirement, but highly encouraged. Let's show everyone our true character, and help us to help our neighbors out!

Freyfaxi, August 25th-26th.

As the Solar cycle continues through its course, we find ourselves poised once again to honor the Good God, Ingvi Freyr, and give thanks for the abundance which we have experienced thus far. Freyfaxi marks the beginning of the Harvest Season, and the first full harvest of the year. This year, we find ourselves in a special position here at the Hof. Our community lost its only source of groceries and sustenance for some miles. The fiery conflagration which took the market from the community, has allowed us to open our doors, and provide for those who are in need. Our partnership with the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank, and our monthly food distribution, give us the opportunity to provide a meager but welcome bounty for our neighbors. Join us at Odinshof for a celebration of our fertility, our success, and our Folk, to give Honor to the Slayer of Beli, Wooer of Gerd, Skirnir's Lord, Father of the Ynglings, and to help provide for our community. Good food, kinship, Blot, and improving our Oorlog. HAIL FREY!

Winter Finding, September 29th-30th.

Warm weather usually persists here in the Golden State well into October, but in the Northern Climes where our Ancestors lived, the weather was starting to turn cooler during this time of the year. A stark reminder that Winter was on its way. The end of Harvest Season, time to ensure that preparations for the long cold Northern Winter were done, and a time to brew the fine Bier, Ale, and Mead that would warm the spirits during coming months. Splitting and stocking firewood, tailoring of warmer clothes. In short, the days of warmth and time spent outdoors, was coming to a close. Join us at Odinshof to celebrate, contemplate, and prepare ourselves for the coming of

Winter Nights, October 27th-28th.

Harvest, long gone, and Winter was found. Shorter days given over to longer nights, and we wait for the first frosts, rains, and flurries of snow to fall. The veils which separate our world, from that of the Ancestors, is at its thinnest. We turn our thoughts towards our Ancestors during this time of year, and especially, the Disir. Join us as we seek to commune with our long departed Folk, and give Blot to the Disir, those Females from our past, loving, stern, and guiding. We ask that if you have a photo, trinket, or small object belonging to one of your Ancestors, to bring it with you and place it upon the Ancestor's table. Carve a Pumpkin or a Turnip to create a "Jack-o-Lantern" in order to light their way, or, scare away unwanted Vaetter. Ask those who passed down their blood and names, to join us at this feast held in their honor! We hope to see you, and them, there!

Feast of the Einherjar, November 11th-12th.

Einherjar. The very word fills us with emotion, and conjures up ideas of heroism. At least it should. Who are the Einherjar? Why are they important? How does one join the elite ranks of these fabled Warriors and defenders of the Folk, Holy Powers, and existence itself? The AFA and the Viking Brotherhood invite you to join us in feasting and celebration of the Einherjar, the chosen ones who fight beside the Holy Powers at the Twilight of the Gods, and our own Veterans who serve and protect us here and now! Those who sit upon mail cloacked benches, dining upon Saerhimmir, and drinking the finest of Mead, pay a heavy price for their rewards. Some of our friends and family have paid a heavy price! So make no mistake, though we gather for a good time, be prepared for a heavy dose of thinking while we revel. For if one wishes to be counted among the first, one must understand what it really takes. Hail the Einherjar! Hail our Veterans! HAIL!

Yule, December 22nd-23rd.

Yule, Jul, Geol. However we spell it, the Winter Solstice comes. Yuletide is here! Our Northern European Ancestors might have found themselves snowed in, and outside, bitter cold and dark abound. But within the Hall, light, warmth, and Frith reign supreme. We will gather at the Hof to celebrate with and discuss the traditions of our Folk during this tide. From the decorating of the Tree, crafting of ornaments and wreaths from evergreens, to Jul Logs, House Wights, Stockings, Wassailing, and bowls of Porridge for the Tomte, our people have a bright and wonderful set of traditions during this time of year. A gift exchange for the adults, and Asa Thor for the kids! We might even make a Jul Bock or two. Come on up to the Hof and let's all make Merry and Glad this Holy Tijd! Waes thu Hael!

Far North Regional Update, Alaska by Eric Whisman, Folkbuilder



July was a busy month for the Alaskan Folk.

On July 14th, in the far northern reaches of Alaska, Folkbuilder Eric Whisman met up with members in the Fairbanks area and hiked the angel rocks peaks and did a Wotan on the Peaks blot.

That same weekend, about 400 miles south, Alsherjargothi Matt Flavel held a day of remembrance for Rudd Mills get together, which attracted people from all over the south-central and south-east parts of the state, with some people driving over 200 miles just to attend the meetup.

Towards the end of the month, on July 21st, the kindred was blessed again by the Hansens as they welcomed their next son into the world. (*editor's note: You can read a little about baby Rhyg above!*)





Upper South Regional Update, North Carolina by Paul Hester, Folkbuilder

July has been a wonderful month in the Upper South. We've added new members and more events. Our growth is on par with our commitment and that's what matters most. Our Rigschule gathering, which is an extension of our local Kindreds, was a great success. We had 14 people in attendance, with 2 new members joining as a result. Topics of discussion were the origins of the English language, "Asatru: A Native European Spirituality," and the nature of Blot.



We'd like to congratulate John Beasley on the birth of his beautiful daughter and Johnny Cartwright on the birth of his beautiful daughter. John and Johnny both are truly assets to our region.

Upcoming Events

- Sheafing of the Wheat; Fairy Stone Park, VA; Aug. 17th-19th
- Wotan on the Peaks; Blue Ridge Parkway, Haywood County, NC; Aug. 18th

by Heather Nicole Clinkenbeard, Folkbuilder



Hail Folk,

July was beautiful for us, we were able to celebrate a late midsummer and pass on what some of us learned from midsummer at the hof to the folk that were not able to make it.

Our kindred is growing and the last few gatherings we are starting to have more and more children again. This always warms my heart to see our young ones participating in our rituals.

August will bring our monthly bonfore on the 4th and Freyfaxi end of August .Please check out our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TruFolkSanDiego/>

Schuyler Palmer !





Folkbuilder at Large Update by Jamie Lynn Souigny, Apprentice Folkbuilder

Have you had some recent victories in life? A new marriage? A promotion? A new baby? Have you gathered with Folk for a Holy Day or even just a moot? We want to celebrate with you as a community! Please submit anything YOU would like added to "The Voice" to your Folkbuilder Jamie Souigny!

Hail the doers!!!

Hail the AFA!!!

Hail the Gods and Goddesses!!!

AFA Folk Services is intended to provide modest, one-time monetary grants to Asatru Folk Assembly (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](#).

We have had some amazing support to boost our funds for Folk Services as of late. It is the support of our community that helps our Folk in times of unforeseen troubles. Without this support we would not have the levels of success we have achieved and I am looking forward to seeing how far we can go in the future.

We need your help! Lots of people "like" our posts, but fewer actually pitch in. I understand--that's human nature--but we need to build at least a small fund for emergencies, rather than simply passing the hat for specific events. Your contributions are earnestly solicited and of course are tax-deductible! Every little bit adds up! Got an extra \$5 this month? Shoot it over to Folk Services!

If even a fraction of the folks who like the page did that each month, imagine the possibilities!

Thanks in advance!

Jamie Souigny

Apprentice Folkbuilder at Large

**Pacific Northwest Update, Oregon
by Joseph Rozanek, Apprentice Folkbuilder**

Hails! First of all, I would like to say that I'm honored to be named as the Apprentice Folkbuilder here in the NW. It is a tremendous responsibility and I am positive that working together we will put the NW on the map as a great Asatru area for our Folk. Next, I would

for stepping up and taking charge in hosting a Runic study group and King Radbod remembrance in the Eastern NW region.

The more we get out and make our presence felt, the sooner we will lead our Folk back home and create kindreds for ourselves and our children. That being said, I'm pleased to announce the calendar of events for the month of August. We have two recurring Rune study groups, a mead making class with master mazer Richard Hubbard, our King Radbod remembrance and Moot, a "Hail Wotan" Hike and blot to the Allfather, and Freyfaxi on the 18th. I encourage all NW members if you are able to come out to one of our events, please do so that we can begin building the strong communities that we all joined the AFA for in the first place!
Thanks, and I will see you soon.

Hail the Gods!
Hail the Folk!
Hail the AFA!

Joe Rozanek
Apprentice Folkbuilder NW



- 8/2 Elder Futhark Rune study group meeting 6:00pm-7:00pm Portland, OR
- 8/3 Mead making class and Moot 6:00pm-7:00pm Scappoose, OR
- 8/6 Runic Study group 6:30pm-7:30pm Moscow ID
- 8/8 King Radbod remembrance and Moot Couer d'Alene ID

- 8/14 Elder Futhark Rune study group meeting 6:00pm-7:00pm Portland, OR
- 8/18 Freyfaxi NW 1:00-5:00 LOCATION TBD
- 8/20 Runic Study group 6:30pm-7:30pm Moscow ID
- 8/28 Elder Futhark Rune study group meeting 6:00pm-7:00pm Portland, OR

South Central Regional Update, Texas by Cyilde Brown III, Apprentice Folkbuilder





Members of Black Sun Kindred gathered on 7-21-2018 for a rune study and Folkcrafting session that turned out to be really uplifting. Clyde started out cutting sets of blank runes for everybody out of a felled tree that Theresa had in her yard, and also from a an oak branch he carried back from the Hof-land from Midsummer. Theresa led the ladies inside, carving other little accoutrements and laying out the rune stencils.... Meanwhile Jessie and Chris skinned the bark off of the felled tree in preparation for a gods pole that we'll be designing and carving in a future session. That will be put on the back burner for a moment while we prepare for our sizable gathering on the 29th. And we can't wait. Thanks for everyone who came out and thank you Theresa for inviting us into your home once again. You, your husband and your mom are awesome. HAIL THE FOLK!! HAIL THE AFA!!



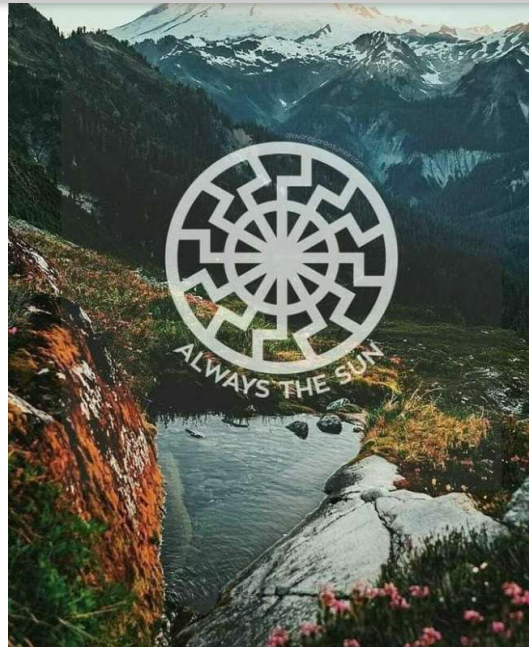
Black Sun Kindred held a Freyrfeast on July 29th.... We had a great turnout, and it was a wonderful success, with old and new friends alike. The heat was indeed brutal, but that didn't stop us from having an all-around great time. The pork plates ran full in every direction, with myriad meats and dishes going around.

A big kudos to Melisa Mills and Bryan Wilton, who traveled a big distance to be with us, as well as all the others who traveled far. The presentation Bryan gave was awesome, and

We wrapped up the feasting with a very warming and personal sumbl.... All attending put heart and spirit into the things they voiced, and as always it was inspiring. Thanks to everyone who made this gathering a success.







Central Corridor Regional Update, Missouri by Christopher Gower, Apprentice Folkbuilder

Hailsa! July has been a very busy month! A lot of wonderful things have been occurring, it's been pub moots, bbq gatherings, pool parties and even the many simple Blots with dinner shared with our Kin. Our region continues to buzz like the life-giving bees preparing Honey for our Mead. My family personally has been building up our homestead with our commitment to living a simpler life. We have downsized our footprint, and committed to a more self-sufficient/agrarian lifestyle to bring us closer to our Gods and the many Wights we share our environment with. It has truly been an education in patience, industriousness and sweat equity. Our home is almost to the point of moving in.. needless to say we are very excited. Looking forward to sanctifying and fortifying our property in dedication to our Ancestors and our Holy Kin.

regards to what the next calendar year holds for our Folk. We are preparing to do our part for the AFA Tri-Horn initiative. We have personally decided to fund events proactively, develop children and family oriented learning opportunities and are meeting regularly in regards to fundraising to support these activities. We have also taken great pride in developing our flag bearing standards within our kindred. Every region is now represented by a cohesive and singular look and feel with the rune presence representing their region. So when we have events, everyone will know who is in attendance. We all have been having an amazing time had by all, our pool party's, BBQ's are being attended by our families, folk and lots of happy kids.. so Stay tuned for more updates as I'm sure we are going to have a lot to share as we continue to grow.





I could not be more proud of everyone that chooses to stand up, to claim their role in building a legacy for our people and our Church. We are looking forward to becoming the beacon that so many are ultimately searching for. We are excited to be building our own traditions in spiritual observances of our holidays within a state that has been dormant for quite some time. The sense of ownership and pride is at an all-time high.

So please stay tuned to my little section of the Voice in 2018. I'm sure there is gonna be quite a bit to share and raise a Horn to. I'm excited to be a part of something so important to the spiritual lives of our people. Thank you for taking the time to read my little contribution. I promise to try to be both informative and brief in my submissions in the future. Brevity and Clarity. Folk and Faith. Purpose and Due Diligence.

Christopher Gower, Apprentice FolkBuilder Central Corridor

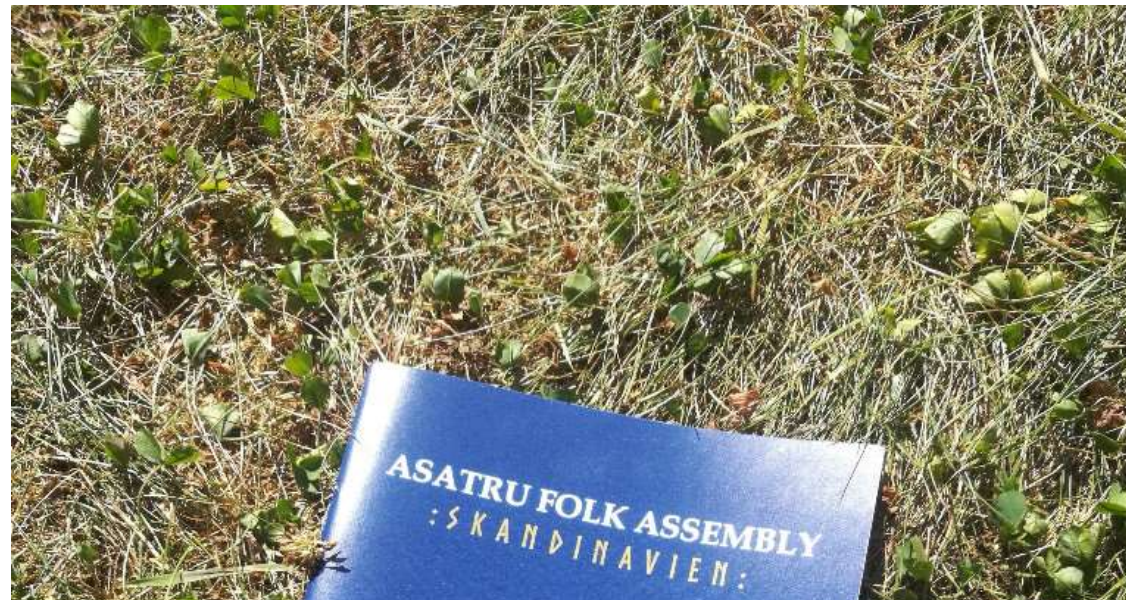
Hail To The Aesir and the Vanir,
Hail the IBSAK Folk,
Hail The AFA.



**European Regional Update, Scandinavia
by Anders Nilsson, Apprentice Folkbuilder**

festival on the 28th. There were 150 visitors lots of good folks and productive discussions. Our newly produced booklet were distributed, which contains translations of the Declaration of Purpose, Law of the Hall, Statement of Ethics's and the Nine Nobel Virtues.







**Northeast Regional Update, Massachusetts
by George Schindler III, Apprentice Folkbuilder**



We of the Botulfr StoneShip Kindred Held many Kindred meetings this month in preparation for our 1st Annual Freyfaxi Svin Roast. We had a great turnout and held an intimate Blot to Freyr and celebrated our spiritual harvest in Frith and fun. We had folks from all over New England and New York converge upon a beautiful day indeed!



"The sky above us,
Burning bright is Sunna.

Full merry do we meet, whole and bellies full.
Blessed Ingvi-Freyr
Honors us greatly."

Riding Hot Rods like chariots!



As we all know, Fallfest is quickly approaching and WinterNights in the Poconos will be opening up for registration very soon. We ought to begin making plans for time off of work and nailing down our registrations. True community shared is a life changer. I'll be getting

Hail the High ones!
Hail our resilient Folk
Hail our dynamic Asatru Folk Assembly!

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**Australian, New Zealand & South African Regional Updates
by Cameron Mottus, Apprentice Folkbuilder**

South Africa

The AFA has been working with the South African Family Relief Project(SAFRP) over the past few months. The SAFRP is a charity that helps South African whites who have been affected by South Africa's racist anti-European laws. There are many people in the camp from babies through to senior citizens.

Earlier this year the AFA donated \$1500 to the SAFRP. The money donated has been used for a very important project. Water supply. As you can imagine, having a reliable supply of water is essential for health and hygiene. The men at the camp put their 5000 litre water tank on a sturdy platform.



The water also feeds into a “gezer” (a custom built heater) which provides hot water for showers, washing and for use in the kitchen.



All of members are the SAFRP would like to let you know of the extreme gratitude that they feel for your generosity.

From Leigh Du Preez (Executive Director):

We would like to give a HUGE thank you to everyone who has donated to our cause. Because of your donation we where able to put up our water tank with a sturdy platform. We where also able to buy much needed food and also start with our kitchen area. Your support means the world to us.



Our work is not done in South Africa. There are many more people who need our assistance. I will keep you up to date once I find out more.

Australia and New Zealand

Music is a very important cultural element. Not only is it a way to transmit important concepts of the lore, it also brings people together at a very primal level. Isaac Bennet, the gothi for Fensalir kindred, is a professional musician and composer and he has created a very emotive ode to our Allfather.

At yule this past June our kindred was gathered in the dark on the edge of Lake Pukaki, on the South Island of New Zealand. The Odin's eye burned as Isaac lead us in blot. He finished the blot with a song called Yule Song for Odin. This song made my hair stand on end. We will be releasing the song with music soon for use by others across the AFA.



Yule Song for Odin (Lyrics)

He who guards and guides, let your eye shine through this night.

He who knows the way, cut through the darkness with your gaze.

He who sews the seeds of knowledge and wisdom in the brave.

Look on us this night, with guiding gaze of strength and might.

Circle of Eir - A Call to Healing

AFA Circle of Eir performs a montly healing ritual calling upon Eir and naming those AFA members and families in need of healing. If you would like to become a member of the Circle or would like to submit the name of someone who needs healing, please send an an email to Patricia Hall at patriciahall@runestone.org. This month's ritual will be held on the

Hail Eir!

AFA Mead Makers Group

Thanks to the generosity of many of our home brewers, mead is abundant at our events. Mead is a fairly easy brew to make, and can be as simple or as complex as you want it to be. In the past, it was mostly women who were in charge of making mead, but these days people from both sexes enjoy the craft.

Are you interested in learning how to make your own mead? We invite you to join our AFA Mead Maker's group on Facebook. We have folk from rank beginners to people who have been making mead for decades, so there's lots of people to learn from. To join please notify your Folkbuilder and we'll get you added to the group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AFAMeadMakers>

Folkish Business Directory



New for the AFA, Carrie Overton is putting together a Business Directory for our Folk! Send us your contact info (website, business type, etc..) and we will add you to our AFA Business and Crafter's newsletter that will be coming soon! This is our chance to promote and support Folkish businesses so we can help each other flourish and grow. Community starts with working together and working in each other's interests. Lets make it happen!

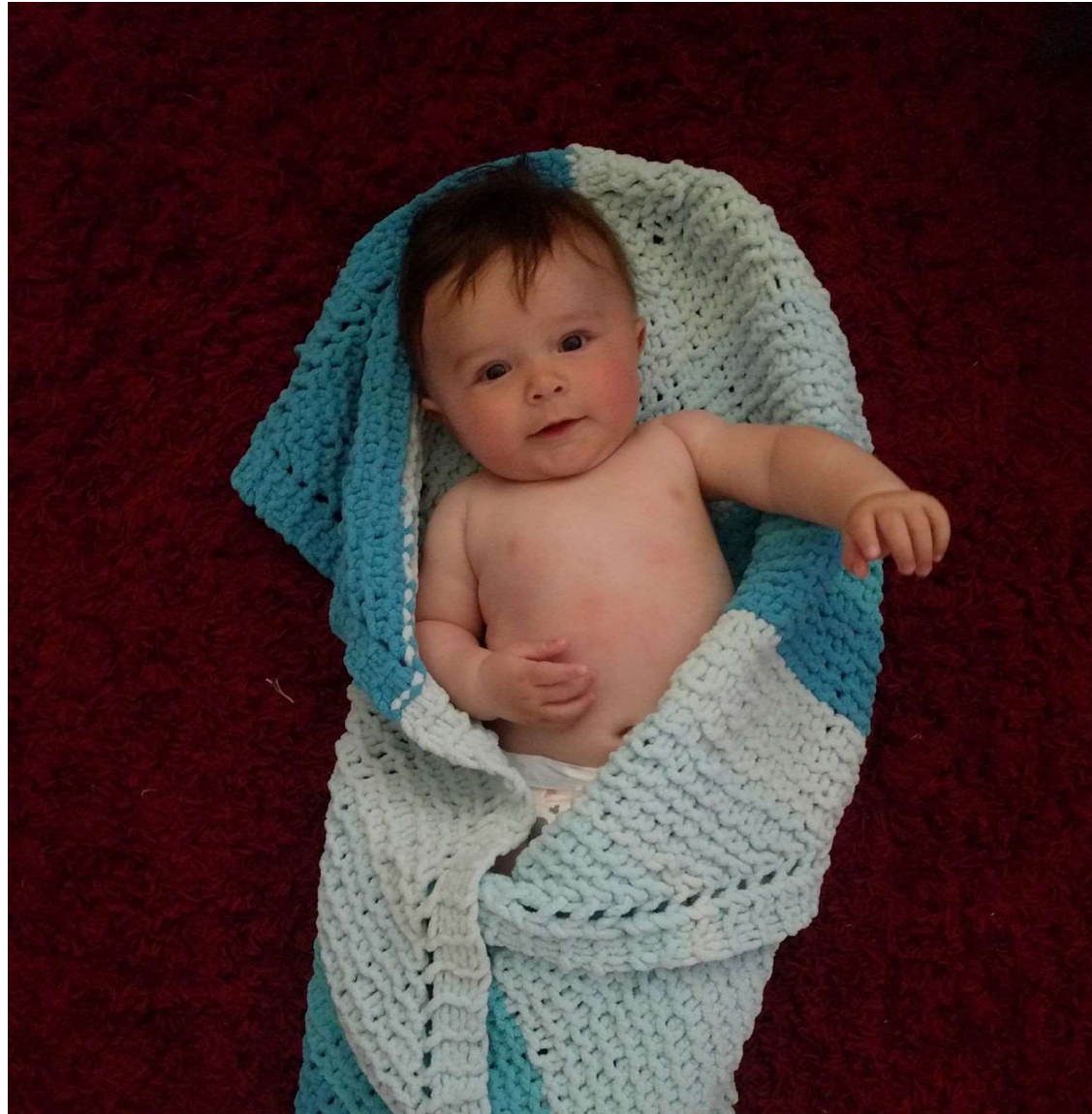
Please send your info to: coverton@runestone.org with the subject "AFA Business Directory".

Baby Blanket Project

The Baby Blanket project is rapidly approaching it's first year mark, and it 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!

All of the AFA would like to extend our warmest of gratitudes to the women for all of their hard work, particularly - Mandy F, who has made five blankets; Pamela G, who has made three; Mary M who has made three; Janet W who has made three; Emily N who has made two; Angelia R who has made two; and Angie, Susann and Lutisha who have each made

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





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 hand made - knit, crocheted, or woven - baby blanket! It's just our little way of celebrating our new folk!

If you would like a blanket for your newborn, or would like to donate to help with yarn cost (yarn is expensive!) please notify Jamie (jsouigny@runestone.org) with the subject line: BABY BLANKET.

Photography & Art for 2019 Calendar

We are compiling art and photography for a 2019 calendar. The 2019 AFA Calendar will have the Holy Days for 2019 and other events, and feature art and photography from different members. We'd like to have each month feature photography from AFA events that occurred in 2018 and 2017.



If anyone has an eye for the camera and enjoys taking pictures at these events please submit your work. The work may be useful for more than just the calendar. An example may be as follows:

A photo from a Midsummer event, such as a pic from Blót, Sumbel, or nice picture of the sun, nature and folk may be a perfect picture for the month of June.

Have fun and please send submissions to Nate Hayden nhayden@runestone.org

Greeting Card Project



At Midsummer we were able to look at various prototypes for cards and discuss plans of how and when to print them. Any artists and poets or people that know the Lore well and might enjoy being involved, please contact me below.

Holy Days: Our plan will be to concentrate on 1 to 3 card designs per upcoming Holy Day. At this time we are looking at ideas for Winter's Finding and Yule. Yule may be a little more important at this time, but a great Winter Finding design is always welcome.

Life Tides: These designs are always welcome as they can come at any time. A life tide can be any important moment to note. Marriage, Baby Birth/Naming, Graduation, Recovery, Military Memorial, and so on.

Art Cards: This would be cards that are creative and relevant to Asatru. This may be photography, or art related to Lore. Poetry and phrases of Lore may go well here as well.

from a thoughtful phrase. I am not always the best at finding a fitting phrase, so if there is a phrase or line of poetry meaningful to you, please send it and I can aim to fit it with our art. Or, if you'd like, I can send rough drafts of cards that I'm unsure what would fit best, and you can have a go at figuring something out.

Please contact me at nhayden@runestone.org.

Item of the Month

Oðinshof. The spiritual center and first Hof of the Asatru Folk Assembly. Mighty. Tranquil. And wonderful. And now you can show your support for such a storied place with this excellent T-Shirt! A stunning red to match the blood of our Gods and Ancestors that flows in our veins! Comes in sizes small to XX for \$20+shipping. Get yours now!





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