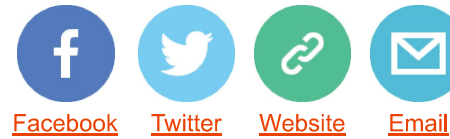


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## Words from the Alsherjargothi

Winter is here, the huntsmen ride and the veil is thin between the worlds. October has been a fantastic month for the AFA and the chill in the air has invigorated the souls of our folk. I want to thank Witan Clifford Erickson for the amazing job he did hosting the 6th annual AFA Winternights in the Poconos. It is hard to believe it has been 6 years since the AFA's first national gathering outside of California. Imagine that! 6 years ago, the AFA had

of Winternights this year with folks filling the hall from all across the country, some driving 28 hours to celebrate with their AFA family. The highlight of the event for me was Gythia Patricia Hall's Disablot, I was shaken to my very core and I can say with surety that hers was the most powerful Blot I have been apart of. Thank you very much to all those who attended the event and to all those that labored to make it such a success, the quality was at an all-time high. The following weekend at the Hof, we had a fantastic Winter Nights celebration. We were honored to have Sheila McNallen preform our Disablot, she did an amazing job and we were all moved and thankful. I am so proud to see these local events growing in attendance but also in quality, not only here at the Hof, but around the country as well as our international AFA communities.

In October, the call has been raised to increase our fundraising so that we can meet the ever growing needs of our church. The generous response has been amazing! Thank you to all who have donated to the "Pay Off the Hof" campaign and thank you to those who will donate in the coming weeks and months, the fundraiser runs until 12th night. Last but certainly not least, special thanks to Folkbuilder Bryan Blue who has taken the unprecedented step of pledging 5% of his income to the Asatru Folk Assembly! This is a huge leap forward for us as a church and for our ability to function to the high standards worthy of our holy Gods and noble ancestors. As more champions of the folk step forward with this sort of commitment, we will see our activity soar to new heights and Hof's begin to appear across the land. Thank you Bryan and thank you to all of our very generous AFA family. May you all enjoy the warm embrace of your folk and your ancestors this winter.

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

Matthew D. Flavel  
Alsherjargothi,  
Asatru Folk Assembly



Paul Hester and Bryan Blue's Oathing as Folkbuilders

## Pay Off the Hof



Newgrange Hof, Midsummer 2017

Two years ago, with your generous help, the AFA made the down payment on our first Hof. Over the past two years this Hof has seen weddings and baby namings, blots and sunbels. Our AFA family gather here again and again worshipping our Gods and honoring our Ancestors and Folk in a place of our own. This is a first step in fulfilling the dreams of generations of Asatruar, to have sacred places of our very own. Right now a bank in Northern California owns our Hof.... it's time to change that. With the blessings of our holy Gods and the generosity of our noble Folk, we intend to raise enough money to make this Hof truly ours. The AFA is committed to creating Hofs across Midgard, the first step in that mission is to get this first Hof payed off. Please, on behalf of the Asatru Folk Assembly, I ask you to help us make this a reality. Please give generously and please share this far and wide for maximum support. Every little bit helps get us that much closer to our goal. Let's make this happen!

Please donate [here!](#)



Hail the Folk!  
Hail the AFA!

Matthew Flavel  
Alsherjargothi  
Asatru Folk Assembly





## A New Breath, A New Wyrd



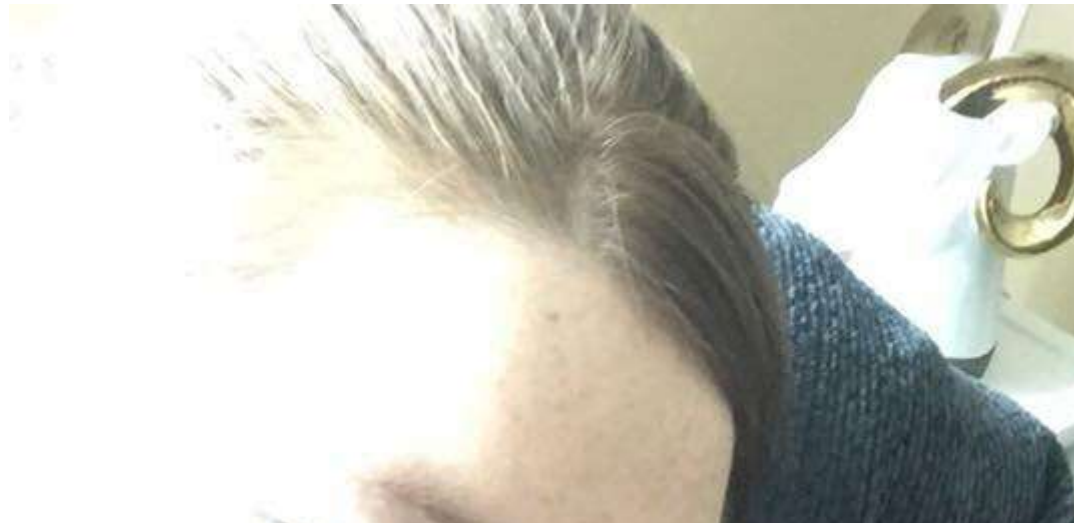




Thorrún Ellisif Danielson

On September 28th, Mathew and Melody Danielson welcomed a beautiful baby girl into this world. Thorrún Ellisif Danielson was born weighing 8lbs 20 ounces and was a healthy 20" long. With new life amongst our Folk comes the wending of Wyrð and Örlog for us all. Hail to the new parents! May the joy of their life grow strong and beautiful! Frigga's blessings upon family!

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







It is with great joy that we, Clifford Erickson and Catherine Reid, announce that Catie has accepted Cliff's proposal of marriage which was offered during Sumbel at Winter Nights in the Poconos. We are madly in love, and also have made the choice to love one another no matter what else happens. We look forward to all that life has yet to give us, and we thank all of our friends and family for their support as we begin the rest of our lives.



### Words from the Folkbuilder Coordinator by Marc Macleod

The biggest thing I have seen changing in the AFA is people's willingness to step up. Both at FallFest and Winter Nights, people want to do more! That's when we know we are doing things right and that's what will make the difference in our organization, the growth of our faith, and our folk. I'm pleased to announce 5 new apprentice Folkbuilders this month. Jamie Rasmussen from Wisconsin, Christopher Gower in Missouri, Josh Wilson in Ohio, Trent East in Alabama, and Jessica Roesner in California. Most of these areas are areas we haven't had a lot of activity, so I'm looking forward to new communities for our people. If you live near these areas, keep your eyes open, and support these guys as much as you can. They can't do it alone. It takes all of us to make something great.

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



Jessica Roesner of the NordenVolk Kindred, Northern California Apprentice Folkbuilder





Trent East of the Raven's Blood Kindred, Deep South Alabama Apprentice Folkbuilder



Christopher Gower of the Iron, Bone and Stone Kindred, Central Corridor Apprentice  
Folkbuilder



Josh Wilson of the Kvasir's Scholars Kindred, Midwest Ohio Apprentice Folkbuilder







Jamie Rasmussen, Midwest Wisconsin Apprentice Folkbuilder

### **Words from the Northern Plains by Blaine Qualls, Folkbuilder**

October has been a month of planning and preparation for us here in the Dakotas. We have secured the event location for next year's Fallfest celebration; the dates are September 7, 8, 9 2018. We will have room for about 110 people so plan early if you wish to attend. This will be our third annual Fallfest and hopefully the biggest and best so far. We have scheduled a Feast of the Einherjar celebration for November 11th in Bismarck. As always it looks to be a well attended celebration with several new people inquiring about it.

And we are making all the final arrangements for our big annual Yule celebration. These are a great midwinter gathering that just keeps growing. It is styled after the larger National events, we have cabin camping in the woods, educational presentations, Blotar, and

plan to be in the area December 15, 16, 17 and would like to attend just send me an email and we'll squeeze you in.

Finally this past weekend I was able to attend a very personal Winter Night's celebration with just a few kindred members and close friends. It was amazing, seeing a young lady perform her first blot to the Disir and doing a great job, sharing a feast with friends and realizing that we were being part of a rare thing in Asatru today: For once the women actually outnumbered the men..... hosting a sumbel that was powerful and full of emotion from beginning to end; staying up far too late just talking about anything and everything. I love the big celebrations and all the energy and people, but every now and then just honouring the Gods with a few close friends can be just as powerful, just as meaningful and build memories and bonds that last a lifetime.

As always if you plan to be in the area please feel free to get in touch. We always have something going on and love seeing new faces.

### Words from the Northeast by Clifford Erickson, Folkbuilder

#### Winter Nights in the Poconos



Wow! I am writing this two full weeks after Winter Nights in the Poconos and I am still charged up. We had members from many parts of the country and the Northeast region as well. Every time I visit Camp Netimus it brings me back to when I was just beginning my

Alsherjargothi Matt Flavel and Gythia Patricia Hall led is in very moving Blots. Many Kindreds were represented from the Northeast, Upper & Deep Souths, Midwest, Central Corridor, and West Coast! I could not be more proud of our Folk who put so much time and energy into making this event work, who gave presentations, and who joined with us to honor the ancestral mothers of our Folk.

### Upcoming Events

#### **New Jersey Folkish Pubmoot**

Saturday, November 11 at 1 PM - 4 PM

JAGERSTEIN BIERGARTEN, Delaware NJ

#### **Massachusetts Folkish Pubmoot**

Saturday, December 2 at 3 PM - 6 PM

Owen O'Leary's, Westborough MA

#### **Folkish Yule in Pennsylvania**

Saturday, December 30 at 3 PM - 11 PM

Folkbuilder Clifford Erickson's home, Lansdale, PA

Please contact Clifford Erickson at [cerickson@runestone.org](mailto:cerickson@runestone.org) for any event details or if you are looking to host an event near you!

### Words from the AFA Military Program





## **ASATRU FOLK ASSEMBLY MILITARY OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Hails! We are still currently looking for volunteers that are on and/or near our military bases that would like to assist in furthering our goals as a program for our military folk. In the near future we will have 'manuals', information packets, and other materials that we would like our folk to deliver to our on base chaplains to better familiarize them with our faith along with providing the necessary information to our service members who are finding their way home to our religion. If interested please email me at [klong@runestone.org](mailto:klong@runestone.org)

If any of our military members are deploying soon or are currently abroad, please email me your deployment address as well so we can get some care packages shipped out.

Kevin Long  
Military Program Coordinator

**Words from the AFA North West  
by Ryan Harlan, Folkbuilder**



The Women preparing for DísirBlót, AFA Northern California 2017

#### Winter Nights:

The AFA's Northern California Folk gathered at the Hof to celebrate Winter Nights, and to give honor to the Disir on October 21st and 22nd. As has become the norm, those who could showed up the night before and enjoyed a little pre-event revelry. The main event kicked off on the 21st around Noon. As more people joined us, we enjoyed lunch and conversation. Stephen McNallen treated us to a reading of his poem "October Women", a tribute to this time of year, and the Disir. Sheila McNallen gave a talk on Labyrinths, and the tradition of them across Europe, and in to the New World. We had a splendid dinner (as we always do!) with many delicious items prepared by the Folk, and two Birthdays were also celebrated. We had the honor of celebrating for Riot Simmons, and Dawson Ingle. Congrats young Men! A 50/50 raffle was held that night as well. Half of the pot would go to the winner, and half to help us pay off the Hof. Our founder Stephen McNallen was

to us. He put up an additional \$100.00 to the Hof fund, and asked who would be so bold as to join him. I did. And so did many of our other members. If every single AFA member were able to meet this challenge, we could pay the Hof off tomorrow! After we had time to let the food settle, we were treated to a very special Disir Blot. Led by Sheila, and joined by our Ladies, we entered the ritual space. Hallowed by flame, and guided by a drum beat like the beat of a heart, we invited the Mothers of our Lines to join us, witness our actions, and continue to guide us. I really can't put this Blot into a proper description. You had to be there. Sumble soon followed, and sleep followed close behind.











Apprentice Folbuilders:

I'd like to take this time to thank Heather Jayne for her time and all of her help as Apprentice Folkbuilder here in California. She helped us out immensely, but she has stepped down in order to fulfill an even more important role. Mother. With the new addition to her Family and our Folk, she has her hands full. Thank you Heather! I would also like to introduce and welcome Jessica Rose as a new Apprentice Folkbuilder. If you have been to one of our local events, or if you've been in the AFA for more than a couple years, chances are, you've met Jess, or you have at least seen her around. She's been a corner stone around the Hof, building the hardware for the beautiful wood doors which adorn the Hof, cooking, cleaning, and all around working to help make the Hof a special place. She will be assisting myself, Heather Clinkenbeard, and Marc with Folkbuilding duties, stepping in behind Heather Jayne. Congratulations Jessica, and thanks for stepping up!

**News from the AFA Alaska  
by Eric Whisman, Folkbuilder**



Der Volkstamm auf dem Nordliche Bar Kindred/AFA Alaska, DísirBlót 2017

The weekend of WinterNights started off with a moot held at a local pizzeria, with a few people in attendance, and the next day AFA members and Folkish Asatruar from all around the state made the incredible many-hundred mile journey to Palmer, where we met at the house and land of Gothi Steven Morrell where he led the gathered folk in Blót to the Disir and to Freyja.

There were games and activities for the children to participate in, and the whole of the property was festively decorated for the season.

For dinner, we enjoyed old family recipes and staples of the families present.









**Words from the AFA Upper South  
by Paul Hester, Folkbuilder**

October has been a great month for the Upper South. Many of our members attended Winter Nights where they enjoyed fellowship with their folk and gods. I can say that my spirit was definitely rekindled and I made friendships that will last for a life time. Currently we're planning Ostara in the South, so look for some great news in the very near future.



For the next few months we're really reaching out, raising, and donating money to get the New Grange Hof in Brownsville Ca. paid off. Once we have the title in hand it will open the way for another historical first, a Hof on the east coast, a place where we can call our own and worship our gods. We're all coming up with innovative ways to raise money and this is mine. I live on a golf course, so I've got an unlimited supply of golf balls. My Boykin Spaniel "Sadie" loves bringing them home and trading them for treats. I'm going to take it one step further and take them to work and trade them for cash, using that money to help









Northern Blood Kindred/AFA Northern Plains, DísirBlót 2017

October was another great month for us in here Minne-sotah. We had another productive Rune study group and a few new attendees also. On the 21st we celebrated Winter Nights with a Disir Blót led by our very own Anna Mae. She did a amazing job with the help of AFA member Christina Novacek. Sumble was led by member Bo Bransford and we finished up with a potluck feast. It was a such a great event and awesome turn out with new families attending.

If you are in the area and interested in attending any events please email me or message me on Facebook

Folkish Family woodworking and feasting day Sunday November 5th 12-4

Folkish Family pizza feast and greet Saturday November 11th 4-7 Pizza Ranch

Lakeville, MN

Folkish Family Rune study Wednesday November 15th 5:30-8:30

2nd Annual Folkish Family Yule celebration December 9th 4-7

Saturday December 30th Folkish Family end of Yule meet and greet 3-6 Pizza Ranch

Maplewood, MN

Hail the Doers!

Hail the the Gods!

Hail the Asatru Folk Assembly!!!







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**WORDS FROM AFA Southern California  
from Heather Clinkenbeard, Folkbuilder**

Tru-Folk of San Diego would first like to say Happy Birthday to Jeff Barak!

Staying busy in SoCal with not only monthly park moots but now monthly bonfires at the beach as well. Sunday November 19th we will have a Moot at the park. We also will have our Feast of the Einherjar and prepare for an early Yule celebration. We start our planning for Charming of the Plow in San Diego weekend retreat in February 2-4. This will be another good one, better than the last and something you do not want to miss! Our kindred stays busy and this helps strengthen the bonds we have and provide a stable group for new people. As we grow our members meet up for lunches, dinner at someones house, a couple of our guys trained together and some even go hit the town. It is important to get together as much as you can and not wait for events, even make your own. I like to encourage everyone to do this. If you are going somewhere fun, call folk. If you are looking to go have some fun, call some folk. Get out and makes friends!

**Words from AFA Australia and New Zealand (ANZ)  
from Cameron Mottus, Folkbuilder**

I am excited looking forward to the ANZ Midsummer celebrations here in the ANZ region this summer. However, before I talk about I would like to offer a hearty hail to our newest ANZ member, Isaac, of Christchurch New Zealand. I was lucky enough to meet Isaac and his friend David at a local cafe this weekend. From what it sounds like there may be a few more members who are interested in joining the AFA from in and around Christchurch. Earlier this month I hosted a meetup in Melbourne Australia. I the wonderful opportunity to meet Kate who is one of our Melbourne members. A non-member joined us and we had long chat about all Asatru, politics and the upcoming event in Melbourne. I cannot tell you how much value there is to be had getting out and meeting your fellow AFA members. We have so many interesting people who are involved. In November I will be hosting a meetup





I find it exciting to see how our culture is resonating with the people.

In December we will be having a number of regional events in New Zealand and Australia.

### Australia



### Victoria, Australia

The Midsummer event in Victoria will be held in the rustic town of Warburton, just east of Melbourne, in the Dandenong Ranges. This will be a fairly large event (for this region). It will take place on Saturday December 16th. There will be bush walk to the Ada Tree in the morning.



The Ada Tree is a huge mountain ash which reminds me a lot of the tree Yggdrasil. A picnic lunch will be had followed by a series of sessions in the afternoon. There will be a BBQ in the evening followed by a blot. The good Hayden Shreeve of Tasmania will be leading the blot. This event is expected to have members from Western Australia, Tasmania, New South Wales and Victoria attending.

### **Canberra (ACT), Australia**

A small regional event will be held in Canberra.

### **New Zealand**

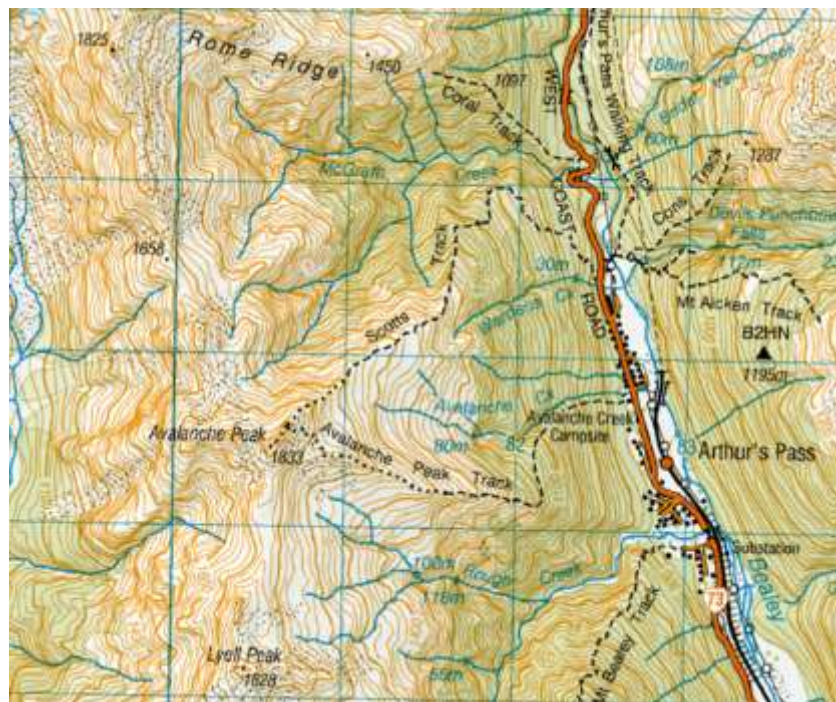






South Island, New Zealand

Christchurch on the South Island of New Zealand in the Southern Alps.



The ascent will begin at ~7am and expected to last about four hours. We will have a picnic lunch followed by a blot. We will then have a more leisurely descent...except for one of our members who will have to head back to Christchurch to play guitar for his band that evening. That is hard core and that is dedication.

I am so excited to hear about all of the stories of friendships made an experiences shared.

**Words from AFA Scandinavia  
from Anders Nilsson, Folkbuilder**

eating anything other than smoked salted or dried food was almost only able in Autumn. when the harvest and slaughter was done so we offered in too the ritual fire Pigs meat as a gift too ancestor present. This time of year was also a promise of a soon coming rest, winter in Scandinavia was dark and long you have about 6 hours of sun light and then they were forced too stay inside, so I believe that this time of year was somewhat like us nearing our summer vacation now.

After the ritual we gathered at our place and cooked food over the fire and talked long in too the night, The day after we made a tour for our Norwegian friends too sea the Bronze age rock carvings and had the good fortune too take part in a lecture at the Museum about Bronze age sheep farmers.

We are steadily growing in Scandinavia and have some real good people in our ranks we can promise this much that this is just the beginning of our development here.

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Gautr is a new AFA kindred we made our first Blot 23 September .

Now we are at that time when the colors of the trees ' shift over to red and yellow.You hear the welcome sound of a child who bites into a juicy Apple.And on the potato planting behind the houses you will see curved backs.You can feel the wind, you can see the light, you know the smell and by thath you know that autumn has come. And now the Sun lasts as long as the darkness of night so we give our offerings to Njård, mother earth.We thank you for all the gifts that she has given us and ask her now to let the land rest until next year.We stood on the ancient sacred land.The circle was concluded and we thanked the gods and ancestors for everything they have done before us.

Hell Aesir and Vanir

Hell A.F.A

Hell Gautr

Hell family

*(Gautr Kindred's announcement was meant for the October edition of The Voice. Due to an email issue, their entry was not recieved in time. As the Assistant Editor, I take*





Gautr Kindred, Hösblot September 2017  
*(Hösblot is the Autumnal Equinox Blot)*

**Words from AFA Folk Services  
Jamie Souigny, Apprentice Folkbuilder at Large**

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!

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Hail the Gods and Goddesses!!!

Hail our Folk!!!

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### AFA Europe

Hailsa to all our Folk in Europe!

A quick reminder that we now have a blog on the AFA website dedicated to all our Folk in Europe. Once again, thanks Anders and Cliff! We need YOUR input to really make it grow!

Looking forward to hearing from our Folk!

Hail the AFA!

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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.

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Note from the Founder: 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

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

### **Words from the Four Corners Region by Nate Hayden, Apprentice Folkbuilder**

FOUR CORNERS SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2017

October flew by, already into November. A quieter month with some activity. Preparing for December and the coming Yule-Tide.

COLORADO

November 12th: 12pm. An public Asatru Meet Up at Clancy's Pub in Westminster, Colorado.

This will be hosted by non-member and is open to the public. Please contact Nate Hayden for

more information: [nhayden@runestone.org](mailto:nhayden@runestone.org)

NEW MEXICO

November 17th: An open meeting, discussion on Runes. Please contact Cecile Johnston: [hypognosis321@gmail.com](mailto:hypognosis321@gmail.com)

UTAH

Contact Josh Birdzell on Facebook.

### **Words from AFA Northern California by Jessica Roesner, Apprentice Folkbuilder**

The folk are growing! In the last year we have been blessed with an abundance of new life, i.e. Healthy Babies!! With that comes the long hours of tending to and caring for our little ones. In order to focus on this task one of our Folkbuilders had to take a step back. It



## Northern California

I am a mother, blacksmith, artist, fire dancer and builder of the folk. My children and I live in Redding, Ca. We meet monthly at the HOF and semimonthly with our local group the NordenVolk. This group consists of the following AFA members: Steve Brewer - security professional, martial arts enthusiast, Odinist, Viking Brotherhood member.  
 Devon Olson- Violent by Nature Designs- Artist, painter, digital designer, decal and shirt maker, Viking Brotherhood prospect.  
 Krystal (Kitty), Óðr (company/artist name), fiber arts, pyrography, post mortem repurposer, jeweler, painter, rune crafter and fire dancer  
 Rocco Urman - Urman & Associates, Security Engineer, Hunter, Competitive Shooter, Enthusiast of History, Law and Politics  
 Victor P. - Electrician, Tattoo Artist, Viking Brotherhood Prospect, Defender of the Folk.  
 Eric Martin. - Telecommunications Manager, A loving father and husband, A lover of music, A folkish heathen.

Our next event will be November 18-19 at the HOF For the feast of the Einherjar. Einherjar, The Chosen Warriors of our Folk who train and feast eternally until Ragnarok, where they will face off with the forces of chaos, entropy and disorder. In life, they lived heroically and died honorably. On the other side of the veil, they prepare to fight and die once more for their Folk. Join us at the Hof to honor, celebrate, and feast with the Einherjar!

What better way to celebrate the Feast of the Einherjar, than to feast like the Einherjar?! Our very own Saehrimnir, cooked in a symbolic Eldhrimnir, by the Andhrimnir of our Folk (you can thank R.A. Harlan for the opportunity to research that last statement) Fresh Pork, roasted at the Hof, to gladden the Hearts and fill the Stomachs of the Folk. In order to prepare for this mighty feast, we will be holding a work party November 4<sup>th</sup> to dig, insulate, and prepare a cooking pit for a whole roast pig! Many thanks to [Rocco Urman](#), for securing said beast.

We will have a Facebook page set up shortly for the NordenVolk were we will announce the locations and details of our group meetings. If you are not a "Facebooker" you may reach me at:

[jroesner@runestone.org](mailto:jroesner@runestone.org)

Hail the Gods and Goddesses

Hail the AFA

Hail the Folk

## Words from AFA Deep South

Hail! My name is Trent East, and I am the new Apprentice Folkbuilder for the Deep South region. Some of you know me from official AFA events, and some of you may only recognize my name from Facebook, etc. In any case, I am honored and excited to be given the opportunity to serve our Folk! Since this is my first time writing for The Voice, I was told that introducing myself would be a good idea. I am 20 years old, and I have been practicing Folkish Asatru for two and a half years. I was born and raised in northwest Georgia, but moved to northeast Alabama about two months after I graduated high school. I am an 11B Infantryman in the Alabama Army National Guard, currently at the rank of Private First Class.

I am the Thane of Ravensblood Kindred, meaning I handle a lot of the communications and logistics for my kindred. There isn't much else to know about me, but I am always open to speaking with people! I look forward to serving all of you fine individuals. Hail the Gods, hail the Folk, and hail the AFA!

I've only recently started my Folkbuilding apprenticeship, but I can already see that my work is cut out for me. There seems to be a bit of disconnect between the members of the Deep South region. I'm currently working on a few ideas to try to bring the region together, and build an even stronger community. We'll start with little meetups, and eventually move onto doing real rituals and building real community in the area. The goal is to have AT LEAST one meetup a month. Our first regional meetup will be sometime on November 18th. The specifics will be posted to the appropriate places sometime in the next few days. I very much look forward to this journey with my fellow Deep South folk!

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

Respectfully,  
Trent East, Apprentice Folkbuilder

**Words from AFA <REGION>**



Kvasir's Scholars Kindred, Blot

The Kvasir Scholars, a kindred in Ohio, has been flourishing for the last year. As we learn we grow, we change and become the better part of ourselves for our folk and our Gods. There are so many things that we as folk decide to come together, some for strength, and others for community. Even though there is nothing wrong with having strength or community, we believe that following Kvasir we will gain what knowledge we can and help spread that knowledge, thus creating strength and community among our folk. We are active, holding blots every week, holding events, always studying, and building our family. Attending the event recently held in the Poconos was very informative, and opened our eyes to new things. Things we are now incorporating into our kindred, things that will place us among the elite.

This is what a member wrote after a special blot, this is the passion we have; "The near full moon peaking from behind the clouds and the crackling fire set an awesome atmosphere



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recently become very special to me.”

Hail The Gods!

Hail the AFA!

Hail the Kindred!





**Words from AFA Midwest  
by Jamie Rasmussen, Apprentice Folkbuilder**



Hello from the Northwoods! My name is Jamie Rasmussen otherwise known as "OX", I am a new Apprentice Folkbuilder from the Midwest region. I hail from western Wisconsin. I work as a Mechanic by trade, I have 2 wonderful children that are being raised in our faith. I do custom leatherwork and ride motorcycles in my spare time.

The Midwest is growing! Fallfest held by the Northern Plains region in September left many of us filled with inspiration, hope, joy and pride! This past month there has been new members added to the ever growing AFA roster. We have held meet and greets, moots and helped some Folks find their way home.

Eastern Wisconsin has been a hotbed of activity primarily due to the hard work of Bjorn Raido, Thank you Bjorn!

Connections have been made, Bonds have been built, Blots have been celebrated! We look forward to celebrating and advancing our Folk and our Faith and hope that you all will join us in the months to come!



Hail OUR Ancestors!  
Hail the faith!  
Hail the AFA!

OX





## Circle of Eir - A Call to Healing

AFA Circle of Eir performs a monthly healing ritual calling on 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 me an email at [patriciahall@runestone.org](mailto:patriciahall@runestone.org)

The September ritual will be held on Thursday the 16th, at midnight EST/USA. Hail Eir!

## RUNEPEBBLE

The Runepebble is our very own publication that goes out to the children of our folk. Our next Rubepebble issue is coming up for Yule. It will go out December 1st so we need all

or the children of your kindred to write something for us or draw something for us. I promise you we will put it in. Please print it out for your children when you get it and give it out to the kids in your groups. Please help us make it great. Carrie Overton has been doing an amazing job putting it together and adding input and making it look amazing. Lets help her by sending in things to help her. Please e mail to [HeaTHOR@runestone.org](mailto:HeaTHOR@runestone.org) Thank you!

## 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, notify myself, Marc or Clifford and we'll add you to the group.

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

## Baby Blanket Project

The Women of the AFA would like to announce a brand new project - 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 just our little way of celebrating our new folk!

BABY BLANKET.

## Greeting Card Project

Hails my Folk!!!

We are in the process of gathering artwork for a collection of greeting cards to be offered for sale to our Folk. To have cards available for all of our observed Holy Days and Special Occasions is our goal here.

I can't draw much more than stick people but I am sure there is a lot of artistic talent in our community. We are also reaching out through our Prison Ministry for art contributions from Folk on the inside. Artwork can be submitted via online email or by mail:

Jamie Souligny  
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Rainbow, CA 92028

or

[jsouligny@runestone.org](mailto:jsouligny@runestone.org)

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If you have and questions or suggestions, please send me an e-mail or private message via Facebook. Thank you!

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### Item of the Month

Winter is upon us, so make sure to keep your head warm with the AFA branded beanie! Made out of 100% acrylic, this navy blue head wear is one size fits all. Stay cozy and show your support for the AFA at the same time!

You can pick yours up for \$20 [here](#)!





## Volunteer for the AFA

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