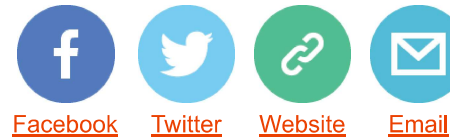


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Words from the Alsherjargothi

October has been an amazing month, for myself and for the Asatru Folk Assembly! Winter Nights in the Poconos was a tremendous success. Aside from Winter Nights 2014 (where I met my wife), this years Winter Nights was my favorite yet. Huge thanks and congratulations are in order for Witan Clifford Erickson and his Landsdale Tru Folk Kindred! Cliff and Catie, Colin and Kevin, these folks made this a weekend to remember. Botulfr Stoneship Kindred from Massachusetts brought an amazing energy to Winter

around, make sure you plan ahead for next year, this one is not to be missed.

Last Month I asked you for your help to pay off Oöinshof. Your generosity has been overwhelming. In the last month we have raised \$8,699.70 towards paying off this Hof. Individuals and Kindreds have stepped up and challenged one another to raise money for this holy purpose. Two months remain for this fundraiser and, if we all work together, we can pay this Hof off.

Across the country and around the world, the AFA has spent the month honoring our ancestral mothers, the Disir. This month we honor the heroes who join the Alfather in Valhalla as Einherjar. The fall and Winter are marked by the thinning of the veil between worlds. Our ancestors are looking on, they are close to us, they hear our words and watch our deeds. Take the extra time to show them honor and hospitality. Be mindful and present the best version of yourself to them. Live this winter as the man or woman who your ancestors will proudly claim.

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**AFA Winter Nights in the Poconos
by Clifford Erickson, Folkbuilder and Member of the Witan**



Over the second weekend of October, AFA members representing eight kindreds and dozens of states in the Northeast, Midwest, Upper South and beyond gathered for the seventh year to celebrate Winter Nights in the Poconos at Camp Netimus, Pennsylvania. After beginning our meta-ritual weekend by Greeting the Gods on Friday, we enjoyed games of kubb and conversation as our folk arrived throughout the day. After enjoying dinner together the children enjoyed stories from Mrs. McNallen by the fire. Alsherjargothi Matt Flavel lead the folk in a frenzying Odin Blot and our folk reveled well into the night. The next morning, after figuring out breakfast, our men were led by Gray Wilson in a morning workout while the women met to discuss and plan the Disir Blot to be held later Saturday. The children then learned how to make straw corn husk dolls on their Disir with Catie, Sheila, and Karen.



Lunch was followed by an educational talk by Alsherjargothi Flavel and AFA Founder Stephen McNallen. Not only was this educational on the history of modern Asatru and the AFA, but it was inspiring as Alsherjargothi Flavel laid out his vision for Hofs all across the world where our folk have the will to make it happen! Our Odinshof benefit auction and raffle raised nearly \$1500 which will help to pay off that hof, securing a place of worship for our folk and paving the way for more to come. Folkbuilder Coordinator Marc MacLeod generously donated his raffle winnings of nearly \$200 back to the Odinshof fund. Before dinner Josh Wilson of Kvasir's Scholars took his Oath as a Folkbuilder, joining a small but elite vanguard of those who attempt and succeed at growing Asatru in their own communities and beyond. This is a vital role dedicated to the very first item in our Declaration of Purpose: "The practice, promotion, development, and dissemination of the religion of Asatru". I personally look forward to working with Josh to this end over the years to come. After dinner we surprised our founder Stephen McNallen with a cake for his 70th birthday!



Gythia students Catie Reid of Lansdale Tru Folk and Sheila McNallen lead our folk in a beautiful Disir blot which highlighted the life roles a woman goes through on her path to

Sumbel at the end of Saturday night was a moving experience especially for those experiencing this intimate ritual for the first time.

On Sunday morning, Alsherjargothi Flavel led our folk in a healing rite for one of our folk daughters, Freya Luna Imperato of Salem, Massachusetts. Afterward, Gothi student Svan Herul of Irongard Kindred called on Thor to protect our folk as they returned to their homes filled with the good wyrd created on this holy weekend.



I want to thank everyone who helped to make this weekend happen. I can't possibly name you all without forgetting someone, so I want to thank our kindreds. Every kindred who had a representative at Winter Nights pitched in and showed our folk and guests what it means to be an AFA member. We're more than just Odinists, Heathens, or Asatruar. We're AFA. We are the noble folk and we stand with our heads held high.

Hail the Folk!

Hail the AFA!

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Ves Heill,

Clifford J. Erickson

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North America Northeast Folkbuilder & Witan

Óðinshof October



came out on October 27, 2018, bringing pictures, trinkets and warm thoughts for our Ancestors. We decorated the hall with rich fall colors and cheerful smiles.

Early Saturday afternoon the women gathered with Sheila McNallen for a small women's group, where we got to know one another a little better and focused our energies towards our female Ancestors, the Disir.

During our baby naming for Silas Robinson, we all gave our blessing upon the horn which was adorned with a tiny hammer. Young Silas was anything but happy during this process, until the horn made its way back to him with one final blessing by our Gothi Michael Hunter. At this point Silas became very focused and eager to receive his hammer and blessings. It was a sight to behold and bear witness to, a truly magical moment.

As the evening continued we feasted, shared stories and built greater connections. But before the night would end we gathered once more in the ritual circle to hold Blot to the Disir. This would be a blot like no other, lead by Sheila McNallen. Prior to entering the circle we dipped our fingers in a bowl of water and called upon a female ancestor. We welcomed our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and daughters. We gave thanks. When leaving the circle we were given the opportunity to receive blessings from the Disir, via runes. The folk each choose one rune from the bowl of water, the same bowl we initially dipped our fingers in. Yet another magical moment for our folk.

The next morning, we came together, bringing games, decorations, tricks and treats from all the folk in order to put on a very special Halloween festival for the children of Brownsville. We also held a Food Bank for this same community on October 6, 2018. We are able to do this with the help of many folk and the Sutter-Yuba food bank. We served over 150 families and over 300 individuals. We will continue to serve our community as the need arises. The next food bank will be on November 3rd. For any and all folk who would like to come out and participate please contact me directly.

Our next event at Odins Hof will be Feast of Einherjar on November 10, 2018.

The AFA and the Viking Brotherhood would like to 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. Some

to be counted among the first, one must understand what it really takes. Hail the Einherjar!

Hail the Gods!

Hail the Folk!

Hail the Ancestors!

Hail the AFA!

Jessica Roesner

Apprentice Folkbuilder, Northern California



Paying off Óðinshof



As said above by our Alsherjargothi, during October 2018 we've raised \$8,699.70. This is an incredible amount of money no matter how you slice it. Let's keep the momentum up and GET THE HOF PAID OFF! - *M.Waldrum, Editor*

In 2015, the AFA made history and established the first Hof devoted to our Gods and to Asatru in North America. The hard work and generous donations of our folk have made this possible. At Óðinshof we have build a tangible place in Midgard. We have a permanent sacred space. Óðinshof has hosted a wedding, baby namings, a funeral, record breaking Midsummer celebrations and monthly Blots and Sumbles. Óðinshof has become a force in the community, partnering with the Food Bank to feed hundreds of people in need. The dreams of generations are being realized and our people are coming home. We have a 30 year mortgage on this Hof, we intend to pay it off in 4. We can do this. We will do this. Now is the time to put us over the top and make it happen! Victory is within our grasp. We have more Hof's that need to manifest and it is time to charge forward

out right and from there let's make AFA Hofs take shape throughout Midgard.



Please go to www.runestone.org and click on the donate icon. After you've filled out all the details please write "For the Hof Fund" in the comments.

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There was once a wealthy count who had a beautiful wife and a little curly-haired, blue-eyed daughter, whose name was Trudchen. Besides many other estates the count possessed an old hunting-castle in the midst of the forest, and the forest abounded in stags, does, and other game.

As soon as the oak-trees began to be green, the count came with wife and child, servant and maid, to the forest castle and indulged in the jocund chase till late in the autumn. Then came numerous guests from the country round, and every day was full of gayety and pleasure.

One day there was to be a great hunt. In the courtyard stood the saddled horses, stamping their feet impatiently, the dogs coupled together were tugging at the leash and could hardly be held, and the falcons flapped their wings.

In the open doorway of the entrance-hall, which was decorated with gigantic antlers and boars' heads, stood Trudchen by the side of her maid, delighting in the beautiful horses and the spotted hounds.

Now the count with his huntsmen stepped out into the courtyard, and Trudchen's mother followed; she wore a long riding-dress of green velvet, and waving ostrich plumes in her hat. She kissed Trudchen and mounted her white horse. The count lifted up his little daughter, caressed her, and said: "We are going to ride in the forest, where the spotted fawns leap about, and if I see the Easter rabbit I will give him my Trudchen's love, and tell him that next year he must lay a nest full of bright-colored eggs for you." And the child laughed and kissed her father's

one!” called the count to the maid, as he rode away, and he waved his hand once more. Then he passed out of Sight.

In the afternoon of the same day, Trudchen was playing in the garden. Frau Ursula had twice in succession told her the story of the ancient Easter hare and her seven little ones, and now the good woman was quietly sleeping on the stone bench under the linden, where the bees were humming about.

The little girl had caught a ladybug and began to Count the dots on her wings; but before she had finished, the ladybug flew away. Trudchen ran after her until she lost sight of her. Then she saw a brown butterfly with great eyes in its wings resting on a bluebell. Trudchen was just going to seize it cautiously, when all of a sudden it was gone, and on the other side of the garden wall.

Of course Trudchen could not follow him over there; but what was the gate in the wall for? The little girl stood on tip—toe and pressed down the latch, and then she was in the oak forest.

“So here is where the Easter hare dwells with her seven little ones,” thought Trudchen. She hunted all about, but the little hares must live deeper in the woods. So the little girl ran on as chance led her.

She had already gone quite a little distance, and was thinking whether it would not be better to turn round, when a black and white spotted magpie flew along and stood in her way.

“Where did you get that shining chain around your neck?” said the magpie, and looked spitefully at Trudchen, with his head on one side. “Give the chain

The poor child was frightened, and with trembling hands she unfastened the gold chain, took it off her neck, and threw it to the magpie. He seized the ornament with his bill and flew away with it.

Now the little girl was tired of the woods. "Oh dear, my little necklace!" she sobbed; "how they will scold me at home if I go back without my chain." Trudchen turned round and ran, as she thought, back the same way that she had come; but she only got deeper into the forest.

"To whoo! To whoo!" sounded out of an old hollow tree; and when Trudchen looked up in affright, she saw an owl glaring at her with great, fiery eyes, and cracking his crooked bill. "To whoo!" said the owl, "where did you get that beautiful veil on your head? Give the veil to me, or I will scratch you with my claws."

Trudchen trembled like an aspen leaf. She threw down the veil and ran as fast as she could. But the owl took the veil and put it over his face.

Again the child wandered aimlessly about the forest. Twisted roots like brown snakes crossed her path, and the briars tore Trudchen's dress with their thorny claws. There was a rustling in the top of a tree, and a red squirrel skipped down on the trunk.

"That will do me no harm," thought the little one; but there she was mistaken; the squirrel was not one whit better than the magpie or the owl.

Give the hood to me, or I will bite you with my sharp teeth.”

Then the little girl gave away her hood, and continued her wandering, weeping bitterly. Her feet could hardly carry her another step, but her distress impelled her on.

Now the woods grew light, and Trudchen came to a sunny meadow. Bluebells and red pinks grew in the grass, and gay butterflies danced in the air. But Trudchen never thought of catching the butterflies, or gathering the flowers. She sat down on the grass, and wept and sobbed enough to melt the heart of a stone.

Then there came out of the woods an old man With a long gray beard. He wore on his head a broad—brimmed hat with a wide band, and he carried a white staff in his hand. Behind him flew two ravens.

There was a rushing sound in the tops of the oaks, and trees, bushes, and flowers all bowed down.

The man came straight to Trudchen. stood still in front of her, and asked in a gentle voice, “Why are you weeping, my child?”

Trudchen felt confidence in the old man, and told him who she was, and what the wicked creatures had done to her.

“Never mind, Trudchen,” said the old man, kindly. “I will send you home.” He beckoned to the ravens. They flew on his shoulder, and listened attentively to the words which the old man spoke to them. Then they spread their wings and flew away as swift as arrows.

brought something with them. It was a stork.

When the stork saw the old man with the broad hat, he bowed so low that the end of his red bill touched the ground, and then he stood meekly like a slave, awaiting his master's command.

And the old man said: "Beloved and trusted Master Adebar, you see here a lost child. Do you know where her home is?"

The stork looked closely at the child, then he clapped his bill together with joy, and said: "Yes, to be sure, Herr Wode, I know the child, for I brought her myself to the count's castle four years ago."

"Very well," said the man; "then carry her there once more."

The stork moved his neck thoughtfully to and fro. "That would be a hard piece of work," he replied.

"It must be," said the old man. "Have you not often carried twins and even triplets in your bill? Quickly to work, or we are friends no more."

"Certainly; if it is your command, I must obey," replied the stork, submissively, and seized the child around the waist with his bill.

"But my little chain, my veil, and my hood," bewailed Trudchen.

"My ravens shall take them away from the wicked creatures and bring them back to you," said the old man, comfortingly. "Master Stork, fulfill your task

The man nodded kindly to Trudchen, and in a moment she felt herself lifted up, and the stork bore her through the air.

Oh, they went like the wind! Trudchen looked down and saw the forest far below her like a bed of curly parsley. Then sight and hearing left her.

When Trudchen came back to consciousness, and opened her eyes, she was lying in the grass in the castle garden, and Frau Ursula was standing before her, chiding her:

“Child, child, lying here asleep in the damp grass! If you catch cold, it will be again, 'Old Ursula doesn't take any care at all of the child' and I haven't taken my eyes off from you. And there is your beautiful gold necklace lying in the middle of the path, and there lies your hood, and your veil is hanging by a thorn on the rose—bush. Get up and come into the house with me; it is growing cold in the garden. Oh, dear Heaven, what anxiety you put upon me!”

And Trudchen got up and let her scold on, without opening her mouth.

How fortunate that Frau Ursula did not know all that had taken place! That would have made a fine commotion.

In search of our faith and way of life, that path we refer to as Asatru, there will be pitfalls along the way. There will be unscrupulous characters. There will be selfish individuals who seek only their own gain. The greatness of this faith and its action within our own lives will escape. I am reminded of the prayer, uttered by Brynhilde when Sigurd cuts the birnie from her sleeping body. Her feminine beauty hidden from the world. The prayer is an odd one.

waiting we victory win. So much of that statement seems to fly in the face of the aggressiveness of the heathen spirit. Vengeance was always the responsibility of the family and usually granted at the Althing, or justified. The efforts to stop this had to be encoded into law. And now we are faced with countless faceless enemies it would seem on some days. From all directions they seem to arise and then, in a cruel jest of fate, a betrayal comes from someone close to us. It is disheartening to say the least. But it happens. Look on us now with loving eyes that waiting we victory win. If we are thorough in the application of the nine noble virtues, if we are completely honest in our business dealings and work hard we will always come out ahead. It is the shaping of our mindset. Do we become victims or do we become those individuals who have continued to put one foot in front of the other and figured out to utilize these healing hands for lifelong friendships? Hail the AFA. Hail to those who endure and succeed.

Living a Purpose Filled Life by Clyde Brown, Apprentice Folkbuilder

"The rejection of all injustices, lies and illusions gives rise to two fronts: if falsehood is the tool of Subversion, truth is the victorious weapon of Tradition. Truth is not a human product, but exists independently of individuals, whose duty it is to grasp it and realize it by means of action in the world."

By now many of you have heard the name of our tribe. And if you haven't, we are The Black Sun Tribe. What this thing is about essentially is an experiment of Folkish expression. A Faustian expression, if you will. And what I mean by that is that the path of ACTION is the path advocated and championed by our tribe. This has been called FAUSTIAN by many of the thinkers and philosophers in our history. The quest for awakening that fire within, Odinn's breath of life, this is our Cause.

There is an undeniable primal instinct in man to seek to prove himself, not only to others, but to himself. The key word here is to PROVE. Thus, to prove oneself, one must IMPROVE. Therefore the action model, and the imperative to improve, will be the prime

to exert our will onto our greater world, and to embrace self-development, that we should make a serious effort to study, understand, and emulate Odinn. Indeed, to understand that

THOUGHT + WILL = MANIFESTATION.

Who are you? Why are you? How many times have you posed this question to the person in the mirror? Think on that for a second. Perhaps the answers have been there all along, slumbering within, awaiting recognition. Perhaps you have always known that you are among those that time has forgotten—OR HAS IT?

Our path is one of high energy, and self-discipline. It is difficult. It is not for the weak, lazy, unaspiring, or dishonorable. But for those of you who value evolution over stasis, strength over weakness, we encourage you to realize your potential and to water the roots from whence you came. Indeed, we know that this is the only way to perceive where we are going. Our path, known today as Asatru, embodies the indigenous Folkways of those of European descent. There will be no compromise with us on the inherent FOLKISHNESS of our path. The function of the Black Sun Tribe is to help facilitate the continued awakening of our Folk in regard to these Folkways in the modern world, and to introduce our people to authentic tribal practices and essence.

LEADERSHIP IS THE CAPACITY TO TRANSLATE VISION INTO REALITY.

The impetus of our worldview is the rejection of alien creeds and dogma. Through the lens of our indigenous Folkways, we are provided a practical, blood-rooted way of looking at the world, and one that gives us the tools to interact with that world in the most healthy and productive way possible. We encourage the individuals that are associated with us to do everything in their power to realize their potential and to align themselves with the cycles and rhythms of the Cosmos.

Part of the way this is accomplished is simply in being a part of a tribe. Participating in ritual and ritualizing one's life—making it sacred. The men, women and organizations we are involved with are actively participating in ethnic tribal dynamics, and while we understand that the world around us is declining ever faster toward a generic mono-

Laws of Nature, have a deep love and kinship with the Germanic Gods and Goddesses, and harbor a deep loyalty to our ethnic kin. We love our families and our children. We have joined together to give a finite definition to the world and its roots... roots that are bound by blood, and ideals which our people have long cherished and upheld as sacred. We honor a multitude of things that the modern world has forgotten, including honor itself.

We have an obligation to our Folk as a collective agent of progress. We encourage our people to recognize others of their kind who are most active in working toward this awakening consciousness and progress. In this dynamic, a true comradeship is developed between individuals who are working toward the same cause. For those of you among our people who do not recognize a responsibility to anyone but themselves, we reject you, and will only embrace you when you have re-aligned your value system with that of your Folk.

OUR FOLK AND CHILDREN ARE OUR MOST PRIZED POSSESSION.

Modern Asatru has seemingly become infected by a virus that is slowly crippling our Folk and Faith. Very few Asatruar today uphold what it means to be true men and women of honor. Countless individuals and groups today are infected with Universalism, the idea that the world is a huge pink and padded nursery, one where lions can lay down with lambs and everyone can live happily ever after. While these sticky-soft "Heathens" attempt to rebel and free themselves from the chains of the Abrahamic desert religions, they remain programmed with the religious dogma of the Christ-God, fantasizing that Asatru is a religion for the masses (sheep), and that ANYONE can belong to their flock.

Asatru cannot be made Universal, as it stems from the blood and soil of a particular people. This lifestyle is, in its strictest form, an ideology based on blood (of the native population) and soil (the homeland of the native population). Protecting, promoting, and reviving the customs, traditions, worldview, values, and religion inherent in our gene pool is our foremost imperative. Wolves and sheep can never form a flock. By this logic, we reject Universalism in all its forms. Consequently we are opposed to all forms of internationalism, be it Universalism or Universalist faiths such as Judeo-Christianity (the Bolshevism of antiquity), or Marxism and its many offshoots.

carefully crafted by the cultural enemies of our people to elicit an emotional response. They have been crafted to disarm us and send us into retreat upon hearing them, so that further investigation and a rational discernment of the situation at hand is halted. The focus on our plight has been blurred by political correctness. We reject the outcries of those who slumber, for loyalty to kin is an inherent part of Natural Law. As a member of a Folk, we have a DUTY to play a part in the health and self-determination of that Folk... and by extension, our Families and our tribes.

Purpose-driven individuals intuit that there is something higher than themselves, and we aim to awaken that enthusiasm for Purpose and to cultivate it among those of us of like mind and disposition, as well as to foster the kind of personal development that separates the purpose-driven members of our Folk from the hangers-on. We know where we stand, but without a clear point of reference, other members of our Folk will never know where they stand in light of the modern spiritual crisis that our people are face. We should always endeavor to help them in their awakening, and offer a spirit of hope.

CONTROL YOUR DESTINY... OR SOMEONE ELSE WILL.

The overall goal of our tribe is the development of more focused, determined, Self-aware, Folk-oriented and Folk-conscious individuals. It is our aim to encourage the men and women in our fold to work toward minimizing, and ultimately nullifying those vices of mind, body, and spirit that would hinder these self-determined goals and cloud awareness of their purpose. We strongly encourage our people to be the best they can be as individuals, so that our Folk can be the best it can be. Sick people flee from values and standards, self-discipline, and as a general rule, they embrace herd values and choose friends and associates who will not move them out of their complacency. Addicted to mediocrity, they sit there and get fatter and lazier and more apathetic as our Folk fall further into the abyss. True friends will challenge you, and you won't hate them for it. Accepting less than the best we can be will neither gain anything for us as individuals, nor will it aid our Folk in its earthbound Mission. If you are not living up to your potential, you can—NOW. If it doesn't exist for you, BUILD IT. If you are inspired to help us build, JOIN US. What are you waiting for?

“A soft, easy life is not worth living, if it impairs the fiber of brain and heart and muscle. We must dare to be great; and we must realize that greatness is the fruit of toil and sacrifice and high courage... For us is THE LIFE OF ACTION, of strenuous performance of duty; let us live in the harness, striving mightily; let us rather run the risk of wearing out than rusting out.”

-- Theodore Roosevelt

Day of Remembrance For Sigrid Storrada



Out of the olden stories and histories comes a story of Sigrid Storrada, a daughter of a Swedish nobleman. Here is a tale of a strong woman dedicated to her ancestors and to the

estates and riches, but no husband. Several suitors quickly approached Sigrid seeking her hand in marriage, but she rebuffed each one until, eventually, Olaf Tryggvasson was able to get her to agree to marriage. They met before the wedding to discuss the wedding, their expectations, etc. At this meeting Olaf told Sigrid she would have to convert to his religion, christianity, if they were to be married. To this she immediately replied, "I will not part from the faith which my forefathers have kept before me."

Olaf, great beacon of his faith that he was, flew into a rage, slapped her and incurred her wrath. Sigrid, as calmly as possible replied to Olaf, "This may some day be thy death." And as quickly as it had happened, the wedding ceremony was off, and the two became the bitterest of enemies.

Time went by and Sigrid eventually married to Sweyn Forkbeard, king of Denmark and sworn enemy of King Olaf. Eventually differences turned into a full out war and Olaf met Sveyn in battle at the battle of Swold where Olaf was killed, making Sigrid's words very prophetic indeed.

Today we also find ourselves having to decide whether we will embrace the faith of our ancient forefathers or allow ourselves to become spiritless shells of humanity with nothing more to believe in than rampant consumerism and the false dogma of equality of the masses. When we take a stand and embrace those cultural values, beliefs, and ways we take a stand for our ancestors and our holy Gods. We take a stand just as Sigrid did that fateful day against Olaf the tyrant. Let us remember her bravery and let it guide us today. Hail Sigrid!

Submitted by Blaine Qualls
Gothar Coordinator

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

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 passed on our initial results to their founder, and this was her response:

"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.

Words from the AFA Military Program



ASATRU FOLK ASSEMBLY MILITARY OUTREACH PROGRAM

With the holiday season fast approaching, if you or any of our military members are deployed or stationed abroad please feel free to reach out if there is anything needed.

In the coming months I will begin the process here in California to begin working with the on-base chaplains and get everything in order to begin the process on getting Asatru Lay Representatives for our church, it's going to be quite the process, so if you have any knowledge or anything that can help us out, please reach out, it is very much appreciated! Thank you in advance!

I am sending out the last material we raised from our book drive, that's over 300 pieces of material that reached military folks all over world! Again thank you for your help!

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**Folkbuilder Coordinator Update
by Marc MacLeod, Member of the Witan**

I've got to say that we have come along way this year! The Hof is within reach of actual ownership, Winter Nights finished off the event season with a bang, our membership is at a record high, and our Kindred program is beyond our expectations. As the nights start getting longer and our focus stays closer to home and Yule, let's all keep the momentum going into 2019.

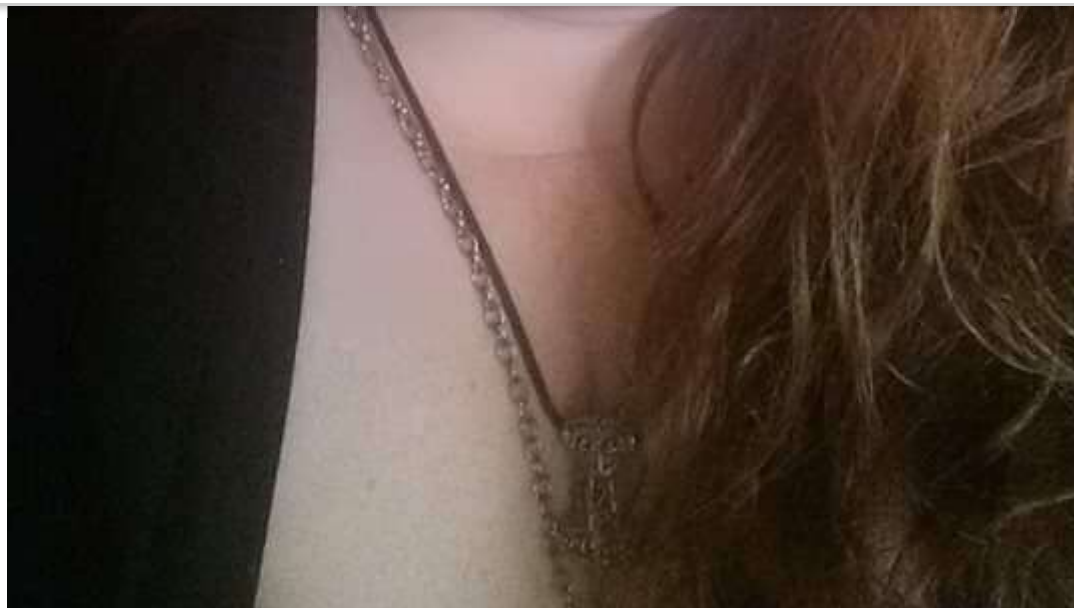
At Winter Nights in the Pocono's, I had the Honor to Oath in, Josh Wilson, to Oathed Folkbuilder status. These guys put a ton of work in as apprentices. It's a time of growth not only for the region they are responsible for, but also developing their leadership skills and earning the status through actual deeds and actions. The Folkbuilder Oath is only given after consistent work for the Folk, commitment to growing the AFA, and the ability to show that they are dependable and dedicated to our members. So congratulation Josh!



We have also gained two new apprentice Folkbuilders. Marc DeNuzzio is from Massachusetts and will be organizing with Folkbuilder Cliff Erickson, in the north East Region. Melisa Mills, from Missouri, will be working with Bryan Wilton and making a push in the Central Corridor Region. Both of these folks having been a asset to their regions and

I hope everyone has a wonderful Feast of the Einherjar, and the warmth of family and Folk keeps you through the winter.





Melissa Mills, Apprentice Folkbuilder of the Central Corridor Region, Missouri



Marco DeNuzzio, Apprentice Folkbuilder of the North East Region, Massachusetts

Folkbuilder at Large Update

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!!!

Hail our Folk!!!

[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!

Apprentice Folkbuilder at Large

European Regional Updates

Sweden Update
by Anders Nilsson, Apprentice Folkbuilder



Update submitted by Martin Klasson

On October 27th it was 3 days after the full moon when the veil between us and our ancestors was as thinnest. We in Gautr kindred were once again assembled and through action and words we greet our beloved ancestors and thank them for everything.

by hand by farmers who used the field. These are amazing works that our ancestors did, and they are available for viewing everywhere in our environment. And everyone who has ever been involved with removing rocks from fields knows how much work it is. Perfect place if we can say so themselves (and we can).

We are fortunate to have so many newborns in our circle. And there are fabricated blankets on the conveyor belt.

First we have beautiful little Ylva lying on her new blanket.





And the other little guy is Torbjörn who stretches out on his new blanket.





More and more things are happening in Sweden. We do all sorts of things together, like training and educational courses. Lastly, we had a course in butchering meat. And we have many plans going forward that are not only focused on the spiritual but also practical aspects and knowledge.

Hail all the Gods

Hail AFA

Hail Family

Martin Klasson

Sweden Update
by Linus Borgström, Apprentice Folkbuilder



At the beginning of autumn, close to the equinox; the kindreds of Scandinavia joined together by the Tanum world heritage site to honor Thor and hold a harvest blot. We enjoyed lectures and workshops, feasting and a fantastic wedding - a first for us! When darkness fell and the fog came creeping across the lake by our site, we lit our torches and hailed Thor, Asator - protector of families and bringer of storms. After an extremely warm and arid summer we praised the rainmaker for giving our lands life anew, and for those who live off the land to find strength in his long awaited presence.

Our gathering of folk is a particularly strong one, whether we meet as old friends or make new acquaintances; the feeling of familiarity is soon upon us and has lead to many new friendships!

Linus Borgström
Apprentice Folkbuilder, Sweden



Australian, New Zealand, & South African Regional Updates

New Zealand Update by Cameron Mottus, Apprentice Folkbuilder

Fensalir Kindred Brewing

On October 6th, Fensalir Kindred spent the day brewing our first batch of Fensalir Kindred Pale Ale. We will be bottling the beer in the next two weeks. Excited!!



Networking with other Organizations

Networking is an important part of our jobs as folkbuilders. On October 24th, I met with Ullr Millar who is heavily involved with the Ullunda Hof. Ullunda Hof is located in the Blue Mountains about 1.5 hours from Sydney, Australia. His organization is aligned with the Odinic Rite. Ullr showed me around Ullunda. The grove at Ullunda is set up in the shape of the black sun with trees planted at the key points.



The primary tree at the north of the grove is dedicated to Stephen McNallen and the other

I was surprised and honoured that Ullr and the folk at Ullunda had dedicated a silver birch to me for my work with the folk across Australia and New Zealand.

Ullr provided dinner and excellent hospitality. Stories were told, mead was drunk and the gods were honoured.

I have also reached out to the local Maori Iwi (tribe). I want to establish friendly relations with them as well.



Tramp and Bunny Hunt

On 27 October, Fensalir Kindred hosted the Tramp and Bunny Shoot meetup in the Southern Alps of New Zealand. Members of the kindred practiced with firearms, look for some bunnies and went on a tramp (hike). This meetup was to start preparing for a deer hunt planned for the autumn.



We finished off the event with a Wotan on the Peaks blot. We had a great time. We got some rounds down range and got to commune with All Father.



Upcoming Events

10 November: Hororata Highland Games (New Zealand)

24 November: Native European Folk Music Jam (New Zealand)

15 December: Midsummer Celebration and Blot (New Zealand)

16 December: Wotan on the Peaks (Mount Oxford) (New Zealand)

Northwest Regional Updates



Hails! The month of October saw great things happening throughout our entire region! A Winterfinding blot at the tail end of September was a big step for us here in the Portland area, bringing together new members and paving the way for future gatherings. We had a “Moot and a Boot” in Vancouver Washington to remember the great Guido von List and his contributions to the Armanen rune system. Blake hosted a Hike and blot at the Iller Creek & Rocks of Sharon Loop hiking trail and the Rune study group in Moscow ID. The first NW Rune study group in Vancouver BC (skype available) was held thanks to Emily and Shawn , and the Sva’tar tribe held their Epicenter moot in Kalamath.

Mark your calendars for our first regional event “The Charming of the Plow” (Feb 1-3 2019) to be held in Leavenworth Washington! Leavenworth being central to the Pacific Northwest is a picturesque town located in the Cascade mountain range. The cost of the event will be

NW see the schedule below. Let me know if you would like to create an event in your area and I will assist you in the best way I can.

Hail the Gods!

Hail the Folk!

Hail the AFA! Joe Rozanek Jrozanek@runestone.org

Apprentice Folkbuilder NW

11/6 Remembrance Day for Queen Sigrith of Sweden/Rune group 5:30-7:30 Vancouver Wa.

11/10 Feast of the Einherjar, Seattle Wa.

11/11 Feast of the Einherjar, Moscow ID

11/12 Runic Study group 6:30pm-7:30pm Moscow, ID

11/17 Rune Study group 2nd Session 3:00 pm Vancouver, British Columbia

11/26 Runic Study group 6:30pm-7:30pm Moscow ID.

Svartálfar Tribe

The North West has been awakened and our fellow Kin are coming out of the woodworks. This is a great time not only for the NW, but for the organization as a whole. As we continue to grow and push forward, remember every action leads to a reaction. The one who sits and does nothing will receive simply that, NOTHING. Get out there and continue to show the world who you are. Continue to build and challenge yourself, become your own idol, your own dream. Lead from the front, not the rear. In time you'll be noticed and recognized

Heads will turn your way, both supportive and others not so much. Dont let negativity and resentment hold you back. This is the time, our time, but most importantly YOUR TIME. Stand strong and know you always have brothers behind you.

I root for all of you in your endeavors!

Hail the Folk!

Svartálfar Tribe



Northeast Regional Updates

Pennsylvanian Update by Clifford Erickson, Folkbuilder and Member of the Witan

Thank you to everyone who came to Winter Nights. If you missed out, please contact Marco or Clifford so that you can get to an upcoming event such as these hosted by Lansdale Tru Folk:

Feast of the Einherjar - 11/17 3PM

Ves Heill,
Clifford J. Erickson
Asatru Folk Assembly
North America Northeast Folkbuilder & Witan

Massachusetts Update by Marco Denuzio, Apprentice Folkbuilder



As the nights become longer and as crisp, cool, air enters our lungs, we speak with foggy breaths. The sense of chaos and revelry is in the air. A time that is both unpredictable and beautiful. Through the death of the green, comes the beauty of autumn leaves and the smells of pumpkin and cinnamon in the air. October was an incredible month. Hard times some ups and downs, but we keep moving forward with dignity.

fine families and the caliber of the Folk in the AFA was truly a site to see. Words escape me.



With all our might and mane we laughed, we cried, we Hailed our Gods and Goddesses, our Ancestors, and each other. All of us paid tribute to the ways of our Forebears, we focused our energy directly to the collective empowerment of our Folk both past and present.

We hailed and celebrated the Disir, our female ancestors who have passed on. The sincere and tangible energy from all of our Folk was a truly moving experience many of us hadn't quite gone through before. It was one of the more memorable moments.



We met the men who showed us our Folkish ways could be lived day to day in an actual community. And we have now seen this very community in action. We are not only impressed and humbled but extremely optimistic for the future of our Folk as a whole.

The Botulfr Stoneship Kindred watched our Flag fly high the ninth and final flag to be raised amongst the dedicated Kindreds of the AFA and our mighty Tri-Horn Flag. The feeling as we all watched the wind whip through all nine Flags was indescribable.



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The most important thing is the life long friendships we have made. We have truly become a family. The overwhelming feeling of being welcome amongst our Folk, I didnt see a single person without a smile on their face or a tear in their eye. We hage certainly found our way home!

The month of October was mostly focused on getting ready for Winternights. But the last remaining days we went on a Turkey Hunt able to manage 4 pretty good turkeys, started planning the Feast of the Einherjar in November, and in the mean time having Blots and a lot of outdoor activities. As Halloween approaches we plan on celebrating our Ancestors of the past in a small group gathering and then have a dinner in their names.



The Botulfr Stoneship Kindred will be hosting a Feast of the Einherjar Saturday, 11/10 starting at 2pm. Please contact Marco for location details.

BOTULFR STONESHIP'S FEAST OF THE EINHERJAR

**DATE: SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 10, 2018.
TIME: 2PM-?**

**PLACE: TO BE ANNOUNCED.
CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE
BOTULFR STONESHIP, A PROUD
KINDRED OF THE ASATRU FOLK
ASSEMBLY**

**JOIN US IN CELEBRAION OF THE WARRIORS BOTH PAST AND PRESENT.
AS WE HAIL AND CELEBRATE DALTON WOODWARD OF THE RAVENS BLOOD
KINDRED FOR SERVING HIS COUNTRY AND FIGHTING FOR HIS FOLK. HAIL
YOUNG WARRIOR!**



Midwest Regional Updates

**Ohio Update
by Josh Wilson, Apprentice Folkbuilder**





October was a great month, I had the opportunity to go to Winter Nights. Winter Nights was an amazing event and I was more than honored to be with family old and new. I also took my Oath to the AFA and became a full fledged Folkbuilder. This means the world to me, I am so honored and proud. So thank you to everyone for participating, and thank you for all the congratulations.

more to come. Some of our events are;

Public Feast of the Einherjar - November 9th in Columbus, OH

We will probably have a baby naming ceremony for one of our members. If not it will be at Yule.

Yule - December 13th

The we will have many meet and greets and other events listed. We have shortened our Yule so that we may focus on our regional event. We have decided as a region to do an Ostara and we are very close to hashing out all the details, but it will be posted soon so that everyone who wishes to come can sign up. This should turn out to be a huge event and I am super excited about it.

In the Midwest we struggle with the distances from each other and I truly believe that when we as a region come together and pull our many strengths we can accomplish many great feats. Thank you all and I hope everyone has a good holiday season.

Hail the AFA

Hail the Doers

Hail the Folk

Indiana Update
by Zach Cato, Apprentice Gothi



On the 20th of October, Heimdalls Midgard Kindred got together to celebrate Winter Nights and our ancestors. We discussed the meaning behind Winter Nights, concluded our study on the book True Hearth by James Allen Chisholm and continued our work on ancestry. All of us have been working on tracking our ancestry and incorporating traditional householding. I'd like to mention a few things here that I discussed which may be of interest to the readers of the Voice.

Some time ago I bought a blank planner to create my own Ásatrú calendar. It is one of those planners that can be created how you want; where you add in the year, months and days yourself instead of them being set for let's say 2018-2019. Originally I planned on recording the tides of the year, AFA days of remembrance and birthdays of important historical figures such as List and Johan Buré and perhaps the days when definitive historical events took place. The question had come up in my kindred about daily workings with the household stall (or alter). Filled with the spirit of the season of Winter Nights I

When one begins to compile their ancestral charts many dates are recorded. The three general ones are births, marriages and deaths. Depending on how far you go back in your family tree, you'll have many days to take note of. Just going back a hundred years you may have well over 365 dates. Going back further you are liable to come across other events such as a branch of your family's arrival to America, battle victories and many other note worthy events. It's easy to see how the calendar year can fill up quickly. Having a planner as mentioned above can substitute days of the week for days of the month, for example the 18 of November may fall on a Friday one year and a Saturday the next. Having the dates recorded in this way allows one to use this same book over and over again regardless of the year. Some dates may be recorded outside of the calendar as well such as those that fall on the second Sunday of a given month, etc.

So when it comes to wondering when throughout the year to celebrate different ancestors you can open your book to the month you're on and honor your ancestors on days specific to them. If it's an ancestor you knew you can review your memories of them and have a drink to them in their memory or do something that they enjoyed. It's all up to you. Digging through your family history may uncover things you may add to those ancestors way before your time. You'll possibly find matching days for different events such as a birth, death or marriage on the same day. These are very interesting. Many may just think of celebrating the birth of an ancestor but marriages and deaths are important as well. When we celebrate a death we are essentially celebrating the loved ones return or entry to the realm of the ancestors as we will ourselves some day. Marriages celebrate the union of two people to form a family (combining two families as one) and in hopes for future generations of many descendants for our ancestors to be reborn in. This continued cycle of birth, marriage and deaths is something to be celebrated. It is harder to celebrate deaths resulting from tragic events but there is some hope in knowing that they reunite with the ancestors. This is all part of the great mystery of our mortality.

I'll leave this discussion at that. Much can be done with this work and I am looking forward to seeing how it works for my kindred and others who share a passion for their ancestry. Until next time...

HAIL the AFA

Zach Cato, AFA Midwest, IN
Heimdalls Midgard Goði

South Central Regional Updates

Texas Update
by Clyde Brown III, Apprentice Folkbuilder



night as we gave sacred respect to our disir and other loved ones in our lines that it passed. There were new faces and familiar ones, but as always, a big impression was made on the psyches of those involved, as we are making this a living, breathing expression of our Folk-soul. Newcomers maybe "new" in the sense that they have never experienced gatherings like these, but the Folk-soul itself is far from new, therefore our people come alive when we perform rituals. It's as if they are remembering something timeless.





As always Theresa Ferguson opened up her home and heart to us. Without her, our gatherings would not be the same, and she should be commended. For the newcomers and members of our tribe who travelled far to join us, we hail you. To all who are aiding us with the growing momentum and Tru re-expression of our Folk-soul, we hail you.

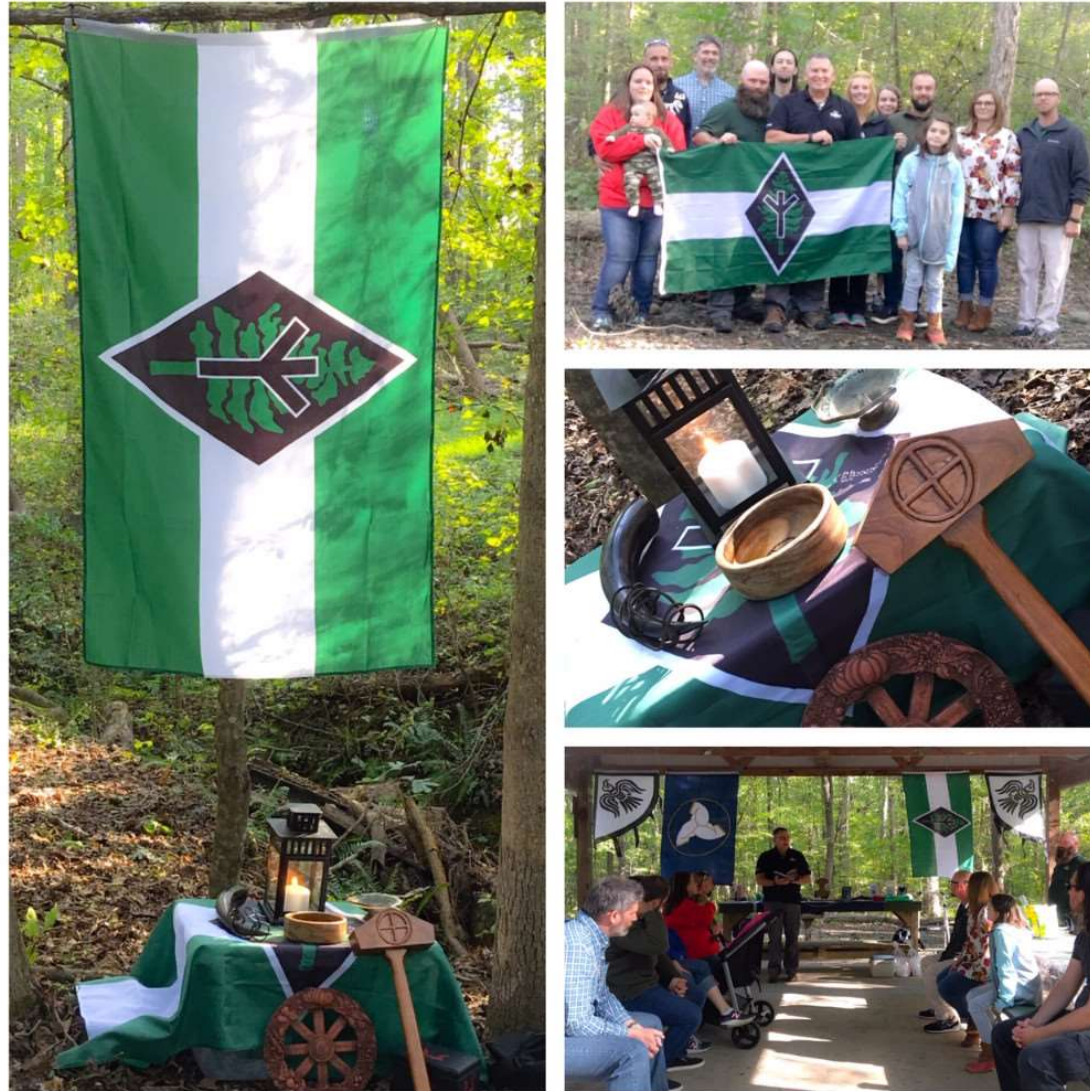
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Hail the Gods!
Hail the AFA!





Upper South Regional Updates

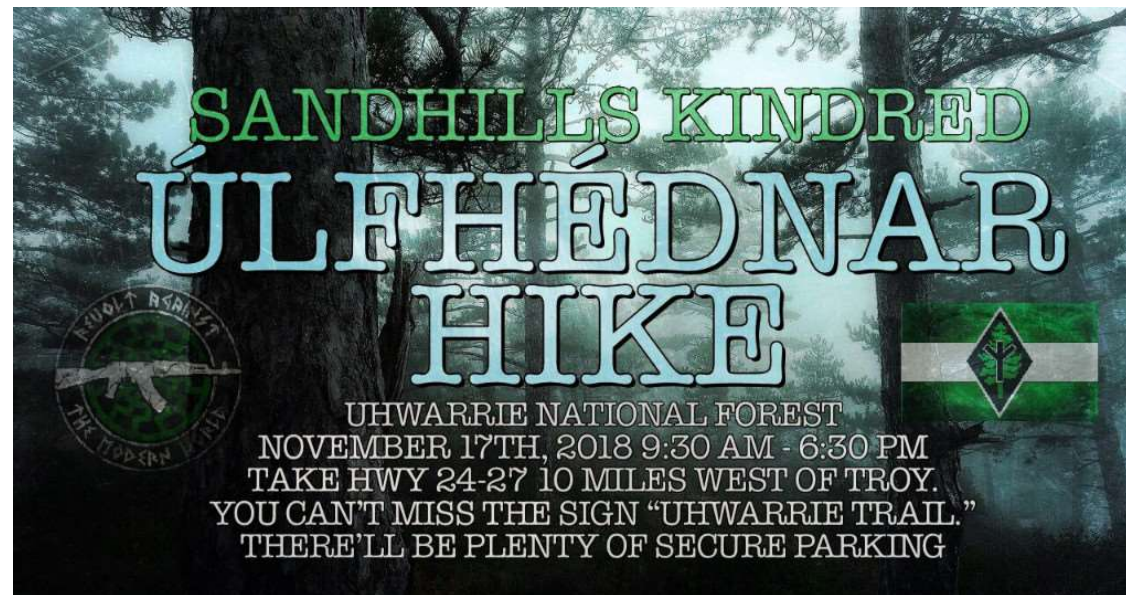
North Carolina Update by Paul Hester, Folkbuilder



The “Sandhills Kindred’s Harvest Blot “ was a phenomenal gathering. The food and fellowship was awesome. We also held a wonderful Sumbel and Blot. We finished with

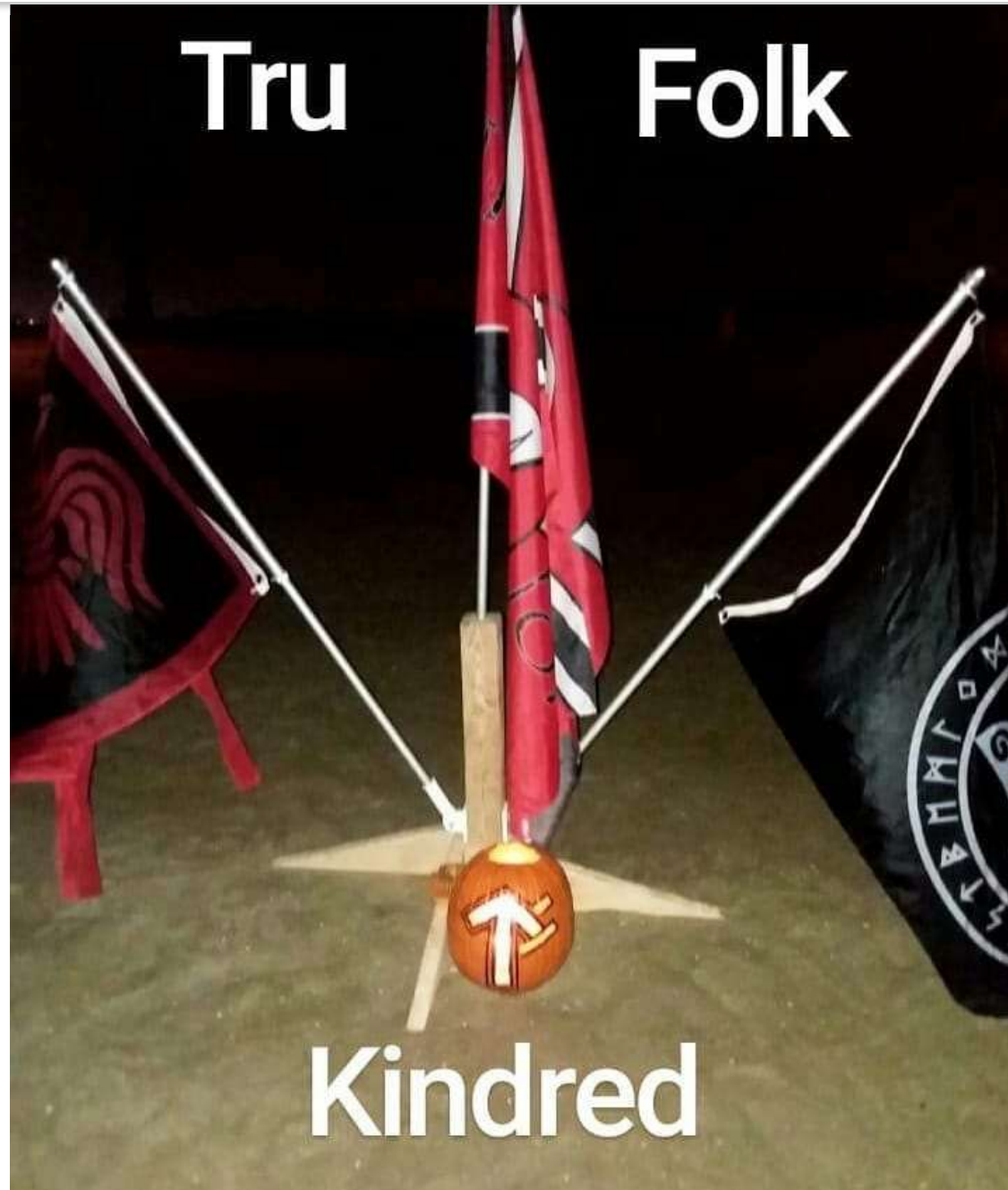
the High Ones. Hail the Folk. 🌿

We'll be meeting Saturday Nov. 17th at the Uhwarrie National Forest for our Annual Úlfhédnar Hike. We'll be pushing our bodies to the limits to honor Odin's Chosen. We'll be sharing back pack lunches, purified water, and participating in a Blot to Odin. Hail the Folk.



Western Regional Updates

Southern California Update
by Heather Clinkenbeard, Folkbuilder



18 of us. We continue to grow in strength and quality. Since we have had two more new folk find homes with us and more waiting to meet us. The demand of our growing numbers has us meeting again several times a month.



Our kindred also celebrates Sam Hain and met at our usual bonfire spot for another event to end the month. It was a very powerful night honoring Odin and the wild hunt, the Goddess Vor, and the ancestors.



We now have two members that are expecting babies and I couldn't be happier. The Tru Folk would like to congratulate Angelique Preston and Brad and Bre Kuh and wish them the very best healthy pregnancies.

We would also like to wish our very own Jamie Souligny a wonderful beautiful new start as she left San Diego this weekend and headed for Nevada. We are going to miss her terribly but know she is in the best of hands. Luckily she will be close to the hof so that makes for being around the best of our folk and guarantees many visits !!

Our own Matthew Waldrum and Gray Will had the awesome pleasure of traveling to the Poconos for the AFA Winter Nights festival. They had the best of times and represented the Tru Folk as best they could.



Our kindred continues to grow in spirituality and numbers and is grateful to the AFA for the foundation they provide.

Hail the Folk!

Hail the AFA!

Hail the Gods and Goddesses!



Central Corridor Regional Updates

Missouri Update
by Melissa Mills, Apprentice Folkbuilder



As the seasons change and the days become shorter, the nights longer. As we exchange the heat and sun of summer for the cool and early nights of fall. The veil begins to thin and we are surrounded by the love of a thousand ancestral women. They come to see how their descendants fair. They come to share their wisdom, if we are listening. And here in the Ozarks, we are listening...

Here in the Central Corridor, the heart of the country, we have just finished with Our Winter Nights Celebration. We gathered for Blot, lead by Zeke Zelch. His beautiful words of tribute to our Disir were moving and heartfelt.

We followed our Blot with a hearty dinner of Irish stew, chili and homemade bread. And then we gathered back around the fire for Sumble. If you really want to learn a lot in a small amount of time about your Folk, Sumble will do it! You learn about their relationship with the Gods, their ties to their ancestors, and what and who they are proud of. And it was

New people came and old friends arrived at the circle and it went from 3 rounds to 5. And when it was clear that everyone was content to share the fire, conversation, and good company we stayed around the age old primal light of gathering, and shared in the camaraderie that only good folk can provide. You know the good vibes are shared by all when no one even thinks to leave until well after the midnight hour.

These are the days we cherish. These are the times we most look forward to. Because they remind us that the real "stuff" we want and push for to be happy in life, isn't "stuff" at all. It's the connection to our roots. Our past. Our kin, and our future moving forward with them, that sets our souls at ease and motivates us to be better people than we were the day before.

When we are gone and our bones are dust. When the last line in our story has faded into the page. The only real legacy we leave, are the memories and inspirations we leave in other's hearts. We hope, that here in the Ozarks, that when our kin gather around a table or the fire, when they speak over the well together and with primal power, when the first child speaks their truth in ritual, when folk come in as strangers but leave feeling like family, that is our legacy. That when we too go on to the halls of our ancestors and the veil thins, that we too will come and look lovingly on those we left behind. That we will see the love for each other and our Gods, reflected in their eyes, their deeds, and voices of their children when they raise the horn in honoring the old ways.

As summer fades and winter comes quietly in, we hope you spend time reflecting on where you came from, where you are going, and enjoying the company of who is there on your journey with you.

From all of us here in the Central Corridor, stay warm, stay safe, and keep your kin gathered close around the winter fires as often and for as long as you can.





Northern Plains Regional Updates

**South Dakota Update
by Blaine Qualls, Jr., Folkbuilder, Gothar Coordinator and
Member of the Witan**



Members of the Ulfhednar Clan came together on the 28th of October to celebrate the Disir and Winter Nights. Our time began in the early afternoon with a blot to the Disir led by Angela Winchell, fiancée of member Les Lauer. Following that we gathered together for a communal feast of pork roast, homemade knoephla soup, stuffing, vegetables, rolls and kugen for dessert. A bit later in the evening we sat down for a sumble that was very powerful and emotional..... All in all our Winter Nights celebration was a very local kindred affair that helped strengthen the bonds we have forged here in North Dakota.

We have several upcoming events here in the Dakotas. On November 10th we will be celebrating the Feast of the Einherjar with a meet and greet/dinner at a local German shop. For Yule we will again be hosting our 3-day Yule celebration with folk from across the region. For more information feel free to get in touch with me.

Minnesota Update by Jason Gallagher, Folkbuilder



October started out with the day of remembrance for Guido Von List. Next we had our monthly Edda and Rune study where we discussed the Alvissmol and next month we will go over Balders Draumar. We hosted our third annual Disir Blót led by Gythia student Anna Funk. And we ended the month out with German Folk and feast day with Northern Blood Kindred. We have started making crafts and things to sell with proceeds going to the Hof Fundraiser. On November 24th will be the Feast of Einherjar Blót event hosted by the 3 Minnesota AFA Kindreds (Northern Guardians, Black Sun Tribe MN, Northern Blood

Hail the Doers!
Hail our Noble Folk!
Hail the Asatru Folk Assembly!!!





AFA Minnesota Group

11/3 Pizza feast and greet 4-7 Davannis Woodbury,MN

11/11 Monthly fundraiser crafting day Bloomington,MN 12-3

11/17 Feast of the Einherjar Gasthof Minneapolis,MN 5-7

11/19 Monthly Edda and Rune Study Bloomington,MN 5:30-8:30

11/24 Feast of Einherjar 3 Kindreds Green Isle,MN 12pm to 11

12/15 Folkish Family Yule Bloomington,MN 3:30-7

12/20 Mother's night Bloomington,MN Blót 6-8 Bloomington

12/29 end of yule meet and greet 4-7 Pizza Ranch Shakopee,MN

12/30 Monthly Fundraiser crafting day Bloomington,MN 12-3

1/19 Folkish Family monthly meet and greet Davannis Plymouth,MN 4-7

1/20 Monthly fundraiser crafting day Bloomington,MN 12-3

2/9 Third annual Folkish Family Charming of the Plow Bloomington,MN 4-7



Far North Regional Updates

Alaska Update by Eric Whisman, Folkbuilder



On Saturday October 27th members of AFA kindred Der Volkstamm auf dem Nordliche Bar met at the house of Gothi Steven Morrell to begin the Winternights festivities.

The night began with the families carving pumpkins that would later be brought out to the ritual circle. After carving, a delicious dinner of Pot Roast and Potato Pie was served, and





After Blot, the kindred members stayed around the fire well into the night having discussions and conversations.

The following morning, there was a delicious breakfast, and as the first snow of the season started to fall; an offering was made to the Holy Powers and the Wights before people began making their ways home again.







Earlier this month, members of Der Volkstamm and their families came together at Morrellheim to butcher and grind a beef before winter. The opportunity was discovered by Steve and Erin, they quickly brought it to our attention, a quick discussion pursued, and we all agreed to contribute, purchase, and process the beef as a tribe. A very special thanks to Steve and Erin for going to dispatch and quarter up the cow the day prior, your extra efforts assured our success!

A heartfelt thank you to my brothers and sister for each of their parts in this task, shows what tribe can do!





Four Corners Regional Updates

Colorado Update
by Jason Plourde, Folkbuilder

The following is a summary of the Four Corners Region's last couple of months. Strap in, it's a long one! - *M. Waldrum, Editor*

We've been very active during the past several months for the Four Corners region! We will be working on getting more submissions in the voice to keep all of you current and more up-to-date in the future! Lots of change and increasing activity have been happening! First a big thanks to Nate Hayden who has stepped down as acting folkbuilder earlier in the quarter. Not many will step up to answer the call when the need arises and Nate did so for no other reason then our folk needed some one to help guide them. In his place is Jason Plourde, for those of you don't know moved to CO about a year and half ago, and as an oathed folkbuilder has taken the charge in the Four Corners Region. Do not hesitate to contact him for any reason at jplourde@runestone.org !

On April 22nd the Asafolk was founded and shortly after became a new addition among the AFA kindreds. Founded in Colorado by Jason Plourde "Gothi", Jeremiah Smith "Folk Leadership", and by members Saga Smith and Colt Uland. Shortly after the Denver area has been hosting public study groups, and blots for AFA members and serious folkish minded individuals from around the area.





On June 20th the Asafolk and AFA members out of the Utah area departed, many for the first time to Odinshof the "First Hof of the Asatru Folk Assembly", for Midsummer. Many of us full of excitement and referring to it as "the pilgrimage". It was an amazing experience. Having showed up early the evening before, we all were treated with a very traditional Tyr blot, and an extra day filled with frith, and folk! At Midsummer the Asafolk flag was hoisted and placed amongst the other kindred flags in the hof, as well as our folkbuilder Jason Plourde being announced amongst this year's Gothar students to become the next generation of Gothar for the AFA!



In August following the announcement of the Asafolk's jumping on board the Wotan Network's "Wotan on the Peaks" spear headed by our founder Stephen McNallen, there seemed to be a boom across the entire AFA of "Wotan in the Peaks" making for a very powerful month across the entire AFA!







In September Joshua Birdzell began hosting local moots in his area. Also, after attending the AFA's third annual Fall Fest, Jason Plourde has been spear heading a new event which at this time is a regional event, he hopes to launch as the AFA's next national event in the future! In an effort to bring the Four Corners Region closer together, building up and invigorating our communities in each of our areas Jason has been on a mission to launch what he has named Thor Fest! Fitting into a time of year which can be tricky due to weather, he says fits perfectly in our calendars where we have a lot of time between events to keep the folk spiritually invigorated, and keep their hearts filled with frith. Thor Fest is set to be a three day meta-Thorrablót, in the enchanting mountains of CO, to shake of the cabin fever of winter with games, feasting, speakers, workshops, and more! Dates, and



Regional Announcements!

-Congratulations and best of luck to the Birdzell Family with their pregnancy!

-Shout out to Colt Uland who was accepted into a electricians apprenticeship

-Laura Lundberg on her engagement and wedding announcement to AFA Scandinavia member Erik Lugnet!

General reminders:

-Every first sunday Jason Plourde hosts the Four Corners regional confrence call where

- The Asafolk host study groups every second sunday of the month (Denver, CO)
- The Asafolk hold blot every sunday of the month (Denver,CO)

If you have any announcements, events of note, or general reminders you would like to have submitted in 'the voice" please submit them to your regional folkbuilder Jason Plourde @ jplourde@runestone.org . With any events you'd like to share please also attach as many photos as wish of your moot, blot, or adventures with your submission!

"Hail to the doers, do great deeds , be loud and proud, and stay motivated Four Corners Folk!"

Hail the Gods!

Hail the Folk!

Hail the AFA!



Thor Fest 2019

**January
25th-27th
Near
Denver, CO**

**Hosted
By
The
Asafolk**

**Featuring
Games
Competition
Bread**

The poster features a central illustration of a Thor's hammer (Mjolnir) with two ravens perched on top, set against a dark red background. The text is in a bold, white, sans-serif font.



Pig Roast **Skaldic Style Music & Story Telling** **-Mead**

Thor Blöt **Wotan Blöt**

Guest Speakers
Matt Flavel
&
Bryan Wilton

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Circle of Eir - A Call to Healing

AFA Circle of Eir performs a monthly 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 email to Patricia Hall at patriciahall@runestone.org. This month's ritual will be held on the night of the 15th, a Thursday.

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!

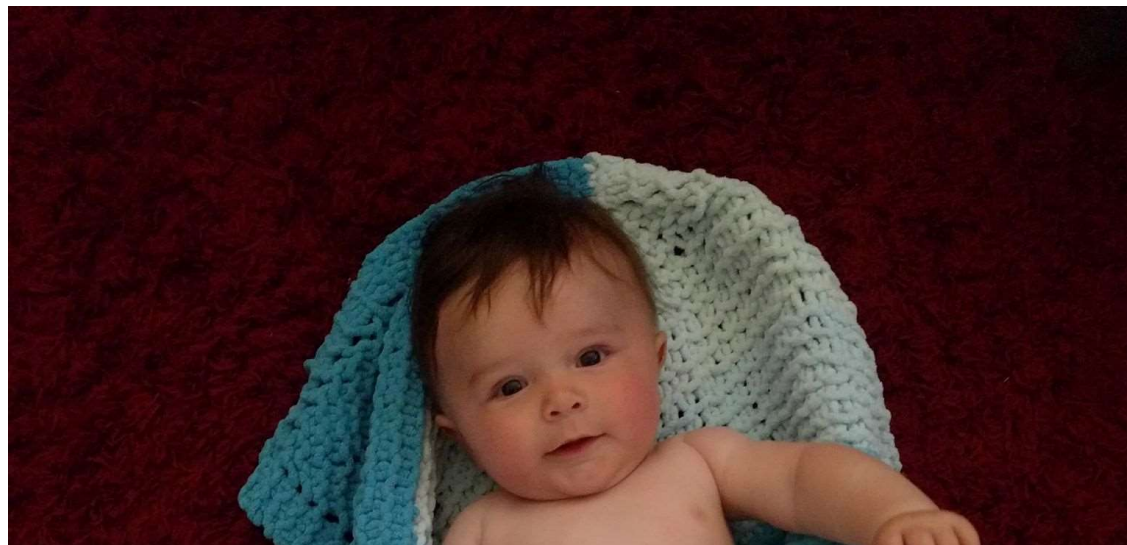
and support Folkish businesses so we can help each other flourish and grow. Community starts with working together and working in each other's interests. Lets make it happen!

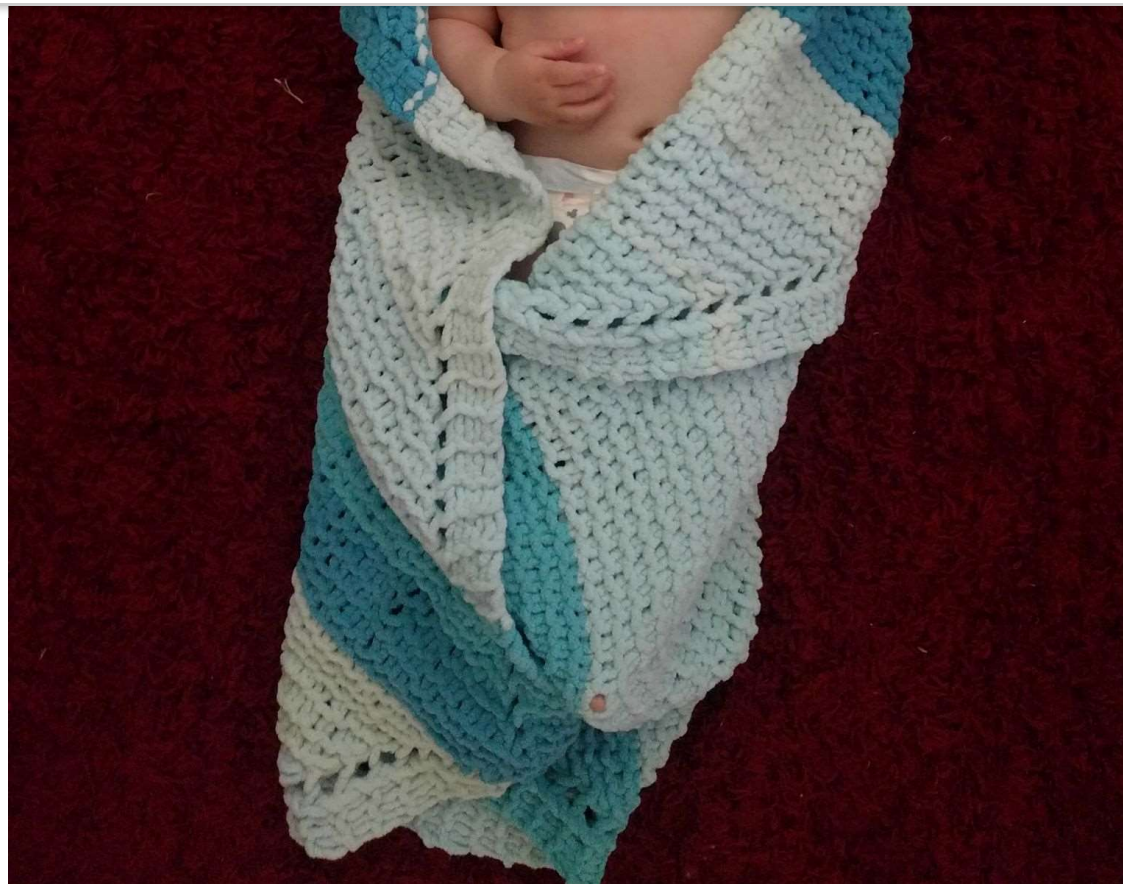
Please send your info to: coverton@runestone.org with the subject "AFA Business Directory".

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!

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 handicraft 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 Mandy (mandy@runestone.org) with the subject line: BABY BLANKET.

Photography & Art for 2019 Calendar

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.

There is a lot of room to work with here.

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

Greeting Card Project



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.

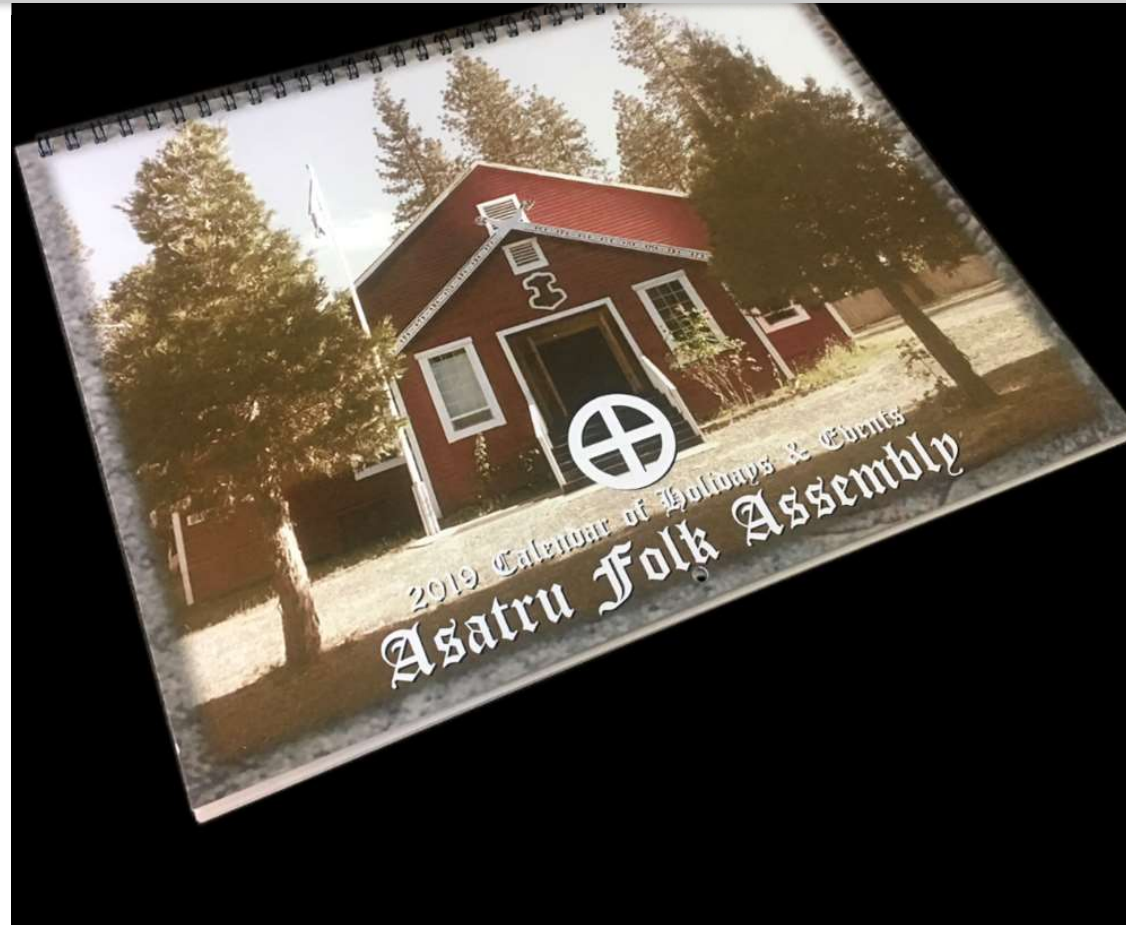
For poets and those that know our Lore: The inside of our cards would always benefit from a thoughtful phrase. I am not always the best at finding a fitting phrase, so if there is a phrase or line of poetry meaningful to you, please send it and I can aim to fit it with our art. Or, if you'd like, I can 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

The end of the year is fast approaching, and with it we will all need a new calender! Pick up one of the official AFA calenders and every month you'll be greeted by wonderful pictures of our Folk from all over the world! Grab yours for \$15 [here!](#)

A special thanks goes out to Nate Hayden who put it all together.



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