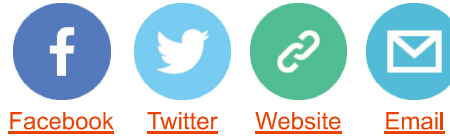


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Words from the Alsherjargothi



Sumbel, Fallfest 2017

What an amazing month we have had! One year ago, seemingly out of nowhere, Gothar Coordinator Blaine Qualls and Folkbuilder Jason Gallagher put on a spectacular event, Fallfest. Mandy and I have spent this last year anticipating Fallfest II and bragging to folks about our amazing Northern Plains family. Let me tell you, they did not disappoint! The second annual Fallfest was absolutely amazing. The growth in our Northern Plains region over the last year is astounding and it really showed in the impressive turnout this year. The quality of these folks is truly something to behold, their hospitality is an example for us all. This event was made even more special for me as I had the honor of officiating the wedding of Blaine and Vronna. Start planning to attend Fallfest III now, you will not regret it!

preparing the feast for Saturday night, one of the very best spreads we have had at any AFA event! Special thanks to Ryan for the amazing Jager Schnitzel! The event was powerful as we preformed a faining to Ullr and blessed the tools of the hunt. To top it all off we were honored to be joined by our founder and his wife, Steve and Sheila McNallen.

Winter Nights in the Poconos is just a few short weeks away and I could not be more excited. Witan and Folkbuilder, Cliff Erickson has put in a lot of work to make this event shine and shine it shall. We have folk coming from all over to celebrate with us this year. I highly encourage you all to do everything in your power to make it out to our Pennsylvania Winter Nights. Fall in the Poconos is beautiful, worshiping together with the folk is powerful and the fellowship with our AFA family is priceless.

Lastly, Winter Finding marked the beginning of our Pay Off the Hof fundraising campaign. Those of you who have been to our Hof already know, but for those who haven't, it is a truly magical place. It is a profound feeling to finally have a place of our own, sacred ground to worship our Gods and honor our Ancestors, a physical place of our very own. Since the founding days of our faith in the modern era, this was the dream, we have a very special honor to be living in the days where that dream is becoming a reality. It is our vision to have Hof's across the land and eventually near every one of you. The first step is paying off the Hof we have a down payment on, from there we can plan for our second one and move forward. Raising money is essential for our church to be able to do the great things we are destined to accomplish. If every member of the AFA chipped in in the way that folks of other faiths do, we would have Hof's popping up every couple years. This is all a part of Asatru maturing and growing into our potential.....and we ARE getting there. Thank you very much for all of the support and the donations that have gotten us here. Our AFA family is the very best and I am proud of all of you.

Matthew Flavel
Alsherjargothi,
Asatru Folk Assembly

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 sumbels. 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 Hof 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!

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

Matthew Flavel
Alsherjargothi
Asatru Folk Assembly





New Wings Spread Upon the Frigid North Winds



Brynn Alice Bird, born September 1st 2017

with family members and Asatruar in attendance. A very emotional and beautiful ceremony was performed by Gothi Steven Morrel. After the ceremony was complete, Folkbuilder Eric Whisman held the young child in his arms and penned these words in honor of her:

Flight of the new Bird

-Eric Whisman

"From the Hills she came, and into the depths she shall go;
A seeker of knowledge from the skies into the earth below.

With mother's beauty and father's boldness,
her quest takes her to the fiery coldness.

Raven-haired and bright-eyed,
Great Knowledge she will find.

A gift to the Folk, the future is in her hands,
and so she brings joy across the lands.

She has inspired these joyous words,
Welcome to Midgard, Brynn Alice Bird."



An Early Demand for Love and Firth

to this new member of our kindred. This special girl was born to our own Heather Jayne and Michael Hunter (Folkbuilder and Gothi). Born 13 weeks premature, this beautiful girl has been beating the odds and growing stronger every day! In the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, surrounded by her Folk and nurses, we witnessed a touching ceremony performed by Alsherjargothi Matt Flavel. In hushed tones, offerings were poured to the Norns, and three Runes and three blessings were traced on her forehead. Not a single person in the room was dry-eyed. Once the ceremony concluded, those who could make it were all graciously hosted by Linda McCleod. Lunch, hugs, laughter and heartfelt conversation went on for hours afterwards. This is truly a great example of the strength of our community.

It is with great pleasure that I get to announce Hazel Sofia Hunter to the Asatru Folk Assembly!

Hail Hazel Sofia Hunter! and Hail to the blessed new parents Heather and Michael! Our Folk grows.



What a September it has been! It really takes me back when i slow down enough to reflect on how much our community's are developing. In one week I had the pleasure to go to Minnesota and meet our wonderful Great Plains folk face to face, oath in a new Folkbuilder, attended 2 weddings of AFA members, and had the great honor to participate in a baby naming ceremony for the newest member of the AFA family. I've seen events going all over the country, kindreds applying to our kindred program, and some things that have been on the back burner finally starting to take fruit. These are the types of things that make us much more then members, it makes us family! I hope that this spreads like wild fire. If you are in a area that isn't very active and want it to be, be the change. It's worth every bit of the hard work. Reach out to your Folkbuilder and ask what you can do. Find someone close on your regional page and meet for a beer, a coffee, or some lunch. Start getting face to face with other people and I think you'll be pleasantly surprised on what can come of it. The wind is at our backs so let's make the most of it. Congratulations to Blaine and Vronna, Frankie and Katie, and welcome to the precious, Hazel Sofia Hunter.

As far as Folkbuilder news, I want to congratulate Jason Gallagher on completing his Folkbuilder Apprenticeship. He's has worked very hard and after seeing the results first hand at FallFest, I'm proud to have him in our ranks. He truly has done some textbook community building in Minnesota and can't wait to see the growth by next year. Jason Plourde is working to organize some of our folks in the South Central Region, as well as helping Nate Hayden in the Four Corners region. If you live in those regions and have never talked with him, reach out and share some ideas. These guys work very hard for the Folk but can't do it all themselves. It takes all of our efforts to do great things.

Hail the Folk !
Hail the Gods and Goddesses !
Hail the AFA !

Marc Macleod



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





September saw the second annual Fallfest celebration here in our region. And what a celebration it was..... Friday we kicked off the weekend with an opening ritual from our own Alsherjargothi, Matt Flavel and so the weekend long meta-ritual began. Following that I gave a presentation on the beginnings of modern Asatru that was very well received. Friday night saw Vronna Strand step up to perform a Mothers Blessing to a pregnant mother and this beautiful ceremony transitioned straight in to a powerful Wotan blot again led by Matt Flavel. With torch light guiding us and rhythmic drumbeats in the background, we came together as a folk united to hail Wotan, Great Lord of our tribe. It was an experience beyond any words I could use to describe it.

Saturday morning brought out Bryan Wilton with a very inspirational talk. For those who have never heard Bryan Wilton speak, it is an experience. He draws the attendees in and leads them a long with his well spoken words. Following Bryan I led the Folk in a blot to Frey for the harvest season and all we have been given. Growth in membership numbers, growth in membership qualities, more women members, more children. Truly the seed planted at Fallfest last year is blossoming forth.



Freyblot, Fallfest 2017



Saturday afternoon saw member Les Lauer give a presentation on basic mead making. Several members were able to begin their own gallon of mead under his help and guidance. For those who don't know, Les is an amazing mead maker and having him lead a presentation like this was an honour. As his presentation was going on we also had several of the teens lead a crafting session with the smaller kids, it was a sight to

Later Saturday saw the beautiful and elegant Vronna Strand agree to be my wife. We were wedded in an emotional ceremony performed by Matt Flavel, I don't think there were many dry eyes, it was that touching of a ceremony. With a spear guard of Ulfhednar Kindred members and Friends we walked out of that ceremony husband and wife. Then the celebration began in earnest. An amazing meal of roast pork, wedding cake, a live bagpiper..... everyone smiling, happy, children scurrying around enjoying the day. A day I will never forget.



As our reception wound down we had a few things yet to do for the evening. First, our very own Jason Gallagher was sworn in as a full Folkbuilder. I could not have been prouder than to stand there with him witnessing his oath. I have watched him struggle and fight to create a cohesive group there in Minnesota. He has finally achieved his goal, he has built up a strong, dedicated cadre of folk within his area. Proud to stand with you brother. Following that we held a lively auction of some really unique and amazing items, from

Assembly.



Folkbuilder Jason Gallagher's Oath-Taking, Fallfest 2017

Later that evening many of us sat in a large sumpel that brought each of us closer together as a folk. There staring at the fire, darkness all around, listening to the words, the emotions of those assembled I was taken back to a different time. A time when such things were common place, a time long ago and far away. It was something I have only experienced a few times before, a very powerful holy moment of connection with the ancestors.





AFA Northern Plains Fallfest 2017, Sumbel

Sunday saw people beginning to break camp, pack, say good byes..... but we still had one more thing to do. One more ritual to complete our meta-ritual. Gothi Bryan Wilton led us in a beautiful Wayfarers Blot on the banks of a calm lake. It was the perfect ending to a weekend that many never wanted to end.

I want to take a brief moment to recognize one of our members who went above and beyond during our Fallfest celebration. I could name dozens of people who stepped up to do all the little, and not so little, things that keep these events going. The cooks, the plumber, the meadmakers, the cake maker, on and on and on, but one guy stands out, one guy went far above and beyond the norm. Ed Kneetz stayed when everyone else had left; as Jason Gallagher and I went through the cabins with the park staff making sure all was good, Ed cleaned the main hall. Wiped down the tables, mopped the floor, wiped down the

were told we would be welcomed back anytime. Thank you Ed.

We set the bar pretty high this year, but we are already working to create an even better Fallfest next year. I plan to post the dates for next year soon. Here in the Northern Plains we are growing, we are building the Asatru community that so many yearn for. We are building a family.





Words from the Northeast by Clifford Erickson, Folkbuilder

**Winter Nights in the Poconos
Pennsylvania, October 12 - 15
Register now at winternights2017.eventzilla.net**

We look forward to seeing members and friends at The Sixth Annual Winter Nights in the Poconos hosted by the Asatru Folk Assembly! The event is from Thu, October 12 2017, 6:00 PM - Sun, October 15 2016, 12:00 PM [EST].

Your registration fee includes all workshops, lectures, meals, lodging, and of course our holy rituals. We will build upon the success of Folkish Asatuar here in the Northeast and across the world by making new friends and renewing old friendships. And most importantly we will worship our Gods, our Goddesses, and our Ancestral Mothers in the crisp air of mountains as winter sets in.

Register at <http://winternights2017.eventzilla.net/>. Remember, only AFA members and *vouched for* guests will be admitted to this event. If you are not an AFA Member you should confirm with the member who is vouching for you that they will do so when asked about your registration.

Just a couple of reminders. The cabins have bunks, but you will need to bring your own

"roofed common areas" of the Playhouse, the Dining Hall, or on its porch. Children attend for free!

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

Event schedule, subject to change:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LDjLHNUb4YsE-pmTmA8pIM3yavDypJSkemNg1Me6hi4/edit#gid=0>

Videos of past events:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBXHkmcgP5w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjoibHqptM8>

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Words from the AFA Military Program



ASATRU FOLK ASSEMBLY MILITARY OUTREACH PROGRAM

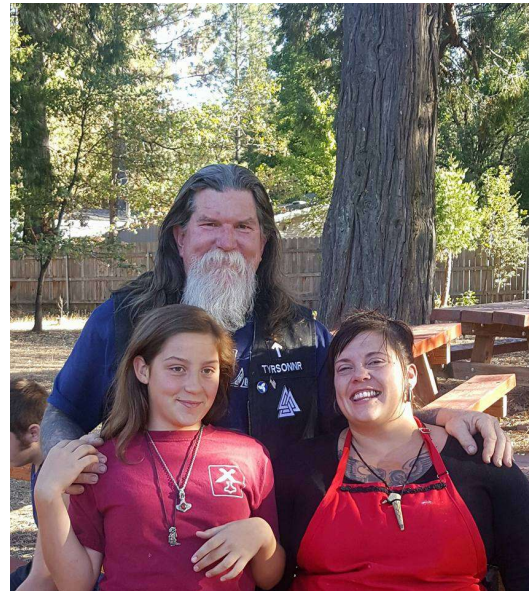
Hails! First and foremost, I want to thank the AFA leadership for entrusting me with the roles and responsibilities as the program's coordinator. I look forward to serving our military members and ensuring their needs are taken care of. We are currently looking for volunteers that are on and/or near our military bases that would like to assist in furthering our goals as a program for our military folk. If interested, please email me at 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
Asatru Folk Assembly

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

California, gathered at the Hof to celebrate Winter Finding, the Autumnal Equinox which marks the end of Summer, and Fall's segue into Winter. Ullr, God of the Hunt and best of Archers, God of Winter and Son of Sif, received the honor and gifts of the assembled Folk, as we stood within our sacred circle listening to the slow beat of the drum. We placed our chosen tools of the hunt upon an alter to be blessed as well. Hunting tools to be blessed by a hunting God. Rifles, air guns, skinning knives, and my bow were all blessed. Inside the Hof, I gave a short talk on Winter Finding, preparedness, hunting, and how modern convenience detracts us from the more primal aspects of life and nature. Dinner, as usual, was amazing. I have often made the comment speaking about our tables groaning from the weight of our meals. But, I actually think we broke a couple of table legs this time! Cream cheese and Spinach stuffed Pork Loin, Jagerschnitzel, Spatzele, salads, stews, roasts.....We had a feast! On top of that, we were able to catch up with our Founder and Folk Mother, Stephen McNallen and Sheila McNallen. It was a treat to see you again! Sumble closed the night as it usually does here, around the fire, under the trees, stars, and the presence of our Gods and Ancestors.





Coming Events:

Winter Nights, Feast of the Einherjar, and Yule are all in the works for Northern California. Details will be posted in our Moots and Meetups group, as well as local groups once they are finalized. We hope to see you there! Hail!

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







September was kicked off with a hike moot on Labor Day weekend where a total distance 15 miles deep into the Alaskan mountains was covered, as well as an encounter with a pair of aggressive Moose Cows.

On the 9th, Der Volkstamm auf dem Nordliche Bar and fellow AFA members and other Folkish Asatruar gathered at Morrelheim to honor King Hermann of the Cherusci as well as those other great heroes who have banded together our folk and stood against those foreign influences seeking to destroy us.





The very next day, a very special occasion took place, the welcoming of AFA member Xavier Bird's daughter into the world. Gathered at the house of Xavier and his fiancé, members from both respected families arrived, as well as members from Der Volkstamm auf dem Nordliche Bar and other Folkish Asatruar. A Blót was held by gothi Steven Morrell, and the young baby bird was welcomed into her family and folk's Ørlög and given her name, Brynn Alice Bird.

At the exact moment of Equinox, 12:02 pm on September 22, Folkbuilder Eric Whisman and Gothi Steven Morrell met in Arctic Valley to honor the Equinox, galdr, and perform Blót. Later that evening, Winter Finding was celebrated at Morrellheim.

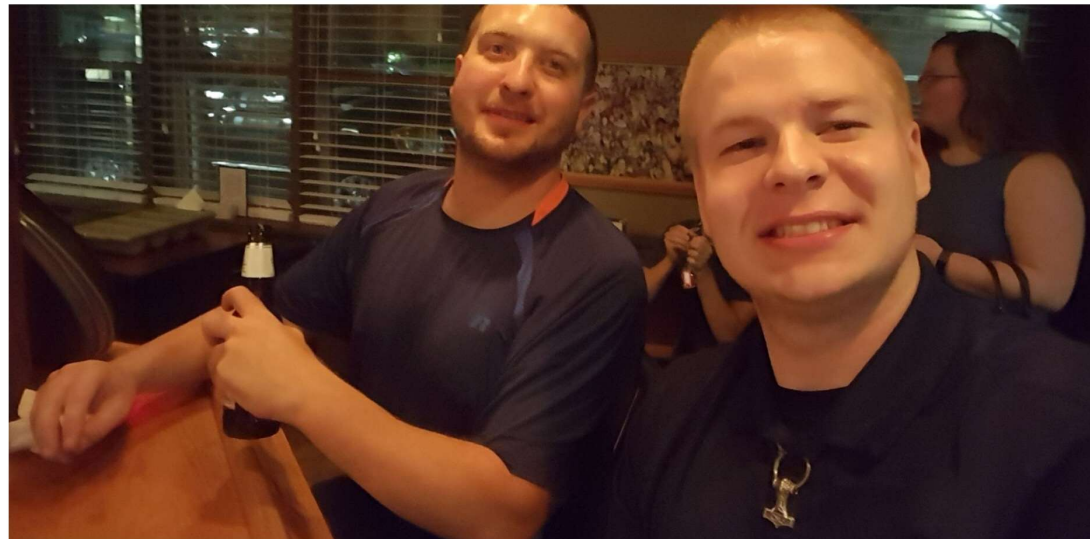


**Words from the AFA Upper South
by Paul Hester, Folkbuilder**



September has truly been a month of Winning in the Upper South. On the weekend of September 9th we held our first annual AFA Upper South Camping Weekend. We had a great group of people and a fantastic time. We'd like to give a shout out to Michael and Lindy Terry for all their hard work, the food and provisions were phenomenal. Thanks to the Iron Guard Kindred, the Sandhills Kindred, and everyone who made this event a success. Currently we've got 3 solid kindreds in the Upper South, with 3 more kindreds on the way in Maryland, Eastern Tennessee, and Western North Carolina. We had many

Blue, and Michael Terry, for they have a true passion for connecting folk in our region. It's our ambition to build a Tru Community here in the Upper South and to make all our members family. Hail the Folk!





Fallfest, 2017

News from Minnesota

September started out with Fallfest 2 as the first event of the month. Was amazed with the number of families in attendance. It was felt like a family reunion as all the AFA events I have been to feel that way. A jam packed weekend with so many great memories. I want thank everyone that pitched in and to the ladies and everyone else that helped cook the great meals we had enjoyed all weekend. And cannot forget those who drove people around and back and forth to the airport for this event. Thank you! The following Wednesday

a few new friends and lots of laughs as usual. If you are interested in attending a event, you can message me on facebook or send me a email

jgallagher@runestone.org





Rune study group October 18th 5:30-8:30

Winter Nights Disablót October 21st 4-7

Folkish Feasting Day November 5th 12-4

Pizza meet and greet Lakeville, MN Pizza Ranch November 11th 4-7

2nd Annual Yule celebration December 9th

Congratulations to Tony Jellen on graduating and earning yourself a water environmental technology diploma and starting your new career path. Big congratulations to Blaine Qualls JR and Vronna Strand on getting married.

Hail our great folk!

Hail the Gods!

Hail the Asatru Folk Assembly!!!



*Congratulations to Folkbuilder Jason Gallagher on his recent promotion and Oath-Taking.
Hail to the doers! - M. Waldrum, Assistant Editor*

Words from Folkbuilder Heather Clinkenbeard, San Diego

regular moot we met for a bon fire, for outings, lunches and the Viking festival. We continue to grow not only in numbers but in strength and connection as well.

We are looking forward to a full winter meeting up at least twice a month as we start to plan for our second annual AFA Tru-Folk event , this year Charming of the Plow in February. February 2-4 in Southern California.

Tru-Folk of San Diego also wants to wish Megan Long and Angelique Preston a very Happy Birthday !



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

Hail from the land of the Long What Cloud (New Zealand). This month was quieter but I am happy to say we added new members in both Australia and New Zealand.

Spring has just sprung and I was honoured to host a blot at Pines Beach in Kaiapoi on the South Island of New Zealand. The site is very awe inspiring. Very large pine trees with very little under growth. The land is very knobby which provides a touch of privacy just off of the trail. It was a nice day though somewhat overcast. The blot began with three horn blasts which echoed through the forest. The attendees participated with vigor and we finished with a heart felt sumbel. I am excited to host the midsummer blot in Kaiapoi in December!

My exciting news is the announcement of the AFA midsummer event in Melbourne, Australia on the weekend of December 16. The event will be will be hosted in a beautiful little town in the Dandenong Ranges just east of Melbourne. We are expecting AFA members from across Australia to attend as well as me from New Zealand. We are also expecting a guest speaker from the AFA in America which is very exciting. More detailed information will be available soon. If you would like any more information about attending the event in Australia please email me at cmottus@runestone.org.

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Kind regards,
Cameron Mottus
Folkbuilder (ANZ)
Asatru Folk Assembly





Words from AFA Scandinavia



AFA Scandinavia, Odin's Blot 2017

AFA Sweden organized a full weekend the 2nd of September in a beautiful area in a conference center by a lake that has the intriguing name of Ranebo. Ran is sometimes connected to the goddess who rules the ocean, but also is a name of Odin. The end of the word, -bo, means "where you live". So the whole name can be translated to "Where Odin Lives."

Some of us came late Friday evening and started the preparations and had a really nice night by the big fire. Saturday morning we started with a lecture on Meditation lead by me and the whole story of our Aryan forefathers who became the founders of what we today call Hinduism. I talked about our psychic and our collective unconscious and how and why a technique like meditation is applicable for modern day Asatru. Next up was Linus Borgström. He had a great and much appreciated lecture on the translated Declaration of Purpose and the discussion after went on for almost 40 minutes.

After some coffee and sandwiches I went through the different aspects and the basic lay out of a Blot and why and how the ritual objects are used.





After dinner and when the darkness arrived we lit the torches and started the Odin Blot. This one is a special one were all of the participants are actively participating in the ritual.

I am really thankful for all the productive and hard working people we have here in Scandinavia. We might be on the brink of loosing our country but the good folk are coming home and we are definitely going to be a spiritual and cultural force to be reckoned with. Due to our growth the last months we've been able to start 3 new kindreds and that is something that brings me a lot of joy. Our roots are in the ground and the tree can start to grow!





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!

Hail the doers!!!

Hail the AFA!!!

Hail the Gods and Goddesses!!!

Hail our Folk!!!

AFA Europe

Hail 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!

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!

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

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.

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 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

Thanks in advance!
Jamie Souigny
Apprentice Folkbuilder at Large

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

A quieter month in the Four Corners. This time of year seems most busy. We are finishing up the greater tasks of the year and preparing for the Winter months. We wish you a wonderful Winter Nights and of course HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Arizona

No plans at this time.

Colorado

A Winter Nights Blot at a private residence. Contact Nate Hayden at nhayden@runestone.org for more info.

New Mexico

News from Cecile Johnston:

"We had a small but effective blot this earlier this month. As far as kindred activities go, there will be a house blessing for one of the members this coming month, and probably an open meeting in early November."

Utah

Utah is planning a Moot near the end of October. Contact the AFA Utah page for more information.

Words from AFA Midwest by Zach Cato, Apprentice Folkbuilder

We have a lot planned in the upcoming months. There will be a meet and greet in Indianapolis, IN at the Nine Irish Brothers Pub November 18th. We will also be having a meet up at a medieval festival the weekend of October 20-22. Hope to see lots of our folk there. I met up with the Kilpatrick's last weekend and had a blast. I was absent at Fallfest but will be making it to Winter Nights. Other than that I have a lot of volunteers who want to help make the Midwest as great as possible and am working on getting them started. Our conference calls have been getting better and will continue to do so. I've been busy as can be with the Midwest and will continue to do so. And I plan to have more news for you all next month as things develop in the Midwest. Skål!

Zach Cato - Midwest,
Apprentice Folkbuilder

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

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 material in by November 20th. We would love ideas and articles, stories, coloring pages, puzzles, recipes, craft ideas, anything for our kids or by our kids. Challenge your children 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 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>

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
4805 5th st #141
Rainbow,CA 92028

or

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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Bookmark the link for future shopping!

Item of the Month

This month we have an incredible item for the spotlight. Many are familiar with the Aegishjalnr, or Helm of Awe, but few have seen a pendant depicting the symbol quite like this. Protect yourself from the forces of Jotunheim with this pewter necklace from Scotland. Black waxed cord included.

Purchase it [here](#) for only \$20!





PENDANT

In recent years "Aegishjalmr", the Helm of Awe, has become an iconic symbol tied into the magic of runes. However, the earliest depiction of this symbol was in the 17th Century Icelandic grimoire, Galdrabok.

The term "Aegishjalmr" is mentioned in the Volsung Saga, but with no description or explanation of what it is. Today it is believed to protect the wearer from harm.

Cast in lead free pewter in Scotland. It measures 55mm x 47mm, and weighs around 40g.

Supplied with a length of black, waxed cord so you can wear it straight away.

Volunteer for the AFA

Want to volunteer for the AFA? Fill out this survey: www.runestone.org/volunteer/

Save the Date!

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