



# *the white Birch*

*the newsletter of the shire of rokeclif*  
*July xlvī (2011)*



## *seneschal's missive*



We're coming down to the wire. Our plans for Coronation are proceeding apace. Many items are taken care of, such as the preparation of some 300 site tokens. The many hands (Æmma, Domaldi, Robert, Radegund, Jerry, Kudrun, Bronislava, and Sammy) made light work of it.

As you may have heard, morning court will include an elevation to the Order of the Laurel. This is a significant event in the life of the Society, and we are honored to provide a venue for it.

Preparations this month include sign painting, feast testing, wrangling a few more helpers, and (for many of us) washing, repairing, borrowing or sewing garb.

This is going to be a great event.

THL<sup>2</sup> Kudrun

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## *next meetings*

- Wednesday, August 3 – Research Night 6PM – LaCrosse Public Library (Main)
- Saturday, August 6 — Test feast. Vitaliano needs to know who plans to be there.
- Sunday, August 7 – Sign making 1PM until done – Randy's garage (1242 Park Ave)
- ☀ Wednesday, August 10 – A&S Night 6PM — Java Vino (1505 Losey Blvd South)
- Wednesday, August 17 — Populace Meeting - 6PM, Bob's (421 S. 6th St)
- Saturday, August 20 – Whatever needs to be done, wherever
- Friday, September 9 — 6—9 PM Set up for Coronation (Three Rivers School)
- Sunday, September 17 — Celebratory picnic?
- Wednesday, September 21 — Populace Meeting — place TBD



Changed from Thursday because nobody could make it on Thursday

# minutes of the populace meeting

July 20, 2011 – Bronislava's place

Present: Radegund, Genovefa la Petit, Domaldi, Æmma, Gavin, Bronislava, Kudrun, Maewyn, Vitaliano, Vettoria, Veda, Avery, Anthony, Sammy.

Oyez to order at 6:15 by Deputy Bronislavá.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Exchequer** – paid Donna for Coronation site. Hobby Lobby wouldn't recognize either of the tax documents, so Maewyn will 'talk' with them. Michaels was fine. For feast shopping, Maewyn and another signer will accompany Vitaliano shopping. This should make bookkeeping much easier.

**A&S** (reported by deputy Vettoria) A sewing moot is scheduled for Sunday, July 24 at Æmma's in Taylor. We discussed topics for discussion – mead, leather, banners. The list was passed.

**Chirurgion** – Gavin is now active as chirurgion. He had a boring WW (hooray!).

**Chatelaine** counted the people stuffed into her living room and pronounced it Good. Talked with Marwen (kingdom seneschal) and Belle (kingdom chatelaine) at WW.

**Youth Minister** – counted the kids at the meeting. (4 of them, ages 2-5). Some discussion of Page School.

**Web Minister** got the quote of the night award: "Riverside Park would have been cool if it weren't so hot."

**Thrown Weapons** – Looking for throwers – some interest was shown. Gavin won the axe throwing competition at WW. There's interest in archery as well. Byle may soon be cleared to fight. He'll let us know when rapier practice is scheduled.

An informal picnic is scheduled for September 17. (Location, anyone?) Next meeting is at Bob's.

## BARDIC MADNESS

Bronislava will autocrat a Bardic Madness in spring of 2012, if we authorize her to put in a bid. She's been talking with John at the Day's Inn on French Island. The feast would have to be catered, so Domaldi volunteered to be feast steward. There's nothing on the NS Calendar for March 17. We voted 'aye', minus the required nay-sayer and one abstention due to the IRS.

## CORONATION

It's happening. The kingdom officers for marshalate and A&S have been contacted. Kudrun will issue a call for classes. Signs are being made August 7. Kudrun & Vettoria will decide on interior signage. Should we identify ourselves as shire members? Yes – with a ribbon on our site token. Test feast will require signup – this is for honest evaluation of the dishes/combinations.

Daycare is a possibility. Maewyn will come to pick up money/waivers. There will be a laureling and a vigil. 3 merchants so far. Feast menu has been adjusted to delete fungus.

There was more discussion of making SCA visible. Children's Museum? Doing service things for community? Newspapers?

Food beckoned. We must have closed the meeting... I hope...

## arts and sciences



*gavin does*

*research*

Gavin — Working on wire kumihimo.  
Working bow into persona.  
Talking to Jararvellir about armor and arrows.  
Æmma — Measured & drew out a tunic pattern for Anthony.  
Domaldi — Wrote bardic piece.  
Researched mead making.  
Vitaliano — Spice & herb research.  
Fruit & vegie research.  
(Both of these are the beginnings of an A&S50 project.)  
Vettoria — Garb making.  
Garb research.  
Calligraphy research.  
Embroidery research.  
Bead research.  
Broinslava — Writing poetry stuff.  
Genovefa — Researched my new name.  
Researched and still looking for garb pics.  
Radegund — Researched name and era.  
Kudrun — Wrote song for Dahrien  
Taught course on research at WW.  
Helped shire members with name & persona research

### A FEW GARB RESOURCES WITH VARYING DEGREES OF VALUE

Viking men's garb

<http://www.cs.vassar.edu/~capriest/mensgarb.html>

Paper dolls of historic costume (don't laugh!)

<http://www.gallimauphry.com/PD/gateway3.html>

For really late period resources

<http://www.elizabethancostume.net/>

Herbert Druitt's 1906 book on costume based on brasses

[http://books.google.com/books?id=5SIMAAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=subject:%22costume%22&lr=&as\\_brr=1#v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=5SIMAAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=subject:%22costume%22&lr=&as_brr=1#v=onepage&q&f=false)

Early period costume – drawings of British Library manuscripts

[http://thecostumersmanifesto.com/index.php?title=The\\_Timeline\\_of\\_Costume\\_History:\\_Carolinian\\_Europe\\_to\\_The\\_First\\_Millennium\\_700-1000ce](http://thecostumersmanifesto.com/index.php?title=The_Timeline_of_Costume_History:_Carolinian_Europe_to_The_First_Millennium_700-1000ce)

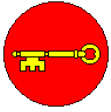
Pretty bad drawings of 15<sup>th</sup> century art

[http://thecostumersmanifesto.com/index.php?title=The\\_Timeline\\_of\\_Costume\\_History:\\_15th\\_Century\\_Northern\\_Europe](http://thecostumersmanifesto.com/index.php?title=The_Timeline_of_Costume_History:_15th_Century_Northern_Europe)

To convert English pounds of any date to today's dollars (nothing to do with garb, but wow!)

<http://uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/numimage/currency.htm>

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## upcoming events

August 12-14	Poor Mans Pennsic — Falcon’s Keep (WI Rapids)
August 25-28	Ages of War — Silfren Mere (Charles City IA)
September 10	Fall Coronation – Rokeclif
October 1	Novices, Neophytes & Knaves – Turm an dem See
October 8	Crown Tournament -- Nordskogen
October 21-22	Griffin Needle Challenge – Jararvellir
November 12	SUN – Rudivale

If you’re engaged in the kind of A&S that can be put on a page, please consider contributing to the White Birch. Art, poetry, recipes ... all are fair game.

This list is far from complete. It’s mostly events nearby, or of particular importance. Consult [www.Northshield.org](http://www.Northshield.org) for a complete event schedule.

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