

The White Birch

The Newsletter of the Shire of Rokeclif
January XLV (2011)

Seneschal's Missive

Things are more than normally chaotic in the Shire of Rokeclif. It may be the solstice, or the snow, or the eclipse, or cabin fever. The hall we were planning to use for the Games event was sold. They said they'd honor contracts, but... Also, it looks like we may be called upon to host Bardic Madness. (We'll find out in a few days.) If so, we might need to use the April 30 date, since most other weekends are already taken until July.

I put our normal gatherings on the calendar, but we might need to do some adjusting. If we do, we'll post it on the Yahoo site, the website, and on Facebook. And we'll phone the Luddite(s). In the meantime, stay warm and keep your socks dry.

THL THL Kudrun

Next Meetings

Monday, December 27 — A Knight of Chivalry — Lady Cybele's, 3091 Michael Way. Potluck of stone soup (bring something that'll cook up nicely in a beef broth) with food being served at 6. Salads, desserts, and breads also welcome.

Monday, January 3 — Research night — LaCrosse Public Library

Monday, January 10 — A&S Night Skokke Towers — Bring sewing machines for garb-making

Monday, January 17 — Populace Meeting — Skokke Towers

Upcoming Events

January 15	Twelfth Night — Nordskogen (Bloomington MN)
January 29	It's only a flesh wound — Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)
February 5	That Moot Thingy — Coille Stoirmeil (see ad later in this issue)
February 19	Tournament of Chivalry — Silfren Mere
February 26	Fighters School—Windhaven
March 26	Castle Clearance — Coille Stoirmeil
April 2	Haire Affaire — Falcon's Keep
April 30	Games People Played? — Rokeclif
May 7	Rumble in the Forest — Coille Stoirmeil

Minutes of the Populace Meeting

December 15, 2010 — Train Station BBQ

Present: Bronislavá, Cybele, Kudrun, Robert

45-Minute Deputy Bronislava called the meeting to order. Orders were taken by the waitress. No more order.

OFFICER REPORTS

Chatelaine has invited Duke Sir Brother-in-Law Garrick to talk to us about chivalry on Monday, December 27 at Lady Cybele's. We can meet at 5 for pot luck. Please pre-fix stuff so we can begin eating at 6. We'll have some beefy stock started, so stone soup items will be welcome. So will breads, appetizers, salads, desserts...

Bronislavá will also be talking with the kingdom seneschal about finding new members. She's inviting Belle and Sorcha to talk with us about dance, A&S, and persona in January.

A&S — Kudrun led an A&S 50 Challenge gathering at Boar's Head. Bronislavá is writing up the trip in persona, but is having trouble finishing it because she's laughing so hard. Since Sir Garrick is visiting with us this month, we're not holding the A&S night on the 20th.

Deputy Exchequer — We're still solvent.

Equestrian -- the horsies are cold.

Deputy Chirurgeon — we're all ok... as much as ever.

Deputy Youth Minister — Shared a recipe for stuffed and roasted children.

Deputy Web Minister — There's intertubes! Eeek! They's popped!

Deputy Herald — Oyez! Oops.

Deputy Rapier Marshal is in full support of our Rapier on Ice event.

Armored Combat Marshal suggested using the rapier marshal as ammunition for a ballista. **Archery Marshal** educated **Armored Combat Marshal** on siege weaponry, so the suggestion was adjusted to the trebuchet. The **Rapier Marshal** was apparently speechless. New rules — no swimming in armor.

Deputy Nay-Sayer said no to all of the above. Robert volunteered to be the **Equestrian Marshal** so he could say "neigh" but he refused to leave the room, so he couldn't be voted on.

GAMES EVENT—April 30

The building has been sold. The new owners are supposed to honor all contracts, BUT...

BARDIC MADNESS

Mistress Eithni hasn't received commitment for Bardic Madness. The calendar is filling rapidly. (There are only three free weekends before WW!) We may just need to pull this rabbit out of a hat. Stay tuned.

AUTUMN ROSE — August 26-28

CORONATION or CROWN

There are no takers on either spring or fall Coronation or Crown. What if we offered to do an Autumn Rose Coronation in 2011? Kudrun will research what it would take for a Coronation bid.

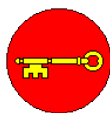
THAT MOOT THINGY — February 4-6

Coille Stoirmeil has asked us to do lunch. Kudrun will make a big pot of stew and squash soup (vegetarian). We'll need bread & fruits & vegies, maybe dessert. Bronislavá and Robert would help, but need day-trip transportation.

“ Hic autem quam celerrime possis currendum est modo ut in eodem loco maneas. Si aliquo alio ire velis, multo celerius currere oportet! ”

(Aliciae per speculum transitus p.24)

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That Moot Thingy (free ad)

That Moot Thingy will be coming up in Tomah on the weekend of February 4-6, 2011. Site fees will be \$7.50 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5-12, free for children under 5; Family maximum of \$25. Feast fees the same. This is a camping event... in Wisconsin... in February. How cool is that?

Games will include: Build a Castle; Build a Siege Weapon; Decorate a Staff; Mead Wars—there will be a travelling trophy for this; Chair Jousting, and the Bard of the Canton competition.

here's the catch —

Coille Stoirmeil would like us to serve lunch. Besides the soup I plan to bring, we'll need bread, cheese, veggies, dessert. Who'll help?

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