

The White Birch

The Newsletter of the Shire of Rokeclif

January XLVI (2012)

Seneschal's Missive

As I get ready for August 2007 (because I really can't face 2012) I suppose I should put together some cogent thoughts — an incisive review of the events, successes, and failures of 2011. Riiight. Actually, as I posted old issues of the White Birch to the web page, I did notice that we came up with lots of good ideas (and even more bad ones) that never came to fruition. Oh, well. I'd rather be in a shire that has lots of ideas than one that one that never tries anything new or different.

I'm also proud to be in a shire that cooked up that great December potluck of (almost) all period foods. It was delicious.

THL² Kudrun

LEATHER UPDATE — We (meaning Perry, who knew what he was doing) skinned Genovefa's deer on November 23. and we salted it down. Perry soaked it in lime to remove the hair, and on December 18, Bronislava, Robert, Genovefa, and Kudrun stretched the damp hide. Another hide went into a lime bath. It should be ready for stretching mid-January.

Next Meetings

January 4 — Research Night — 6PM at Bronislava's — no "shushing" allowed! Post requests for resources on the "Rokeclif" facebook page.

January 11 — A&S Night 6PM — "Medieval music you already know" at Cybele's — snacks welcome

Mid-January — more deerhide stretching at Perry's (ask Genovefa for directions)

January 18 — Populace meeting 6PM — Skokke Towers

February 1 — Research Night— 6PM Bronislava's

February 8 — A&S Night?

February 12 — noon (bring a light lunch and a friend) — "Singy Thingy" — Special A&S gathering at Lady Cybele's (to prepare for Bardic Madness) Everyone invited, including audience.

February 15 — Populace meeting — Skokke Towers

March 24 — Bardic Madness at Day's Hotel

April 11 — King Gambrinus' birthday and A&S Night

This month's font is called "Dark Ages". It doesn't look like an early period font, but I like the name. It fits the season.

Minutes of the Populace Meeting

December 11, 2011 — Stokke Towers

Present: Alois, Avery, Æmma, Bronisláva, Domaldi, Failend, Genovefa, Kudrun, Maewyn, Robert, Samuel

Bronislava called us to order around 2:15.

Kudrun reported an issue with someone double paying for Coronation. Suggested we comp him to Bardic Madness rather than go through the hassle of writing a check, or ask him to document the double payment if he'd prefer a check. M/S/V.

OFFICER REPORTS

A&S Minister — No report. Robert has tried to contact artists. He is ready to step down from the office. The deerhide will be ready to stretch soon. 10 AM, December 18, at Perry's in West Salem. He expects it to take 4 hours.

Chatelaine — retired in favor of being Bardic Madness autocrat and working for a living.

Exchequer — The third quarter report was filed. Domesday will be due January 31. Except for getting the domesday in, Maewyn will be out of commission until April 15. Facebook is the best way to contact him.

Thrown Weapons — No activity. We'll practice when tax season it over.

BARDIC MADNESS

A website has been started (off the Rokeclif page). Little is known yet, but we are meeting with the chef on December 14. We'll need a couple workdays — to make cool booklets and to do something with cowbells.



NEW OFFICERS

Radegund volunteered to become the A&S Minister.

Genovefa will become the new Webminister.

Æmma will be the Director of Acquisition and Reconnaissance in Foreign Lands.

Domaldi will become the Snitmeister. Robert will be Marshal of Ultra-Heavy Weapons (pots and pans).

Kudrun will bring change-of-officer forms to the January meeting to make it official. Meanwhile, Radegund and Genovefa will fill out the online change-of-officer form, and introduce themselves to their kingdom superiors.

CALL TO DISORDER

The food was ready and smelled so good that we didn't close the meeting. We're still in session!

A&S Tally

Kudrun added resource pages (garb, food) to Rokeclif.org website.

Bronisláva attended Kudrun's lecture. Researched period recipes and made period gingerbread.

Domaldi studied humoral cooking, and made armored turnips for the meeting.

Genovefa is researching and doing leathermaking. Putting ref. together.

Æmma found garb material. Wore garb for Halloween.

Robert made a scroll blank, armoring, sewing books, made a period ham roast for potluck.

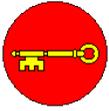
Maewyn cooked period tart for meeting.

Radegund cooked period lentil dish for meeting and researched period food.

ROKECLIF HAS AWESOME PERIOD COOKS!



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Upcoming Events

January 7	Winter Knights — Blachemere (Ramsey MN)
January 28	It's only a flesh wound — Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)
February 4	Early Period Symposium — Blachemere (Coon Rapids MN)
February 11	Tournament of Chivalry — Shattered Oak (Eau Claire WI)
February 18	Lupercalia — Rivenwood Tower (Nicollet MN)
February 25	Fighter School — Windhaven (Kewaunee WI)
March 3	Fighting in the shade — Jararvellir (Madison WI)
March 16	That Moot Thingy — Coille Stoirmeil (Wilton WI)
March 24	Bardic Madness — Rokeclif
March 31	Haire Affaire — Falcons Keep (Wausau WI)

This list is far from complete. It's mostly events nearby, or of particular importance. Consult www.Northshield.org for a complete event schedule.

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