



# The White Birch

The Newsletter of the Shire of Rokeclif  
June XLVI (2011)

## Seneschal's Missive

I've been sitting in the carriage too much. 1300 miles for Bardic Madness; 800 miles for Bardic Bedlam. What can I do for exercise? I know — I'll help clean out the storage shed and arrange things neatly into totes. Maybe on Saturday, June 11 at 1.

The shed is on Silver Lake Road, just south of the Piggly Wiggly in Galesville. It's actually under the tower's guy wires. Bring gloves, brooms, dustpans, and other implements of destruction.

THL<sup>2</sup> Kudrun



---

## Next Meetings

- Monday, June 6 — 6 PM or so — Research Day — LaCrosse Public Library
- Saturday, June 11 — 1 PM or so — Storage shed cleanup — Galesville, under the TV tower
- Monday, June 13 — 6 PM — A&S Night — Cameron Park. LaX (tentative) Tips on SCA etiquette, including identifying royalty, ex-royalty, and peers.
- Monday, June 20 — Populace Meeting — Myrick Park (in library if it snows)

## Upcoming Events

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| June 4       | Mermaid's Retreat — Turm an dem See (Valders WI) |
| June 18      | Rose Tournament — Shattered Oak (Eau Claire WI)  |
| June 24-26   | Border Skirmish — CAM (Kenosha WI)               |
| July 7-10    | Warriors & Warlords — (Boscobel WI)              |
| 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 — (????)                         |
| November 12  | SUN (?)  |

# Minutes of the Populace Meeting

May 16, 2011 — Skokke Towers

Present: Cybele, Vettoria, Vitaliano, Alyssa, Bronislavá, Kudrun, Robert, Domaldi, Æmma  
Bronislavá oyezed us to order at 6:20.

## GAMES EVENT

The main order of business was to evaluate the “Games People Played” event. Overall it was a good time. It was relaxed, and though we had a schedule, we were able to “go with the flow”. Cybele appreciated the accessibility of the site. The Kingdom Seneschal and one of the merchants gave unsolicited testimony after the event. Donna reported that the school visitors enjoyed it. The site was left cleaner than Donna expected.

Improvements that could be made? Signs, both inside and out. We’ll hold a class on filling out event paperwork. Kudrun needs to find the cashbox. The event report hasn’t been turned in yet.

It was moved and voted to pay for the games and game pieces from the youth minister’s budget rather than from the event budget. We’ll use these things later.

Overall, we lost about \$120 on the event. Cybele volunteered to make up the loss with a personal donation if that would be acceptable.

## OFFICER REPORTS— sorta

Chatelaine’s Report — “We have new people!” We’ll hold meetings in garb in public parks when the weather is good. We need to make some new signs. Clean out storage unit. Burn old signs. Need new totes! Good ones! It would also be good to create a shire presence at events. Rokeclif badges might be good. A nice banner might be good also.

Æmma wants us to go to Lewes as a shire. To do so would require using the funds we have set aside for Gavin’s helicopter, which is ok, since he’s not chirurgon any more.

## CORONATION BID

There was much discussion of our bid for Fall Coronation (September 10). Assignment of classrooms, motel blocks, Elvis invasion, lunch, setup, schedule, cooler space... many issues were hashed over, including the request for a dancing juggling bear when Domaldi becomes king. Some staff issues: we need one person in charge of troll (Vettoria). We want three people at troll at all times. A dining room supervisor is needed, separate from the feast steward. This person will train and organize servers. Three people plus Domaldi and Vitaliano will be needed in kitchen. A separate kitchen cleanup person is also needed. An experienced royalty liaison would be good. They can train someone from the shire. Candidates for experienced help with all event roles were discussed.

It was voted to accept the bid that Bronislavá and Kudrun put together and send it on to kingdom.

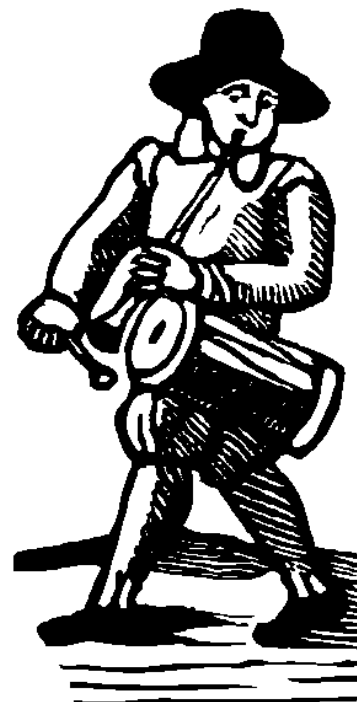
Work days needed: shed cleanup, signs, site tokens, feast test (with the full menu in small portions).

Meeting was closed at 8:50.



## A & S List

- Æmma — Lots of persona research
  - Joined the A&S 50 Challenge (see below)
- Domaldi — Food research
  - Made armored turnips
- Cybele — Secret Horde stuff in red & black garb.
  - Working on July presentation “Folksingers, Bards, and Storytellers”
  - Bought more garb (black & gold) at Rumble in the Forest
- Vetтория — Garb research for Vitaliano and Alyssa
  - Period dying
- Vitaliano — Food research—10th century Norse
  - Garb research
- Bronislavá — Assisted with persona development
  - Researched New World beverages
- Robert — Worked on armor
- Kudrun — Taught class at Bardic Madness
  - Sang/wrote stuff at Bardic Madness
  - Research for Coronation
  - Helping new folks with research



## Bardic Bedlam



“The” serves feast

Elashava bas Riva, Bronislavá, and Kudrun meandered down to the village of Puddleford, near St. Louis MO for *Bardic Bedlam*, Calontir’s version of Northshield’s *Bardic Madness*. The village of Puddleford consists of a chapel, a castle, a tavern, a bridge, and a barn. It’s all on an SCA member’s land.

The theme of the event was “Come and be welcome, ye bards one and all” and the Calontiri made us all feel very warmly welcomed. Many of the performances were recorded on the Shavasue channel on You Tube. Yes, that includes performance by Bronislavá and Kudrun.

It was neat to go to an out-of-kingdom event to learn the differences and the similarities in SCA play across kingdoms.

Pictures by Shava



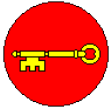
Music by firelight

## A & S 50 Challenge

The A&S 50 Challenge is a means to extend our work in the arts and sciences. The challenge is to do 50 projects before the SCA’s 50th anniversary in 2014. It can take three forms: breadth (exploring 50 different disciplines), depth (doing 50 projects in one discipline) or persona (creating 50 things your persona would have used or done). There are Yahoo! groups for both the Known World and for Northshield. Occasionally Northshield challengers meet at events and see what we’re doing. Talk with Kudrun for more info.



## Officers of the Shire



**Seneschal/Chronicler** – Kudrun þe Pilegrim (Karyn Schmidt)  
 PO Box 147 Ettrick WI 54627 (608) 525-8400  
 seneschal@rokeclif.org



**Exchequer/Thrown Weapons Marshal** – Charles Maewyn MacLachlin (Jerald Roeckers)  
 N7295 Cty Hwy XX Holmen, WI 54636 (608) 797-4093  
 exchequer@rokeclif.org



**A&S Minister** – Robert the Unlucky (Bob Haavind)  
 421 South Sixth St., LaCrosse, WI 54601  
 bluetooth65@gmail.com



**Web Minister/ Youth Minister** – Vitaliano Vincenzi (Shane Lambert)  
 PO Box 705, Holmen WI 54636 (608) 498-4808  
 vitaliano@rokeclif.org

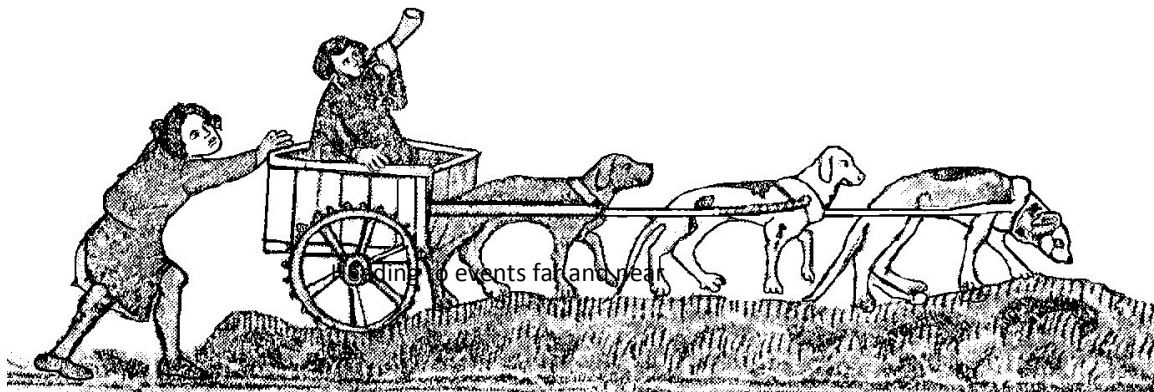


**Chatelaine/Minister of Random Hugs** – Bronislavá (Kirsta Skaff)  
 702 Losey Blvd. South. LaCrosse WI 54601 (608) 785-3107  
 zvpeyronne@yahoo.com



**Herald** – Amata Cromwell (Amy Schleter)  
 Unofficial until her membership is renewed.

Lady Cybele regrets that she will not be at the next few gatherings because she did something completely period — she fell off her horse and broke her leg. She’s doing ok, but won’t be walking much. She’ll be hanging out at Bethany– St. Joseph’s in south LaCrosse for the time being.



### DISCLAIMER

The White Birch is a publication of the Shire of Rokeclif of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. It is not a corporate publication of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., and does not delineate SCA policies. It’s lucky when it gets information straight and spells words correctly.

### SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

The White Birch is published monthly. It is available in paper form for a suggested donation of \$12 a year. You may mail a check made out to “SCA Wisconsin – Shire of Rokeclif” to Karyn Schmidt, PO Box 147, Ettrick WI 54627.