



# the WHITE BIRCH

NEWSLETTER OF THE SHIRE OF ROKECLIF

MAY 2010 (AS XLV)

## seneschal's missive

Because of the many Pie Snit pictures, this issue was too large to upload to Yahoo. This is the text portion of the newsletter only.

To all who read and hear these words, Kudrun Pilegrim sends greeting.

Happy New Year! May 1 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society for Creative Anachronism. It was also the day of our third Pie Snit. Thanks to Vitaliano Vincenzi and his crew for hosting a delightful time in the Shire. (Vitaliano's message follows.)

A messenger arrived with the news that our first quarter Exchequer report was filed. Thank you, Maewyn.

Kudrun

## next meeting

Sunday, May 16 – 2 PM

Skokke Towers – 6<sup>th</sup> & Division Streets, LaCrosse

Anyone who can is welcome to bring food to share.

## upcoming events

Selected list. For the complete list, see the *Northwatch* or [www.northshield.org](http://www.northshield.org)

- May 15 Beltaine by the Bay – Darkstone (Mason WI)
- May 28-31 Castle Fever/TOC – Silfren Mere (Preston MN)
- June 4-6 Rumble in the Forest – Coille Stoirmeil (Camp Douglas WI)
- June 4-6 Mermaids – Turm an dem See (Valders WI)
- June 11-13 Border Skirmish – CAM (Kenosha WI)
- June 12 **Butterfest demo** – Coille Stoirmeil (Sparta WI)
- July 8-10 Warriors & Warlords – Jararvellir & Nordskogen – Boscobel WI
- August 13-15 Poor Man's Pennsic – Falcon's Keep (Wisconsin Rapids)
- August 20-22 St Radegund's Fair – Rivenwood Tower (Mankato MN)
- September 3-5 Autumn Rose** (sweet) XVI (century)

## MORE ABOUT THE BUTTERFEST DEMO

Coille Stoirmeil has lots of space to show the public what SCA is all about. Since people come to Butterfest from all over, it's possible that we could hook some new Rokeclif people by appearing at the

demo and showing everybody how awesome SCA is. There is a parade on Sunday (June 13), with a float for people who won't be walking. This is great exposure – let's plan to show up in droves.

## minutes of the populace meeting

April 18, 2010 – Skokke Towers

Present: Alyssa, Bronislavá, Cybele, Kudrun, Robert, Vettoria, Vitaliano. Local guest: Carol  
The meeting drifted to order around 2:25.

OFFICERS:

Exchequer's report is due April 30.

AUTUMN ROSE

Bronislavá is working on getting dancing after feast, boffer marshals, horses, and possibly Byle. A groaning board approach to feast is looking more desirable, as we don't have anyone stepping tup to coordinate a whole served feast.

PIE SNIT

Everything is in place. Bardic challenge sponsors were chosen. Lunch menu was posted on the web. Court is still uncertain, but Vitaliano is in contact with Her Majesty's chamberlain.

Meeting devolved into munching.

## A&S List

Bronislavá – Checking on pie recipes.

Robert – Working on calligraphy.

## FROM THE EVENT STEWARD

Greetings unto the populace of Northshield,

I would like to take a moment of your time to share with you some of the activities and stellar service provided during this past weekends May Day Pie Snit. First, thank you to all who attended and made this incredibly silly event so enjoyable to all in attendance.

A special thank you to Her Majesty Sigrid for leading our opening dance at the May Pole and for the inviting my family to join her at head table during feast. And thank you for including our daughter Allyssa in the dance, she really enjoyed it and asked just this morning to do it again.

Additional thank you's go out to Lady Antoinette Genheimer of the Canton of Coille Stoirmeil and her kitchen staff David of Spinning Winds and one other (forgive me as I have forgotten your name) for providing a wonderful lunch during the event. I know that the Thuringer will again be enjoyed by my family later this week.

Also to Pierre de Champagne for his generous donation of the site, for his tireless efforts before, during, and after the event, wonderful event signage, and for his A&S display.

And to Freiherr Albrecht Waldfurster who without being asked offered his services at Herald's Point.

And to Bronislava of the Shattered Seax, Robert the Unlucky, Kudrun Be Pilegrim, and Vettoria Soranzo, of the Shire of Rokeclif, for their help preparing for and in closing the event. We shall have many stories to tell of our pre-revel in the library, I am quite certain.

Again, thank you, and I look forward to many more enjoyable events this 45th year of our society.

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Yours In Service,  
Vitaliano Vincenzi

Congratulations to Lord Robert the Unlucky, who received his Award of Arms at Pie Snit

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