



# the **White Birch**

## The Newsletter of the Shire of Rokeclif

### OCTOBER XLVI

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### Seneschal's Missive

We made it! Northshield Fall Coronation was a huge success. The weather cooperated, so we were able to host fighting and fencing outside. The A&S display was modest, but featured some amazing items. Because of the vagaries of the schedule, classes were pretty informal, but people learned a few things. Niccolo was elevated to the Order of the Laurel. We discovered that a 12-foot tent can fit under an 8 foot ceiling... sort of. Most importantly, Vlad and Petranella ascended Northshield's Stellar Thrones and began Their reign.

259 people came through the gate. Some came from as far afield as West Dakota, Milwaukee, and Canada. 59 paid for feast, though several more enjoyed the delicious meal, since cooks, servers and Their Majesties are provided their victuals free of charge. I heard several compliments on the feast and the service, which I passed on to Vitaliano.

In all, it was a glorious day. Many thanks to the members of the shire and to our friends and neighbors, who made it happen.

THL<sup>2</sup> Kudrun

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### Next Meetings

Wednesday, October 5 — Research Night—6PM LaCrosse Public Library

Wednesday, October 12 — A&S Night — where and when?

Wednesday, October 19 — Populace meeting — Robert's

Friday-Sunday, October 21-23 — Bronislava's Birthday party, or The Rapture

Wednesday, November 2 — Research Night

Undetermined — Yule potluck — with serious food!

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

# Minutes of the populace meeting

September 21, 2011 — Stokke Towers

Present: Cybele, Bronisláva, Maewyn, Robert, Kudrun, Failend, John, Eugene

45-Minute Deputy Anything called the meeting to Order.

## OFFICER REPORTS

A&S Minister — Robert contacted a gallery.

Chatelaine — Talked to people — that's her job!

Equestrian — Cybele is going riding tomorrow

Exchequer — Wishes to acquire a stamp that says "For Deposit Only" and has the shire's account number and our proper name on it. Bronisláva made the motion and Robert seconded it. The nay-sayer wasn't here, so it passed. Checks will be stamped as soon as they are received at the gate. Coronation finally balanced, and all the reports were signed. Maewyn will send them in, with the waivers, NMS check, and a check for the kingdom's part of the proceeds. BTW, Maewyn's internet is down. If you need him, please call.

Herald — AWOL, but Amata and Kudrun updated the Order of Precedence while waiting for car repairs.

Marshals — Some people are interested in thrown weapons. Maewyn will work on it. The children have archery equipment, thanks to Robert, who was rewarded for his kindness by being shot with (rubber) arrows. Ahlwin and Byle now have the same schedule, so we may see fence practice.

Chirurgeon was AWOL.

Seneschal — Shared the lovely thank-you note from Marwen, Kingdom Seneschal.

## BARDIC MADNESS

There was considerable discussion about the bid Bronisláva is preparing for Bardic Madness. A fee structure that includes a student rate and a family maximum was discussed. (A family maximum was allowed at Coronation, by edict of the Finance Committee.) Other details for the event (cash box, rates, preregistration, King Gambrinus) were discussed. Bronisláva will talk with Eithne by the end of the month.

## NOVICES, NEOPHYTES AND KNAVES

Bronisláva has found free lodging and will coordinate travel.

QUOTE OF THE NIGHT — "I want to learn about forgery — no that's not it — blacksmithing."

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## A&S Tally

Bronisláva — Talked to a whole bunch of people

Kudrun — Harvested herbs (dried some, processed some).

Painted griffin on box for Coronation.

Harvested grapes and started cordial.

Provided badges to identify A&S 50 Challenge items at Coronation.

Cybele — Storytelling.

Reviewing songs for bardic event.

Working on gold undergarb.

Robert — Work on getting artist into SCA.

Failend — Sewing non-garb for wedding

Maewyn — Harvested grapes



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 Unofficial until her membership is renewed.

## Upcoming Events

October 1	Novices, Neophytes & Knaves – Turm an dem See (Sheboygan WI)
October 8	Crown Tournament -- Nordskogen (Andover MN)
October 14-16	Northshield Rapier Academy — Falcon’s Keep (Montello WI)
October 21-22	Griffin Needle Challenge – Jararvellir (Madison WI)
October 29	Danza Macabra — Windhaven (Green Bay WI)
November 12	SUN – Rudivale (Grand Forks ND)
December 11	Boar’s Head — CAM (West Bend, WI)
January 28	It’s only a flesh wound — Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)
February 4	Early Period Symposium — Blachemere (Coon Rapids MN)

his 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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