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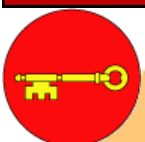


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Event Calendar

April 2024

- 1 Deadline for May Tidings
- 6 Ice Dragon, Kingdom of Aethelmarc (Batavia, NY)
- 13 Sock Burner, Stronghold of Greyfells (Odessa, ON)
- 20 Paardenbloeam Festival, Barony of Skraeling Althing (Lyndhurst, ON)
- 27 Spring Coronation, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Lindsay, ON)

May 2024

- 1 Deadline for June Tidings
- 4 Mayhem on May 4 th , virtual event, Stronghold of Greyfells
- 11 Lady Mary Memorial Tournament, Barony of Rising Waters (St. Catharines, ON)
- 17-20 Fruits of Our Labours, Canton of Byrniau Twynnog (Drumbo, ON)
- 25 Spring Crown Tournament, Canton of Monadh (Caledon, ON)

June 2024

- 1 Deadline for July Tidings
- 6 - 9 Murder Melee in the Meadow, Barony of Ben Dunfirth (Hamilton, ON)
- 21-23 Barons Brouhaha, Canton of Northgaethum (Tiverton, ON)
- June 28- July 1 Trillium War, Canton of Ard Chreag (Havelock, ON)

July 2024

- 1 Deadline for August Tidings
- 4-7 Knowne World Dance & Music Symposium, Middle Kingdom (Danville, IN)
- July 26- August 11 Pennsic War 51, Kingdom of Aethelmarc (Slippery Rock, PA)

August 2024

- 1 Deadline for September Tidings
- July 26- August 11 Pennsic War 51, Kingdom of Aethelmarc (Slippery Rock, PA)
- 2 - 4 Murder Muster, Shire of Champcorbeau (Merline, ON)
- Aug 29-Sept 2 Gwyl y Fflam - Autumn Flames, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Havelock, ON)

September 2024

- 1 Deadline for October Tidings
- Aug 29-Sept 2 Gwyl y Fflam - Autumn Flames, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Havelock, ON)
- 14 Stone the Crows, Shire of Champcorbeau (Merlin, ON)

<https://ealdormere.ca/how-to-register-your-event-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

Kingdom Event Rotation

2025

- 2025 Spring A&S: Shires
(assist from Ramshaven)
- 2025 Spring Coronation: Rising Waters
- 2025 Spring Crown: Ben Dunfirth
- 2025 Fall Coronation: Septentria
- 2024 Fall Crown: Skraeling Althing

2026

- 2026 Spring A&S: Ramshaven
- 2026 Spring Coronation: Shires
(assist from Skraeling Althing)
- 2026 Spring Crown: Rising Waters
- 2026 Fall Coronation: Ben Dunfirth
- 2026 Fall Crown: Septentria

From the House NorGoth aka The Barbarians



Hail puny mortals!

We have taken over.

It turns out it's not the victors who write history, it's those who can read and write.

So inevitably we learned we must capture the printing presses.

During the plague we have acquired a certain set of skills...

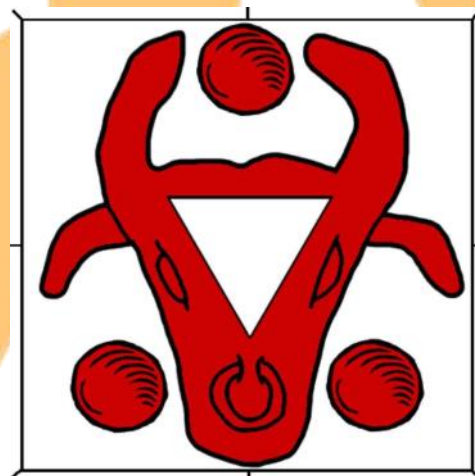
We first tried to take over the newsletter by employing the ol' throwing Baron Tanon with a coffee table at it; but turns out we can break a firewall as easy as we can crack a shield wall by using a programming technique called Brute Force.

So now while we wait for our ransom, we will use this opportunity to shamelessly promote our household's activities.

Enjoy!!

Carnage, Suffering & Shame,

Jack & Tristham



From the Barbarian Loom

Master Tadc mac Briain, OL, recently presented his ongoing work on the dye formulas from Rosetti's 'The Plictho' at the Known World Colour Symposium, hosted by The Kingdom of Ealdormere.

'The Plictho', published in Venice in 1548, is the first dyers textbook, and contains a wide range of dye techniques and formulas, with a focus on reds, and blacks.



He is focusing on exploring the variety of ways reds were made, and is looking forward to trying more of the formulas this spring.



Photo caption: Colours From 'The Plictho'. Dye formula results on a variety of wools, silks, and linens. All formula redactions, and dye work by Master Tadc. Photograph, and text © Jack Paltanen, 2024.

From the Barbarian Bar

The Drittsekk,

Many, many moons ago, in my days before husbands and children, I visited the Völva who lived on the edge of our village. I was seeking advice, dissuasion or prophecy as I was alive with discord and lost in dissension. She took me in and listened to my plight with uneasy intensity. When I was finished my stories of woe and songs of longing, she paused, sighing deeply and said, "You need the Drittsekk."

The Völva stood and walked toward her Grimoire and myriad of herbs and potions. She chanted and sang while conjuring what seemed to be a magical elixer, bubbling and glowing as if the moon herself was swirling inside the horn. As the last pinch of mystical alchemy was added, she stood back and said, "Drink and be silent. When you have finished the last drop, we will talk again."

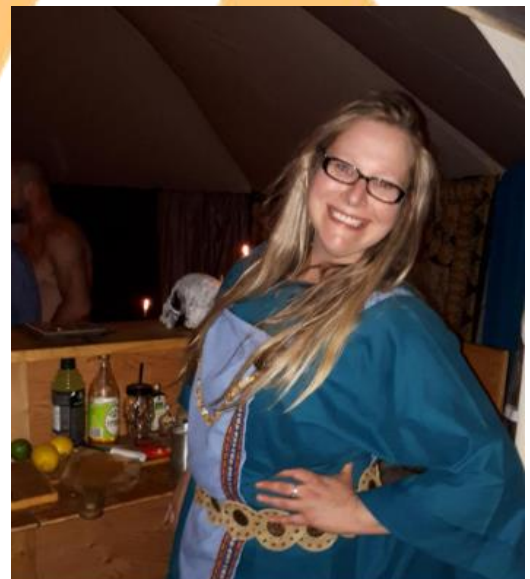
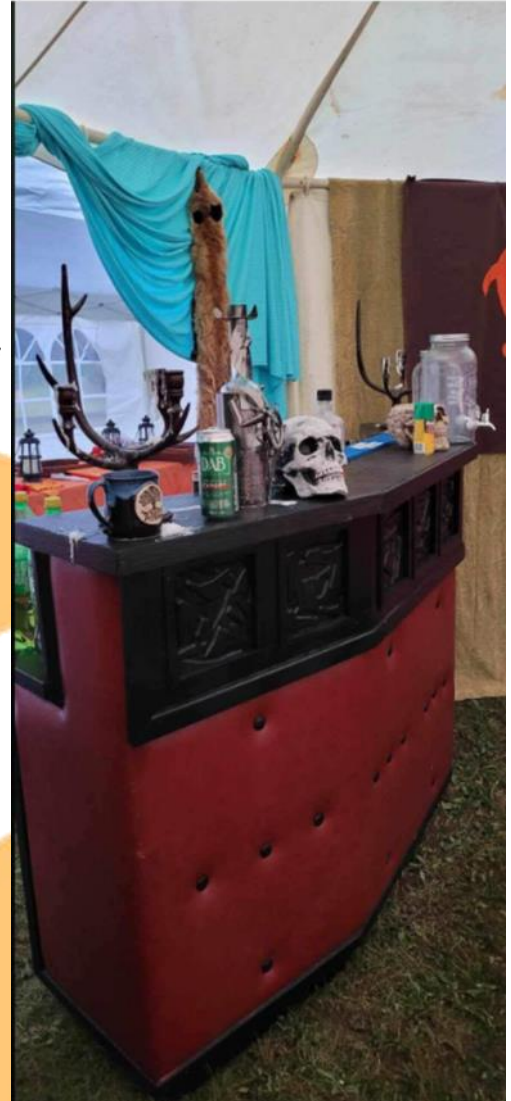
I took up the horn, raised it to my lips and drank. First, a taste. It was glorious. Sweet and warming yet chilled to godlike perfection. Each sip became easier and easier. What a delight, this Drittsekk. A pleasure to my tongue and warmth to my heart. The Völva watched as I drank to the last drop and smiled, saying, "Now, you may ask of me one question and I will bless you with the truth".

I sat and pondered for a moment, thinking of my life and my challenges. One question. Oh, how I could feed my journey with this answer! I could conquer new worlds and bear the strongest sons! With the Völva's elixer still lingering on my lips and knowing the answer to this one question will light my course, I stood up from my chair, looked the Völva in the eye and said, "May I have the recipe?"

The Völva smiled and said, "every bloody time..."

Drittsekk will be available at the "BarBar" @ Murder Melee '24

Lore by Skully the Barbarian, Lord of the Barbarian Bar.



From the Barbarian Kitchen

Sir Tristham's SirLoin

- Sirloin
- Salt
- Pepper
- Garlic

Cook "low and slow" at 200-300C on a smoker for 6-10 beers.



Grimroth's Crispy skin on smoked pork belly

Take skin on pork belly, lacerate the flesh or puncture approximately one inch apart, flip over and cut the meat into 2 in by 2 in cubes but still attached to the skin, apply your favorite rub to the meat side and between the cubes, apply a ton kosher salt to flesh side, smoke flesh side up, flip half way, remove when probe tender, brush salt off skin, in frying pan full of hot oil put side skin down till it plumps, changes color and becomes crispy, slice and serve.



Jack's Spaghetti-o's Hack

When you find yourself lacking in the dish department craving canned food, try this life hack:

- Open Can
- Heat on Stove
- Stir frequently
- Watch for bubbles
- Serve when hot

NOTE: Next time I'll show you how to reheat your lunch using a heated car seat.

From the Dump



SNAG finds Treasure Trove at Dump including a Broadsword.
SNAG Takes it as an Omen from CROM to continue to pick through the dump.



From our Boffer Pit

WARNING!! WARNING! INCOMING!! INCOMING!!

All we'll say is our youth are fierce and hungry for blood!!!



From our Bard

Composed for Thord's Knighting
-From Matty with Love

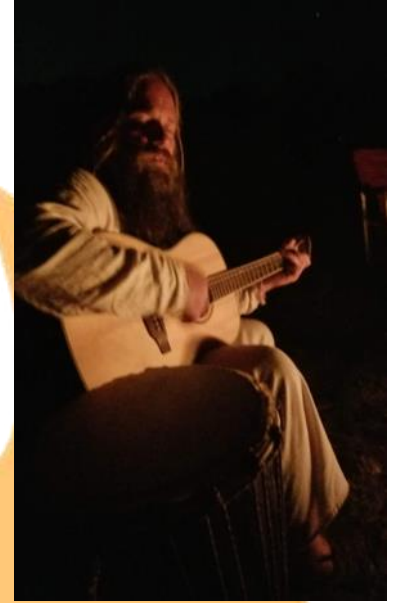
The Immortal Viking Hero (Sir) Thord

Who's the greatest champion in all of Ealdormere?
The immortal, Viking hero Thord
Who brandishes large weapons who sunders shields and spears
The immortal Viking hero Thord
Who's the guy we love the most
C'mon pals. Lift up your toast.



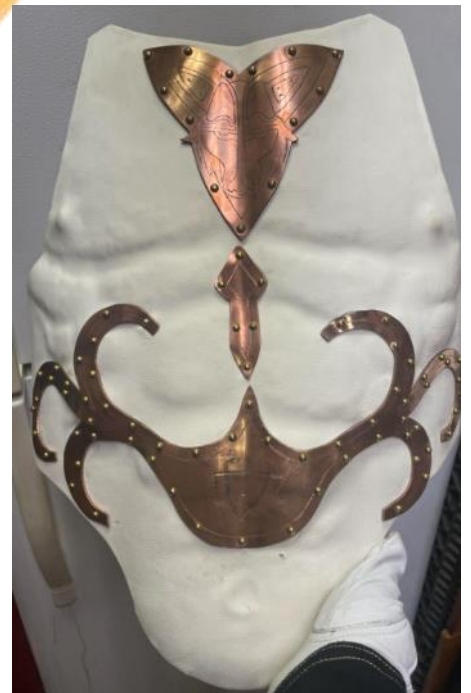
The immortal Viking hero Thord
Who was Squired to mighty Sarnac
Who's sword we miss today.
The immortal Viking hero Thord
Who's presence on the shield wall
makes the bad guys run away
The immortal Viking hero Thord
Who's the guy we love the most
Come me lads lift up you toast
The immortal Viking hero Thord
Who shield punched Grimroth so hard
that it knocked him all over the place
The immortal Viking hero Thord
Who while Grimroth rose gently
stabbed him in the face
The immortal Viking hero thord
Who's the guy we love the most
Come on pals raise up your toast
The immortal Viking hero Thord
Who kills men by the hundreds then
cooks them in a pot
The immortal, Viking hero Thord
Who's kind of an axe murderer but
most would say he's not
The immortal Viking hero Thord
Who's the guy, we love the most

Come on pals. Lift up your toast
The immortal, Viking hero Thord.



From the Garage

In the garage, I feel safe
No one cares about my ways
In the garage where I belong
No one hears me sing this song
In the garage.



Jack's Helmet Count: 78



From the Barbarian Backyard

Barbarian campground is still in development. At Trevis's (that's the samurai Barbarian) place in Aurora, the plan is to build a campground suitable for camping 200+ with permanent washroom facilities.

Current camping capacity: 40-ish

Goal by end of summer 2024:

- Capacity 120-ish
- More than 2 Acres of forest to be cleared
- 3 additional outhouses

Barbarians have been observed building a Viking Longhouse on the property



From Our Household to yours, CHEERS!







Cover Art

The photos in the borealis by various Barbarians and others of the populace. No one has issue with their images' use, nor those within the photos themselves.

THE TIDINGS THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE KINGDOM OF

A few things we're required to say...

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