

Harrowmoot 2005 Aet bannung

Be it known that upon the tide of Ewemuloc, the weekend of February 25-27, 2005 c.e., a second annual Harrowmoot was hosted in Mexia, Texas by Oethelland Cynn, a Theodish aett, and fosterlings of Dan Eorl O'Halloran, Ætheling of the Normannii Thiud aet Reik. The OETHeland Cynn, lead by her lord, Daniel Ordthain Flores, and Richard Thane Culver, now of the New Friesland Rike, gave great guest-rite to all our folk.

This year's Harrowmoot saw for the first time in Theodish history, members of five tribes sitting in Hall together. These tribes, spanned the breadth of Theodism; from former Mood Hill Theod to Wednesbury Theod- now Mercia Theod, to New Friesland Thiud to Normandy Theod, all Gering sprung, and former members of the Winland Rice; and on into Neowanglia Theod and Ætheland Theod, who have emerged in fosterage from Mercia and Normandy respectively.

The event was attended by three Tribal Æthelings; Dan Eorl O'Halloran of Normandy, Gerd Athelmon Groenwald of New Friesland, and Swain Ætheling Wodening of Mercia; as well Brian Hearra Smith of Neoweanglia and Daniel Ordthain Flores of Jutland. Many other longtime Theodsmen of great gefrain were in attendance including Jason Hera Thunaward of New Friesland, William Thain McNamara of Normandy, Terry Thane Coker of New Friesland, and Jeff Thegn Runokivi of Neoweanglia.

Many other Heathen Leaders were also in attendance including: Jim Chisholm and Alice Karlsdottir of the Rune Gild; Troth Redesmen Ben Waggoner and Rod Landreth; Everte Farnell Lawspeaker of Osprey Bay, Hundr of the Texas Asatru League; Vaygar of the Rheinwood Tribal Alliance; Donna and Lisa of the Raven Heart Kindred; and Bear of the Brotherhood of the Hammer.

The most honored guests were of course Stephen Pollington and his wife. Mr. Pollington is a prominent scholar and author on Anglo-Saxon history and immeasurably enriched all with his insight. He also dutifully and graciously participated in every facet of the Heathen moot, and contributed greatly to the Head Table at Sumble.

In a private Faetterscip ceremony Dan Eorl O'Halloran Atheling of the Normannii Reik and Swain Hlaford Atheling of Mercia shared an ale cup and spittle, thus recognizing their kin-ties. The faetterscip rite was witnessed by Lady Cynthia of Normandy, Tee Hlafdige of Mercia, Hundur, Brian Hearra Néoweanglie, Daniel Ordthain.

Minor Sumbel was held on Friday Evening lead by Dan Ætheling. Several important matter of the High Theodish community were attended to:

- Dan Atheling of Normandy purchased the right to hear the Hold Oath of Brian Hearra Smith of Neoweanglia from Swain Atheling Mercia.
- Brian Hearra Smith of Neoweanglia swore Hold of Fosterage at the knee of Dan Atheling, thus bringing Anglia within the Norman Reik.

- Brian Hearra Smith heard confirmations of Hold at knee from his men Jeff Thegn Runokivi, Ron Thegn Bragna, and Galina Cosetla Krasskova.
- Daniel Ordthain heard civilian Hold of his man Tim Gebur Delbridge who was freed at Yule.
- Gerd Athelmon of New Friesland heard the Hold of Terry Thegn Coker at his knee.
- Gerd Etheling of New Friesland purchased the right to hear Rich Thain Culver from Dan Atheling, and Rich Thain swore Hold at the knee of Gerd Athelmon.
- Gerd Etheling of New Friesland welcomed Jennifer Kottaren after she indicated her intention of swearing Hold to his Lady Stacy at a future date.

A workshop was held by Jennifer Kottaren Culver on Spae with Widsith and much lore unraveled and was followed by a Spae-Rite conducted by her. Steve Pollington gave a talk on the role of the Mead Hall in Anglo Saxon culture, and took many questions and devoted much to expanding the Folk's awareness of his work. A discussion on Asatru and Theodism was held by Dan Ætheling, focusing on the Three Rings of Thew, which was then followed by a workshop on Theodish Ritual and Sumbel by Rich Thegn Culver. Rich Thegn and Jennifer Kottaren led the folk in a Thuorsblot at dusk, which was followed by Feast.

Formal Sumbel was held on Saturday Evening lead once again by Dan Atheling. Several Boasts were made at Sumbel and many gifts were exchanged, in all, the Hall-joy was superb and the "sumbleness" was built by all.

- Hundr of the Texas Asatru League made a boast that he would pay the site fee for next year's Harrowmoot.
- Terry Thain of New Friesland made a boast to donate \$1000 to the New Friesland land fund by Midsummer this year. If he fails to make the donation in full Jason Hera Thunaward of New Friesland is to donate \$2000 by Yule this year.
- Gerd Athelmon acknowledged before the Hall that Jason Hera Hutchinson, is and remains Lord Thundersly of New Friesland.
- Ben Waggoner and Rod Landreth, on behalf of the Troth gifted a beautiful seax to Daniel Ordthain as a token of goodwill towards the Theodish community in general. The gift was gratefully accepted and appropriately dedicated.

- Jason Hera Thunawearð flytted with many in the hall, and Jeff Thegn thyled well many words in the Well.
- A wretch, Dave, placed himself upon the Thrael's auction block. He was purchased by Tim Gebur for the sum of three lucky pennies and is now a skalk in Normandy.

After much merriment and camaraderie, on Sunday the camp was struck and the folk departed, but not before one last bout of Texas BBQ at the local Billy & the Kids. A wealful time was had by all. Godsward us!

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Dan Eorl O'Halloran, does set his reeves, let them be known through out the Reik:

Gedryth Sigewita: Brian Hearra Smith
 Draught Wita: Daniel Ordthain Flores
 Wita: Lou Thain Sancio

Heoh Sheriff of the Reik: William Thain McNamara
 Steward: Lou Thain Sancio
 Understeward: Ron Thegn Branga

Sheriff of Normandy Thiud & Undersheriff of the Reik: Kevin Sergens Owens
 Aethling's Yeoman & Pursewarden: Micha Karlen Owens

Sheriff of Anglia Theod: Jess Thygen Blalock

Ambihtspyle of the Reik : Kass Thygen Lutz
 Scop of the Reik: Conn Gebur