

Trækro Mark Abanning - Summermál 2005

On May Eve, 2005 CE the Folk of Normandy, gathered at the home of Lou Thain Sancio of Trækro Mark, in Dingman Township Pennsylvania. The Spring had come to the Northeast and it was time to bring in the Summer's tide with traditional Normannii fanfare. Friday Evening saw the Vanic Cultus perform a Walpurgis Rite. Micha Karlen Owens came down from the wilds of Niagara Falls NY to lead the Vanafolc, in their rite, which, while semi-public, was seen to be a success by all measure.

Saturday started with a traditional Mayday ritual drama. The Folk gathered about the dying Winter King, played by a worthless thrall, Gary Skalk who was thrown down and promptly beaten with sticks by the Folk before the newly risen Summer King, played impeccably by Conn Kottar. The Summer King then took a May Queen (Trækro's own Anna Robertsottir), who was crowned and hailed by the Folk. The May Queen and Summer King declared Winter dead and the Folk processed with the May Queen carrying a straw effigy of Winter King. The Mayday drama included the traditional Germanic characters: the Sinister Teaser, played by our own Dan Lord, the Man-Beast Hobbyhorse, Lou Thegn, and the Fool-King Punch, adroitly feigned by Jimmy Skalk. They danced the folk to the appointed place where the sacrifice was revered, and the Winter King burned, as Mayday unfolded.

Later, out of his role as Teaser and assuming the mantle of lordship, Dan Eorl, Aetheling of the Normannii lead our Folk in the tide's Sigrblot; wherein a worthy sword and scabbard were ritually slain, and sacrificed to the Gods in the balefire for victory in the upcoming year.

That night, a marvelous Husel was served by the lady of the Hall, Ramona Thainswif, followed by High Sumbel. Many worthy words were spoken over horn and there were several items of particular importance:

- Bob Goodfolk of Albany boasted that he would gift Lou Thain a walking stick by Midsummer; and then sold himself into Skalk. After a contested bidding he was purchased by Kasidy Thygen for 3 Pennies.
- Conn Kottar was heightened to Gneat by his lord, Dan Eorl.

Upon ending the Sumbel Hall was released and the women of the tribe offered the blotted Sumbel May-Wine to the Gods, Wights, and Landvaettir at the Trækro Vé.

Micha Karlen Owens, head of the Vanic cultus has recommended Conn Gneat become her coordinate, and upon this endorsement, Dan Eorl has named him to stand as the male counterpart of the Vanic Compact. Our lord drees that together they shall be responsible for the weal of the Vanic cultus in Normandy.

By my hand,
Lou Thain Sancio,
Warden, Traeko Mark