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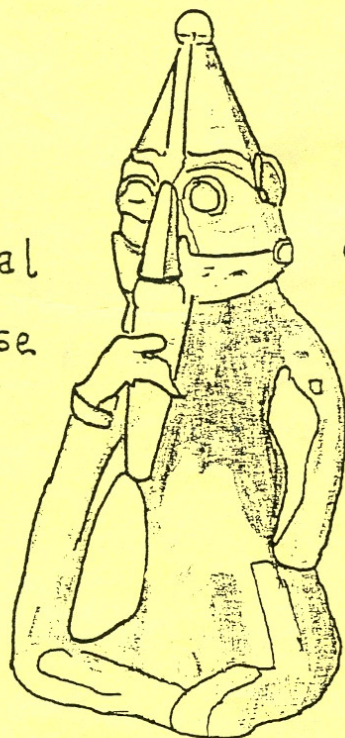
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ABOUT VOR TRÚ AND US

We are a group of Norse Pagans devoted to the Gods of the Æsir such as Odin and Thor, and the Vanir, Njord, Nerthus, Freyr and Freyja. Vor Trú are two Icelandic words meaning "Our Faith", and we are dedicated to the restoration of this faith to those of Northern and Western Europe Hemisphere with a strong Icelandic or old Norse leaning. We recognize the use of both Icelandic as well as English in our religion and way of life. We also strongly believe that the mass return to the old Nordic ways, religion and racial culture of our Pagan ancestors is the ONLY HOPE for the future of the West that is now decaying under the alien faith of Christianity. We believe that everyone is a natural Pagan at heart, and who like many are fed up with Xtianity and its false promises, and who if given the chance, direction and encouragement CAN indeed practice the Old Religion of the Vikings in the 20th century, in the U.S. and all parts of the West, and that it is now more revelent than ever!

Odin and Thor and the rest of the great Gods aren't dead and don't let any Xtian tell you they are! They are REAL and are just abiding their time, for Ragnarök has not yet occurred. They are returning even now and many can feel their spirit and even long for it, for really they never did leave us, but were remembered and worshipped far longer than most think. There are those of us who realize that many centuries ago when our ancestors were forced to accept Xtianity, that was the greatest mistake and disaster that ever occurred to Western peoples. Spiritual darkness has been with us ever since. Xtianity as well as Judaism or Zen are alien to the true spirit of our racial and cultural memories and therefore not native, as was the old ways of our Nordic and Western forefathers.

We invite YOU to join us. If you sincerely feel and know the Norse way is YOUR WAY, then throw off the cursed unhealthy yoke of Christianity, and practice your Paganism with pride! All it takes to become a Pagan is the mere realization of wanting to! No matter where you are, you can become part of a ever growing brother and sisterhood of Norse Pagans. WRITE US, we'd be glad to hear from You!

Óðinn Byr!

ODIN LIVES!

Eirík



GLENNES JÓL!



Jól, or in English is the Norse festival celebrated at about the time of the winter solstice. The festival lasts twelve days. To the English it was called 'Yule'. Jól is celebrated in honor of Freyr, the God of fertility, and pork is traditionality served, as the boar is sacred to Freyr. We here at the staff of Vor Trú would like to give all of our brothers and sisters the greeting of 'GLENNES JÓL!' This year the festival falls on the 21st day of the month of Jól (December) on Odin's Day (Óðinnsdagur). Despite the wide Xtian commercialism and materialism that has filled this age old fest, let us celebrate it in the true Pagan spirit as in the days of old and hail Freyr as lord, and remember that the life-giving sun (sól) will again return!



THOR'S HAMMER'S

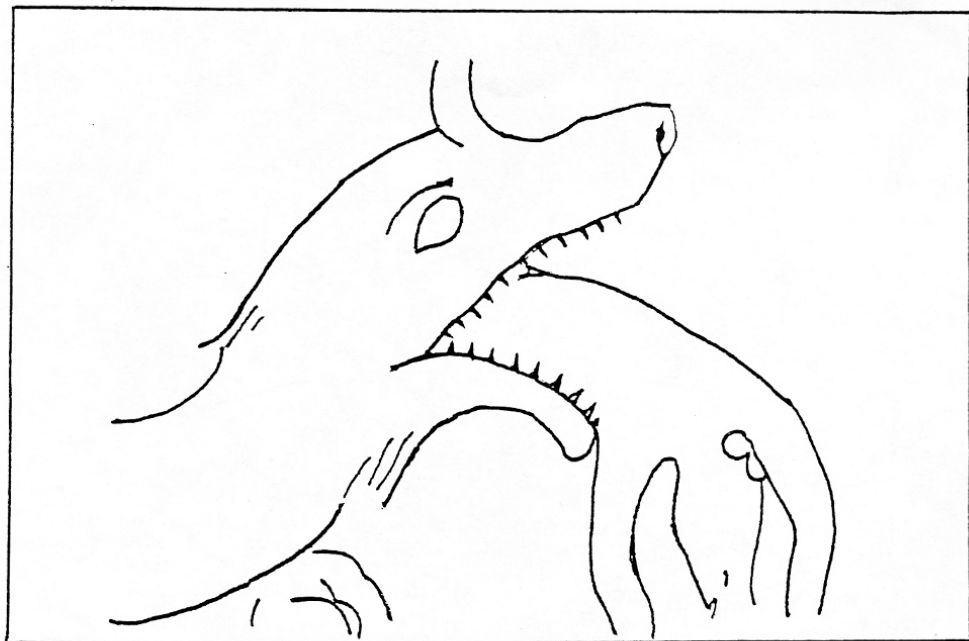
For awhile the fine people at the publishers of 'The Runestone' magazine back in 1973 had Chrome Cobalt Thor's hammers for sale at \$20 a piece and may still have. But we have not seen a copy of The Runestone since 1975 and believe it may have folded under. We therefore do not, nor have heard of anyother place that Thor's hammers are available, or are being made. We have tried making one or two from wood and if we get the feel and they continue to turn out rather nice, we may have Thor's hammers available to those who want them.

Also while on the subject of 'The Runestone' publication, we appreciate hearing from anyone that knows if indeed it is still being published and if so where? Our last contact was with its publisher, Stephen A. McNallen who took over the publishing while stationed in Germany. That was in '75. He was supposed to have returned to the states to California to be with his Skeppslag, or group.

LEARNING OLD NORSE

'Teach Yourself Books' by St. Paul's House Warwick Lane London EC4 has available a beginner book on Icelandic that is very good and gives a good grasp of the language. The price runs about two dollars or so. Learn to read the many Saga's in the original tongue of the Vikings! It has been said that Icelandic is not easy to learn because it is like Latin a highly inflexed language, but well worth the trouble to learn. It is still the purest of Scandinavian tongues spoken in Iceland where the Norse faith has gained a wonderful comeback and restoration.





Fenrir og Óðinn,
SKAGA-FJÖRÐUR, ÍSLAND

A WOMANS PLACE IN THE NORSE RELIGION

By Thóra Thórgrímsón

It has been said that Norse Paganism is very Patriarchal giving rule and stress to the male in society and worship involved which mostly deals with Odin, Thor, Baldr, Freyr ect....but many fail to realize that the Goddesses of the Aesir and the Vanir played an important part in the life and worship of the Scandinavian peoples. Odin ruled as the All-Father, but Frigg was the Queen of Asgard, and Freyja the Bride of the Vanir. In fact women were treated as equals in Norse society, and in the Bronze Age the Goddess Nerthus was supreme. It appears that at different stages the Sky God and the Earth Mother were in power, sometimes together. Even when Odin's rule became strong he was still subject to the rule and the fate of the female Norns.

Norse Paganism for the modern woman can hold many outlets. With the restoration of womens rights and worship of the Goddess as even seen in many other branches of Paganism, stress can again be laid on the Lady with Priestesses of the Vanir and honor again paid to Nerthus as well to the other Goddesses. In Norse Paganism A woman will always be a woman, and a man, a man, and the ancient Sky God and Goddess of the Earth will

always be supreme in the North. In the myths and legends of the past we find Norse women playing a large part in the accounts, finding the women brave and freedom loving as their men, loyal and unafraid to face death, even giving their lives for their men, and families and love ones. What kind of place does the woman have in the Norse faith?! A respected one where she is equal, not inferior or second class. The man might have been a hunter, a fisherman or even went i viking, but it was the woman who was the backbone of the family, help raise the children and saw to the home. For the family and the home was the backbone of the community and most important the country! And is this not something that needs restoration today?!

DO YOU KNOW? Hanging Mistletoe up in the center of the room will keep evil at bay if it is hung from the ceiling. Thor's hammers will also have the same effect, keeping the home free of fires and lightening, and other ills. One other charm that is useful is the Hag or Holed Stone, that is any stone or rack with a natural hole within and thru it. This should be strung thru with red string or cord and hung up. The red cord symbolizes 'life' within the womb, as anything that is a life or sex symbol is a good protective charm.

ÁSATRÜARFÓLK Í TUCSON

"Folk True To The Aesir" is the name of a Icelandic Norse Pagan group here in Tucson headed by your editor. It is closely modeled after that of the Icelandic Movement the 'Ásatrúarmenn' (Men True To The Aesir) headed by Sveinbjörn Beintússon in Iceland. There is one exception in that we call our group a 'Skeppslag' (Icelandic for 'ship's crew') and we honor the cult of the Vanir as well. Contact with the Ásatrúarfólk can be made by writting to your editor at this publications address.

Here is a group of people we highly recommend:

THE ODINIST MOVEMENT

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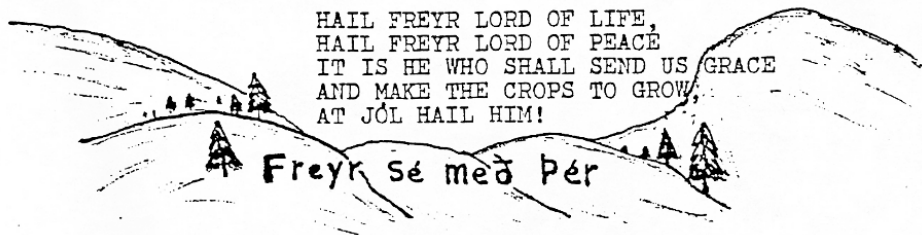
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Application Forms for Membership in THE ODINIST COMMUNITY available upon request.

Also: THE ODINIST COMMITTEE Committee For The Restoration Of The Odinic Rite, 10, Trinity Green, London, E.1. They publish a magazine called The Raven Banner.

HAIL FREYR LORD OF LIFE,
HAIL FREYR LORD OF PEACE
IT IS HE WHO SHALL SEND US GRACE
AND MAKE THE CROPS TO GROW,
AT JÓL HAIL HIM!

Freyr sé með þér



Runic Society plans ritual, annual feast

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — Ask Norman Templin, elder of the Runic Society, if he could be called "a pagan," and he smiles and corrects you.

"A heathen, if you want to use a better term," he said, beginning a long discourse on the origins of words like "pagan," "barbarian" and "Viking."

Templin said the Runic Society follows the pre-Christian era religious beliefs and philosophy of the Scandinavian and Germanic tribes.

Templin conceded the society isn't exactly a major religious movement, but hopes some attention will focus on the group at its annual "Viking Feast" in Milwaukee Oct. 8-9. The weekend will include study sessions, an ancient-style religious ritual called a "Blot," and the feast itself, appropriately on Leif Erickson Day.

"The feast won't be anything at all like in the movies," he said, dispelling

mental pictures of whiskered men in horned helmets ripping away at huge slabs of meat. "The food will be Americanized. It's a once-a-year thing for the society and we put a lot into it. We want everyone to leave with a full stomach.

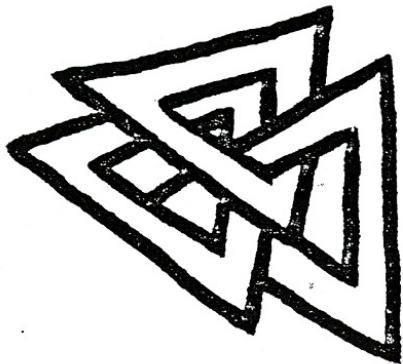
"Obviously, some of us will be in true northern European dress, but probably more so at the Blot."

Templin, 30, who became interested in the religion when he met Nordic groups while stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army, said the society proclaims a type of democracy in which everyone participated in meetings where public decisions were made. It also is quick to repudiate any link with the Nazis of World War II, he said.

"We don't do anything that would infuriate the average American. We don't mess around in politics. We keep to a cultural-religious setting. We look to the long run," Templin said.

THE RUNIC SOCIETY, P.O. Box 19858 Milwaukee, WI. 53219. 'AT THE SACRED SOURCE OF TEUTONIC STRENGTH' - Official organ of R.S. \$1.00 Annually.

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Bílskirnir