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Crossroads of Jerusalem needs Volunteers

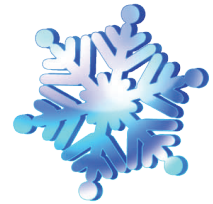
Our Shire's Event needs some Volunteers! If you are interested in a spot listed or just want to help, speak up today.

Openings:

- Assistant to Troll (6 people Needed)
- List Assistant (Heavy)
- List Card Runner (Heavy)
- List Card Runner (Rapier)
- Saturday Breakfast
- Bread Procurers (3 Openings)
- Swap Meet Coordinator
- Directional Signs

- Kitchen Prep & Cooking(4 needed)
- Kitchen Cleanup (4 needed)
- Feast Servers (4 needed)
- Raffle Prizes (all welcome, 2 more good quality items needed)

Please contact our Event Stewards, Ladies Odette or Philippa, to volunteer for any openings.



The Winter Owl

The new year has started off with a blast of winter weather. First the rain, and then the snow and ice that stick to my house and path for almost a week! The mild winters that are common to our southernly shire and kingdom where be bask in the warmth of the sun vanished for a week.

Yes, our little snow of only a few inches was small in compare to those epic drifts of white that blanket our northern kingdoms for months on end, but our fair kingdom did suffer if not form volume then form lack of proper gear to endure. After a good seven days of frost and freeze the ill northern visitor did depart our hospitality. With fair skies and mild breezes our shire returned to our normal winter of joy. But it seems that a few more freezing nights await us in the weeks to come before spring banishes winter for another year.

So, while the weather is foul and the nights disagreeable we can share fond memories of both battles and friendships as we gather near to the hearth and warm our winter souls. (or just have a movie night)

Kingdom Calendar

February 2010

- 6 **Midwinter A&S** Barony of Southdowns
- 8 **Business Meeting** 7:00pm
- 13 **Glad Tydings** Shire of Vulpine Reach
- 20 **Golden Lily XI** Shire of Beau Fort
- 20 **Black Gryphon** Barony of Thor's Mountain
- 27 **Convivium Collegialis** Shire of Glynn Rhe
- 27 **Meridian Manuevers** Shire of Ravenswood

March 2010

- 6 **Baba Marta** Shire of Flintmarsh
- 06 **Northern Regional War Practice** Shire of Esaraigh
- 14-21 **Gulf Wars**

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Polytheistic Reconstructionism

While researching ancient cultures and the practices of polytheistic religions I found the following comments. The passage really addressed a few questions I did not realize I had until now. I also found it interesting that while the SCA is creating the middle ages in modern times other groups are doing the same with the ancient religions of the world. It is amazing what you can find if you just look around.

The use of the terms "Pagan" and "Neopagan" to apply to polytheistic reconstructionists is controversial. Some reconstructionist, ethnic and indigenous religious groups take great issue with being referred to as "Pagan" or "Neopagan," viewing "Pagan" as a pejorative term used in the past by institutions attempting to destroy their cultures and religions. In addition, reconstructionists may choose to reject the terms "Pagan" and "Neopagan" in order to distance themselves from aspects of popular Neopaganism, such as eclecticism, cultural appropriation, the practice of magic, and a tendency to conduct rituals within a Wiccan-derived format, that they find irrelevant or even inimical to their religious practice.



Other reconstructionist groups actively self-identify as "Pagan Reconstructionists" and may participate in pan-Pagan organizations or gatherings such as Pagan Pride Day. However, even among those who see themselves as part of the broader, Pagan or Neopagan spectrum, or who simply see some members of the Pagan community as allies, there is still a refusal to accept or identify with the more problematic aspects of that community, such as the above-noted eclecticism, cultural appropriation or Wiccan-inspired ritual structures. Many Polytheistic Reconstructionists see Reconstructionism as the older current in the Pagan community, and are unwilling to give up this part of their history simply because eclectic movements are currently more fashionable.



Reprinted from Wikipedia page:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polytheistic_reconstructionism



Farspeaker List

The 2010 Farspeaker List is being completed **now**. If you have not already emailed your request to be included you can still make it. The Deadline has been pushed back to February 5th.

This is a new List and only New request will be included.

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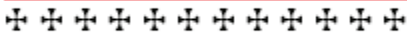
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Evil Puzzle Fun with Sudoku



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