Heilsan!

Recent weeks have seen us just about as busy as we can be, thanks largely to the wedding between daughter Brynna and Adrian. Those of you who were with us a year and more ago recall the saga of a couple separated by the Atlantic while bureaucrats dithered. The recent event was their vindication - but it sure took time and effort on the part of all concerned!

First reports from the Althing indicate it was a good gathering, as always. The wedding kept us from attending, but we congratulate all who were there and look forward to more details as the attendees return home and recover from the journey.

NEW AUDIO TAPE ON TRIBES

Time for Tribes is an audio version of *Runestone* articles on retribulization, covering a span of time from the mid 1980's down to our most recent contributions on the subject. Essays include the need for tribes in the modern era, the traditional structure of our ancient tribes in Europe, adaptations of these structures to modern times, the need for leadership, questions and answers, and more. This is the ultimate source for those who want to understand the next phase in the revival of the traditional European way.

This tape isn't even listed in the online catalog yet, but as a special to Bearclaw readers, we're offering it - almost an hour of readings - for \$10, postage and handling paid.

INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES - HOW TO START THEM, AND WHY

We found a few copies of the classic *Intentional Communities* - *How to Start Them, and Why* sitting on a back shelf. Written by J. Donald Walters, this 117-page book tells how the author and others created one of the country's most successful intentional communities. It was written specifically to help others create similar entities. Ananda has thrived for about thirty years now, and the blueprint Walters gives can be applied to any belief system - to include Asatru.

While they last, we will sell these books for \$10 postpaid - same deal as the tapes mentioned above. *Please email to confirm that we still have them before sending your order!*

A NEW JOURNAL - TYR!

The premier issue of Tyr arrived in the AFA mail box just a few days ago. To say I am impressed is an understatement. The content is meaty without being overly intellectual.

Even more persuasive is the form - Tyr does not look like a magazine; it is more realistically a book. I urge readers of Bearclaw to support this endeavor.

Here are details, as provided in the news release announcing the first issue:

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That's all for now!

Hail the Gods and Goddesses! Hail the AFA!

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