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Official newsletter from The Midgard Vikings - Brotherhood

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JANUARY UPDATE!

WRITTEN BY
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Can you believe what we were able to accomplish in 2021!

On January 1st, 2021 we officially established our brotherhood under the name of Midgard Vikings Brotherhood. On that day we set a goal to raise at least \$100,000 for charity within the year...AND WE DID IT!!!

We ended up raising \$101,805, which is absolutely AMAZING!

We helped A LOT of people this year both in and outside of our brotherhood and it's all thanks to the Warriors of MVB. Your passion and dedication is what made this possible.

Here's a quick overview for December:

- We were able to raise a total of \$83,648.32 so far in 2021, for various charities.
- 9 of our brothers have taken on Officer positions.
- 27 Recruits became Warriors.

Last Months Charity/Community Service Update:

- The Beard Struggle - \$8,008
- Ontario - Sold HeadsUpGuys T-shirts and donated funds - \$459.50
- Romania - Adopt a letter or an elder collaboration with Îngeri pentru Suflete - \$5686.97
- France - Association Margaux née pour briller - \$1,130
- Netherlands - Kibo Medical Detection Dogs - \$181
- South west UK Before split - Dave's Food Truck - \$1,107
- South West UK Before split - Dave's Christmas Presents - \$1,059
- Ireland - Edel House/ Good Shepherd (Charity Toy Drive & Gifts Value) - \$970
- Ireland - Laura Lynn Foundation - \$75
- Switzerland - SSKK - Swiss Foundation for Clinical Cancer Research - \$217
- Australia - Blood donation (plasma)
- Australia - Blood donation (2 x Plasma)
- Netherlands - Lonely elderly care
- Belgium - Help with recovery After Flooding
- Belgium - Toy bank



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

WHAT'S NEXT FOR MVB?

SINCE OUR BIRTH AT THE HEIGHT OF COVID WE HAVE MANAGED TO RAISE OVER \$140,150 FOR CHARITY, GROWN OUR BROTHERHOOD TO HOLD 830 WARRIORS, FORGED UNBREAKABLE BONDS, AND LEARNED MANY VALUABLE LESSONS ALONG THE WAY.

THIS YEAR OUR GOALS ARE TO FOCUS ON COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FURTHERING THE SOLIDIFICATION OF OUR BONDS AS BROTHERS.

WE ARE PLEDGING TO VOLUNTEER 25,000 HOURS BEFORE THE END OF 2022 AND WE ARE HOPING TO HELP AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN WHILE DOING SO.

THIS YEAR WE ARE ALSO BEGINNING A NEW PROGRAM NAMED THE *TRIALS OF GJALLARHORN* WHERE THE PURPOSE IS FOR EACH AETT TO COMPLETE AS MANY CHARITABLE MISSIONS AS POSSIBLE WHILE ALSO BUILDING BONDS WITH BROTHERHOODS AND ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE OF OUR OWN.

WE WANT TO INSPIRE HOPE, WE WANT TO BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS, AND WE WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT GOOD MEN STILL EXIST.

UNITY - CHARITY - GROWTH - HUMILITY - INTEGRITY

LETS SHOW THE WORLD WHAT WE CAN DO WHEN WE STAND TOGETHER.



2021 FUNDRAISER TOTALS

THE BEARD STRUGGLE - \$39,704

- BC CANCER CANADA - \$11,695
- MOVEMBER - \$11,400
- WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT - \$9,500
- PTSD FOUNDATION OF AMERICA - \$8,688

TBS TWITCH TEAM - \$2,635

- WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT - \$1,250
- MOVEMBER = \$850
- MISSION 22 = \$405
- ALS ACTION CANADA = \$130

AUSTRALIA - \$6,443

- SOLDIER ON - \$3,259
- CANTEEN/NATIONAL BANDANA DAY - \$1,135
- MOVEMBER/CANTEEN - \$915
- AUSTRALIA FLOOD RELIEF - \$441
- SHAVE FOR A CURE (LEUKEMIA FOUNDATION) - \$380
- PORT MAQUARIE KOALA HOSPITAL - \$220
- THE PUSH-UP CHALLENGE - \$93

CANADA - \$6,952

- ALS ACTION CANADA - \$4,374
- EXTRA LIFE = \$1,658
- BC CANCER = \$460
- HEADSUPGUYS T-SHIRTS = \$459.50

EUROPE - \$14,518

- ADOPT A LETTER OR AN ELDER COLLABORATION WITH ÎNGERI PENTRU SUFLETE - \$5,686.97
- VARIOUS CHARITIES - \$2,115
- HELPFUL IRELAND AUCTIONS - \$2,063
- ASSOCIATION MARGAUX NÉE POUR BRILLER - \$1,130
- EDEL HOUSE/ GOOD SHEPHERD (CHARITY TOY DRIVE & GIFTS VALUE) - \$970
- PIETA HOUSE (PREVENTING SUICIDE & SELF HARM) - \$588
- SINTERWINKLAAS - \$497
- RONALD MCDONALD FONDS - \$260
- MOVEMBER - \$226
- SSKK - SWISS FOUNDATION FOR CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH - \$217
- BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION - \$213
- KIBO MEDICAL DETECTION DOGS - \$181
- AKTION PFOTCHEN - \$139
- FONDATION ASSISTANCE AUX ANIMAUX - \$107
- LAURA LYNN FOUNDATION - \$75
- NOVE ONLUS FOR WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN. - \$50

UNITED KINGDOM - \$13,485

- MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION - \$3,737
- MIND UK - \$1,584
- THE EARLY BIRTH ASSOCIATION - \$1,325
- GOFUNDME FOR A BROTHER AFFECTED BY COVID - \$1,128
- DAVE'S FOOD TRUCK - \$1,107
- DAVE'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTS - \$1,059
- HELP BEN AND HIS FAMILY - \$895
- PIP HARRIS NEW WEBSITE - \$626
- KIDS INSPIRE UK \$626
- GNR - \$416
- MOVEMBER/SANTA SENIORS - \$348
- FRIENDS FIGHTING CANCER - \$328
- MS SOCIETY \$290
- RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE \$15

UNITED STATES - \$18,068

- BROTHER WHOSE HOUSE BURNED DOWN - \$6,026
- GOFUNDME FOR A BROTHER'S BRAIN SURGERY - \$3,250
- MICHIGAN FOSTER CARE CLOSET - \$1,565
- CHILDREN'S OF ALABAMA - \$1,150
- VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPICE CARE - \$940
- MVB TEXAS FEST - VARIOUS CHARITIES - \$900
- LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY - \$782
- GRANT'S WISHES - \$630
- CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA - \$450
- DEVELOPMENT OF THE OZARKS - \$420
- VOLCANO RELIEF GFM - \$330
- RONALD MCDONALD'S HOUSE - \$310
- PAWS FOR HEROES - \$240
- PLEDGER FAMILY ADOPTION FUNDRAISER - \$220
- ARIZONA SCHOOL SUPPLIES - \$200
- GABE'S GFM - \$180
- TEAM MATRIX FUNDRAISER - \$175
- TESTICULAR CANCER AWARENESS FOUNDATION - \$175
- JOSH'S TAPS&CAPS FOR DAN'S FIGHT AGAINST CANCER SILENT AUCTION - \$125



AETT OF THE MONTH WEST: ALBERTA! DECEMBER 2021

WRITTEN BY
QUINN ELLIS-WORDEN - ALBERTA GENERAL

What an absolute honour it is to be named “AETT of the Month”. We have enjoyed being able to help our communities by raising funds for local charities and connecting with more and more brothers of similar mindset. The charities that we have been fortunate to raise money for are ALS Canada and The Alberta Children’s Hospital while also raising awareness for Men’s Mental Health through Heads Up Guys Canada. Some of the unique ways that we have been able to raise funds were through events such as LIVE Twitch Streams (Special Gran Turismo Race Events and 24HR Straight Live Streams). We look forward to being able to continue raising even more money / awareness in the future for other charities.

The brother’s have grown into a close knit community even while still having social distance regulations in place and being spread throughout the province. We have been able to hold movie nights over discord in place of meet ups. When meets ups have been allowed we enjoy wing nights, showing each other our favourite pubs. The best part has been being able to be there for each other in our day to day lives.

It wouldn’t be fair to say that Alberta was able to do this alone. Central Canada as a region has come together with the three Provinces (including Saskatchewan & Manitoba), to have allowed us to earn the honour of being AETT of the month. We look forward to continuing our growth and finding those that look to share “The Viking State of Being”



AETT OF THE MONTH EAST: NORTHERN ENGLAND! DECEMBER 2021

WRITTEN BY
MATT WOODHAMS - NORTHERN ENGLAND GENERAL

2021 took a tumultuous start as MVB launched here in the UK, notably with other factors in play from the Brand Viking programme, when the original UK Aetts were decimated leading to consolidations for both the UK Midlands and UK North. Thanks have to be extended to the Scottish Aett for taking those of us who remained from across the North, under their wing whilst we regrouped and started to rebuild. As we headed from March into April, I was voted in to head the newly merged England North Aett as General and develop a fresh top table with a new team of officers whilst we focused on repopulating our cadre of Freeman, Recruits and ultimately, Warriors. It was an honour to make my first appointment in having Sean take on the role of Aett Watchdog, my previous position, which is a mantle he has successfully and proudly carried since.

It is down to the efforts of the MVB International team in driving recruitment, that we saw an influx of new Brothers to the aett during the second quarter of the year. The three months it took for them to demonstrate their dedication and be justly rewarded by promotion to Warrior seemed to equally fly past, yet also take it's own sweet time to come about! However, it was a cause for celebration in the Aett, as not only did we gain some excellent Warriors at this juncture, but two of these gents shortly put themselves forward to undertake the roles of Recruiter & Promoter. England North has been greatly strengthened and empowered by both Nick & Luke in their respective roles, and I am certain that they will continue to do the aett and wider Brotherhood proud throughout their tenures. Going into 2022, we are facing a reversal of fortune in some ways as I am now putting back my efforts in reciprocation to aid the continuation of the Scottish Aett which recently folded. For the time being, the UK North continues to grow as we gain our own new Freeman, Recruits and Warriors but we will stand fast and lift our Scottish brethren alongside us through until they are numbered sufficiently to once more strike out on their own.



TV & CINEMA - ENCANTO

WRITTEN BY
JASON HAYWOOD - FLORIDA TREASURER

Gather the kiddos around the TV and settle in for Disney's latest animated feature, available now on Disney+. The family Madrigal is a colorful blend of characters who live inside an Encanto, an enchantment or charm, in the mountains of Colombia. Each member of the family is granted an ability from the Encanto except for Mirabel Madrigal, played by Stephanie Beatriz. You will recognize her as Detective Rosa Diaz from the 8 season NBC comedy series, Brooklyn Nine-Nine. The Madrigal family is full of other talents behind the voices. Most notably John Leguizamo, who played Sid the Sloth in the Ice Age franchise, Luigi in Super Mario Brothers, 1993 "trust the fungus!", and the Violator in Spawn, 1997; Wilmer Valderrama you will know him best as Fes from That '70's Show; Adassa the "Reggaetón Princess", and Alan Tudyk who portrayed the pilot in the sci-fi sensational 1 season run of Firefly, Droid K-2SO in Rogue One, and Hei Hei the Rooster in Disney's Moana.

Encanto may feel like just another Disney animation full of catchy songs your toddler will undoubtedly sing out of style – but Surface Pressure is something we can all relate to. It is a song about carrying never-ending burdens and instead of feeling confident, also carrying the fear of breaking down – and yes it was very catchy. Overall the theme of the film is dealing with expectations, how some may face them head-on, some may hide from them, but sometimes the best thing to do is get everything out in the open, especially when it comes to family. It may, at the time, feel like you are tearing the family apart, but afterwards, you can build a new foundation.

Mirabel Madrigal is not a straightforward Disney princess, but her story still provides validation for not only Columbians but to the Hispanic culture at large who up until now only had Coco, Pixar's 2017 story about Mexico's Día de Los Muertos, Day of the Dead, or the TV series Elena of Avalor. The Madrigal family is displaced by violence, a tragedy that resonates with millions of real Columbians but others throughout South America who were affected by "The Violence". The Encanto represents a new place to call home, one where everyone lends a hand, with or without magical ability.



NORDIC MYTHOLOGY - THOR

WRITTEN BY

ERWIN VAN BAAREN - EUROPE- HIGH COUNCIL

We all know who Thor is, we've seen him in more movies than any other Nordic god, well except for Loki, he has a tv-series...

But he isn't the tall blond Chris Hemsworth, in most of the sources he is a big man, with a large red beard, his eyes flash with lightning, and his voice sounds like thunder rolling over the fields, and his appetite is humongous.

Thor's name is the Nordic version of Donar, which is Germanic and Thunar which is old-Saxon.

As you may know, he is the son of Odin and the earth goddess Fjorgyn.

He was raised by the Thunder god's Vingnir and Hlora, and became a huge man with equal power, his hammer Mjolnir making him even stronger.

Thor is known for creating order in Chaos.

He had a special friendship with Loki. There are a lot of stories about those two, but their friendship ended when they were invited to the Feast of the God of the Seas Aegir. At this feast, the two servants of Aegir praised their guests which filled Loki with jealousy. He hit one of the servants which angered the other gods and he was sent away.

Outside of the hall, he asked the other servant what they were talking about inside. The servant explained that the gods were talking about their mighty weapons and how Loki had become persona non grata (unwelcome one).

Loki became angry and stormed back into the hall demanding that he would be treated by the "rules of hospitality". Odin obliged and respected their previous agreement. Odin then recited a poem, excluding one guest. The exclusion incited a quarrel that led to Loki shining light on all of their flaws.

Finally, Thor entered the hall and became so angry with Loki that he threatened to use Mjolnir on him.

That was the end of the Friendship between Thor and Loki.

Thor is the strongest among the gods and for this, he is deemed the Protector of Gods and Men, he has a chariot that is pulled forward by two goats: Tandgniostr and Tandgrisnir. He has various powerful attributes. One of them being his famous hammer Mjolnir. Next to that he has Megingjörd, a magical girdle that doubles his already immense power, and his iron gauntlets called Járngreipr for an even firmer grip on Mjolnir.

Most of Thor's mortal enemies are frost giants and demons, those who are trying to bring down the order throughout the cosmos. They are mostly Thursen and Joten and he always squashes them with his hammer. Most of the tales end in the smashing of their skulls.

Sadly, Thor will meet his doom when Ragnarök begins. Legend says that he will eventually kill the Midgard serpent, Jormungandr, but will be poisoned by its venom.

There are stories that Thor lived.

He was called Tror, son of Munon and Troan, daughter of Priamus, King of Troy. He was raised by count Loricus and his wife Lora who lived in Thrace. Tror travelled around a lot and met his wife Sybil (Sif) and Loridi was their son. Sixteen generations later Fraillaf and Vodin were born, and they travelled from Turkey toward the North and were called Aesir (folk of Asia). Eventually, they got to Sweden, Norway and put their sons on the thrones there.

CONGRATULATIONS DECEMBER 2021 PROMOTIONS

NEW OFFICERS

SOUTH CAROLINA

- NATHAN LINNITT - WATCHDOG

CENTRAL EUROPE

- MICHEL ASSELMAN - WATCHDOG

ENGLAND SOUTH WEST/CENTRAL

- SAM WILKIN - CHIEFTAIN

ENGLAND SOUTH WEST

- HOLDEN REEVES - GENERAL

- LUKE GLOVER - XO

- JAY PRICE - WATCHDOG

BELGIUM

- JOHN CLAES - XO

- MATTHIAS - MATTHIAS

ENGLAND SOUTH CENTRAL

- BEN STANDEN - GENERAL

- JAY TURNER - XO

IRELAND

- PAUL SULLIVAN - XO

- MARK YOUNG - PROMOTER

NEW WARRIORS

AUSTRALIA

- ANTHONY LANG

- BRANDON FOSTER

- JAMES LONGSTAFF

ONTARIO

- CHRISTIAN HARDMAN

- WISHÈ SPRING

OHIO

- SAM BUTLER

- STEVE ANDERSON

- STEPHEN BRATTON

- JOSEPH STINE

- JOHN DEVISSERR

- JIMMIE DAWSON

NORTH CAROLINA

- DEVON BRINSON

- STEVE MCMETAL

CENTRAL EUROPE

- MICHAEL PLACIDO

GERMANY

- ROBIN RABELT

FRANCE

- CLÉMENT POCHE

NETHERLANDS

- MARTIJN WELGRAVEN

- DAVE BOS

SCANDINAVIA

- TOMMI PAAVILAINEN

- RONNY VALBEKMO

BELGIUM

- HANS LASSEEL

- PIETER AARNOUTS

- SEM VAN OPPEN

- FREDERICK VAN DE

WEYGAERDE

- EMIEL FROONICKX

ILLINOIS

- MIKE FONTANETTA

IRELAND

- DEWALD HEENOP

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BROTHERS!

UNTIL NEXT MONTH...