

# EMMETH PARTY: The Early Years



In the beginning...a few enigmatic souls gathered against the setting of the Sun, precisely bisecting the center of the Western Horizon, ready to play, and perhaps to pay tribute to Woden, Tiw, and other **\_N\_\_O-\_\_XON\_\_E\_\_\_\_\_**. The gods responded with favor, so the rite was ordained once more at the next Solar occasion, long before Sun had introduced SunDew NeWS, the early **N\_\_\_O\_\_\_XT\_\_\_\_\_W\_\_\_O\_** System. Those were indeed innocent days, before any of us (except maybe Ronald Reagan) were convinced of the need for **\_N\_\_OXI\_I\_I\_** free radicals.

I myself had recently crossed the **\_\_\_N\_\_O\_X\_IV\_\_** (between Wisconsin and Minnesota) on my pilgrimage to the land of golden Sun. **\_NO\_\_X\_\_\_V\_\_\_** was not then of concern to us: Kate Moss was only ten years old and we never thought anyone could be *too* skinny. We were still in our rebellious youth, fighting *for* the single payer and *against* the double **\_\_\_N\_\_\_O\_\_X\_\_\_VI\_\_** (after all, girls just wanted to join in the fun too).

And all of a sudden we were beginning to age, and feeling the inevitable effects of time. Were we getting too much Sun? Were we not getting enough niacin, riboflavin and the rest of the **VI\_\_\_IN\_\_O\_\_\_X?** For some of us, partying more than a couple of times a year was becoming taxing, and most of our relaxation time was spent avoiding the Sun, and reading books like Italo Calvino's fantasy about Agilulf, the **NO\_-X\_\_\_E\_\_\_IGHT.**

At the same time, our fame was spreading. Many more wanted to join the revelries than the private homes of our hosts could accommodate. It was clear that we needed to reconsider the **NO\_-X\_\_N\_I\_\_NE\_\_** of our venues. This led to the use of larger recreation facilities and a burgeoning crowd of devotees. The multitudes were only too happy to join in the games rather than watch the NCAA Basketball **\_\_\_N\_\_O\_\_\_XT\_EN** that often shared the same Vernal weekend.

And so here we go again!

Oldtimer and **\_\_\_N\_\_\_O\_\_X\_\_**: Submit to a Wish **F\_\_\_I\_\_\_\_\_F\_\_T\_\_Y!**

Fire up your **N\_O-\_\_\_\_\_X** and enjoy yourself in this **FI\_\_F\_\_\_\_\_TY!**

...And **H\_\_\_EN\_\_R\_I\_** that we should fail to render thanks to our Founder!