



Gathering Games

THE LORD OF MISRULE

A physical game for 5 or more players.

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This game gives players a chance to show off their inner artist. One person is chosen to be The Lord of Misrule. They wear the crown! Their role is to Shape and Position the other players into artistic, grand and silly poses. Players stand still while the person chosen to be "the sculptor" walks around positioning everyone. One person stays on the outside. They are the watcher. They play music whilst The Lord of Misrule gets to work and the sculptures are created. Participants aren't allowed to laugh, move, or smile. If this happens the outside watcher stops the music and The Lord of Misrule becomes a statue. The player who broke character assumes the role of watcher and the previous watcher becomes The New Lord of Misrule. They now wear the crown. Everyone should get to be The Lord of Misrule at least once, since they have the most fun of anyone.

A WALL-WIDE KNEES UP

A physical game for 5 or more players.

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Prepare a Saturnalia Party music playlist.

Make up a set of silly names. Each person thinks of their own. Lady Muckletree, Boiler billybag or Lord pimplepot for example. Remember your name! Put the silly names into a hat.

All players form a circle and every player should come up with an idea for original movement. It might go along with your silly name! Keep the movement a secret for now.

Decide who will start the game by picking a silly name out of the hat. This determines the first player to start. Music starts playing and first player shows their move and keeps dancing that. The next player in the circle repeats the first movement and adds theirs. The next player repeats the first and second players' movements and adds their own. The game continues until everyone dances. Finally as everyone is dancing the starting player goes to the hat and picks out a name. They shout out the name and everyone stops dancing except this chosen one. Everyone watches as the last dancer performs their silly solo. This game is about having fun, not winning! Wearing grand crowns adds to the silliness. Keep playing by picking new names out of the hat.

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