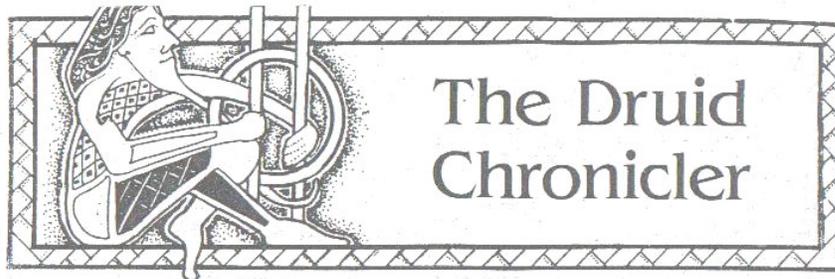


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Berkeley Grove Services

These will be held at Hinkle Park, on the Arlington. and will begin at 1 PM sharp, unless otherwise noted by asterix (*). For safety's sake, call Leslie at 430-0885. If it looks like rain, come anyway. Our Mom often stops raining for us, and if she doesn't, we will hold a Meditation Service at the Ad's house.

Nov. 8 Full Moon-Samhain. Meet at Lawrence Hall of Science at 9 AM, Hal's Spot at 4 PM. We will walk to Sugarloaf from there. Hold Services at sunset, and those who want may stay all night. Bring a flashlight, warm clothes, and any opened bottles of alcohol you may have. Be Prepared for anything.

* Nov. 23-Full Moon, probably at Hal's Spot
Dec. 7-Full Moon
Dec. 21-Full Moon-Winter Solstice
Jan. 11-New Moon
Jan. 25-Full Moon
Feb. 8-New Moon-Oimele

News of the Groves

Berkeley Grove

The Berkeley Grove is beginning to get back into the swing after Summer absences. Grove elections were held on Oct. 12. ArchDruid is Joan Carruth. Larry Press agreed to assist the AD as needed. Preceptor is Chris Sherbak, who will deal with most Grove business. Leslie Craig is assisting the Preceptor as telephone contact person. If there is any doubt about locations and times of Services, she should be contacted, and not the AD. The Server is Steve Goldstone.

We have a number of projects in mind for the coming year. Two of these have already begun. A Protogrove Service has been written and printed and it and a page of information on how to start a Protogrove, etc. are available to anyone who wants one. Contact either Joan or Chris.

Also, since the Druid Chronicles are out of print, and most people either do not want or cannot afford the entire set, we have printed up a Mini-chronicles which is available from Chris or Joan for \$2.50. It contains the two page introduction, the standard Summer Service, the two protogrove sheets the Customs, the Book of Meditations, a page of calendrical info, some Bards, And Isaac's flyer, which can be removed and reprinted.

Chico Protogrove

This has just started, under the sponsorship of the Berkeley Grove, Contact: Michael "Tiki" Teague 1588 Fetter St. Chico CA 95926

The Other Groves:

they have no news. Just the old addresses. We'll try to do better next issue (Oimele)

Tuatha Grove AD Pat O'Neil 1808 3rd Ave. 12 San Diego, CA
Evergreen Grove AD Cyndie Schuler Fox 1272 Olympia, WA 98501

Arch Grove AD Carolyn Clark 10611 Jesskamp Dr., St. Louis, MO 63136

Ann Arbor Grove AD Richard Shelton 722 Dewey Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Madrakara Grove Danann Parry & Lila Forest PO Box 82 Occidental, CA 95465

IS ANYBODY ELSE OUT THERE?

News of the Orders

Oberon (Bardic) -- There will be a meeting of the Nordic Order on Tuesday, Nov. 15th, at 8 PM at the home of Patriarch Linda von Brasket 863 E.28th St., Oakland. Her home is very near the Park Boulevard exit off the MacArthur Freeway. Call her at 839-1628 if you aren't sure how to get there. The meeting will discuss the fate of the Bards over the coming winter, and it is important that as many interested people as possible show up.

Dian Cecht (Healers) -- We will once again get into the saddle and hold meetings these are open to people interested in healing, of whatever group or rank. You should, however, contact the Matriarch, Joan Carruth. at 525-0498 if you would like to come to the meetings, which are on the Sunday night closest to the waxing Quarter: Dec. 14, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15. They will be held at the Center for Non-traditional Religions, (Greenwalls,) Fulton and Prince, in Berkeley, and Will begin at 7 PM SHARP. We will be permitted to use the hot tub if everybody follows the house rules: bring your own towel, and absolutely no messing with the machinery. They cannot have the tub hotter than it is set, for very good reasons! Anyone who cannot follow the rules we'll be denied the use of the tub for the whole group FOREVER. We will do healings. Everybody is encouraged to bring a photo and/or personal possession of someone who needs healing, and has given permission for us to work on them. We will work on two or three such healings at each meeting.

Angus (Children's) (proposed) -- contact Ron Genzoli at toad Hall, 581-0962, if you are interested in forming such a group. We will be locking, into Release Time for Pagan Children.

Lugh (Craftspeople) -- We will be trying to find out the status of this Order, so it can be reactivated. Stay tuned. If you're interested in being part of this Order, contact Chris Sherbak, at 921-2630.

Contact Addresses

Chris Sherbak 2345 Post St., San Francisco, CA 94115

Joan Carruth 8259 Terrace Dr., El Cerito, CA94530

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Berkeley Grove Services

These will be held at Hinkle Park, on the Arlington, and will begin at 1 PM sharp. If you have any questions, please call Leslie, at 652-6040. If it looks like rain, come anyway, and if we are unable to hold Services outdoors, we will adjourn to the AD's house for an indoor service.

Mar. 8 New Moon

Mar. 22 Full Moon Spring Equinox

Apr. 5 New Moon

Apr. 19 Full Moon

May 3 New Moon- Beltane this the SIXTH Annual Beltane in the Rose Garden Plan on your fanciest duds and a potluck picnic afterwards. The AD MUST be consulted in advance if you wish to do an ordination at this time. Call me.

News of the Groves

Berkeley Grove

Steve Goldstone has had to resign his post as Server, due to his work with Stephan's school. We will hold re-elections for Server at Spring Equinox Services.

We have heard little from our two Protogroves, except that they're doing well. Both members of the Massachusetts Protogrove are expected here in Berkeley for Beltane, and they may, after that, become a full Grove. The 2nd Order in the Mass. Protogrove is the sister of the Berkeley AD, so her candidacy for Third will be scrutinized VERY CAREFULLY (hear that, Phyl?) The Chico Protogrove is also meeting regularly, and may also become a full Grove this year.

The Berkeley Grove is also hosting the Berkeley Area Interfaith Council monthly meeting for March and we hope most of our Druids will attend. The date is Thurs. Mar 26, at Starr King School on the Conte, at noon NORMAL PEOPLE TIMES. Bring a bag lunch, we will provide drinks, and bring a robe other than black, if you have one. Your AD is now a member of the AIC Executive Committee--a big move for her and for all Pagans. Please come and Dive her immoral supports

Evergreen Grove

Cyndie Sallee left the Grove at midsummer last year, investing Denis Merrill as AD. The Group is alive and well, but limited to ESC students and evidently not looking for new members.

Greenwood Grove

This is Cyndie's new Grove. They are meeting for full moons and High Days, and average about 15 people per meeting. They are also teaching some classes for some of their members and their Bardic circle is thinking about cutting an album. Contact Junkie at 745 North 2nd, Seattle, Wash, 98103.

News of the Orders

Bardic -- There will be two Bardic Revels/Beltane practice at Leslie's new place, on April 18th and May 3. All Bards should attend both, and the entire Grove should attend the second. We may have a much larger attendance this year, and we should make it as slick as we can. Matriarch Linda von Basket will be Ordaining Bards after Beltane. If you are interested in joining you should contact her two weeks in advance, and have your best work ready for her at that time.

Dian Cecht -- Our meetings have averaged four people, but we've been getting some Mood work done, with positive results. Our nest meetings will be on Mar 15, Apr. 12, and May 10. Those are Sundays, at 6 PM. We hope to hold them at Centre (Greenwalls), but arrangements are not final, so contact Joan, at 525-0498 to be sure. We will also accept people for Ordination after Beltane. Non-members, however, are welcome to attend, if they have healing interests and skills.

Stanislavski for Magicians -- Larry Press will hold these meetings at 2 PM, Sunday Mar. 29th, an Apr. 26th. Contact him at 658-2610 for location, although he also hopes to be able to use the facilities at Centre. The Magick really does work better when dramatic techniques of choreography and emotional involvement are used. Remember the rules at Greenwalls, too: bring your own towel, a small donation, if you can, and enjoy the hot tub as it is.

Wildflower ID Class

Begins Sat Feb. 28th. Call (415) 886-5917, and ask for Anna. The classes will be held mostly in the form of walks in the wild and botanical gardens, and will emphasize family characteristics, medicinal & other uses, mythology, and ecology. Held through the Institute for Celtic Studies.

Lost Druids

Does anyone have current addresses for: Lawrence Gold, Wis. Pat O'Neil, CA. Michael Bradley, Illinois.

NRDNA Druids

Several people have asked about various Druid things, like the Higher Orders. As you know, because of the rules of the old RDNA, these are impossible to restart, and other changes also impossible. HOWEVER, we can do these things in NRDNA, for our own Branch only. But we have, really, to start from the old RDNA rules, which means a majority of all 3rds in the Branch. Sooooo. We need the addresses of all 3rd Orders who are or would like to consider themselves NRDNA. Our first action should probably be to simplify voting rules. If you are an NRDNA 3rd please send your address to Chris Sherbak, 2345 Post St., SF, CA, 94115. Also the names' and addresses, if you can, of every other NRDNA 3rd you can think of, by Midsummer.

Chronicler

Mail news to Chris by Spring Equinox, for Beltane Issue.
Thank you.

A Chant for the Spring Equinox

AD: O give praise to the Dark Gods who love:
Praise to the Hunter, stalking and slaying,
Praise to the Hag, weeping and raging.
G: Praise Be'al, who is all gods, praise the Earth Mother's many
faces.

AD: Praise for food-store and tight roof, good wool and good
health.
G: Praise for hearth and tale and friend.

AD: Praise for grey skies and healing rain, cutting wind and
bedding snow.
G: Praise for the mystery of the Land of Shadow.

AD: The Earth went bare, the sunlight dimmed,
G: Light had turned to Dark.

AD: The nights were long, the winds were cold,
G: Darkness ruled over all.

AD: But within the cave, the bear cub waxed;
G: Darkness yearns to Light.

AD: Bough is barren, bud returns:
G: Balanced now are we.

AD: Belenos returns from the South:
G: Balanced now are we.

AD: The Mother stirs and wakes again:
G: Balanced now are we.

AD: Snowdrifts of blossom on earth and tree,
G: Dark will turn to Eight.

AD: The world will be lush, the days will be long,
G: Eight will rule over all.
AD: Til the sweet fruits of the boughs are warm in our hands.
And Light yearns again to Dark.

AD: O Belanos, O Lord of light, we praise thee at thy return to
our midst. Welcome art thou amongst us.
ALL: BLESS US AND LIGHT OUR WAY, O MIGHTY SUN
GOD!

AD: O Earth Mother, beauteous and strong, rise up and let us
rejoice in thy sights
ALL: PRAISE TO THE LADY WHO GIVEST LIFE!

The Beltane Chant

(From DC(E))

PR: The Mother wakes from her long sleep and smiles on us
today!

Chorus: SHE IS AWAKE!

PR: She brings us Life!

Chorus: SHE IS AWAKE!

PR: She brings us Light!

Chorus: SHE IS AWAKE!

PR: The Mother wakes and seeks Be'al.

Chorus: QUICKLY BE'AL RETURNS.

PR: We light our fires to show the way.

*(The fires of Be'al, the bonfire, are now lit by the plunging of a
torch into the kindling.)*

Chorus: QUICKLY BE'AL RETURNS!

PR: To couch with the Mother and bring forth Life.

Chorus: QUICKLY BE'AL RETURNS!

(This next section should be chanted at an accelerating pace:)

PR: O Be'al

Chorus: WE WELCOME THEE!

PR: O our Mother

Chorus: WE WELCOME THEE!

PR: O Earth-Mother, O Be'al

Chorus: WE WELCOME THEE!!

PR: O Be'al, O Mother, parents of all that lives, we welcome Ye
back to our midst. Give us of Your Life, O Most High,
that we may share Your joy.

Chorus: WELCOME ARE YE, AMONG US, O MOST HIGH.
SMILE ON US, WHO HAVE KEPT YOUR WAYS,
THROUGH THE TIME OF SLEEP.

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Services will be held at Hal's spot at 1 PM. Unless otherwise noted. For those who don't know where that is, the AD will be LEAVING the parking lot at the Lawrence Hall of Science at 12:30 and you can follow. Call Leslie at 652-6040, if you have any questions.

Calendar

May 3 new moon Beltane, Berkeley Rose, Garden Potluck picnic afterwards
May 17 full moon
May 31 new moon
June 14 full moon
June 21 summer solstice, Big tree meadow, EBR park
June 28 new moon
July 19 Full moon
Aug. 2 New moon
Aug. 9 Lughnasadh probably in the Richmond Hills.

News of the Groves

Berkeley Grove

Does anybody remember for sure how many Beltanes-in-the-Rose-Gardens this is? Is it the sixth? Getting to be a Tradition. This year, Post Prop 13, its an expensive one: \$40 for the Rose Garden, and \$10 for the fireplace. Please come and have a good time, bring munchies for the Picnic, but if you can, bring money. Our fliers have also been going fast, and will need reprinting. I hate to say it so baldly, but if Grove members would each pledge even \$5/month we wouldn't be in such a fix. We were designed to be a Poor Religion and O Gods willing, we'll remain so, but it'd be nice if the poverty were genteel.

We have a THIRD Protogrove! Our contact is named Greg Schill, and he's in Butlers Pennsylvania. Be expect to lose the Chico Protogrove: happily since they plan on becoming a full Grove.

News of the Orders

Bardic Order

Nordic Revels will be held at Leslie's, at 8 P.M. on Saturday nights May 23, and July 25. These meetings are obligatory for Harass and optional for others. We will probably start by WORKING, and end by degenerating.

Dian Cecht

Be on time to meet at Centre (Greenwalls,) but you'd best call Joan at 525-0498 to be sure. We will meet at 7 PM, on Sunday nights, May 10 June 7 and July 12. Bring an artifact from a willing victims er... patients when you come, and your own towel if you wish to use the hot tub afterwards. We prefer to limit these meetings to members of the Orders and those with an active interest in psychic and magickal healing, I don't mean

to be exclusionary, I'd like lots of people to show up and I'd like them to be magickally competent and willing to work.

Groves and Protogroves

Remember to send news of your group to Chris Sherbak 2345 Post St. San Francisco Ca 94115 BY MIDSUMMER, if you wish to be in the Lughnasadh Newsletters.

Beltane May 5. 11:52 AM

Midsummer June 21, 11:39 AM

Lughnasadh Aug. 7, 5:47 PM

We're GOING to HAVE A pagancon! June 19-22 Big Trees Meadow. EFRP, Oakland! Contact Abbot's or Forever Forests if you want to help. And come!

Cheating a Little

This is Not an Ad

May is my month to donate to charities, and I'm unusually poor this year. So I will donate 100% of the profits I make from all Shaklee orders for the month of May if people mention Paganism or the Crafts to ecology action groups. The products are well worth it. Call Joan for a catalog

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Lughnasadh 19 y.r.,
August 1981
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Lughnasadh

Services will be held at 1 PM, unless otherwise noted, at Hal's Spot. Meet between 12-12:30 at Lawrence Hall of Science, if you don't know where Hal's Spot is, to caravan there. Call Leslie at 652-6040 for further information.

Special News

A limited number of the Druid Chronicles (Evolved), complete with printed heavy dividers, 3 hole punched, all 200+ pages, is available for \$25 from the Berkeley grove. Check or MO to Joan Carruth. This text has been out of print for 5 years. 2nds and 3rds should own!

Calendar

Aug. 9 Lughnasadh potluck picnic meet at Ad's house at noon to caravan.

Aug. 16 full moon

Aug. 30 new moon

Sept. 13 Full moon

Sept. 20 Autumn Equinox. Location undecided. Grove elections

Sept. 27 New moon

Oct. 11 full moon

Oct. 25 last chance for ordinations

Nov. 6 Samhain. This is a Friday. service will be on sugarloaf at sunset. Those who wish may remain overnight for vigil and ghost stories. Samhain is properly on Nov. 7, 9:14 GMT = 1:10 AM CMT

Summertime News

When your Arch Druid gets too lazy to dredge out the typewriter. We have NO NEWS that I know of from the other Groves. Please Ad's or Prec's send news on Minor High Days to Chris Sherbak. Protogroves too!

News of the Orders

Order of Dian Cecht (Healers)

They will meet at Centre (Greewall's) at 7p on Sundays Sept. 6 and Oct. 4. Bring your own towel to use the hot tub, and \$2, if you can. Bring a link to a person who needs healing, and has given permission. The Matriarch is also anxious to hear from 3rds in other groves who would like to become members of ODC. Ordination can be arranged with your AD.

Order of Oberon (Bards)

They will meet at 8 PM on Saturdays Aug. 22 and Oct. 17. Location to be announced. Contact Leslie at 652 6040. These meetings are obligatory for bards and optional for others. There may be additional Bardic Practices. Leslie would also like to hear from Bards in other Groves. Write Chris.

IMPORTANT NEWS!

AD's and 3rds Especially Note!

We plan to restart the Higher Orders (4-10.) Berkeley Grove and as many other groves as wish to participate. Groves should get a consensus (at least 2/3) of their 3rds on whether they wish to be part and inform Chris by Autumn Equinox!!! Berkeley really doesn't want all the M/Patriarchs, so send suggestions for 3rds in your grove who you think would be good M/Ps or members of any order, especially 4-7. Matriarch of ODC will probably become M of Grannos.

These orders will be for the purpose of inciting further inquiry among 3rds, and are granted for achievement, not tenure. They have no further "rights" outside themselves, and are not prerequisite in structure (i.e., you need not be 4th to be 5th) Council of N Order elects M/P of N+1 order. Any 3rd or higher may nominate a member, M/P of order confirms. Ordinations may be done with the M/P's approval, by any member of the Order, or candidates AD so if the M/P is in Olympia, people in Santa Cruz can still join the order) M/P s may resign. If selection is not approved by 2/3 of that order, council of next lower order elects new M/P. Here are my proposals. See what you think. "Est" means "established"

4 -- Grannos--healers (est) green ribbon (est) ODC will fold.

5 -- Braciaca-altered states of consciousness-yellow maniple (est) parties?

6 -- Belenos-astrologers, scientist, teachers- yellow ribbon (est)

7 -- Sirona-earth activists, outdoors people, gardeners, etc.- blue ribbon with wave (est)

8 --Taranis-warriors, armed and unarmed- orange ribbon

9 -- Llyr-Philosophers, thinkers, mystics, etc.- grey ribbon

10 -- Danu-Emeritus order for significant long-term service to the Earth Mother and RDNA. Nomination and selection to order by M/Ps of Order 4-9, by 2/3 consensus. M/P of 10th order confirms- brown ribbon.

Special Orders -- Must be 2nd order or above (except, of course the kids)

Oberon -- Bards (est) Blue ribbon (est)- working order

Merddyn -- Magicians (est) staff or wand (est) proposed (no leader)

Lugh -- Craftspeople (est) purple ribbon (est) may or may not exist. There's no reason I can think of not to "restart" it anyway, and maybe the original matriarch will resurface.

Angus -- Children's (est) pink sash- to puberty rites. Proposed. No leader.

On our Autumn Equinox, Matriarch of ODC should be confirmed by 2/3 of 3rd. Of participating Groves as M of Grannos. Council of Grannos will be created by re-ordination of members or ODC. Grannos council will then select m/p of Braciaca from all available 3rd candidates, present or by mail.

Please send info to Chris by Equinox. Let's do it!

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**Berkeley Grove, NRDNA
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Grove Elections

Grove Elections were held Sept. 20, 19 y.r. The results were:

Isaac Bonewits, ArchDruid
Joan Carruth, Preceptor
Emmon Bodfish, Server
Leslie Craig, Chief Bard

Isaac has returned to RDNA after his long sabbatical with many revolutionary ideas. Most of the Berkeley Grove wish to encourage these experiments. Some few people, however, adamantly prefer the traditional RDNA format, and chose to begin a second Grove, which will probably be called the Live Oak Grove. We have agreed to permit cross-membership, but felt no one should be an officer in more than one Grove. AD Joan, Emmon, and Leslie resigned their posts in the Berkeley Grove. No new Preceptor or Server has been elected at this point, but Jody, will be the Chief Bard for Berkeley,

Berkeley Grove

Furthermore, Berkeley Grove will be known as the Mother Grove after Samhain. They will hold services on the weekends closest to the waxing & waning quarter moons, at an indoor location. Contact Berkeley Rent-a-Lox, 549-0541 ext. 1347 and leave your phone number, and Mother Grove's Underground Agent will contact you.

Samhain Services for the Mother Grove will be held Nov. 6, at 8 PM, at 1500 Park Ave (Emeryville, below San Pablo). Call Rent-a-Lox for details.

Berkeley Grove started the Coalition Council, and Mother Grove has agreed to remain a member at least for this Quarter.

Grove Reports

Once upon a times Groves submitted an Annual Report to Carleton's Grove. This served such useful functions as recording the names of new Third Order Druids, and Officers of the Groves' and indicating which Groves were active. Since Carleton Grove no longer exists, old AD Joan would like to suggest that Groves publish such info in the Samhain Edition of the Druid Chronicler, in the hope that this info will survive. Each Grove should file this edition, and keep it, in just such hope. Eventually, archives of our early years and struggles may be important, or maybe not.

What follows is the Berkeley Grove Report:

Elected for 20 Y.R. see above
Finances
In: \$401.00
Out: \$278.00

Auk Snafu: \$100.00
Projected Balance: \$22.93
True Balance: \$21.71

New Members of Dalon ap Landu:
Michael "Tiki" Teague
Larry Press
Leslie Craig
Emmon Bodfish

New Groves Hived Off:
Chico/ San Diego
Tiki

Active Protogroves: Several listed; no contact in last three months

Average Grove Size: 6-10

Major Accomplishments:
5th Annual Beltane-in-the-Rose-Garden
AD elected to Executive Committee of DAIC
Initiation of CoCoDAL, and Higher Orders
Availability of Chronicles and Mini Chronicles

Major Disasters: Checkbook Snafu and Pt. Reyes Death March

For:
Printing \$126.02
Mailing \$25.55
Waters 27.00
BAIC 20.00
Beltane 47.50

Live Oak Grove

We plan to hold Services rain or shine at Emmon's, in Orinda. Call Emmon at 254-1387 for directions or to connect with rides. We will meet at noon, to put some work into our Grove site. People should bring gloves and hand tools (clippers, hatchet, shovel, etc). Services will begin at 1 PM. If it is raining, the meeting will be held indoors and consist of a combination of Meditation & Hair Pull comparable only to a Quaker Meeting. We are open to anyone interested in the traditional formats and Philosophy of Reformed Druidism. We are also in desperate need of Good & Welfare. Our Officers for 20 y.r. are: AD: Joan Carruth, P: Leslie Craig, S: Emmon Bodfish. Dates of Services are: Samhain: Nov. 6-7, Nov. 22, Dec. 13, 20(Yule)~ 27. Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 8 (Oimele).

Chico Grove

Since Tiki's wife, Janie, is at UOSD for Master's studies, and no one in Chico was qualified yet to become a Third Order, Chico Grove exists only in the Summer, when Tiki & Janie are there. However, Tiki has the requisite three interested in San Diego, and has started another Grove, which he assures us will soon have a name classier than "San Diego."

Green Wood Grove

Cyndie reports that her Grove is busy. They have 15-20 people at their services, and biweekly study groups. They have also put together a 40 page Book of Bards, which may become available as soon as copyrights have been worked out. Their Bards seem to lack only a Pagan-Rock drummer in order to cut an album. They are also evidently in the process of hiving off a new Grove somewhere in South California. She reports that EVERGREEN GROVE is still active under Denis Merrill, but that he may soon move to Cal, and we hope, Ordain a new Third to be Evergreen's AD.

News of the Orders

Oberon (Bardic)

Leslie will hold Bardic Revels on Nov. 21, Dec. 12 and Jan. 23, at 8 PM at her house. Contact her at 652-6040 for directions or rides. She is EXTREMELY desirous of having people in other Groves join Oberon. Each Bardic Circle would be independent, but the contact and sharing between all Druidic Bard's would benefit all. Write to her c/o Emmon Bodfish 616 Miner Red Orinda CA 94563. Send a piece of your work (song' poem, etc.) if you can, and the name & address of your ArchDruid, who will no doubt be authorized to Ordain you, if everyone's agreeable. I, for instance, have been authorized to tell you that she's dying to hear from the Greenwood Bards, especially

Dian Cecht (Healers)/ Grannos (4th)-

Since it seems the Coalition will get off the ground, and Dian Cecht was only started because its first Matriarch found Grannos unavailable, ODC has been declared defunct for the interim, and its Matriarch has been made Matriarch of Grannos by acclamation of the Coalition. The Order is interested in defining itself, and will hold Potluck suppers and discussion from 6-10 PM, Sun nights Nov. 15, Dec. 6, and Jan. 17, for members and interested Thirds only, at her house. Call Joan at 525-0498 for more details. Like Oberon, Grannos is EXTREMELY interested in hearing from other Healers who wish to join the Order; from among the Coalition. You must be Third Order, and interested actively in healing, either magickal or psychic or medical or psychological. Write to the Matriarch, Joan Carruth, 8259 Terrace Dr. El Cerrito, CA, 94530. Your AD can be authorized to ordain you, so be sure to send me their name & address, too. We are essentially people in our communities, and I would like only to see us in touch with each other.

Braciaca & Belenos

These Orders were not started before Samhain. I would like to make every effort to contact their original Patriarchs. and invite them to do it again. If this is impossible, the Coalition will no doubt start them within its structure. Look for them around Beltane~ and, if you are a Coalition member, and interested in them, contact the Coalition Clearinghouses. Braciaca will Probably be Party-throwers and experts in altered states of consciousness. Belanos will be sun-worshippers, scientists, and astrologers, or something like that.

Coalition Council of Dalon Ap Landu

Members of the coalition: Mother Grove, Live Oak Grove, Greenwood Grove, San Diego Grove

Rules Passed (precis)

- 1) Votes before the CoCoDAL will be voted on by those who respond to the Clearinghouse Grove within 90 days of postmark.
- 2) Groves join in Summer by 2/3 vote of their Thirds; Groves may resign in Winter by the same process.
- 3) Matriarchs/Patriarchs (M/Ps) may resign. There is a Process for their replacement.
- 4) New members can be Ordained by their ArchDruid, or another member of the Order, by permission of the M/P
- 5) A person may be a member of more than one Order, but not M/P of more than one.
- 6) Resignation of M/P of N Order should be reported to the M/P of N-1 Order, whether or not they are immediately replaced.

7) Children under puberty shall not hold higher than 1st Order; no one under 18 shall be Ordained Third.

Other Business Passed:

A) Joan Carruth shall be the Matriarch of Grannos.

Live Oak Grove volunteered to be Clearinghouse for 20 y.r. Any Third Order member of the Coalition may originate a vote by sending a copy of the vote to all member Groves or Solitaries. and to the Preceptor of the Clearinghouse Grove.

Responses should be sent to the Clearinghouse, who will count them and resort the results in the next Chronicler. The address is Emmon Bodfish, 616 Miner Rd Orinda, CA, 945630 (oops should be Leslie, but its 2 AM already)

Rulings of the CoCoDAL are binding only to members of the Coalition. These rules are meant in no way to inhibit the autonomy of any member Grove or Solitary Third, but to facilitate the functioning of the Reformed Druid movement, and make the Higher Orders available once more. Each Third Order Coalition member has one vote in the CoCoDAL, whether solitary or a member of a Grove, though Grove Thirds should vote through their Preceptor or AD, so Emmon will not get confused as to who's voted. If he gets the responses from all; the Thirds in a member Grove at once, it'll simplify his counting

Other News

Please note the two new pages to add to your Book of the Bards courtesy of Emmon Bodfish.

Live Oak Grove has available copies of the complete Druid Chronicles (Evolved), for \$25, postpaid. We especially encourage all Seconds and Thirds to own a copy of this invaluable Druidic text. We also have a 40-page excerpt from the Chronicles that we are calling the Mini-Chronicles, which you may obtain for a mere \$7. It contains the Chronicles of the Reform, Bards, the Great Druish books, liturgy etc. Please send check or MO to AD Joan Carruth, 8259 Terrace Dr., El Cerrito, CA, 94530.

Please note that the Druid Chronicler is going into new hands, and we are not sure how broad they will wish to make their mailing list. If you are not a Third Order Solitary, an ArchDruid, a Matriarch or Patriarch, a ProtoGrove contact person, or an active member of the Mother or live Oak Groves, this MAY be the last copy of the Chronicler you will receive. Getting subscriptions is a hassle, and if the Chronicler continues to be sent out free, we may need to clear the rolldex a little. Stay tuned.

Groves and orders; Deadline for Oimeic chronicler is the end of the first week in January. Send new to Isaac Bonewits, box 9398 Berkeley CA 94709

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THE NEXT DRUID REFORM:

New Voices, New Views in the NRDNA

If you've ever seen a copy of the *Druid Chronicler* before, you've probably noticed that we've had something of a face lift. If you've never seen DC before in your life, welcome to our newsletter!

This changed format is in keeping with some sweeping changes that are taking place in the Mother Grove (formerly the "Berkeley Grove") of the New Reformed Druids of North America (NRDNA).

You may have read about the Reformed Druids and the New Reformed Druids in Margot Adler's *Drawing Down the Moon*.* (Adler, Margot, *Drawing Down the Moon*. New York; Viking Press; 1979. In the 1st Edition (hardcover.) we're on pages 300-304). If so, we have some surprises for you.

First, a little history:

Isaac Bonewits left the Mother Grove in 1979 because he was moving to Santa Cruz. When he went, he appointed Joan Carruth and Stephen Abbott Mac Caulley to be co-Archdruids in his place. Shortly after he left on his sabbatical, Joan and Stephen changed the name to the "Berkeley Groves."

The next year saw Stephen drop out of the Berkeley Grove, and that was the end of co-Archdruidship as an experiment--at least in that incarnation. Joan ran for re-election uncontested, and spent the last of 18 y.r. and all of 19 y.r. as Archdruid of the Grove.

In the two years since Isaac left, the ritual and structure of the Grove went relatively unmolested. But then Isaac showed back up, and all the rules changed. He ran for the office of Archdruid, warning everybody in advance that he planned to make some broad changes in the Grove.

Even if it can't be said that the Gods spoke, there was an omen of sorts. Isaac won. In doing so though, he alienated a large portion of the existing Berkeley Grove. They thought that the changes were taking Druidism too far away from what its founders at Carleton College had intended it to be. That idea made them uncomfortable, so after much thought and discussion, they decided to form a new Grove. They asked Joan to be their Archdruid, and she accepted.

Thus there are now two Groves in Berkeley: the Live Oak Grove, which still uses the traditional forms of the ritual, and the Mother Grove, which is developing a new philosophy of Druidism for the 1980s.

Sweeping Changes and a New Philosophy

The very first thing Isaac did was to reinstate the co-Archdruid system. The second was to do away with the traditional Orders of the NRDNA. Therefore, what we have now is a system of Circles (First Circle, Second Circle, et al.) with an Archdruid and Archdruidess as theological head of the group.

(We admit that "Archdruid" and "Archdruidess" are unwieldy terms. Until we come up with something better and more descriptive, however, we have to use what we already have.)

The new system shows several advantages over the old:

First, we have been able to put a sense of balance back into Druidism. We try not to favor male over female, Goddess over God, or any of the myriad other imbalances to which the Craft and other forms of Neopaganism have been subject--but it happens when you don't have a balanced pair to head your services. It can happen anyway, but the chances are better that we will catch it before it does. This makes for a more effective balance of magical energy in the ritual, as well as psychological and political energy in daily Grove affairs.

Second, the Circles act as a mutual-support system. We will not offer someone an "Order" or a "Degree"; instead, we will invest them as part of a Circle. The Circle is a group of members all at about the same stage of development in Druidism. They aid each other to learn their craft, and they assist in teaching those less advanced than themselves. Thus, everyone shares the responsibility for learning and for teaching their companions.

From the Archdruid

The ancient Druids are said to have built their solar-lunar calendar around a 19-year cycle (that is, 235 lunar months). Samhain this year ends the first 19 years of the Reform begun at Carleton College, and begins a fresh cycle. Samhain also begins the season of Geimreadh (winter,) a traditional time of reforming and resurrection.

This winter bodes fair to continue those traditions in the grand old style. Last September 20th I was (re-)elected Archdruid of what was then called the Berkeley Grove. I ran for the office on a "Revolution ticket," warning the Grove's members that I would make sweeping changes, especially in the areas of liturgy, organizational structure, and training. I said it was time for the Reformed Druids to begin the work necessary to create a complete religion, to grow beyond the loose framework that is the sum of its current liturgy.

I pointed out that, little as we know of the ancient Druids, we do know that they were the brahmanic caste of the Celtic/Germanic/Slavic peoples (though they were called by different names in different times and places). They were the artists, musicians, poets, healers, judges, historians, diviners, magicians, clergy--the cognoscenti of their societies. Any neopagan group with the audacity to call itself Druidic should have, above all, a commitment to excellence and a willingness to be everything that the name implies.

These ideals are far beyond the pale of what the Founders of the Reformed Druid movement wanted in the early 1960s. Their image of a Druid was that of an anarchistic philosopher, a sort of Zen Unitarian. And most of them had no intention of starting a "real" religion; they had no idea that the Gods they were invoking happened to be very much alive.

The Old Gods are alive--although I will grant that they're a little sleepy. After all, it's been a long time. But what the folks at Carleton College built was not meant to last, to grow, to

spread. That Reformed Druidism is still around 19 years later is a testimony to the power of the Gods and of the Druidic archetype. And given this archetype, these Gods and the power inherent in the concept of Druidism, we have the basis for a healthy, growing religion, a religion that works.

I have always thought that there was more to Druidism (Reformed or otherwise) than was dreamt of in the philosophies of those at Carleton College. It's out there somewhere, and through diligent hard work, we can find it. We will find it!

Do I hear the Old Gods stirring in their sleep?

Everyone advances through the Circles according to their knowledge, ability and commitment. We are still developing the Circles system and the criteria for admission and advancement, but a few things have become clear based on what we are trying to do:

There will be set criteria for advancement, and everyone no matter who they may be, elsewhere will follow the same criteria.

Various rituals will be structured to the level of their participants.

Everyone will be required to show mastery of the knowledge in one circle before being advanced to the next.

This has allowed us to get back to the OLD idea of what a "Druid" was. He or she was a priest, a bard, a magician, a healer; he/she was of the cognoscenti. Not everyone was cut out to be one, nor did everyone qualify in the Gods' sight.

If you were proper Druid's material, you could demonstrate that fact. Nobody questioned your right to wear that robe because you had been challenged long before you were ever given it. We are trying to return to that method and that standard.

Connections with the Old Order

Does this mean that we have cut all ties with the old NRDNA structure? After all, we're talking about making people work for what they want, then rewarding them for what they produce! The old New Reformed Druids offered everybody the same things, and it was open to the public--in fact, they even held their rituals in public parks.

We haven't cut all our old ties; just most of them. For instance, we will not instantly invest someone into the third Circle just because they are a Third Order Druid in some other Grove. In view of what we're trying to do with our Druidism, there is no way we can do that without compromising our objectives.

We will, however, keep our lines of communication open to other Groves and other groups of Druids. We want to hear what they are doing, and we want to tell them about ourselves.

We will allow public participation in some of our rituals. (Emphasis on the "some.") There will most assuredly be rituals that are open only to members who have been admitted to the First Circle or higher, and rituals closed to lower Circles. It depends what we're trying to accomplish with any given ritual.

Why close some rituals? What do we have to hide? Nothing. Druidism will continue to be as it ever was. But we will hold closed rituals.

This is not because we hold any secrets; rather, it's because we want our rituals and services to work. When we look for an omen, we want an unmistakable omen. We are going to help our rituals work by requiring everybody who participates to be familiar with our methods.

For these reasons, of course, we cannot participate in the old Council [or its successor, the "Coalition Council"

(CoCoDAL)] of Dalon ap Landu. We do not recognize their authority to govern our activities because their aims are not ours. How can the Mormon Elders guide a Roman Catholic congregation? Their ideals are too dissimilar.

Isaac spent some time during Samhain this year addressing that subject. In an open letter which he (perhaps unfortunately) finally decided not to mail, he said:

"We will not participate in the original Council (or the current "Co-Council") of Dalon ap Landu--the original governing body of the R.D.N.A., composed of all the priests and priestesses--unless it is made abundantly clear that we do not recognize their authority to make any decisions regarding our activities, structure, 'orthodoxy,' etc. We will participate to the extent of sharing ideas and information with other Reformed Druid groups.

"As for the 'Higher Orders,' the Mother Grove will not help reorganize, nor will we recognize the revival of the old R.D.N.A. Higher Orders or the more recent N.R.D.N.A. Special Orders.

"We're not going to be in any hurry to start any new ones either, save for revamping the Bards inside our own Grove. Members of the Mother Grove may start Special Interest Groups, or participate in the Higher & Special Orders already existing in other Groves, but such SIGs or Orders will have no official status for now."

What Are We Trying to Accomplish?

If we are throwing out so much of the old system, what will we replace it with? Exactly what are our goals?

At the bottom line, they're simple enough. We want to establish a true relationship with the Gods. We think that this is best done through a combination of ritual, magic, music, dance, poetry, and theatre. The Gods love a good show!

And to make this the best show possible, we are going to stress personal development and personal achievement within the Mother Grove. We want dedication, and we think that the rewards--personal, spiritual, even perhaps physical--to be had from that dedication are more than worth the effort.

In addition, we want to see a balanced energy raised in our rituals. Too many Neopagan groups in the past have had a bias (however well-intentioned or even unconscious) toward either the male or the female in their workings. For this reason, we strongly emphasize the value of working with a partner of the opposite sex for balance and completeness.

From the Archdruidess

My name is Sally Eaton. Bonewits is my legal last name, but I prefer to use Eaton. My own identity is very important to me, for all the usual reasons.

I've been involved with NRDNA since 1979. I've been a practicing Witch since my early teens and involved heavily in magic all my life. I was attracted to Druidism because of my Celtic ancestry and because of the emphasis on music; among other things, I'm a singer and songwriter.

During 13 y.r. [1979-80], I was Server to what was then the Berkeley Grove. At that time we had two Archdruids, a woman and a man. I liked this idea very much; the precisely equal division of leadership between male and female is my ideal.

I thoroughly agreed with the basic ideas of Druidism, but as time went on I found myself dissatisfied with certain aspects of the services. We were meeting in public parks so newcomers could join freely, and I felt like I was working in a fishbowl.

More, the services reminded me most of liberal Christianity--they didn't feel Pagan to me.

I'm not a Duotheist, I'm a Polytheist. I work with particular Goddesses and Gods, not just the Great Mother and Father. I wondered why we didn't bring back the real deities of our Celtic forebears. I thought it was our job as Druids to do this.

When I tried to tell people this, though, I found myself bucking a rigid "tradition" that dated all the way back to 1963. I made suggestions, and was told, that isn't the way we do things."

I was frustrated. I could make few creative contributions.

The Carleton College Druids never thought in terms of starting a "great" religion. Anarchy was their byword. They had no training system for the clergy, even though the very word Druid is most often taken to mean "High Priests."

The ancient Druids often took twenty years to complete training in the arts of healing, divination, music, priest craft. I myself have devoted my life to magic. Why should I want a part-time religion?

Folks in NRDNA who wish to continue the Carleton style of worship are welcome to do so, but there are those of us who felt it was our Karma to find a Druid way both older and deeper. I want to see the ancient way restored to its full power and splendor. I want to know the Gods of my ancestors, to come face to face with them on their own terms. I want to know their music, their language, their teachings, and their love. It may take more than our individual lifetimes, but I know it can be done.

First Stops on the Road

We have already taken the first steps on that road. Sally Eaton, Isaac's wife--herself a respected professional actor and singer, playwright, ceremonial magician and priestess--has agreed to join him as Archdruidess of the Grove. Together they have begun to sculpt the rituals that will be used in later workings of the Mother Grove.

We are using Geimreadh (winter) this year to write, revise and test our new rituals. We will work the major problems out of them so that they can be used as the new Order of Common Worship come Oimele. Jody Veahman, a Celtic Traditional musician and singer, will work with Isaac and Sally (as will I and a number of other Bay Area writers, philosophers, magicians and what-have-you) to make the material strong and effective. When spring comes, we'll see how well we have succeeded in our aims.

From the Editor:

That just about finishes the propagandizing, except for one detail. Like a good short story, a good article should hook its end, ouroboros-like, back on its beginning. And since I brought you into this with a tag about DC's face-lift, I'll wrap up by telling you about it.

The Mother Grove has no official Preceptor. They may never have one; Isaac and Sally are not sure one is really necessary in proper ritual. But as far as anyone is unofficially holding down the job, I'm it.

My name is Elton Wildermuth, and I am (you should pardon the expression) the Druid Chronicler. I have next to nothing to recommend myself except my big mouth and effervescent personality, plus maybe the ability to write a simple declarative sentence in English. You will, however, be hearing a lot from me in days to come. The new DC is my baby, I edit it, I print it, I have the final say over what does and does not go into it. [It's hard to argue with the editor!] Blame it all on me.

Hell, I probably deserve it.

Tell me what you think of my baby! I can be reached by mail as follows:

The Druid Chronicler
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2124 Kittredge Street, No. 31
Berkeley, CA 94704

This is not the Mother Grove's usual mailing address, but it is where all mail for DC should be sent. I'll say more about that in the following section, which contains the actual hard news of the Grove.

Having said my piece, then, it's time for the news.

Druid News:

What's Happening in the NRDNA News from Groves & Orders

This is the first issue of DC under new management, so there is precious little true news of other Groves to print. Send me your news! Send me your Grove meeting schedules! Tell me all about what you're doing, so I can tell other people! Get it down in print--let people know what you're doing and when it's happening.

I did place a pair of judicious telephone calls in an attempt to fill out my report of current events. First I called Leslie Craig-Harger, who is current Matriarch of the Order of Oberon (the old NRDNA Bardic order).

Then I called Joan Carruth, the Archdruid of the Live Oak Grove in Orinda. Joan has (besides being Archdruid of her own Grove) decided to revive the old Council of Dalon ap Landu---calling it the "Coalition Council" of DAL--and the Order of Grannos (Healers,) with herself as Matriarch of the latter. (She may have more ideas in the offing; those are the only two she mentioned.)

Such news as I had from them and from Sally and Isaac follows.

Mother Grove

The big news concerning Mother Grove is Isaac's return as Archdruid and the Grove's subsequent changes in direction and focus. Among those changes are the reinstatement of co-Archdruidship' with Sally Eaton as Archdruidess, and the restructuring of Mother Grove's hierarchy. All of that is presented in the lead article for this issue.

Mother Grove will be holding Common Worship even while they are establishing the final form of their new rituals. Thus the ritual will evolve from meeting to meeting. Mother Grove's schedule of Common Worship is:

December 20 8.00 PM(Yule)
January 3 2.00 PM
January 17 2.00 PM
January 31 2.00 PM (Oimele)

Grove meetings regularly begin at 2.00 PM. December 20 will be an evening service because it is the Yule and Winter Solstice ritual. Ending times will vary; any number of things may happen after the service itself. However, services will

begin sharp at the indicated time. Late arrivals may find the doors closed.

Mother Grove's services will be held indoors at 5286 Riverside Avenue in San Pablo. (This too may pass.) To get there, proceed as follows:

These meetings will include a potluck meal; we might as well socialism, since many of us don't see each other between services! Bring whatever you're drinking plus some to pass around, and food that you like — again, enough to share.

NGTC: Those with unusual dietary restrictions (e.g. vegetarians, diabetics, Mormons) will pretty much have to fend for themselves, since we don't know in advance who will bring what. This doesn't mean we don't like you; we simply don't have the facilities ourselves to cater to specific requirements.

In addition to the potluck, Mother Grove will be holding music and dance workshops, theology hairpulls, and anything else they can think of to liven up our afternoons after the rituals.

Live Oak Grove (LOG)

Joan Carruth, the Archdruid of the new Live Oak Grove, says that LOG is open to "anyone interested in traditional Reformed Druidism as set out in the Druid Chronicles (Evolved)." She also wanted to make sure I announced that LOG has prepared a 40-page excerpt from the Chronicles, which they call the "Mini-Chronicles." It is available for \$7.00 postpaid from Live Oak Grove; checks should be made payable to Joan Carruth.

Live Oak Grove will be holding rituals "rain or shine" at 616 Miner Road, in Orinda. Their schedule of meetings is:

December 13

December 20 (Yule)

December 27

January 10

January 24

February 7 (Oimele)

All meetings will begin at 1.00 p.m.

NOTE: The January-February meeting dates are not the dates which Joan reported in the last issue of the Druid Chronicle. Looking at my 1982 calendar, however, I believe these new dates are accurate. Call Joan at (415) 525-0498 to confirm.

I have no map available for Live Oak Grove. Call Emmon Bodfish at (415) 254-1387 for directions.

During the Season of Sleep, Joan says that LCG plans to:

- Plant eight sacred trees
- Build an altar on which they can build fires
- Build a wood of five stakes over which the sun will rise on high days.

Joan says that if it is clear, people attending their rituals should bring gardening gloves and be prepared to spend time working on the grove site.

News of the Orders

News of the CoCoDAL

Live Oak Grove's official mailing address is: Live Oak Grove c/o Emmon Bodfish 616 Miner Road Orinda, CA 94563

Joan has revived the old Council of Dalon ap Landu, calling it the "Coalition Council" of Dalon ap Landu (CoCoDAL). This council represents the Carleton Traditionalists, and claims to comprise all Groves and free Third Order Druids who have not officially resigned. Speaking on behalf of CoCoDAL, Joan informed me that:

1. No Groves have resigned from CoCoDAL. [This is not exactly true; Mother Grove is not officially participating in CoCoDAL, but has not yet tendered its resignation. —Elton]

2. There is no new business before CoCoDAL at this time.

3. Live Oak Grove is acting as Clearinghouse Grove (ChG) for CoCoDAL during 20 y.r. (1981-82). They can be contacted through Live Oak Grove's mailing address, given above.

According to Joan, any member of the Coalition may bring business before CoCoDAL by a four-step process:

1. Write a formal petition and send it to the ChG.

2. The ChG will mail a copy of the proposal to each member Grove

3. CoCoDAL will wait 90 days from the date of mailing for a reply to each proposal.

4. After the waiting period, the ChG will tally the responses ye and nay, then announce both the proposal and the result of the vote.

When she originally spoke to me, Joan informed me that the results of each vote would be printed in the next issue of the Druid Chronicle. I unfortunately had to tell her that this is not necessarily so; please see my comments about news and the printing thereof on page 7. I will try, but schedule and space constraints may prevent me. If this happens, I assure that she will make other arrangements; she was not sure when we talked.

Order of Grannos

The Order of Grannos is an old NRDNA higher Order which Joan has recently revived. She is currently the Matriarch of that Order. The Druid Chronicles (Evolved) says it is a "Fourth Order," whose deity is Grannos (a Gaulish deity,) Patron of Healing Springs.

Concerning the Order of Grannos, Joan said: "We have three members who are nominally associated with Live Oak Grove. However, the Matriarch Joan is beginning to hear from Third Order in other Groves who are interested in joining the Order. We should have Grannos represented in several Groves by Beltane."

Any Third Order member of the RDNA interested in joining this Order should write a letter to Joan concerning his/her interest in healing — medical, magical, psychic, any combination; she welcomes all.

If you are interested in joining Grannos, write to Joan at: Joan E. Carruth 8259 Terrace Drive, El Cerrito, CA 94530

NOTE: This address will be good only through Oimele. After that, Joan can be contacted through Live oak Grove at its mailing address.

Joan says she will be authorizing ordinations after Beltane. Members ordained may then start conclaves in their own Groves if they wish.

Joan expects to hear from all members several times per year. She says that this is not because she wants to tell anyone how to run their conclaves, but rather to share healers' lore and so she can publish news of the Order.

The Bay Area Healers' Conclave [Joan's conclave? She did not specify, but I assume it means the three people who are currently members of the Order] is "in hiatus until the Order has spread." After that Joan plans to authorize ordinations by mail and concentrate on running her own conclave.

Order of Oberon

The Order of Oberon is the old Bardic order of the NRDNA, and seems to be the only Order currently having an unbroken history. Leslie Craig-Harger is currently Matriarch of that Order, having taken over from Linda von Braskat in 19 y.r. I called her to find out what her Order was doing during the NRDNA Season of Sleep.

She says the Order is working on poetry and acting as well as music. This is intended to round out their talents and abilities as bards; being a bard covers far more ground than just being a singer and/or instrumentalist.

Her main news, though, did not concern the Order so much as what she is trying to do as Matriarch.

First, she is soliciting dedicatory works from Druidic bards. These works will go into the Matriarch's collection, and Leslie hopes eventually to print them. For more information, or to send her your work, write: Leslie Craig-Harger 1280 61st Street, Emeryville, CA 94608

In addition, she says that creative and archival works are also welcome. She will collect them, and use the ones that fit her needs in her bardic revels.

In addition, she is working on a method whereby Archdruids or other Third Order Druids can ordain bards into the Order of Oberon. This will save Leslie a lot of traveling, which is both wearying and expensive. I will try to publish the details in DC as soon as she finalizes them.

We spent a long time talking about the Mother Grove, and what connections Mother Grove does and does not recognize with the old NRDNA structure. As a result, two days later, Leslie provided me with a chaining note concerning Oberon:

Bardic Revels December 19, January 23, and February 27. Call Leslie for location. We are working on the poetic and dramatic aspects of the 'bardic arts' — beginning with the techniques of satire and lampoon. Lampoons can deal with whatever subject attending Bards choose, with attention to the transforming nature of satire. (Anyone who feels that humor is irrelevant to magic might want to check out *Illuminatus*, maybe?)

"PS: Order of Oberon does not intend to stick its nose into any Grove's liturgical business. Members of Mother Grove should feel free to attend without danger to their artistic or doctrinal autonomy."

Leslie tells me that due to space limitations, she is having to restrict attendance at her revels to her regular circle of bards (meaning those who already know or have access to her telephone number; she asked that I do not publish it). If this applies to you and you want to attend, call her for details.

The Druid Chronicler Subscription Information:

How to Get What's Coming to You

The Druid Chronicler has been sent out quarterly in the past. I have changed that schedule. I will be sending out issues of DC eight times a year — one for each of the four major and minor High Days. Each issue will be published approximately two or three weeks before the holiday, to allow time for the Post Office to deliver your copy.

However it may have worked in the past, the new DC will be offered by subscription only. Eight issues (one year) will cost \$5.00. This includes all necessary postage and handling. ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS will expire with the Oimeic issue

(around February 1) each year. mat makes my bookkeeping a lot easier.

Anyone who sends for their subscription in the middle of the year will be charged a pro-rated cost for the number of issues remaining until Oimeic.

To subscribe to DC, send a check or money order payable to "MOTHER GROVE" to: The Druid Chronicler, c/o Elton Wildermuth, 2124 Kittredge Street, No. 31, Berkeley, CA 94704

All mail — new subscriptions, inquiries, love letters &c. — should be sent to that address.

What Do We Print?

The Druid Chronicler is the official newsletter of the NRDNA. As such, we do not promise to print "all the news that fits," but we do try to print at least synopses of all news and events of interest to members of the NRDNA.

We solicit any and all news concerning the various Druidic groups worldwide. We do not promise to print all of it, or in some cases even any of it, but we'll try, based on our schedule, needs, and priorities.

If you have news concerning upcoming events, please send it enough in advance (at least six weeks) that it will make it into the issue that appears before the event in question. Otherwise you aren't likely to get many DC subscribers at your Beltane party, nicht Bohr?

News intended for publication should be sent to the subscription/production address. See subscription information above, or the executive information box on page 2.

We do not solicit nor do we publish articles — yet. Who knows when that may change? But don't send us your work yet; we'll let you know when and if we can use it.

Bear in mind that anything and everything sent to the DC is subject to a) possible future publication and b) editing by Elton. Be sure you won't mind having the whole world reading about it before you write to me. And please don't expect to get back exactly what you write, word for word, no changes. Of the few guarantees I can make, that is the first: I will edit.

Letters to the Editor

Postage being what it is these days, anyone who wants a reply to their letter must submit a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Otherwise, you will have to take your chances about whether I got your letter or not.

Also, I will limit my answers to correspondence. The only questions I can answer are those which concern new subscriptions, old subscriptions, missing issues, Druidic news and other items that directly concern the Druid Chronicler.

And be advised, you may very well get a form letter instead of a personal note. Please don't be too disappointed.

I regret the necessity of drawing such a hard and fast line, but other constraints on my time (e.g. the unfortunate necessity of working for a living) makes it impossible for me to be a truly adequate correspondent.

Once again, if that changes any time in the future, I will happily let you know.

Announcement: Gaelic Classes

Jim Duran is currently teaching classes in modern Gaelic on Monday nights at 7:30. Several members of the Mother Grove are attending these classes; learning Gaelic has several obvious applications for those interested in studying and

practicing Druidism. After we have mastered the modern forms, we intend to start work on ancient Gaelic.

We thought that others might also be interested in learning Gaelic, so Isaac approached Jim about holding another set of classes. Details are still rather tentative, but here is what we have:

If there is sufficient interest, Jim will begin a new series of Gaelic classes sometime after January 1. They will probably be held on either Monday or Thursday nights at his house. They can be either new beginners' classes or a continuation of the old series (both, if the interest runs high enough). The cost will be \$4.00 per class night, payable to Jim. Call Jim at (415) 535-1086 for further details.

Special Notice for Previous Subscribers to Pentalpha Journal/the Old DC:

A lot of people subscribed to the original Druid Chronicler, and later to the Pentalpha Journal, which absorbed the Druid Chronicler whole. As all of those subscribers know only too well, both publications had a lot of problems with meeting their subscription commitments. Because of these problems, we are extending a special offer to everyone who had a subscription to either DC or the Pentalpha Journal which was not fulfilled.

The Berkeley Grove (under Joan Carruth) revived the old Druid Chronicler after a fashion. they did not offer it by subscription so far as I know, and did not fulfill old subscriptions. Distribution was limited mostly to local Groves and Grove members.

Sam Mayhew of Tintagel Printing & Publishing has said he will revive the old PJ in a new incarnation, and fulfill all the old subscriptions at their old rate (the new sub rate will be higher). I do not know whether or how well that will work. Therefore....

If you subscribed to either DC or PJ before, and if you never received all the issues you should have, you may choose to subscribe to either the revived PJ or DC. If you want PJ, Sam has said he will fill out your subscription. If you want DC, I will give you your first year's subscription to the new DC free.

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