

Three Cranes Grove, ADF, Liturgy Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2007

Part 1: Lughnassadh

Location: Battelle-Darby Creek Metropark, Shagbark Shelter

Date: July 29, 2007

Grove Arrival: 10:30 AM

Public Arrival: Noon

Games until 4 PM

Ritual at 5 PM

Lees suggested we also start with a blessing rite, a la ComFest, with Lugus as the patron.

Games

Stone Throw
Stone & Peg
Speed Chess

Poetry
Riddles

Horseshoes and the sackrace were vetoed.

Patron of the rite is [Taitiu](#)

Gatekeeper is Corr Mhona ("Garanus" in Irish, apparently)

The parts are doled out like this:

- **Outdwellers:** lees
- **Universal Spirit:** MJD
- **Earth Mother:** Shawn
- **Inspiration:** Jim
- **Gates:** lees
- **Ancestors:** Mariel
- **Nature Spirits:** MJD
- **Deities:** Jim
- **Key Offerings:** lees
- **Omen:** MJD
- **Waters:** MJD

Still missing an attunement, now that I look back over this.

Shawn will be bringing/making our wicker man. We will be singing as it burns:

Fire of offering
You burn the Sacrifice
Making it fit for Gods
And all the Holy Ones.

Part 2: Sixth Night Moon Rituals

Note: you might want to start with MJD's LJ entry on this topic:

<http://chronarchy.livejournal.com/348870.html>

We began talking about doing more rituals in earnest at ComFest this year, and the moons in particular were mentioned as what we really wanted to start working on.

To that end, we decided to work with the sixth night of the new moon. This, of course, is where The 6th Night Grove, ADF, got their name.

Also, our omens seem to point in this way: At Imbolc, we were given learning and asked for stability. At spring equinox, we were told to "use our brains more often." At beltaine, it was guidance that we were expected to have. At midsummer, we were asked for far-seeing.

The kicker, though, was the ComFest rite, in which the Kindreds offered us "Mystery, Magic, and Ancient Lore." At that point, it became time to seriously work hard on recognizing and internalizing those omens.

To the Druids of Gaul, [Pliny the Elder tells us](#), the sixth night of the new moon (or the fifth day of the moon in some translations: same day) was sacred. Because of that, we wanted to start work toward using that day.

The purposes of these rites in general that MJD came up with are as follows:

1. Something to welcome Grove members ritually
2. Something where we can do some real trancework
3. Mysteries that the Grove can be privy to
4. A greater sense of shared experience, including
 - a. Shared knowledge set
 - b. Shared liturgical language
 - c. Experience of Gaulish culture

MJD has decided to throw most of the COoR out the window for this: it's more inspirational, and it won't deal well with strict control.

MJD also wanted to find a way to talk about these Moons, to give names to them. He did some work on the [Coligny Calendar](#) and found those names well-suited for the task. The below table is somewhat tentative, and we don't have a lot listed, but at least the names, a rough translation, and an idea or two about what we might do on some of these nights is listed. We'll fill in the calendar more completely later.

Working Gaulish month names and translations

Month	Gaulish	Translation	What we might do
Nov.	Samonios	-End of Summer month	?
Dec.	Dumannios	-Dark month	?
Jan.	Rivos	-Frost month	?
Feb.	Anagantios	-Stay-at-Home month	Priest does house calls?

Mar.	Ogronios	-End of the Cold month	?
Apr.	Cutios	-Rain month	Working for rain, avert droughts
May	Gaimonios	-End of Winter month	?
Jun.	Simivisonnos	-Mid-Summer month	?
Jul.	Equos	-Horse month	Epona feast
Aug.	Elembivios	-Many-Sided month	"the many-skilled Lugus"
Sep.	AEdrinios	-End of Heat month	Changes in leaves and in selves
Oct.	Cantlos	-Song month	A ritual of songs
Inter-Calary	Antaranos	-In-Between month	Fire-and-Ice working

The omens we use for this rite will not be either our usual "have the offerings been accepted" or "what blessings are offered to us", but rather a general, "What should we focus on?"

The rite will involve mistletoe and an actual mystery. It will also work more with Garanus, who is really about as close as we're going to come in terms of a common ritual figure.

Two items of note: expenditures were approved for two items (one of which is mistletoe, the other is a token MJD's found, but have not purchased yet) for this rite. Total bill should be under \$100. An exact accounting of how much this cost will be made at the next business meeting.

Our first ritual will be about doing a large initiation of our current membership, and it will be at Shawn's house.

Future plans include possibly associating each moon/month with a tree and doing work surrounding that tree in an effort to get more in tune with nature, doing "meet the Deity of the Occasion" meditations/journeys, and

Date/Time/Location:

Date: Sat., Aug. 18, 2007

Time: 7 PM for a potluck, ritual at 9:00 PM

Location: Shawn's house. Directions forthcoming.

The Sixth Night Rites are open to [Grove members](#) *only*. That means all participants have been presented to and voted into the Grove officially.

Future rites will be on the following schedule:

Sep 17, 2007

Oct 17, 2007

Nov 15, 2007

Dec 15, 2007