

Autumn **E**quinox

Honoring

Manannan **M**ac **M**uir



Wild Onion Grove, Ar nDraiocht Fein
September 26th, 2010 c.e.

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Pre-Ritual Activities

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| (A) | Pre-Ritual Briefing | Chris |
| (B) | Individual Meditations and Prayers | Congregation |
| (C) | Lighting the Sacred Fire(s) | Caroline |
| (D) | Pouring the Sacred Waters | Caroline |
| (E) | Consecrating the Sacred Pole | Caroline |

1st Phase: Starting the Rite and Establishing the Group mind

Clear-cut Beginning: Consecration of Time

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| (1) | Musical Signal | Caroline |
| (2) | Opening Prayer | Chris |

Consecration of Space & of Participants

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| (3) | The Processional | "We Call the Tribe" – Congregation |
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We Call the Tribe

We call the Tribe to the halls of the Mighty – We call the Tribe – Come, Tribe, Gather!
We call the Tribe to the hearth of the Kin – We call the Tribe – Come, Tribe, Gather!
We call the Tribe to the Grove of the Green Ones – We call the Tribe – Come, Tribe, Gather!
We call the Tribe to our rite that begins – We call the Tribe – Come, Tribe, Gather!

Words and Music by Jack Cole, Wild Onion Grove, ADF

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| (4) | Honoring the Earth-Mother | Chris |
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Centering, Grounding & Merging

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| (5) | Grove Meditation | Jeremy |
| (6) | Unity Chant/Song | "Mothers and Fathers of Old" - Congregation |

Mothers and Fathers of Old

From far beyond this mortal plain, Mothers and Fathers of old.
We pray that you return again, Mothers and Fathers of old.
To share with us the mysteries, and secrets long untold.
And the ancient ways we seek to reclaim, Mothers and Fathers of old.

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| (7) | Specification of Ritual Purpose & Historical Precedent | Chris |
| (8) | Naming Deity of the Occasion & Reasons for Choice | Chris |

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2nd Phase: Recreating the Cosmos & Preliminaries

Creating the Vertical Axis

(9) Offering Silver to the Well _____

*Well of knowledge, slow steady, calm flowing
Stirring the depths, revealing wisdom
Accept our offering of silver
That we might drink deep of the source
Sacred Well, flow within us!*

All respond: Sacred Well, flow within us!

Offering to the Fire _____

*Sacred Fire, smoke swirling, road to the Shining Ones
Burning bright, transforming all
Accept our offering of sweet oil
That we might revel in the light
Sacred fire burn within us!*

All respond: Sacred Fire, burn within us!

Offering to the Cosmic Tree _____

*Sacred Tree, Craeb Uisnig, door of heaven
first point in space, uniter of worlds, axis of the universe,
Accept our offering of incense
That we might traverse the ways
Sacred Tree grow within us!*

All respond: Sacred tree, grow within us!

(10) Evoking the Gate Keeper, the Kami (Spirits) of Lake Michigan

Jeremy and Ray

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Gaining Assistance & Preventing Interference

- (11) Invoking the Bardic Deity (Brighid)
(12) Acknowledgment of the Outsiders

James

Filling Out the Cosmic Picture by Invoking...

- (13) Nature Spirits
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*Spirits of Nature!
Flesh and Bone, Leaf and Bark
Pebble and Stream, Star and Soil
Cloud and Storm
Be with us!
Share our Joy and Bounty
Protect and guide us!
Nature Spirits accept our sacrifice!*

All respond: Nature Spirits accept our sacrifice!

Ancestors

*Ancestors, Blessed and Mighty!
Kindred Souls of our Heart, Blood, and Spirit!
Keepers of Wisdom and Memory
Be with us!
Share in our Remembrance and Love!
Protect and Guide us!
Ancestors, accept our sacrifice!*

All respond: Ancestors, accept our sacrifice!

Shining Ones

*Shining Ones, Noble and Strong!
Most Ancient and Wise Kindred!
Guardians of the Many Worlds,
Be with us!
Share in our Reverence and Blessings!
Protect and Guide us!
Shining Ones, accept our sacrifice!*

All respond: Shining Ones, accept our sacrifice!

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(14) Settling and Focusing

Chris

3rd Phase: Major Sending to Deity of the Occasion

(15) Descriptive Invocation of Deity of the Occasion

Jack

<p><i>Between the Folds</i> by Jack Cole</p> <p><i>Between the folds of land and sea, Between the dark and light. We call to you, Great Manannan To join us here this night.</i></p> <p><i>Manannan! Manannan! Great God of Mist and Sea! Manannan! Manannan! Great God we call to Thee!</i></p>	<p><i>Between the Folds of day and night Between the Land and Sky. We part the Mists and clear the way For Enbarr's ride this night.</i></p> <p><i>[Chorus]</i></p> <p><i>Between the Folds of heat and cold, Between the sky and sand. Great Manannan of water's deep, We call you to the land.</i></p> <p><i>[Chorus]</i></p>
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Primary Power Raising

- (16) Praise Offerings, Dance, Libations, etc.
- (17) The Sacrifice
- (18) Seeking the Omen of Return

Congregation
Colleen
Caroline

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4th Phase: Receiving and Using the Returned Blessings

Preparation for the Return

(19) Consecration Agreement

Chris

Reception of Power from Deity of the Occasion

(20) Consecration and Sharing

Chris

(21) Acceptance of Individual Blessings

Congregation

5th Phase: Unwinding and Ending the Ceremony

(22) Blessing of the Water Vials

Chris

(23) Thanking of Entities Invited, in Reverse Order

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Deities: _____

Ancestors: _____

Nature Spirits: _____

Outsiders: Ray

Bardic: James

Jeremy and Ray

(24) Thanking the GateKeeper & Closing the Gates

Chris

(25) Affirmation of Past/Future Continuity and Success

(26) Unmerging, Regrouping & Recentering - Meditation

Jeremy

Clear-cut Ending: Deconsecration of Time & Space

(27) Final Benediction

Chris

(28) Announcement of End

Chris

(29) Musical Signal

"Walk with Wisdom" - Congregation

Walk with Wisdom

Walk with Wisdom, from this hallowed place.

Walk not with sorrow, our roots shall 'ere embrace.

May Strength be your brother, and Honor be your friend.

And Luck be your lover, until we meet again