

WILD ONION GROVE ÁR NDRAÍOCHT FÉIN



Lughnassadh

Ritual in praise of Lugh
July 31st, 2011 c.e.

Pre-Ritual Activities

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| (A) | Pre-Ritual Briefing | Caroline/Colleen |
| (B) | Individual Meditations and Prayers | Congregation |

1st Phase: Starting the Rite and Establishing the Group mind
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Clear-cut Beginning: Consecration of Time

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

Consecration of Space & of Participants

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| (3) | The Processional/Sigil Marking | "We Call the Tribe" -all |
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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!

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| (6) | Honoring the Earth-Mother | Colleen |
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Centering, Grounding & Merging

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| (7) | Grove Meditation | _____ |
| (8) | Unity Chant/Song | All |

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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| (9) | Specification of Ritual Purpose & Historical Precedent | Caroline |
| (10) | Naming the Deity of the Occasion & Reasons for Choice | Caroline/Colleen |

2nd Phase: Recreating the Cosmos & Preliminaries

Creating the Vertical Axis

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| (11) | Planting the Cosmic Tree/Honoring the Sacred Pole | Caroline |
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Well, Fire, and Tree

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| (12) | Evoking the GateKeeper | Caroline |
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Gaining Assistance & Preventing Interference

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| (14) | Invoking the Bardic Deity(ies) | James |
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| (15) | Acknowledgment of the Outsiders | _____ |
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O Outsiders,
 You who dwell outside our kith and ken,
 Beyond that which we know,
 that which we believe,
 and beyond even that which we can conceive.
 We offer this token on this joyous Lunasa,
 Though it may not be your way, it is ours.

Filling Out the Cosmic Picture by Invoking...	_____
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| (16a) | Nature Spirits, Ancestors, Deities | |
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From the Boundless Sky
 Home of the Gods and Goddesses,
 The shining plane where Scholars dream.
 Where all that inspires, teaches and empowers pours forth.
 We ask Your Realm to open to ours
 As we celebrate Lughnassadh.

(Offer Alcohol)

From the Bountiful Land
 Home of the Ancestors,
 The fertile fields where the Producers toil
 Where all that sustains, comforts and creates emerges. (cont)

We ask Your Realm to open to ours
As we celebrate Lughnassadh.

(Offer Bread)

From the Brilliant Sea
Home of the Nature Spirits,
The rolling waves that carry the Warriors to battle
Where all that explores, protects and mystifies coalesces.
We ask Your Realm to open to ours
As we celebrate Lughnassadh.

(Offer Bird Seed)

3rd Phase: Major Sending to Deity of the Occasion

(18) Descriptive Invocation of Lugh and Bake-off

Congregation

Invocation of Lugh

Offering of Ale

Thou Lugh the Victorious, we make our Grove under your shield,
O Lugh of the White Horse and the Brilliant Blades.
You of the Perfect Form, Child of Light and Shadow, Slayer of Balor, be in our midst.
Accept this ale in welcome thou Champion, King of All
(ale poured)

Offering of Bread (Bake-off)

We make our offerings in the joy of the Samildanach
The Clever One, the Sure Hand, the Bard and the Smith.
May we be at peace under the hand of the Chieftain of Danu,
We offer this (winning baked good), that the harvest may flourish by the plough wielding hand.
(baked good offered)

Offering of Fruit

By the Sacred Three of Glory hear now Your people's call
By the Spear and by the Raven come, we pray, among Your folk
O Lugh the Victorious - our Light and our Guide
O Lugh the Victorious - accept this offering of fruit and be present in Your strength.
(fruit offered)

(Everyone)

Light of the Sky, come into the Grove!

May the strength of Lugh be over us,

May the beauty of Lugh delight us,

May the skill of Lugh be upon us.

Be welcome, Shining One, and behold Your bride

Be welcome, White-Silver One, and succor the Earth

Be welcome, Hand of Striking, and drive away the hail.

In the Grove of the Old Ways In the ring of Your people

In the hearts of all who honor the Earth.

Primary Power Raising

(19) Praise Offerings, Dance, Libations, etc.

(20) The Sacrifice

Colleen

(21) Seeking the Omen of Return

Caroline

4th Phase: Receiving and Using the Returned Blessings

Preparation for the Return

(24) Consecration Agreement

Caroline

Reception of Power from the Deity of the Occasion

(25) Consecration and Sharing

Caroline

(26) Acceptance of Individual Blessings

Congregation

5th Phase: Unwinding and Ending the Ceremony

(28) Magickal Work

Congregation

(29) Thanking of Entities Invited, in Reverse Order

Deity: Caroline

Kindred Triad: _____

(30) Thanking the Gatekeeper & Closing the Gates

Bardic: James

(31) Affirmation of Past/Future Continuity and Success

Caroline

(32) Un-merging, Regrouping & Re-centering - Meditation

Colleen

Clear-cut Ending: De-consecration of Time & Space

(34) Final Benediction

(37) Musical Signal

Caroline

"Walk With Wisdom" - All

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!