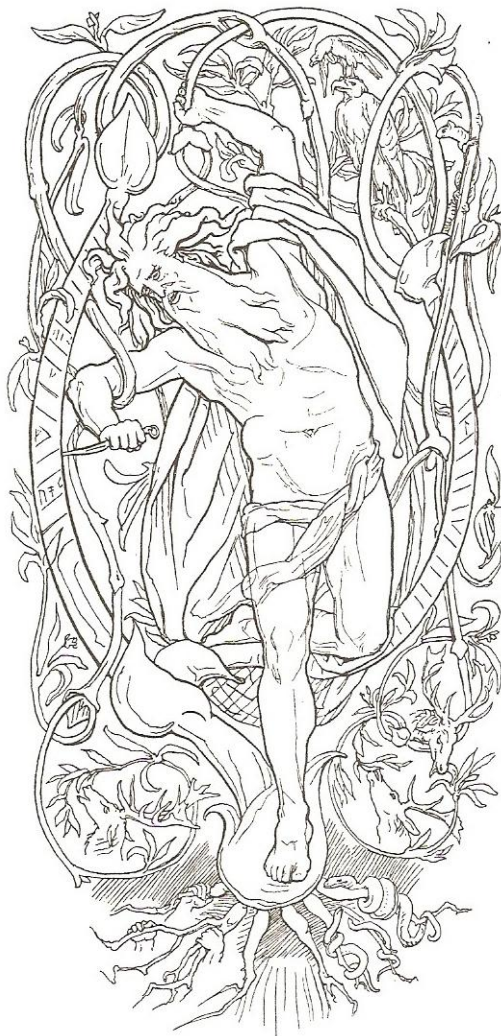


Wild Onion Grove Ár nDraíocht FÉin



December 20, 2009 c.e.

Yule

Honoring Odin

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Pre-Ritual Activities

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| (A) Pre-Ritual Briefing | Chris |
| (C) Lighting the Sacred Fire(s) | _____ |
| (D) Pouring the Sacred Waters | _____ |

1st Phase: Starting the Rite & Connecting the Group

Clear-cut Beginning: Consecration of Time

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| (1) Musical Signal | _____ |
| (2) Opening Prayer | "Celebration of Light" - _____ |

Consecration of Space & of Participants

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| (3) The Processional/Sigil Marking | "We Call the Tribe" - Congregation |
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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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| (4) Purification of Participants | _____ |
| (5) Purification of Site | _____ |
| (6) Honoring the Earth-Mother | "O Earth Mother" - Chris |

Centering, Grounding & Merging

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| (7) Grove Meditation | Caroline |
| (9) Specification of Ritual Purpose & Historical Precedent | Chris |
| (10) Naming Deity(ies) of the Occasion & Reasons for Choice | Chris |

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2nd Phase: Recreating the Cosmos & Preliminaries
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Creating the Vertical Axis

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| (11) Planting the Cosmic Tree | To Yggdrasil - Caroline |
| (12) Evoking the GateKeeper | To Heimdallr - Jack |

Gaining Assistance & Preventing Interference

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| (14) Invoking the Bardic Deity(ies) | To Bragi - James |
| (15) Acknowledgment of the Outsiders | _____ |

Filling Out the Cosmic Picture by Invoking...

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| (16a) Nature Spirits, Ancestors, Deities | _____ |
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Spirits of Nature, Kin and Might,

You Who move in worlds both here and elsewhere,
Denizens and Dwellers of Heath, Heart and Heavens.
We welcome You to our Rite of yule
And ask Your Blessings...

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| (16b) Helpful Beings by Province/Function | _____ |
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Keepers of Lore, Guardians of the Tribe and Providers of Sustenance,

You Who move in realms of the physical and cerebral,
Denizens and Dwellers in Head, Hand and Home.
We welcome You to our Rite of yule
And ask Your Guidance...

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| (16c) Helpful Beings of the Three Worlds | _____ |
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Spirits and Creatures of the Land, Sea & Sky,

You who move in currents both seen and unseen,
Denizens and Dwellers Below, Beside and Beyond.
We welcome you to our Rite of Yule
And bid You Peace...

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| (17) Settling and Focusing | Chris |
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3rd Phase: Major Sending to Deity of the Occasion

(18) Descriptive Invocation of Deity of the Occasion Chris

Primary Power Raising

(19) Praise Offerings, Dance, Libations, etc. Congregation
(20) The Sacrifice Colleen
(21) Seeking the Omen of Return Jack

4th Phase: Receiving and Using the Blessings

Preparation for the Return

(24) Consecration Agreement Chris

Reception of Power

(25) Consecration and Sharing Chris
(26) Acceptance of Individual Blessings Congregation

5th Phase: Unwinding and Ending the Ceremony

(27) Magickal Working(s) Congregation
(29) Thanking of Entities Invited, in Reverse Order Deity: Chris
Three Worlds: _____
Provinces: _____
Helpful Beings: _____
Bardic: James
(30) Thanking the GateKeeper & Closing the Gates Jack
(31) Affirmation of Past/Future Continuity and Success Chris
(32) Unmerging, Regrouping & Recentering - Meditation Caroline

Clear-cut Ending: Deconsecration of Time & Space

(34) Final Benediction Chris
(35) Announcement of End _____
(37) Musical Signal "Walk with Wisdom" - Congregation

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By Fire and by Water

CHORUS

**By Fire and by Water, between the Earth and Sky,
We stand like the World-Tree rooted deep, crowned high.**

Come we now to the Well, the eye and the mouth of Earth,
Come we now to the Well, and silver we bring,
Come we now to the Well, the waters of rebirth,
Come we now to the Well, together we sing:

CHORUS

We will kindle a Fire, Bless all, and with harm to none,
We will kindle a Fire, and offering pour,
We will kindle a Fire, A light 'neath the Moon & Sun,
We will kindle a fire, our spirits will sour.

CHORUS

Gather we at the Tree, the root & the crown of all,
Gather we at the Tree, Below & above,
Gather we at the Tree, Together we make our call,
Gather we at the Tree, In wisdom & love.

CHORUS (with gusto)

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A Celebration of Light

Behold the longest night of the year
The rebirth of the Sun is drawing near
We stand in darkness on this longest night
With full hearts in praise of the coming light

The candles on the Yule Log flame ever high
Friends gather in joy as darkness draws nigh
The sweet smell of bay, the ivy and holly
The mistletoe mingled with branches of box tree

Gather my friends to honor Earth Mother
Her newborn brings hope and the promise of summer
Sing high His praises, lift our voices in song
As light wins over dark on this night ever long

Gather my friends to honor Herne Hunter
His lessons we learn to survive thru the winter
Sing high His praises, lift our voices in song
As light wins over dark on this night ever long

Pour the waters

Pour the waters, raise the cup,
Drink your share of wisdom deep.
Strength and love now fill us up,
As the elder ways we keep

When in ancient pagan days,
Fire was lit in sacred groves,
Powers of the gods did flow,
Bringing healing, wit, and love.

We in our time likewise go,
To the grove our trove to give,
To the gods, the dead, the sidhe,
And their blessings to receive.