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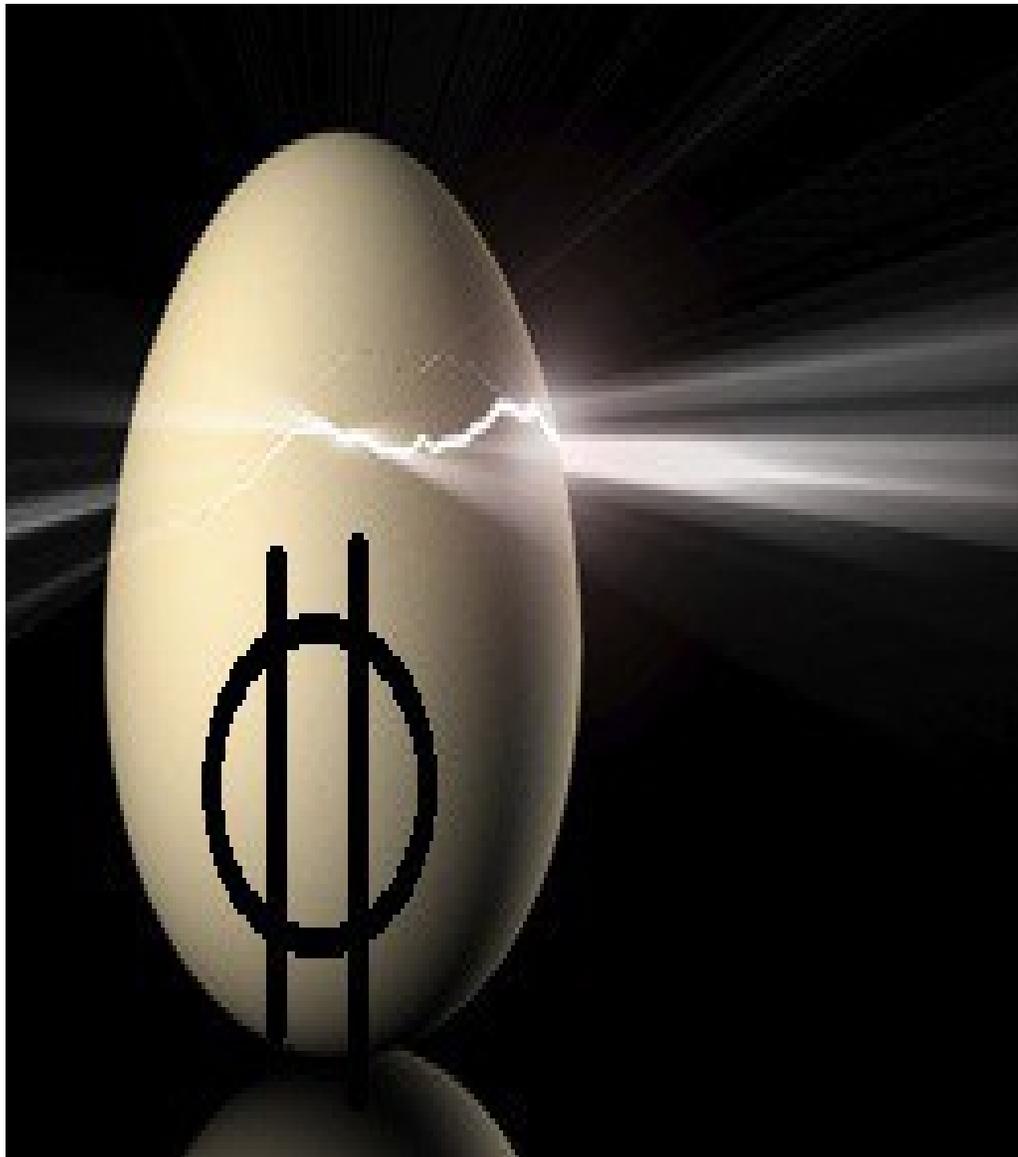


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Letter From the Editor

Hail and Welcome All to the Samhain Issue of The Nestling Druid!

Greetings All,

First, allow me to apologize for the tardiness of this issue. While some may not find life to be an excuse that is my very excuse as to why this issue is late. I have been planning and working on personal things (see Circle of Flowing Truth's news for the main life event) which had caused me to get side tracked. Anyhow I'm back on the computer and finalizing this for you now.

I wish you a Blessed Samhain & much happiness for Bori Gormod Dwrci Ddiwrnod (Thanksgiving) with this issue and hope that you enjoy as this 'New Year' begins our run informing 'The Reform'. I look forward what this 'zine can be!

Brightest Blessings All & May You Never Thirst,

Rev. Jeffrey Carlier II, AD

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Samhain is Here by Atrius Daystar

Samhain is here and it's time for the dumb supper. Every year we enjoy a quiet dinner and reflect upon our dearly departed. We enjoy a silent supper thinking about past events we shared with them, special memories, and sometimes, this being the time the veil is thinnest, if we listen very closely, we may be able to hear the silent whisperings of those who have gone before us.

This year will be the first year we enjoy Samhain without my wife's mother. She was the patriarch of the family and was well loved by the whole family. Though it will be a sharp reminder of what we have lost this past year, I am hoping to hear her silent whisperings: maybe a laugh at a good joke we shared, maybe some bits of wisdom, or maybe I will just feel her presence and be comforted, knowing she is not truly that far away. This is something I hope to remember this year: our loved ones are never far away. They are always in our hearts, our minds, and our souls. They are always there to guide and direct us, to comfort us, and to laugh with us, just as they did in life. A simple prayer, a ritual, or a quiet dinner designed especially for them, such as Samhain, remaining calm, centered and you may feel connected.

Our loved ones are connected to us in many ways. In most ways, they are more closely connected than anyone else. I remember my grandmother, who passed on several years ago, every time I see a "cowboys and Indians" play set. She would never let us "fight them," insisting that they must always get along, as people from different backgrounds should. So, I see a play set, and I smile at the thought, and I remember the lesson she taught me. Likewise, even after our loved ones have finished their earthly quest, we can find reasons and ways to remember them fondly.

Our loved ones want us to be happy; they have our best interests at heart, so I am going to try and be happy this Samhain, even though I know it will be bitter sweet. I would suggest everyone remember the best of times with our loved ones this Samhain, and try not to dwell on the idea that they are "gone." I honestly do not know how well I will follow my own advice, but I am going to remember my mother in law's happy face, sharp wit, and quirky sense of humor. And maybe, just maybe, I will hear her whispering to me during a nice quiet feast.

Seasonal Almanac

Today is Samhain, Calen Gaef, or November 1, 2012 CE. It is the 1st Day of the 7th Year of the 2nd Age of the Druid Reform.

The Feast of Samhain began at Sunset on October 31st. (Some Druids may celebrate on November 7th, when the Sun reaches 15 degrees Scorpio, the midpoint between the Autumnal Equinox and the Winter Solstice)

It is the 1st day of the Season of Geimredh, and the 1st day of the Month of MÌ na Samhna. It is also Thursday, in the common tongue, or Dydd Lau in Welsh.

It is the Druidic day of the Oak.

4 Geimredh -- Daylight Savings Time Ends -- Turn clock back 1 hour

13 Geimredh - NEW MOON

15 Geimredh - Birthday of OMS Patriarch Emeritus and Co-Founder, Sybok Pendderwydd

22 Geimredh - The Sun enters Sagittarius.

22 Geimredh- Druish Feast of Bori Gormod Dwrci Dddiwrnod

24 Geimredh- Birthday of Celtic Bard and Honorary Druid, Robin Williamson.

28 Geimredh - Full "Beaver" Moon

30 Geimredh - Birthday of Honorary Druid Oberon Zell-Ravenheart. 31 Geimredh - Me·n Geimhridh (December) begins (a Satyrday - Dydd Sadwrn - Day of the Sequoia)

41 Geimredh - NEW MOON

51 Geimredh - Yule / Alban Arthuan, or the Winter Solstice. The Sun enters Capricorn.

Happenings from around The Reform

For the most up to date information and happenings you can always visit:

Reformed Druids Gorsedd -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/reformed.druids/>

Reformed Druids of North America (RDNA) -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2455316244/>

RDG News & Information

The State of the Reform 1 Geimredh YGR 07

Being the 7th Year of the 2nd Age of the Druid Reform

As of today 762 Druids have registered with the RDG:

39 members are initiated Second Order Druids

29 members are ordained Third Order Druids (Clergy)

13% of our members belong to a Grove

67% of our members belong to an Order

30% of Grove members also belong to an Order 4000+ non-registered, "defacto" members (not factored into any percentages)

During the Sixth Year of the Gaian Reform, we experienced a net registration gain of 94

Total Groves chartered: 4

Total Proto-Groves active: 4

Total Orders Established: 7

Total North American Druids: 712

Total Druids in CELTIC Lands: 9

Total International Druids: 50

Total Countries represented: 18

Our oldest Druid is 79 years old.

Our youngest Druid is 19 years old.

4% were born prior to 1945.

44% were born between 1946-1964.

41% were born between 1965-1981.

11% were born since 1982.

Cylch Cerddwyr Rhwng y Bydoedd

AKA: "Eureka Grove, aka," "Mother Grove of the RDG"

Humboldt County CA USA



As stated in last issue AD Ceridwen is Matriarch of the Order of the Mithril Star.

Other news is that AD Michael Talvola is currently serving as Clerk of the Reformed Druids of Gaia.

Earrach Dreollin Reformed Druid Grove

Harris County, TX USA



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POSSIBLE NEWS:

Earrach Dreollin Reformed Druid Proto-Grove now exists in Spring, Texas. Spring, Texas is a northern suburb of Houston. They have six local members and 34 online at their group Facebook page, Earrach Dreollin Reformed Druid Community. There are three 1st Order OMS Reformed Druids and the Arch Druid, Rev. Joe Sroufe, DPhil. The group is involved in tree planting, community pagan awareness, and conducting an annual charity event for cystic fibrosis. They also conduct ritual, training, mentoring, and community activities. You may contact Joe at moondragontx@gmail.com

May you never thirst for the Waters of Life. May the FOREST be with you always!

In the Mother,

/\ Reverend Druid Joe Thomas Sroufe, DPhil, CFLE(r), 3rd Order Priest OMS/RDG and Arch Druid of Earrach Dreollin Reformed Druid Proto-Grove in Spring, Texas. /\

(You can also visit them at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/edrdc>)

Circle of Flowing Truth

Bullhead City, Mohave County, AZ

The Circle of Flowing Truth has been lightly active as of late offering classes and Reiki through the local community. The classes and working be administered in Bullhead City have been spearheaded by Rev. Jeffrey Carlier II, AD with assistance from the Coven of the Canyon and River (a local, open pagan group to which AD Jeffrey serves as Assistant Priest & Co-organizer). Druid Isarma Spell singer & Druid Atrius Daystar have also been branching out and offering some pagan oriented class in the postal designation of Golden Valley.

For more information about the Circle of Flowing Truth visit us at:

circleofflowingtruth.webs.com/ and/or at www.facebook.com/CircleofFlowingTruth

May You Never Thirst,
AD Jeffrey /\

In other news, Rev. Jeffrey Carlier II, AD & Dejah Carlier (née Gouker) were Handfasted at Samhain. While on their Honeymoon Trip they made pilgrimage to the Mother Grove where AD Jeffrey was honored by performing the water sharing for the Samhain gathering.

MOCC News & Information

Samhain brought the bi-annual convocation which saw votes with there accompanying rule and policy changes.

Some of the changes include:

the changing of the Rules to read and show that the Fellowship is a church,
is property of the Gods in the Public Domain,
the ratification of a spamming policy, amongst a few other things.

For the latest information for the MOCC you can visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/144381945622403/> and /or
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/moccgroveofthethreerays_2010/

Listing of Reformed Druid Reiki Practitioners

Rev. Jeffrey Carlier II, AD – circleofflowingtruth@gmail.com
Bullhead City, AZ
Beginning to offer teachings works with various modalities.

AD Ceridwen

Rev. Starr Loki

More info can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/379623025440033/>

Nini's Nummies

Peach Spice Cobbler

- 1 16oz bag of Frozen Peaches
- 2 tsp Pumpkin Pie Spice
- 1 box of Spice Cake Mix
- 1 12oz can of Lemon Lime Soda (diet works the same also)

Before opening the peaches try to break them up, since frozen fruit tends to be clumped together when you get them home.

Preheat oven to 350* F and grease a 8x8 with non-stick spray

Take peaches and spread evenly in the pan, then add the pumpkin pie spice and sprinkle all over the peaches. Add the cake mix evenly over the peaches. Pour the sprite over the cake mix. (it will foam but do not mix! mixing makes the top cake like, leaving it will allow the sugar in the soda to caramelize the cake mix.)

Bake for 35-40 or until top is golden and crispy.

Allow to cool for 10-15 minutes, as the peaches will be very warm.
Best served with Whip Cream or Vanilla Ice Cream.

Children's Word Search

G W A T A P M B P K T U G M Q U R G A C
L A V S A B U V O N B N A I J S W X F A
U N C Z G P F K M A O P T Y V A R R N U
S D D W F E Y N E C U U H L S G E T G L
O M H N P M J G G W V N E G V E L W C D
P U M P K I N Q R E N B R O N N I E I R
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D Y C J U T D A N M I L N D C X I U Y N
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D H X Q M I E Y J Z E C A T A Z J Z C L
R F H Y F E G J L A Y N G L H E A V D E
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D P K X X R G L T U C N C D T O E K G N
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ALTAR
BELIEF
BROOM
CANDLE
CAULDRON
DRUID
DUMBFEAST
ELEMENTS
GATHERING
GODDESS
JACKOLANTERN
MEDITATE
PLUTO
POMEGRANATE
PUMPKIN
RELIGION
SAGE
STONES
TIGERSEYE
WAND

Word Search

R P E R S E P H O N E M O O N D S W S A
L H D M O U G F D O W A Z R V K A O P L
N X D F V W A B U C W E V F D O R S M K
F B T J Q F B I D E L Q J I J S O T I J
R N P V C G E A T X X K A J Z X C P Q N
D U M B F E A S T I N C E N S E I M A N
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J E M O Y Y Y F S Q S A N T R Z R T C K
S M K I E P W Y H E H H A Y D S I L R O
W E Q M S C S V D M G I H F A C N K Y R
R T S K T E V D A X X K A F L V E U A A
T E O J V W O S F O C O R N U C O P I A
S R P A T G M F A P X I V Z P F E A S T
Z R E T L X Z B L G K M E P Q U O L M P
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N T H A N K S G I V I N G T O K C E E N

ANCESTORS
ATHAME
AUTUMN
CITRINE
CORNUCOPIA
DEMETER
DUMBFEAST
FEAST
GODDESS
HADES
HARVEST
INCENSE
KORE
LEAVES
MOON
PERSEPHONE
PUMPKIN
SAGE
SAMHAIN
THANKSGIVING
WAND