

# Whispering Lake Grove, ADF

*Proudly Presents*

## Yule



**Sunday, December 17, 2017**

**6:00PM**

### GROVE ATTUNEMENT (Chris)

Joining our hands and closing our eyes, take a few deep cleansing breaths (pause 4 count). We now stand together in Midgard, upon the land, beneath the sky, surrounded by the sea as we prepare to enter sacred time (pause 4 count).

Below us flow the primal waters, cold, dark and chaotic; filled with the potential of all life. Reaching far beneath you into the earth, draw upon the waters of life. Feel them as they pool within your belly, within your heart and finally within your head. (pause 8 count)

Above us burns the primal fires, warm, light and ordered; filled with the spark of all life. Reaching far beyond the sky into the heavens, draw upon the fires of all creation. Feel them as they illuminate your mind, your heart and finally your spirit. (pause 8 count).

The fires of the heavens ignite the waters of the earth within you and you become one with the cosmos. Feel the primal powers of fire and water as they surge through you. Your heart beats with the very pulse of all worlds (pause 8 count)

We share our world with the Spirits of Nature. Our Ancestors dwell in the Halls of the Gods. We are all cradled in the branches of the Yggdrasill. The fire and water that flows through our veins sustains the worlds, the realms and the Kindred.

As we open our eyes let us be one in this place!

### **Grove Patron Invocation (Jaeme)**

Guardian of the Blessed Isles, the Land of Promise and Eternal Youth,

Walk with us as the land sleeps before us!

Great Son of the Sea, Master of Illusion and Ruler of Time,

Join us at our hearth's fire once again!

Weaver of the Grey Mist, Enchanter and Warder of the Way,

Cloak us within your protection!

Patron, Companion and Friend,

Aid us in this time of darkness!

***An offering of Irish whiskey is made to Manannan.***

Manannan Mac Lir, accept our offering!

**All:** Manannan Mac Lir, accept our offering!

### **Processional Chant**

The Yule Log (**Carrion**)

*Outside the rain drives down, drives down, but we are dry and warm. The winter wind blows cold, blows cold, but we are safe from harm. Protection from the storm have we, and shelter from the night, And so we hail the holy hearth and the Yule log's living light!*

*The longest night is come, is come, the year is at an end.*

*May all ill-luck be gone, be gone, all broken fortunes mend.*

*Midwinter's fire burns every bane, illuminates the night,*

*And so we hail the holy hearth and the Yule Log's living light!*

*See how the sacred fire, the fire is hidden in the wood.*

*Just so the ills we see, we see may hold a spark of good.*

*From winter shall the spring be born, day from the womb of night, And so we hail the holy hearth and the Yule log's living light!*

By Diana L. Paxson

*Participants will be censed and aspergered as they enter the Nemeton by **Morrighan and Alicia**.*

### **Musical Signal (Carrion)**

*A hammer and anvil sounds 3X3 times*

### **Hammer Rite (Carrion)**

***Begin by signing the hammer in the North saying:***

Hammer in the North, hallow and hold this holy stead.

***Turning 90 degrees to the right trace another hammer sign saying:***

Hammer in the East, hallow and hold this holy stead.

***And in the South saying:***

Hammer in the South, hallow and hold this holy stead.

***And in the West saying:***

Hammer in the West, hallow and hold this holy stead.

***Returning to the North, direct your gaze upward, there again trace the hammer sign on the ceiling of the sphere saying:***

Hammer over us, hallow and hold this holy stead.

***And then project the hammer sign below to the "floor" of the sphere saying:***

Hammer below us, hallow and hold this holy stead.

***Now, strike the "cross" position with your arms straight out and say:***

Hammer hallow and hold this holy stead!

***Turning to the right repeat this for each of the other four directions and once for the vertical axis.***

***Finally, center the forces by folding your arms in from the cross position with your fingers touching at the solar plexus and say:***

Around us and in us, Asgardhr and Midgardhr!

**Honoring the Earth Mother (Maggie the Baker)**

Nerthus, Primal Mother of Earth  
First and Eldest of the Van  
You who cradles the World Tree in your loving embrace  
Ancient Mother of Midgard  
As children of the Earth and Sky,  
May our weapons be sheathed!  
May our thoughts be of peace!  
May our fields yield plenty!  
Nerthus, we call upon the life-giving magic of the Earth!  
Earth Mother, accept our offering!  
*An offering of bread is made.*  
Nerthus, Hail and Welcome!  
**All:** Nerthus, Hail and Welcome!

**Honoring the Sky Father (Maggie the Weaver)**

Tyr, Ancient Mystery of the Sky  
Boldest and most courageous of the Aesir  
You who makes fertile the Earth with your seed  
Bright Father of Midgard  
As children of the Earth and Sky,  
May we show courage in our battles!  
May we seek to do right by our kith and kin!  
May we learn the meaning of true sacrifice through your  
guidance!  
Tyr, we call upon the illuminating power of the Sky!  
Sky Father, accept our offering!  
*An offering of oil is made.*  
Tyr, Hail and Welcome!  
**All:** Tyr, Hail and Welcome!

**Invocation for Bardic Inspiration (Nathan)**

We call upon the Skald of Valhalla  
Most eloquent God of poetry and song  
And Herald of Odin's Great Hall  
Oh, Welcomer of the Einherjar  
Bless us with your inspiration and eloquence this night!  
*An offering of honey is placed in the offering bowl for Bragi.*  
Bragi, accept our offering!  
Bragi, Hail and Welcome!  
**All:** Bragi, Hail and Welcome!

**(Maggie the Baker)**

In the beginning so too in the end; there was but fire and ice  
and between them a vast emptiness. To the North the ice and  
snow of Niflheim, frigid winds and fearsome storms ravaged  
the land. To the South the fires of Muspell, molten and glowing  
the dancing flames consumed all that lay before them. In the  
vast emptiness the warm breath of Muspell mingled with the  
ice of Niflheim. The warm winds began to melt the ice and tiny  
drops of water began to form. Within the tiny drops of water  
new life began to stir and the powers to destroy life became the  
powers that created it.

To Land, Sea & Sky **(Carrion, Maggie & Amber)**

**(Carrion)**  
The waters support and surround us.  
From the Underworld below,  
Sacred waters flow within this well.  
*Offering of silver is made to the well.*  
**(Maggie the Baker)**  
The land extends about us.  
Within the Middleworld,  
Sacred tree grow within this place.

***Offering of water from the well and incense is made***

**(Amber)**

The sky stretches above us.  
From the Heavens above,  
Sacred spark burn within this fire.

***Offering of incense is made to the fire.***

**All:**

Let us pray with a good fire.  
May all the Kindred bless us.  
May our worship be true.  
May our actions be just.  
May our love be pure.  
Blessings and honor and worship to the holy ones.  
*Land, Sea & Sky Text by Ceisiwr Serith, modified by Raven & Carrion Mann.*

**PURPOSE AND PRECEDENT**

**(Chris)**

Darkness encompasses Midgard.  
Winter's cold weighs heavy upon our hearts and minds.  
Death looms within the frozen shadows,  
And chaos threatens to overwhelm us!

**(Nathan)**

Ragnarok's return is uncertain.  
Our world lies seemly lifeless.  
Deep beneath the ice and snow.  
All hope begins to fade...

**(Chris)**

Will the wheel turn once more?  
Will the light and warmth return?  
Will new life break its icy chains?  
A spark yet flickers within the darkness.

**(Nathan)**

Tonight we weave our wyrd as one...

In strength, perseverance and courage we face the darkness.

We shall drive chaos from our halls...

And turn the wheel once more!

May all who gather this night be welcome among us!

**Gatekeeper Invocation (Maggie the Weaver)**

Warder of warriors

Weaver of the web

Wielder of the spindle

Keener for the Dead.

Woman of the Waters

Shaper of the Worlds

Watcher of the Home fire

Keeper of our Hearth.

Weaver of our Fate

Warder of the Way

Protectress of our walls

Beloved Mother of the Aesir.

***Flowers are offered to Frigga***

Frigga, accept our offering!

**All:** Frigga, All Hail and Welcome!

**(Carrion)**

Let us raise our voices in song to the Gatekeeper!

**All in song**

*Sing through my voice,*

*Play through my hands,*

*Let the way be open!*

*Repeat chant three times*

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**(Carrion)**

**OPENING THE GATES**

Frigga; let us stand at the center of all worlds!

Sacred Fires ignite the waters of the earth.

Primal Waters, feed the order of the cosmos.

World Tree, join the heavens with the earth.

***Striking a sigil over the fire.***

Let these flames carry our praise and sacrifice to the Shining Ones.

***Striking a sigil over the well.***

Let these waters carry our praise and sacrifice to the Mighty Dead.

***Striking a sigil upon the tree.***

Let this tree connect the worlds as they become one in this place.

By the land before us!

By the seas about us!

By the sky above us!

Let the Gates Be Open!

**All:** Let the Gates Be Open!

We now stand at the center of all worlds!

**KINDRED OFFERINGS**

**(Carrion)**

Now that the world of the living and that of the spirit are one, we call out from the crossroads to the Mighty Kindred.

***All in song***

*Let our voices arise on the fire,*

*Let our voices resound in the deep,*

*Let the Kindred accept what we offer,*

*As we honor the old ways we keep.*

***Repeat 3x***

**(Jaeme)**

Bright and shining messengers to the Otherworld

Protectors of this sacred ground.

Light Alfs, House Ghosts and Wights, aid us as we journey through the darkness!

Join us, as we honor Odin this night!

***Seed is offered.***

Nature Spirits, accept our offering!

Nature Spirits, Hail and Welcome!

**All:** Noble Ones, Hail and Welcome!

**(Amber)**

Wise Ones of the Nine Worlds!

Beloved Dead of blood and spirit

Ancestors of flesh and bone

Alfar and Disir, aid us as we journey through the darkness!

Join us, as we honor Odin this night!

Let us raise a cup in honor of your memory!

***Beer is offered to the Ancestors.***

Ancestors, accept our offering!

Ancestors, Hail and Welcome!

**All:** Ancestors, Hail and Welcome!

**(Nathan)**

We call to those who came out of Gunnungagap before the beginning of time.

To the Gods of fire and of the Sky, to the Deities of the Northmen.

We call to the Creators of the Worlds, to the Keepers of Cosmic Order.

To the Gods of Thought and Memory!

On the year's longest night, Dwellers of Asgard, we welcome you!

Gods and Goddesses bless us as we journey through the darkness!

Join us, as we honor Odin this night!

***An offering of golden (yellow) apples is made.***

Gods and Goddesses, accept our offering!

**All:** Gods and Goddesses, Hail and Welcome!

#### **KEY OFFERING**

**(Chris & Carrion)**

***Song for Odin*** Words and music by Karl Donaldson

**(Carrion)**

*I sing of the tales of The Wanderer*

*The rider of Yggdrasil*

*He gave up an eye into Mimir's Well*

*Where deeply, he drank his fill.*

**(Chris)**

*For nine long nights, Old Harr, hung he*

*In search of the spoken spell;*

*The Runes that he found drew sounds for man*

*And down, from The Tree, he fell.*

**(Carrion)**

*A snake, he slid through Gunnlod's court;*

*The Mead of Poetry sought;*

*Three sips, and he fled as eagle's wings;*

*By Suttung, was never caught.*

**(Chris)**

*Two sticks on a beach Harbard had found;*

*His brothers heard his call;*

*He gave his own breath and his blood to the wood*

*And told them of his hall:*

**(Carrion)**

*"Valhalla holds the Einherjar*

*"Who'll fight on Vigrids plain."*

*As Fenrir sinks his fangs to the bone  
The life of Odin will wane.*

**(Chris)**

*Fear not, my kin, of the Ragnarok*

*For Fimbulyr truly has won;*

*He saw his own death at the end of time*

*And whispered this to his son.*

**(Chris)**

Hail the High One...

Hanged God of the Heavens!

First Father of the Folk...

Furious Forger of Fate.

Mighty Magician of the Dead...

Many are the Masks of the Mad One.

Wisdom whirls upon the wind...

In the wake of the Wanderer.

Odin, our hall and hospitality are yours.

***Alcohol is offered to Odin.***

All-father, accept our offering!

Odin, Hail and Welcome!

**All:** Odin, Hail and Welcome!

#### **PERSONAL/PRAISE OFFERINGS**

**(Carrion)** *Participants will be given an opportunity to offer to the beings of the occasion.*

## THE SACRIFICE

### PRAYER OF SACRIFICE (Carrion)

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;  
All-Father, Odin know that we honor you!  
This night a gift calls for a gift!  
Let us keep the Ancient Bargain, raise a cup and make our sacrifice!

### “A Norse Sumbel”

Good Folk, join us as we make our oaths, boast and toasts to our Ancestors and Deities.

*Morrighan and Alicia will be Valkaries for the Sumbel*

### Ancestors

### Deities

### Final Round- Oaths, Toasts and Boasts

### Making the Sacrifice (Carrion)

It is with love, honor and respect that we have offered hospitality to Odin this night.  
We have sung his praise; made our sacrifice.  
It is our hope that our words and sacrifice have conveyed our love.  
We call once more through the Gates and deep within the Otherworld that all shall know of our devotion.  
Odin, we honor you!  
*Sumbel cider is offered to Odin.*  
Odin, accept our sacrifice!  
**All:** Odin, accept our sacrifice!

### SACRIFICE

### THE OMEN (Chris)

### Blessing of the Waters

*The following words will be spoken over the pitchers.*

**(Chris)** As in the ways of old we have given our gifts freely and as in the ways of old a gift is given unto us in return.

**(Carrion)** We will drink deep of the Cup of Inspiration. May the blessings of health, wealth and wisdom be ours.

**(Chris)** Odin, give us the waters!

**All:** Odin, give us the waters!

**(Carrion)** We gather with you between Earth and Sky. We are proud to call ourselves your people.

**(Chris)** Once again, Odin, give us the waters!

**All:** Odin, give us the waters!

**(Carrion)** We have brought our offerings. We have made our sacrifice.

**(Chris)** One last time, Odin give us the waters!

**All:** Odin, give us the waters!

*The pitchers are lifted saluting the fire, well and tree.*

### Hallowing the Waters

**(Chris)** Behold the Waters of Life!

**(Carrion)** Mighty Odin, hear and bless us.

**(Chris)** All-Father, hallow these Waters of Life.

*lifts the pitchers before the participants.*

**(Chris)** Behold the Waters of Life!

**All:** Behold the Waters of Life!

As the blessings are passed by **Maggie the Baker and Alicia, Carrion** will lead the chant, “Through Time and Tide”.

*Through time and tide, through waters wide*

*By blood and bone, by stock and stone*

*By breath and breeze, by fire that frees*



## THANKING THE BEINGS

**(Chris)**

Odin, Mighty All-Father of the Aesir, we thank you for the blessings you have shared with us. May you continue to bring order to chaos and magic to our work **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Odin, we thank you!

**All:** Odin, we thank you!

**(Jaeme)**

Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, Eldest and Brightest of the Worlds. We thank you for the guidance, wisdom and blessings you have shared with us **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Kindred, we thank you!

**All:** Kindred, we thank you!

**(Nathan)**

Bragi, Great Skald of the Halls of Valhalla. God of Poetry and Song. We thank you for the inspiration and eloquence you have shared with us. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

**All:** Bragi, we thank you!

## CLOSING THE GATES

**(Maggie the Weaver)**

Frigga, Beloved Mother of the Gods, we thank you for your protection and guidance this night. Great Goddess of Hearth and Home may you continue to share your magic with us. **(A final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Frigga, we thank you!

**All:** Frigga, we thank you!

**(Carrion)**

Lady Frigga, we now ask that you aid us in closing the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more.

Let the fire burning towards the heavens once more become, but flames.

Let the well whose depths reach the Underworld once more Become, but water.

Let the tree, pathway between Earth & Sky, become, but wood.

By the land before us!

By the seas about us!

By the sky above us!

Let the Gates be closed!

**All:** Let the Gates be closed!

## THANKING THE EARTH MOTHER AND SKY FATHER

**(Maggie the Weaver)**

Mighty Tyr, Ancient Mystery of the Sky, may you continue to show us the way to courage and right. Bright Father of the Aesir, we thank you for your sacrifice. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Sky Father, we thank you!

**All:** Sky Father, we thank you!

**(Maggie the Baker)**

Nerthus, Primal Mother of Earth, may you continue to grant us peace and plenty. Ancient Mother, we thank you for all life. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

Earth Mother, we thank you!



**All:** Earth Mother, we thank you!

**(Carrion)**

We now return all that has gone unused to the Earth and the Sky, may they continue to support, surround and sustain us. All offerings that remain are burnt in the fire or scattered upon the Earth.

#### **STATEMENT OF ENDING**

**(Chris)**

*Chris leads the company to ground themselves prior to the end of the ritual and to remember the blessings they have received.*

#### Unmerging, Regrounding & Recentering: Meditation

Once more take a few deep cleansing breaths as we reaffirm our center (*pause 4 count*). We stand together at the center of all worlds, upon the land, beneath the sky, surrounded by the sea. We span the worlds, connecting earth and sky and the Kindred as one (*pause 4 count*).

Remember that below us flows the primal waters filled with the potential of all life. It is these waters that surge through your very being. (*pause 8 count*)

Remember that above us burns the primal fires filled with the spark of all life. It is these powers that have illuminated the waters that surge through you. (*pause 8 count*) The primal powers of fire and water unite within us bringing new life and balance to our beings. Our hearts beat with the very pulse of all worlds (*pause 8 count*)

Remember that we share these worlds with the Spirits of Nature, with the Ancestors and with the Gods. We are all cradled in the branches of the World Tree.

Take of the powers that flow within you what you need and release back into the earth and sky all that has gone unused. Know that the fire and water that flows from us helps to sustain the worlds, the realms and the Kindred as we conclude our worship.

May all that is be what was, that it may be again!

**(Carrion)**

Musical Signal- *A hammer strikes an anvil 3x3*

**(Carrion)**

**All:** We will keep the faith until the sky falls upon us and crushes us; until the earth opens and swallows us; until the seas arise and overwhelm us.

#### Recessional Chant

**(Carrion)** Once more may we now raise our voices in song as we leave our Nemeton.

#### Deck the Halls

*(Traditional English carol, the tune is originally Welsh)*  
*Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.*  
*Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la, la la la la*  
*Don we now are gay apparel, Fa la la, la la la, la la la*  
*Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la, la la la la*  
*See the blazing Yule before us, Fa la la la la, la la la la.*  
*Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la la la, la la la la*  
*Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la, la la la, la la la*  
*While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la la la, la la la la*

*Fast a way the old year passes, Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Hall the new, ye lad and lasses, Fa la la la la, la la la la  
Sing we joyous all together, Fa la la, la la la, la la la  
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la la la, la la la la*

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