

# Whispering Lake Grove, ADF

## Harvest Tide

September 19, 2010

*The following ritual is an ADF Core Order ritual for the Autumnal Equinox that is both a ritual celebration and a lore play. The lore play has been weaved throughout the ritual text with officiates taking on roles of the Gods within the lore.*

### Ritual Briefing

Grove Attunement based upon the Two Powers

Invocation and Offering to the Grove Patron- Song and Invocation- Offering of alcohol is made.

Musical Signal- drum beat 3X3

All gather just outside the ritual area and a drumbeat begins

Participants are censured and asperged as they enter the ritual space in a silent procession.

*All will enter the ritual space and notice Idunna censuring and asperging the ritual space and picking apples from the world tree and the ground and placing them in a basket. She is humming to herself as she works. The participants form a circle around the ritual area and Idunna continues her work until Loki enters, walks to the center and whispers to her encouraging her to follow him. Idunna follows Loki out of the ritual area.*

Officiate invites and offers to the Earth Mother and Sky Father (Frigga and Odin). All: Hail Odin and Frigga! Offering of bread and oil is made.

Enters Odin to give the purpose and set the precedent for Idunna's absence. He will then weave the Druids mist to protect the folk. He then retreats to his high seat for divination.

Officiate invites and offers to Bragi for inspiration and eloquence. All: Hail Bragi! An offering of honey is made.

Officiate reaffirms the purpose of the work and the importance of participation stressing the importance of the return of Idunna.

*Odin enters once again looking for Loki and asks the folk if they have seen him. A child comes forward and pulls Odin's robe and points out Loki's general direction. Loki is soon spotted ranting and obsessing in a dark corner of the sanctuary something about he didn't have a choice, he had to hand her over. There is a verbal altercation between Odin and Loki. Odin of course wins and Loki leaves seeking to return Idunna to the Aesir.*

Officiate leads all who have assembled in a unity chant: *Through Time and Tide* a chant written by Diana Paxson.

*Loki enters and begins planning to take Idunna back from the giants. After setting the stage of his plan for the folk he takes up the falcon cloak he has borrowed and ventures to the land of the giants.*

Officiate invokes fire, well and tree and reestablishes the cosmos.

Officiate opens the gateway. Gatekeeper-Frigga- an offering of flowers is made.

Officiate leads gate chant- *Let the Way be Open*

Invocations and offerings are made to the three Kindred. Nature Spirits-offering seeds and cream; Ancestors- offering bread and alcohol; Elder Wise offering of incense and alcohol and Shining Ones offering of oil and incense.

All Invocations end with the all part All Hail and then the beings that have been invited.

Example: All Hail, Nature Spirits! Invitation to the Kindred invite the specific Kindred to join us and aid us in our work and to honor the being of the occasion.

Officiate will lead the following song so that all may affirm their offerings to the Kindred.

*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 chant 3Xs. Chant by Sonoran Sunrise Grove ADF.*

*Odin enters to announce Loki's return. Enters Loki to tell of his exploits and his newest dilemma the nut. Odin takes the nut from Loki and leaves with the nut to fix the problem.*

Key Offering

Invocation to Idunna and offering of three golden apples. All: Idunna accept our offering! All Hail, Idunna!

Odin returns and states that Idunna has been returned to us and with her our strength, youth and beauty. May we forever be thankful for what she gives to us. Let us honor her!

*Officiates portraying Idunna and Loki return to the ritual and take their places among the participants. All who have brought non-physical offerings for Idunna are given an opportunity to make them. Participants with physical offerings will make them during the energy-raising portion of the ritual.*

Officiate will lead the Prayer of Sacrifice with "this night we have gathered the Kindred and made our offerings as we celebrate Harvest Tide. We stand at the center of all worlds at one with the cosmos as we prepare make our final sacrifice"

A slow drumbeat begins. Several participants will have shakers and other percussion instruments. Members of the Grove will lead the dancing and intoning as all participants begin raising magical energy for Idunna. The Seer will collect and direct the energy raised through the gate and communicate with the being of the occasion. He/she will take an omen by drawing a red apple from the well. Two red apples will exist in the well. One will represent the need for additional sacrifice Nauthiz and the second will represent an expected gift Gebo. The assembled company will raise energy until the final sacrifice has been accepted. The Seer will then end the energy raising when the sacrifice has been accepted.

Officiate takes up the blessing cups, “Idunna give us the Waters” and infuses them with the power returning from the gateway. Once the blessings have been infused he/she will raise the cups and pronounce: “Behold the Waters of Life” all assembled will echo “Behold the Waters of Life”. He/she will then say that these cups contain the blessings of Idunna let us share all that she has to offer us and ask the participants: Do you wish to receive the blessings of Idunna? Participant’s response... Do you wish to receive the blessings of Idunna? Participant’s response... Do you wish to receive the blessings of Idunna? Participant’s response... Then let us share all she has to offer us. The blessings are passed. The Seer needs to get the first blessing. As the blessings are passed an officiate will lead the chant, “Power of the Spirit”. Power of the Spirit (all males assembled) Females will echo Growing in Me, Flowing through me, Shining through me. While the blessings are being passed the Seer will be taking an omen to determine our blessings.

The omen will be pronounced by the Seer. Each of the three runes drawn will be pronounced one at a time. The first will be pronounced, the meaning and interpretation given. An officiate will then lead the company to intone the rune. The second will be pronounced, followed by its meaning and then intonation etc. The Seer following the intoning will offer final interpretations.

Officiate: “as we prepare to thank those who have aided us this day let us each receive a final blessing from Idunna. The apple rune set will then be taken and placed into a basket and each of the folk will chose an apple with a rune on it for a personal blessing. The Seer will be available after the ritual to interpret each personal omen from the folk as needed.

Thank yous. All thank yous will end with the phrase “May there be peace between us until we meet once more by the hearth’s fire”.

Idunna

Shining Ones

Ancestors

Elder Wise

Nature Spirits

Gatekeeper and Closing the Gate and thanking the Gatekeeper

Bardic Inspiration, Sky Father and Earth Mother

Grove patron thank you

Final Attunement

Musical Signal- drumbeat 3X3

Ritual Ending Statement

*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!*

The company will be led from the ritual space by the drummers in procession.

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