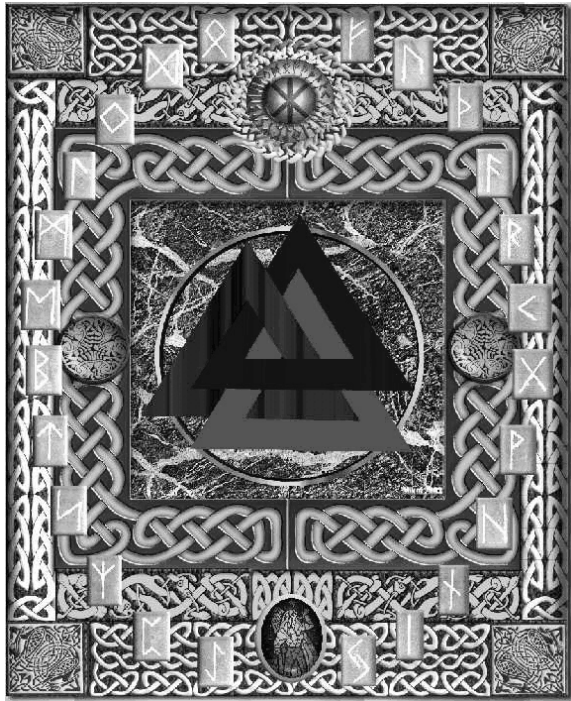


Whispering Lake Grove A.D.F.



Yule

December 18, 2005

6:00 PM

An offering of apple butter and dark bread is made to the Outdwellers and is laid beyond the perimeter of the ritual space prior to hallowing and claiming. The Sacrificer will lay the offerings. All participants assemble for the Grove Attunement just outside of the Nemeton.

GROVE ATTUNEMENT (Sidhe Wolf)

Closing your eyes, take a few deep cleansing breaths.

Breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth.

In through your nose and out through your mouth.

As you breath, lay aside the worries, troubles and woes of the mundane world. *(pause 4 count)*

We now stand between Earth and Sky

Feel your feet firmly resting upon the Earth

Know that below us flows the primal waters

Cold, dark and chaotic; filled with the potential of all life.

Reaching high into the sky above

Feel the illuminating radiance of the Heavens

Know that above us burns the primal fires

Warm, light and ordered; filled with the spark of all life.

Allow the primal waters to enter your being.

Feel the coolness of the waters as they pool within your belly, within your heart and finally, within your head. *(pause 8 count)*

Allow the primal fire to enter your being.

Feel the warmth of the fires as they illuminate your mind, your heart and finally your spirit. *(pause 8 count)*

Feel the primal powers of Earth and Sky as they surge through you, lending strength and energy to your being. *(pause 8 count)*

As we open our eyes, know that we assemble as one folk to worship with a common purpose.

All:

May our worship be true.
May our actions be just.
May our love be pure.
Blessings, honor and worship to the Holy Ones.

PROCESSIONAL

In song

*It's The Blood of the Ancients
That Runs Through Our Veins
And The Forms Pass
But The Circle of Life Remains
by Ellen Klaver & Charlie Murphy*

Repeat until all participants have entered the worship area.

(Raven)

MUSICAL SIGNAL- *A Thor's Hammer strikes the anvil 9 times.*

CLAIMING AND HALLOWING (Raven)

Once more winter's icy grasps falls upon Midgard and the green world sleeps beneath the ice and snow.

A chilling wind blows across this frozen land, as the dark hand of chaos threatens to surround and overwhelm us.

Once more we shall meet the threat of chaos with order and lay claim to this frozen place. We shall make sacred this space and time that we may worship and honor the Kindred as one people.

Outdwellers (*at the Southern fire*) (Carrion)

Dark dwellers, take heed this night!
Know that Mighty Thor will ward this place!
Mjollnir will strike order from choas!
Driving all that is twisted and bent into the darkness.

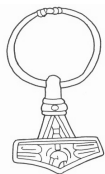
Loki, sly-one, who has dared to share the fire's light.
You and your brood, Fenrir, Jormungand and Hel,
Hoards, whose minds know not rest and whose spirits know not peace.
To Ragnarok you will battle with the Aesir and the Folk.

Trolls, primal bringers of choas;
Etins of the mountains and those of fire and ice.
Lurkers at the edge of the scared fire's light.
Those whose screams and cries, harmonize not with our songs and praise.

Dark dwellers, take heed this night!
This time and place we claim as ours!
You may have held it in the past, you may hold it in the future,
but for now,
Let it be known that it is OURS!

We have given to you all that we intend to give.
Take what has been laid beyond the fire's light
And trouble us not this night!

Hammer Rite (Raven)



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 Midhgardhr!

Consecration of Sacred Time & Space (Carrion)

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.

FIRE, WELL & TREE (chant)

Fire, bright Fire

Gate to the Shining Ones

Fire, bright Fire

Our passage to the Sky

Fire, bright Fire

Warmth of our Community

Spark of Life

We honor you now

Incense is offered to the fire. (Eld Naðr)

Well, deep Well

Gate to the Underworld

Well, deep Well

Our passage to the Sea

Well, deep Well

Wisdom of the Ancestors

Waters of Life

We honor you now

Silver is offered into the well. (Eld Naðr)

Tree, great Tree

Gate that reaches everywhere

Tree, great Tree

With you we share the Land

Tree, great Tree

Our passage to the Otherworld

Source of Life

We honor you now.

The bile is asperged with water from the well and censed with incense. (Eld Naðr)

Words & music by Pandora

The aspersing bowl is filled by Sidhe Wolf from the Well and the censer is kindled from the Fire by Moondragon. The Nemeton is censed and asperged as the following words are chanted by all participants. Grove members participating in the hallowing and claiming are also censed and asperged at this time.

(Chant led by Raven)

With the powers to create and destroy.

And the strength to cleanse and purify.

When all participants have been purified Raven will step forward saying:

(Raven Mann)

Through the union of fire and water,

Our Nemeton is made whole and holy!

To Land, Sea & Sky (Raven)

The waters support and surround us.

The land extends about us.

The sky stretches above us.

And at the center burns a living flame.

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

OPENING BLESSINGS

Earth Mother & Sky Father

(Moondragon)

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!

standing at the sacred fire arms outstretched to the sky.

(Raven)

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!

(Eld Naðr)

Great Earth Mother and Sky Father,
Through your sacred union springs forth all life!
Mother and Father of all that was, of all that is and all that will
be.

We come before you in love and respect and ask that you uphold
and bless our gathering!

*White bread & Clarified butter is offered upon the fire to the
Sky Father.*

Earth Mother and Sky Father, accept our offering!

All: Earth Mother and Sky Father, All Hail and Welcome!

Bardic Inspiration (Carrion)

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!

All: Bragi, All Hail and Welcome!

(Sidhe Wolf)

(Hammer strike) Urd record the passing of our work!

(Hammer strike) Verdandi watch over our work as it occurs!

(Hammer strike) Skuld bless the work we have yet to complete!

PURPOSE & PRECEDENT (Raven)

Yule was the time our Ancestors gathered to strengthen the bonds
of fidelity by drinking, toasting and boasting the deeds of the past
year. They raised their horns to those who came before and to the
Gods that blessed them.

As our Ancestors once did, so too do we gather this night in fidelity
one with another. We gather to strengthen the bonds of kinship and
friendship among us; to toast, boast and make oaths to the Kindred
and to each other that the blessings of health, wealth and wisdom
might be ours.

Good Folk, know this night that Odin, the Azure Cloaked Wanderer
and Decider of the Fates of Men.

The one who forges of the chosen of the Einherjar. The Winner,
Keeper and Giver of the Mead of Poetry will walk once more
among us.

May all who gather this night be welcome among us!

OPENING THE GATES (Raven, Carrion & Eld Naðr)

(Raven)

Heimdall, Son of the Nine Waves; Father of Mankind
It is your might and magic that wards the threshold.

White Lord of the Crossroads; Sounder of Gjallarhorn
It is your warning that all will hear before Ragnarok.

Mighty Watchman of the Gods, this night we ask for your
protection and guidance as we travel between Midgard and
Asgard.

A offering of German beer and bread is made . (Eld Naðr)

Heimdall, Great Guardian of Bifrost, accept our offering!

All: Heimdall, All Hail and Welcome!

(Carrion) Let us now sing our praise to Heimdall.

All in song

Gatekeeper open the portals,

Between the Gods and mortals,

Power freely flows, as our magic grows!

Repeat chant three times

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(Raven, Carrion & Eld Naðr)

Heimdall, merge now your magick with ours!

(Raven)

See the flame leaping forth from the fire.

(Carrion)

See the mist arising from the well,

(Eld Naðr)

Flame and mist converging upon the tree.

Forming a meeting place between the realms

(Raven) Striking the hammer sign over the fire

Let the fire burning towards the heavens open as a gate that we may follow the way to the Shining Ones.

(Carrion) Striking the hammer sign over the well

Let the well whose depths reach the Underworld open as a gate that we may follow the way to the Mighty Dead.

(Eld Naðr) Striking the hammer sign upon the tree

Let the tree, pathway between Earth & Sky, be open to us.

By the land before us!

(Carrion)

By the seas about us!

(Raven)

By the sky above us!

(Raven)(Eld Naðr)(Carrion)

Let the Gates Be Open!

KINDRED OFFERINGS (Eld Naðr)

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

Allies of Midgard!

Bright and shining messengers to the Otherworld

Protectors of this sacred ground.

Light Alfs, House Ghosts and Wights,

Be welcome among us!

Alcohol is offered. (Sidhe Wolf)

Wise Ones of the Nine Worlds!

Beloved Dead of blood and spirit

Ancestors of flesh and bone

Alfar and Disir, be welcome among us!

Alcohol is offered. (Sidhe Wolf)

Eldest and Brightest of Asgard!

Deities of Might and Magic

Bringers of life, death and rebirth.

Mighty Aesir and Bountiful Vanir

Shining Ones be welcome among us!

Alcohol is offered. (Sidhe Wolf)

The alcohol is ignited in offering. (Sidhe Wolf)

Mighty Kindred, accept our offerings!

All: Mighty Kindred, All Hail and Welcome!

KEY OFFERINGS

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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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:*

*"Valhalla holds the Einherjar
"Who'll fight on Vigrids plain."
As Fenrir sinks his fangs to the bone
The life of Odin will wane.*

*Fear not, my kin, of the Ragnarok
For Fimbulvyr truly has won;
He saw his own death at the end of time*

And whispered this to his son.

Invocation to Odin (Raven)

All Hail, Mighty All-Father of the Aesir!
For he is the ruler of Asgard!

All Hail, The Mad One!
For he forges his army through his might!

All Hail, The Furious One!
For he decides the fate of humankind!

All Hail, The Inspired One
For he is the Winner, Keeper and Giver of the Mead of Poetry!

All Hail, the One-Eyed Wanderer!
For he may seek hospitality at your home and hearth!

All Hail, Odin! We honor you this eve.

(Eld Naðr) Mead is offered to Odin.

Odin, accept our offering!

All: Odin, All Hail and Welcome!

SEASONAL ENACTMENT

"A Norse Symbol"

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

SACRIFICE AND OMEN

(Raven)

Through our praise, love and sacrifice;
We honor the Mighty Kindred as they walk among us.
Through communication with the Otherworld;
We receive their guidance, inspiration and insight.
Tonight we call out from the crossroads to all who aid us!
As we prepare to make our final sacrifice.

The final sacrifice is prepared. (Eld Naðr)

(Eld Naðr)

It is with love, honor and respect that we have offered
hospitality to the Kindred this night.
We have sung their 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.
Kindred of land, sea and sky we honor you!

The final sacrifice is made.

Mighty Kindred, accept our sacrifice!

All: Mighty Kindred, accept our sacrifice!

*Participants meditate on the kindred, sending their energies
through the gates.*

(Sidhe Wolf)

Let us close our eyes and open our hearts and minds to the
Kindred. Breathing in through your nose and out through your
mouth; in through your nose and out through your mouth (pause)
With each breath pouring out our love as we prepare to receive
the blessings of the Kindred upon us.

We send our love, honor and respect into the Middle realm to the
Noble Spirits, our protectors and guides. It is their secret
knowledge and companionship that we strive to share and be one

with. **(pause for 2 count)** Feel the presence of the Noble Spirits
as we await their message. **(pause for 2 count)**

We send our love, honor and respect deep into the Sacred Well to
the Mighty Dead, our ancestors of blood and of spirit, it is their
timeless wisdom that inspires us to strive always to better
ourselves and our world around us. **(pause for 2 count)** Feel the
presence of the Mighty Dead as we await their guidance. **(pause
for 2 count)**

We send our love, honor and respect through the Sacred Fire into
the heavens to the Shining Ones, Eldest and Wisest. **(pause for 4
count)** It is their guidance and blessings we seek. Feel the
presence of the Shining Ones as we await their blessings. **(pause
for 2 count)**.

(Carrion) Let us now raise our voice as one people as we await
our message from the Kindred.

In Song

Deep Peace (Author Unknown)

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the sacred flame

Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth

May peace, may peace, may peace fill your soul

Let peace, let peace, let peace make you whole.

(Raven)(Eld Naðr)

*The Omen is taken. One Rune is drawn for each of the three
Kindred. The seer then interprets the omen, leading the
company to contemplate the things they would ask of the
powers, especially as suggested by the omen.*

(Eld Naðr)

From the Noble Spirits _____.

From the Mighty Ones _____.

From the Shining Ones _____.

The Kindred have spoken. What use have you in your lives for their knowledge and wisdom.

THE BLESSING (Raven) (Sidhe Wolf)(Eld Naðr)

Two horns will be filled and sat in the midst of the hallows.

The following words will be spoken over the horns.

(Raven) 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.

(Sidhe Wolf) We will drink deep of the Horn of Inspiration. May the blessings of health, wealth and wisdom be ours.

(Raven) Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

All: Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

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

(Raven) Once again, Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

All: Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

(Sidhe Wolf) We have brought our offerings. We have made sacrifice.

(Raven) One last time, Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

All: Shining Ones your blessings upon us!

(Eld Naðr) *The horns are lifted saluting the fire, well and tree.*

(Eld Naðr) Behold the Waters of Life!

(Raven) Shining Ones hear and bless us.

(Raven) Odin, Mighty All-Father of the Aesir, hallow these Waters of Life.

(Eld Naðr) *lifts the horns before the participants.*

(Eld Naðr) Behold the Waters of Life!

All: Behold the Waters of Life!

(Eld Naðr) Now Good folk, drink deep; the blessings of the Shining Ones.

Drinking horns are passed and all participants share the waters. As the horns are passed the following song is sung by all participants.

(Carrion) As we receive the blessing of the Shining Ones let us raise our voices in song.

All in Song

Here we come a-wassailing among the leaves so green,

Here we go a-wandering, so fair to be seen!

Love and joy come to you, and to you good wassail, too,

All Gods bless you and send you a happy New Year,

All Gods send you a happy New Year!

Repeat until the horns have been passed to all participants.

THANKSGIVING AND CLOSING

(Moondragon)

We now prepare to thank the powers that have attended us during this rite. At this time the gates between the worlds remain open and we invite any to give personal offering or sacrifice to the powers.

Participants are given time to make final offerings.

(Raven) Odin, One-Eyed Wanderer, we thank you for your wisdom and inspiration you have shared with us. May you continue to wanderer among us sharing your blessing at your whim. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire.

All: Odin, we thank you!

(Eld Naðr) Mighty Kindred of land, sea and sky, Eldest and Brightest of the Nine Worlds. Aesir and Vanir; Alfir and Disir and Alfs, House Ghost and Wights. May you continue to protect, guide and bless us as we walk this path. Kindred we thank you for the knowledge 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.

All: Kindred, we thank you!

(Carrion) 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!

(Raven) 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.

All: Tyr, we thank you!

(Moondragon) 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.

All: Nerthus, we thank you!

(Raven) Heimdall, Mighty Watchman of the Gods; we thank you for your protection and guidance this night. **(a final token is offered)** May there be peace between us until we meet once again by the hearth's fire

All: Heimdall, we thank you!

(Raven)

Heimdall, Great Guardian of Bifrost, we now ask that you close the gates, warding the way between the worlds once more.

(Eld Naðr)

By the land before us!

(Carrion)

By the seas about us!

(Raven)

By the sky above us!

(Raven Mann)(Eld Naðr)(Carrion Mann)

Let the Gates be closed!

(Eld Naðr) 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.*

Grove Attunement

(Sidhe Wolf) Good folk, join me once more as we close our eyes; breathing deeply in through your nose and out through your mouth **(pause for a 2 count)**. As the mighty ash is part of the forest, we are all part of the great circle of life. Remember the blessings we have received together this night **(pause)**.

As we stand between Earth and Sky
Once more feel your feet firmly resting upon the Earth
Know that below us flows the primal waters.

Reaching high into the sky above
Feel the illuminating radiance of the Heavens.
Know that above us burns the primal fires.

Once more feel the coolness of the waters as they pool within
your belly, within your heart and finally, within your head. *(pause
4 count)*

Once more feel the warmth of the fires as they illuminate your
mind, your heart and finally your spirit. *(pause 4 count)*

Feel the primal powers of Earth and Sky as they surge through
you, lending strength and energy to your being. *(pause 4 count)*
Keep of this power what you need, sending what remains forth
from our beings into the Great Lake *(pause)*. See this energy heal
and protect her as we conclude our worship.

As we open our eyes,
May the well once again become but water
May the fire once more become but flames
May the tree become but wood
May all that is be what was, that it may be again!

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
arises and overwhelm us.

(Carrion) Once more may we now raise our voices in song as
we leave our Nemeton.
(Traditional English carol; the tune is originally Welsh.)

Deck the hall 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 our gay apparel, Fa 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!
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la la la, la la la la!

Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la la la, la la la la!
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la la la, la la la la!
Sing we joyous all together, Fa 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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