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Goddess Mandala by ChaosCat

As is consistent with the values and beliefs of our religion, the Covenant affirms our belief in the spiritual and social wisdom of peace in the world. We aspire to stand in fellowship with the people of all religions, cultures, and ethnicities in our shared desire for peace. We do this for the sake of our shared love of the Earth and all living things that dwell upon it.





MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE AT BELTANE

Beltane renewals are due on **May 1, 2018**. The Drop-dead date is **May 11, 2018** after which your membership will lapse and you will need to reapply. Renewal forms are emailed to the email address on file from your last renewal. If you have NOT received this form, please contact the National Membership Officer immediately (membership@cog.org).

CALAFIA LOCAL COUNCIL: NONE

CHAMISA LOCAL COUNCIL:

- ❖ Merlyn
- ❖ Vivianne

EVERGLADES MOON LOCAL COUNCIL:

- ❖ Beachfyre Coven
- ❖ Kathleen Lezon
- ❖ Lord Gwydion

HILLS AND RIVERS LOCAL COUNCIL: NONE

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCAL COUNCIL: NONE

ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL COUNCIL: NONE

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCAL COUNCIL:

- ❖ Coven Ashesh Hekat

TEXAS LOCAL COUNCIL:

- ❖ Circle of the Serpent
- ❖ Rune
- ❖ Tree of Knowledge Coven

TOUCHSTONE LOCAL COUNCIL: NONE

NATIONAL COVENS:

- ❖ Marian Dawn
- ❖ Spiral Tor Coven

NATIONAL SOLITARIES:

- ❖ Jennifer Bennett
- ❖ Sophia
- ❖ Yesod

NATIONAL ASSOCIATES: NONE

AMAZON SMILE

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Simply select your charity (*ie*, CoG) and then go to smile.amazon.com to make your purchases. Anyone can select CoG, not just CoG members -- so friends and family, and even our enormous Facebook following can select CoG as their Amazon Smile recipient.

I Smile for CoG. Do you?



REPORTS OF OFFICERS

FIRST OFFICER

No report given.

SECOND OFFICER

No report given.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Wild weather we're having, eh? It's like Spring sprung early, and then Winter returned like a wet blanket. As California needs the water, I'm not complaining too much, but the areas which burned recently are unable to absorb the water and are causing mudslides and erosion. As we struggle to deal with climate change and sea levels rising it becomes more important than ever to honor and protect our Mother Earth. I attended PantheaCon in San Jose over President's Day weekend. I saw many CoG members there!

You may have noticed that I completely missed sending Imbolc reminders and didn't get a report written for Imbolc. I was also late sending renewal reminders for Ostara, so I have extended the grace period for all late renewals for any reason to **4/1/2018**. No Fooling!

The really GREAT news is that I'm nearly caught up! I am very grateful for the kind assistance of my Local Council members, Anna Korn and Deborah Bender, who came over and sat with me, and encouraged me as I worked my way through my backlog. I am also very humbled and grateful for the kindness and patience shown to me by the members of CoG during this difficult time! You are wonderful people.

Next up on the NMO's plate: I have some credentials to send via email for the remaining renewals and applications on my desk. After that, the NetCo and I will update the subscriptions to the CoG email lists. A new password to the CoG website will be created just after that is done. I will then resume work on mailing welcome packets (retroactively to when I took over this job), hard copy credentials, charters, and handfasting certificates. Then I'll move on, with Canu's help again, to using Outlook to send a pre-filled out form with your renewal reminder. (This is huge!) Then there are several committees to get rolling on, notably the Path to Membership Committee, as well as getting ready for Grand Council, and the list goes on.

Transitions of Note: Hearth of Ember's transition from a Coven membership to a Solitary membership (Amber) received no objections, thus



becoming effective Ostara 2018. Amber is staying in Orange County Local Council.

Gus diZerega transitioned to National from NCLC at Yule.

Happily, some members of the now defunct Dogwood Local Council will join Everglades Moon Local Council, but I am still waiting for some of the members to renew, so I'm not sure yet who is moving to EMLC.

Lady Magdalena will continue her Solitary membership, but Temple of The Rising Phoenix will lapse when its current membership runs out at Beltane.

Marla Roberson has moved from National AoS to EMLC AoS.

Regrettably, since my last report, 4 members have voluntarily lapsed: National Associate - Araminta Star, National - Circle of Wondrous Stories, NCLC - Lion Gate, and AoS - Edye Cheeseman.

Moondrake Coven and Grove has requested to change to a Solitary membership (Lord Gwydion) in EMLC, if no objections are received, this will become effective at Litha

A'in Qoph Nunn has requested to change to a National Solitary membership (Wolf Rhodes), if no objections are received, this will become effective at Litha.

We have several members who are seriously overdue. I'm reluctant to cancel them just yet, due to my recent problems, so I'm continuing to count them until I can follow-up and confirm their intentions.

This means we currently have 138 members total, consisting of 71 covens, 64 solitaires and 3 associates. Because things can change quickly between the Newsletter publishing deadline and the actual date of publication, this may have changed by the time you read it.

If you have sent your renewal in, and your name is listed below, PLEASE CONTACT ME ASAP so I can follow up. Membership(at)cog.org is the email address to use to reach me, but mail from me will come from a new address, Thea(dot)Bristlebroom(at)gmail.com. You can also feel free to call me - I've put my phone number on AIR previously.

The following members are **OVERDUE** and have until **4/1/2018** to renew (No Fooling!):

Renewal Sabbat	Roster Name	Local Council
Mabon	House of Oak Spring	Dogwood
Mabon	Jose Esparza	National
Mabon	Terri Gans	National
Samhain	Charles (Ryan) Coe	Chamisa

Samhain	Circle of the Moon	Texas
Samhain	Lord GoldenOak	National
Yule	Amina Cuning-Jones	Orange County

The following members were due at **Imbolc** and have until **4/1/2018** to renew:

Roster Name	Local Council
Circle of the Cauldron	Chamisa
The Sylvan Forest	Dogwood / EMLC?
Church of the Earth	National
Cronos	National
Huthart	National
Jerrie Hildebrand	National
Kirk White	National
Anastasia Lankford	Texas
Ecclasian Fellowship	Touchstone

The following members are due at **Ostara** and have until 4/1/2018 to renew:

Roster Name	Local Council
Circle Angkur	Calafia
Kari Tornow	Chamisa
Witch and Famous Coven	Everglades Moon
Coven of the Wolfa	Hills and Rivers
Jodi Affuso	Hills and Rivers
Moonfire Coven	Hills and Rivers
Birch	National
Dragon's Weyr Circle	National
Joel Bjorling	National
Raven Star Coven	National
Rev. Peter Hertzberg	National
Amber	Orange County
Coven of Bran-Faol Reannag	Orange County
Greenwood Glen	Orange County
Circle of the Dragon & the Phoenix	Southern California
Ghostwheel	Southern California
Temple of the Sapphire Sky	Touchstone

The following members are due at **Beltane** and have until **5/11/2018** to renew:

Roster Name	Local Council
Merlyn	Chamisa
Vivianne	Chamisa
Beachfyre Coven	Everglades Moon
Kathleen Lezon	Everglades Moon
Lord Gwydion	Everglades Moon
Jennifer Bennett	National
Marian Dawn	National
Sophia	National



Spiral Tor Coven	National
Yesod	National
Coven Ashesh-Hekat	Southern California
Circle of the Serpent	Texas
Rune	Texas
Tree of Knowledge Coven	Texas

In Her Service,
Thea Bristlebroom

PURSEWARDEN

No report given.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Social Media: Currently The COG has over 265k Followers and over 276K Likes on Facebook as of today. Our worldwide presence extends to the UK, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, India, the Philippines, Italy, South Africa in addition to the US. On Twitter, we have 2,402 Followers. In February we posted 111 Tweets, with 21.1K Tweet Impressions with 335 Profile visits, 15 Mentions, and 48 new Followers. Since we do not have promotional campaigns we do not have KPI's to track.

PIO Blog/Website has been created, but not officially launched. <https://covenantpio.wordpress.com> is the new site. I am working on adding community and member links similar to those listed on the previous PIO site. In addition to writings as PIO, I want to include posts by other LC PIO (in addition to LC site links). This gives additional visibility to our local councils and their activities.

Cisco WebEx: At the last meeting I provided a draft of my findings for the web conferencing review. WebEx can be customized to our needs (once we determine areas we require. Basic pricing (Premium Pricing) for up to 25 people per meeting ~ \$29/month and for up to 200 people per meeting ~ \$39/month. They state that paying for the entire year in advance can save up to \$10 per month with the annual plan. If we plan to use WebEx for online classes or training they can handle groups of 100 up to 3,000. I have received positive reviews from current or previous users that cover the ease of use, flexibility, and support.

College Outreach: I have been asked by Professor Elisabeth Burke of Fullerton College present at her classes. "...an introductory presentation would be perfect for my students as this is a tradition that we don't usually get a chance to cover in class, and if we do, it's only very briefly. But my students have expressed a strong interest in learning more about Wicca and Paganism, and

it's an area that I am in no way an expert on, so it would help me to learn more about it as well!" She is also seeking support/help for their campus club. I am scheduling a meeting with Professor Burke to learn more about the classes she is seeking support and their campus club. Through this work, my goal is to create materials and process for outreach to other college campuses and their own Pagan and Wiccan clubs.

Respectfully,
Janine Nelson,
PIO Covenant of the Goddess

Research on Cisco WebEx + Cisco Spark
Information on Cisco WebEx and their services:

- Each Cisco WebEx product is part of an interoperable system of solutions for working together remotely.
- WebEx products can be combined and customized to our needs.
- Scalable to handle video conferencing and screen sharing; although we can add specialized functionality for webinars, training or remote technical support.
- You can switch presenters, share your desktop, annotate documents together, sketch on a virtual whiteboard, record meetings and organize or join meetings from smartphone or tablet.
- Stringent security.
- The Cisco WebEx Cloud is certified by the Sky-high CloudTrust™ Program the most extensive, impartial evaluation of cloud security and enterprise-readiness available.
- Every paid WebEx account comes with 24x7 technical support, including WebEx Meetings Premium plans, WebEx Meeting Center, WebEx Event Center, WebEx Training Center, and WebEx Support Center.
- WebEx has the capability to create a poll questionnaire that includes multiple-answer, single-answer, and text-based answers.
- After the poll is closed, the presenter can share results* with attendees. *(Poll results are based on the percentage of attendees who chose each answer out of the total number of attendees in the session, not the total number of attendees who filled out the questionnaire).
- Premium Pricing: for up to 25 people per meeting ~ \$29/month and for up to 200 people per meeting ~ \$39/month. They state that paying for the entire year in advance can save up to \$10 per month with the annual plan.
- There is a WebEx Event Center that would handle events for groups of 100 to 3,000 and allow for multiple presenters.



PUBLICATIONS OFFICER

Greetings, Cogkin! The old adages hold true! Imbolc did indeed dawn fair and bright (and way too hot!) and winter definitely came back for another flight! My life has been taxes, taxes, taxes... have you filed yet? If not, you have until April 17th this year, so you can procrastinate a little longer.

Work on the website continues. As soon as tax season is over, the NMO and I will be going over the roster to ensure that the newsletter and the website both match each other and her database. If you have something you'd like to see on the website, please consider developing the content rather than just "we need x."

A note regarding fillable forms: if you open the form from the website *it will not be fillable*. You need to **save the form to your computer first**. Then when you open it, you can complete and save the form to email to the NMO or whomever.

Blessings of the season,
Stachia Ravensdottir

CORRESPONDENCE OFFICER

No report given.

NATIONAL RECORDER

Although I was unable to attend the January Board meeting, the minutes of the meeting were recorded and the written minutes were submitted to Publications on time. The Recorder Training Manual is nearly finished and will be posted soon.

WELCOME TO COG

Please welcome:

❖ Amber



NATIONAL BOARD MINUTES

~ March 3, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:18pm PST.

Quorum: First Officer Canu, Membership Officer Thea Bristlebroom, Correspondence Officer Amber K, Recorder Morgana RavenTree, Publication Officer Stachia Ravensdottir, and Public Information Officer Janine Nelson were present. Second Officer Lady Circe and Pursewarden Manny Tejada were unable to attend.

Officer Reports:

First Officer (Canu): no report

Second Officer (Lady Circe): no report

Membership Officer (Thea Bristlebroom): *(Please see full report on page 2)*

Pursewarden (Manny Tejada-Moreno): no report

Public Information Officer (Janine Nelson): *(Please see full report on page 4)*

Publications Officer (Stachia Ravensdottir): *(Please see full report on page 5)*

Correspondence Officer (Amber K): no report

Recorder (Morgana RavenTree): *(Please see full report on page 5)*

AGENDA:

Streamlining membership process and non-voting status: Canu had agreed previously to take point on these issues and will send out something outlining plans for both to try to get a discussion started.

Evaluation of Leadership Institute Goals and Items for CoG: Amber K told the Board that the Chamisa Local Council had met earlier that day and discussed some of the general proposals that came out of the Leadership Institute. Everyone felt that unless COG has a turnaround soon in its membership and activities it only has 3-5 years left before it dwindles away. On the positive side they (Chamisa) felt that the three issues they discussed were a positive step in turning it around:

Streamlining the membership process and creating a non-voting class of membership – if someone's membership is lost (lapsed) the thought of having to go through the formal reinstatement process is not a popular one. People are not pleased with the idea that if you miss a deadline you have start from scratch. As for creating a "non-voting" class of membership. It doesn't matter what we call them. Just put a word like "sustaining" or "supporting" before "member". This class of membership should go a long way to help financially in the future.

Hiring a professional staff person to take care of routine administrative tasks is a good idea instead of depending on a volunteer who may be distracted by other things going on in life. There is very strong support for a staff person at least part time. Amber K brought up the idea of cost, but the response is that COG has over \$100,000 and it won't do us any good if COG folds and ends up having to give that money to another nonprofit [as required by IRS rules]. Spend some money now and give it a couple of years to see if that turns COG around.



Creation of a new Policy Board comprised of Local Council representatives – they love this idea and moving the National Board to staff positions. There is a strong feeling that local councils would be more involved and that the present system of liaisons isn't working well.

This was only one local council, but they would like to see us put together and present a plan at next Grand Council. Canu asked if there was any thought to supporting or sustaining members having to meet the membership criteria (i.e. identifying themselves as witches or Wiccans). Amber K replied that other organizations such as Sierra Club don't have any such requirements. Janine said that more Pagans (non-Wiccans) might be able to give us support as they might not meet other criteria. Amber K suggested creating a separate program which sustaining or supporting members could join without labeling themselves as witches or Wiccans. Janine mentioned that she has been contacted by a college professor about a presentation on Paganism and he mentioned a campus club for young people that might be a good recruiting ground. Canu mentioned that many older members hold to that focus (witches and Wiccans) and it's hard to find the wisdom of how to approach some of our members. Amber K said the core the membership can stay a witch/Wiccan organization. This other class of membership can be service to the wider Pagan community and the core of COG doesn't have to change. Canu said there is a perception that COG is elitist, but it's worthwhile to pursue this membership and see where it goes. He agreed that bringing lapsed members back into membership is something we can do. Morgana and Stachia expressed support for this idea.

Amber K asked if Thea could prepare a chart of membership numbers over the past 10-20 years. If we can show this to people, it will be obvious that COG's lifespan is limited. Janine and Morgana both said they would take these three issues to their local councils (OCLC and SoCal) for further discussion. Canu will post these three items on AIR and will bring it up at the EMLC meeting this month.

Conflict of Interest Forms and D&O Insurance: NPW Manny is working on these issues and as he was not able to be present it was tabled until the next meeting.

Credentials & Certificates Update: NMO Thea has everything except a sample handfasting certificate. Stachia will send it again.

Morgana's questions before the January issues: questions have been answered at January meeting or by emails.

The Board discussed the options for the new password for the website. Suggestions were made but not finalized.

Appointment of a Religious Awards Coordinator and Location of Materials: Amber K reported that she has received the awards materials from Becky. Everything is now in Amber K's possession and she will re-start this program. She will announce it on AIR.

Web meeting alternatives: Janine attached information she collected from WebEx to her NPIO report. Stachia, Amber K and other Board members endorsed WebEx.

Janine has created a new PIO blog and has shared the link with the Board. She will post her own posts as PIO, but also wants to post items from Local Councils and Amber K's religious awards. Other Pagan sites may also be listed as references. The Board discussed other materials for posting to the PIO blog.

Amber K said Chamisa discussed hosting Grand Council 2019. She thinks Chamisa will have a candidate for Second Officer at MerryMeet 2018.

NCLC is putting up a new webpage and the link will be circulated. She will discuss it further with Stachia after tax season is over.

Next meeting: April 8th, 3:00pm PDT.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm PDT.

TRANSITIONING FROM COVEN TO SOLITARY



LORD GWYDION

Everglades Moon AoS
Florida

Transitioning from Moondrake Coven and Grove
First publication – Ostara 2018
Second Publication –



WOLF RHODES

National AoS
California

Transitioning from A'in Qoph Nunn
First publication – Ostara 2018
Second Publication –

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS



NONE

Local Council
State



LOCAL COUNCILS



CALAFIA

~ No report

Last published minutes in the Ostara 2017 edition.



CHAMISA

~No report

Last published minutes in the Yule 2017 edition.



EVERGLADES MOON

~ January 27, 2018

Having quorum, the meeting started at: 1 PM EST.

ATTENDANCE: (Magickal Name, Position, Coven)

In Person: Canu, National First Officer, Beachfyre Coven; Kasha, EMLC First Officer, AoS; Amber, EMLC Second Officer, AoS; Lady Circle, National Second Officer, EMLC Pursewarden, AoS; Qabal, National Pursewarden, EMLC Public Information Officer; Alpania, EMLC Publications Officer, DragonWhisper Coven; Shaylee, EMLC Co-Recorder, Beachfyre Coven; Raven, AoS, and Cat, Witch and Famous, Beachfyre Coven

Guests: Marla, National AoS; Stefanos; and Gypsy

Conference line: Lady Bridget, EMLC Membership Officer, Witch and Famous Coven; Aquitas, EMLC Co-Recorder, Beachfyre Coven

OFFICER REPORTS:

First Officer (Kasha): It's been a few months since we last met at beautiful Blue Spring State Park, and boy, have we been busy!

In November, I met with Lady Circe and the bank and updated signatures on our bank accounts.

We had a very successful Turning the Tide festival! Thank you to everyone involved in planning and executing all the amazing pieces of that great event!

At Turning the Tide we had a productive Merry Meet 2018 planning meeting, chaired by Lady Circe, our National Second Officer, and in January we opened a Merry Meet 2018 bank account.

Planning for 2018 began with a tentative Local Council meeting schedule for the year. I'm hopeful that we can meet all over the state this year... who wants to host on Sunday Feb 25? Saturday March 31?

In January, we had an inquiry from a student from Lynn University. He contacted CoG

National, and Amber K, our National Correspondence Officer forwarded it to us in Florida. I responded to his email and didn't hear back from him so I sent a follow up email 10 days later, just to be sure he knows we are available if needed.

I have had two membership inquiries, one with a letter of interest that I've forwarded to Lady Bridget our membership officer, and we'll be discussing Marla Roberson's request to move her membership from National to EMLC!

We are starting our calendar year with a home improvement work day for one of our members, in conjunction with our January meeting. I'm so thankful for a Local Council that believes in service!

There are some great things happening right now, as we will hear in other officer reports. I'm so very excited for what 2018 has in store for us in EMLC!

Second Officer (Amber): Recon and planning for the annual retreat have begun. I have been in contact with the owner of Rum Island Retreat which is a great cabin/camping property in Fort White, Florida. Many dates are available and soon I will send an email asking for a consensus about dates. Since this location is west and north, I hope many more west coast EMLC'ers will come! If you want to check it out, here is the link. <http://www.rumislandretreat.com>

An email was sent out asking for feedback on last years combining the annual meeting and retreat. Unfortunately, I only received two emails back. So, I decided to make the separate events again and will revisit the issue in the future. The annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th. Looking for a host or maybe some ideas for outdoor locations with good WIFI.

If anyone has any ideas, suggestions or want to help with retreat, please let me know.

Raven is offering her office as a potential location for the Annual meeting, with parks nearby for other activities everyone appears to like the idea. Amber to send email to Raven verify and confirm location and dates are good.

Membership Officer (Lady Bridget): I am happy to once again serve as your membership officer. At Imbolc we have three members due to renew - and they are Coyote Morningstar, Lady Circe, and Qabal. Please be sure to copy me on your renewals if you send them directly to Thea so I can update my records.

At this time about half of our LC members have paid their Tithes. Remember that Tithes are not the same as your renewal, since the Tithes stay right here in our local council. If anyone needs any forms for Tithes, renewals or credentials, please be sure and ask me.



At this time we have a request to transfer into our local council by Marla, who is currently a National CoG Solitary. Marla and her wife, Gypsy, have moved to Callahan, FL and she would like to join her friends here in the wonderful world of EMLC. I have sent her email to the general membership for discussion. I have known Marla for many years and would love to have her join our local council.

Pursewarden (Lady Circe): We are in compliance with signatory policies on our bank accounts and PayPal account.

We have loaned Grand Council 2018 \$1000.00. This enabled us to make a deposit on the hotel and open a Merry Meet account. Next we will be opening a PayPal account for the event.

We currently have \$1065.02 in our PayPal account, \$150.00 in the PayPal bank account, and \$7553.93 in our general account. That is a total of \$8768.95.

Publications Officer (Alpandia): We've had some exciting new changes to the EMLC website. We're kicking the tires on a new design - let me know if anyone hits any snags. As part of the redesign I've been revisiting some of our static pages to ensure they continue to contain up-to-date information. I've also made some changes that should help the readability of the site, and added back our long-missing DONATE button. This cleaner look should work better across all devices. In the coming weeks I'll be working on a homepage redesign that will help funnel people to the most appropriate areas of the site, as well as give us the ability to spotlight things like GRAND COUNCIL!

Our Social Media game continues to be strong. I've updated the RSS pulls from both TheWildHunt and TheDarkPixie Astrology. I also regularly share news items and entertaining links. Facebook continues to drive more traffic to our site than Twitter. We're up to 1374 followers on facebook and 142 on Twitter. I did also use the Facebook promote link to post sponsored links for Turning the Tide 2017. It did not result in any subscriptions to Tides. But it might be a useful promotion tool to promote events such as EMLC At the Movies.

We also continue to have a very healthy listener base with our Reaching for the Moon podcast. In reviewing our podcast stats, Reaching for the Moon has been downloaded more than 21,000 times. Since November, we have had over 1800 downloads across all our episodes. Our Yule 2017 episode has blessed nearly 400 people's ears. Be sure to add your voice to the podcast! Send Lady Bridget your segments.

If any member has any content they'd like to contribute to the website, just let me know! I'm

happy to publish book reviews, sabbat-related items, poetry, and more.

Public Informations Officer (Qabal):

There's not much to report on for PIO. We did have that inquiry from a student at Lynn University and I believe Kasha was contacting the individual

Recorder (Aequitas/Shaylee):

What EMLC-ers are doing:

We are gathered today for a service project of home and yard improvements for one of our members

Alpandia, Lady Incendia, Kasha, and Marla took part in women's marches at various places in the state on the weekend of January 20-21

Cat earned Reiki Master designation

Alpandia and Marla are working on planning for Mystic South in July

Alpandia has become social media manager for The Wild Hunt

Qabal has become financial director for The Wild Hunt

Canu was involved in the blocking of an oil drilling projects in the Everglades

Qabal was published in the Greening of Religions Paper

Old Business:

Fundraising and Outreach: Psychic House Party - Lady Bridget - An email sent out with no responses, but a location is needed before any additional planning can be done. Lady Bridget will send out a follow up email and results of the discussion will be discussed and next meeting email. Canu and Qabal have both offered to possible host, if no other more central location is offered. Alpandia volunteered to help wrangle readers and Work the schedule of readings.

Movies with Witches - Qabal - He meet with the people of O Cinema who are still willing to host us. Question posed is are we still interested, everyone Twinkled. Qabal will go forward and try to set up our next Movies with Witches and look into acquiring the Witches of Eastwick

Lynn University - Qabal raised the question - What does this student want specifically from us, what kind of assistance and participation and additionally what hurdles does he need to go through to get us there. Is he willing go through them? How many others are interested? Kasha will send another email to him to discuss

Turning The Tides 2017 - Recap - Alpandia - Put out survey got some very positive feedback.



Everything went well and a the festival had great vibe. A good time was had by all.

2018 - Preview - We are looking to host TTT 12 on second weekend in December. The dates being December 7, 8, 9. Aequitas will go to the park w/ check to finalize the reservation and Lady Circe will calling Greynolds to let them know the dates and that Aequitas will be coming.

Aequitas will be taking over as the cordinatirix and Alpanidia has offered to assist him in the transition and help out with workshop coordination.

Aequitas proposed since we are on our twelfth year an Astrology Theme - proposal was twinkled by all.

Merry Meet 2018 -

Awesome Planning Session.....Come to Merry Meet to see what we were planning.

New Business

Meeting schedule 2018: The selected July meeting date is during mystic south where several of our members will be so meeting is being moved to July 28th - Cat is hosting

Philanthropic opportunity: Rayna suggested via email that we consider a Adopt a Scrub Jay's donation At Oscar Scherer State Park over on the west coast, they have an Adopt a Scrub Jay program. Scrub Jays are the only birds unique to Florida and the park has one of the last remaining populations. They live in the park habitat year round and do not migrate. There is more info here: <http://friendsofoscarscherer.com/adopt-a-scrubjay/>

Proposal by Kasha to Adopt a Scrub Jay - - proposal was twinkled by all.

Next is to decide what level of adoption we want to do our choices are, Ambassador level - \$100, Champion level - \$50, and Advocate level - \$25.

Lady Circe proposed we Adopt an Ambassador and Champion level to go with our usual amount of \$150 donation - proposal was twinkled by all.

Lady Bridget proposed raffling off the tickets to the park as part of the adoption for fundraising - proposal was twinkled by all.

Next step is to decide which two Scrub Jay's we are going to adopt - an email will be sent out to the list to decided

Membership Requests

Requests for New Member - Marla a COG National member is requesting to transfer in EMCL.

Marla was originally from a Texas local council, then moved to South Carolina where she became a national member. She has recently moved to Florida would like to join our local council. In the past she has served on the National Board as recorder for 3 years.

Proposal by Kasha to accept Marla as a member. Proposal was twinkled by all. WELCOME MARLA.

Community Announcements:

February 25th, 2018: EMLC Meeting - Location To Be Announced

March 31st, 2018: EMLC Meeting - Location To Be Announced

April 5-8th, 2018: Equinox In the Oaks. <https://equinoxintheoaks.org/> Website. <https://www.facebook.com/equinoxintheoaks/> facebook

May 27th, 2018: EMLC Meeting - Location To Be Announced

July 12-15th, 2018: Mystic South Conference. www.mystic-south.com Wesite. <https://www.facebook.com/events/479778935739568/> facebook

July 28th, 2018: EMLC Meeting - Location: Cat's Abode

August 8-12th, 2018: Merry Meet & Grand Council - EMLC Hosts. Website to be Announced soon. <https://emlc.net/>

September 1st, 2018: EMLC Meeting - Location To Be Announced

October 6th, 2018: EMLC Annual Meeting. Location to be announced

Meeting adjourned with circle of hands and hearts.

Next Meeting: February 25th, 2018, 1 PM Gather Time. Location: To Be Announced. Mark Your Calendars!



HILLS AND RIVERS

~ No report

Last published minutes in the Mabon 2017 edition.



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

~ July 22, 2017

Present: Quorum reached at 2:10 pm

Covens: Coven Trismegiston (Anna, Glenn), Daduchos (Thea, Allyn), Dark Moon Circle (Kitty), Dragonstone (Glenn, Rowshei), Stardust (Kay), Owl



Moon (Linnea, online). AOS: Macha, Felicity, Deborah, Brigid (online).

Reports:

First Officer: Deborah does not intend to ask for a variance to run for a third term. She gave a report from NROOGD –they are willing to co-sponsor the Tree of Traditions Suite at PantheaCon 2018. Deborah thanked Anna for drafting the Annual Report to Grand Council.

Pursewarden: Balance is \$2337.09, Subaccount balances are:

- General Fund: \$982.66
- Travel: \$475.98
- Interfaith: \$674.45
- Kiva: \$51
- NCLC Grace of the Goddess: \$153

Interfaith Reports: Macha attended the initial meeting of Marin Interfaith Climate Action. She continues to facilitate the Wiccan Circle at San Quentin State Prison. Felicity reports that the Interfaith Climate Action Network (part of I4C) has been attending the meetings of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and meeting with various local officials about refinery air pollution in the county.

Old Business

Next Meetings: September 17 2017 at Glenn's and November 18th at Thea's.

Merrymeet/Grand Council: Anna wrote an annual LC report for Grand Council. It was discussed on NORTH and then submitted.

New Business:

Leadership Institute: Macha will be organizing Leadership Institute, with the plan to review and analyze COG's mission and purposes.

Officer Election Discussion: We discussed who was willing to run for office in September.

Solar Eclipse Trip: Felicity invites NCLC members to join her in a trip to Oregon organized by the East Bay Astronomical Society to view the total solar eclipse.



September 17, 2017

Physically present: Glenn (Dragonstone, Coven Trismegiston), Don & Anna (Coven Trismegiston), Shirin & Kitty (Darkmoon Circle), Thea & Allyn (Daduchos), Macha, Felicity, Deborah (AOS).

Proxies to the Council: Stardust, Lion Gate

Quorum was established. Meeting called to order at 2:20 PM.

Reports

Co-FOs: Deborah attended Leadership Institute and represented the Golden Ring Solitary Caucus at Grand Council. She sold enough fans at GC to reimburse herself, and enough more to donate \$34 to NCLC's travel fund. Don: no report, he is finding returning to college challenging and time-consuming.

Membership: National and local renewals and tithes due September 20, with a ten day grace period to September 30th.

Pursewarden: Deborah donated \$34 from fan sales to the travel fund. No other changes from previous report. Total in account is \$2371.09.

Account Allocations:

- General Fund: \$982.66
- Travel: \$509.98
- Interfaith: \$674.45
- Kiva: \$51
- NCLC Grace of the Goddess: \$153
- Interfaith:

Felicity: Attended Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County monthly meeting, Interfaith Climate Action Network meetings, Interfaith Women's Circle guest and joined protest march and rally for peace and love in Berkeley as Interfaith representative and rep at Temple Isaiah in Lafayette.

She has been invited to deliver poem at an event to mark the end of International Peace Season at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church on September 24.

Don: Recently returned from United Religions Initiative Global Council in Sarajevo, reports on AIR.

Macha: Forwarded an announcement from Marin Interfaith Climate Action. She is a founding member and co-wrote the vision and mission statements.

Rowan: Rowan represented NCLC at the 8/23 PICO CA Day of Action. Several people told her how happy they were to have non-Christian clergy doing prayers. <https://cogsocialjustice.wordpress.com/2017/08/26/pico-california-day-of-action-august-23-2017/>

Rowan represented NCLC at a Multi-Faith Prayer Service: Love & Justice over Hate at Emmanuel Baptist Church in San Jose, CA on August 20th, a service focused on responding to the alarming rise of hate and longstanding structural racism and discrimination throughout the country.

Website Committee: Felicity and Macha gave a progress report on the NCLC website remodel. Felicity showed an early stage mockup of the home page. They prefer WordPress for ease of design and editing. There was discussion on possible servers and on controls and procedures for



submissions. Site will include an events calendar. Felicity wants suggestions from everyone as work proceeds.

Leadership Institute: It was successful and productive. Macha is trying to track down photos and transcripts of the sheets that were posted on the wall, so that the contents of discussions may be shared with rest of CoG's members.

Grand Council: General discussion by people who attended.

Old Business:

A statement about Charlottesville was posted to North a few weeks ago and received consensus, but Deborah didn't post it. Don will send it to AIR, the CoG website, and the national and NCLC Facebook pages.

New Business

Upcoming Meetings: Saturday 9/18/17 at Thea's. Saturday 1/20/18, probably at the Adocentyn Research Library.

Board Election: Two candidates withdrew for personal reasons. All positions were uncontested.

- FO Don (second term)
- MO Thea (second term)
- Pursewarden Anna (second term)
- Recorder Felicity and Thea agreed to take minutes for two meetings each. Volunteers will be needed for the remaining two bimonthly meetings and the meeting at Pantheacon.
- PIO Felicity (first term). Greg to be social media assistant if he wishes.

Pantheacon 2018: Glenn says the deadline to apply for hotel rooms for special needs will be in December, earlier than in the past. Green Fairy is returning to the Presidential suite. There are more applicants for the two room parlor suites than are available, but groups that don't need a wet bar might be satisfied with two adjoining regular hotel rooms.

Glenn will assign the parlor suites at the end of September.

Thea reports that New Wiccan Church wants to sponsor the Tree of Traditions Suite, and that Cei will probably be in charge again. Thea will continue as co-chair, but since she will be working registration during the Con, her work will be done before the suite opens. Deborah reports that NROOGD wants to sponsor the suite financially with a cap of \$600, but will probably not provide many volunteers.

Fellowship of the Spiral Path is interested in joining the suite and will make a decision soon. Discussion ensued on estimated cost per group if suite has four sponsors.

Announcements: Deborah will host another Witches Halloween Party, on Saturday, October 21. She requests donated items for the Witch Kitsch Bazaar at the party, to benefit NCLC and ARL.

A brief healing circle was held for a distant member. Meeting was adjourned at 4:20.



~ January 2017

We cancelled our January meeting due to scheduling conflicts with the Women's March. Here are reports that were posted in preparation for that meeting:

Pursewarden (Anna Korn): Beginning Balance Nov 2, 2017 [close of 4th Quarter] \$2581.09.

INCOME: Deposit \$25 Owl Moon title received 11/2/17. Deposit \$36 Witch Kitsch Bazaar proceeds (Thank you Deborah!) 11/7/17. Deposit \$50 Donation for website costs from Deborah 12/12/17

EXPENSES: Check #1176 to Interfaith Center of Contra Costa County -\$100 12/3/17. Check #1177 for Tree of Traditions Hospitality Suite, Pantheacon. To Annelise Bazar, Suite Treasurer-\$650 1/21/18.

Ending Balance \$1942.09

- General \$559.66
- Travel \$509.98
- Interfaith \$668.45
- Grace \$153.00
- Kiva \$51.00

Still exploring ways to send the \$51 to Kiva via a paper check while giving NCLC and the Pagan giving group the credit with Kiva. Rowan only interacts with them via electronic means, and says she is unfamiliar with how to send money via paper checks.

Jan 12 report from Deborah about the Tree of Traditions Suite for Pantheacon: We have fewer volunteers for the big jobs this year, so we scaled down and simplified the suite operations a little.

Organization: Four sponsoring groups: NROOGD, NCLC-CoG, New Wiccan Church, Fellowship of the Spiral Path. South Bay Circles is providing some volunteers, but no funding.

Cei stepped down from being committee chair and continues to maintain the wiki where information is stored. Thea Bristlebroom is chairing the committee and also scheduling events in the suite. She won't be in the suite much however because she works registration. Annelise Bazaar is handling the money again. Annie C of (I think) NWC is in charge of Hospitality and set-up. Spiral is



running the raffle and Diana Paxson is their liaison. I'm a general assistant to Thea.

New Liquor Policy: No bartender this year and no bar. The suite will be offering non-alcoholic beverages and snacks. That doesn't mean the suite has to be alcohol-free. It means:

1. BYOB
2. No leaving bottles of wine and beer (or mead or hard cider) in the suite. Take it with you when you go, unless it's empty.
3. Don't give alcohol to minors.
4. No hard liquor in the suite this year.

Suite Hours: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb 16-18. Opening between 10 and 11 AM (TBD). Closing at midnight.

Events in Suite: If we want to change the time and date of our meeting in the suite from 5 PM Friday to a lunch or dinner meeting, we need to make a request to Thea for the new time slot. Since it is generally a short meeting, lunch time on Saturday or Sunday might be good. People could pick up something from the fast food line outside the coffee shop and carry it up to the suite.

NROOGD is hosting a 50th Anniversary party during dinner hour on Saturday, 5 PM- 7 PM. NWC's reception will follow without any break from 7-9 PM.

Spiral is holding a ritual and a raffle in the suite Sunday.

NCLC could have other suite activities if we propose them to Thea. There is a written policy and a form.

Money: Each organization's share of expenses is \$650. NCLC previously approved this. Annelise Bazaar would like to receive a check this month. The bar brought in a lot of donations in the last couple of years. Since we aren't having a bar, don't expect a big rebate after the con.

Information about NCLC-CoG: We need to order more ribbons. I suggest "2's Company; 3's A Coven" for the second line if it isn't too many characters. Suggestions for a shorter second line would be welcome.

The Publications Committee has made a start on updating printed handouts for the suite and various informational tables at PantheaCon, but has more work to do. IIRC, we have not made an appropriation for printed materials yet.

We may also want to look at NCLC's listing on the TOT web page and our social media sites, and update as needed.

Raffle: Diana Paxson will be collecting items for the raffle. I expect to have details after the TOT committee meeting on Sunday.



ORANGE COUNTY



~ November 9, 2017

Beginnings: Called to Order at 7:20 pm. Time Keeper – Camille. Invocation/Blessing – Amber. Introductions/Sign-in complete. Warden (Vibes Watcher) – Janine.

Quorum achieved – Pam.

Attendance: Greenwood Glen (Pam, Camille). Bran-Faol Reannag (Janine). CCoW (Mary), Hearth of Ember (Amber), Solitary - Mata

Officer Reports:

First Officer (Pam): Discussed Pagan Pride (10/15/17 10am to 5pm). The largest turnout in the past couple years. Ghostwheel had their own booth this year; sent inquiring attendees interested in OCLC to the OCLC booth and OCLC sent LA attendees to their booth. We had both business cards and promo cards at the Ghostwheel booth. We also had flyers for Ghostwheel.

The Rune Basket was quite popular. Nicole (a member of CCoW) was interpreting runes for those that selected them. There were a couple of folks interested in OCLC and invited them to attend our local council meeting.

Pam handed the sign-up sheets from Pagan Pride to the PIO. She suggested we create new sign-up sheets to allow more room for emails and add column for interest and check box for email only.

Now we have to get ready for our Psychic Faire that will be in 4 weeks.

Second Officer (Camille): Psychic Faire Dec 2nd at the Dragon & The Rose. 10am to 4pm be there at 8:30 for set up. Need people early for set up.

We need to firm up Potential Readers:

- Linda C: 3 Card Spread - CONFIRMED;
- Lilith: Naughty Tarot - CONFIRMED;
- Camille: Reiki & Crystal Healing - CONFIRMED;
- Mary: Oracle & Spirit Messages - CONFIRMED;
- Janine: Spell Candles (see below);
- Sarah: Henna tattoos (TBD);
- Linda F: Cards - CONFIRMED;
- Mata: Tea Cup Charm Readings - CONFIRMED
- Nicole: Rune Readings - CONFIRMED
- Michelle: Pendulum (TBD)

Spell Candle — will need someone to man the table and supervise as people make their spell candle (Note: 1 ticket per candle) - 3 oils and 3 herbs. [SUCCESS, LOVE, PROSPERITY] Wrap in white tissue paper and use white file labels (MARY) to identify. Janine will check for candles. Mary will bring yarn.

- Signup & Tickets: Pam & Carolyn



- Time Keeper (Bell Ringer) – Catherine
- Pop-ups: OCLC, Camille (for tamale vendor)
- Tables – Pam (long and round); OCLC (long 6ft); Camille (5ft); Janine 4ft (for candles). Could use more tables.
- OCLC Banners: Have them out front to direct attention to the back of the plaza. Need a banner out front. Pam will look to see if there is room for a canopy out front. Could also use that for the food vendor. Hobby Lobby had sandwich boards (if someone is creative with chalk we could use that to promote our location).
- Raffle Prizes: Camille getting plastic cups and rocks. Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5
- Witchy Gift Basket - YULE THEME
- Mary – basket, candle & mocha mix
- Camille - cellophane
- Pam - pine cones
- Amber - Yule blend incense and candle
- Camille - 2 cups
- Mata - candle holder
- Camille – handmade plates from MM
- Pam – TBD
- Mary – TBD
- Carolyn – TBD
- OCLC – Evil Eye Bracelets
- Mata – TBD
- Amber - TBD
- Tamale Vendor: Pam will contact to confirm their attendance. Potentially set up from 11 to 3 (TBD). Camille spoke with Karen and she was fine with their setting up
- Ice chest with water - Camille - CONFIRMED

Decide if we want to do outreach and collect donations for a new cause/charity. Mata suggested Isaiah House (women's and their pets). Mata will email the link to Pam and Camille so we can determine what they items they could use.

Pam will bring a couple of TV tables.

We have a new process for distributing raffle prizes.

Pursewarden (Mary): Beginning balance \$1,073.10, plus \$116.94 from Pagan Pride.

PIO (Janine): Janine will be giving Camille a Thumb Drive to help with her new responsibilities on the board.

We are only 9 days into November and I wanted to capture our final numbers for October (and the end of our year).

Facebook - As of 10/31/17 we had 1,031 Likes. Other statistics from over the past 28 days indicate we were up in areas of actions on page, page views, page likes, and page followers. However our engagement fell by 27% along with reach which fell 37%. Wednesday, Tuesday and Saturday seem to be our best days with the time period between 9am to 6 pm with steady viewership.

On Facebook, our reach in October was less than our September interaction with our fans and followers. One reason would be fewer posts early to mid-October, followed by a nice peak at the end of the month. This is typically our best month due to Hallows.

Our event in December was launched in October 12th and our reach has only been 54 fans. Anyone on Facebook can share the event. Please share with your friends and encourage them to do the same. Other promotion for this event includes promo cards at various locations in Orange County.

TWITTER - Over the past 28 days we had posted 14 Tweets. Both Tweet impressions and profile visits are up 44% (Impressions 847 and profile visits 89). Our top Tweet in October was our tweet on Sweden.

We have a total of 1,367 Tweets, with 965 Followers. We could surpass 1,000 Followers by the end of the year.

WORDPRESS - For the month of October we had 197 views, 125 visitors and 7 likes on WP. Our most popular day is Thursday and most popular hour is 11AM. We have 187 followers and 39 email followers.

Membership Officer (Pam): Pam was going to follow up with Carolyn on the membership status on Amina's renewal. Amber mentioned that at her next renewal she will change to solitary.

Acting Recorder (Janine): Previous minutes sent to Mary for forwarding to National.

Old Business:

New Business:

Want to consider a redesign of sign-up sheets. Janine to add all sign ups from Pagan Pride to Wordpress email list.

Closing: Next meeting will be held on Dec 14, 2017 at Polly's Pies on Tustin Ave in Orange; Next Acting Recorder will be Mary; Next Invocation / Blessing – Camille; Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm with a final blessing from Amber.



December 14, 2017

Beginnings: Called to Order at 7:13 pm. Time Keeper – Mary. Invocation/Blessing – Mata. Introductions/Sign-in complete. Warden (Vibes Watcher) – n/a. Quorum achieved – Pam

Attendance: Greenwood Glen (Pam), CCoW (Mary), Solitary (Mata), Guests – Andrea & Bob

Officer Reports:

First Officer (Pam): Discussed results of Psychic Faire.

- Readers/Events total = \$405



- Bracelets sold = \$15
- Water = \$2
- Raffle Tickets = \$153 (We had a total of 40 raffle items)
- TOTAL cash received = \$575
- Crystal/Reiki Healing with Camille = 13
- Three Card Spread with Linda C = 3
- Naughty Tarot with Lilith = 7
- Oracle Cards and Spirit Messages with Mary = 17
- Witch's Tarot and Energy Oracle Cards with Linda F = 10
- Casting Runes with Nichole = 14
- Make a Working Purpose Candle with Janine = 17
- TOTAL for Workings = 81
- TOTAL in Funds raised from Workings = \$405

Next year's dates are May 19th and December 1st

Second Officer – (Camille absent; Pam reported): Psychic Faire in December – Tamale Vendor was a big hit. We have a new process for distributing raffle prizes.

Pantheon – We have enough ribbons left

March 25th – 11am to 4pm; OCLC Meet & Greet Spring Celebration – in the Park Carolyn to reserve?

Psychic Faire in May

Decide if we want to do outreach and collect donations for a new cause/charity. Mata suggested Isaiah House (women's and their pets). Mata will email the link to Pam and Camille so we can determine what they items they could use.

Merry Meet dates August 9-11? in Florida

Pursewarden (Mary): Beginning balance \$1,073.10. We made \$116.94 at Pagan Pride and \$575 for a balance of \$1765.04 (minus postcard & advertising expenses).

PIO (Janine): For 2018 I will be OCLC's National Board Liaison. One of the first actions was sending an email survey looking for feedback on the COG Tea started last year. I have received a couple of responses. We would love to get input from all COG members.

As of December 4th the contract for Adobe Connect expired. The board is looking into other video conferencing services.

Facebook: Total Page Likes (as of today): 1,041. I noticed that we have received 2 likes from FB "page suggestions." We had a peak day on 11/23/17 (Thanksgiving). For our regional organization, our FB page had 4,750 page views between 11/16 and 12/13. Our reach has increased over 600% reaching 6,001 people; and 763 post engagements.

I suggest that in the beginning of the year, we should post information on joining COG with a focus on solitary and/or associate membership.

TWITTER: In November we had 13 Tweets, 973 Tweet Impressions, 72 Profile visits, 1 Mention and lost 1 follower. Our top media tweet was an image and prayer for Texas. Top Tweet was a meme for Veteran's Day. Our top follower was Incense Faerie who is followed by over 3,000 people. This helps us bring new visitors and potential followers to our page and information.

As of today we have posted 1,395 Tweets, 968 Followers, and 820 likes.

WORDPRESS: In November we had 312 views, 196 visitors, 16 likes and 3 comments. So far in December we have 146 views, 55 visitors, and 1 like. Our most popular day is Saturday and the most popular hour is 2:00 a.m. There are 191 Wordpress followers, 40 email followers (not including recent PP signups). There are a total of 2,007 social media followers that use our link to check out our WP posts.

Membership Officer (Pam): Mata is reaching out to Amina regarding her [solitary] membership renewal. Amber mentioned that at her next renewal she will change to solitary.

Acting Recorder (Janine): Previous minutes sent to Mary for forwarding to National.

Old Business:

Want to consider a redesign of sign-up sheets. Janine to add all sign ups from Pagan Pride to Wordpress email list.

New Business:

Do we want Radiance to publish our events in their magazine? Is there a fee? Mary will research.

Closing: Next meeting will be held on January 14, 2017 at Polly's Pies on Tustin Ave in Orange; Next Acting Recorder will be Mary; Next Invocation / Blessing - Camille

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm with a final blessing from Mata.



January 11, 2018

Beginnings: Called to Order at 6:40 pm. Time Keeper – Mary. Silent Invocation/Blessing Introductions/Sign-in complete. Warden (Vibes Watcher) – n/a. Quorum achieved – Pam

Attendance: Greenwood Glen (Pam, Camille), Bran Faol Rennaig (Janine), CCoW (Mary)

Officer Reports:

First Officer (Pam): We need to start planning for the May 19th Psychic Faire; Tamale



Vendor was a big hit and we would like them back. Decide if we want to do outreach and collect donations for a new cause/charity. Mata suggested Isaiah House (women's and their pets).

Second Officer (Camille): Pantheon – We have enough ribbons left

March 25th – 11am to 4pm; OCLC Meet & Greet Spring Celebration – in the Park Who to reserve Gutosky? Or Eisenhower Park? Or Chapparelle? Make a Faery Ring – Camille & Mary will contribute beads, etc. Make & Take Wish Eggs

Psychic Faire in May. Potential Readers: Linda C – 3 Card Spread, Lilith – Naughty Tarot, Camille – Reiki & Crystal Healing, Mary – Oracle & Spirit Messages, Janine – Spell Candles, Sarah – Henna tattoos, Linda F – Tarot & Oracle Cards, Mata – Tea Cup Charm Readings, Nicole – Rune Readings, Michelle - Pendulum (TBD). Signup & Tickets: Pam & Andrea L. Time Keeper (Bell Ringer) – Catherine. Pop-ups: OCLC, Tamale Vendor. Tables – Pam (long and round); OCLC (long 6ft); Camille (5ft); Janine 4ft (for candles). Could use more tables. OCLC Banners: Have them out front to direct attention to the back of the plaza. Need a banner out front or sandwich boards. Mary will price VistaPrint. Raffle Prizes: Tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5. A Donated Orion Reading! Ice chest with water – Camille. Pam will bring a couple of TV tables. We have a new process for distributing raffle prizes.

Merry Meet dates August 9-12 in Florida

Pursewarden (Mary): Beginning balance \$1,073.10. We made \$116.94 at Pagan Pride and \$575 from Psychic Faire for a balance of \$1765.04 (minus postcard & advertising expenses yet unpaid).

PIO (Janine): As National PIO, I will be creating a PIO website on Wordpress which will match the COG website and links to the COG website. This will ensure smooth transitions for future PIOs.

FACEBOOK: Mid-December to January 9, 2018. There have been over 4,280 page views. We reached 1,355 people and added 6 new page followers. As of today we have 1,027 fans with 1,043 Likes.

On 12/21/17 one of our most popular posts, "3,500 Occult Manuscripts Will be Digitized and Made Freely Available" received 747 in Reach, and strong likes and shares. So far in January, our most popular post, "10 Sacred Places to Visit in the US" garnered over 250 in Reach, with strong clicks and shares.

Where Are Our Fans? In February, we will adjust this table to reflect new areas.

Locations	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Jan.
LA	28	35	43	43
Anaheim	28	27	25	26
Santa Ana	17	13	13	14
Orange	15	13	16	14
Fullerton	14	15	18	17
Huntington Bch	11	10	9	10
Costa Mesa	8	7	7	6
Garden Grove	8	5	7	8
Irvine	8	7	9	9
Long Beach	19	22	22	22
La Habra	4	3	1	0
Tustin	3	3	3	3
Yorba Linda	5	5	3	0

TWITTER: In December, our Top Tweet – Happy Winter Solstice (via WP) – earned 62 impressions while our Top Media Tweet – image of herbs/incense from Psychic Faire – earned 71 impressions.

We posted 7 Tweets, 704 Tweet Impressions, 83 Profile Visits and 8 New Followers.

Our audience size is 984. That's 16 more than the same time 30 days ago. We have gained around 1 new followers per day.

WORDPRESS: In December we had 268 views, 143 visitors, and 9 likes. January is off to a good start with 145 views, 129 visitors, and 2 likes. We have 193 followers and 41 email followers. I have updated the email list with the email addresses received during Pagan Pride and our Psychic Faire in December.

Membership Officer (Pam for Carolyn): Camille sent an email to Amina regarding her [solitary] membership renewal. Amber mentioned that at her next renewal she would change to solitary; will that be through OCLC or at the National level?

Acting Recorder (Mary): December minutes pending approval.

Old Business:

Want to consider a redesign of sign-up sheets using landscape orientation.

Do we want Radiance to publish our events in their magazine? Is there a fee? Mary will research.

New Business: n/a



Closing: Next meeting will be held on February 8, 2018 at Polly's Pies on Tustin Ave, Orange; Next Acting Recorder will be Mary; Next Invocation / Blessing - Camille

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm with a silent blessing.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

~ No report

Last published minutes in the Mabon 2017 edition.



TEXAS LOCAL COUNCIL

~ No report

Last published minutes in the Samhain 2017 edition.



TOUCHSTONE

~ December 4, 2017

In attendance: Ecclasian Fellowship, Temple of the Sapphire Sky, Circle of the Emerald Forest (proxy held by Val), Temple of the Amethyst Moon.

Beginnings: Invocation - Lari. Vibes Watcher - Chad. Time Keeper - Val. Quorum/Sign-in Sheet - Yes

Announcements: Temple of the Sapphire Sky: (Lugh) Temple of the Sapphire Sky will be celebrating Yule with Akelarres. Sapphire Sky continues to teach the Desert Open Circle at the Crystal Fantasy in Palm Springs on every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

Temple of the Amethyst Moon: (Theresa) We are participating in the Public Yule held at the Crystal Fantasy in Palm Springs on the 23rd of December. We also continue to teach our students.

Temple of the Diamond Sands: (Theresa) We continue to hold classes for our students and for the public at The Crystal Fantasy in Palm Springs.

Community: Pantheon is coming up soon (in February). Hotel rooms are still available; look at Ancient Ways website to find that information.

Officer Reports:

First Officer (Theresa): It is my great hope that if you have students, first degrees, and any other subsidiary clergy in your particular covens; it would be lovely if you would bring them along with you to this meeting so that newer students and clergy might be able to avail themselves of the opportunity for service to the community and to Deity.

Second Officer (Chad): Nothing to report yet.

Purse Warden (Jack): Not present and no report was given via email, or text.

PIO (Val): I have recently found out that I'm having technical issues with my ability to post any further TLC events for the next few months so I'm going to need some help in that area.

Membership Officer (Theresa): I have received the membership materials from the outgoing Membership Officer and I have nothing to report.

Recorder (Val): The minutes for the November 2017 TLC meeting were posted over the TLC website; they have been passed out and are awaiting approval by the council before being sent off to National to see if any changes need to be made. Some changes were added, and the changes will be made asap. The minutes were accepted, with one stand-aside and will be sent off to National at a later date.

I also want to pass out these updated food lists for the TLC Yule event to keep everyone notified of what's happening regarding the food that we will be providing.

Old Business:

Calendar of events Chad mentioned that he would like to have a potluck up at the cabin in Idyllwild in June (Summer event) but no date has been set. So far the rest of our future events as TLC have been tabled to a later date. Chad and has again reached out to Riverside (former Pagans of the Inland Empire) and L.A. (Orange County Local Council) regarding our creating an event as TLC which will be similar to Pagan Pride Day for the Inland Empire but has still not gotten any response yet.

Theresa also mentioned that we also have a proposed February fund raising event at the Sizzler in Banning; but no discussion has been done regarding that as of yet due to our focus on the upcoming Yule events both by the Touchstone Local Council and The Temple of the Sapphire Sky along with other affiliated covens that will be attending each event.

Local Council Variance: Were discussed again for further clarification with one stand-aside. As stated in the prior meeting, the requirement for written proxies according to the bylaws of C.O.G. are that there is currently no written policy regarding the handling of proxies issued to other coven members to achieve quorum for local council meetings.

The remaining TLC events for 2018 have been tabled.



The remaining TLC Supplies (except for one bin that has been restocked for Yule (Santa's Sack) by Val) have been transferred over to Chad and Lari's possession. That remaining bin will be taken to the next TLC meeting for Chad and Lari to take ownership of it as well. Chad and Lari will also create a detailed inventory list of the items in the TLC bins.

Santa's Sack has partially been restocked (by Val) along with a few more Yule decorations. I'm currently having difficulty transporting the Yule tree to the location for the event.

It was decided by Chad and Lari that they will provide a Yule tree due to the difficulty of transportation. The date set for our Yule event will be on December 10th (Sunday) at the Moose Lodge in Mentone, CA.

Chad and Lari will be performing the Yule ritual of a Norse Tradition.

Val has posted the event as well as possible, the date of the event has been confirmed with the Moose Lodge, and I have contacted the Valkyrie Dancers. Everything is going smoothly!

At the last minute we (TLC) decided to throw together a raffle for the Yule event; to be addressed at the event location on Sunday.

Chad has once again reached out to his contact for Pagan Pride Day regarding our creating an event similar to that and has received no reply yet due to local Pagan stores closing down in the area. So far, creating a Pagan Festival Event has been tabled, and Val will try to contact Nancy (P.I.E) with Theresa's contact information.

New Business:

After break we discussed Article 9 procedures (disciplinary actions); do we want to have executive sessions (for board members only)? There was much discussion about this and it was proposed that we leave this type of training open to everybody and not just board members. After further discussion regarding this issue we decided to include all the bylaws of C.O.G. starting with Article 9 (disciplinary actions). A proposal was made to table this discussion and it was passed.

Closing: by Chad

Next Meeting: January 8th, 2018



February 5, 2018

In attendance: Ecclesian Fellowship, Temple of the Sapphire Sky (proxy held by Joanne), Circle of the Emerald Forest, Temple of the Amethyst Moon.

Beginnings: Invocation - Val, Vibes Watcher - Jack, Time Keeper - Lari, Quorum/Sign-in Sheet - Yes

Announcements: Temple of the Sapphire Sky: (Joanne) We had some wonderful elevations, one was for the High Priestess of the Temple of the Amethyst Moon and a second degree elevation for 2 High Priests from The Circle of the Obsidian Oaks; Emerald Forest attended as well and we had a wonderful Imbolc. We also had our 6th anniversary dinner and we're into our 7th year.

Circle of the Emerald Forest: (Joanne) Please see comments above.

Temple of the Amethyst Moon: (Theresa) We had an elevation conducted in concert with Temple of the Sapphire Sky. Also, we continue to teach select students monthly.

Temple of the Diamond Sands: (Theresa) We also continue our weekly classes at The Crystal Fantasy in Palm Springs for select students and the public.

Community: Pantheacon is coming up soon (February 16 - 19). Hotel rooms are still available at San Jose Doubletree Hotel, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose CA. ; look at Pantheacon.com or Ancient Ways website to find that information.

Lugh and Lari at the Coffee Shop on Ramon in Palm Springs are having classes in Egyptian tradition on Fridays at 5:30pm.

Officer Reports:

First Officer (Theresa): It is my deep and sincere hope that if you have other students in your covens (be they clergy or new students dedicated to the path), please bring them with you to this meeting so that we might have greater input and vigor for future TLC events and to be in service for the community that we serve as Wiccans in support of religious spirituality. So it is my continuing hope that such a richness will be granted to us.

Second Officer (Chad): Not present and no report was given.

Purse Warden (Jack): Right now the council is stationary and I am currently working on my access to the account through our previous Purse Warden and the National Purse Warden.

PIO (Val): Pantheacon is coming up really soon. It's going to be in San Jose (Friday through Monday) and you'll love it! Please go...

Membership Officer (Theresa): I'd like to make everyone aware that apparently there is no longer a download for membership on the Touchstone Local Council website for applications and I've seen no new interest (perhaps due to that) for joining the Touchstone Local Council at this time. Therefore, I will need to contact the web-weaver for that site regarding this issue.

Recorder (Val): The minutes for the December 4th, 2017 TLC meeting were posted over the TLC website; they have been passed out and



are awaiting approval by the council before being sent off to National to see if any changes need to be made.

Some small changes were added, and the changes will be made asap. The minutes were accepted, and will be sent off to National at a later date

Old Business:

Lari mentioned that Chad did make contact with someone up in Idyllwild regarding the Pagan Renaissance Fair and it's still in its developmental stages. There are still many changes happening up in Idyllwild including The Lady of the Lake metaphysical Shoppe so we're still waiting to see what transpires there.

Val got a hold of Nancy (organizer of Pagan Pride) and was told via text that anything TLC wanted to do for the Pagan community is fine but the name "PAGAN PRIDE" is trademarked by Pagan Pride Day International so another name will probably need to be used for the festival that is created. Jack provided the contact information for PPD International which is PAGAN PRIDE PROJECT. The venue was also discussed for such an event regarding the temperature so until further information has been acquired, this event has been tabled to a later date and is still pending.

The TLC fundraiser at Sizzler has been moved to next month (March) to allow the 2nd officer a chance to make the arrangements.

Joanne and Jack mentioned that Witches Night Out is no longer in existence due to membership problems within Califia in San Diego. We TLC tried having a Witches Night Out last year (it didn't go so well) and it has been discussed that we try having Witches Night Out again this year and see what happens.

Due to the scheduling issues that we are having regarding the TLC calendar, it has been tabled till next months meeting until further information can be acquired.

Jack said that the TLC Budget is dwindling away and needs to be revisited at a later date until it can be updated and more current information can be presented to the council. Therefore, it has been tabled to a later date.

The storage inventory is pending and needs a printed inventory report, and the sorting and transfer of it is done.

Annual Donations have been tabled.

The Report on Yule consisted of a \$185 profit.

The Article 9 training was discussed and it was mentioned that all C.O.G. members should be aware of all of the bylaws of the Covenant of the Goddess and not just Article 9. It was agreed that

this training be tabled for later clarification and that all members of this local council read the new bylaws of C.O.G. by logging into the C.O.G. website.

New Business:

Joanne mentioned the Universal Unitarians (CUUPS) need to be contacted and Val has been charged with creating a flier for TLC to be posted prior to the meetings in hopes of bringing new people to our meetings and to make the public aware of our existence.

The possibility of creating small workshops classes at metaphysical stores was also discussed which would also increase our exposure (as TLC) to the public and create a small but much needed revenue for this council.

Closing: by Val

Next Meeting: March 5th , 2018

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

As I announced just after the January Board meeting, I stepped down as Chair of the SJC and announced it on AIR. I received a response from several people, but no one volunteered to take on the challenge. There being no serious interest in maintaining this committee, Is this something that should be on the agenda of the next Grand Council?

Morgana RavenTree

REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thea informed me that the members of Northern California Local Council decided to take on the review of the prior grand council minutes, bylaws and policy manuals as their project. After checking with the non-NCLC members who had already volunteered for this committee and confirming they had no objection, I informed Thea there was no objection and NCLC could move forward. I am supposed to receive regular reports from this committee, but as yet I have not received a report from NCLC as to their progress. I hope to receive such a report by April or May.

Morgana RavenTree





INTERFAITH

RACHAEL WATCHER

The last few months have been relatively quiet. A few of the folks, who's names you have heard over the past years, have been meeting on zoom once a month for the last few months. Though we do have problems getting everyone to the table at the same time, we still have some very interesting conversations about what is happening with indigenous folks below us, and we are slowly picking up others folks interested in joining with us.

One such person is Nelson Rojas, an indigenous Mayan who is now inviting others to gather with us. Don and I met him in Salt Lake at the last Parliament of the World's Religions. He has to catch the bus for a half an hour's bus trip in to town to the nearest internet café in order to have either a computer or internet connection but has been faithful in his attendance.

Recently I donated a Surface computer with keypad, that was not sufficient for me anymore but perfect for him to carry back and forth to town to an internet provider. Fortunately his English is excellent or he would have his work cut out for him in putting everything into Spanish; a feat beyond me in the time that I currently have available. (Though I must say that working for Home Depot has greatly improved my Spanish vocabulary, particularly in everything that the store carries.)

NAIN continues ever onward, with a connect in Guadalajara, in 2016, (see all of Greg's pictures on his Flickr account.) and San Diego this last year. San Diego was interesting because I could not attend physically and my partner, Bettina Grey, connected me via Zoom where I was able, not only to hear the speakers, but to participate by raising my hand and asking questions through her computer speakers where the entire assembly could pick up my voice and hear me. The experience was very much like being there.

Due in part to that experience, and in part to a greater need for people to be able to connect while being unable to attend due to costs, work, disability, or any other equally valid reason, we were given a substantial grant to work toward making our connects more accessible, albeit in a limited manner. This work is still in its infancy, but we are excited to see where it takes us as we struggle to keep up with the technology while keeping it simple enough for everyone to understand. It is interesting that the board of NAIN seems to have embraced virtual meetings with very little issues and we are successfully holding all of our board meetings on Zoom with the exception of the day long board meeting held the day before the connect at the site, and the January board meeting also on site. I could not attend this year, but I

understand that it was bone cracking cold. I am certain, however, that my electric socks which I have not had a chance to wear since Regina Canada, would have made all the difference.

Bettina and I have also begun a "NAIN Chat" program which is also on Zoom and each month we talk about different topics hosted by our various members for an hour or so. These have grown from four three months ago when we started to twenty at our last meeting discussing Edmonton's plans for the upcoming Connect. Next month it will be a discussion lead by our young adult leaders about where young adults see themselves and how we can minimize the "generation" gap in interfaith. Should be fascinating.

As referenced briefly above, this year the Connect is being held in Edmonton, Canada on a site that has been used by people since prehistoric times as a sacred meeting place on treaty six lands. For more information go to NAIN.org. Next year it appears that it will be held in Mexico City, hosted by the Jesuits who are telling us that all attendance will be absolutely free including room, registration, and food. The only associated costs being air fare to Mexico City. If anyone can pull it off they most certainly can. We await further developments. Greg and I will be attending both and Greg will once again be the unofficial "official" photographer for the events.

What we will not be attending, due both to time and monetary restraints, is the Parliament in Toronto, Canada and I look forward to hearing about it from those who will be in attendance. Greg and I will each be asking for financial assistance to attend the NAIN Connect, however, as buying an Airline ticket across the US Canadian border seems to add significant cost.

For now we are coasting through the Oroville winter, hunkered down. One interesting aspect of teaching at the same school is that I am beginning to meet the local indigenous community through my students who then tell parents about our conversations which generates parental interest in turn. Wonder where this will lead? Another interesting thing is that most of the students have never actually seen anyone knit! Can there have been that much change in a culture within my lifetime?

For now
in Her service,
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BLAST FROM THE PAST

HUNTER OF MY SOUL

From Vol 6 Issue 2

Bridget 1981

By McGeara

The night waits poised upon the ridge
 It sniffs the air,
 Listens to the wind whispering
 Like an expedient crowd
 Through the forest of pine below.
 Who is it that chases you, my soul?
 Who is it that pursues you with such light footfall?
 I dart, like a stag startled into the chase,
 Leaping,
 Embracing moonlight and earth in a single bound
 I will not slow my steps,
 For I know that you are after me
 With arrows made of silver wrought from starlight,
 And eyes that could see movement even in the shadows.
 So I race on,
 And on,
 My heart bursting with excitement and fear
 Til it would explode from my chest
 Like some wild bird half crazed with freedom lust.
 Yet, even with my swiftness I shall not outrun you,
 For I see you,
 Deep within my mind standing on the ridge above me,
 Your bow a white crescent of death in the moonlight,
 And like some recurring dream
 I rush for the dense wood,
 The wood where I could conceal myself,
 Even from you.
 Yet, even as the shadow of the pines fall upon me,
 Even as the scent of resins and damp leaves fills
 My lungs,
 I see the arrow leave its bow
 Feel the shaft plunge into my heart,
 And I collapse
 Knowing that I am now
 The quarry of the moon archer....

EARTH DAY MESSAGE FROM CHIEF ARVOL LOOKING HORSE

From Culture Collective,

16 April 2014

By Arvol Looking Horse

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COMING TOGETHER

We, the Original Caretakers of Mother Earth, have no choice but to follow and uphold the Original Instructions, which sustains the continuity of Life. We recognize our umbilical connection to Mother Earth and understand that she is the source of Life, not a resource to be exploited. We speak on behalf of all Creation today, to communicate an urgent message that man has gone too far, placing us in the state of survival. The Keystone XL Pipeline and the dirty oil that it transports creates an urgent

threat to our collective future and poses the greatest immediate risk of contaminating our sacred waters, land, air, our communities and our way of life as the People of the Earth. In time, we will reconcile our differences, but for now we must come together for Mother Earth.

We, the People of the Earth, were instructed that the original wisdom must be shared again when imbalance and disharmony are upon Mother Earth. In 1994, the birth of a white buffalo calf revealed Pte San Win's (White Buffalo Calf Woman's) prophecy: "when a white buffalo calf stands upon the Earth it will be the sign of great changes to come". This prophecy was given to the Pte Oyate, the Buffalo People (Lakota, Dakota, Nakota dialects) to bring forth the sacred message that the winds of change are here. On behalf of our future generations, we urge all Nations and human beings around the world to come together with good minds and prayer as a global community of all faiths to unite spiritually to heal the minds of those that are bringing danger with their decisions.

We are inviting all Nations to the home of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe Bundle to pray with the sacred fire and one another. This gathering will take place here in Green Grass, SD, lighting the sacred fire on April 23rd, 2014 and ending on the 26th of April. There will be a Sacred Horse Ride on the 25th: with the help of the Horse Nation we will carry our prayers to the sacred fire. We are asking all Nations to pray at their sacred sites as well, if you cannot attend.

In the Sacred Hoop of Life, where there is no ending and no beginning...

Ana-h'opta po

Hear my words!

Chief Arvol Looking Horse

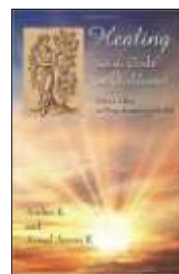
19th Generation Keeper of the Sacred White
Buffalo Calf Pipe Bundle

Bobby C. Billie, Clan Leader and Spiritual
Leader

Council of the Original Miccosukee Simanolee
Nation Aboriginal Peoples

BOOKS BY COG AUTHORS

HEALING WITH THE GODS AND GODDESSES: DIVINE ALLIES ON YOUR JOURNEY TO HEALTH



By Amber K & Azrael Aryn K

When faced with illness or injury, people throughout the ages and all over the world have asked goddesses and gods of medicine, health, and healing for their help. You can do the same. Whether you think of ancient deities as psychological archetypes, powerful



spirit beings, different aspects of a single Creator, or something else... doesn't matter. Whatever their nature, they have been essential to our species since the dawn of humanity, and working with them affects our emotions and thoughts, and thus even our biochemistry. In addition to gods and goddesses you've heard of—Isis and Brigit, Apollo and Hygieia—many less well known are waiting for you: Babalú Ayé, Ebisu, Heka, Nehalennia, Tawaret, and many more. Think of these as hidden treasures now come to light, spiritual resources waiting centuries or millennia for your call, to answer your need. This book doesn't offer easy answers or instant miracles. We don't even provide canned prayers to the various divinities we describe. We do, however, describe many ways to form a relationship with a healing deity or Divine Array, how to honor and work with them, and how you can help manifest health on the physical plane. This path requires your serious effort. "The gods help those who help themselves." Be prepared to do some work. Cooperate with your physicians and healers to help your body here on the material plane, then open yourself to the radiant love of your allies in Spirit.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND COG?

REACHING FOR THE MOON ~ BONUS!

Hoopla, CoGKin!

We are so excited to present our [latest episode of our Reaching for the Moon podcast](#). This is one of our bonus episodes, where we share a workshop that was given at a local Florida event.

This time, the workshop is presented by CoG's very own Kirk White. The workshop is entitled "Love of the Gods: Sex and Possession"

The workshop description is: *This is a class about "out of this world" sex! Literally out of this world. We'll be talking about: 1) sex/sensuality as a ritual technique; 2) divine possession work - its terms, definitions, models and methods; and 3) what happens when you combine the two. The result can indeed be a "great" rite.*

This is one of the many amazing workshops presented at Equinox in the Oaks. If you have some vacation time handy and would like to come celebrate with Florida witches, [register for this event!](#) It's going on April 5-8th. While not an EMLC-sponsored event, many EMLC members coordinate and put on this event each year. We love it!

This episode also features two amazing songs from more CoG family - Crow Women!

[Head over to our website by clicking this link](#), or subscribe in your favorite podcast app.

Blessings of the Love of the Gods,
Alpandia, PO EMLC

REACHING FOR THE MOON

Greetings, CoGKin! We've taken a small break from planning this year's Grand Council to bring you our [OSTARA EPISODE of our podcast](#), Reaching for the Moon.

In this episode you'll find segments like:

- **Beloved Dead** - where we learn how to work with the ancestors at Ostara
- **Pandie's Pagan Projects** - we're making WANDS for our travel altars
- **Wicca 101** - Cat gives us a sneak peak at her upcoming Wicca class
- **It'll Grow on You** - we're Going Batty with Lord Riekin

We've also got three amazing songs by Emerald Rose, too.

If you've subscribed in your favorite podcast app, our Ostara episode is waiting for you right now. Otherwise, [head over to our site by clicking this link](#) and you'll be able to listen online.

We have several other Ostara podcasts, so feel free to [listen to them all!](#)

Blessings of the Balance of Darkness and Light,

Alpandia, PO EMLC

DISCOVERING THE WARRIOR WITHIN: DEFINING THE PAGAN WARRIOR

with Kerr Cuhulain

April 27-29, 5PM Friday - 5PM Sunday
Ardantane campus in northern New Mexico

Being a Warrior isn't about fighting, it is about being effective. It is about understanding and mastering yourself. The program defines the peaceful Pagan Warrior and shows how this archetype fits into modern Pagan culture.

Kerr Cuhulain is head of the Order of Paladins and author of *Wiccan Warrior*, *Magickal Self-defense*, *Modern Knighthood*, *The Law Enforcement Guide to Wicca*, etc.

This weekend will allow students studying the Order of Paladins training courses to do face to face training and receive their Arming initiation (transition to Knighthood).

It is open to participants not involved in this training stream to get some intensive training in energy use and sensitivity.

Those traveling from a distance may arrive early and stay late. Orientation on Friday evening. Saturday classes. Sunday morning graduation with an Arming ritual for new students and an Arming ritual for Paladin students.

Cost: \$120 class only, \$150 class plus lodging. Go to www.ardantane.org to sign up, and detailed information will be sent to you. Call (505) 469-7777 with questions.



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