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Leaf: Dining Room Table – *Mensa prandium*

*Mufydnfud!*



Photo: Oakdale Grove's Druid Sigil-inscribed stone, moved from our oak grove to the paved trail around 2020 during prairie restoration, probably because it had a mysterious carving on it. I had to use pine sap for glue because I realized too late that the googly eyes were not self-adhesive. In the end, my phone was covered in sappy fingerprints!

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# What the Heck is Mwfydnfud?

## Contribution from the Editor

Good morning readers, and welcome to a special edition of Connexus Biquarterly: **D.I.S.C.O.R.D.**, or ***Daringly Irreverent Satirical Connexus Of Reformed Druids!*** Almost anyone who spends five minutes Googling Reformed Druidism will probably see some statement along the lines of *Reformed Druids don't take themselves too seriously...* yet there are a lot of us who *do* take this seriously. Granted there is still a healthy dose of mirth even among the most dire of Reformed Druids. Attend any of Oakdale Grove's rituals and Ross is bound to crack a jovial pun, or I'll exclaim mulligans if I lose my line in the ritual script. We have fun, like lots of Reformed Druids, sometimes at our own expense.

Even when it comes down to the history of Reformed Druidism, there's the possibly true myth that the founders sat down together on April Fools Day of 1963 to hash out some of the formational details of what would become the RDNA. It was originally a lighthearted prank but grew into something wondrous and transcendental. And while the Ancient Order of Masonic Druids in America (AOMDA) was operationally defunct (before eventually being revived as AODA in 1976, dropping the *Masonic* bit) the RDNA had expanded as a new foundation of American Druidism. More specifically, we were the first non-Masonic *modern* Druid order who was also ordaining our own clergy. The Masonic Druidry revival groups like AOMDA weren't ordaining each other *as clergy* yet.

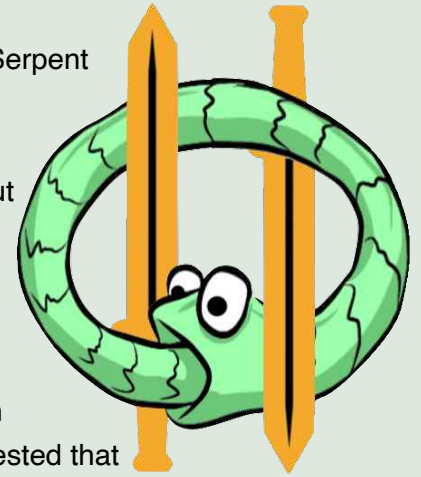
**So what *is* Mwfydnfud?** An ancient Welsh festival? Hardly, but it does look vaguely Welsh. It's an acronym in the RDNA that stands for *Mess With Forces You Do Not Fully Understand Day*. It was created by the Druids of Carleton Grove and wasn't identified for a specific date other than being in the spring, but April Fools Day seems fitting enough. I suppose it could even be a floating holiday, like on the first waxing gibbous moon after the grass starts greening up on the Hill of Three Oaks in the spring or something. Or it could be simpler like the first Saturday of April... but enough of Reformed Druid Apologetics, it's time for more whimsy!

In this informal issue of *C.O.R.D. Biquarterly*, you will find articles loaded with nonsense, satire, irreverence, and other absurd or off the wall multimedia content. In the Table of Contents or throughout the issue, you might have noticed that there are some section headers that end in "(Real)" which is an indicator that the entire contents of those sections are sincere, and not part of the satire.

# News of the Groves

## News from Serpent Grove (College of Saint Guinefort, Michigan)

Salutations of the day from da U.P.! I am Reggie, the first full Arch-Druid of Serpent Grove! As you may have gathered, last summer we finally upgraded from protogrove status! We had been in contact with Oakdale Grove of the N.U.R.S.E.D.N.A. and we had coordinated a double vigil for Lughnasadh, but Anita Oaktree bailed on us and we haven't heard from Oakdale Grove ever since.



We reengaged with Jack Pine Grove in Ypsilanti to try to figure out logistics. Turns out their Server Jamie (who luckily happens to be Third Order) lives in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and was still home for the summer break. They suggested that we take a ferry to Isle Royale and we'd all meet at Windigo Station on the island and rent one of the primitive campsites. When we booked our passenger ferry in Houghton, they gave us a free voucher for one of the campgrounds when we showed them our college IDs! Guinefort Greyhounds represent!

Then-provisional Arch-Druid Anjali and I hopped on the morning ferry and crossed Lake Superior. We made an offering to Mishepesu for a good crossing. Six hours later we safely docked at the Port of Windigo, registered, and met up with Jamie for dinner. We happened to be seated next to a small group of Unitarian Universalists who overheard our conversation of Druidry and started asking us questions. SO many questions, who knew UUs were such curious people?

We also found out we were all registered at the same cluster of campsites! It was going to be a couple mile hike through the wilderness of Isle Royale, but the UUs had rented a motor boat and offered to shuttle us to the campground. They were on a spiritual retreat with a bigger group with their UU church in Gatlin, Nebraska, so we figured we had some really cool neighbors for the night. Even though we originally thought we'd have to hike out to camp, sunset was rapidly approaching, and we were very appreciative of the boat ride.

We set up camp while it was still light out; no doubt us vigilers would need to take a nap in the morning after sunrise. There was already a generous heap of firewood, enough for several consecutive All-Night Vigils. Since Anjali and I were still uninitiated, Jamie had to get us to Second Order. Every single one of the UUs on their spiritual retreat were now curious about the RDNA and they had asked if they could observe our evening initiation ritual. Of course we invited them to even join in if they wanted to. Turns out they had their own alcohol to contribute, so there was *a lot* to go around!

A few UU members joined the First Order with us, which didn't seem too surprising. One of them was also a member of CUUPS, and not only asked if they could join the Second Order, but they said they

were interested in Third Order already, too. Given that Anjali and I had to wait like two and a half years for this moment, we didn't really know how to respond to such a hasty request. At the same time we don't want to be gatekeeping (which is what we're starting to suspect Oakdale Grove did to us last Lughnasadh, and yes, we DID see what they sent in to the newsletter last year), so we agreed to let the CUUPS member vigil with us.

Our All-Night Vigil was so amazing. Jamie stayed with us for much of the night, and led a lovely "RDNA 101" seminar by campfire. Jamie got to know us and asked us a lot of questions about our experiences and our goals. We spoke with pastor Chroner of the UU church for about an hour in the night as well. We spoke of philosophical things, different religious beliefs (which was *way* better than my Comparative World Religions class I took at St. Guinefort as a first-year student), and we were even given some professional pointers on running such a diverse religious group.

The CUUPS member who was vigiling with us wanted to be able to cater to any Druid types who might come to their church in the future, and even form an RDNA Grove within their CUUPS branch. With the couple other UUs that joined the First Order earlier that evening, they're already on track to start a full-on Grove when they get back to Gatlin. We were discussing the mysteries of Dalon Ap Landu, who is often associated with old strong oak trees.

In our discussions through the night, they mentioned a folk deity in Gatlin called "He Who Walks Behind the Rows" and ensures a bountiful reaping. They don't have that many trees in Gatlin, but lots of corn – that's their lifeblood, and it seems they can shoehorn Dalon Ap Landu right into that role. Their churchyard also grows an annual corn labyrinth for meditation. It's bordered in fieldstones so they can really use it any time of year, but that will be their sacred grove. But it's great to hear that there will probably be a *Maize Grove* "cropping up" in Nebraska soon!

We heard some wolves howling periodically throughout the night, and we might have heard a Bigfoot bellowing at about three AM, or maybe just a jackass at a different campground, who knows. At dawn Jamie ordained the three of us to the Third Order – WOW, by the way – and we had a hearty breakfast of cast iron griddled pancakes with steak and eggs. We splashed around in Lake Superior, with little wisps of fog rising in the rays of sunlight from the icy late summer waters. When classes reconvened at the College of Saint Guinefort in September (my junior year now), our protogrove met again. We voted on a formal constitution, elected officers, and we are now a formal Grove in the RDNA! Woohoo!

Regards from da U.P.,  
Reggie B, ODAL  
Arch-Druid, Serpent Grove, RDNA



## News from Oakdale Grove (Minnesota)

Greetings my peeps! It's meeeeeeeee, Anita Oaktree reporting to you live from our rooftop Grove in downtown Saint Paul! We've had an interesting year I suppose. We did get an air exchanger installed in our underground lair to get the humidity down, but the fine sand from the sandstone was still getting everywhere. Sandy books, sandy chalices, sandy shoes, sandy robes, and ughhhhhhhhhh, the sand in my pockets scratched up my phone!

At first we didn't need to bring our phones into the underground lair because, you know, *no signal*. But once we installed the multi-network cellular relay, in came all the electronics! Oh, and high-silica sand in the charge ports is apparently a really quick way to fry a few things. We actually started hanging out in our downtown high-rise executive suite more often after that. Seems a lot more Druidic than a manmade cave anyway. Especially with our private rooftop Grove! It's got a natural gas fire pit in the middle. We can't burn any offerings in it, but hey, at least the gas is *natural!* We couldn't even have a bonfire in those sandstone caves, so this is definitely a step up.

Since we can't burn our offerings or libations in the rooftop fire pit, we just cast them over the railings and let them sail off into the cosmos. I accidentally dropped one of my good chalices when making a libation of the Waters-of-Life once though. I told my Server to go get it back for me, but when they came back up to the roof of the skyscraper, they said there were too many cops investigating a car with a caved-in roof and blown out windows nearby, and that there was no sign of my carved onyx chalice. My hands get so shaky from being thirty floors above the ground, especially when it's windy and the building tends to sway a couple inches. Oh yah, you feel it!

Oh hey this is a shout-out to our long lost Grove member Spruce Willis; we hope you're alright, and we hope you're coming back soon! You always MacGuyvered the most unique contraptions, and we've still got a bunch of your particle accelerator equipment in storage. If you're reading this, Spruce, at least email us back – I have to say I'm very curious what you were trying to create that you labeled a *Thermal Runaway Projector* that needed so many microwave parts, capacitors, and directional faraday cages... Should we be worried that there are also books about lithium ion car batteries made by a *certain* electric car manufacturer? What *exactly* were you planning? Don't burn anything down that I wouldn't! Please come back soon, luv your divinely supreme Matriarch Anita Oaktree.

AnYwAy, this has been your update from Oakdale Grove,  
Anita Oaktree,  
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## **Poetry by Johanno Sycamore Bear**

### **A Druid Limerick:**

*There once was a druid from Nantucket  
Who often said, "Fug-get about it"  
When running a ritual, he said  
"That Oak would be better dead."  
The tree fell, and \*boom\* the Earth Mother said, "He's dead."*

### **Druid Af-fir-mations:**

*This is un-be-leaf-able!  
You're a tree-rific friend.  
Don't pine for the past.  
Let's get to the root of the problem.  
Oak-ay, let's do this!*

### **Druid Pick-Up Lines:**

*I wood love to join you for a walk.  
Branching out is my favorite hobby.  
Your smile lights up the forest like sunlight through leaves.  
I'd never leaf you behind; you're too special to me.  
If you need help, just bark at me.  
Are we in a grove? Because it feels magical here!  
We make quite the pair like roots and soil.  
My love for you is evergreen!  
It's hard not to fall for someone so grounded like you.  
It's hard to find good thyme these days  
Let's make like a tree and leaf this place behind  
Life's too short; let's get our hands dirty!  
We're mint to be together!*

# Campfire Colloquy

## A Lesser-Known Offshoot of the RDNA: The Caffeinated Druids of North America (CDNA)

Some of you will have heard of the CDNA before, but for many it will likely seem like a new concept.

The premise for the Caffeinated Druids of North America is very simple; they drink sacramental caffeine in almost every ritual. The core ritual is essentially the same as the RDNA, but uses some NRDNA terminology for the sacramental beverage such as “Waters of Awakening” at Oimelc and the Vernal Equinox. The Waters-of-Sleep are *only* decaf on Samhain, Midwinter, and New Moons; the Caffeinated Druids truly *do* depend on their caffeine!



While the RDNA and offshoots typically use sacramental whiskey as the Waters-of-Life, the CDNA is ideal for sober Groves, or if your matron deity is *Caffeina*. Furthermore, the high day celebrations utilize different types of coffee that symbolically correspond to the Wheel of the Year festivals:

- Beltane: Gevalia Kaffe or something equally sensual, top shelf, or premium... either that or *BAWLS* energy drink, in which case you're also supporting the *Brazilian American Wildlife Society*
- Midsummer Solstice: cold brew light roast
- Lughnasadh: civet coffee, to celebrate the harvesting (and re-harvesting) of the coffee beans. Yes, civet coffee, the kind that is eaten and shat back out by a cat-like jungle critter, then collected, sanitized, roasted, and sold for up to \$600 per pound (cage-free fair trade being the most expensive but least unethical).
- Autumnal (and Vernal) Equinox: medium roast, half-caff (in perfect balance)
- Samhain: (And I cringe when I type this) decaf pumpkin spice latte
- Midwinter Solstice: decaf dark roast
- Oimelc: half-caff medium roast with heavy cream or goat's milk (ewe's milk is so hard to find)
- Full moon: carbonated coffee (remember Coca-Cola Blak?) or energy drinks
- New moon: decaf
- Order of the Acorn self-dedication: Instant coffee
- First Order Consecrations: whatever the Grove's brew is per seasonal standards
- Second Order Consecrations: Turkish coffee, or Five Hour Energy (one hour for each sealing!)
- Third Order Consecrations: Candidate grinds beans with a manual crank-grinder during All-Night Vigil, brews it at dawn as the ordination ceremony begins



# Seeker's Corkboard (Real)

## Overview

This is the place where you can state that you are seeking other druids to form a protogrove. Long has it been said, something to the tune of *in the proper way, at the proper time, at the proper place, may another druid cross your path*. Well, here is a little nudge to help this happen sooner! These bulletins will be cumulative on each issue of C.O.R.D. until you send a stop request. They will be arranged alphabetically by country, then by state/province/region, then by town name.

To submit a Seeker's Corkboard request, email the editor and **provide your preferred name, location, and an email address** that you check at least weekly. Just remember that any contact information you submit to this section does become public. Your email address in the newsletter will be split apart and we will use different characters (& and /) instead of @ and '.' to prevent or mitigate roving address harvester bots from scanning them for spam.

## Standard Safety Disclaimer

I advise Googling *safety tips for meeting people from the Internet* or something to that effect. Furthermore, this is not intended as a section for personals ads or soliciting hookups.

## Bulletins

**USA: District of Columbia:** Tyler Vanice on behalf of *Potomac Protogrove* in Washington DC. If interested, please reach out. Email [tyler.vanice@gmail.com](mailto:tyler.vanice@gmail.com).

**USA: Georgia: Savannah:** Hey this is a PSA. There are druids in your area seeking other druids (like, at least three, and I don't think it's the same person), we just don't have names or contact info. I can't even remember where I've been seeing references to this (Probably somewhere on Discord), but hey, reach out to us if you wanna put in a bulletin here. Contact the newsletter editor!

**USA: Massachusetts: Central MA:** from Avery Vreeland  
Looking for others interested in establishing a RDNA/General Reformed Druidism study group in the central Massachusetts/Wider New England area, with eventual aspirations of forming a Grove. Please reach out to [gremilkin@proton.me](mailto:gremilkin@proton.me).

## Vivid Visions Gallery

### Contributions from John the Verbose



This year's highlights to the tree names at Eastman Nature Center. The volunteer maple sappers at the nature center get annual renaming rights on the sugar maples that get tapped. The maples are tagged and numbered so that they can track which ones were tapped *last* year, and let those rest.

## Videos of Interest

### "Steamed Hams Forever"



If you're familiar with the "Steamed Hams" skit in "22 Short Films About Springfield" from *The Simpsons*, the clip has become infamous online for hundreds of spoofs, parodies, recuts, and witty reimaginings. "Steamed Hams Forever" was a Twitch stream that showed a continuous loop of AI-generated improvisations of that clip from *The Simpsons*. Some of the ad-libs range from sensible to the absurd, and the wilder ones were edited together and put on YouTube. This one has a few moments that catch the attention of Druids, with various quotes such as:

- "I have burned the winter melon. I am upset. I am alone, but speak out loud to myself and the gods. I am sorry for my mistake and I hope that the gods will forgive me. Great Ones, I see a chitterling out there!" (0:56)
- "I've been a faithful servant of the Cheese Gods since I was 10 and I would never let them down." (1:54)
- "...it's a secret place, deep in the heart of the groovy groves..." (10:46)
- "Oh LOOK there's some migrating birds overhead: enjoy your day!" (19:16)

### "Children of the Stones"



A documentary about OBOD released in 1977. It's interesting to see such humble beginnings!

# The Right Rites For Rampant Ritualists

## Overview

This section is for sharing rituals, devotionals, meditations, or other liturgical contributions.

### An Excerpt From the OBF Unit 3 Workbook: The Best Sample Ritual Title Ever Written By Sam the Sometimes-Scribe, Year of the Reform 62

#### Overview

*The following is a ritual to be used thrice daily on April first of every year. It was inspired by "The Discourse of Thomas the Fool" from "The Books of the Apocrypha" but really has nothing to do with it or the contents. I just really liked the absurdity of it all.*

#### Preparatory Details

Can only be led by a Third Order Druid. Or a First Order Druid. No Second Order Druids unless they recite the whole thing in Pig Latin! You will need a screwdriver, rotary phone, a small fish tank pump with a thin hose, a bottle of permanent fountain pen ink, hot glue, a nine volt battery, a clown nose, and a multi-color wig.

AD = Arch-Druid, PR = Preceptor, C = Clown (Server, in costume of course)  
*[Italic bracketed words]* = instructions

#### Opening Invocation

**AD:** O Earth-Mother, today on this most sacred of days, we call upon you in the form of Cythraul, the Welsh god of chaos, without which physics would never have come into existence. Overlook these three shortcomings that are due to our human limitations. We are creatures of habit, yet we seek out discord. We don't speak Welsh, yet you know the language of the heart. We have no freaking idea what we're doing, yet you already do. O Cythraul, overlook these three shortcomings that are due to our human limitations.

*[Clown unscrews base of rotary phone, starts installing ink bottle and fish tank pump.]*

#### Chant of Praise: Chaos Chant

**PR:** *The world's a mad, chaotic spree,  
Where order's an inevitable decree.  
Things happen for naught,  
And plans come to nought,  
So embrace the indelible melee!*

*[Clown removes phone cord between receiver& base, and replaces it with the thin hose]  
[AD Turns to candidate]*

**AD:** Are you ready, o rookie, to make a collect call to Cythraul?

**Candidate:** I WAS BORN READY!

*[Clown wires nine volt battery between the ink pump and the zero on the rotary dial]*

— — — (and so on) — — —

# Augur's Intuition (a Skewering)

## Overview

Reader-submitted divinations, premonitions, soothsaying, prophesies, omens, etc.

## Methodology: Tarot of Druids

### About this deck:

This tarot deck is junk. The "Beltane Spread" that they list as the primary divination method has a counterintuitive layout that actually makes it more difficult to set up and interpret. Cards 3 & 5 are "lesser influences," cards 4 & 6 are "major influences" but the seventh card is just a moderate influence... the author could have simplified things and just put them in order of the draw.

### The Beltane Spread:



### Visual Incongruencies

The quirky appearance of the artwork seems to do a disservice to the Celts and the heroic figures and deities that are represented.

**Lugh's card, Roman numeral I**, makes him look like Shaggy from Scooby Doo in a gardener's hat. I was like, "That's supposed to be LUGH?" **Ogma, Roman numeral VIII**, looks more like a derpy oaf than a god of

eloquence. The **Six of Cups** with the imagery of joyous revelers and musicians somehow represents "scores to be settled" according to the booklet of interpretations. The **Eight of Mistletoe** with yet more revelers and musicians, is supposed to represent "plans that involve the family." A majority of the cards have incongruent interpretations that make the practitioner think that the artist never once referenced the meaning of the cards, or got them all mixed up. It's a travesty. The only reason that these cards are being used for this volume of the newsletter is for consistency. With the exception of Volume 1 in 2020, each subsequent volume year uses a consistent divination method. So we're just gonna keep suffering through this deck through Lughnasadh! Bwahahahaha!



# Other Blogs & Social Media Links (Real)

## Blogs Curated By Druids (accumulative each issue)

- Jax K's [Tumblr Blog](#)
- *I Talk To The Trees*'s blog [Corey Adventures](#)
- Ellen Evert Hopman's blog [A Druid's Blog](#)
- John the Verbose's [Tumblr](#) (not updated as much, but still a repository of druidic content)
- TheMageiboLine's [Tumblr](#)

## Social Media

- C.O.R.D. Biquarterly's [Facebook page](#)
- "Official" Reformed Druids of North America (RDNA) [Facebook group](#)
- [*Editor's note: if you request to join there are four vetting questions. Please answer all four; they're really easy.*]
- New Reformed Druids of North America (NRDNA) [Facebook group](#)
- Ron Stonemage's [Instagram](#)
- Oakdale Grove's [BlueSky](#)
- Oakdale Grove's [Facebook page](#)
- The *Order of Bradán Feasa* RDNA Druid Training Program [Facebook page](#)
- Tribe of the Oak Celtic Reconstructionist (non-RDNA) Druid Grove [website](#)
- White Rabbit Grove's [Facebook page](#)
- Oakdale Grove's [Instagram](#)
- RDNA on [Discord](#)

# Reformed Druid Resources (Real)

## Overview

The Reformed Druids of North America is probably one of the few major druid orders that provides all resources for learning about our style of Druidism at no cost. We might not have all the answers, but here is a list of resources we *do* have.

## Grove Finder

Everyone wants to know: is there an RDNA or NRDNA Grove in \_\_\_\_\_? Well, the most current source of truth is the [Grove Listing](#) on Oakdale Grove's website. It tracks Reformed Druid, New Reformed Druid, and Reformed Druidic Wicca (MOCC) Groves & Protogroves.

## RDNA Year Conversion Chart & Calendar

The RDNA Calendar began at Year of the Reform 1 on Beltane (May 1) 1963. It's unapologetically half a year off from the Celtic New Year. As of Beltane 2024, the 62<sup>nd</sup> Year of the Reform (Y.R.) began on the first day of Samradh, which is one day after the 90<sup>th</sup> day of Earrach. It simply counts the days of each season as well.

- [RDNA Gregorian/Year of the Reform Conversion spreadsheet](#) can be a helpful tool.

## Oakdale Grove's RDNA Druid Training Program

We've created a [free training program](#) for the RDNA, and for those who complete the program, an honor society within the RDNA called the *Order of Bradán Feasa* (pronounced *bra-DON FOSS-ah*), named after the Salmon of Knowledge in Irish mythology.

## Books From the Reformed Druids of North America

- [A Reformed Druid Anthology](#), 2<sup>nd</sup> ed (also known as ARDA-2) – this is a monumental collection (almost a thousand pages long), and it comes in various forms and formats due to its sheer size. **The PDF versions are always FREE**, but hardcover prints are available from Lulu print-on-demand.
  - [ARDA-2](#) complete (**FREE PDF**) (Volumes 0-10, excluding vol 6)
    - [ARDA-2](#) complete ePub format from Lulu (99¢)
    - [ARDA-2 Volumes 0, 1, & 2](#) in one tome (hardcover purchase from Lulu)
    - [ARDA-2 Volume 3](#) in one tome (hardcover purchase from Lulu)
    - [ARDA-2 Volumes 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, & 10](#) in one tome (hardcover purchase from Lulu)
    - [ARDA-2 Volume 6: \*Green Books of Meditation\*](#) (**FREE PDF**) – this alone is almost a thousand pages long and intentionally set apart from the other volumes. The Green Books are only available in PDF and contain inspirational writings from all religions.

### **ARDA Derivative, Condensed, or Adapted Works**

- [Unofficial Welcome Pamphlet \(FREE PDF\)](#) is the original 22 pages of the main written works plus introductory info on the RDNA and how to start your own protogrove
- [Black Book of Liturgy \(FREE PDF\)](#) is Oakdale Grove's recommended readings from [ARDA-2](#) plus many scripts of RDNA ritual variations and rites of passage)
  - [Black Book of Liturgy](#) (hardcover purchase from Lulu)

### **Top recommended books by authors in other Druid orders**

- [The Druidry Handbook: Spiritual Practice Rooted in the Living Earth](#) by John Michael Greer (Ancient Order of Druids in America – AODA)
- [The Rebirth of Druidry](#) by Philip Carr-Gomm (Order of Bards, Ovates, & Druids – OBOD)
- [A Legacy of Druids: Conversations With Druid Leaders Of Britain, The USA And Canada, Past And Present](#) by Ellen Evert Hopman (Tribe of the Oak)

### **Books on ancient Druids (scholarly quality)**

- [Druids: A Very Short Introduction](#) by Barry Cunliffe
- [The Druids](#) by Stuart Piggott
- [The Druids](#) by Peter Berresford Ellis
- [The World of the Druids](#) by Miranda J. Green



# Newsletter Info (Real)

## About *C.O.R.D.*

*Connexus of Reformed Druids – C.O.R.D. Biquarterly* is a free and publicly available newsletter for the Reformed Druids of North America, its branches, and for anyone else who might be interested. It follows in the footsteps of prior publications such as *A Druid Missal-Any* and *Druid Inquirer*. *Connexus* is an homage to the late Emmon Bodfish, who petitioned the Council of Dalon Ap Landu to update RDNA liturgical nomenclature to make it less churchlike and more unique. *Connexus* is Latin for *connection* (not exactly druidic, but I'm not complaining). Emmon's petition never gained traction (plus it was difficult to communicate with the Council at the time), but it seemed fitting to adopt this word for a publication that connects Druids around the world.

## Past Articles

[Click here](#) to access all prior *C.O.R.D. Biquarterly* articles and the content contribution forms.

## Meet the Editor

Greetings! I'm John "The Verbose." I've practiced generic forms of Druidry since I spent a semester in Ireland in 2004. I began interacting with the RDNA in 2011, and in 2013 I was ordained as a priest of Dalon Ap Landu and formed Oakdale Grove in Minnesota with 5 other grovemates. In 2015 I had the rare opportunity to become a priest of Belenos and in 2017 the even rarer honor of becoming a priest of Sirona, as well as the new curator of her Order. In January 2020 I began developing the new RDNA style Druid training program, and established an honor society for those who complete it called the Order of Bradán Feasa.



I am absolutely committed to my oath of Service and wish to help others explore Reformed Druidry by a diverse array of means. That includes assembling and issuing these newsletters. Anything in this publication that doesn't have an attribution and is written in the first person is pretty much me sharing my opinions and experiences. That's where your help and contributions are so helpful; we have a newsletter with crowd-sourced content to appeal to a broader druidic audience. I sincerely hope you find this periodical to be a worthwhile investment of your time. I always welcome constructive criticism and suggestions or other feedback.

Peace, peace, peace! ☸

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# Contribute Content to the Next Issue! (Real)

## Submission Process

Issues will be released on the day of the RDNA Wheel-of-the-Year high days. That's more or less the deadline if you wanted to submit any content for the forthcoming article. Anything received a bit late might end up on the draft of the next article thereafter.

## Gmail Users Can Use Our Full-Feature Google Form to Contribute!

We have a [convenient form](#) that allows Gmail users to enter text-based contribs as well as attach files or photos! A Google account is only required for sending attachments through the form.

## Non-Gmail Users Have Two Ways to Contribute

There is a [lite version of the same form](#) for those who don't have a Gmail account, which allows anyone to submit text-based contributions only.

## What Does C.O.R.D. Look For? Content that is PG-13 or tamer in the following categories:

- News of Reformed Druidry Groves, Protogroves, & Solo Druids
- Poetry and Short Stories
- Druidic projects, tutorials, arts, crafts you are making
- Personal milestones, editorials, druidic book or product reviews, critiques
- Seeker Bulletins like "Solo Druid looking for other Druids in \_\_\_\_\_"
- Your own photography
- Links to videos of druidic interest (need not be your own) or Druidry-related memes
- Links to your Druid blogs or social media
- Divinations and their summaries
- Events you're willing to announce publicly
- Propose a topic; you can help make this newsletter be a success!

## The *Thank You* Photo!

A very special *thank you* photograph dedicated to everyone who contributed to this article!



**A Spring Tree.**