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Autumnal Equinox



Photo: Standing stones at Muriel Sahlin Arboretum at Roseville Central Park, Roseville, Minnesota.

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News of the Groves

News from Tucson Grove (Arizona)

Tucson Grove celebrated Autumn Equinox on Saturday, September 20th, using the Isle of Wight Order of Druids Alban Elfed (Autumn Equinox) ritual. Three people were present, including one visitor (who as it happens, is active duty military). The ritual went well, other than my forgetting to grab the scripts and take them with me. Fortunately, I had emailed a copy to our Archdruid, so we both had copies on our phones. This was the first time we did an IWOD ritual as a Grove. All things considered, it went well. Solstice blessings to all!!

Meirneal

Archdruid Emeritus

Grove Preceptor

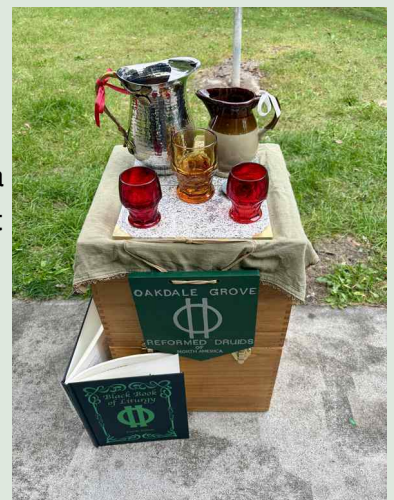
News from Oakdale Grove (Minnesota)

Early in the month, we had our September casual meetup at Hidden Falls Park in Saint Paul to paint rocks for the Anoka Kindness Rock Garden. There was a 20% chance of rain that day, so we took those odds as being in our favor and painted anyway. We had 6 rocks in-process, but only *one* of us finished painting one before it began to rain.



We shielded the one completed rock still drying, while scrambling to pack everything up. The paper towel roll was soggy. Flecks of diluted acrylic paint from our paper plates were splattered onto the paint bottles and the picnic table. I had also brought much larger rocks this time, too. They probably totaled about 150 lbs of stone, which was a lot to run back to the car carrying in plastic crates that might lose their bottoms with any given step. It was a good call to end early, as the rain let up for a while, only to be followed by a voluminous deluge thereafter. We got the one completed rock to the Anoka Kindness Rock Garden on a dry day for others to enjoy.

This past Saturday, we held our annual elections for Grove officers at our Autumnal Equinox ritual. This equinox marked Oakdale Grove's 12th anniversary as a Grove, and our 14th anniversary since John the Verbose had founded Oakdale Protogrove. There were 14 people in attendance, including a student from a local college who was there as an observer with an assignment from a Religious Studies class. The winds were very good. There are two new Druids of the First Order, and one of our (already) First Order members entered the Second Order, and there was much rejoicing!



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A Slice of Nature... For Your Everyday

By Oriana – Sunset Grove, California

As Druids we are all pretty tuned into nature. It's 'who we are'.

After all – NATURE IS GOOD.

That said, outside of our druidic pursuits, life happens. Commuting to work, working in an office building/inside our homes etc, and it often happens that adding a slice of nature to everyday can sometimes be slightly outside of our reach.

My contribution to the newsletter this year will be to write a short piece with each edition on ideas on how to incorporate 'A Slice of Nature' into your every day.

MABON

Fall is here! In all its glory. Here in Inland Northern California, cool morning and evenings have arrived at last! Leaves are just starting to change, and the first few fallen acorns from my local Valley Oaks have been spied on my morning walks. With the equinox we celebrate balance in all things. And at the end of my harvest season I like focus on Gratitude, Abundance and Balance.

In Gratitude:

Thank the earth mother for all she has provided by:

- ___ Filling birdfeeders
- ___ Refill or create wildlife watering stations near your home. (in my yard this is an old pie plate with a drip line feeding to it and it is frequented daily in our dry climate!)
- ___ Meditate for 20 minutes focusing on what you are grateful for



Abundance:

A feast is always in order. However perhaps this one can have a theme of using items grown or made within the radius of your location... as added fun, have guests attend donned in black and white representing the balance of night and day at this moment in the year.

Balance:

- Spend Equal Parts of the Day Outside and Inside
- Spend Equal time focusing on internal growth and external contributions to your community

Campfire Colloquy

Overview

An open forum for news of solo Druids, letters to the editor, druidic gossip, philosophical thoughts, etc.

Happy New Volume! by John the Verbose

This Autumnal Equinox marks the beginning of Volume 6 of the *C.O.R.D. Biquarterly* newsletter. This newsletter was inspired from the muffling solitude many of us felt in the first year of the pandemic. Over the decades, the Reformed Druid movement has seen various publications that relied on reader contribution. It was an effective way for people to feel interconnected in the movement. There have also been times where there were years of *no* publications from members of the RDNA. That's all fine; we can think of it as a metaphor for *sleep*, much in the way Reformed Druidism perceives winters.

Each new volume's issue 1 of *C.O.R.D. Biquarterly* is where readers might notice formatting changes or [hopefully] refinements. The first two volumes weren't always as consistent from one issue to the next. That was a way for the newsletter to find its footing, and to figure out what *was* working and what *wasn't* working. There is one beloved tradition in this newsletter that is at risk of aging-out, however.

Each year, the cover photo has featured a stone circle that is within a short drive of my home. Volume 1 featured the circle at Carleton College, Volume 2 featured the [unfortunately concrete] "stone" pillars in the meditation garden of Springbrook Nature Center, Volume 3 featured the stone circle with the dedication plaque in Oak Savanna Park in Elk River. I brought a stepladder every time to photograph that low circle, otherwise it was hard to tell its shape. Volume 4 featured the *Oceti Sakowin Oyate* tribal stone benches at *Oheyawahi*, a most sacred hill overlooking the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers. That stone circle was one I needed to treat with much more reverence. Thus I added an educational section about each tribe in the newsletter to highlight the people who were in Minnesota first, and who are still here today.

Volume 5 was my first break from the tradition of photographing a stone circle. That time it was just the "standing stone" that was moved from Oakdale Grove's nemeton to be closer to the main trail in Oakdale Nature Preserve. This year for Volume 6 we have a stone row in Roseville Central Park's arboretum. There *are* other stone circles in the area, but a big concern is *winter accessibility* as well as *cost* to access in general.

Fountain City, Wisconsin has a very large stone circle, but it is privately owned and costs 20-something dollars to get in to see. There is a stone circle near Iowa City that is actually a real 4000 year old stone circle that was privately "bought" (possibly illegally) from Indonesia. The other problem with that one is that it is a 5 hour drive, one way and also has an admission fee, but I won't be driving

10 hours just to take a cover photo for a newsletter 9 times per year (sorry, not sorry?).

Locally, there is a frumpy stone circle called "Swedehenge" in Swede Hollow Park, just on the edge of Saint Paul. It's somewhat photogenic, despite having an abandoned brewery behind it. The bigger issue for me is that I don't think the city shovels the snow on the trails or the stairs down into the low valley that the commemorative stone circle is nestled in during winter. It could be an icy, perilous task in the season of sleep, but I'm still considering it. Ultimately, if I run out of standing stones locally, I could always start taking pictures of druidic trees!

Black Book of Liturgy 4th Edition Just Launched by John the Verbose

Back in the spring, members of Oakdale Grove sat down to determine all the sections in the Black Book of Liturgy that were out of sync. Each new edition of the Black Book of Liturgy had a slightly different cover appearance. The first edition had an all-black background. The second edition had a two-tone black background. The third edition had a redesign with a giant Druid Sigil centered on the spine, so that the sigil was entirely visible to the audience when a reader had the book open.

However, the third edition had a strange problem: not everybody's copy was the same inside. When Oakdale Grove met for solving the mystery and settling on what the correct versions should say, we figured out what happened. The Word document was being updated with minor enhancements, but at some point it was not exported to PDF with those changes, and an older version of the PDF was uploaded to Lulu Press, a print-on-demand service for self publishers. With this realization, at the very least it was good to know that the Word document was at least correct.

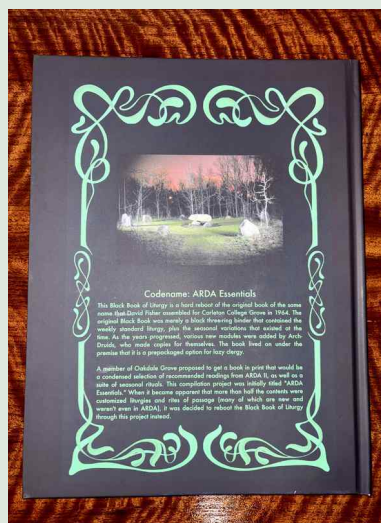
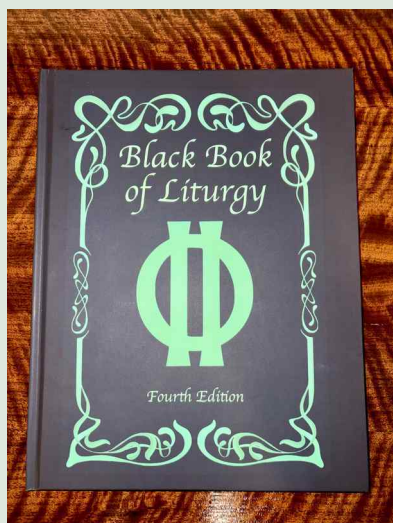
Fourth Edition Sections Added:

- An Egalitarian Order of Worship (also for protogroves)
- An Order of Worship for solo Druids (and also protogroves)
- Accessing the Divine in the Otherworld
- A Druidic Meal Blessing
- A Rite of Seeker Summoning
- The Order of Belisama
- The Order of Epona
- The Order of Arvalus
- The Order of Artio
- RDNA Handfasting/Wedding
- RDNA Memorial or Funeral

Fourth Edition Sections Revised:

- Order of the Morrigan rite of passage script no longer conflates the Cailleach with the Morrigan
 - Sodium chloride was removed from one of the spells in favor of a more ethical alternative
- All scripts are now Grove-neutral with blank lines for members of any Grove or protogrove to write-in their fellowship name
- Random formatting problems fixed
- Two previously unknown typos were fixed
- "Hymn to the Earth Mother" sheet music has an added drone staff (just singing "O") which makes it sound vaguely Scottish
- A few formatting elements were wrecked and re-fixed, so watch out for parts we might have missed/messed.

Since this is a new edition of the Black Book of Liturgy, we have yet another new revision to the cover art. The cover has a matte finish this time. The Druid Sigil has been recentered on the front cover only. The rear cover photo and book description have been updated, and everything is nestled in the Art Nouveau document borders that we use on our OBF workbooks and certificates of completion.



The cover design process, however, was daunting. Lulu Press had ceased their book cover design partnership with *Canva*, and put in its place a half-assed onboard clone with fewer capabilities. After I had a grind of a time getting the new cover design to cooperate, there was a system glitch that was preventing their app from generating the cover for the book. It would clock for about five minutes, then indicate it failed. The only other cover design option was to edit a system-generated cover template PDF and re-upload *that*. I've never *edited* a graphics PDF before, so I must have spent an hour reading and watching tutorials. In the end it was a much more manual process than Lulu's onboard cover design tool, but it uploaded successfully. So please tell me it's nice, because it wasn't easy.

Make Your Own Fire Cider! By Ellen Evert Hopman, Archdruid Emerita, Tribe of the Oak

As winter transitions into spring, and as spring transitions into winter, we are more likely to get colds. This may be because the occasional warm day prompts us to remove our coats too soon. During changes of season, we need to be more mindful than ever to keep our lungs warm.

This is a recipe that warms the whole body. “Cold people”, those who habitually feel chilly, might enjoy taking a spoonful daily. In my case, being a somewhat “hot” person, I like to use it in my salad dressings because the oil cools it somewhat.

Everyone can take it at the first sign of illness; a friend passed this recipe along to me and he swears he hasn’t had a cold in four years.

(For best effect and taste, use the finest, most organic ingredients you can find)

Ingredients:

- Organic apple cider vinegar
- ½ cup grated ginger root (*Zingiber officinale*)
- ½ cup grated horse radish root (*Armoracia rusticana*, syn. *Cochlearia armoracia*)
- 1 medium onion (*Allium cepa*) chopped
- 12 cloves chopped garlic (*Allium sativum*, *A. canadense*)
- 2 hot peppers (also called chili peppers), chopped
- Zest and juice from 1 medium lemon (*Citrus limon*),
- Zest from 1 small Orange (*Citrus sinensis*)
- 1 tbsp. Turmeric powder (*Curcuma longa*)
- ¼ tsp. Cayenne Pepper (*Capsicum annuum*)
- ½ tsp. whole Black Peppercorns (*Piper nigrum*)

Other herbs to consider using:

- Thyme (*Thymus vulgaris*),
- Rose Hips (*Rosa spp.*),
- Ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*),
- Grapefruit zest (*Citrus paradisi*)
- Astragalus (*Astragalus membranicus*),
- Schisandra berries (*Schisandra chinensis*),
- Parsley (*Carum petroselinum*),
- Burdock root (*Arctium lappa*),
- Oregano (*Origanum vulgare*),
- Basil (*Ocimum Basilium*),

- Siberian Ginseng (*Eleutherococcus senticosus*).
1. Put everything into a glass jar and barely cover with organic apple cider vinegar.
 2. Cap tightly and store in a cool, dark place.
 - A. Make sure the jar has a plastic lid or else put a layer of plastic wrap on top of the jar then screw on the top, as vinegar corrodes metal.
 3. Shake the jar regularly, at least several times a week.
 4. After about a month, strain out the vinegar and reserve it in another very clean glass jar.
 5. Add ¼ cup of raw organic honey and stir until well blended. Keep in the refrigerator for 6-8 months.

You can use the strained-out vegetables and spices in a stir fry with cabbage and carrots when everything is finished.

This recipe is from my book; Hopman, Ellen Evert, Secret Medicines from Your Garden, Healing Arts Press, Vermont, 2016.

Technical Issues With the *C.O.R.D. Biquarterly* Mailing List, by John the Verbose

Last week when I sent out the email asking for reader contributions for this newsletter, I noticed my own personal email address did not receive it in my inbox. Normally it takes about a minute for the distribution list to go through its Rube-Goldberg method of sending bulk email, and *then* I'll receive it in my personal inbox to confirm it went through. This time after about three minutes I figured something actually went haywire with the mass mailing, so I went to track delivery.

It turns out that the subscribership for *C.O.R.D. Biquarterly* had grown enough that the distribution list got bonked with a rate-limiter for some reason. It only sent the email to a fraction of the subscribers, and I saw the delivery to my own email address had a temporary deferment. Exactly half an hour later, it sent out another batch of emails to more subscribers (that time including to myself), but not to everyone. With each deferred batch, the rate limiter slows down how frequently it sends the email, and *finally* sometime yesterday it looks like the final batch of subscribers received the email.

As editor of *C.O.R.D. Biquarterly* newsletter, I apologize to everyone who received a late email due to the delays. I am reviewing the steps I need to take with the email client I'm using to possibly lift the rate limiter deferment, so hopefully it won't be an issue for much longer.

Sincerely,
John the Verbose

Seeker's Corkboard

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.

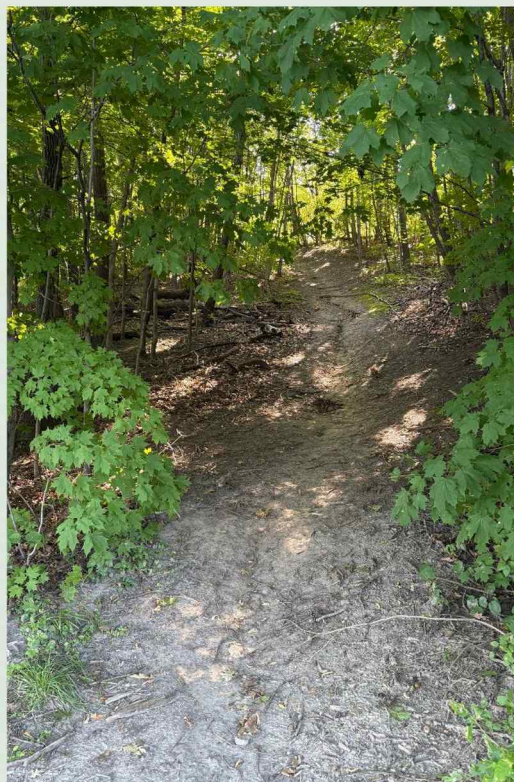
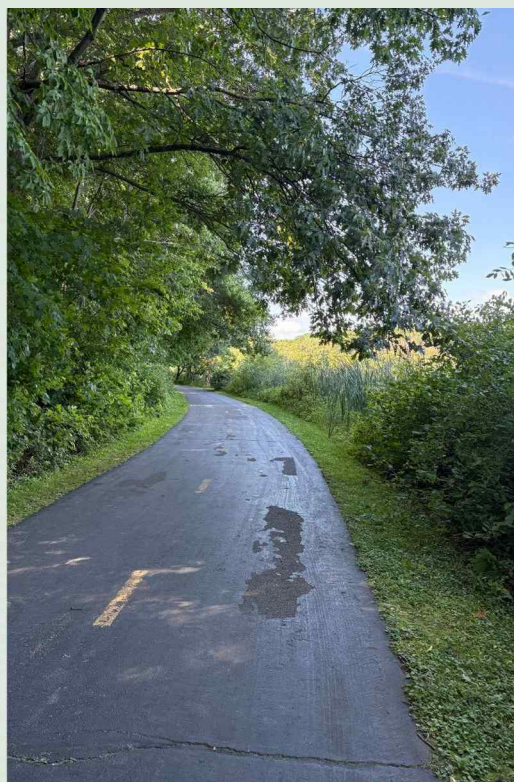
USA: Georgia: Savannah: Hey this is a PSA. There are druids in your area seeking other druids (like, at least three, and I don't think it's the same person), we just don't have names or contact info. I can't even remember where I've been seeing references to this (Probably somewhere on Discord), but 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.

Vivid Visions Gallery

Contributions from *I Talk To The Trees*



Fish Lake Regional Park

The Right Rites For Rampant Ritualists

Overview

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

The Order of Arvalus

By John “the Verbose” Martens

10 Foghamhar, 63 Y.R. (August 10, 2025 CE)

Preparatory Details

The Order of Arvalus is a higher order of the Reformed Druid priesthood. Therefore the candidate should be at least a Third Order Druid. Any Third Order Druid (or higher) may conduct this rite. The Order of Arvalus is squishy; it can be suitable for farmers, avid gardeners who closely monitor planting and harvesting times, schedule-micromanagers (and/or those who want to improve their time management skills), or really *anyone* with a philosophical interest in “timey-wimey” stuff.

Arvalus is the Gaulish god of agriculture and time, as well as an association with healing, likely via cultivated medicinal plants. This order and script take syncretic inspiration from scant details of the Gaulish god Arvalus, and also from the Roman *Fratres Arvales* (Arval Brethren), a priesthood of bountiful harvests.

Props Required

You will need at least one *primitive* tool for measuring time, such as a **sundial** or a staff to utilize as a gnomon, or an hourglass. The latter is not as ideal, but is a good backup in case it’s cloudy. The candidate should have an **offering of grapes** prepared (or anything associated with harvests). You will also need to create **flash cards of the 12 main months of the Coligny Calendar**, with the Gaulish month *name* on one side and the *number* of the month on the back. The sacramental drink can be derived from any grain, fruit, or vegetable. You’re free to be creative, whether it’s vintage wine, plain grape juice, aged whiskey, fresh beer, or corn syrup. There is a German vineyard named Gälweiler with a red wine called Arvalus; if you can find some of that anywhere, that’d be divine!

Prerequisite Requirements

Candidate must memorize the Gaulish months in order. The Order of Arvalus will follow the school of thought that the month *Samonios* is equivalent to the Irish month of November, *Samhain*. For practice, the candidate is urged to write down the months in order 12 times, speaking out the current sequence every time they write the next month (meaning Samonios would be spoken 144 times). Then write the sequence down again, but starting with the second month, following this pattern until they have cycled through all of the subsequent months. Time *is* cyclical, after all.

Badge of Office

The badge of office is a “Ring of Hours,” a closed loop of 24 meditation beads: 12 green beads (agricultural fertility) are spaced apart by 12 black beads (the vastness of time). Please avoid appropriating beads overtly associated with other cultures or religions. If you’re rich, a supplemental badge of office could also be a mechanical pocket watch engraved with the custom text “Order of Arvalus” with an engraved ordination date. The ordainee could also elect to get the pocket watch for themselves at a later time.

[Italic bracketed text] = instructions

Invocation

In the ever-spiraling progression of time, we keep watch of the sun’s shadow. For the sake of knowing, for the sake of plowing, for the sake of sowing, for the sake of growing. We call upon Arvalus for harvests – bountiful, and for patience when we must wait. Arvalus provides the cadence: the length of an hour, hours in a day, days in a season, and seasons in a year. O Arvalus of arable acres, o Arvalus of advancement of ages, attend us, NOW.

Statement of Intent

We are here in the present hour to fulfill a dedication to Arvalus, who presides over time and planted soil. As current moments progress into the continuous present, they immediately slip into the past. Yet we persevere, driven by our ambitions of the future. Does a seed of grain not strive to grow ever upward? Still, each new moment is now.

One who stands among us is keenly aware of this, and feels the importance of time for our survival. One stands among us who intuitively feels the times for planting and harvesting. You can sometimes sense time itself. Step forward to the center of the circle.

The Ordeal

Your first charge is to make an offering to Arvalus and to ask for a bountiful harvest.

[Offering is made.]

Before you sits a timeless method of chronometry. Your second charge is to vigil now until you can perceive the movement of time itself. You will apprise us immediately when you receive this Awareness.

[Candidate gazes at gnomon’s shadow on the sundial until they can tell the shadow is moving, and gives a confirmatory statement.]

Your third and final charge is to assemble the Gaulish months of the year in cyclical order.

*[Candidate takes alphabetized stack of Gaulish month flash cards and sorts them into calendar order.
If the officiant finds a discrepancy when checking, they may point this out to the candidate until the
sequence is correct, all in the spirit of mentorship.]*

You have completed the threefold task of the ordeal! Are you thus prepared to enter into the Order of Arvalus?

[Candidate answers in the affirmative.]

The Twelve Precepts of the Order of Arvalus

Hear now, the Twelve Precepts of the Order of Arvalus. Let them germinate in your mind and take root as you enter into this field of service.

1. Patience is always the first lesson
2. Night and day, winter and summer: a balance in continual flux
3. Never take the three harvests for granted
4. Appreciate every season
5. Do not wait on a harvest which had not been planted
6. The land can feel the solstices and the equinoxes
7. A bounty not shared is a harbinger of fruitlessness
8. Planting, growing, and harvesting are best with libations
9. A feast of gratitude makes the year worthwhile
10. Time, whether friend or foe, waits for no one
11. What if this time is the *last* time?
12. Sacred are the twelves, for they keep our cadence

Can you take these Twelve Precepts to heart and meditate on them?

[Candidate answers in the affirmative.]

So then shall the elixir be consecrated.

Consecration of the Elixir of Arvalus

O Arvalus of arable land and of the ages, by whose power, patient seeds become bountiful crops, hour by hour, day by day, month by month, ascend into this elixir, the very gift of the fields. Grant unto it, and unto those who drink of it, the blessings and authority of abundance, of patience, and of the passage of time. The Elixir of Arvalus!

Ordination to the Order of Arvalus

By the mysteries of Arvalus does this elixir now ordain thee. Take this and drink generously, for its abundance in you shall reflect outward in your works as a priest of the Order of Arvalus in all your days.

[Officiant hands Elixir of Arvalus to candidate, who drinks the chalice contents.]

Behold, a priest of Arvalus!

Conclusion

Today we have witnessed a devotee of Arvalus enter into this transcendent siblinghood, who now goes forth as a keeper of time and cleric of the harvest. This rite of passage is hereby concluded. May you and all present be blessed with many bountiful harvests to come. Celebrate each breaking day as if it may be the last. In making the most of your time, may you inspire others to do so as well.



Augur's Intuition

Overview

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

Submission by John the Verbose

Methodology: Astragalomantic Bibliomancy, in ARDA

About this method

A Reformed Druid Anthology (ARDA) second edition has 918 pages of main text and 33 pages of front matter, for 951 pages in total. This makes it close enough to 1000 to use three 10-sided *dice* (*astragalomancy*) to determine a random page number of ARDA to pull a line from.



Once the page is open, count the sections or paragraphs and roll again to determine which area the bibliomantic verse will come from. If the number of paragraphs or sections won't cooperate with the dice, you can get creative by rolling to narrow it down by evens vs odds, or visually divide the page in to 10 sections, and then roll again to find a verse or line in that section. There are so many different approaches to this method; feel free to get creative.

Whatever the verse or line or sentence is in the book that the dice count points to, that is what we will search for a mystical meaning in: *that* is bibliomancy. Please be aware that bibliomancy is sometimes discouraged because it presents a scenario where the reader might perceive a necessity to take words out of their intended context.

The Roll

Page number: 473

Paragraph or section: 2

Specific point, line, or verse within section: 10+4

Text of the Verse, Sentence, Phrase, or Line

[Editor's Note: Oh, *hell* no! It is *WAY* too soon for this verse to be put in this newsletter without landing me on a no-fly list! At the very least, this form of divination really... knows things.]

The wider context of the bibliomantic verse (to inspire further reading!)

I don't even really want to talk around this verse. Why and how did this one ever get into ARDA?

Suffice it to say, it tongue-in-cheek promotes political violence. If you really want to know what it is, check out verse 14 on page 473 of ARDA II.

Other Blogs & Social Media Links

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 and Links

- RDNA on [Discord](#)
- The *Order of Bradán Feasa* (OBF) RDNA [Druid Training Program](#) [workbook](#)
- Oakdale Grove's [BlueSky](#)
- Tribe of the Oak Celtic Reconstructionist (non-RDNA) Druid Grove [website](#)
- White Rabbit Grove's [Facebook page](#)
- Oakdale Grove's [Instagram](#)
- Ron Stonemage's [Instagram](#)

Reformed Druid Resources

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 62nd Year of the Reform (Y.R.) began on the first day of Samradh, which is one day after the 90th 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](#), 2nd 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

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

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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.



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Peace, peace, peace! ☸

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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.

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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.

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- 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!



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