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# The Rowan Tree Church

## 19th Annual Report

Hallows 2000 ce - Hallows 2001 ce



As I prepared the various drafts of the reports I needed to write for the Ritual for Fall, I took note that, on September 20th, it had been exactly 21 years and six months since my third degree Initiation. At that time in 1980 Initiation seemed appropriate. I had completed all the requirements of my High Priestess of the coven within which I was originally trained. I have now been Wiccan for twenty-five years. This year I quietly entered my "upper fifties" on my birthday. I have no emotions about this for I know my life well, I watch the Wheel turn year upon year and frankly, the joys of seeing the Wheel spin past more quickly far outweigh any mundane worries.

The path from the page in one's Lothloriën Book of Shadows to Elderhood is, today, far longer. There are more requirements for the responsibility of being a Mentor of Lothloriën in today's world is far greater. In our modern world when one can be initiated via the internet or by one's self, Initiation does not inherently represent a standard of knowledge. People continue to become 'clergy' by sending off ten dollars to an address found in matchbooks. Often times Initiation has become more representative of a label which one wears publicly in order to provide affirmation of what one hopes is real or sometimes that one hopes others will believe is real. Within Lothloriën we practice an initiatory tradition including practices which date back thousands of years. Secrecy is but one of these customs. Novices who are in training do so without the Rowan Tree 'public' knowing who they are. This allows them the space and a far greater freedom to develop the spiritual skills and self-discipline which is needed to embody a role model of Lothloriën.

The coven which originally trained me seemed to my young and idealistic eyes greatly spiritual. It did not take long before my personal work and that of the traditions which I was teaching reflected a different ethical value for Magick. I remember that our Full Moon work was primarily designed to help the High Priest get a new car, or a successful patent on an invention (it was successful and he made quite a bit of money with it). Within the year the High Priest and High Priestess terminated their romantic/sexual relationship amidst such a storm that it caused the coven to quickly crash and burn. Fortunately, I did not lose my teachers and was no longer held back by the pace of the coven. I worked very hard.

As a child living in my parents' home, I was raised to believe that religion was one's life. It did not matter whether one entered a religious order or raised a family, whether one was a teacher of clergy or, like my father, worked in a factory.

Today, as we collectively face a world which seems less stable, many of us do our part in the hope that our work will spiritually promote harmony so that people may live in peace, that there will be greater tolerance and that *all species* might have a healthier and safer future.

Within the Church, this year's most significant event was the 17th Annual Retreat, held here at The Hermit's Grove. We all felt very blessed that Isaiah and Anahata flew in from Ithaca, New York; that Jane and Ron flew in from suburban Chicago, Illinois and that Cris Bear flew in from Juneau, Alaska. Once again Tricia made the flight from Moline, Illinois and Lizard flew up from Southern California. It speaks well of our Church that so many are so willing to give of their time and to set aside a significant portion of their income in order to manage airfare, food and lodging. We look forward to our 18th Annual Retreat which will again be held here at The Hermit's Grove. And then, the following year, in 2003 ce, we will again gather together at Yellowstone National Park. The cabins are waiting and many of us have made our reservations. Already the time, once three years distant, has been halved. As I wrote, I like seeing the Wheel turn more quickly.

This past year will be remembered for centuries, all of which will turn around the singular date of September 11th, the date when the U.S. was subjected to the intense violence of the terrorist attacks which lead not only to a level of death and family tragedy not usually experienced in North America but which will lead to considerable economic damage and the demands of engaging in a prolonged attempt to render the primary networks of terrorists unable to function. I cannot believe it possible that *all* terrorists could be eradicated. What I do believe, with certainty, is that action must be taken. I am a pacifist at heart. My vows of nonviolence which are part of the mantle of Lothloriën's Priest/esshood are very dear to me.

Just as the burgeoning human population has led to great damage to fragile ecosystems and the loss of vast amounts of habitat essential for the health and well-being of so many of our Mother's beautiful species, so too will these events lead us down a path which will bring great damage to the Mother. Many more lives will be taken and it is impossible to avoid the loss of innocent lives. Many of you turned to your Church for comfort. Words cannot express how moving that was for me.

As I complete the writing of this opening letter the world continues to be affected by the ongoing ripples of change and energy from September 11th. We have had Members search within and choose to leave the Rowan Tree, some withdrawing from the world and others returning to the religions of their parents. And we have also had new Members joining with us, seeking through the work of the Rowan Tree a great harmony and peace in their lives.

This is a more somber year. And yet for the fullness of healing needed throughout our planet, let there be "all acts of mirth and reverence" within our rituals. As we work the ritual calendar let us be mindful of how diverse we are, of what great distances we transcend in order to share the rituals of Lothloriën. And let us give thanks this year that we are together and that, no matter how fearful some may be, we still have our publications through which we share love and joy.

Be blessed, Rev. Paul V. Beyerl

<b>total postage and shipping = \$1,934.14</b>	
Rowan Tree general budget	\$286.91
postal box rent	90.00
<i>The Rowan Tree News</i>	270.75
BOD mailings	312.54
<u>bookkeeping mailing</u>	<u>6.40</u>
subtotal	966.60
The Mystery School	461.49
Subscription Library	145.07
Periodical Library	94.19
Tape Library	49.73
<i>The Unicorn</i>	174.96
<i>The Littlest Unicorn</i>	40.38
<u>Annual Retreat</u>	<u>1.72</u>
<b>total</b>	<b>\$1,934.14</b>
last year	1,887.52
change	+ 46.62

BOD mailings include the mailing of promotional material, catalogs, Welcome Packets to new Members, Sample Packets of publications and more.

<b>total printing = \$962.41</b>	
<i>The Rowan Tree News</i>	\$280.20
BOD printing	242.60
Rowan Tree general budget	37.96
The Mystery School	104.96
Periodical Library	54.30
<i>The Unicorn</i>	125.50
<u><i>The Littlest Unicorn</i></u>	<u>116.89</u>
<b>total</b>	<b>962.41</b>
last year	1093.95
change	- 131.54

Although we increased the volume of material sent out to Members and to people who asked for information, the cost of printing was decreased through the generosity of The Hermit's Grove which made its laser printer available for Rowan Tree use, donating the printing cost for a significant number of printing jobs.

### **Financial Statements 2000 - 2001 ce**

The following are statements for the individual Church budgets, to the penny! The first figure was the amount in the checking account on November 1st, 2000 ce and the second figure is the amount in the checking account on October 31st, 2001 ce.

budget:	1 xi 2000	31 x 2001	change
Church's general operations	\$462.700	\$206.84	- \$255.86
The Mystery School	390.08	112.97	- 277.11
Subscription Library	311.32	175.48	- 135.84

Periodical Library	138.21	102.93	- 35.28
Tape Library	1.80	0.00	- 1.80
<i>The Unicorn</i>	19.70	162.56	142.86
<i>The Unicorn</i> contest prize	400.00	400.00	0.00
<i>The Littlest Unicorn</i>	191.93	200.62	+ 8.69
Annual Retreat	239.51	462.79	+ 223.28
Retreat Scholarship fund	10.00	283.63	273.63
computer budget	67.02	0.00	- 67.02
Land Fund	332.99	756.76	423.77
property tax budget	364.36	426.61	62.25
T-shirt reorder money	31.20	131.70	100.50
<u>sales tax for State</u>	<u>49.85</u>	<u>12.28</u>	<u>- 37.57</u>
<b>totals</b>	<b>\$3,010.67</b>	<b>3,435.17</b>	<b>424.50</b>

### **Member Donations for the year: \$3,628.84**

Of this amount \$181.71 (5%) is allocated to the Periodical Library. Our target goal is a minimum \$300.00 a month and we made it. With approximately 40 Member households, the average household made a donation of under \$2.00 a week. It is fortunate that our Rowan can squeak by with church mouse standards.

Donations were *down* \$682.14 from last year.

In addition to donations made to our basic operating expenses (the 'general budget') we have generous Members who made additional donations.

### **dedicated donations**

to the land fund	\$ 0.00
to pay property tax	1665.22
to <i>The Unicorn</i>	46.12
toward computer expenses	227.55
for library book purchases	5.00
to <i>The Littlest Unicorn</i>	114.15
to the Periodical Library	79.50
Tape Library mailing expense	85.51
gift to the Eldermentor	17.00
Retreat Scholarship Fund	121.50
<u>misc.</u>	<u>33.68</u>
<b>total</b>	<b>\$2,395.23</b>

Membership donations are the soil and water which keep our tree alive. We are a non-profit organization with, sometimes, too much emphasis on the 'non.'

For clarity The Rowan Tree Church does not support Rev. Paul nor gerry. The Beyerls are the Church's largest donors who, not only give of time and donated the acre of ritual space, contributed over \$2,000.00 this past year to cover the Church's property tax and their monthly donations.

The Beyerls express their gratitude to the Universe that they are able to express this faith in Lothloriën.

[illustration from *The Holy Books of the Devas* by D. Lorden]





## ROWAN TREE CHURCH GENERAL OPERATIONS

The following figures show all sources of income available for our general operations:

balance from last year	\$462.70
Member donations	3,447.13
Member's special donation	18.61
Mystery School grant	90.00
sale of Merry Meet notepaper	41.00
Rowna Tree t-shirt sales	71.92
donations from non-members	70.00
prisoner donations	22.00
<u>Church's portion of sample packet sales</u>	<u>35.00</u>
<b>total income</b>	<b>\$4,258.36</b>
last year	4,353.71
difference	- 95.35

The following are all operating expenses paid out of The Rowan Tree Church's General Budget:

postage and box rent	\$876.63
web site expenses	330.00
Minnesota Agent (legal expense)	210.00
printing	560.31
office supplies	265.00
advertising	39.33
ritual supplies	52.18
equipment	101.74
computer software	82.80
telephone and fax line expense	399.71
electricity	57.29
water	29.31
misc. maintenance	150.00
rental of storage locker	470.00
portion of portable toilet rental	381.20
legal fees	10.00
<u>bank fees</u>	<u>35.99</u>
<b>balance at end of year</b>	<b>\$206.87</b>

This is what it takes to sustain the essential services of our Church, from the cost of *The Rowan Tree News* to the cases of paper purchased for letters, mailings, promotional materials. There is toner for the printer, phone calls to cheer ailing Members, counselling, legal expenses, etc.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD

### **President and Founder**

The Board of Directors continues to be a stable administrative presence within the Church. Although it was necessary to replace two Voting Directors (both had to step back from their volunteer work due in order to accommodate personal needs) this was a fluid process. We have, in addition to the Voting Directors, a reservoir of nonvoting positions and 'observers,' the latter a position open to

Church Members who want to learn how to participate in the monthly Board meeting.

Our meetings continue to be conducted by postal mail and email. The monthly agenda arrives near the first of the month and each Director and Observer provides a written response which is sent to all others. We have utilized this method of meeting for more than 15 years with success.

Among the completed work of this past year was the filing for a new classification as a tax-exempt organization. This was a very large undertaking. Prior to the filing, I solicited responses from the Directors and used their perspectives when answering the questions asked by the Schedule A. The filing was sent in this past August 30th. To date we have not had any response from the IRS but experience shows that it takes more than a couple of weeks for a large department of overworked individuals.

Projects before the Board include a fund-raising cookbook. This is being managed by our Vice President whose greatest challenge lies in the shortage of contributions. The Board is also working to clarify the roles of Observers, a project managed by Voting Director Isaiah Dearborne.

Our immediate task is to bring before the Membership an amendment to the Book of Legislation which will further clarify the distinction between Voting and Nonvoting Directors, expand the number of Voting positions, and allow the Board to embrace a wider range of projects.

We look forward to a successful year.

Humbly, Rev. Paul V. Beyerl

### **Vice President, Board of Directors**

I have had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Directors for several years. For most of this time, I have served in the capacity of Treasurer. This year, I assumed the duties of Vice President. In addition to taking part in the discussions about Church matters, including financial issues and shaping a vision for the future of The Rowan Tree, I have been able to be part of two other projects for the Church.

The first of these projects is working with the Yellowstone Retreat committee. The committee has worked to develop policies for the 2003 retreat to be held in Yellowstone. We are also taking responsibility for handling the correspondence with members when they pay their deposit for the retreat. As the retreat date draws nearer, we will also send out information to those members who will be joining us in Yellowstone for what will be, I am sure, an unforgettable experience!

I have also been working on a cookbook fund-raising project for the Church. I encourage each of you to submit your favorite recipes! We are hoping to develop a cookbook that not only will make a nice Yule (or other occasion) gift, but can be sold to raise money for the Church's general fund. I am currently doing the computer inputting and formatting work for this project.

As always, it is an honor to be able to serve The Rowan Tree Church. I feel privileged to be able to work with a group of people who are dedicated to helping our Church blossom and bloom.

Blessed be, Donna Lewin



## Secretary, Board of Directors

Greetings to all the Rowan Tree family! During the year passed, i have had the privilege to serve you as Secretary to the Board of Directors. i send sincere thanks to you all for assisting me in fulfilling my duties. Your monthly forms, donations, cards, and letters are truly important to me. i hope that my responses are as meaningful to each of you.

Your notes and ideas have become one of the most important parts of the RTNews. Your requests for energies from the Child of Light Rituals have given strength to many and allowed others to offer their services through the Galadhrim. Once again, you have just finished voting for the Board of Directors for the coming year. Many thanks to those who took time to participate in this important facet of the Church.

my goal for the past year was to have a response time to your correspondence of one week maximum. For ten of the past twelve months, this has been the rule rather than the exception, and it has given me a better feeling about my responses to your writings and donations. i hope you feel more valued as a Member by this. The exceptions have been during this past few months, since the printer i was using "died." Now, i type my responses on my computer, put them on a floppy disc, transfer them to a "jazz drive" disc, give that to Rev. Paul. and he prints them out. This causes a bit more delay. i will still aim for that one-week response and hope you will bear with me.

As you have seen in the RTNews, the number of Members in the Rowan Tree Church has remained fairly constant in the past year, with a high of 45 and a low of 40. i hope you have benefitted from seeing the number of forms returned each month, compared with the number of Member households. i also hope you are enjoying knowing how many of us are located in different parts of the continent and world.

Last year at the Yellowstone Retreat, i was not given any proxies for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors because everyone was there! Again this year, i was not granted the proxies of any of the other voting Directors because so many Members were able to attend the Annual Board Meeting here at the Grove during the Annual Retreat, and proxies were sent to several other Members by the Voting Directors unable to attend. We were able to hear many reports about working "committees" and pass several motions immediately. We again discussed the possibilities of expanding the web-site or other on-line interactions with Members around the continent, helping you to be able to communicate more directly with each other.

i continue to send out the two- and three-month reminders to Members who have not submitted Membership forms or responded during a past two or three month period. Current Membership lists are kept in the archives, with copies of current lists sent to the Tape Librarian each month. i am also sending the current Membership list each month to Jane Anderson and Isaiah Dearborne. They have expressed an interest in corresponding with other Members, interviewing them for the RTNews, or just sending notes of encouragement in difficult times. Thank you to Jane and Isaiah!

If you have any questions about your Membership status, or about my duties as Secretary, please send me a note. And please keep those monthly forms arriving at the Grove!

Blessings, gerry Beyerl

## Treasurer, Board of Directors

Earlier this year two valued members of the Board of Directors resigned due to health issues, both of whom have been greatly missed. As a result of subsequent restructuring, I've had the privilege of stepping into the office of Treasurer, drawing on past experience as Board Observer and participation in the quarterly audits of the Rowan Tree Church's financial records.

While the number of our member households is practically the same this year as last, 39 as of 9/01 compared to 41 in 10/00, our member donations towards general operations is almost \$1,000 less than that received in 2000. Many members have sent funds dedicated towards specific expenses which have helped greatly. However, our budget balances remain small not allowing for any margin of comfort in the event of an emergency. Our largest impending expense is that of the inevitable and necessary replacement of the computer used by the Church Secretary, gerry.

We appreciate the fact that in this day and age oft times it is difficult to make ends meet, and we extend a deeply heartfelt Thank You for every penny received. I'd also like to encourage our members to be mindful that, while every effort is made to be as frugal as possible in the running of the Rowan Tree Church, all expenses do increase. As your resources allow, please remember the Rowan Tree Church with your contributions as well as by asking the Lord and Lady for their continued Blessings for our Church and her Directors.

Respectfully Submitted, Jane Anderson

## Scribe, Board of Directors

I have served on the Board of Directors for quite a number of years - I believe just about seven - and hold the office of Scribe.

Over the years my duties have changed very little. I write the column "Notes from the Board" which appears monthly in The Rowan Tree News and serves to let the Membership know what is happening on the Board level.

Also as part of my duties I provide a written response to each Board Agenda, receive and tally the ballots for Board elections, and assist with the quarterly audit. It is also my responsibility to burn the election ballots at Hallows.

Respectfully submitted, Tricia Youngquist, Scribe

## Voting Director

I have served the Board of Directors since December of last year, as an Observer. In early April, due to resignation of two Directors for health reasons, I became a Voting Director.

In this time, I have enjoyed reading and responding to the monthly agendas, and offering my commentary and ideas on such projects as the IRS Schedule A, the 2003 Annual Retreat scholarship fund, the BOD Observer guidelines, and other topics.

As the Voting Director representing the local Hermit's Grove community, I have begun understudying the role of General Manager of the Grove. Rev. Paul and I have spent

one afternoon at the Grove going over essential duties and responsibilities that would need to be addressed should anything happen to Rev. Paul and Gerry. Crucial tasks remaining are a visit to the bank and to the storage locker.

Lastly, I am helping to organize and encourage Church Members to donate non-perishable food items at the Grove between Autumn Eve and Hallows Eve. All food items will be delivered by me to a local nonprofit charity that provides food for families during the holidays.

I am honored to serve on the BOD and look forward to the coming year in my role as a Voting Director.

Abundant Fall Blessings, Charly Barker

### Voting Director

I've had the privilege of participating as a Board member for the past year. I began last term as a Non-Voting Director. In March there were two resignations and I was asked to take the responsibilities of Voting Director. Since April, I have held that position. In addition, I am a member of the Yellowstone Retreat committee planning for our 2003 gathering. I intend to continue with these responsibilities in the coming term.

The most fulfilling project I worked on this past year was the creation of BOD observer guidelines to be added to the BOL Procedures. I learned a great deal about preparing for the future and the value of positive feedback. I submitted a completed version with the Sept. response and await a vote on its acceptance. The issue has raised some questions regarding Non Voting Directorships, which I intend to contribute to if there is a need for any revision.

My goals for the coming year are to increase my familiarity with the BOL and to enhance my ability to address BOD issues. I would like to increase my role within the BOD, with my the possibility of an Officer position when I run for my next term in 2002. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the Rowan Tree and its Members as a member of its Board of Directors.

In truth, Isaiah Dearborne

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### The Unicorn

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*The Unicorn* currently has seen a decline in the number of paid subscribers. As we began our 25th year paid subscriptions had dropped to the level of 1993. Had *The Unicorn* not been in existence, The Rowan Tree Church would not have emerged. It remains an honored publication within which are feature works which represent Lothloriën's future as well as honor Lothloriën's past.

This past year we have begun publishing works submitted in honor of the 25th anniversary celebration. It has been a great blessing to showcase some of the exceptional talent. Although I had hoped that *The Unicorn* would have works from its own Members entered in the \$1,000 contest it has not manifested. Rather we have had short stories, artwork, poetry and more from the larger circle of friends who are not directly involved with The Rowan Tree Church but who support it through *The Unicorn*.

Goals for the coming year include being able to post comprehensive information about *The Hatchling* on the web site so that newer subscribers might learn more about

the history of the episodes and characters. We have one Church volunteer to date working on this project and hope to have several more.

The other goal is to find a Church Member interested in a Promotional Editor's position which would include developing ways by which *The Unicorn's* readership might be expanded. This would include creating a report helping us understand why a significant number of Church Members seem to have little interest in the publication. We recognize that the immediacy of the internet has contributed to a declining interest yet *The Unicorn* has not increased the cost of a year's subscription in nearly ten years. To date we have been unable to find a Church Member interested in helping to promote *The Unicorn*, a source of concern for Lothloriën's resident astral unicorn.

*The Unicorn* is an integral part of Lothloriën's history. As our most visible public presence, it has been publishing for nearly 25 years and is currently the longest in-print neopagan/Wiccan publication in North America, save for *RFD*, a magazine addressing rural life and the gay radical faery movement.

*The Hatchling* works with a number of goals. Some aspects of contemporary church history are preserved within the episodes. And the existence of Dark Star, the unicorn for whom the series is named, is being established as an additional layer of reality woven into the astral realm of Lothloriën. Merrywood is not only a metaphor for the growth of Wiccan religions in the English-speaking world but reflects an astral reality which exists within the web of Lothloriën.

beginning of year	\$37.79
Member donations	29.52
nonmember donations	5.00
Member subscriptions	98.00
nonmember subscriptions	294.28
sample packet revenue	10.50
<u>Hatchling, samples, etc.</u>	<u>30.94</u>
<b>total income</b>	<b>\$505.94</b>
internal funds	82.00
postage	\$174.96
computer	50.00
printing	125.50
advertising	17.00
office supplies	11.33
<u>telephone, storage</u>	<u>21.33</u>
<b>total expenses</b>	<b>425.38</b>
balance	\$162.56




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### The Littlest Unicorn

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*The Littlest Unicorn* has had a creative, productive year. We have had much more reader contributions of stories, artwork and articles. We have a new title masthead of adorable artwork by Stacey Furtado. It looks more 'kid' friendly. Our regular features this past year included 'Miss Ostara's Furry Friends' which introduced totem animals and what we can learn from them; 'Let's Talk Rocks' - the lore and magical qualities of rocks; Deva Stories by Rev. Paul on myths and magick of herbes; 'Magickal Moments,' 'Crafty Corner' and regular activity and coloring pages; 'Dancing Fox Tales' have continued due to the continued support of Dancing Fox Costello and the Parent's Page has been graced with dedicated support from Grey Fire Wolf and earlier this year by Michelle S. in Texas.



Subscriptions have, as usual, gone up and down, up and down. Our highest during the year was 14 paid subscribers and our lowest eight. We have leveled at this date with ten paid subscribers and three complimentary issues.

In the upcoming year we hope to expand our readership and encourage more children to send in artwork and articles. Bright Blessings, Noël Knower, TLU Editor

beginning of the year	\$191.93
donations from Members	114.15
nonmember donations	5.00
Member subscriptions	8.25
sample packets/samples	13.50
<u>subscriptions</u>	<u>68.25</u>
<b>total income</b>	<b>\$402.08</b>
postage	\$41.35
printing	116.89
<u>supplies, archives, etc.</u>	<u>43.22</u>
<b>total expense</b>	<b>\$201.46</b>
balance	200.62

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## THE MYSTERY SCHOOL

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This past year we accepted five new students into The Mystery School. Two of those remain with us as we entered the new year. One Church Member asked whether we would putting off accepting new students due to the terrorist attack and subsequent challenges facing the U.S. and also Canada. Because The Mystery School traditionally accepts new applicants during two periods of time each year, there is no reason for a delay at this time.

As the Wheel turns once again, we extend congratulations to those illustrious students who were Dedicated as Novices of Lothloriën this past year.

Morning Dove completed her orals for The First Ordeal and is now working on The Second Ordeal. There are a total of four levels of study, two which lead to the first Initiation, one for second and one for third. They are called 'ordeals' because no matter how supportive and helpful the Mentor might be, a student inevitably turns the oral exams and some of the written work into an *ordeal*. We anticipate Dakini, whose orals are now scheduled, to begin working as a Second Level Novice as this new year unfolds.

The Mystery School had remained stable this past year. We have had several of our Circle work within the context of a *sabbatical*, a concept which has evolved as an alternative to a *Leave of Absence*. A sabbatical allows the student to set aside expectations, removing the self-imposed pressures of Pathworking requirements, yet remaining in contact with The Mystery School through the *New Moon Letter* which is mailed thirteen times a year and has the option of discussion and dialogue with her/his Mentor. As Lothloriën matures we have Initiates for whom health issues make it increasingly difficult to handle the challenges of demanding, intellectual work and Lothloriën does its best to adapt itself to those Priestesses who have given many long years of service to our beloved Tradition.

And yet as the final weeks of the year reacted to the waves of shock and trauma echoing throughout our planet, several of the newer students found themselves either needing to focus upon their lives, bringing what has been out of control and worrisome to a level of balance and control. And we had two students encounter changes of faith. A Priestess, although initiated and with many years

history with Lothloriën, decided she needed to retreat to the comfort and safety of solitary practice and a Novice who was in her second term concluded that she was more 'at home' returning to the faith with which she grew up.

Currently The Mystery School has the following: Rev. Paul, the Eldermentor, a third degree Initiate; Rev. Ron , who returned this autumn from a two-year Sabbatical; five Priest/esses, all first degree Initiates of Lothloriën; six Dedicated Novices of Lothloriën, all working (at the two levels) toward Initiation; and three Novice Supplicants, two of whom entered The Mystery School as the Wheel was bringing this year to a close.

As was written last year (and which bears repeating because I cannot improve upon it):

The work within The Mystery School is subtle, visible to the Church as a whole only at the level of the Second Degree Initiate (our ordained Clergy) except for those brief glimpses when a written work may be published in *The Unicorn* or in *The Rowan Tree News*.

Despite this veil of secrecy (not unlike that found within all Mystery Traditions), it is The Mystery School which is the foundation of The Tradition of Lothloriën. The knowledge to sustain our Tradition is being placed in their hands. It is not a quick process. Unlike many Traditions, the training which leads to ordination and the public declaration of impending Initiation and Priest/esshood is thorough, taking many years. Not only does it embrace the actual Pathworking, but the Novice and First Degree Initiate must learn numerous skills including learning to balance 'real life' with its employment, home and family, with one's 'religious life' which means increased volunteer service and dedication to Lothloriën.

Any Church Member who *meets all the requirements* may request an application for study in The Mystery School at those times applications are available. Typically this is in the autumn. We accept neither new nor returning students as we work toward the Tarot Ritual. In addition to completing the reading and learning the ritual skills, applicants are expected to have participated by cassette tape in Sunday Circles and to have taken a role in sustaining our Church through volunteer service, fund-raising or in other supportive ways. In addition, it is expected that an applicant be able to demonstrate the ethical nature which Lothloriën expects of a candidate.

If you have any questions, please contact me. For the immediate future those working within The Mystery School have the opportunity to be brought to the Mysteries of Lothloriën directly from its founder. This is the most important work of my life and it brings me joy.

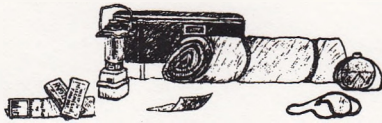
Humbly, Rev. Paul V. Beyerl

### Mystery School Operating Budget

beginning of the year	\$390.08
45% of tuition paid	1,629.45
<u>sales of ritual books, etc.</u>	<u>510.77</u>
<b>total income</b>	<b>\$2,530.30</b>
postage	\$578.49
printing	104.96
office supplies , adv.	288.50
educational books for library	343.95
office equipment	237.03
telephone, fax	376.12
utilities, rent, portable toilet	273.38
ritual supplies	164.90

grant for student in need 50.00  
**total expenses** \$2,417.33  
 end of year balance 112.97

The Mystery School is far more than its basic educational activities. It also includes the following:



**Annual Retreat**

This past year our Annual Retreat was a joyful event held on the sacred grounds we know as The Hermit's Grove. We hope that next year even more of you will be able to join with us.

beginning of year \$239.51  
 Member deposits for Yellowstone \$200.00  
Retreat fees in 2000 \$25.00  
**total income** \$464.51

postage 1.72  
total expenses 1.72  
**end of year balance** \$462.79

In addition, we now have a scholarship fund to give grants of \$100.00 to worthy Members in need who will be attending the 2003 ce Retreat in Yellowstone.

**donations this year** \$283.63

**The Land Fund**

begining of year \$332.99  
 Boeing Employee donations 27.37  
 Retreat, 2001 fees 26.79  
 nonmember donations 50.00  
 Mystery School tuition 198.11  
 spiral publication sales 112.00  
miscellaneous 9.50  
**end of year balance** \$756.76

The Land Fund is mandated by our Book of Legislation, accumulating monies which will eventually be used to purchase an acreage of sacred land within the reaches of the Upper Mississippi.

The Land Fund is supported by Member donations, by a percentage of ritual and book sales.

In addition to the money in the checking account, in July, 1999 we began to place these holdings into Certificates of Deposit. The total invested is \$6,551.67. To date this money has earned \$563.11 in interest.

**total of all Land Fund money** \$7,871.54



**The Subscription Library**

The Subscription Library continues to see steady growth. This year we actually removed several dozen books, primarily books which had no educational value and

had never been checked out. They were donated to a thrift store which raises money to benefit AIDS patients. These books had been kept in the Church's storage locker for several years due to the shortage of space in the library and are not to be missed.

One project explored this past year was to create a card catalog. The reason for this is that, at present, the only catalog available to Members is the one in print. This leaves us without a way to verify whether or not we have a book outside of checking the shelves and without any catalog by author, not allowing us to determine other titles by a particular author unless they are in the same current library division. This project ran out of volunteer steam which coincided with a decrease in library use by the general Membership. It has been set aside for the present and can be resumed in the future.

The other project was to begin compiling synopses of all the books in the library. It was suggested that a data base or listing be made available via the internet so that Church Members could better see what is available. To further this project we had volunteers from the Church write synopses. Difficulties arose because I originally described these as 'reviews' but discovered that the dislike for a book often led to the text being about the person's opinions and said little about the book's content. A new classified ad has been crafted which will hopefully help new volunteers avoid the booby trap the previous ad crated.

Publishing book synopses in *The Rowan Tree News* is of value as it helps the readers have an understanding of the diversity of perspectives and variety of topics our library contains. It is hoped that we might continue with this work. The cost to the library for shipping books to each reviewer is in the range of \$20-30.00 per year and is subsidized by The Mystery School. The reviewer paid return postage which was a donation to the project.

The Subscription Library is an excellent resource. It remains under-utilized primarily because most Wiccans have library fantasies and prefer purchasing a book rather than borrowing the book. Due to this the library has often, in the past, received large donations of books which Members find they do not reread and which merely crowd their shelves. Unfortunately, these are nearly always titles which we cannot use or which are already present as multiple titles and we drive them in to Seattle to the thrift shop. It remains the library's view that a Member's money would be better spent in using the library and then purchasing books which they find they definitely want for future reference and rereading. The Subscription Library remains one of the Church's finest assets.

beginning of year \$311.32  
 Member donations 79.50  
 Mystery School tuition 896.88  
 sales of books by Rev. Paul 257.85  
 books sold in Hermit's Grove shop 600.63  
misc. 17.00  
**total income** \$2,163.18

postage \$145.07  
 Unicorn prize donation 66.41  
 computer expenses 75.00  
 book purchases 1,476.54  
 office supplies 31.49  
 utilities, rent 18.19  
money given to other budgets 75.00  
**total expenses** \$1,912.70



### The Tape Library

The position of Tape Librarian is definitely multi-faceted. I copy NM and Sunday Circle tapes and mail them out on a monthly basis. I make decisions regarding what tapes will or will not be archived. I store blank tapes on file for those who send them in advance and must keep track of how many tapes each person has on file. I also must be mindful of who has access to certain sections of the Tape Library.

I am also responsible for periodic updates to the Tape Library Catalog. I am very grateful to Gerry Beyerl who occasionally reminds me when I need to do another major addition to the Catalog.

Plans for the coming year including making changes so that Members can more easily obtain copies of a current Tape Library Catalog. We encourage you to use this terrific resource!

Blessings, Tricia Youngquist, Tape Librarian

beginning of year	\$1.80
donations	85.51
<u>misc.</u>	<u>0.22</u>
<b>total</b>	<b>\$87.53</b>
postage	\$49.73
<u>supplies, tapes, mailers</u>	<u>37.80</u>
<b>total</b>	<b>\$87.53</b>
end of year	0.0

### The Periodical Library

As the archivist for the Periodical Library, I provide space for the storage of approximately twenty-five years of neo-Pagan and Wiccan publications. I receive occasional additions to what I have already. The Periodical Library continues to collect publications through an exchange program whereby copies of *The Unicorn* are exchanged for copies of other publications.

It is hoped that one day the Church will have the resources to preserve this history of the modern Wiccan movement for future generations through CD-Rom, microfilm, or future technologies. The Periodical Library derives its income through the allocation by the Board of 5% of all monthly donations.

Tricia Youngquist, Periodical Library Archivist

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH

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### *The Rowan Tree News*

The *RTNews* has not had an eventful year, for which we can be grateful. It continues to be the primary medium for communication and interaction between Church Members with Member letters given the majority of space.

The only change this past year was setting aside one of the ten pages for the 'classified ads' which allow the Church to better promote some items, advertise some functions and let Members know what is available for volunteer work. This has proven to be eminently successful in communicating church needs, activities and business.

We will continue to produce *The Rowan Tree News* at the home office. Since it has been published in the home office of the Church we've been able to maximize the publication of Member letters and Lothloriën-related articles. *The Rowan Tree News* contains about four times as

much text as it did in the first years of its existence under the first series of editors.

As long as Member letters are typed up for entry by the Church Secretary and the Eldermentor provides the ritual schedule, ritual journal and a monthly letter, these are tasks we would have to do if the newsletter was published elsewhere. Once we've done these essential chores, the remaining work takes very little time. Envelopes are printed via computer and all that remains is the final layout work (representing 30 minutes of my time), taking the originals to the printer and then folding and stuffing the envelopes.

We are pleased to provide this service for the Church.  
Rev. Paul

### General Manager

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## THE GALADHRIM

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As the "Head-Horn" of the Galadhrim Society of Unicorns, it has been my honor and duty to communicate

with the other Unicorns to let them know how we are all doing and to remind them of their commitment to communicate with and support each other. Again, currently, there are twelve Unicorns offering services of many types to the Church Members and each other. We have one Church Member who will be inducted into the Galadhrim before the end of September, which will, again, bring our number to 13. Please remember that any Church Member may join. If you are interested in becoming part of the Galadhrim, contact me at the Grove for more information.

Again this year, instead of this Unicorn doing all the talking, each Unicorn has been asked to submitted a brief statement about their service for the past twelve months.

The Child of Light healing rituals have been continued and are a major focus of our group working. Many thanks to each Member of the Church that has made a request for healing energies. Your requests help us to stay focused on the importance of this working.

I hope these responses from the Unicorns about what they have been doing in service to the Church during this past year is helpful to you in understanding how the Church Members are important.

In Service, felaróf

I look back over the last year at all the changes Isaiah has undergone. He has resettled on the East Coast and has changed careers. More recently, he has become a long distance father and found himself in a much more solitary lifestyle. The positive side of that change is that he has more time to devote to his studies and his volunteer activities. My intention is to get him to maintain regular correspondence with our Galadhrim kin over the next year.

In recent months, he has begun to interview New Church Members for the RTNews. He is finding it to be beneficial for all involved. It allows new Members the chance to introduce themselves to the Church in a gentle fashion. We would like to increase this type of service and to enhance our communication with the general Membership.

Isaiah still has the intention of becoming a Lay-Minister. This past year he lost the work he had completed due to a change in computers and a disk problem. This means making a new commitment to completing the requirements and rekindling his desire to serve. This will increase as he becomes more active within our local community.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be a member of the Galadhrim and seek to have more consistent communication with my human and with all those involved.

Autumn Blessings, Lindreau

I'm sort of the Town Crier for the Unicorns, sending out lists and reminders for the COL each month Amalthea

Odonata and her human had a busy first half of the year. We sewed ritual robes for almost all of the Grove Rowan Tree Members (which isn't easy with hooves!), and made some progress on the card catalogue for the Church Subscription Library. Both of these tasks have slowed in pace with the Summertime, but we intend to keep offering these services to the Rowan Tree Church in the future. We have also made sure to add names to the list for the Child of Light rituals each month, when applicable.

Autumn Blessings. Odonata

As some of you know, my Yule migration to the Wine Country of California last year turned into one of the strangest and longest adventures in my Unicorn Horned memory. My human and I started out on a short trip that turned into a very long one. There have been several adventures and misadventures of the past months. Needless to say we are looking forward to that time when we can return to the safety of the Northwest and the Hermit's Grove. Narwhal

Greetings all! I was called into being during this past turn of the Wheel to aid and assist my human in her work within the Galadhrim Society. We help the Church Secretary by sending reminders out to Church Members if we haven't received a monthly form from them in a while. We certainly wouldn't want anyone to miss getting their copy of the Rowan Tree News! My human and I also like to send out "Hello's" to new Members and birthday cards to those whose special days we know of.

This past July, I convinced my human to go to the Grove for the Annual Retreat, bringing me along, of course. It was great! I was able to meet other Unicorns and romp through the woods. We were careful to stick to the paths as we didn't want to inadvertently trample any of the plant devas. We were also able to work the Child of Light ritual as a group. My human and I have been working the Ritual at least monthly since then. Blessings! MoonDancer

### Lay-Ministry Program

Again this past year, the Lay-ministers of the Rowan Tree have been working in quiet ways. Tricia Youngquist (IL) has been working to get a discussion group started in her area in hopes of eventually establishing a Rowan Tree communittee. Cat McCabe (WA) was instrumental in suggesting and working the recent special Child Of Light service for victims of the East Coast tragedies. gerry Beyerl (WA) is working as the leader of the Galadhrim to get more taped copies of the Child of Light prepared and available for Members through the tape library. Lizard Frank Cordeiro (CA) has been instrumental in setting up the e-group for the Church Members and is working on the web-site for The Littlest Unicorn. Jim Saigle (Ontario) is focusing his ministry on the Child of Light healing rituals.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Lay-minister program, please write to gerry Beyerl at the Church's Kirkland office for more information. The program takes work to complete, but those who have completed it have a great knowledge of the Rowan Tree's beliefs and functions.

Blessings, gerry Beyerl, Lay-Ministry Coordinator

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### The Hermit's Grove

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It was a year ago September 20th that the new Master Herbalist Certification program was inaugurated. This program must be judged successful. On an average day there are a dozen students enrolled, most of them studying by correspondence.

The Hermit's Grove continues to provide educational opportunities through its monthly journal, *The Hermit's Lantern*, through the courses Rev. Paul teaches at Seattle Central Community College and Cascadia Community College where introductory courses are taught in herbal medicine to a larger community and specifically at The Hermit's Grove where studies in astrology, herbal medicine and tarot are regularly offered.

This autumn Rev. Paul will be offering a rarely-taught course in working magickally with gems and minerals. The Hermit's Grove has increased the selection of gems and minerals which are offered for sale.

The Hermit's Grove was incorporated with several goals. One was to guarantee the availability of several of the secondary studies which are required within The Mystery School of Lothloriën. Another goal is to provide housing for one or more of the Church's clergy. A third goal is to provide maintenance of the acre of land which is managed by the Beyerls through this incarnation. Since its inception The Hermit's Grove has

become the home for the local Community which has grown around Rev. Paul and Gerry Beyerl's rituals and Sunday Circles. It has also developed the ability to publish books, keeping not only *A Wiccan Bardo*, *Revisited* in print for The Rowan Tree Church but also *The Holy Books of the Devas* which is of equal importance to The Tradition of Lothloriën as well as *Painless Astrology* for the educational program within the Grove.

This past year due to personal problems our third Director found it necessary to resign. We have not yet found someone interested in this position but continue to be hopeful.

Although The Hermit's Grove is a separate legal and financial entity, we are publishing the current fiscal figures for your information:

<b>income</b>	
donations	\$1,930.85
Memberships	780.00
royalty income from Rev. Paul	\$2,986.05
subscription income	4,649.50
book and publishing income	893.05
herb, plant and gem sales	1,093.61
sales of books by Beyerl	3,866.72
educational programs	4,757.31
counselling	1035.00
shipping and handling	247.18
sales tax collected	215.40
money donated by Beyerls for propane	300.00
t-shirt sales	217.00
<u>misc.</u>	113.85
<b>total</b>	<b>\$23,085.52</b>

<b>expenses</b>	
postage and shipping	2,075.88
printing	3,656.65
utilities	1,628.53
mtce and repair	4,704.34 *
advertising	637.20
computer	487.50
web site, internet	574.49
equipment	453.47
herbs	1,346.71
office, educational, etc.	2,297.48
books and merch for retail	895.15
garden expenses	962.76
ritual/temple expenses	849.50
rent	617.00
credit card processing fees	539.29
sales tax paid	215.40
property tax donation to RT	1,590.00
telephone	659.96
portable toilet	485.47
royalties paid	200.00
wages paid	363.92
<u>misc.</u>	315.52
<b>total</b>	<b>\$25,566.22</b>

\* This included the construction costs of the garden barn.

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Our thanks to Jane Anderson for providing the financial figures. Thanks, dear Treasurer!!!

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Lothloriën's  
Calendar & Wheel of the Year



for  
The Rowan Tree Church  
2001 - 2002 ce

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## November

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1 November 2001 ce  
The beginning of our religious year  
The Ritual of Lothloriën

15 November 2001 ce  
New Basil Moon  
actual: 12:40 am CDT: 22° Scorpio 58'  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
The Mystery School: Oral Tradition

29 November 2001 ce  
Full Elfwort Moon  
actual: 12:49 p.m. PST: 8° gemini 43'  
Friday the 30th  
The Ritual of Lothloriën

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## December

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14 December 2001 ce  
New Sage Moon  
actual: 3:47 pm EST: 22° Sagittarius 56'  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
The Mystery School: Oral Tradition

20 December 2001 ce  
Yule Eve  
This year's Sabbat ritual: "A Yule Journey"  
with The Ritual of Lothloriën  
Sun enters Capricorn: 12:22 pm MST  
Friday the 21st

29 December 2001 ce  
Full Hyssop Moon  
actual: 4:40 am CST: 8° Cancer 48'  
Saturday the 30th  
The Ritual of Lothloriën'

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## January

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13 January 2002 ce  
New Comfrey Moon  
actual: 8:30 am EST - 23° Capricorn 11'  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
The Mystery School: Oral Tradition

27 January 2002 ce  
Full Angelica Moon  
actual: 4:50 pm CST - 8° Leo 50'  
Tuesday the 28th  
The Ritual of Lothloriën

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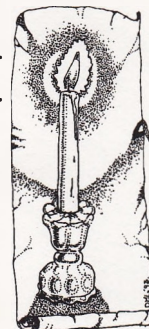
## February

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1 February 2002 ce  
Candlemas Eve  
"A Candlemas Journey"  
with The Ritual of Lothloriën

12 February 2002 ce  
New Star Anise Moon  
actual: 2:41 am EST - 23° Aquarius 24'  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
The Mystery School: Oral Tradition

26 February 2002 ce  
Full Lavender Moon  
actual: 1:18 am PST - 8° Virgo 36'  
Wednesday the 27th  
The Ritual of Lothloriën



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## March

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13 March 2002 ce  
New Willow Moon  
actual: 7:02 pm MST: 23° Pisces 18'  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
The Mystery School: Oral Tradition

19 March 2002 ce  
Eostara Eve  
Sun enters Aries: 1:17 pm CST  
Wednesday the 20th  
"An Eostara Journey" of Lothloriën  
with The Ritual of Lothloriën

27 March 2002 ce  
Full Verbena Moon  
actual: 10:25 am PST: 7° Aries 53'  
Thursday the 28th  
The Ritual of Lothloriën



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## April

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7 April 2002 ce  
Did you spring ahead?

12 April 2002 ce  
New Blessed Thistle Moon  
actual: 2:22 pm CDT - 22° Aries 42'  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
The Mystery School: Oral Tradition

26 April 2002 ce  
Full Basil Moon  
actual: 9:01 pm MDT: 6° Taurus 41'  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
*worked solitary*  
[no Community rituals]

26 April 2002 ce  
The Tarot Ritual of Lothloriën  
worked within The Mystery School  
Begins promptly at 7:13 pm PDT

30 April 2002 ce  
Beltane Eve  
The Beltane Journey of  
Lothloriën  
with The Ritual of  
Lothloriën



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## May

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12 May 2002 ce  
New Lovage Moon  
actual: 6:46 am EDT - 21° Taurus 32'  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
The Mystery School: Oral Tradition

25 May 2002 ce  
Full Sage Moon  
actual: 4:51 am PDT - 5° Sagittarius 03'  
Sunday the 26th  
The Ritual of Lothloriën

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## June

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10 June 2002 ce  
New Elfwort Moon  
actual: 6:47 pm CDT - 19° Gemini 54'  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
The Mystery School: Oral Tradition

20 June 2002 ce  
Midsummer's Eve  
"The Deva Ritual of Lothloriën"  
or the Midsummer Journey of Lothloriën  
Sun enters Cancer: 6:25 am PDT  
Friday morning the 21st

23 June 2002 ce  
Full Comfrey Moon  
actual: 3:43 pm MDT - 03° Capricorn 11'  
Monday the 24th  
The Ritual of Lothloriën

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## July

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10 July 2002 ce  
New Hyssop Moon  
actual: 4:27 am MDT - 18° Cancer 00'  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
The Mystery School: Oral Tradition

23 July 2002 ce  
Full Star Anise Moon  
actual: 4:08 am CDT - 1° Aquarius 18'  
Wednesday the 24th  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
"Reading of the Names"

25 July 2002 ce  
Opening of the 18th Annual Retreat  
1:30 p.m. - Opening of the Retreat  
7:00 p.m. - The Ritual of Lothloriën

26 July 2002 ce  
18th Annual Retreat  
The Child of Light - 8:00 am PDT  
BOD Annual Meeting - 9:00 am PDT  
Mingling of the Soil - 1:30 pm PDT  
workshop time - 2:00 pm PDT  
The Ritual for the Dead - 6:30 pm PDT

27 July 2002 ce  
18th Annual Retreat  
The Child of Light - 8:00 am PDT  
Memorial Grove time - 9:00 am PDT  
The Baby Blessing Ritual - 1:30 pm  
workshop time - 2:30 pm  
Retreat Potluck Feast - 4:30 pm

28 July 2002 ce  
18th Annual Retreat  
The Child of Light - 8:00 am PDT  
Sunday Circle 9:00 am PDT  
Closing of the Retreat

31 July 2002  
Lammas Eve  
'The Lammas Journey of  
Lothloriën'  
or 'The Lammas Ritual'



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## August

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8 August 2002 ce  
New Angelica Moon  
actual: 12:15 pm PDT - 16° Leo 03'  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
The Mystery School: Oral Tradition

21 August 2002 ce  
Full Star Anise Moon  
actual: 5:29 pm CDT - 29° Aquarius 38'  
Thursday evening the 22nd  
Some may choose to observe this on Thursday  
The Ritual of Lothloriën

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## September

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7 September 2002 ce  
New Lavender Moon  
actual: 11:11 pm EDT: 14° Virgo 20'  
Friday the 6th  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
The Mystery School: Oral Tradition

20 September 2002 ce  
Full Willow Moon  
actual: 7:59 am MDT - 28° Pisces 24'  
Saturday the 21st  
The Ritual of Lothloriën

22 September 2001 ce  
held at 2:00 pm local time  
Ritual for Fall  
& Welcoming of the Board of Directors

22 September 2002 ce  
Autumn Eve  
Sun enters Libra 12:56 am EDT Monday the 23rd  
"The Autumn Journey"

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## October

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6 October 2002 ce  
New Verbena Moon  
actual: 6:18 am CDT - 13° Libra 01'  
The Ritual of Lothloriën  
The Mystery School: Oral Tradition

20 October 2002 ce  
Full Blessed Thistle Moon  
actual: 3:20 am EDT - 27° Aries 43'  
Monday the 21st  
The Ritual of Lothloriën



31 October 2001 ce  
Hallows Eve  
"The Hallows Ritual of Lothloriën" or  
The Hallows Journey of Lothloriën

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The Tradition of Lothloriën has a number of Sabbat Rituals published for your use. In addition, a collection of eight Sabbat Journeys suitable for working within a Circle cast with The Ritual of Lothloriën, is expected to be in print and available by the end of January, 1999 ce.



When we cannot work our New Moons at the same time as the actual astrological event, we generally work the first evening *following* the precise time so as to be



working during waxing energy.

When we cannot work our Full Moons at the same time as the actual astrological event, we generally work the evening before the Full Moon so as to be working at the height of the Moon's waxing energy.

Ritual times may vary. Local Communities provide their own schedules. If you cannot work at the Full Moon or on the observed evening, we recommend when possible working with the waxing energies.

New Moons are worked within The Mystery School. Your solitary work is encouraged.

### Dates to Remember

Noël Knower	birthday	5 November
First Hermit's Grove Sunday Circle		6 Nov. 1994
Christopher McCombs	birthday	28 November
Doug Taylor	birthday	5 December
Isaiah Dearborne	birthday	14 December
Joan Bailey-Anderson	birthday	23 December
Carlos Castenada	birthday	25 Dec. 1931
J. R. R. Tolkien	birthday	3 Jan. 1892
Kahlil Gibran	birthday	5 January
Judith Karliss	birthday	11 January
Gloria Torell	birthday	11 January
Joan of Arc	birthday	15 Jan. 1412
<i>Painless Astrology</i> (2nd edition) in print		17 Jan. 1997
final IRS ruling: RT is tax exempt		19 Jan. 1995
Lewis Carroll	birthday	27 Jan. 1832
Anahata Katkin	birthday	1 February
first Ritual of Dedication conducted		2 February
Charly Barker	birthday	3 February
Legal Incorporation - Minnesota		4 Feb. 1980
Ortolano's First Degree Initiation		7 Feb. 1997
Sybil Leek	birthday	22 Feb. 1922
new garden barn erected at Grove		22 Feb. 2000
Rev. Paul's First Degree Initiation		23 Feb. 1977
<i>A Compendium of Herbal Magick</i> manuscript complete		18 March 1996
Rev. Paul began his Witchcraft training		19 March 1976
Verger's First Degree Initiation		13 March 1997
Edgar Cayce	birthday	18 March 1877
Rev. Paul's Ordination		20 March 1980
Jennifer Banina	birthday	25 March
Joseph Campbell	birthday	26 March
Elinor Gum	birthday	26 March
First Unicorn Ensemble concert		1 April 1979
<i>The Holy Books of the Devas</i> (4th edition) in print		1 April 1998
Cris Bear	birthday	3 April
Donna Lewin	birthday	14 April
Steven Keith	birthday	17 April
Rev. Paul & gerry's Handfasting		17 April 1993
new Dancing Circle altar installed		22 April 1998
Meri Fowler	birthday	30 April
Rev. Ron Weroski	birthday	30 April

Salvador Dali	birthday	11 May 1904
Hermit's Grove incorporated		20 May 1994
Wendy Barrington	birthday	21 May
houseblessing: House on Stevens		29 May 1980
Jason Hauser	birthday	3 June
Tony Miranda	birthday	5 June
Jennifer Kern	birthday	16 June
First Sunday Circle		24 June 1979
Rowan Dearborne	birthday	24 June
First filing for RT's 501(c)(3)		25 June 1990
Rowan Dearborne	birthday	24 June 2000
Jane Anderson	birthday	2 July
Moved into the Blaisdell House		15 July 1984
<i>A Wiccan Bardo, Revisited</i> in print		16 July 1999
Aldous Huxley	birthday	26 July 1894
Rev. Ron's Ordination		29 July 1995
Ladyhawk's First Degree Initiation		2 Aug. 1996
The Rowan Tree given its name		15 Aug. 1979
Lizard Frank	birthday	25 August
Michael Gooden	birthday	27 August
Rev. Ron's First Degree Initiation		29 Aug. 1992
Ricky Ring	birthday	30 August
gerald Beyerl	birthday	1 September
Rev. Paul Beyerl	birthday	2 September
Rev. Paul's 2nd Degree Initiation		5 Sept. 1979
Jim Saigle	birthday	10 September
Dianne Lorden	birthday	19 September
Moved to First Avenue Apartment		22 Sept. 1981
gerry purchased acre of land (gardens and woods)		1 Oct. 1983
Tricia Youngquist	birthday	19 October

We could only include those Members whose birth dates we have in our records. We do not wish to exclude any one. Included are important dates in Church history, the birth dates of historical figures, important volunteers in our Church and the Members we have on file. Remember these in your daily blessings as you turn the Wheel of the Year... If you are not listed, go ahead, send us your birth information!



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