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# The ROWAN TREE \*

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New Moon in Cancer, 1985 ce

Blessed New Moon!

New Moons are wonderful, 'outside', it is neat to 'within'.



because of the darkness  
strive for the light

Just because I waited for anymore letters would come in, a couple of days to see if alot of info came in. (I'll get the hang of this yet!) So, brew a cup of tea, and open up to all the wonderful news and thoughts from your fellow 'leaves' of our Tree.

WE HAVE NEW MEMBERS! As of July 7th, 1985 ce, we welcome ROSEANNA HUDGINS of 3065 Hutchings, Kansas City, KS 66104. Roseanna has a Scorpio Moon, actually conjunct Venus & Neptune. Sagittarius rising, rising Saturn-Sun conjunct. Roseanna says: "I was frustrated with the religion of my childhood - the Roman Catholic Church, because there was no 'acceptable way' (my definition) for me to fulfil a 'priestly' role, solely on the basis of my gender... But I still love the old rituals of the Church, especially the High Masses (in Latin) & the old rituals & prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Theresa of the Little Flower, & other saints."

Roseanna began studying Wicca in the winter of 1979, taking a class in Wicca Alex Kirby taught thru a community university. In July of 1980, she was Initiated, 1st Degree, in English Traditional Wicca by Alex & Stephauna. In September, 1981, Roseanna was Initiated 2nd Degree in that Tradition, and became a High Priestess. In 1983, she was Initiated 3rd Degree and has since explored a number of groups.

Roseanna says, "I desire an atmosphere of structured learning/teaching in the Craft in Wicca. I wish to regain my self confidence/self discipline in conducting Rituals and in teaching Wicca to others. I want to learn anything I may have missed in my previous Craft training...from what I've seen, heard, read, & experienced of Lothloriën, it is a group to which I could willingly contribute my time, tears, efforts, joys, & skills, and not feel that my trouble was wasted."

Blessed Be, Roseanna! Your love and skills are most welcome.  
(She gives great hugs, too! - Mahr) \*\*\*

As of July 14th, 1985 ce. we welcome MAY HARSHEBARGER, of 13512 Clearbrook Road, Apt. D, Oklahoma City, OK 73120. May says, "Largest area of interest: Healing - of all types. Experienced in using quartz crystals to do aura balancing, chakra unclogging, general healing. Therapeutic Touch - aura balancing/ unclogging. Massage - need to learn more about foot reflexology. Herbs as healers, mind as healer/player, psychology of healing/sick rolls/why we become ill." "...I am for the most part, solitary insofar as working any Rituals." "... There is a very small group of local people that I trust enough to totally let down all the barriers and do Rituals with. I have known them for many years, and our work flows together very well. When the barriers are down, it is easy to raise and channel power... I like to double check dreams against Tarot and Runes or Astrology, to make sure I'm not imagining things." "...I work full time as a medical librarian at Mercy Health Center and feel good about my work there. Indirectly I help alot of people... The people who have been referred to me, have all responded (to me) in a very positive, responsible, harmonious way that gave me feelings of how very good the vibrations of both the group and the individuals are." Blessed Be May! Your skills and

healing love are needed. (She's a delight to talk to via phone! - Matr)

Last week was the Herb Magick Week, conducted by Paul. He says, "It is pretty exciting, there are 6 of us, 4 are Rowan Tree, and the other two are witches. It's just wonderful." "The Magick that is being raised on a daily basis here, for the five days of Magick, is being channeled into the placing of the petrified stump, the establishment of the North Altar, out in back, and the implanting of 6 Citrine crystals, surrounding the petrified stump, which has been in many years of Rituals, since I bought it. The implanting of 7 quartz crystals, buried in the Gardens, & the planting of barley planted around the petrified stump. The barley came via mail from Alex in Iowa." Ooooh, sounds Blessed and wonderful!

"Regarding "A FORM"... a couple have returned, and waiting for more. (Thanks again, Don Schaper, for your ingenuity and work!) So, please fill out A Form, and get it mailed in, so that the Books may be completed. It would be most appreciated. "THANKS". It is expected that the Books that describe everyone, will be distributed at White Water Park at the Camp-Out. We have but three out-of-town Members that will not be there. Theirs will be mailed, and anyone else is responsible for picking their copy up."

From Paul, (con't) "I just wanted people to know that Phil Freeman made a really amazing-sounding Pyramid out of four different types of wood, which are: Willow, Pecan, Ash, & Purple Heart. He made his pyramid with the same incline as the Great Pyramid, and used copper foil to fit the corners. It sounds wonderful, & I just wanted other people to know that I thought it sounded wonderful!"

\*\*\*Attention you Rowan Tree folk, who love to copy so much! There are some changes in the "Covenant of Lothlorien: the Key," "The Laws of Magick" now has a new date... 4vii85ce, and the part of our written Tradition entitled, "The Mythology of Lothlorien", has had some additional material added to it, which is important and relevant to that Scripture, and is now dated 11vii85ce, the Sacred Scriptures. So, if relevant to you and your copy requirements, please get your corrections/additions on these three Keys in your Book of Shadows.\*\*\*

CONGRADULATIONS to Alex Kirby, who has started his Third Term with Lothlorien. This will be the year of the most change for him... "When I think of how I've changed and progressed in the time I've been a Member, it's amazing! Much of how I how I feel defies words... how can you put a rainbow onto paper, when it was meant for the sky?" "I have been posed with many questions about myself, the world around me and the nature of Life. My Mentor has forced me to consider options for change that I might not have otherwise considered. Sometimes he has seemed to be a real pain in the butt, but mostly I love him as my brother and wise friend. He has my respect. So you see that I have grown from where I was, and will continue to grow, I am re-applying to the Rowan Tree so that I may continue with the work that was given to me to do. So that I may return my Blessings by working the Magick of the Mother, with my fellow friends, here in Lothlorien." \*\*\*Blessed Be, Alex! ...smile.

Dear Rowan Tree members, Sun. 7-7-85

Hello from Margie. I am writing to share some news about the Sunday 8 a.m. meetings at Paul's. These meetings are good & informative.

Any members who miss a meeting please ask someone who went what happened, to stay informed, with what is going on.

The Sundays of July we are chanting the Lesser Banishing Pentagram Ritual. Today we also talked about the Covenant of Lothlorien of first degree initiation. We talked about the Laws of Magick, the Sigils and we talked about the Lannas picnic. Goodbye for now.

Blessed Be,

Margie

*Thanks Margie, for the input! Great in typing! - Matr*

Sunday, July 14th from Paul: This morning we covered more of the LBPR, explained some of the Sigils, discussed some of the Mythology of Lothlorien, which is now revised and everyone must get the new version. We also talked about the Camp-Out, there will be about 14 or 15 of us. Next Sunday, the last weekend before we go camping, we will take the time to work on some things, like where the planets will be, which ones are visible, the phases of the Moon, sunrise, those types of things, and plan some Rituals and Meditations for the camp-out weekend. To be able to take advantage of things, to really enjoy the opportunities that we'll have there, being together.

The Traveling Parcel has been around & has come back, & will be collecting stuff from the Minneapolis people during the Camp-Out. The Parcel will be sent back out at Picnic.

\*PLEASE BRING PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC. TO THE CAMP-OUT. In fact, why don't you go put some stuff with your pile of things that are already ready for the camping trip...right now. We'll wait...

HI! Glad you're back... ooh, that stuff will be NEAT for the Parcel!

SOME TERRIFIC NEWS! (Drum roll Please...) The Rowan Tree now has the "O.K." from Prairie Jackson (the artist) to republish the HOLY BOOKS! Hoooooraaaay! Be prepared to vote on a proposition at Fall Equinox regarding the republishing of this precious Work. Blessed Be Oh Prairie Jackson! Maybe Paul will be willing to release his address so each & everyone of us can send him our thanks & warm thoughts...

Phil Freeman's arrival date to Minneapolis has been changed (no new date given.) Also regarding the travels to the Camp-Out, Mahr is not sure yet how she will arrive, (no wise-cracks) the choices are free ride to Minneapolis by private plane, commercial flight, <sup>a</sup> combination of above to get to Des Moines, to drive up with Alex...

Speaking of Alex, in a letter he writes: "...I have been impressed with the sense that where I belong is the Rowan Tree, that my skills are to be combined with those of the other members, to preserve the Mother's magick in this world. To still keep someplace for Pan to frolic and snort, so that as we traverse into the new age, we can pass our mysteries on. Paganism isn't a dying faith, but one which is transforming itself for use in the future. The abuse of our home, this planet, may bring us to a global catastrophe, but it is the perseverance and nurturance of Her magick, wherever it's found, that will keep us all going, even if it is into the next plane of existence." ... "In the coven that I came from in Kansas City, it was traditional to stay up all night on Oimelc (Candlemas) and watch the Sun come up. Personally, I prefer to welcome the Sun back after the third night of Yule, when tradition has it that Balder rose from the dead. I hosted a very nice Yule gathering in K.C. once which had two services, one on Yule night for those who were into being Pagan, and one at sun-up for those real Witches. smile. It was beautiful with great use made of crystals and gardenia oil." Alex continues on regarding some of the proposals at hand, to be voted on at the Fall Equinox Meeting... "We are not yet in a position of real financial stability to talk of buying land. Having the need being made a part of our awareness is good, but before we can really do anything, we must show ourselves able to keep our pentacles in balance. I suggest that we shelve this proposition for now, and reconsider it once we have proven that we can be capable and responsible with our money. A more pressing need, it appears to me, is the purchase of some sort of duplicating equipment, a press, for the use of the Unicorn, and our other publications. This will give us the ability to see how difficult it will be for us to do some major financial work. Granted, a press isn't nearly as expensive as a piece of land, but we haven't been doing perfectly on what we have now, and that doesn't include a press. I would suggest that the press be our next major item of purchase and that any excess monies from our pledges be put in a fund for its purchase." There is a

a proposition that we designate the Cremation Society of Minnesota to handle our funerals, in a fashion that we shall decide on. This needs to be discussed before all of us. First of all, do we have a funeral ceremony for our Members? Secondly, what about those members who don't want to be cremated? We don't have to wait for our plot of land to decide these things, yet I don't perceive that there is a great urgency in establishing the Society as our service, when we haven't yet determined how we are to approach the deaths of our Members. Let's do some more discussing of this before we decide whether we want one service alone, or any, for that matter, to handle our funerals." All this was spurred by Alex because of the fact that there are two propositions out there in relation to the purchase of a parcel of land, and another that we pledge five dollars a month to it. Alex continues, "I wholeheartedly agree that a limit should be put on our membership. We need time to work among ourselves to create a special bonding magick which will be necessary for the future work of the Tree. It will be difficult for this to happen if there is a constant shuffle of people in and out of the Tree. Anyway, a definite yes, to Prop. #3, that for a time, two years is the example, we should put a freeze on accepting new members." Thanks & Blessings, Alex, for you input!

A special THANKS from Mahr, for all the correspondence, personal letters, and especially the Postcards from Claire, Margie, and Paul. (I've sent out about 80 since my time here in Florida, it is really nice to get some picture postcards from my home State.) Boy, if any of you don't think you get enough mail, become the Editor of the Newsletter! I LOVE IT! Oh, my Mom sent me a postcard with snow...

Well, since I'm talking about correspondence, I'll put in print some of the response I've had so far regarding my Pentacle Proposal. -From Phil Freeman..."a due date is helpful to keep track...20th of the month is fine...what do the two 'welfare cases' have to show or claim or do to earn their status? Otherwise, I think 2 is a good number & the rule a good one. I also feel good about the land fund - it sure will take a long time to get that money just through 'dues' of 75¢ a person per month - maybe it could be more, but we also need to consider other fundraising projects. Cost of living increase a good idea. My problem comes with the language of the 'enforcement' clauses, and, I think, this is partly from my reading the connotations rather than what you intended to say. But I feel the wording should be changed. 'the discipline of submitting to the Rowan Tree' - OK, submit here meaning send in a fee, but it sounds too much like 'submit to the Will of \_\_\_\_\_ (Krishna, the Church, the Guru 'Within', Reverend Goon) or whoever - start talking to me about 'surrender your ego, serve and you will be enlightened', & I'm gone, Sister. I don't expect that kind of crap from an organization as spiritually sophisticated as the Rowan Tree, (I'm talking about con jobs, not the true, personal surrender in the heart that can't be imposed from without.) Two months - poverty can last for an inconveniently long time - though I feel the amount is so small, almost anybody could afford it - maybe by the non-receipt of the 3rd month dues, it would be reasonable to assume that the student is no longer interested. I speak as a nonresident 'postal' member who often forgets to mail a letter, even though I put money in a week ago. This is not really a point I disagree with - discipline is a virtue, just one I might have a hard time with. 'you will be asked to leave our company' - here's a threat that just seems antagonistic, maybe not every member's company is that great, it would be too easy for a put-upon debtor to sneer, 'Big Deal, who cares?' And to assume, that that person doesn't care about his or her spiritual progress - is pretentious to the point of hubris - it has been declared that the spiritual Path of a member may lead through the Rowan Tree for only a short time, they may lose interest in or be unable to pass their studies, but that doesn't mean they are no longer striving on a spiritual path. I feel honored

to be a student in the Rowan Tree, and I feel an obligation to support it financially, as well as with my best efforts. The Rowan Tree is not a coven, nor is it a satsang around a guru. It is a mystery school, and we could view our financial responsibility as a tuition, or we could view it as a mystical 'fraternity' or 'sorority' (what would a genderless noun be? 'siblingity?') to which we are privileged to belong, and to which we owe 'dues'. But to me, the Rowan Tree is not a church, from which one can suffer excommunication (more like a school that one could flunk), I'm sure you realize I am not presuming to criticize you or to put an attitude on your idea. I just felt it needed rewording, in amore objective, businesslike tone, similar to (but not necessarily as cold as) the tuition requirements in a college catalog-(perhaps we could kick around the idea of an annual or seasonal fee, rather than monthly - might make budgeting easier). We are small and personal, and I would hate to quit sharing books and gifts out of friendship - we must be free to give more if so inclined or able, and place faith in the Goddess in Her All-Nourishing Aspect, & in ourselves & our dreams..."

Phil also sent a letter with regard to Urson..."it's been a year since he showed his prickly head around here. I've felt Porcupine is a totem animal of mine since back in '81, when, upon returning from an 'unintentional' vision quest in the mountains of Utah (aka. being hopelessly lost), I met Him waddling down the middle of the road - he seemed shy & disoriented & quite comical in his blissfully obvious way..." Thanks Phil, for all your input and humor. Bless you!

- From Norman Strizek: "...I don't understand the confusion around money nor asking for it. As far as I am concerned, money is put here so that we can use it. The more that we use it and get those material things around us, then we can truly get to the business at hand which is our spiritual future. In most traditional religions, a tithe of 10% (total income) is asked of the membership in order to support the efforts of the spiritual leader. Now don't get me wrong, I am not advocating that policy, all I am saying is that if something is important enough to us, we will always have the money to get it. In this case, the real question remains, do we want to just deal with the day-to-day money issues, or do we want to look to the future with joy and a strong desire to have something that we all can celebrate now & in lives to come. ..."I think that it should be for only one year, so that we can determine how well it works."..."Cost of living is only relative to asking for more money. Be more specific, if you need more money, then ask for it. "...As far as people that cannot afford to tithe, well, I believe that it happens, but it shouldn't happen. Obviously, if the Mentor is responsible for the destiny of our spiritual teachings, then he/she should be responsible for making decisions for the membership and who or who cannot afford tithing." (Mahr's note: I put that part in to help Paul with the load of 'everything' for all of us. Since the Initiates assist in other decision making, why not this?) "Definitely a due date. I asked about it and I was told that I could tithe whenever I wanted to start. I don't think that this is a wise idea because you are so overwhelmed with the process and doing things right, that there is a margin for error and god forbid if we end up too mortal. Late fee is like cost of living. Either you do it, or you don't. You either look at the Rowan Tree like any other financial responsibility or you don't. Would you think of going without food or housing for a month? Ergo, isn't our spiritual life food for our soul?"

"The only thing that I would add to your proposal is that a Treasurer position is added to the Rowan Tree. Now Paul said that checks come in daily and he takes care of that, well, that's fine, then the Treasurer is only responsible for collecting the tithes. And it could be done easily. Everyone knows that it is his/her responsibility so the Treasurer would not remind anyone. He/she would just tell Paul who hasn't paid and after two months, bye-bye."

..."If you can't tell, I am a Taurus. We are loving adorable earth creatures who take a long time to observe the horizon around us. As we stand & graze, the activities of the world may or may not affect us. Sometimes if you want our attention, opposites work. Hit us over the forehead with a board or love us, or we will become lost in all the beautiful earth that surrounds us. I have a Leo Moon, and an Aquarius Ascendant..." I just spoke to Paul, and although he does not like the term 'Treasurer' (because of its inference) he likes the idea. I should clarify that this Treasurer would gather all the money and present it to Paul at one time (say on the 21st) with the person's name and amount of contribution and no value judgement would be made. That way, the money would only have to enter into the relationship on that occasion rather than on an on-going basis."

Neat response from Norman! Thanks! Wonderful insight into the man who came to us from a Druidic sect... Blessed Be!

A break in the financial issues (yes, there's more to come)... A letter from Ed Rom:..."My life has much synchronicity in it now, since I've joined the Rowan Tree -- I'm getting used to it, sort of, but I still think it's really neat. As time goes on, and my studies advance, I feel there will be even more--I don't know where I'm going in life, but I'm getting the notion that the trip is going to be wonderful, all because of magick and the Craft. Right now I have the feeling that a logjam is breaking up, so many neat things are happening. The Goddess is throwing shaktis of love at me, and I feel grateful that I can perceive it and move with it." "...I'm beginning to get ready for the camping trip. I went yesterday and bought some swimming trunks and real bath towels. Though perhaps trunks won't be needed for swimming at night...." Ed will be Dedicated within Lothlorien on July 24th... Blessed Be! (Mahr's note: I find it amusing that my typewriter ribbon went so dark referring to skyclad swimming at the Camp-Out.)

A letter from John Bradley: "...My proposition is...During the fifteen minute period just prior to the Sunday class time, i.e., 7:45 am Sunday morning, there should be a chant session as a group for the purpose of unification of magick, spirit, and mind. Those who are absent from the group would be expected to do this individually with their attention focused within the single body of the group.... I don't think that it's asking that much, and if we are going to be affective as a single body, we need to think as a single body. Give my love to everyone. Blessed Be, John " Sounds good, John & thanks, but time schedules need to be worked out first and discussion needed. All you folk, what do YOU think? Send me feedback, and I'll put in a proposal with all the rest. As Corporate Secretary, I'll be compiling a voting sheet. Might I suggest that all proposals get in soon, as there must be enough time for the out-of-towners to view it, vote on it and have it in prior to the Fall Equinox...Mahr.

Oh, forgot to add that Ed Rom will be riding with David Bartell from Mankato for the camp-out. I sure love how all of us are pulling together for rides, etc. It's going to be an incredible weekend!

O.K. Back to more stuff regarding Mahr's Pentacle proposal:  
-From Paul Beyerl: "I would like to go on record that because I have been having to talk money off & on for many years, this time I will stay uninvolved & will let the rest of you make these decisions. Blessed Be! - Pandelan"

From Alex Kirby: "...I share with you some concern about the financial stability of the Rowan Tree. We as a people have decided to undertake some work which requires money. Yet we have not created a definite means by which we can support our projects. To a greater or lesser extent, the publications and herb shop support themselves

with some occasional aid depending on their need. But we also do an incredible amount of mailing, purchasing of materials and so on. These items are not frivolous nor purchased at a whim. We need them in order to insure the health and perpetuation of our dream. We are currently facing some goals which will require greater financial strength than we have yet been able to create, namely the purchase of our 'cemetary' and also the purchase of a press. Given our current fiscal picture, we can't do this. So, we must create options. In the past we have relied on, ideally, the commitments of our Members to pledge a certain amount of money to keep our fires burning. This can only go so far, as none of us are made of \$100 bills and our finances are often drained by the everyday events of life, blown engines, unexpected illnesses, and the like. I think that it is good that we should review what is a reasonable amount for each member to pledge on a monthly or annual basis. I think that your figures are not out of line, however, I would like to hear the treasurer's response as I think that possibly more than \$8.00 a month may be needed. yet, I disagree that a late fee should be charged on overdue pledges. It is our responsibility as students to keep our word about our financial commitment as it is to keep our word about progressing with our studies through the ordeals. If a member is not keeping up as he/she should, then the Mentor must step in and apply corrective measures. A late fee does little to collect the money when the student's heart is really not into the Tree. Consider what it's like when your charge card assesses you a late fee. Does it make you want to pay them all the sooner without creating ill feelings? (Mahr's note: goodpoint, Alex, but the reason for the late fee is to help teach those of us that have trouble with deadlines, etc. This is a school, and we all are students of life, as well as it's Mysteries. Besides, I heard some wisdom from somewhere once, if you want to get a person's attention, hit them in the pocketbook. As far as the comment regarding the Mentor stepping in, Paul's tired of this, and that's how this whole proposal thing got started in the first place. Let's get our proverbial piles together, and let Paul do what he is best at, interpreting Wisdom and teaching it. 'Nuff said.) Alex continues (before he was interrupted): "I agree that including a special amount in the pledge, such as 50% every month goin' for the land, is a good idea. Another idea is this..."

Something we did at church when I was a kid, was to each of us select a special project which we would work on throughout the year, which would bring in a certain amount of money which we would give to the church. This project could be saving recyclable items, or making and selling jewelry, knitted items, or produce from our gardens. Some people saved all their pennies and gave them to the church. Some people would have more than one project going at once, and it became that fun. This is a positive response to what always plagues religious organizations. The need for money is made evident to the membership and they are asked to determine how they would best like to help. If they believe in what they are doing in their church, then they end up feeling positive about doing something on their own, which is not mandated or judged by their peers. I suggest that we should consider this and possibly try it in addition to our monthly pledge." / Alex also likes the idea of only one year vs. three/..." I suggest that any Member who cannot meet the minimum for reasons such as lack of income... be given some special arrangement accepted by the full Membership (vs. Initiates) at the annual meeting and that this special arrangement may last the year and be renegotiated at the next full meeting. It doesn't seem to me to need to be a private matter, as first of all, there is no shame in being poor. We as Witches are not concerned about whether you're poor or not, but with whether one is able to best make use of what Mom gives us. Also, as we will all know what the minimum is required for each of us, it seems correct that any special arrangements should be made aware to all of

us and agreed upon." WOW! Lots of insight from Alex. It was an extremely long and delightful letter (not all was put in) and he should be thanked for all his insight/time/effort. Alex, Blessed Be!

From Don Schaper: he offers some modified proposals, the first being a one-time only (once a year) the rest being permanent.

" A. That there be a mandatory minimum payment per month of \$8.00 for 1986. That there be a mandatory maximum payment per month of \$24.00 for 1986.

B. That we vote at the Equinox each year, the amount of the next year's monthly payment minimum.

C. That the maximum monthly payment be set at twice the minimum.

D. That if a member feels that he/she cannot meet the minimum requirement, that the following be done: 1.) resign until the member's life is more in tune with the Hermetic Principle (As Above, So Below). 2.) submit, in writing, to the Initiates, the member's reasons for desiring exemption - and 2/3 of the Initiates agreeing.

E. That the exact amounts payed by each member be made 'public' through the Newsletter."

Don continues, "I feel that it is important for the Rowan Tree to 'fix' its problems with Pentacles. To this end, I think that strict measures should be enacted. We have, in the past, trusted that our pentacles would be OK as long as our spirituality was OK. This is a nice theory, but it hasn't worked! The only reason that the Rowan Tree has remained 'solvent' is because a few members have payed in enough to cover the many who pay very little or not at all. I believe it is morally wrong to have these few carry the rest. This is why I propose that there be a mandatory maximum as well as minimum. My 'D' Proposal is tricky. There are valid reasons why a person might not be able to make manifest the money necessary to meet the minimum payment. I think that this method would work, though I would appreciate other suggestions. 'E' is probably the trickiest of all. Many might think that it is an invasion of their privacy, I agree, but, I also think that it is necessary. We need to create an atmosphere of Trust between all the Members. The more knowledge each Member has about the others, the easier it will be to attain our stated goal of Perfect Trust." "I urge all of the Rowan Tree to put this matter of money to rest - we have far more important Work to do. I believe that the best way to do this is to create iron-clad rules. I would have preferred that the voluntary pledge system would have worked, but it DIDN'T." Thanks Don! Bless you!

Well, that's all the \$\$\$ talk/response I've gotten so far. Isn't it GREAT! I haven't heard this much conversation on one issue in a while, and a touchy one, too! Thanks to all who have written, and are in the process of putting your opinions on paper. There's still a bunch more of you who haven't voiced your opinion. LOVE TO HEAR IT!!! If I had all the answers, or wasn't willing to listen, I never would have gone thru the time and cost of asking. Please respond.

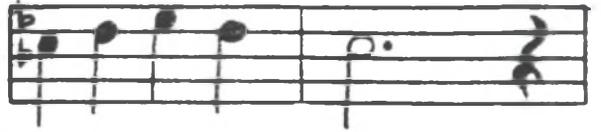
Also enclosed, is an original Chant by Don Schaper. He sees it used during Ritual, right after the Great Rite...doesn't that sound truly wonderful?! He is also in the process of composing (taking many years) a full ritual, based on Lothlorien, which would consist solely of chants and songs, so watch all of the R.T. Publications, and I'll bet a Ritual will unfold before our very eyes...

Well, believe it or not, that's all the 'news' thus far. In about a week, we'll all be camping together... O Blessed Be! I sure love these tea boxes..."It's the glow from within that creates beauty. People are like stained glass windows, they sparkle like crystal in the sun. But when darkness falls, they continue to shine only if there's a light from within." (no author - Celestial Seasonings Herb Teas)

*Blessed Love & Trust... M. Schaper*

# Blessed Be!!!

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Hear the Goddess call:



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Blessed Be!!!



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Perfect Love, Perfect Trust...



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Blessed Be!!!



⊙ Hear the Horned One call:  
⊙ Blessed Be!!!  
⊙ & ⊙ Perfect Love, Perfect Trust...  
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URSON ... attends a Pagan Festival!

Well, here I am, but I'm 5 minutes late! They will have started the opening ritual without me!!

### LOST LAKE

BAIT BEER  
Night Crawlers  
Red Wigglers  
Blood Bait  
BAK-B-Q



This can't be the place, wait... That girl... could she be a....!



Yes, URSON meets his FIRST Fellow witch



The Site has its drawbacks...



I thought I was late

Think many will come?

You've heard of Pagan Standard Time?

Well, at least my Boyfriends promised to show up



The HPS arrives...



OK! as soon as we pick up the trash, this place'll be great!! We can even go Skyclad!!



By Nightfall the camp is in full swing...



In spite of himself, URSON makes new friends

Gimme dat old Time Religion...

