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Greater Mysteries

The Goddess Diana is the Huntress of the forest, the one who relies on no one else for survival. She stands alone, steady, strong, and independent. When the New Moon rises in the sky it is Her bow, reminding us that She is beside us, within us. We are strong and free, able to face the challenges that are put before us. Her Light shines and grows as the Light within each of us. At the New Moon we celebrate our new beginnings!!

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Aquarian Tradition Ritual Presenters Diana's Bow & Full Moon Warder

In the Full Moon ritual this position is not gender specific, but in the Diana's Bow this position is most often assigned to males. This has to do with the balance of projective and receptive energy in the rituals.

The Aquarian Tradition is based on the equal balance of these two forces of Nature. One of the primary requirements to become an Aquarian Tradition coven is that there must be both a Priest and a Priestess in leadership positions. This has nothing to do with sexual orientation or gender identity, but has everything to do with having an equal representation of both the Masculine and Feminine faces of Divinity.

The Full Moon Warder can be either male or female because there are a balanced number of males to females in the other roles: Maiden & High Priestess for the feminine energy, and Magister & High Priest for the masculine energy. This ritual is also balanced by its nature, the union of the God and Goddess.

The Diana's Bow Warder is usually assigned to males because there are four roles: Maiden & High Priestess for the feminine energy, and Warder & High Priest for the masculine energy. There is very strong feminine energy in this ritual, which is why a male Warder may be important for balance. The Diana's Bow Warder is also responsible for anointing the women as they enter into the circle.

The Warder is the guardian of the circle. He or she has no other job, except to maintain the integrity of the circle, and the safety of those inside. If someone wishes to enter or leave the circle during the ritual, it is the Warder who must allow passage through the gate, opening and resealing it. This gesture must be made obvious enough that it is clear to all that the circle has been maintained as a safe space. In addition, the Warder gives the 15, 10, and 5 minute calls to the start of ritual time. There is a small amount of memorization required for this role.