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*As is consistent with the values and beliefs of our religion, the Covenant affirms our belief in the spiritual and social wisdom of peace in the world. We aspire to stand in fellowship with the people of all religions, cultures, and ethnicities in our shared desire for peace. We do this for the sake of our shared love of the Earth and all living things that dwell upon it.*





## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE AT IMBOLC

Imbolc renewals are due on **February 2, 2021**. The Drop-dead date is February **12, 2021** after which your membership will lapse and you will need to reapply. Renewal forms are emailed to the email address on file from your last renewal. If you have NOT received this form, please contact the National Membership Officer immediately (membership@cog.org).

**CALAFIA LOCAL COUNCIL:** NONE

**CHAMISA LOCAL COUNCIL:**

- ❖ Caim of the Desert Moon
- ❖ Circle of the Cauldron
- ❖ Our Lady of the Woods

**EVERGLADES MOON LOCAL COUNCIL:**

- ❖ The Sylvan Forest
- ❖ Amber Moon
- ❖ Coyote Morningstar
- ❖ Qabal

**HILLS AND RIVERS LOCAL COUNCIL:**

- ❖ Coven of the Wooded Vale
- ❖ HearthFire Coven
- ❖ Hecate's Wheel

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCAL COUNCIL:** NONE

**ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL COUNCIL:** NONE

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCAL COUNCIL:**

- ❖ Dragon's Weyr Circle

**TEXAS LOCAL COUNCIL:**

- ❖ Circle of the Star
- ❖ Anastasia Lankford
- ❖ Q'est (Dragan)
- ❖ Glenda Phillips

**TOUCHSTONE LOCAL COUNCIL:**

- ❖ Ecclesian Fellowship

**NATIONAL COVENS:**

- ❖ Church of the Earth
- ❖ Dragonweyr
- ❖ Grove of the Willow Wood
- ❖ White Buffalo Clan

**NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:**

- ❖ Aracos Aredel
- ❖ Eibhlean
- ❖ Jerrie Hildebrand
- ❖ Kirk White
- ❖ Raniananda

**FRIENDS OF CoG:** NONE

- ❖ Jeffery Wolf

## OUR GOVERNING BOARD

- National First Officer – Lord Verderius
- National Purse Warden – Manny
- Calafia Representative – Catherine
- Chamisa – Tiffany B.
- Everglades Moon – Raven
- Hills & Rivers – Lauren T.
- Northern California – Thea Bristlebroom
- Orange County – Janine
- Southern California – Monica / Lady Mariah
- Texas – Orin
- Touchstone – Jack / Lord Soec
- National Covens – Lord Solandrin
- National Individual Members – Grace Moonhawk *pro tem*

## LETTER FROM THE FIRST OFFICER

Season's Greetings CoG Membership,

Once again we are heading into the deep of winter as we approach the Solstice. This is the Yuletide season, and it's a time to pause and rest during these long winter nights. Although we are dealing with greater darkness, there is a glimmer of "Hope and Light" that shines brightly ahead of us. May the New Year grant us peace and happiness once again, as we shall see the many changes and greater possibilities being offered to all of us in the coming months ahead. The long awaited vaccines are becoming available, so we can all move beyond this long global pandemic. It has been a long and trying year for all of us dealing with the effects of this horrid virus.

We acknowledge the many souls that have passed beyond the veil during this year, as deaths related to Covid-19 continue to grow. May the departed souls find peace and rest in the Summerland. We know that many people are still feeling the angst from loss of jobs and financial hardship associated with this pandemic. Additionally, many are still feeling separated from loved ones as we remain socially distance during the holiday season. However, the promise of Spring's renewal of life is just ahead of us. We all long for the days of growing light and greater health, as we move beyond these trying times. Brighter days are coming. ***The end of this turmoil is finally in sight!***

Now, with the winter holidays quickly approaching, our focus now shifts to the needs of our immediate families during these uncertain times. I am asking all CoG members to continue to shelter in place if possible, and to remain safe from the current rise in the virus that we are now seeing nationally. We owe it to our national healthcare workers to keep safe during this horrible global pandemic. They need our help.





In closing, I want to wish each and every one of you a very Blessed Yule and truly Joyful Solstice!

*I am wishing you all Brightest Blessings this Holiday Season!!*

With my Love,  
Lord Verderius  
National First Officer

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### FIRST OFFICER

Samhain has come and past, and our new year with new potential shall unfold during the months ahead. We had a joyful, but small gathering for CoG's 45th Anniversary Celebration. Also, we had an easy transition of leadership from the National Board to the Governing Board that was concluded during the online event. Additionally, I have had held my first meeting in November with the Governing Board, which was their "first official meeting" in the leadership role of CoG.

During the Governing Board meeting we discussed many matters for the Covenant. We have begun to put plans in motion to revitalize and restructure our magickal organization for our long term future vision of the Covenant. We will be discussing these ideas and plans collectively in January, when the two boards meet for the first time jointly. We will share the details of that meeting in the Imbolc 2021 newsletter.

Today, I will be meeting once again with the Executive Committee of National Officers. We will be discussing the future plans for our executive board. Additionally, we will set plans in place for the future travels of the national officers to continue our efforts on the re-growth of the Covenant. However, these travel plans can only happen once the vaccines for Covid-19 have been given to the national populace. All travel plans have been canceled, since our return from PantheaCon in February.

Our winter holidays are fast approaching and I know that everyone's focus will shift to the needs of their families during these uncertain times. Please keep in touch, but also take some time to rest and prepare for our joint meeting in January with the Governing Board. They will be sharing their ideas and plans for the Covenant with us. There will new projects to be completed in the coming months.

One of our big topics we will be discussed during the Executive Board meeting will be the plans for next year's Grand Council and Merry Meet event that schedule for August in Santa Ana, California. We hope to see that this year's GC/MM to be held with the onset of three vaccines coming out during the new year. **Please try to remain safe and well during the holidays!**

Re-growing the Covenant and former Local Councils in the many regions where we once had a presence has always been my future goal for CoG. We have many former members who would benefit from working with us to re-establish their former Local Councils. I hope to reach out to many of these former members personally in 2021 to discuss the changes happening in the Covenant of the Goddess, and to see if they would like to re-join us in the developmental stage of re-growth and revitalization. Wish me luck.

With our national election behind us and a new administration coming in, we hope to see brighter days ahead in the coming new year of 2021. There is sense of "Hope and Joy" that is steadily returning to us as we plan for better days when we can move about more freely and safely without having to social distance ourselves any further. We will survive these long winter months with vigilance and hope!

With Fervor & Fortitude,  
Lord Verderius

### SECOND OFFICER

OCLC will be holding a Virtual Psychic Faire on Sat. December 5<sup>th</sup>-Sun. December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a fundraiser for MerryMeet 2021. At this time, we are hopeful that we will be able to have a live Grand Council/MerryMeet next year. I have nothing further to report.

### MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

No Report given. *(Please see Executive Board Minutes, page 9.)*

### PURSEWARDEN

#### CURRENT ASSETS

- Chase Main Account: \$88,942.82
- Wells Fargo Interfaith Checking: \$5,585.62
- PayPal Account: \$56.60
- Synchrony: \$33,099.74 (as of 10/31/2020)

#### CURRENT ISSUES/UPDATES

None. I continue to monitor for IRS updates.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Greetings! Hope y'all are doing well and have been enjoying a safe and happy holiday season. As YOUR NPIO I am wrapping up 2020 and sharing some of the most recent activities. While there are



many data points to look at, here are some basics from our social media:

FACEBOOK: 269,499 Likes

INSTAGRAM: 2,402 Fans, 176 Posts

TWITTER: 3,318 Fans, 40 Posts (over 28 days)

In October, we held a Virtual 45th Anniversary Party on Saturday, October 31st. We had two guest speakers: Glenn Turner and M. Macha Nightmare. Both shared their unique and creative look at the beginning of CoG. There were giveaways, a review of the timeline created by Andrea Kendall, and memorable toasts shared. There were 58 people registered, however on Zoom, there were only 17 to 20 in attendance. Since we were streaming live to Facebook, we had more views. Ultimately, there were over 2.4K views via Facebook. We had approximately 1% of the membership celebrating this milestone.

I received a request from Gail Reisman, a member of a Jewish organization that has formed a Comparative Religions interest group; they are looking for a speaker on Wicca. We are exchanging information to determine logistics.

A request came in from Sofie Isenberg, who is a Pulitzer Center reporting fellow covering the psychological impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. We spoke at length about the impact of COVID-19. When the study is completed, she will share her results.

Our December 2nd Wednesday with Witches was the largest attendance so far. Several members joined us to talk about "all things Yule". We also had new attendees from all over the U.S. and someone from Poland. He was up at 3am to attend. Thank you Mateusz.

From our Marketing & Outreach meeting in November, we decided to cancel our member's only Wednesday with Witches scheduled for December 16th. With so many online events taking place, we felt it was time to take a break and resume in January, 2021. Please mark your calendars for January 6th for Wednesday with Witches, open to the public and January 20th for Members Only. At this time, our topics haven't been set. If you have suggestions, please email outreach@cog.org or PIO@cog.org.

There are several activities that members of our Marketing & Outreach team will be hosting. The month of December is in recognition of Human Rights. We recognized AIDS Awareness on Dec. 1 and Lord Verderius shared a prayer in his opening for Wednesday with Witches. There will be two Instagram/Facebook Live activities to share the crystals and herbs for Yule. And lest we forget "Bacon Day" on December 30th.

**PUBLICATIONS OFFICER**

As another Yule approaches, the Lord and Lady have seen fit to grant humankind a boon. We finally have a vaccine to combat Covid. We've lost many friends and neighbors to this disease and this dark time has been particularly hard on all of us. We will soon begin a new chapter and with new leadership to lead this country. As the wheel turns onward, may the blessings of the Lord and Lady be with us as we start anew!

As always, please send any articles, poetry or minutes to [newsletter@cog.org](mailto:newsletter@cog.org). If you have an obituary for Beyond the Veil, training material, or past MerryMeet rituals for the website (or anything else really) please send it to [cogweb@cog.org](mailto:cogweb@cog.org).

**CORRESPONDENCE OFFICER**

No report submitted. (Please see Executive Board Minutes, page 9.)

**NATIONAL RECORDER**

No report submitted. (Please see Executive Board Minutes, starting on page 8.)

**NATIONAL OUTREACH OFFICER**

No report submitted. (Please see Executive Board Minutes, page 9.)

**WELCOME TO COG**



Please welcome:

- ❖ Bryce Woyak, National AoIM
- ❖ Morrigan Proctor Greene, Friends of CoG
- ❖ Silvermist, Friends of CoG
- ❖ Olivia Briggs, Friends of CoG

**NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES**

~November 8, 2020

Lord V provided the invocation.

**Roll Call** – (Quorum is two-thirds present):  
We have Quorum.

National Officers:

- ✓ First Officer – Lord Verderius – Present
- ✓ Pursewarden – Qabal – Present
- ✓ Recorder – Faelind – (Does not count toward Quorum)



#### Governing Board Representatives:

- ✓ Calafia LC – Catherine – Present
- ✓ Chamisa LC – Polaris / Alt: Lady K – Both Present
- ✓ Everglades Moon LC – Raven (Debby) / Alt: Lord Rieken – Both Present
- ✓ Hills & Rivers LC – Lauren / Alt: Jamie D. – Lauren Present
- ✓ Northern California LC – Thea / Alt: Deborah B. – Both Present
- ✓ Orange County LC – Janine / Alt: Morgana – Both Present
- ✓ Southern California LC – Lady Mariah / Alt: Lisa M. – Lady Mariah Present
- ✓ Texas LC – Orin / Alt: Willow McKenna – Orin Present
- ✓ Touchstone LC – Lord Soec – Present (late)
- ✓ National Covens – Lord Solandrin – Present
- National Individual Members – Grace Moonhawk – Absent

**Governing Board Rep Reports:** Lord V greeted each rep and added since this is our first Governing Board meeting, he did not expect reports this time.

Morgana asked whether she needed to provide Second Officer reports to each GB Meeting. She does not. It can be submitted to the Executive Board and Governing Board at the same time for newsletter minutes.

Thea asked how long we expected the meeting to last tonight. Lord V hopes that it will be two to three hours tops. She also wanted to know whether we were going to use the different Zoom functions for consensus in the GB Meeting. Lord V didn't think we would need them tonight. Everyone was encouraged to use the Zoom Raise Hand function.

Deborah asked if we could have a stack watcher to keep track of questions. Morgana will do it tonight, but as the alternate, she does not plan to attend every meeting. Deborah said it doesn't have to be the same person every time.

#### Old Business:

**Action Items (from October 11<sup>th</sup> National Board Meeting):** Faelind to review GC2018 recordings to confirm/clarify National Individual Member requirements – Done

Faelind updated the Bylaws Review Committee and both Boards to secure approval for an update to the bylaws she felt was unfortunately missed from the 2019 GC changes, but there was not consensus to update the bylaw so she tabled the issue and will generate a proposal for next Grand Council. She met the deadline to submit the GC Minutes, Bylaws, and Policy Manual changes.

**Lord V to work with Canu to ensure updated email lists:** One for Governing Board Reps and one for National Officers. Lord V plans to contact

Canu after the meeting. He has reached out but has not heard back.

Deborah stated that the GB Reps need to have an email list or a forum to communicate with each other. There was discussion around how to determine if one has access to the GB Rep forum to confirm, and how there is an option to turn on the ability to see who else is in the forum. Canu is busy and has not been able to respond to queries regarding changes. Thea asked if Faelind would take on the role of updating the GB Rep Executive Board forums. Faelind asked Orin if he would help and he agreed. Lord V will schedule a meeting with Canu, Faelind, and Orin to go over the task of updating the forums for the two boards.

Thea to work with Lady K and Janine to get content for YouTube from NCLC member – Done – Lady K has the information and will reach out to the member to secure information to be uploaded to YouTube.

Lord V to publish new 2020/2021 Calendar for meetings with requested changes – Done All meetings have been scheduled for the entire year in the CoG Zoom Account.

Lord Soec to update the website with social media icons and look for a solution for the online Calendar flash issue as well as fix the broken links – Calendar Fixed, still need icons – Lord Soec was not present when this was discussed so this will be carried over to the Executive Board Meeting.

**For the future vision for the Covenant:** Lord V read the following 15 ideas for the future of CoG and the immediate response was that we need to prioritize down to 3 or so. (See priorities below.)

1. Find ways to build a culture within CoG to make it more enticing for members-
2. Mentors and leadership-
3. Build, sustain, and encourage Craft culture-
4. Become Pagans with a purpose-
5. Emphasize the social aspects of CoG and make them a selling point (building further on the PIO and Outreach efforts)-
6. Back to basics as an earth-religion/based organization – wildlife and/or wild lands conservation – be identified as an org that supports the environment-
7. Education-
8. Prison ministry (Inmate Ministry)-
9. Re-establish defunct local councils-
10. Governing Board as a think tank to brainstorm ideas – create a visionary structure for the board-
11. Develop language about what we offer – what CoG can be for people-
12. More marketing data with feedback from not just internal but also from external to CoG – how are we viewed externally-
13. Establish/re-establish LCs in metropolitan areas-



14. Focus on establishing LCs in places where we might have National members (not necessarily where we were established before)-
15. As more LCs are created and the Board gets larger, the GB reps could have a different role in their local council if we were to consider all members as National Members. Local Councils would then be free to have different kinds of responsibility and activities instead of being a path to membership-

Catherine suggested that folks in her LC thought that CoG did not meet the needs of the community. We need preparedness for emergencies and a response to peoples' needs during this pandemic, for example. When we had a vision committee and did a survey about COG, the overriding feedback was "what can COG do for me?" and I think we need to consider that people are more likely to respond to an organization that listens to and responds to their needs.

Janine added that as PIO she is creating goals for the next year that will meet some of these marketing goals and Brandon may be doing the same for the outreach goals.

Lauren added that there are platforms like Twitch and Discord that are used by young people without requiring the Zoom platform. We could expand our reach to also help the future vision for the Covenant. Twitch and Discord are gaming-like platforms that allow people to join together in 'communities' to game together or watch others game or perform activities. Lauren said they had 400 people watching four of them playing Dungeons and Dragons in their living room last week.

Lady Mariah asked how do we get someone access to a forum? There are new forums that folks in her LC would be interested in. Lady K said that you can see all the forums that are available on the renewal form and online and choose those you want by sending a note to Canu or submitting to NMO and she will work with Canu. There was discussion around the 'forums' listed online as some of them look like the old, defunct eLists, but Lady K had stepped away so we could not get confirmation from her.

Deborah said her priority is improving communications. We need to make it easier for people to communicate instead of putting up barriers.

Qabal said his top three are back to basics, climate change, and expanding the Covenant LCs since two of these are mission consistent and the third relates to our financial and organizational viability.

Catherine suggested that if we do start doing some of these things, like the getting back to basics and Inmate Ministry, we need to have them publicized so that folks not in CoG would be

interested in joining us. Lord Soec discussed what we could do on the public website. Education and mentorship should be a priority.

**Priorities (as summarized from October 11<sup>th</sup> National Boards Meeting):** Lord V elaborated that number 1 is his priority, even though we cannot do what we wanted due to the pandemic so some of the work might need to wait. He added that number 5 is being headed up by Lady K so could be removed from the list. Of the others, which should be the main priorities? What is our plan for the future?

1. New members/establish LCs/re-establish defunct LCs – Determine what LCs need – This is Lord V's priority after COVID when we can travel. He will continue to work with the PIO and Outreach Officers to continue this effort. He spoke on making CoG more inclusive to those who are not interested in Degrees or Traditions to bring in younger Witches and people of color.
2. Build a culture within CoG by emphasizing the social aspects of CoG and develop language about what we offer – This is important to bring in new members. – PIO is continuing this work.
3. Outreach and mentorship with education to reach new people and support existing members with leadership to build, sustain, and encourage Craft culture. – PIO and Outreach are continuing this work.
4. Becoming Pagans with a purpose by supporting and performing conservation and/or activism for wildlife and wildlands – get back to basics – Lady Mariah will take on this to form a Committee. Thea suggested that there are activists in NCLC who would also be interested.
5. Prison Ministry/Inmate Ministry – Thea suggested we change verbiage to Inmate Ministry – Lady K is heading up gathering material to send out to inmates upon request and to provide support to those who are doing ministry. Lady Mariah suggested this should be an entity of CoG like our Interfaith entity – Will be removed from the priority list and allow Lady K to continue.

Lord Rieken suggested that the ministry and support we provide is usually done at the LC level. How would we do this at a National level? Lord Soec added that we could add these types of support that we already do to the website so that folks in other parts of the country would want to get involved. Lady Mariah said that if a constituency wants to support a cause, it could be brought to the GB and it might be something that we support from a National perspective.

Lady Mariah suggested that numbers 2 and 3 are currently being done by Outreach and PIO and that should continue. She is willing to take on number 4.





Morgana agreed with Lord V that elder status and degrees are not appealing to younger people and suggested that CoG may need to change that. Catherine stated, "That's a big change – CoG was intended as an organization of elders and covens – Do we need to revisit the Charter?" Lord Rieken said the organization was created as a Credentialing organization and that required Degrees. We won't be able to meet all needs for all people.

#### **Governing Board Goals going forward:**

After much discussion, Lord V Summarized the priorities to the following and asked everyone to come up with ideas for them for the next meeting on February 6, 2021:

1. Becoming Pagans with a purpose by supporting and performing conservation and/or activism for wildlife and wildlands – get back to basics-
2. Education and mentorship-

#### **New Business:**

**Approve and Renew the Webhosting contract and pay annual fee.** Qabal has already paid.

**Discuss and Approve the 501(c)3 Status Requirements with the State of California.** A 990 Non-Profit Report goes to the IRS and can take some time to appear (up to two years). The Accountant failed to follow-up for last year and the IRS notified us that we had not filed our 990 Report. The accountant submitted two years of 990 Non-Profit Reports to keep us valid. Qabal has followed up and will continue to follow up to ensure that we have resolution.

**Qabal walked us through the expanded Pursewarden Report.** He emphasized that this is not a normal fiscal year-end due to the pandemic and we have not had the expenditures due to GC travel.

Deborah had questions about Synchrony and asked Qabal to present a report detailing the issues and recommendations for the next meeting. Qabal also talked about how it would be nice if all the Local Council accounts were in either Chase or Wells Fargo so may include some additional recommendations to the Governing Board.

**Lord V turned over the floor to Lady Mariah who explained the following topics:**

**Ongoing process – procedures for these meetings:** Meet all the GB Reps. We will use raised hands, and chat. Governing Board Chairperson. Creating and disseminating Agenda. What we do between quarterly meetings, e.g. committees, written reports.

**Ongoing process – CoG's channels of internal communication** –Newsletter, forums, both sides of the website, email lists, channels used by national members, channels available to Friends of CoG. Adding the Executive Officers' and

appointees' job duties to the website. Adding the Governing Board to the newsletter. (It is already there – reviewed the Samhain newsletter.) Creating a description of jobs/duties and who does them, to give to our constituencies.

#### **Directives, inquiries, and requests for information to the Executive Board:**

- What forms of social media presence do we have (check Newsletter) *Website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram*
- When does the Zoom license get renewed? *June 2021*
- When does the website hosting get renewed? *November 2020*
- What other licenses are paid for? *Quickbooks – Only renewed with a new National Pursewarden*

**Tabled to next meeting** – Website public side memorial site.

**Survey – Local Membership Involvement** – Survey membership to find out what they're involved with (suggested by a SoCal LC member). Donation check-off boxes on membership renewal form for new causes to support and determine which causes. Promote local podcasts and blogs. Lady Mariah said she will follow-up on a survey. Lord Soec said he can add a link to the website. Qabal has an unrestricted use of Survey Monkey.

**Tabled to next meeting – Membership Issue** – Elder requirement for those transferring from LC to National and vice versa. Discuss Bylaws proposal for Grand Council 2021. Lady Mariah suggested that all proposals should go through the Governing Board.

**Tabled to next meeting – GB should consider appointing a Speaker of the Board.** The Speaker can help put together an agenda beforehand.

**Requested for next meeting** – Deborah requested that we devote some time to internal Communications for the Covenant.

#### **Action Items:**

**Communications:** Lord V to contact Canu to ensure updated email lists: One for Governing Board Reps, One for National Officers. Lord V will schedule a meeting with Canu, Faelind, and Orin to go over the task of updating the forums for the two boards so that Faelind and Orin can take over that task and have Canu update the option to allow members to see other members of any forum they are a member of.

**Synchrony:** Qabal to present a report for the Governing Board to review regarding the Synchrony account. It is possible that the money will be invested elsewhere due to the access issues we have with that account.





**Survey:** Lady Mariah to develop a strategic and detailed survey of membership to find out what they are involved in.

**Forums:** Faelind to confirm which Forums listed online are actually forums.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned after just over three hours. All felt it was a good first meeting of our new official Governing Board. Good work, all!

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

~December 6, 2020

**Invocation:** Lord V invoked Coventina and called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call - (Quorum is two-thirds present):** All Officers in attendance except Lady K. We have quorum.

### National Officers:

- ✓ First Officer – Lord Verderius
- ✓ Second Officer – Morgana
- Membership Officer – Lady K – Absent
- ✓ Publications Officer – Lord Soec
- ✓ Pursewarden – Qabal
- ✓ Public Information Officer – Janine N.
- ✓ Outreach Officer – Brandon P.
- ✓ Correspondence Officer – Grace Moonhawk
- ✓ Recorder – Faelind

### Officer Reports:

**First Officer (Lord Verderius):** *(Please see full report on page 3.)* He discussed the disappointing attendance for CoG's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Zoom. He had hoped that since the membership had not been able to see each other for MerryMeet they would take the opportunity to attend to visit each other.

He related that he held his first Governing Board meeting and it went well. He believes it is a good board and they have good ideas. We are all still on a learning curve as to how the Governing Board will work with the membership and the National Officers.

**Second Officer (Morgana):** *(Please see full report on page 3.)* Her LC held a virtual Psychic Faire this weekend and is looking at their experience as a template for how they might do a virtual MerryMeet which the Officers agreed was a good way to plan for Grand Council/MerryMeet. There was a discussion on how crowds may still not be allowed next summer even with the vaccines coming for the Coronavirus.

**Membership Officer (Dee P.):** Absent

**Publications Officer (Lord Soec):** Things are moving along smoothly. He asked for reports for the newsletter as he is working on it currently. He also reported that Zenah is scanning the archives so they can be sent back to NCLC. Jack asked if everyone has seen the new calendar and many officers reported that they have and it works very well.

**Pursewarden (Qabal):** *(Please see full report on page 3).*

**Public Information Officer (Janine N.):** *(Please see full report on page 3).* She plans to send in an update later this evening. She wants to add details about the virtual Anniversary Celebration. We had about 50 people registered but only about 20 attended on Zoom. We had 3,400 facebook views, but of course, those are not all members. She added that we had 32 people at the last public Wednesday with Witches held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will not have a members Wednesday with Witches in December but will resume in January. On January 6<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our next public Wednesday with Witches.

Lord V shared a prayer for HIV/AIDS Awareness that Janine had asked him to write for the public Wednesday with Witches. Lord Soec asked for a copy for the newsletter.

**Outreach Officer (Brandon P.):** He is happy to be back, it has been a rough couple of months in his life. He has gotten back into sharing and providing content for facebook live events. He has been working on getting the events onto the website and sharing more often on Social Media. He has learned how even just one share makes a big difference. He did a facebook live on Transgender Day of Remembrance for all those who have violently lost their lives. Manny mentioned that he has the full list of names from the Wild Hunt.

**Correspondence Officer (Grace Moonhawk):** Grace stated she will get a report out for the newsletter. She will be setting up a personal Facebook page and Twitter Account that will be connected to the Correspondence Officer, so folks know where to contact her. She provided a new email to contact her. She has not received anything from the prior CO but asked if we have CoG stationary that she could use. Manny has created a version of CoG stationary that he sent to the Officers for her use. Lord Soec believed there was some CoG stationary in Publications. She has received all the outstanding pieces of mail to begin responding. She also asked about whether we have a packet to send to inmates and learned that the packet was created by Amber K from Ardantane and was sent with permission from CoG. We are asking Amber whether we could get a pdf of her packet to send with permission from Ardantane.



Grace Moonhawk will also be the National Individual Member Governing Board Rep.

**Recorder (Faelind):** These minutes are my report.

### Old Business:

**Communications:** Lord V contacted Canu and scheduled a meeting with Faelind and Orin to go over the task of updating the forums for the two boards. Orin and Faelind updated the Forums so that all the Governing Board Reps are listed in the Governing Board Forum, all the National Officers are listed in the National Officers Forum and all reps and Officers are listed in the Combined Board Forum. Canu has also updated the email lists. The Governing Board Reps asked to see if there is an option to allow members to see the other members of any forum, they are a member of. Canu has been trying to find a solution for that and for allowing Friends of CoG to access the Forums, even when they are not members and cannot access the members side of the website. So far, he has been unable to find a solution, so even though we passed a bylaw at Grand Council two years ago to allow Friends of CoG to access the Forums we may not be able to meet that request.

Turning off the old elists should be done by the end of December this year.

**Forums:** Faelind was asked by the Governing Board to confirm which Forums listed online are actually forums. See Appendix A for what is listed on the website and Appendix B for what is actually found in the forums. The Website should be updated to move the Timeline discussion to the Committee Lists instead of the Special Interest Discussion Lists. Otherwise, the Website list matches what is available in the Forums.

**Financial End of CoG Plan:** Faelind had a note to follow up with Manny about The Financial End of CoG Plan for the National Officers meeting. Manny has this on his list of things to do next year.

### New Business:

**Items sent to the Correspondence Officer:** A person seeking provenance – Lord V reached out to someone who practices Streggha to find out whether we could connect them. The Officers discussed the request and gave Grace some options. We can introduce folks to community to find what they need, but CoG does not provide what the person is requesting.

A person requesting a Military Service Award – Lord V asked who had the Military Awards and learned that Canu has them. He will reach out to Canu for them.

**Call for Additions to the Agenda:** None.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 90 minutes.

## LOCAL COUNCILS



### CALAFIA

~ April 12, 2020 ~

Calafia Local Council is provisional since two circles did not renew memberships this year.

Since Circle Athenaeum did not renew, I also will resign as First Officer, Second Officer, Membership Officer, including the resignation as the alternate governing board representative.

Catherine will remain the governing board representative and Eric will remain the point of contact for Calafia's Facebook page.

I feel energies are more necessary in the crises of the pandemic, the protests, and the economy rather than increasing memberships.

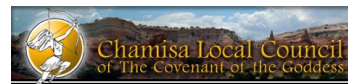
Here are the remaining Calafia Local Council contacts for 2020

Catherine D

Erik W

Karen

High Priestess of Circle Athenaeum



### CHAMISA

~ Dec. 6, 2020 ~

**Present:** David Legare (1<sup>st</sup> officer), Lora Jackson Legare, Carole McWilliams, Amber K, Polaris, Dee Proctor (Lady K), Dru, Sylvia (Webb) Koehler, Rowan (Laura Lile), Blaine Proctor (2<sup>nd</sup> officer), Brandon Proctor, Lady Athena (Michelle).

**Covens represented:** Our Lady of the Woods, Circle of the Winter Moon, Crowwymyn, Circle of the Silver Moon, Circle of the Cauldron, Ardantane.

**Called to order** at 1:02 p.m. MST.

**Officer reports** - David had no 1st Officer report.

2nd Officer Blaine didn't have much to report. The 2021 Mabon will be discussed later in the meeting. "It's a toss-up whether it will be on-site or on-line," he said. The guest presenter is confirmed.

Membership - Sherie Snyder was sick and didn't attend; will send her report.

Recorder - Carole asked if she was supposed to send a copy of the minutes to CoG. Sylvia said send a copy to the CoG newsletter editor and the 1st Officer. They need that for the next newsletter before the next high holiday. Lora said it only needs to go to the newsletter editor, Lord Soec (Jack Prewett).

Pursewarden - Sylvia reported no activity since Mabon with a balance of \$6,425.32. We spend



\$400 to \$500 a year with Copper Moon to maintain the CLC website and something for the website itself; also whatever we give as donations. It's unknown whether we'll have expenses for Mabon in 2021. She stressed we never want to get below \$4,000 to pay advance costs for the site if it's on federal land. It was noted later that we took in \$400 minus PayPal fees for the virtual Mabon.

PIO/ Interfaith - Lora said there was a virtual meeting in November for NM Interfaith Power & Light but she didn't attend. She said Lady Athena connected her with another group, the Interfaith Alliance of Colorado and she's now on their e-mail list too. Another group in southern NM is doing quarterly pancake breakfasts. The Colorado group and NMIP&L are on Zoom. Lora said she's doing a presentation on Wicca and Paganism for the UU Church where she lives, for a podcast in January.

CoG board reps - Polaris reported the governing board met on Nov. 8. She and Dee attended. She'll put the report on Facebook. Their focus is protection of wild lands plus education and mentoring, support for seekers, solitaires, inmate outreach.

**Friendly reports** - Ardantane - Amber showed the Ardantane progress report. The campus was open for a short time for small groups, but not now. They are totally closed. Nothing is happening with facility improvements. Programs are all on-line. This year they've had 14 programs and 31 Friday fireside seminars. Rowan urged anyone who has something they can teach for two hours on Friday evening to contact her. Amber said, "We need 50 (presentations) for 2021. The next step after that is to record each of these and our classes, and create an on-demand archive (that can be accessed) for a small donation."

Sylvia suggested getting in touch with Alane Brown, who wants to do an intensive Pagan music retreat.

Amber advised, "We're staying afloat financially. It looks like we'll make it through the winter." She said they'd like to start an endowment to smooth out finances.

No reports or representatives from Silver Moon Health Services, Beltane Southwest, or Albuquerque Pagan Pride. Lora said the Las Cruces Pagan Pride is totally uncertain.

**Old/ ongoing business:**

Update on CLC replacement for Witch Vox - Lora said she'll get with Rowan on that.

Update on NM witchcraft video - Lora said Kathryn (sp?) Probasco talked to the company that's doing this. Lora talked to the Sun news reporter. "The chances are slim of this making it to production. We hope it will go away." She'll talk to Kathryn and see if she has the contact info.

Sylvia reported that Kathryn has withdrawn for now from Circle of the Winter Moon and her many activities.

CLC membership drive - Sylvia advised, "There's a strong likelihood that Circle of the Winter Moon won't renew in June. I may have to re-join (CLC/ CoG) as a solitary."

Virtual rituals for sabbats - We discussed the best date and time for a Zoom Yule ritual, to not conflict with what individual covens are doing. We decided on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 9 a.m.

Pagan resources database - Brandon has started a Google doc and is asking permission for people to be on that. He said the database is small but coming together. He'll post it on Facebook.

Brown Paper Tickets issues - Sylvia said there were legal issues with them keeping money. "We have no way of checking on them like with PayPal. I felt the amount we got last time seemed less, but I had no way to track it. We used PayPal for the on-line Mabon." She hasn't heard anything more about Brown Paper Tickets.

Mabon handbook - Dru said she's gotten info from several people and is looking for others who have experience with the event. She thinks she'll have an outline by Imbolg.

**New business:**

Ardantane donation - Pursewarden Sylvia was okay with \$500 or even \$750. We twinkled \$500.

NM Interfaith Power & Light dues - Amber thinks it's \$50. We twinkled that.

**Other** - David noted an e-mail that day from Carol Burling about a possible presenter for the 2022 Mabon. He suggested more discussion at the Oestara meeting.

CLC Litha retreat location - Rowan is willing to be in charge if it happens in-person, at White Rock NM.

The meeting ended at 2:29 p.m.



**EVERGLADES MOON**

~No Report

Last published minutes in the Samhain 2020 edition.



**HILLS AND RIVERS**

~ No report~

Last published minutes in the Lammas 2020 edition.





## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

~March 15, 2019~

Attendees:

- Coven Trismegiston – Anna, Don
- Daduchos Coven – Thea, Rachael
- Darkmoon Circle – Vicki
- Owl Moon – Linnea, Rowan
- Stardust Coven – Kay, Moonwater
- Waxing Moon Circle – Taffy, Valerie
- Individual Members:
- Cary the Fairie

Quorum was met and meeting called to order at 2:15 pm, adjourned at 4:10 pm

### Old Business

- **Review** Consensus Process and expectations for a quick, smooth running meeting.

Discussed Deborah's question of whether contested elections are a good thing, a bad thing or just a thing, and Macha's point of view. Fascinating discussion about consensus process happened, text available if you're interested! (

- Deferred approval of January minutes to May meeting. Don offered a minor correction. Deborah suggested doing approval on the forum, Thea mentioned that not everyone is on the groups.io forum yet.
- Select National Governing Board Representative and Alternate. Macha Nightmare - Governing Board Representative and Deborah B. - Alternate
  - Thea raised an issue about how to handle the vote of the LOCAL Assembly of Individual Members (if an election needs to be held in the future), and a really good discussion ensued, text available if you're interested!.
  - Regarding communication about the Governing Board meetings from the Rep and the Alt to this body, Rachael would like to see more than just the bare-bones notes, she wants to know more about the emotions regarding a subject, or the pros and cons of that subject, she would prefer a far more and involved report.

### New Business

- Reluctantly, Stardust Coven will voluntarily lapse at Mabon, but one of their members (Moonwater Silverclaw) is asking to transfer to an Individual Membership. NCLC is sorry to see Stardust go and wish them well and hope to see them in NCLC again. Moonwater introduced herself and answered questions, and NCLC will consider her transfer request at the May meeting.

### Return to Old Business

- Local Councils have been challenged by the National First Officer to grow our membership, and we have taken up the gauntlet. Select a venue for Membership Outreach activity (PanGaia (early June), Sacto Pagan Pride (middle of Sept), Witches All (no date yet, just a gleam in our eyes), other suggestions? Due to COVID-19 pandemic, deciding the "where" will be tabled till next meeting, and the PIO committee will start working on the "what". Macha asked if someone joined from Hawaii would that count towards NCLC's quota, a short discussion ensued regarding the type of membership needed for distance membership. Don brought up the idea that NCLC could accept a distance member if they were participating and contributing to NCLC. Thea mentioned that the bylaw regarding geographical boundaries was written before online meetings, and thus a LC's boundaries might be pushed further in this age of the internet.

Retrieval of CoG Newsletter Archives from Southern California? Tabled to be discussed if MM is cancelled. The Archives were started by various members of NCLC and donated to Adocentyn Library's care and a decision by this body was made to send them down to Touchstone LC be scanned. If an in-person MM/GC is cancelled, we will have to think of another way to get them back.

### New Business

**Upcoming Meetings** (at 2 pm unless noted otherwise)

- May 17 meeting will be virtual
- July 18, location tbd.

### Return to Old Business

#### Reports:

**FO / Acting Representative to the National Board:** Canu is requesting at least one moderator for each forum, LC Forum, and additional Forums such as AIR, DD, etc. Job requirements for being a Moderator are tbd, and Netiquette rules are posted on the National webpage. Please let Thea know if you're interested in doing this.

**PIO Committee:** Rachael did not get responses when she tried to schedule a meeting. Confirmed at the meeting, Rachael, Deborah, Thea on PIO committee, Macha and Don and Felicity as consultants. Vicki volunteered to post items to Facebook and other venues if she is given the information. Greg is currently handling NCLC's Facebook page. Moonwater will repeat out anything that she is tagged on. Macha would like anything that is put on any form of social media to also be posted on NCLC's webpage.

**Tree of Trads:** ToTs has been closed down, and items are being returned to folks. Thea has Deborah's items.



**ORANGE COUNTY**

~ October 8, 2020 ~

**MO:** Thea will transfer MO materials to Anna at this meeting. Anna met with the new contact for Waxing Moon at PantheaCon, and Anna has been talking with the NMO to help get Waxing Moon to pay their dues in the next few days. Taffy is looking to apply for credentials. A possible new member has contacted Anna.

**Pursewarden:** report Jan 17 to Mar 14:

Expenses:

\$700 for Tree of Trads at Pantheacon

\$126.68 Website expenses (Felicity)

Income:

\$313.97 Tree of Trads refund (ToT paid to Thea for CoG reception food)

Account balances:

General \$671.39

Travel \$362.48

Interfaith \$464.45

Grace of the Goddess \$153

Total: \$1651.32

Formal accounting statement was sent as required to National Feb 7.

**Interfaith:**

Don - Info about URI: Trailer for URI documentary:

<https://visionaries.wistia.com/medias/k6a68bdrp1>

Report on URI conference last Fall. I'm on page 14: <https://uri.org/sites/default/files/media/document/2019/URI-Impact-Report-2018-19-Web.pdf>

Don is being interviewed for a documentary about a 20-year-old unsolved murder of Emmon Bodfish, and if anyone has info regarding this, or if you remember him, please contact Don.

Rachael - URI Monthly Indigenous Meetings have been restarted now that Rachael and Greg have moved in and have internet. August NAIN CONNECT meeting may be completely online due to Covid-19. On the committee to plan a CONNECT meeting in Mexico and learned that NAIN has no groundwork (?). Mexico has mandated that each state have an Interfaith Board, which in practice are old, white, Christian men who are pushing their views. So, there is a lot of work to do there before we can do a true Interfaith meeting.

Report on the groups.io replacement for NORTH - 4 people not joined, still working on getting all the Individual Members to join. Thea is happy to do a one-on-one show and tell about groups.io forums, if desired.

No Action Items

**Next Meeting Date / Location**

- March 15 at 2 pm ONLINE meeting
- May 17 ONLINE meeting (unless the Covid 19 pandemic has ended)



in complete, Warden (Vibes Watcher) - n/a. Quorum achieved - Pam

**Virtual Attendance:** Covens: Greenwood Glen (Pam, Camille), CCoW (Mary), BFR (Janine), Ghostwheel (Morgana) and Provisional Coven - Dream Walkers of Delos (Tyler).

Individual - Rev Dee

**Officer Reports:**

**First Officer** - Pam: Looking forward to our Psychic Faire

**Second Officer** - Camille: Pagan Pride LA/OC rescheduled for October 24-25<sup>th</sup> and will be virtual. OCLC has paid for an information only vendor booth. For the event we should have: Landing Page with links to pdf's, Collect contact info, Advert for Psychic Faire. Also Facebook Event with links as well. Tyler and Janine will set up the tech

December Psychic Faire to be virtual. To be held over 2 days on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 6pm.

New website allows for PayPal payments; Pursewarden to set up PayPal Account ; Each Reader to set up their own account and block out their unavailable times.

A tutorial will be made for readers.

Disclaimers: If someone doesn't make their appointment, their "donation" is non-refundable.

- a. Tyler to help with Tech set-up; Janine to assist. Moving website to new hosting, will require purchasing domains OCLC-COG.org and .com
- b. Link to Roxanne to vend Tamales.
- c. Readers to be contacted by:
  - i. Morgana:
    1. Connie - Crystal Healing?
    2. Morgana - Bone Readings or charm readings?
    3. Jessica - Palmistry
  - ii. Pam:
    1. Diane and Jason - ???
    2. Linda C - Three Card Spread
    3. Rebecca - Tarot Readings
    4. Camille - Reiki
  - iii. Mary:
    1. Kate - Pendulum Readings
    2. Lilith - Naughty Tarot
    3. Mary - Oracle Cards and Spirit Messages
  - iv. Dee:
    1. Peggy - Anam Glyphs



2. Rev. Dee – Steampunk Tarot & Anam Glyphs
- v. Nicolai – Fairy Tarot Readings
- vi. We will eliminate the raffle for this time due to Covid-19

**National 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer** – Morgana: Virtual Grand Council moved to August 14 to 16

**Pursewarden** – Mary: Balance \$4816.08 minus \$35 for PPLA/OC Booth and \$86.14 for two pop-up canopies, leaving 4694.04;

**PIO** – Janine (National and Local):

OCLC PIO REPORT - OCTOBER 2020

This will be my last report as PIO for OCLC. I want to thank Camille for her valuable support on Facebook. It has helped keep that social media platform active, fans engaged and improve OCLC's visibility in the community.

I have provided RavenHawk (Tyler) with our current social media accounts and log on information; and I will be available to assist when needed, especially during the Psychic Faire.

In a recent meeting with RavenHawk (Tyler) to discuss the changes to OCLC's Wordpress Site. In our last OCLC meeting we discussed what would be needed to enable a virtual Psychic Faire. In determining our direction we theorized that Covid-19 would impact our ability to have an in-person Psychic Faire through the spring of 2021. Having a site that accepts Paypal payments will help with virtual Psychic Faires, future workshops for fundraising, and Merry Meet 2021. The work we have done to date include:

- Created new domain names
- Moving to new host: [Anhonesthost.com](http://Anhonesthost.com)
- Forwarded invoices to Pursewarden for costs of hosting OCLC Wordpress pages (\$161.88/annually)
- Upgrade the WP site to allow financial transactions
- Upgrade the WP site to allow clients to calendar readers
- Upgrade the WP site to accept Paypal payments
- Linking social media

**We also discussed parameters for the Psychic Faire:**

- Times of Winter Psychic Faire: 10 am to 6pm
- Dates of Winter Psychic Faire: December 5 and 6
- Initial calendars will be created for each reader & healer
- Readers & healers will want to block out times for breaks prior to the day's events

- Each reader and healer will use a program they are comfortable with for online work such as [meet.Google.com](https://meet.google.com), Zoom, or Skype.
- Clients will register using an online form and provide payment through Paypal
- An email will be sent to Pursewarden, Tech and Client including appointment, payment and client email

**Whats Left to be done:**

- Pursewarden will create a Paypal account
- Reader & Healer will communicate with client providing method of online communication for appointment (such as phone, [meet.Google.com](https://meet.google.com), Zoom or Skype)
- A landing page on old WP account will provide the new URL of the new OCLC Page
- Promotions (Twitter, Facebook and Wordpress) will begin 11/1/2020 and will include how and where to register; register early since readers will book early
- On 12/4/2020 there will be an updated post on site and Facebook with instructions how to book same day appointments (if there are any times left).
- A group will be created on Messenger or Google Hangouts where readers and healers can communicate with Tech if there are any issues with appointments/calendar.
- Classes to teach readers and healers on using the calendar plugins and online virtual meetings

I want to thank the members of OCLC for the opportunity to be their PIO for these many years and wish Tyler the best of luck in the coming season.

**Governing Board Rep Report** – CoG Anniversary party on October 31st at 3pm PST via Zoom. Wear your best bling and witchy hat. Some Keynote Speakers and Toasts;

Costume Contest, and NFO's Statements. BYOB and snacks.

**OCLC PIO – Camille:** Page Activity New Page Likes- 11, New Followers- 12, Page Reach- 6,630 up 4.1K in last 28 days, Page Views; 8,043 up 2.7k in last 28 days, Total page likes in last 28 Days; 2,854 up 11 New page likes in last 28 days.

Top Locations of People who like our page:

- Los Angeles, CA 87
- Anaheim, CA 34
- London, UK 25
- New York, NY 24
- Long Beach, CA 23
- Huntington Beach, CA 20
- Orange, CA 18
- Portland, OR 17





- Irvine, CA 16
- San Antonio, TX 14

**Membership Officer – Morgana:** nothing new; Pam met with the incoming Membership Officer who has prepared himself for the position.

**Acting Recorder – Mary:** August minutes have been uploaded to [newsletters@cog.org](mailto:newsletters@cog.org). September minutes are now out to board members for approval.

#### **Old Business:**

1. We need to replenish the "What is Wicca" brochure before the Pagan Pride LA/OC, but will also need additional of all Trifold flyers. The new website has these as pdf's and downloadable.
2. Officer Nominations – passed unanimously
  - a. First Officer – Pam
  - b. Second Officer – Camille
  - c. Membership - Nilolai
  - d. PurseWarden – Mary (and Lilith)
  - e. Recorder – Morgana
  - f. PIO – Tyler

**New Business:** Send new officer list to publications (Jack)

#### **Closing:**

1. Next meeting will be held on Nov 12, 2020 virtually.
2. Next Recorder will be Morgana
3. Next Invocation / Blessing – Dee
4. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm with a blessing from Pam.

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~ November 12, 2020 ~

**Invocation:** Rev. Dee opened the meeting.

**Roll Call** – (Quorum is two-thirds present):

#### **Covens/Solitaires:**

- Bran Faol Reannag (BFR) – represented by Janine
- Celtic Circle of Wisdom – represented by Mary
- Dream Walkers of Delos – represented by Ravenhawk
- Ghostwheel – represented by Morgana RavenTree
- Greenwood Glen – represented by Pam and Camille
- Rev. Dee – solitary member
- Guests: Lilith, JD, Yvonne, Carol

#### **Officer Reports:**

First Officer – Pam: nothing to report.

Second Officer – Camille: report regarding Psychic Faire deferred to Old Business section.

Membership Officer – Nikolai has resigned as Membership Officer and this position is currently vacant. See New Business section.

Pursewarden – Mary: no change since last meeting. Balance in account remains \$4,694.04.

Public Information Officer – Ravenhawk: since last meeting, Ravenhawk set up "landing page" for Virtual Pagan Pride event. We received 26 visitors to that page and 2 people signed up for the newsletter. Camille provided the following numbers from the Facebook page:

- Post Reach: 36k, up 31.4k
- Post Engagements: 5,297, up 3.5k
- New Page Likes: 42, up 34
- New Followers: 46
- Clicks to our Website: 1
- Page Views: 5,081, down 1.4k last 28 days
- Most Engaging posts:
  - Remember Your Ancestors, Reach 28.9k, Engagements 3.3k
  - Healing Prayer, Reach 9.1k, Engagements 610
  - November Comes, Reach 222, Engagements 92
- Where our content is reaching people: 36,024 Posts
- A lifetime of 2,889 page likes, up 42 new page likes
- Audience:
  - 84% Women 2.4k
  - 15% Men 433

Ravenhawk will host a meeting on Saturday, 11/14/20 at 2:30pm to familiarize everyone with our Zoom account.

Recorder – Morgana: the minutes will be Morgana's report.

#### **Governing Board Representative Report**

– **Janine:** The Governing Board Representatives had their first meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>. 90% of the local council representatives were present. The Governing Board discussed some old business carried over from prior meeting which was a transitional meeting with the National Executive Board. National First Officer Lord Verderius discussed old business then talked about his future vision for the covenant and identifying priorities. Lady Mariah wanted to make sure that one of the priorities be clear communication between the Governing Board members and the membership of COG. Janine reminded everyone that everyone should log in to the forums on the COG website and look around. Anyone who needs a password should contact Canu for assistance. The National Membership Office is using Mailchimp to contact the membership. Lady Mariah will post a survey of the membership regarding interests and activities. She also proposed a focus on becoming "Pagans with a Purpose", getting back to basics, wildlife causes, etc.

**National 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer – Morgana:** Morgana cautioned everyone that we should be aware that there is a possibility that MerryMeet 2021 will have to be a virtual event. Regardless, whether we have a



live or virtual MerryMeet, or if it is cancelled, she will not run for National 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

**Old Business:**

- 1. Virtual Psychic Faire December 5-6, 2020:
  - a. Link to Roxanne to vend Tamales – Ravenhawk should add her phone number to website.
  - b. Ravenhawk to help with Tech set-up; Janine to assist.
  - c. Readers to be contacted by:
    - i. Morgana:
      - 1. Morgana – Bone Readings (on a board)
      - 2. Jessica – Charms (drawing from a bag) and possibly Tarot
    - ii. Pam:
      - 1. Linda – Cards and possibly other things
      - 2. Camille - Reiki
    - iii. Mary:
      - 1. Kate - Pendulum Reader
      - 2. Lilith – Naugthy Tarot
      - 3. Mary - Oracle Cards and Spirit Messages
    - iv. Dee:
      - 1. Peggy – Anam Glyphs + Books
      - 2. Rev. Dee – Tarot & Anam Glyphs
  - d. One large physical raffle item to be mailed post-event.
  - e. Mary will give Ravenhawk the information for the PayPal account.
    - 2. Replenish “What is Wicca” brochure - Janine & Tyler tasked to create downloadable pdf – follow up item from last meeting has been handled.
    - 3. Morgana asked who is handling promotion for this event. Ravenhawk replied that he and Camille are handling it. He would also appreciate Janine’s assistance. Mary will post the event on Faery Seership websites. Ravenhawk will also prepare an email we can each share within our groups.

**New Business:**

- 1. Resignation and replacement of local Membership Officer – Nikolai has resigned as Membership Officer. Pam offered to be acting Membership Officer for the time being.
- 2. Morgana will send the list of new officers to the Newsletter and National Board.

**Call for Additions to the Agenda:** Open for Discussion

**Meeting Adjourned:** Closing by Rev. Dee.

Next meeting Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Camille will do the invocation.



**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

*~No Report~*

Last published minutes in the Samhain 2020 edition



**TEXAS LOCAL COUNCIL**

*~ No report~*

Last published minutes in the Mabon 2020 edition.



**TOUCHSTONE**

*~No Report~*

Last published minutes in the Samhain 2020 edition

**PRAYER FOR HIV/AIDS AWARENESS**

Loving Goddess Coventina, we call upon thee! We ask for your Love and guidance that we can bring in greater awareness of those who are suffering from the affliction of HIV/Aids and its ongoing stigma. May we grow in compassion and understanding of their plight and assist them to feel safe and accepted by Wiccans and Witches alike.

Healing Goddess Coventina, help us to dispell all feelings of shame, guilt and sadness that are systemic to those who are infected with this life-long virus. Grant us the power to be more supportive by giving comfort and care to those who struggle with acceptance of living with this disease.

Great Mother, we pray that you will heal them in mind, body and spirit as they continue their personal journey in Life. Bestow upon them your unending Love and compassion, now and always... Blessed Be!

**BLAST FROM THE PAST**

**YULETIDE CAROLS**

**Vol 6, No 1**

**Yule 1980**

**The Wassail Song (or A Carol Reclaimed)**

O here we come a-wassailing,  
Among the leaves so green,  
Here we come a-Wand’ring,  
So fair to be seen

*Chorus:*  
*Love and joy come to you*  
*And to you your wassail, too*



May your Yule be a merry one,  
And filled with Wassail cheer.  
May your Yuletide be filled  
With wassail cheer.

We are not daily beggars.  
That beg from door to door;  
But we are your friends and neighbors  
Whom you have seen before

*Chorus*

We bless the mistress of this house,  
We bless the master too  
And all the little children  
That `round the table go:

*Chorus*

**The Holly and the Ivy**

The Holly and the Ivy,  
When they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood  
The Holly bears the crown

O the rising of the Sun  
And the running of the deer,  
The singing of the robin redbreast  
When Merry Yule draws near

The Ivy and the Holly  
When they are both full grown:  
Of all the trees that are in the wood  
The Ivy wears the gown

O the rising of the Sun,  
And the running of the deer,  
The singing of the robin redbreast  
When Merry Yule draws near

**I Saw Three Ships**

I saw three ships come sailing in  
On New Years Day, on New Years Day  
I saw three ships come sailing in  
On New Years Day, in the morning

And what was in those ships all three  
On new Years Day, on News Years Day,  
Pray what was in those ships all three  
On New Years Day in the morning

Three pretty maids were in them there  
On New Years Day, on News Years Day,  
Three pretty maids were in them there  
On New Years Day, in the morning

And whither sailed those ships all three  
On New Years Day, on News Years Day,  
And whither sailed those ships all three  
On New Years Day, in the morning.

O they sailed into London town

On New Years Day, on News Years Day,  
O they sailed into London town  
On New Years Day, in the morning.

One maid could whistle and one could sing  
On New Years Day, on News Years Day,  
And one could play the violin  
On New Years Day, in the morning

**WELCOME NEW LOCAL COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**CALAFIA**

- Governing Board Member: Catherine
- Catherine D
- Erik W.

**CHAMISA**

- Governing Board Member: Tiffany B
- First Officer: David
- Second Officer: Blaine
- Membership Officer: Sherie
- PIO/Interfaith: Lora
- Pursewarden: Silva
- Recorder: Carol

**EVERGLADES MOON**

- Governing Board Member: Raven
- First Officer: Alpania
- Second Officer: Marla
- Membership Officer: Lady Bridget
- PIO: Diana
- Publications Officer: Cat
- Pursewarden: Rayna
- Recorder: Ceos

**HILLS AND RIVERS**

BOARD MEMBER: LAUREN T.

- Governing Board Member: Lauren T
- Officer list: Not Submitted

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

- Governing Board Member: Thea Bristlebroom
- First Officer: Thea Bristlebroom & Rachel Watcher
- Membership Officer: Anna Korn
- PIO: By Committee
- Pursewarden: Linnea D.
- Recorder: By Volunteer





**ORANGE COUNTY**

- Governing Board Member: Janine
- First Officer: Pam
- Second Officer: Camille
- Membership Officer: Pam (acting)
- PIO: Ravenhawk
- Pursewarden: Mary
- Recorder: Morgana

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

- Governing Board Member: Monica
- First Officer: Thomas H.
- Membership Officer: Doug K.
- PIO: Lisa M.
- Pursewarden: Monica D.
- Recorder: Monica D.
- Correspondence; Lisa M.

**TEXAS**

- Governing Board Member: Orin
- First Officer: Gaelen
- Membership Officer: Dragan
- PIO: Dusty & Kenny
- Pursewarden: Michael
- Recorder: Ruby

**TOUCHSTONE**

- Governing Board Member: Jack
- First Officer: Val S.
- Second Officer: Chad S.
- Membership Officer: Joanne V.
- PIO: Lari
- Pursewarden: Jack P.
- Recorder: Val S.

**PAGAN MAD LIBS**

**TERRIBLE TAROT**

I had an important question to ask, so I got out my *(TV Show)* \_\_\_\_\_ Tarot cards for a reading. I carefully spread out my *(adjective)* \_\_\_\_\_ altar cloth and started to *(adverb)* \_\_\_\_\_ shuffle the cards.

My pet *(animal)* \_\_\_\_\_ *(past tense verb)* \_\_\_\_\_ under the table as I started. I laid the cards out in a *(noun)* \_\_\_\_\_ shape, and lit some *(food)* \_\_\_\_\_ scented incense to set the stage.

Well, the card that represents my past was pointing to *(color)* \_\_\_\_\_ *(plural noun)* \_\_\_\_\_, which makes total sense. And the card in the *(sport)* \_\_\_\_\_ position is telling me that I need to *(verb)* \_\_\_\_\_ more often to make things happen.

But this one last card is talking about *(verb with ING)* \_\_\_\_\_ *(plural noun)* \_\_\_\_\_ and that's just weird!

Maybe I'll try again another day.

**IN THE CRAZY KITCHEN**

Now that we'd finished celebrating *(TV show)* \_\_\_\_\_ Day, it was time to think about getting ready for Yule. In our house, we always bake cookies and I wanted to do it myself this year.

Except I couldn't find the recipe, so I had to get creative. I got out the big *(noun)* \_\_\_\_\_ and started to mix up the batter. I thought it look ed a little too *(adjective)* \_\_\_\_\_. I dumped in a cup full of *(plural noun)* \_\_\_\_\_ and I think it helped. I asked my mom to taste it so far, and she said it was too *(adjective)* \_\_\_\_\_. I *(past tense verb)* \_\_\_\_\_ around the kitchen, trying to get it right. A few pinches of *(herb)* \_\_\_\_\_ and I was ready to bake.

I put all *(number)* \_\_\_\_\_ cookie sheets into the big wood-fired *(noun)* \_\_\_\_\_ and set the timer for *(number)* \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. I looked around at all the *(kitchen tools)* \_\_\_\_\_ we'd hung around to decorate for Yule. So festive!

It was starting to smell very *(adjective)* \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen too. I took them out when they were done, and burned my *(body part)* \_\_\_\_\_. Even so, everyone loved my Yule cookies this year!