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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 LAMMAS

Lammas renewals are due on **August 1, 2022**. The Drop-dead date is **August 10, 2022** 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).

**CHAMISA LOCAL COUNCIL:** None

**EVERGLADES MOON LOCAL COUNCIL:** None

**HILLS AND RIVERS LOCAL COUNCIL:** None

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCAL COUNCIL:** None

**ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL COUNCIL:** None

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCAL COUNCIL:** None

**TEXAS LOCAL COUNCIL:** None

**TOUCHSTONE LOCAL COUNCIL:** None

**NATIONAL COVENS:** None

**NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:** None

**FRIENDS OF COG:**
  - Scorpia Starfall

OUR GOVERNING BOARD

- National First Officer – Lord Verderius
- National Purse Warden – Qabal
- Chamisa – Polaris
- Everglades Moon – Lord Rieken
- Hills & Rivers – Lauren
- Northern California – Deborah B.
- Orange County – Janine
- Southern California – Lady Mariah
- Texas – Kim B.
- Touchstone – Lord Soec
- National Covens – Lord Solandrin
- National Individual Members – Grace Moonhawk
- Governing Board Recorder - Bonnie

LETTER FROM THE FIRST OFFICER

Bright Greetings Covenant Members,

The great Summer Solstice is upon us and it bestows abundant joy and light, as we celebrate this longest day of the year. We welcome the summer season as we take time to rest and vacation from the daily toils of our busy lives. There is nothing better than sitting back and enjoying fresh summertime lemonade.

The “Boards” recently held a special emergency meeting to discuss the need to have another Virtual Grand Council again this year. Due to increasing costs, OCLC has withdrawn hosting an in-person Grand Council, since it was not financially feasible for them or the Covenant to host. Therefore, we have scheduled our Grand Council on a weekend to allow for greater attendance of our membership. **The dates for our Virtual Grand Council are August 13th – 14th.**

Once again, to assist the boards we ask that you kindly help us by following the requested deadlines for Quorum Forms and Proposals to be submitted to us by **July 15th**. There is lot to be completed to properly prepare for our Virtual Grand Council. Your cooperation and support at adhering to this specified deadline is greatly appreciated.

Additionally, we will soon be sending out the Registration and Zoom Invite for our virtual Grand Council. Be sure to respond to initiate your attendance for Grand Council.

This will be my last time serving as your National First officer and the main officiate of our next Grand Council meeting. It has been both an honor and privilege serving the Covenant of the Goddess in this capacity. I am hopeful that we will have a new National First Officer candidate that will pick up the reigns and continue to move things forward for the next National Board.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Summer Solstice and a Cheerful Litha Sabbat!

In Love & Light

*Lord Verderius*

National First Officer
COMBINED BOARD MINUTES

~April 10, 2022~

Invocation: 5:19 CST
Lord V invokes Coventina.

Roll Call – (Quorum is two-thirds present): –
Quorum met, with Lord V assuming dual role representing Everglades Moon LC

National Officers:
✓ First Officer: Lord Verderius – present
✓ Pursewarden: Qabal – present
✓ Recorder: Bonnie – (Does not count toward Quorum) - present

Governing Board Representatives:
• Chamisa: Polaris / Alt: Lady K – absent
✓ Everglades Moon: Lord Rieken / Atl: Lord Rieken (late)
✓ Hills & Rivers: Lauren / Alt: Jamie D. – Lauren present
✓ Northern California: Deborah B. / Alt: Linnea: Deborah and Linnea present
✓ Orange County: Janine / Alt: Morgana: Janine present
✓ Southern California: Lady Mariah / Alt: Lisa M.: Lady Mariah present
✓ Texas: Kim B, / Alt: Orin : Kim and Orin present
✓ Touchstone LC – Lord Soec: present (late)
• National Covens: Lord Solandrin : absent
• National Individual Members: Grace Moonhawk – absent

Reports:
First Officer – No new report. Wished everyone a Happy Goddess Day! Reported that Thea (co-membership officer) is reviewing dates for submission of Quorum Forms for MM Grand Council and will provide those later.

Pursewarden – Nothing has changed since newsletter. Used personal AmEx for hotel security deposit due to failure of CoG credit authorization.

Chamisa – Received letter of resignation:
A Statement from Chamisa Local Council
The Wheel turns, and all good things come to an end in their season.
Chamisa Local Council (CLC), Covenant of the Goddess (COG), regrets to announce that we will disband no later than October 31, 2022.

CLC, which covers the areas of New Mexico, southern Colorado, and El Paso, Texas, has been a local council of COG for more than 25 years. Its primary activity has been sponsorship of Magickal Mountain Mabon, a fall camping festival.

CLC is dissolving due to gradual attrition over the past few years, key elders moving out of the area, and an aging membership. We are unable to sustain the level of energy required of an active local council.

We hope that a new organization will be willing to pick up a Fall Festival and continue that service to this community into the future.

We continue to support the aims of COG and in fact, some individual and coven members will be applying to rejoin as National COG members.

We offer our thanks to all who have served in local and national leadership roles through the years, helped Magickal Mountain Mabon succeed, and supported CLC in other ways.

Blessed be, the Members of Chamisa Local Council April, 2022

Everglades Moon – No report

Hills & Rivers – No changes. First festival is next month.

Northern California – Nothing new

Orange County – Post cards are ready and will be distributed for “Save the Date” (MM/GC) and our Psychic Faire in June. If you want MM/GC cards to distribute to your LC contact PIO@cog.org. There is also a digital version if you want to add to your social media. It helps when all members help to promote and build energy and enthusiasm for the event.

Southern California – No new events planned. New coven pending membership. Concerned that membership renewal may have lapsed and received no response from Membership Officer. Lord V to check status.

Texas – New rep was introduced – Kim B. Business as usual – public sabbats, classes in person and online.

Touchstone – no report

National Covens - Lord Solandrin’s resignation as National Covens representative:
Greetings and blessings, everyone!
As many of you may remember, my husband has been going through serious health issue the last few months. After many hospitalizations, his condition has stabilized with medication, but is not improving. His healthcare providers are now considering surgical intervention and he is being referred to a specialist in the metro-Atlanta area (about 60 miles from our home). I do not feel at this time I will be able to adequately fulfill my duties as the National Covens Representative and give the covens the time and attention required of someone in this role. Because of this, I feel it best for the Covenant that I resign my position as National Covens Representative at this time so someone who
can be more fully involved in the role can step in and provide all that the covens deserve. It has been an absolute pleasure serving on this board and getting to know all of you. I hope at some future event I will be able to meet you all in person. 

Brightest blessings to you all!

Lord Solandrin

Old Business:

Board Meeting Reports – Adopt Procedure for Reports: This item is a proposal to set a procedure about how the Governing Board handles reports. If you adopt it, it would go into effect for our meeting in August after Grand Council.

The bylaws state in Article 3, section A, 7.c. concerning Governing board meetings:

Procedural Rules: The Governing Board shall adopt whatever procedural rules it deems necessary for the proper conduct of its meetings.

So we have the authority to decide this, enforce it on ourselves, change it later.

The goal of this proposal is to reduce the amount of time spent in our meetings devoted to reports and give us more time for considered, informed discussion.

Here’s my colleague Linnea’s version of this proposal, with her comments in parentheses: The Recorder shall send out a meeting reminder to board representatives by email 7 days before the meeting that includes a request for reports and proposals from board members. (Bonnie has already started doing this). Any reports should be sent to the email list no later than 3 days, if at all possible, before the meeting to give the board representatives a chance to review and comment before the meeting. Not every representative is required to send a report. Reports should be related to GB issues. (Normal Local Council/Assembly reports can be found in the newsletter) It is understood that circumstances may make the 3 day advance report unworkable, and no report or proposal will be rejected for failing to meet this requirement.

GB representatives are encouraged to read, consider and comment via email prior to the meeting. (This will improve the quality of our discussions and decisions.)

During the meeting, submitted reports will not be read. but there will be time allotted for questions and discussion.

Our Speaker is in favor of the general idea of spending less meeting time on reports.

Long meetings wear everyone out and outrun our attention spans. Let’s preserve time for what can only be done when we are all together.

Points for discussion:

- Who would report in writing before every meeting? (My opinion: Pursewarden, Speaker, Chairs of standing committees, people who were previously assigned Action Items.)
- Who would write a report before some meetings? (My opinion: Local Councils and Assemblies who are asking the GB for some action. National Officers who have been asked for a report.)
- What if a report is due and is not posted by three days before the meeting? (My opinion: Recorder or Speaker reminds the person that the report is due.)
- What happens to the reports? (My opinion: Add them as appendices to the minutes. Give the authors a chance to revise and update the reports first. If the report is long, opening paragraph should summarize it.)

Submitted by Deborah Bender

Lord V expressed agreement and no objections to adopting these procedures by the Governing Board.

Candidates for National Offices: Officer positions up for election:

- 1st Officer
- 2nd Officer – Discussion about making this a 2 year term because of alternating virtual and in-person MM Grand Council
- National Membership – Lauren T would like to be considered as a nominee.
- Correspondence Officer – Rachael Watcher was nominated by Deborah B.
- Publication Officer

Governing Reps have reached out to constituents and received little interest. Lord V encouraged them to continue efforts.

Survey – Lady M is ready to send out new surveys.

Set the annual tasks list to be addressed, handled, and completed by Samhain 2022: Establish mentorship program for new members – some work being done on this with Janine posting in social media many articles.

More focus on climate change – Lady M brought this as an item to the GB, but has had a difficult time applying this concept of individual reverence of Nature to an organization.

The Manny Agenda – Manny wants Local Councils eliminated with every member of the Covenant to become a National Member. This is a re-organization of CoG. Wants to create a national charity to support issues. Many questions were asked. Both support and apprehension were expressed.

Youth Awards process: Who is receiving the requests for processing to be submitted to Amber K.?
Amber has spoken to Janine and would like this to go to the Correspondence Officer. Those duties will need to be explained to new candidates before accepting.

**New Business:**

**Discuss Proposal for Election of Speaker:** The Governing Board shall elect a Speaker from among its representatives and alternates. Each Constituent Body shall have one vote. If no candidate receives a majority, there will be an immediate runoff between the two candidates receiving the most votes.

No one may serve as Speaker while also holding any national office in the Covenant.

The term of a Speaker shall be one year, from November 1 until October 31 of the year following. The election shall take place at the first Governing Board meeting after Grand Council, unless a quorum is not present, in which case the election will be the first order of business at the next meeting. If a Speaker leaves office before the end of their term, a new Speaker shall be elected at the following meeting to serve out the term.

Deborah Bender

Lord Soac objected to Speaker not holding a National Officer position. Linnea explained how this was indeed a conflict of interest.

The Governing Board has the right to make their own procedures.

Lord Soac abstained from objecting provided the Speaker’s term was 2 years to coincide with the 1st Officer’s term.

Lord V suggested that a new proposal be presented at GC to change the responsibilities of the GB Speaker

Consensus met.

**Discuss CoG position on “Don’t Say Gay” bill:** This is not a national issue. This is a Florida issue. Everyglades Moon LC can make a statement.

**Call for Additions to the Agenda:** Deborah wants Bylaws Committee to schedule time to review bylaws, set dates for new proposal submissions, provide format for submissions and offer suggestions.

**Budget:** Manny shared budget information

Linnea suggested Local Councils be responsible for providing financial assistance to governing board representatives.

**Suggestion was made to separate Merry Meet from Grand Council and schedule at different times of year:**

**Suggestion was also made to conduct Grand Council 100% remote:**

**National Assemblies are not represented:** Deborah would like elections required for National Assemblies with penalties imposed for non-compliance. Manny suggested incentives instead.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:38 CST, total meeting time: 3 hours, 19 minutes

**EMERGENCY COMBINED BOARD MINUTES**

~May 19, 2022~

On Monday, May 16, 2022, an emergency meeting of the Combined Boards of the Covenant of the Goddess was called to order to discuss impacts from the Orange County Local Council decision to withdraw from hosting MerryMeet/Grand Council. This news had been shared with the National First officer and the National Pursewarden the day before, on Sunday, May 15, 2022.

OCLC had received the new costs from the hotel in the week prior and despite reworking the numbers “six ways from sideways”, were unable to justify the potential impact to members and both the OCLC and the National Budgets. They were faced with a hard decision that it was no longer cost effective to host a MerryMeet because costs would be too high for members to travel and attend and would put an undue burden on the local council as well as a huge price tag to the National budget which pays for Grand Council. On Thursday, May 12, 2022, the local council met and discussed the numbers and made the decision to withdraw from hosting.

On Friday, May 13, the National Second Officer reached out to the National First Officer and the National Pursewarden to schedule a meeting to break this news. It took two days for the small group to find time in their schedules to meet.

In spite of the necessity of calling a meeting at the last minute, the majority of the National Officers and representatives of the local councils were able to attend. The emergency meeting of the Combined Boards was attended by the following:

- National Officers: (7 of 8)
  - First Officer – Lord Verderius
  - Second Officer – Mary Stuart
  - Publications Officer – Lord Soec
  - Pursewarden – Qabal
  - Public Information Officer – Janine N.
  - Correspondence Officer – Grace Moonhawk
  - Recorders – Bonnie Mote/Faelind
  - Governing Board Representatives: (7 of 8)
    - Everyglades Moon LC – Lord Rieken
    - Northern California LC – Deborah B. and Alternate Linnea
    - Orange County LC – Deborah B. and Alternate Morgana
    - Southern California LC – Lady Mariah
    - Texas LC – Alternate Orin
The National Second Officer explained what had transpired, learning that costs had risen 30% on both the room rate and the hotel rooms necessary for MerryMeet and Grand Council. Along with other major factors such as increased travel costs (fuel and flights), combined with the news there may be another COVID surge over the summer, many members (who are immune compromised) concerns over meeting in person and declining to attend, and vendors and entertainment backing out due to lower attendance expectations, OCLC determined to withdraw hosting MerryMeet.

They explained; initially, in 2020 when OCLC proposed to host GC/MM registration was going to be around $180 to include food. They booked the ballroom and smaller rooms in the hotel in 2020, when they thought the Pandemic would last only a few weeks. They did so with the understanding that they would need have to have a minimum of 40+ people purchase the meal packages for the full weekend. If they were able to do that, they could get the ballroom for free. In 2019-2020, that certainly seemed possible, but not now. Now that number is 45 meal packages to include just two meals a day, breakfast, and lunch. If we don’t sell that many meal packages (and think carefully about how many people you think will purchase the meals) CoG could potentially have to cover $6000 in expenses. It is assumed those meal packages would only be purchased by those having to travel long distances to attend, since local people would not be staying at the hotel or purchasing the meal package. The increased costs would make registration anywhere from $260 to $400 which did not include the hotel rate per night, the dinner meal, or any travel costs.

The Combined Board agreed that OCLC had done their due diligence and thanked them for their efforts, while many expressed their personal disappointment in not being able to meet in person.

The Combined Boards determined that we would hold Grand Council virtually again this year, as we have done the past two years.

There was discussion on what times (time zones) we could hold our virtual Grand Council and when we might start the business requiring quorum.

There was discussion of holding a virtual Leadership Institute meeting on another weekend to offer all the wonderful workshops that OCLC had prepared for MerryMeet.

We appreciate everyone attending at the last minute.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
~June 5, 2022~

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

Roll Call (Quorum is two-thirds present): We have Quorum with 5 of 8 present

National Officers:
✓ First Officer (Lord Verderius) – Present
✓ Second Officer (Queen Scott–Mary S.) – Present
• Membership Officer (Thea Bristlebroom – Absent
✓ Publications Officer (Lord Soec-Jack) – Present
✓ Pursewarden (Qabal) – Absent
✓ Public Information Officer (Janine N.) – Present
✓ Outreach Officer – Vacant
• Correspondence Officer (Grace Moonhawk) – Absent
✓ Recorder (Faelind) – Present

Officer Reports:

First Officer (Lord Verderius): [Please see full report on page 8] Lord Verderius added that he plans to connect with Janine about Mystic South and what their plans are.

Second Officer (Queen Scott): [Please see full report on page 8] Mary added that she will talk to her Local Council about hosting the Friday CoG Tail Party.

Membership Officer (Thea B.): [Please see full report on page 8]

Publications Officer (Lord Soec): [Please see full report on page 13] Lord Soec related that he is working on a Beyond the Veil Report for Catherine and is planning a recognition for her in the Litha newsletter. Since Chamisa is not officially gone until Samhain, they will continue to be listed in the newsletter. Lord Soec reminded Lord Verderius that he needed a First Officer letter for the Litha.

Pursewarden (Qabal): [Please see full report on page 12]

Public Information Officer (Janine N.): [Please see full report on page 12] Janine added that she will be scheduling a workshop with Orion in September, most likely for the members-only Wednesday with Witches.

Outreach Officer – Vacant –
Correspondence Officer (Grace Moonhawk) Absent. No Report.

Recorder (Faelind): These minutes are my report. Faelind related to Lord Soec that she plans to submit a report for the newsletter.

Old Business:

New Business:
Grand Council Planning – virtual Grand Council 2022 will be held August 13 and 14

- Virtual GC to be held on Saturday and Sunday
- Times for Saturday (6 hours):
  - Zoom room opens at 7:30 AM PST, 8:30 AM MST, 9:30 AM CST, 10:30 AM EST
  - Meeting will be called to order at 8:00 AM PST, 9:00 AM MST, 10:00 AM CST, 11:00 AM EST
  - 2-hour Break from 11 AM PST to 1 PM PST, Noon to 2 PM MST, 1 to 3 PM CST, 2 to 4 PM EST
  - Meeting resumes 1 PM PST, 2 PM MST, 3 PM CST, 4 PM EST
  - Meeting ends at 4 PM PST, 5 PM MST, 6 PM CST, 7 PM EST
  - Zoom will be left open while on the break so people can visit with each other
- Times for Sunday (one hour later than Saturday, Unless we still have a lot of business):
  - Zoom room opens at 8:30 AM PST, 9:30 AM MST, 10:30 AM CST, 11:30 AM EST
  - Meeting will be called to order at 9:00 AM PST, 10:00 AM MST, 11:00 AM CST, Noon EST
  - 2-hour Break from Noon PST to 2 PM PST, 1 to 3 PM MST, 2 to 4 PM CST, 3 to 5 PM EST
  - Meeting resumes 2 PM PST, 3 PM MST, 4 PM CST, 5 PM EST
  - Meeting ends at 5 PM PST, 6 PM MST, 7 PM CST, 8 PM EST – (We hope it won’t take this long)
  - Zoom will be left open while on the break so people can visit with each other
- Roles we need for Virtual Grand Council:
  - Queue-Minder – Janine and Bonnie
  - Time-Keeper – Lord Soec
  - Vibes-Watcher – Mary
  - Tech-Support – Orin
  - Backup Recorder – Bonnie
- Faelind will open Zoom as Host to Record the meeting and will make Lord V, Janine, Bonnie, and Thea co-hosts. If anything should happen to Faelind’s connection, a co-host will become host and must remember to begin the Recording again.
- Only Thea will admit attendees so she can take role/confirm quorum.
- Faelind will create polls for each proposal for consensus and separate polls for the budget and each National Officer candidate vote. Polls may need to be created while on the meeting for updated proposal wording.
- Break-out Rooms will be used to separate those who are non-voting attendees during the few instances where voting is needed (contested elections and the budget).
- Break-out Rooms will also be used for discussions as needed to gain consensus.
- Janine to present a short refresh on the Consensus Process at GC meeting.
- Janine and Faelind and Thea to speak about GC Changes, Zoom, Proxy, Consensus, Proposals, and Voting information for Virtual Grand Council as a Topic for Discussion during Member’s only Wednesday with Witches scheduled for June 15. There will be continuing discussions on actual proposals on the members-only WWW July 20.
- Thea will use Groups.IO to send out Grand Council documentation and information for Grand Council that everyone needs to see including Friends of CoG.
- We will use the CoG Google Drive to house all Grand Council documentation.
- National Officers who will not be continuing in their role: First Officer, Pursewarden, Membership, Outreach, Publications, and Second Officer. These roles will need to be filled at Grand Council this year. Officers not continuing will send in a report with the duties of their roles to Lord Soec for the Litha newsletter.
- OCLC will be hosting a Friday CoG Tail party on Friday, August 12, 2022 at 7ish PM CST.
- Deadlines:
  - July 15th for Quorum/Proxy form
  - July 15th for Proposals
- Call for Additions to the Agenda: Janine related that Morgana plans to attend the “Between the Veils” Conference in August. Janine may look into costs to go as PIO.

Action Items:
1. Thea – Update on status of all membership renewals through Beltane 2022. – COMPLETE
2. Thea – Update on Deadline notice to be sent out. – COMPLETE
3. Thea – Update on Quorum Form for Grand Council and Deadline notice to be sent out. – COMPLETE
4. Lord V will work with Lady Mariah for a joint statement to membership about the change of Grand Council to virtual due to costs.
5. Faelind to send out instructions on proposals and proper formatting to membership.
6. Faelind to create a draft GC Agenda to the National Officers to move things around so reports are first, quorum is only established prior to requesting consensus tor temporarily waiving those bylaws that do not allow virtual attendees the same rights as in-person attendees.

7. Faelind to send Lord V the proposal submitted two years ago that he will use as a base for a proposal he and Lady Mariah will submit. – COMPLETE

8. Janine plans to submit two proposals. – COMPLETE

9. Faelind plans to submit two proposals to allow virtual attendees the same rights as in-person attendees.

10. Janine to reach out to Thea to attend the WWW in June and July. – COMPLETE

11. National Officers not continuing in their role to send a report with their duties to Lord Soec for the newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 90 minutes after starting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

FIRST OFFICER

Once again, we are in the planning process for our upcoming “Virtual Grand Council Meeting” in August. After our Emergency Combined Board Meeting, I feel we need to send out additional information to the membership on this matter. As we know, some of our members may not have fully understood that there was not going to be an in-person Grand Council Meeting and Merry Meet in Santa Ana, California as originally planned. Our Virtual Grand Council will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 13th and 14th to accommodate the overall membership for maximum attendance and participation.

Additionally, I would like to suggest we have some type of online kickoff party on the Friday evening before our Grand Council Meeting. This would give folks a chance to mingle and chat before the actual business meeting the following two days. Also, there has been a request from the east coast CoG members to move the start time up an hour. I believe that is a very reasonable request.

In the past we have had a fixed deadline of July 15th for the Registration Forms and Quorum Forms. We also have made this deadline for the submission of Proposals as well. However, Thea has suggested that she might like to move the deadline dates for her forms. Nevertheless, I believe that Faelind would still like to keep this deadline date for the submission of Proposals, in order to getting everything into the GC agenda in a timely manner.

We had discussed having an open conversation with CoG members about the Grand Council change to virtual at our next Wednesday with Witches for “member only” on Wednesday the 15th of June. We may repeat that discussion in July on the third week WWW. I would like to be as open and as transparent on this matter as possible with the entire membership. There is sure to be some disappointment with this change to a virtual GC again for this year. I believe that many CoG folks were looking forward to getting together in-person this year.

As you all know, we are still seeking candidates for National Officer positions. I am glad to report that Lauren T. of Hill & Rivers LC has put her “Witch’s Hat” into the ring to run for the National Membership Officer position. We still need additional CoG members to step forward to fill many National Officer positions opening up this year. Hit up your Local Councils and spread the word.

As a special note, I would like to Thank all of the National Officers for your work and personal support of me as the National First Officer. I could not have done this without you! I believe we have had a successful three years in-spite of the Covid pandemic changing our lives during these difficult years. I am hopeful that the next Executive Board will serve the Covenant with the dedication that you all have shown and given in service. Thank you from the depths of my heart!

With Love,
Lord Verderius

SECOND OFFICER

commitments for attendance, the Hotel has been contacted and the event contracts with them were canceled. The Hotel graciously returned the $1,000 deposit to National and expressed their wish to work with us again in the future if and when it is possible.

A virtual Grand Council will be held on the same weekend, August 13-14, 2022

OCLC is discussing how to have a Virtual Zoom Leadership session in the near future

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Merry Meet CoG-kin,
Happy Midsummer Blessings!

Before the Grand Council on Aug. 13-14, there are two administrative tasks which you need to know about: purging the membership roll, and Quorum Forms.
Firstly, I have to know who is and is not a Member in order to know if we have a quorum in order to do business at Grand Council. Therefore, on July 15, 2022, I will have to cancel those memberships which lack a signed and dated renewal and/or payment of tithes. Please see the list of OVERDUE Members below to see if you’re listed. You can use last year’s forms (change the signature date!) or get a blank form from cog.org, under How to Join, Applications.

Secondly, I have sent out an email regarding Quorum Forms which are due on July 15, 2022, but here is the basic info. Because I will need time to process the paperwork, I will not accept Quorum Forms after Aug. 1, 2022, for the purpose of remaining a member in good standing, and not becoming provisional. So, please do try your best to get the completed and signed forms in by the deadline. I retain the option of accepting forms submitted after Aug. 1, 2022, on a case-by-case basis, i.e., someone is unable to attend at the last moment, but is sending a replacement.

Everyone must send in a quorum form, EVEN IF you attend Grand Council. Your presence does not negate the requirement for the Quorum Form. The one exception is if you checked the box on your annual renewal form giving your proxy to Grand Council, you do not need to turn in a Quorum Form (but you will need to send in a Quorum Form if you change your mind).

If you’re having trouble electronically signing your renewal, Lady K has recorded a tutorial on CoG’s YouTube channel, Covenant of the Goddess. The video is titled “Tutorial - CoG Membership Renewal Form - How to Fill Out and Sign”.

Do you need some help with the NEW Groups.IO platform, or getting subbed to a group? Send email to administrators (at) CovenantoftheGoddess.groups.io, and someone (possibly me!) will contact you. I can even do a virtual online meeting with you to walk through how to use groups.io through both your email and the website.

Please know that there is money in the Grace of the Goddess fund to assist those Members who might need it, and the NMO is willing to work with you for deferred tithe payments. Please do not let a temporary situation keep you from your membership in CoG! As a reminder, Grace of the Goddess funds may only be used for tithes and cannot be used to pay for Credential renewals.

- **Transfer Requests** – None at this time.
- **Lapsed or Cancelled Members** –
  - **Merlyn (Chamisa),**
  - **Ryan Coe (Chamisa)**

**Overdue Members** – I sent an email to all those listed below. Some things got accidentally dropped when I became Co-NMO, and I’m missing the LAST renewal form, NOT an upcoming renewal.

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- **Applications** – Member:
  - **Jander Zen (AoIM - Texas),**
  - **Circle of the Ancient Mother (Texas),**
  - **Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes (AoIM - NCLC),**

- **Please Welcome** – Member: Lawrence Lerner (Apologies for misspelling his name in the Beltane newsletter!)
MEMBERSHIP STATUS – These numbers are my best guess, until I can finish working through the above list of Overdue Members. We currently have 124 Members total (62 Covens, and 62 Individual Members); and 9 Friends of CoG (last report I said 10 due to a confusion about a name change). Because things can change quickly between the Newsletter publishing deadline and the actual date of publication, this may have changed by the time you read it.

At Samhain, I will step down as NMO, and a new person elected at Grand Council will step into this role. This is arguably the most important job in the Covenant, and I hope you will all consider running to fill this position. (Previous Local Council Membership Officer experience is helpful, but not necessary.)

I’m prepared to train and support a new person in this job for at least several months and will continue to be available for future NMO’s as many have done for me (thank you every one of you!). Please see the NMO job description below.

There have been some changes to the responsibilities of the NMO recently: 1) the changes necessitated by the addition of the Governing Board, 2) the new egroups discussion lists and the related shared administrative duties, 3) interactions with the new Outreach Officer position. I’ve highlighted them in the list below, otherwise this is basically the same list I’ve posted before.

I have learned so much during my time in the office and made lasting friendships. The BEST part of the job has been meeting the Membership, you are the heart of the Covenant. If anyone wishes to talk with me about the job prior to putting your hat in the ring, I’m happy to do so.

National Membership Officer Job Description 2022 (Pulled from the 2020-2021 Bylaws, and recent experience.)

The National Membership Officer is a key position within the Covenant; and has many responsibilities. It is important that the person filling this role be ethical, able to keep confidences, respond in a reasonable time to email correspondence, detail-oriented to stay on top of all the record-keeping, polite and professional in communications, and able to ask for help when needed.

This job needs attention paid to it every few days, with more intense work just prior to regular deadlines. An estimated time spent on this job is at least 15-20 hours a week, and with 15 hours per week additional time spent while working on projects as they came up. An efficient person familiar with the process and the software can cut this down some, a person who is new to the role and/or unfamiliar with the software may need more time at the beginning of learning this job.

To be eligible for the office of NMO a candidate shall be in good standing in Covenant of the Goddess, actively participating in its affairs and projects, and eligible for Elder Priest/ess credentials.

A candidate must have

- READ THE CURRENT BY-LAWS.
- a stable internet connection (to receive email, and to attend virtual meetings),
- a computer (a laptop when attending Grand Council is essential),
- a printer with a built-in scanner,
- a headset with a microphone (to attend virtual meetings),
- sufficient financial means to cover expenses until reimbursed. Supplies for the printer and for mailings come out of a small budget for consumables.

They need to have access to and knowledge of the following software or be a quick learner! (Recent NMO’s have used a subscription to MS Office 365.)

- MS Word,
- MS Excel,
- and MS Access (the most critical program – difficult to learn); as well as
- An email account,
- online meeting software (CoG is currently using WebEx) [this is incorrect, CoG is using Zoom]
- Adobe Acrobat Reader; and
- must be able to work with PDFs, JPEGs, and other electronic documents.

The NMO must comply with all provisions of the Charter, the Bylaws, and all policy decisions of the Council; attend all meetings of the National Officers and combined Board meetings, and assure the continued and effective operations of the Covenant.

They shall maintain all membership records in the strictest confidence, releasing only the needed information and only to members of the
Governing Board, National Officers, or to others authorized by the Members affected.

Specifically, the National Membership Officer shall perform the following functions:

• Respond to email several times a week.
• Disseminate information on membership requirements to those who request it.
• Process new Membership applications.
• Issue membership renewal reminders no later than the Sabbat prior to the Sabbat on which the tithe is due.
• Maintain a record of all Members of the Covenant, and of Friends of CoG.
• Maintain a record of the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and confidentiality levels of each Coven Contact.
• Maintain a record of all those who hold credentials from the Covenant.
• Maintain the CoG groups.io account, adding and removing emails as needed, and updating subscriptions to subgroups as needed.
• Cooperate with the Net-Co to manage members access to the CoG Members Only website.
• Submit an updated list of newsletter subscribers to the Publications Officer with every NMO report. (The Publications Officer needs to be updated each time an email is removed or changed so that newsletters aren't being sent to non-CoG members.)
• Submit an NMO report for each Newsletter by the publication deadline.
• Submit an Annual NMO report for the Grand Council by the publication deadline.
• Notify the Local Councils of any Member's transfer to National Membership. Verify the applicant was a member of a CoG Member coven during the current membership year, before forwarding (Coven to National AoIM) Transfer Requests to the Newsletter for publication, and to the AIR subgroup.
• Revoke membership as instructed to do so by the Governing Board, or for failure to send their proxy (using a Grand Council Quorum Form or by checking the box on their renewal) two years in succession, or for non-payment of tithes annually.
• Revoke credentials as instructed to do so by the Governing Board, or for non-payment, or when the credential isn’t renewed, or when the individual member of a Member Coven (holding a Ministerial credential) is expelled from that coven by that coven’s leadership.
• Assist the Outreach Officer in functions relating to Friends of CoG.
• Encourage and assist members of the National Assembly of Individual Members in contacting each other to form Solitary Caucuses, share concerns, pick representatives for the Annual Grand Council meeting, and/or prepare a proxy, in cooperation with the AoIM Representative.
• Provide other information as required by National Officers, or the Governing Board.
• Process expenses by the deadline set by the National Pursewarden.

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Pursewarden

Covenant of the Goddess

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**Net** $28,850.00

**Net if GC is virtual** $9,550.00

- Marketing and Promotion: GC must vote to renew and the amount (see 2019 proposal).
- GC Non Operating: We must address these expense if GCs will be virtual, they are unnecessary. We cannot support these cost centers.

Public Information Officer

Interesting WwW - Gaeelen (TXLC) led a discussion on HIV and Stigma and how to reduce those issues. We may be able to do an abbreviated discussion on the Members Only this month, but it has been suggested to discuss proposals planned on being submitted for GC 2022.

* Mystic South - Atlanta - (July 14-17, 2022)
  * Planning to submit program ad (est. $250)
  * Tailgate Party in CoG Suite (est.$200 - $400)
  * Print promotional materials (est. $150 - $200)
  * COG SUITE AT ATLANTA *
  * Tailgate Party on Thursday
  * Music - CDs or downloads (speakers)
  * Introduce/Welcome
  * CoG
  * TWH
  * Llewellyn
  * Casual cocktail party atmosphere
  * Finger foods
  * Marketing materials
  * Fundraising for TWH - 50/50 raffle
  * Coordinate materials for the suite, information table and in workshop.
* Advise the GB that we will use M&O funds for Mystic South ~ $900 [Request Marketing/Outreach funds for Summer events - $3000]
* Beyond the Veil
* Program Ad?
* Brochures for info table
* Posters available for any LC who may be delivering a workshop, having a booth at summer events.

**Publications Officer**

Blessings this Litha. As the sun reaches its zenith, we rejoice in the glory of the Sun. Yet we also recognize that we should start our first preparation for the waning of the year. As Grand Council approaches so too does the passing of the torch for many of us to others to take up the mantle of leadership. Many offices will be open including this one, but I think I have Stachia talked into taking this one.

A reminder, anything that is to be placed in the newsletter should be submitted in Word Format. If it is in anything else, it may not make it into the newsletter.

As always, please send any articles, poetry or minutes to 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.

**Correspondence Officer**

No report submitted, see Executive Board Minutes on page 6.

**National Recorder**

No report submitted, see Executive Board Minutes on page 6.

**National Outreach Officer**

Position open.

**Welcome to CoG**

Please welcome:
- Lawrence Lerner ~ Everglades Moon AoIM

**Membership Applications**

**Circle of the Ancient Mother**

Texas Local Council
Ft. Worth, Texas

**Statement of Practice**

We, Circle of the Ancient Mother are requesting membership to the Texas Covenant of the Goddess. We are a Wiccan coven of the American Tradition of the Goddess that formed at Beltane, 2020. We consist of four initiates. We follow the Wiccan Rede and perform private rituals during both the full and new moons. I am Essynce, the High Priestess. I circled out of Bastion of Coven Firemoon, whose coven is a member of the local council. As such, I’ve been an active member of the Texas Local Council since 2014. I’ve enjoyed my time volunteering for this local council at local Sabbats, Witches’ Balls, and when teaching classes and hope, with my coven, to continue to do so. Thank you for considering our application.

Essynce
High Priestess
Circle of the Ancient Mother

**Letter of Recommendation #1**

DearCoG:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Terry D., aka Essynce, and her coven Circle of the Ancient Mother as a member of the Texas local Council of the Covenant of the Goddess. During her time in Coven Firemoon, she proved herself to be an ethical and considerate person, and always puts the needs of others before her own needs. She honors the old path of the Gods and has written and performed several rituals honoring the God and Goddess.

As a member of Coven Firemoon, Essynce has supported TxICoG in many endeavors. Of course, she has participated in rituals, but has also helped with grounds maintenance, food service, and organizing Witch's Ball. I also know the other members of Circle of the Ancient Mother and find them to be outstanding examples of what the future holds for our path. I believe that Essynce and Circle of the Ancient Mother will be an asset to both the local Council and CoG as a whole and support their entrance into the local Council.

Blessings,

Bastion
High Priestess, Coven Firemoon
American Tradition of the Goddess

**Letter of Recommendation #2**

Greetings

It is with great pleasure that I give this recommendation for Terri Dixon – AKA Myst. I have known her since she was a student with Fire Moon
Coven. She is a natural leader and is not afraid to get her hands dirty. She is an excellent HPs – you can tell it by the folks in her coven. She is very knowledgeable. I think she would make a grand addition to the local council.

Raven
HPs, Circle of the Moon

STATEMENT OF PRACTICE

Jander Zen
Texas Local Council AoIM
Hurst, Texas

I am applying for individual membership to the Texas Local Council of the Covenant of the Goddess. I am a McFarland Dianic High Priest of more than 20 years. I was a part of the local council first as a solitaire and then as a coven member when Demeter's Daughters was in existence. In 2008, I received CoG's Order of the Pentacle in honor of my service in the United States Army. My High Priestess is Gaelen Ananat, who initiated me into the McFarland Dianic faith and is also a member of the Texas Local Council with her Amtrad coven, the Circle of the Serpent. The McFarland Dianic tradition is matriarchal and Wiccan based. I honor the Wiccan rede and the three fold law of karma. I am a part of monthly moon rites with my coven and honor the 8 yearly Sabbats.

I've been an active volunteer throughout the years at TXCoG's Sabbats, classes, and many other events and activities. My work has shifted since the pandemic and allows me more time and opportunity to volunteer again, so I would like to rejoin TXCoG. The local council is a positive influence in our pagan community.

Respectfully,
Jander Zen

Letter of Recommendation #1

Greetings,

Jander has assisted with many community events. He has helped with the TXLC website and online classes. Additionally, he has helped with several events: Pagan Pride Day, Witches Ball, public classes, and public rituals. He has assisted with check in at events, been the DJ at Witches Ball, and taught classes.

Jander officially joining TXLC will add to the value of our council. He has been on the fringe and helping for 20 years. We know we can rely on Jander to do what he says he'll do, whether it's teaching a class or helping with rituals. He brings years of experience to our council and selflessly given time and energy to many of our events.

Jander is a friend to me and a friend to the council for over two decades. As a result of all he's done for our community, I am honored to recommend his membership.

With gratitude,
Anastasia Lankford

Letter of Recommendation #3

Dear members of the Texas Local Council of the Covenant of the Goddess,

I'm writing to wholeheartedly recommend Jander to join the Texas Local Council of the Covenant of the Goddess.

I've had the pleasure and honor to know Jander for nearly a decade, and I've gotten to know him as a brilliant, dedicated and talented person. He is a very, knowledgeable and caring McFarland Dianic Priest in the local coven, Dark Veil Grove.

I have seen him volunteer and help on numerous occasions, from providing the music and DJ skills during our Witch Ball, to helping us set up zoom and video conferences for our quarterly meetings.
I have no doubt that Jander will become an invaluable member who will help us drive our organization forward.

Kara Ragnhild, HPS.
Guardian of Coven Firemoon

Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes
Northern California Local Council AoIM
Cloverdale, California

STATEMENT OF PRACTICE

My name is Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes. I received my Pagan Community Minister certificate from Cherry Hill Seminary this year. I have been a professional clairvoyant since 1994 and received my training at Psychic Horizons on San Francisco. I am on the Board of Directors for Cherry Hill Seminary and currently a Deaconess for the Sacred Well Congregation working towards ordination. I have taught Feminist Theology /Women's Spirituality at the college level and do consider myself a feminist Witch and Wiccan.

I am a hard polytheist and my main deity is Hecate. I do work with other deities such as Brigid, Danu, Themis, and Hypnos. I was part of a coven in the 80's and we provided Wiccan rituals for women by invitation for a couple of years. The coven dissolved due to interpersonal issues. I now practice solitary, but do hope to start circling with others soon. I celebrate all the Wiccan holidays and the dark moons, as that is Hecate's most potent time. When I can I also worship on the full moon. During the full moons I focus more on Brigid and Danu. I have been identifying as a Wiccan and a Witch since I took a course from Carol Christ in college on Gods and Goddesses. I am self-trained, and have learned from various people over time including my training at Cherry Hill. I also learned a great deal by doing ritual and being in nature. That early coven was Dianic focused and now I use whatever works and I have been influenced primarily by Ann Moura, Orion Foxwood, Deborah Lipp, and Doreen Valiente among others.

The Wiccan Rede is definitely part of my Pagan understanding and I adore Judy Harrow's exegesis on the Rede. I also find Doreen Valiente's Charge of the Goddess to be not only beautiful, but liturgically significant. I have been inspired by that poem to attach the virtues listed - Let there be beauty and strength, power and compassion, honor and humility, mirth and reverence within you - to our Wiccan wheel of the year, so that at each point of the wheel we can contemplate each virtue in our own character and may publish my thoughts on this at some point in the future.

I work magic when it is needed and pray at my altar most mornings to start the day. I offer prayers to my deities and then listen for guidance. I usually pull a Tarot card for the day and regularly consider astrological guidance as well. I end my day with prayers to Hypnos and Hecate.

After I became a Community Minister, I created a needs survey for Sonoma County pagans to ascertain what our community actually desired. From that survey, one item that was highly rated was a digital newsletter. I took on that task and asked others to submit content. Two have been produced so far and are posted on my website: https://www.sococommin.net/. I am currently seeking spaces to offer community rituals for pagans in Sonoma County.

I do pledge to abide by COG's Ethics, Charter, Bylaws and policies and hope to become active in the organization to assist with any projects that help Pagans. I do see myself as an educator and hope my skills in administration, education, web maintenance, etc., may prove useful to COG as well as any spiritual support I can offer or clairvoyant insights.

Thank you for considering my membership in the Covenant of the Goddess.

Letter of Recommendation #1
Greetings!

I heartily endorse and recommend Laurel Holmstrom-Keyes for membership in the Covenant of the Goddess.

I currently serve with Laurel on the Cherry Hill Seminary Board of Directors and know her to be a solid member of the Pagan community. Her integrity, ethics and thoughtful dedication to service are just a few of the attributes that make her a prime candidate for inclusion in COG. I enthusiastically encourage COG to accept her application.

Bright Blessings!
Michael Finnegan Rhys
COG National First Officer Emeritus

Letter of Recommendation #2
Dear CoG Membership Officer and fellow members,

This is a letter of Recommendation for Laurel Holmstrom, a Community Minister, Priestess and Witch.

I have been working with Laurel over the past year on the weekly Cherry Hill Seminary Spiritual Potluck. I have been impressed by her scholarship and knowledge of Wicca and of historical Pagan religions. The invocations and ritual she has offered have been moving and timely.

I believe she would be an asset to the Covenant.
Blessings,
Rowan Fairgrove, EPs
Owl Moon Coven
NCLC

FRIENDS OF COG APPLICATIONS

NONE AT THIS TIME

TRANSITIONING FROM COVEN TO SOLITARY

NONE AT THIS TIME

LOCAL COUNCILS

CHAMISA
~ No Report ~
Last published minutes in the Beltane 2022 edition.

EVERGLADES MOON
~ February 13, 2022~
Having Quorum the meeting began at 3:15 PM with an opening prayer by Coyote.
Meeting hosted: Via Zoom

In Attendance:
- Coyote, First Officer, Assembly of Individual Members (AoIM)
- Raven, Pursewarden, AoIM
- Bobbi-Jo, Membership Officer, Albion’s Spirit Coven
- Diana, Public Information Officer, Spiraling Heart Coven
- Shaylee, Co-Recorder, Beachfyre Coven
- Ceos, Co-Recorder, AoIM
- Manny, AoIM, CoG Pursewarden

Officer Reports:

First Officer – Coyote: As we walk the wheel of the year through the season of Imbolc, the uprising flame of life shining on our brow, let the beauty, healing, and magic of Brighid bless our heads, and hands, and hearts!

Many of the paths before us are misty and unsure, informed by history and current events, and omens and signs of the times, but still unsure. May we be guided by wisdom, our path made clear by the flame of inspiration and tempered with compassion and understanding.

Second Officer – Rayna: No Report at this time - Retreat is being planned.

Membership Officer - Bobbi Jo:
- All renewals are in.
- Beachfyre, Kasha (Kathy) is due in May.
- 3 new interests (Vicki Scotti, Christine G, and Martha). Lady B sent info to Membership Officer who will do a group email invite.
- Silver Sanctuary (Tanit) and Martha - both need to send over their charter number.

Pursewarden – Raven:
- The organization’s checkbook may still be with prior officer (exchanged via TTT), possibly exchange at the annual retreat in March.
- $5630.87 balance. Not sure how much is from TTT.

Publications Officer – Cosette: I continue to organize the website's back end and bring it up to date. I added episodes 71 (Samhain) and 72 (Imbolc/Litha) of the podcast.

The next page I will update is Arts & Services (https://emlc.net/about-emlc/arts-services/).

Please review and let me know if you’d like to be added to that or need your information on there updated.

Also, please let me know if you have a preference around address munging.

That's "jane@example.com" versus "jane at example dot com".

We presumably use this technique to avoid email address scavenging, but this practice is old and not necessary anymore. Email harvesters can work around this, and we have email filtering (spam filters). Email addresses online are clickable, so they open in your email provider. Disguising email addresses makes it more difficult for people to send an email. I recommend not using address munging, but, of course, I will leave it for people who want that. Alternatively, we can point people to the Contact page.

I attended CoG's Marketing & Outreach meeting, which I think is a committee of all the PIOs. The main agenda item was the Harassment policy vs Consent Statement. I understand that this is an old CoG project (two years?), and it felt like we made progress on it. I can't commit to this committee given the time zone differences, and I've got enough on my plate, but I will attend the meetings when I can.

Public Information Officer – Diana: No Report at this time

Recorder (Co-Recorder) - Shaylee/Ceos: Meeting Minutes from the last meeting have been sent to COG and the Annual
Meeting minutes were provided to Coyote and resubmitted to COG with corrections as requested.

**What EMLC’ers are doing:**

**Ceos:** the Sons of the Minotaur Grove (Ceos’ Grove outside of EMLC), has 6 new Seekers who are starting training today.

Members have books they want to explore donating/getting rid of. Discussion about this (idea: bring to Pagan Pride later, reach out on FB).

**Old Business:**

**Turning the Tide:** January 2022 Wrap-Up.

We had 73 people attempt to register of those, some of them never provided a donation and some of them canceled prior to donating. We had 64 people (including 5 under 13) reserve a spot with a donation and 3 reservations with work exchanges, for a total of 67. One of those work exchanges was Jorge since he was a last-minute add-on/hero.

Of those 67, 60 people (including 5 under 13) attended with 21 of these guests being new to Turning The Tide. Almost everyone paid via Paypal and of the 6 who did not attend only 1 has requested a refund, which Raven has already provided. That leaves us with $2,670 in donations. This will not equal Ravens numbers as some people choose to pay the Paypal fees and others didn't so her numbers will reflect that difference.

As for cost here is the breakdown for now:

- Greynolds Initial Payment: $ 852.00
- Greynolds Final Payment: $ 395.00
- Drummers: $ 350.00
- Reimbursements Paid: $ 200.00
- Total: $ 1,797.00

Approximate Money Raised: $ 873.00 (minus the fees I don't have figures for) I know we did not have our usual raffle table which definitely makes a difference to our final fundraising number, but I don't think we did too bad.

Discussion: Many people really stepped up.

Impact of having it in January vs. December.

Review of scheduling problem in Greynolds

- All of Nov. & Dec. 2022 is available. Recommendation: Suggestions: discuss date @ Annual Retreat or doa Survey Monkey.
- “You guys always leave the park great!”...(female Greynolds staff).
- The man who gave the problem is now cooperative. Issue was addressed with this person’s boss.
- Shaylee: if we do not do Tides, consider other options for community service.
- Manny: leftover food....food banks (Curley, Feeding South Florida) declined related to current Covid protocols requesting assurances about how the food was collected with specific source tracking.
- Toy donations: similar issues.
- Amigos for Kids (Miami-Dade), has needs throughout the year (backpacks, school supplies, etc.).

Final Decision:

- Bring it up at the next Annual Retreat in March 2022
- Shaylee to create a Survey Monkey

**New Business:**

**Annual Retreat** (March 25 - 27, 2022), which will be at Bone Creek, information coming soon.

**Upcoming Festivals:**

- Phoenix Fire, Date March 16th-20th, 30th Anniversary in Bell, FL. Link: phoenixfestivals.com
- Florida Pagan Gathering, Dates: April 20th-24 in Silver Springs, FL Link: flapagan.org
- Summer Magick Fest, Dates: June 9th-12th in Orlando FL. Link: summermagickfest.org
- Mystic South, Dates: July 15-17th, 2022 in Atlanta, GA, Link: mystic-south.com

**Next Meeting:** May 3rd, 2020 at 8 PM

Meeting ended with a closing prayer given by Coyote

Blessed be everyone!

~ May 3rd, 202 ~

Having Quorum the meeting began at 8:20 PM with an opening prayer by Coyote.

Meeting hosted: Via Zoom

**In Attendance:**

- Coyote, First Officer, Assembly of Individual Members (AoIM)
- Bobbi-Jo, Membership Officer, Albion’s Spirit Coven
- Raven, Pursewarden, AoIM
- Tanit, Silver Sanctuary Coven
- Diana, Public Information Officer, Spiraling Heart Coven
- Shaylee, Co-Recorder, Beachfyre Coven
- Lord Riekin, National CoG Rep, Witch, and Famous Coven
- Canu, Beachfyre Coven
- Manny, AoIM
- Rayna, Second Officer, Beachfyre Coven
- Lady Bridget, Witch and Famous Coven

**Officer Reports:**

**First Officer – Coyote:** No Report at this time
Second Officer – Rayna: The annual retreat was held at Bone Creek Sanctuary, near Arcadia, Florida March 25-27, 2022. Seventeen members and/or friends of EMLC attended, from across the state. We enjoyed time together reconnecting for the first time post-pandemic, sitting around the camp fire and looking for fossils in Horse Creek. On Sat night we did the first formal ritual at Bone Creek Sanctuary to make offerings to the Genus Loci of the land. Many people expressed how important it is for us to gather in person from time to time and that they felt renewed after attending the retreat.

Membership Officer - Bobbi Jo: Report Pending

Pursewarden – Raven: $4582.61 in Bank at this time. Raven to give a review of donations for the next meeting.

Publications Officer – Cosette: No Report at this time

Public Information Officer – Diana: No Report at this time

Recorder /Co-Recorder - Shaylee/Ceos: Meeting Minutes - this co-recorder was unable to send the last meeting minutes in, but they have now been sent to the board for review and I will have them out as soon as possible.

What EMLC’ers are doing:

Bobbie Jo, Trish, and Rayna are working hard to get Summer Magic Fest off the ground and they did a ritual at FPG together and generated great reviews for the upcoming festival.

Tanit will be vending at Summer Magic under the new business name of Wicked Kitty!

Alpandia, Marla, and Miraselena are all working hard on Mystic South for July 15-17, 2022 in Atlanta, and if you’d like details you can visit https://www.mystic-south.com

EMLC had a great retreat at Bone Creek, we had about 15 people and had an amazing time.

Old Business:

No old business at this time

New Business

National Board Report (Lord Riekin): Merry Meet & Grand Council is happening in Santa Anna, California dates August 11th -14th at Holiday Inn near Airport.

Bubble Butt has passed away! Sad! Blessed Be Bubble Butt! EMLC plans to continue supporting Bubble Butt and The Turtle Hospital.

Shaylee is to email EMLC about a vending table at Summer Magick Fest.

Turning the Tide 2022/23: EMLC is considering moving the dates of Turning the Tide to later in January or early February, Shaylee is to contact Greyolds Park to see what dates are available in that time frame and email EMLC Board for further discussion.

Upcoming Festivals: Summer Magick Fest, Dates: June 9th-12th in Orlando Florida. Link: www.summermagickfest.org

Mystic South, Dates: July 15-17th, 2022 in Atlanta, GA, Link: https://mystic-south.com/

Next Meeting: The next meeting is set for Thursday, August 4th, 2022 at 8 PM

Meeting ended with a closing prayer given by Coyote.

Blessed be everyone!

HILLS AND RIVERS

~No report~

Last published minutes in the Imbolc 2022 edition.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

~ January 23, 2022 ~

Attendees: (quorum attained)
- Trismegiston – Anna, Don, Glenn
- Daduchos - Thea
- Waxing Moon - Taffy
- Dark Moon Circle - Anne
- Individual members – Bill, Joanne, Deborah
- Guests - none

Reports:

First Officer (Glenn): No news. requests contact information (PO mail, email, telephone) from anyone doing recorder work.

2nd officer: none

Recorder (Linnea for Jan): Thank you, Taffy, especially for finding the many glitches in our process. We discussed level of detail appropriate for minutes for national and local. Local needs detail for members not at meeting, national needs abbreviated, and tactful, version.

Membership (Anna): No change in membership. Possible new connection via Rowan. Cary the Fairy is still a member, but Anna has lost contact information. If anyone has contact, please send to Anna.

PIO: none
Pursewarden (Linnea): Short version – Bank balance $2198, $125 in donations, 40.34 web fees.

Social media (Joanne): Joanne is posting to facebook, but only Taffy is viewing it.

Website (Deborah): Deborah volunteered to start this month. She has done training with Felicity and looked at other local council websites. She is using WordPress and could use help. Glenn volunteered Dewey. Bill and Taffy may also help

Email address: Thea says it’s not working now, she needs a password for NCLC4COG@gmail.com

Governing Board (Deborah, Linnea): See attached report. There were some questions about whether our Governing Board is a genuine corporate governing board and what to do about the National COG CD investment. No consensus, but interest in discussing these issues.

Interfaith (Don): email for long report if you need it.

The Adocentyn Library has acquired a huge number of new books, and acquired adjacent space, tripling their area and are hoping to open soon. Donations (monetary) are needed to make this library opening an ongoing success.

(Thea): attended W. Garvey Sacred Feminine session. She added some excerpts from Drawing Down the Moon. When asked ‘what is the #1 misconception about our religion’, she offered that “we work with demons” and we struggle for basic respect.

Old Business: – this got absorbed into New Business.

New Business:

Between the Veils is postponed until August, so no outreach for now.

Treasury matters: Possible solutions for the new increased minimum balance ($2k) for free checking discussed.

Linnea will send out donation request email.

Taffy wants a fund raiser for Valerie Voight, who has experienced a sudden large rent increase. She requests $5k for the next year to allow her to find new lodgings. We agree that Taffy (or Valerie) can post to solicit funds.

We want to explore the possibility of NCLC to generate a “relief fund” and will discuss this as new business next meeting.

Recorder: Deborah wants us to develop a “job description” to help recruiting a recorder. Anna suggests that each member (coven?) assume the duty once each year. Anna will be recorder next meeting. Our minutes are not getting to the newsletter. Glenn – please monitor.

Groups.io: seems to be going ok. Any problems – report to Thea

Next meeting: Sat 26 March 2pm.

ORANGE COUNTY

~ April 14, 2022~

Invocation: Mary opened the meeting with the invocation.

Roll Call:

- Bran Faol Reannag (BFR) – represented by Janine
- Celtic Circle of Wisdom – represented by Mary and Lilith
- Dream Walkers of Delos – represented by Rayna
- Ghostwheel – represented by Morgana RavenTree
- Greenwood Glen – represented by Camille
- Lyceum of Aset Hauhet – represented by Rev. Dee
- Quorum was achieved.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved

Officer Reports:

First Officer (Morgana): no report
Second Officer (Mary): Membership Officer (Camille):

Pursewarden (Lilith): bank account has a balance of $4967.91. We have $95.00 in petty cash and our PayPal account has a balance of 400.87 for a total of $5463.78).

Public Information Officer (Janine):


Recorder (Rev. Dee): Took and distributed the minutes of March 2022.

Governing Board Representative Report (Janine): See minutes of meeting in newsletter.

Old Business:

- Grand Council/MerryMeet 2022:
  - Dates for GC/MM 2022 hotel August 11th-14th
  - Hotel has a $500 deposit from Mary; we may lose the deposit if we cancel.
• Contingency plan: Grand Council will be virtual if we have to cancel in-person and we will consider a virtual Merry Meet if the in-person event is canceled. We will ask other groups how they are handling it. If not virtual, we should plan to have masks and sanitizer available.
• Unable to confirm meal plans at this time; food will be determined at later date
• Mary has list of potential workshop presenters
• Need to confirm entertainment still available for 2022
• Morgana will send Mary a draft of the opening ritual (but Mary is free to decline and go with a different idea)
• Leadership Institute – updated leadership institute topics and potential speakers
• Set up registration site by May (or June at the latest)
• Mary presented a project plan for Merry Meet.
• Reminder – Wednesday with Witches 1st Wednesday for anyone, 3rd Wednesday for COG Members and Friends only
• Psychic fair June 4th 10-5
  • Registration site
  • Confirmed readers so far:
    • Rev. Dee: Tarot, Anam Glyphs
    • Ryn: Pendulum Readings
    • Mary: Oracle Cards and Spirit Messages
    • Janine: Make a Working Purpose Candle
    • Camille: Crystal Reiki
  • Confirmed vendors:
  • Vendors:
    • Roxana will provide tamales. Her son will be there at 9.
    • Mystic Connections will have keys by 9:30; open at 10
  • Advertising & promotion: Janine
  • Psychic Faire – What to bring

New Business:
  Meeting Adjourned: 8:00
New Business:

We are considering having a fundraiser at Sizzler's in Banning in July.

Anything else of interest locally:
Wednesday with Witches is still hoping that more people will sign-on and attend.

Approved May Minutes: Yes
Raffle: Stachia won
Blessing: Val
Meeting Adjourned: Yes @ 9:00pm
Next Meeting: June 6th, 2022

~ June 13, 2022~
Invocation: Lari

Covens/Individual Members:
• Ecclasia – Jack, Stachia, Val
• Obsidian Oak – Chad, Lari
• Emerald Forest – Joanne was not present but Val had proxy

Verification of Quorum: Yes

Officer Reports:
First Officer (Val): No report.
Second Officer (Lari, Chad, Val): No report except for the upcoming fund-raiser.
Membership Officer (Joanne): Not present, and no report.
Pursewarden (Jack): Status Quo, no change yet.
Public Information Officer (Chad): No report.
Recorder (Val): Will send minutes to National ASAP

Governing Board Representative (Jack): Merry Meet is now virtual. Also there are still several National positions open that need to be filled.

Old Business:
FUNdraiser: We are working on having a fundraiser soon at the Sizzlers in Banning and the time and date are yet to be determined.
Merry Meet will be held in August 2022 on the 13th, 14th and will be virtual.

New Business:
We need to pick a time and date for the fund-raiser and have decided that emails are to be sent out to determine that, and it should be finalized at the next meeting.

We are also considering having a Bar-B-Que up at Chad and Lari’s house (instead of having a formal meeting) up in Idyllwild and emails will be sent out for that too in order to determine a time and date.

Anything else of interest locally:
Wednesday with Witches is still hoping that more people will sign-on and attend, especially COG members.

Approve Current Minutes: Yes
Blessing: Val
Meeting Adjourned: Yes
Next Meeting: July 11th, 2022

WHAT’S HAPPENING AROUND COG

ONLINE PAGAN 101 CLASSES

Colors & Candle Magick July 13, 2022
Meditation July 27, 2022

Texas Local Council presents a wide variety of Pagan Classes for the public. Our teachers primarily come from several different traditions among the many member covens and individuals in our Local Council and provide a new perspective on Pagan teachings so even long-time practitioners can learn something new!

https://www.txcog.org/our-classes/online-pagan-101-classes

FUNDAMENTALS OF ASTROLOGY III:
TOUR OF THE ZODIAC & THE ASTROLOGICAL HOUSES

Jun 24, 2022 6 - 8 PM PST
In this final introductory (class) *seminar*, we will look at the houses *and signs*, the influence they have on the planets that occupy them at any given time, and some of their functions and relationships. From there, we’ll discuss the triplicities and quadruplicities and what they mean.

https://ardantane.org/event/fundamentals-of-astrology-iii/

DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP WITH DEITY

July 1, 2022 6 - 8 PM PST
Pagans and Wiccans often speak of working with a particular Deity. What does that mean? How does one develop a working relationship with Deity? Must one wait to be chosen? Can you choose?

AmberIsis, long time priestess of the West Coast Eclectic Tradition will answer all these questions and more. She will share techniques and ideas that she has learned in her long career as a
priestess, coven and ritual leader. Come share your own experience with a special God or Goddess and learn what others have experienced!

[link to event]

**Reading Natal Charts**

**July 5, 2022 6 - 8 PM PST**

This is the first of a five week course meeting on Tuesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 26, and August 2.

How would you like to learn an interesting and fun way to better understand the dynamics of your relationships with family, friends and coworkers? How about acquiring or refining a skill that makes a lovely birthday or new baby present?

Join Moonbeam Mage and Rowan for this class to learn the basics of reading and understanding birth charts. Learn what the most significant points are, what the planets, houses and signs tell you about personality, challenges and abilities of the subject, how it all fits together and more.

This valuable tool will help you better understand yourself and others. There will be plenty of exercises and discussion to help you practice your newfound skills.

[link to event]

**Pagan Chant**

**July 8, 2022 6 – 8 PM PST**

Tara Keine and other members of the Crow Women will lead this fun evening of pagan chant. We'll teach a few favorite chants and all sing “together” in a circle of song. Don’t worry—you’ll get to stay muted (otherwise the gods of internet bandwidth will wreak havoc on our timing), so whether you are confident in your voice or not, you can enjoy singing along to these easy-to-learn chants and hopefully sink into that sacred space where only song can take us.

The Crow Women have been an important part of the pagan community in the Rocky Mountain West for many years. They are an a capella choir from Durango, Colorado. They sing songs for rites of passage and other ceremonies in the Goddess tradition. The singers over the years have included: Alane, Anna, Carole, Deb, Donna, Donamarie, Judith, Kiwi, Marilyn, Melanie, Molly, Rebekah, Shannon and Tara. Charlie is our drummer.

[link to event]

**Deities and Heroes in the Sky**

**July 15, 2022 6 – 8 PM PST**

People have been using the sky to honor their deities throughout recorded history. Kerr Cuhulain takes us on a brief tour of the sky to see these deities and how they were used.

[link to event]

**Beyond Gratitude, the Course for Sacred Living**

**July 18, 2022 6 – 8 PM PST**

Have you been looking for a better way to balance work, home, finances, relationships, rest and relaxation, health, creativity, and spirit—and still have time to declutter? Join us on a 6-month exploration to re-create, polish, and shine your life in 2022!

Journey with Azrael Arynn K/Shannon Elizabeth, the author of 5 Steps Beyond Gratitude: Creating Your Life of Joyful Abundance (to be released in early 2022) as you explore the nine facets of The Life Compass (the “what” of life), in terms of the Golden Pentacle (the “how” of life). Every other week, meet with others on the same path, on Zoom. Azrael and the students in the class will share your successes, help you overcome challenges, and discover how to do life in a more conscious and sacred way.

Schedule: The class meets every other Monday starting on July 18 and continuing through December 5, 2022, plus a wrap up class on December 5, for a total of 11 classes.

[link to event]

**Passing of an Elder**

Kathryn Fuller (1948–2022)

Kathryn Fuller, a longtime member of Covenant of the Goddess crossed the veil early this month. In 1998 Kathryn was elected National First Officer of CoG. For reasons lost to history, she chose to serve a single term. She was elected to serve as First Officer again in 2004 and 2005.

Growing up in a rural portion of northern San Diego County, Fuller was always drawn to the beauty and energy of nature. She studied metaphysics and divination with various teachers in the ’70s and ’80s and became an accomplished card reader and numerologist.

About two years after marrying her husband, Daryl, she was invited by her mother-in-law to a
public ritual conducted by a local teaching coven. After the ritual, the High Priestess approached Fuller to inquire about her experience with the rite. During the conversation, the HPs informed her that the circle was closed to new members... with the exception of family. Not one to let an opportunity to learn something new pass her by, Fuller joined the coven in 1988.

Her husband, Daryl, joined as well in 1989 and together they would advance through the tradition’s degree system and ultimately hive off, forming their own coven in 1992.

The Circle of the Wildewood flourished and trained many priests & priestesses until the decision was made to close the San Diego circle in 2003 as the Fullers were relocating to New Mexico. After settling in at their new home, they started the circle again with a new batch of students.

The Circle of the Wildewood joined Covenant of the Goddess (CoG) in 1995 as a member of the Calafia Local Council. During their tenure with Calafia, The Fullers performed many public rituals and became well known for their dynamic style.

Her life-long commitment to service to the community was reflected in her participation in various projects like the Veteran Pentacle Quest. In 2006, while serving in her capacity as Emerita, Kathryn encouraged CoG to join forces with Circle Sanctuary and other pagan organizations to bring about the approval of the pentacle as an approved symbol for inclusion on headstones at Arlington National Cemetery.

She was instrumental in getting others involved in the Pentacle Quest, especially veterans. Fuller was among those who were present at Arlington for the dedication of the first Veteran gravestone to bear a pentacle on July 4, 2007.

In 2014, Fuller was one of the first eight people to receive the Award of Honor which Covenant of the Goddess (CoG) defines as being “for outstanding service to the greater Pagan and Heathen communities in areas such as religious rights, international peace, environmental protection, interfaith leadership and education, the creation of lasting institutions, and the promotion of social justice and civil rights.”

Throughout her years of local and national service to the Wiccan/Pagan community, Fuller was known for her kindness, grace, and wisdom. She was an accomplished facilitator who conducted meetings with organization and efficiency. Not everyone loved her, but there were very few who did not respect her and even fewer who dared cross her. She was a formidable witch, a strong leader, and a powerful ally.

Friends who knew her described Fuller as being, “stubborn and infuriating and absolutely wonderful—everything you want in a High Priestess.”

Fuller also had a major passion for quilting and was noted as a very skilled longarm quilter. Additionally, she made and sold stoles for Pagan clergy that were finely crafted and unique.

She was diagnosed with pancreatic adenocarcinoma in July of 2020 and entered the Summerland on the evening of May 2, 2022, surrounded by her husband and two of her students, and close friends.

What is remembered, lives!
Now and then she found but one.
Here and there, but two or three.
Somewhere in my seeking Her
I learned that She sought me.
She had watched my searching steps
Along her silvered path,
Knowing that I knew of Her
As Isis or Anath.

Through bramblerose and briarthorn,
Past the rowan and the yew –
I came, at last, with halting
Steps – into her milieu.
Face to face with the virgin
Moon, huntress of the stars,
Whose touch soothed away my anguish,
A balm to earthbound scars.

With warmth in Her open arms
She welcomed me lovingly home.
She lessoned me in the fertile Earth
And life in the cresting foam.
To Her bow She fitted my hand,
To the arrows guided my eye,
And taught the silvered songs of
Their flight in Her moonlit sky.

She taught of flame and healing,
Of herbals and of spell,
With Her love She blessed and
Filled me, then bid me farewell.
My soul is Her moonlight,
My laughter, Her mirth,
In Her hands is my life-vow…
Her daughter… on Earth.

**RITUALS FOR THE SUMMER SOLSTICE WITH ESSENTIAL OILS**

From Young Living Blog

When it comes to self-care, summer is a prime season to indulge in a little extra TLC. That’s why we love using oils such as Orange, Geranium, Peppermint, and Cedarwood during the summer months. From super-moisturizing, citrus-infused skincare routines, to refreshing, icy-cold roll-ons, these versatile oils can be used in a variety of ways to boost your solstice celebrations. During this time of spirituality and connection, looking after yourself, setting intentions, and taking time out to reflect is also important, so why not try oils such as Frankincense and German Chamomile to soothe your senses as you create a calming environment.

When it comes to rituals to enjoy during the summer solstice, everyone has individual preferences on how to celebrate the vibrant energy associated with such a spiritual event. Whether it’s through meditation, journaling, or simply doing something you love, essential oils can accompany your summer solstice rituals and surround your senses with beautiful scents as you celebrate. We’ve listed just a few of our favorite rituals below:

**SUMMER SOLSTICE BATH RITUAL**

For a summer solstice bathing experience that’ll leave you feeling perfectly pampered, why not try adding 6-8 drops of Palo Santo essential oil with Epsom salts to your evening bath? Palo Santo bark is traditionally burned in South America to help clear negative energies, and this lemony oil offers a restorative aroma when inhaled. To accompany your bath time and help create a magical mood, why not try adding a few candles to your bathroom or maximizing your summer solstice bath ritual with some fragrant flower petals.

**SELF-LOVE SOLSTICE MEDITATION**

Taking time out to practice meditation — an ancient remedy that works wonders for modern stresses, while developing strength, clarity, and stability of mind — is a fantastic way to celebrate the summer solstice. If you’ve been looking to get into meditation, why not consider applying a relaxing scent to your pulse points such as Lavender or Neroli, and accompany the experience by holding your favorite crystals. Get settled in a quiet spot, wear comfortable clothes, and take time to repeat your self-love affirmations out loud.

**SUMMER SOLSTICE JOURNAL JOURNEY**

When it comes to summer solstice ritual ideas, we love journaling. On the day in which sunshine can be appreciated the most, why not head outside with refreshing oils such as Tea Tree, Patchouli, and Lemon, before taking time to consider how you feel as the summer cycle begins. You could write about the peaks of your year so far as the sun peaks in the sky or consider what you want to let go of as you embrace new beginnings.

**CAN YOU NAME THESE SONGS?**

- Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds
- Gentle on my Mind
- Turn, Turn, Turn
- Bridge Over Troubled Water
- Morning Has Broken
- The Last Time
- Coat of Many Colors
- We Shall Overcome
- Luci in the Sky With Diamonds (Gentle on My Mind: Turn, Turn, Turn)
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- Ostara ~ March 10, 2022
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- Litha ~ June 11, 2022
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- **October 10** – Combined Board
- **November 14** – Governing Board
- **December 12** – Executive Board

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- **February 13** – Governing Board
- **March 13** – Executive Board
- **April 10** – Combined Board
- **May 8** – Governing Board
- **June 5** – Executive Board
- **July 17** – Combined Board
- **August 12-14** – Grand Council
- **August 21** – Governing Board
- **September 18** – Executive Board
- **October 16** – Combined Board
- **November 13** – Governing Board

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## Friends of CoG

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Bylaws and Policy Manuals

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- **Annotated Historical Policy Manual 1975 - 2017**