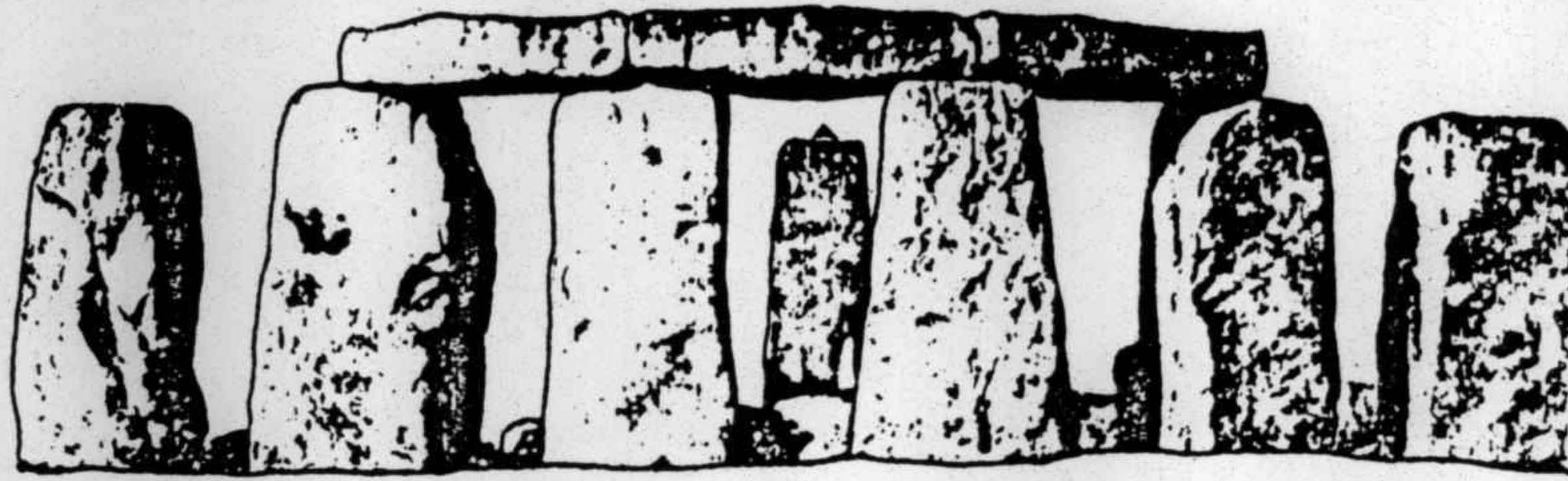


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A Druid Newsletter!

This is the first issue of THE DRUID CHRONICLER, a highly irregular Druid newsletter to be issued whenever enough money and news is available to do so. It is published by the Mother Grove of the SDNA, but will carry news concerning all the Branches of the Reform. Would-be receivers of this should let us know in writing and kick in a buck or two (cash) to cover printing and postage costs.

Mother Grove Winter Meetings:

The Mother Grove meets every other Sunday night (Aspeneve) from 6:00 to 10:00 pm Pacific Sidhe Time. These are not official Druid worship services, since they take place indoors, currently at the home of Sister Shirine Morton, DAL, which is at: 2820 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702. The telephone number is (415) 841-4833. Right now these meetings consist of an hour's Daoist or Tibetan meditation, an hour or so of Hasidic Druid "hairpull" (friendly theological arguments), a potluck dinner and a couple of hours of Bardic activities (poetry, new and old songs, music and possibly some music lessons on Celtic instruments).

Dates for these biweekly meets are: Dec 11 & 25, Jan 8 & 22, Feb 5 & 19, Mar 5 & 19, Apr 2 & 16 & 30.

Mother Grove Highday services are at 3:00 pm, PST at John Hinkle Park in North Berkeley (off Arlington, near the Alameda Circle). Winter Solstice will be celebrated December 25th, with all retiring to Shirine's afterwards for more Druish activities and a three-way birthday party. Oimelc will be celebrated on February 5th, and Spring Equinox on March 19th.

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Mother Grove: Box 9398, Berkeley, CA 94709

Hazel Nut Grove Winter Meetings:

Adr. McCaully informs us that his Grove will be meeting with the Mother Grove during this winter, and will resume its regular Saturday afternoon meetings next summer.

Tuatha Grove Winter Meetings:

The newest SDNA Grove, in San Diego, is holding meetings in the home of the new Archdruidess. Contact her (address appears elsewhere in this issue) for details on times and activities.

Ordinations:

To the Third Order: Shirine Morton (MG77), Patricia O'Neil (MG77), and Christopher Sherbak (MG77).

To the Order of Dian Cecht: Joan Carruth (Matriarch), 77.

Grove Mutations in 15 y.r.:

The Berkeley Grove NRDNA and the Mother Grove SDNA met together on Sunday afternoons for the winter Highdays and most of the summer. The Hazel Nut Grove NRDNA was formed by Br. Stephen McCaully in August, so that Druids who worked on Sundays could meet on Saturdays instead. Also in August, Br. Bob Larson, AD of the Berkeley Grove, resigned to get ready to go to Ireland and the Grove dissolved, the remnants being absorbed into the Mother & Hazel Nut Groves. During his September trip to Ireland with Cody & Jani Grundy, Bob formed a Grove within Cody's Clan Na Brocheta, and he is now the new AD of the Clan Na Brocheta Grove RDNA. P. E. I. Bonewits, AD of the Mother Grove, had resigned last December (76 c.e.) in favor of the Assistant AD, Joan Carruth. She was AD for the rest of the year, until new elections in September when Isaac took up the job again. In November, Isaac went south and ordained Pat O'Neil and Chris Sherbak. Pat is starting the Tuatha Grove SDNA in San Diego, while Chris is going to try to start up a Grove or Protogrove in Los Angeles. Sister Kathleen McQuilling may try and start a Grove in Santa Cruz. Br. Avery Grant is starting up the Acorn Grove SDNA in Minneapolis, since the Twin Cities Grove SDNA seems to have collapsed. No word has been heard from any of the other Groves supposedly existing elsewhere. If they will send us their news, we'll print it.

The Archdruid's New Phone Number:

An event of earthshaking surprise has befallen the Mother Grove. Adr. P. E. I. Bonewits actually has a phone number in his very own home!!! Call (415) 547-6697, afternoons and evenings only.

Celtic Library:

Adr. Stephen has a Celtic library of over 400 titles in his home, which is available for use by Bay Area Druids and other Pagans. Many of the texts are quite rare, and microfilming and photocopying is available at slightly above cost.

About the CHRONICLES:

The first printing of THE DRUID CHRONICLES (EVOLVED) has been out of print for several months. Unfortunately, Gnostica magazine has only recently gotten around to printing "What & Why is Reformed Druidism in the 1970's," complete with obsolete addresses. So your Editor finds himself getting all sorts of orders for the book, with no books left to mail out. So here is what we're going to do:

All the checks sent are being returned. I have opened a new savings account and will run it as a Publication Fund. As soon as we get enough money to reprint TDCE (which may take as much as \$1500, since we no longer have free printing) we will reprint, and will send copies to all those who have donated \$7.50 or more (the new cover price). In the meantime, small amounts of \$20-30 may be used from time to time in order to publish this newsletter. If we can find a used printing press, we may just buy it and do our own printing.

Cash, checks and money orders should be sent to: P. E. I. Bonewits, Box 9398, Department PF, Berkeley, CA 94709 and clearly marked as being for the Printing Fund. We can't promise that TDCE will actually get reprinted if you donate five or ten bucks, but we can promise that without some donations from you it really will be impossible to get anything published.

The Druid Calendar for 16 y.r.:

The new calendar has been calculated but the artwork and paste-ups are taking forever and printing cash is short. So what we are going to do is make us a two year calendar for 16 & 17 y.r. and get it out by Oimelc. In the meantime, we give you the following data which can be written on your civil calendars. "Ss" means "Sunset."

The Highdays: Samhain was Ss Nov 6, to Ss Nov 7. Winter Solstice is Ss Dec 20, to Ss Dec 21. Oimelc is Ss Feb 3, to Ss Feb 4. Spring Equinox is Ss Mar 19, to Ss Mar 20.

The Months: Mi na Samhna was Ss Nov 8, to Ss Dec 8. Mean Geimhridh is Ss Dec 8, to Ss Jan 6. Deireadh Geimhridh is Ss Jan 6, to Ss Feb 2. Mi na hOimelc is Ss Feb 5, to Ss Mar 6. Mean Earraigh is Ss Mar 6, to Ss Apr 5.

The Active Groves:

The following are all the active Groves that your Editor knows for a fact still exist:

Mother Grove SDNA, Adr. P. E. I. Bonewits, Box 9398, Berkeley, CA 94709. Phone: 415-547-6697, afternoons and evenings.

Hazel Nut Grove NFDNA, Adr. Stephen W. A. McCaully, 6620 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, CA 94609. Phone: 415-653-1710, afternoons and evenings.

Clan Na Brocheta Grove RDNA, Adr. Robert Larson, c/o Cody Grundy, 820 Circle Court, South San Francisco, CA 94080. Services in Irish Gaelic.

Tuatha Grove SDNA, Adr. Pat O'Neil, 1808 Third Avenue, Apt. 1, San Diego, CA 92101.

Acorn Grove SDNA, Adr. Avery Grant, 3540 South Columbus, Minneapolis, MN 55407.