



Crane Chatter

Three Cranes Grove, ADF

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Omen from the Unity Rite, September 19, 2004

By Mike Dangler

These runes have a double meaning. This rite was both an ADF Unity Rite and the anniversary rite of our Grove. To that end, here is an interpretation of the omen from both perspectives:

Have our offerings been accepted?

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Hagalaz

ADF Unity Rite: Hagalaz is a rune of destruction and chaos. We have gone through a time of sometimes frightening, but certainly purgative chaos

What we have offered is not enough. We cannot, as an

organization, subsist off the same old thing, time and again. Why not excellence? Why not give more to the organization? What are we holding back? We must step forward and give, in service to the Gods, even as we weather times that do not seem fortuitous.

Three Cranes Grove, ADF, Anniversary: Our offerings have not been accepted. We have offered in a way that is not agreeable to the Gods, and there are things held back. Things we are not prepared for are in the works. The Gods demand more, something new, and something creative.

Further offerings were made, and a rune was again drawn, asking the same question.

Have our offerings been accepted?

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Uruz

Unity Rite - Uruz is the rune of strength. In order to flourish and grow, to do service to the Gods and Kindred, we must find new ways to offer, and be courageous and persevere when we find ourselves wondering what road to take. As questions arise, we should have faith. We should seek the answers within our own strong hearts, and we should have the integrity to follow through on what we know is right. The Gods reward such integrity. ADF

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Events/Rituals:

- October 15-18: "Walking with Fire" Eastern IE Conf (Catskills, NY)
- October 31: SAMHAIN - Blacklick Woods Metropark (Sassafras shelter) 6-social/7-rite
- November 12-14: Heartland Regional Women's Conf. (Amelia, OH- more info at <http://users.adelphia.net/%7Eselenetawny/chenille/chenille.html>)
- December 18: SATURNALIA (Jenni's house - 6-social/7-rite; directions upon req.)

Business Meetings:

- November 7 (Cup O' Joes, Pickerington- 5:30 for eats/6:00 for meeting)
- December 5 (time/place TBA)
- January 6 (6:30 - place TBA)

Community Service:

- Clinton-Como Park Clean-Up (dates/times tba)
- Saturday, October 23: National Make A Difference Day
- Sat., November 6: Blood Donation, Carriage Place, Dublin

Secondary Story Headline

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October 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>9 a.m.—Walk to Help Dyslexic Children (Hilliard)</i>
3 <i>COLS PAGAN PRIDE DAY (South Oval, OSU)</i>	4	5	6 <i>LAST QUARTER</i>	7 <i>Three Realms Festival (LA)</i>	8 <i>Three Realms Festival (LA)</i>	9 <i>Three Realms Festival (LA)</i>
10 <i>5:30-soc/6-mtg: TCG Bus. Mtg. @</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>NEW MOON</i>	15 <i>Walking with Fire: Eastern IE Conf. (Catskills, NY)</i>	16 <i>Walking with Fire: Eastern IE Conf. (Catskills, NY)</i>
17	18	19	20 <i>FIRST QUARTER</i>	21	22	23 <i>National Make A Difference Day</i>
24	25	26	27	28 <i>FULL MOON</i>	29	30
31 SAMHAIN <i>Soc-6/Rite-7 p.m. Blacklick Metropark</i>						

November 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>LAST QUARTER</i>	6 <i>10:30—Blood Donation—Red Cross - Carriage Place, Dublin</i>
7 <i>TCG Bus. Mtg. Cup O Joe's, Pickerington—5:30 for eats/meeting at 6:00</i>	8	9	10	11	12 <i>NEW MOON Heartland Regional Women's Retreat (Fri-Sun) at Selene's in Amelia,</i>	13 <i>Heartland Regional Women's Retreat (Fri-Sun)</i>
14 <i>Heartland Regional Women's Retreat (Fri-Sun)</i>	15	16	17	18	19 <i>FIRST QUARTER</i>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>FULL MOON</i>	27
28	29	30				

December 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <small>LAST QUARTER</small> TCG Bus. Mtg. (time/place TBA)	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <small>NEW MOON</small>	13	14	15	16	17	18 <small>FIRST QUARTER</small> SATURNALIA (6:00 social/7:00 rite) @ Jenni's
19 <small>WINTER SOLSTICE</small>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 <small>FULL MOON</small>	27	28	29	30	31	

January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <small>LAST QUARTER</small>	4	5	6 <small>TCG Bus Mtg. - 6:30</small> (place TBA)	7	8
9	10 <small>NEW MOON</small>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 <small>FIRST QUARTER</small>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 <small>FULL MOON</small>	26	27	28	29
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Unity Rite Omens (cont'd)

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is a youth, given his first weapons, and we must be careful to use them well.

Three Cranes Grove, ADF, Anniversary: The Auroch is a large bovine, ferocious and strong. It is against this animal that young men tested their strength, and defeating it was a sign of manhood. Similarly, the Grove matures and grows, and our sacrifices are accepted, for they are new, bold, and strong because of our conviction.

What do the Gods offer us in return for these sacrifices?



Fehu

ADF Unity Rite: Wealth. This is a wealth that is passed down, the family herd of cattle. It is a movable wealth, and often strong. Still it must be guarded, for there are those who are jealous of the wealth of others, and covet it for themselves. Remember the previous runes, where the prevention of destruction comes from our strength, our creativity, and the way in which we grow older and wiser. This is a wealth that is best protected by generosity: she who gives will be looked kindly upon, and he who misers his horde will find it useless.

Three Cranes Grove, ADF, Anniversary: The cattle, movable wealth that can cause discord, even among brothers, if it is not watched carefully. This wealth is increased through self reflection and generosity, for to hold it close brings covetous eyes and fear. The Grove should be more active in the community, giving of its resources and spreading our work to those who need it.

Finally, what further needs do the Gods have of us?



Suwilo

ADF Unity Rite: The sun, the brightening of the world. This may appear to be a simple omen, but its appearance at the Autumnal Equinox Rite should give us an immediate pause. This equinox marks the end of the sun's domination over the heavens, and it has finally lost the battle with the dark half of the year. So what are the Gods seeking to tell us? Looking back at the other runes, it seems that the Gods are reminding us that, even when all is dark, there is a remembrance of the light that can keep us forever smiling through the night. We should not focus on the hail and the

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storms, but on the bright days behind, and the promise of bright days ahead that they allude to. It is the sun that melts the ice, that shields us from the cold, and though ADF has seemed to have some rough times, we must not choose to focus on those times, but rather to focus on the good things that ADF has done, and the good things ADF will do. This rune seems to be calling to us to remember exactly why we are here.

Three Cranes Grove, ADF, Anniversary: The sun is a strange omen for the Autumnal Equinox, for sure, and it seems to be calling us back

to never forget the summer. This past year we have found new fellowships; we have reveled in strong drink and good songs; and we have done just worship to the Shining Ones, the Mighty Dead, and the Noble Sidhe. As the darkness approaches, we must remember these bright times, for sometimes it is only a remembrance of the bright times that can get you through the dark ones ahead.

The omen is good. There is much work for us to do.

Synopsis:

ADF Unity Rite: Though there has been much chaos and discord in the organization, it is ADF's strength that will pull us through. We must be aware of the wealth we have, and share it with the rest of the world, not horde it. Finally, we must remember that though the world may not always be a cozy, bright place, there is always a light, should you choose to see it.

Three Cranes Grove, ADF, Anniversary: We must not hold back, but we must trust in our own convictions and ideals to see us through. The Gods are not happy with "enough to get by." We need to get into the community and spread our good fortune around, for it is through generosity that we may attain the greatest wealth. Also, we should remember the good times we have had, and never let those fade. They are what bring us together as a Grove.

Finally, did anyone else notice that there were a heck of a lot of cows in that omen? Maybe we should seriously look into that. I'm just sayin'.



September Business Meeting Minutes

Judi Nielsen

In attendance were: Beverly, Jenni, Lori, and Judi

Meeting was held at the residence of Beverly.

Grove poem was worked on

Equinox rite was worked on

- lyric sheets need to be printed
- the following items are needed for the rite, if you have it to bring, please speak up: oil for sacrifice, silver for sacrifice, ribbon for the bile, incense, root beer, birdseed, flowers, gallon of spring water, water pitcher, apple cider

Jenni presented Lori with her DP completion certificate

Lori invited all who are interested to the Blackthorne Mabon on September 25th at UUCE, time is presently not determined but is likely starting around 5 pm

Pursewarden's report:

- balance in account is \$315.67
- expenses were \$22
- income was \$110 (all dues)

Scribe's report:

- 12 active members
- 1 inactive (Lillith)
- no new joins

We are good on community service for this quarter, but there are further opportunities if anyone is interested.

- Hoover Dam Cleanup September 25th
- Dyslexia Walk October 2nd
- Jenni has her next scheduled blood donation on November 6th if anyone is interested in donating at the same time
- Pagan Pride Day is October 3rd
Speak to Mike about volunteering

There will be a Heartland Woman's Retreat November 12th through the 14th in Amelia, Ohio

Jenni presented her sample newsletter, "Crane Chatter"

Created a phone/contact list as follows:

- Mike: Meghan, Joe, Nate,
- Jenni: Leesa/Jim, Beverly
- Judi: Mark, Lori, Anne, Lillith

This will be used to remind members about events or last minute changes to events.

Jenni presented her sample newsletter, "Crane Chatter"

We discussed installing Esus as Grove Patron and agreed that it needed further discussion and that we likely were not prepared for it to be this year. We felt that we would like Mike to teach the Grove more about Him if He

is to be the Grove Patron.

Tentative calendar for next year:

Imbolc: 6 Feb, Equinox: 20 Mar, Beltaine: 1 May, Solstice: 19 June, Lughnassad: 31 July, Equinox: 18 Sept, Samhain: 30 Oct, Saturnalia: 7 Dec

Business meetings are tentatively scheduled for Tuesdays at 6:30 pm as follows: 4 Jan, 1 Feb, 1 Mar, 5 Apr, 3 May, 7 June, 12 July, 2 Aug, 6 Sept, 4 Oct, 1 Nov, 6 Dec -these are subject to review and revision as necessary

Nominations close today (Sunday Sept. 12th) at midnight.

Jenni nominated Jim for Pursewarden There were no nominations for Scribe Equinox rite will be held Sunday, September 19th at Highbanks Metro Park Big Meadows picnic area with a social hour at 4 followed by the rite at 5 -potluck following rite as per the norm

Samhain rite -will be held on Sunday, October 31st at Blacklick Metro Park in a reservable shelter with a social hour at 6 followed by the rite at 7 -potluck following rite as per the norm

Other upcoming rites-Saturnalia will be at Jenni's house;-Imbolc will be at Judi's cabin in SE Ohio

Next business meeting will be Oct. 10th at Scottie McBeans (assuming they are open by then) with the dinner at 5:30 for those that want to, followed by the meeting at 6:00

Chenille Canopy Women's Retreat

The women of "Chenille Canopy" would like to invite the women of A.D.F. to join us for our next gathering, November 12th - 14th, 2004 at Selene's home in Amelia, OH. More information about this event can be found at <http://users.adelphia.net/%7Eeselenetawny/chenille/chenille.html>.

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What is ADF?

(from <http://www.adf.org/about/what-is-adf.html>)

The Irish words, pronounced "arn ree-ocht fane", mean "Our Own Druidism", and that's just what ADF is - a completely independent tradition of Neopagan Druidism. Like our sisters and brothers in the other Neopagan movements, we're polytheistic Nature worshipers, attempting to revive the best aspects of the Paleopagan faiths of our ancestors within a modern scientific, artistic, ecological, and holistic context. Like our predecessors and namesakes the Druids, we're people who believe in excellence - physically, intellectually, artistically, and spiritually.

We're researching and expanding sound modern scholarship about the ancient Celts and other Indo-European peoples, in order to reconstruct what the Old

Religions of Europe really were. We're working on the development of genuine artistic skills in composition and presentation. We're designing and performing competent magical and religious ceremonies to change ourselves and the world we live in.



We're adapting the polytheologies and customs of both the Indo-European Paleopagans and the Neopagan traditions that have been created over the last fifty years. We're creating a nonsexist, nonracist, organic, and open

religion to practice as a way of life and to hand on to our grandchildren. We're integrating ecological awareness, alternative healing arts, and psychic development into our daily activities. Together, we're sparking the next major phase in the evolution of Neopaganism and planting seeds for generations to come.

ADF was started by P.E.I. (Isaac) Bonewits, known in the Neopagan community as an author (*Real Magic*, *The Druid Chronicles Evolved*, *Authentic Thaumaturgy*), editor, teacher, polytheologist, activist, priest and bard. He has been a Neopagan Druid for nearly twenty years and has dedicated his life to reviving Druidism as a modern, healthy, "Third Wave" religion capable of protecting and preserving Mother Nature and all Her children.