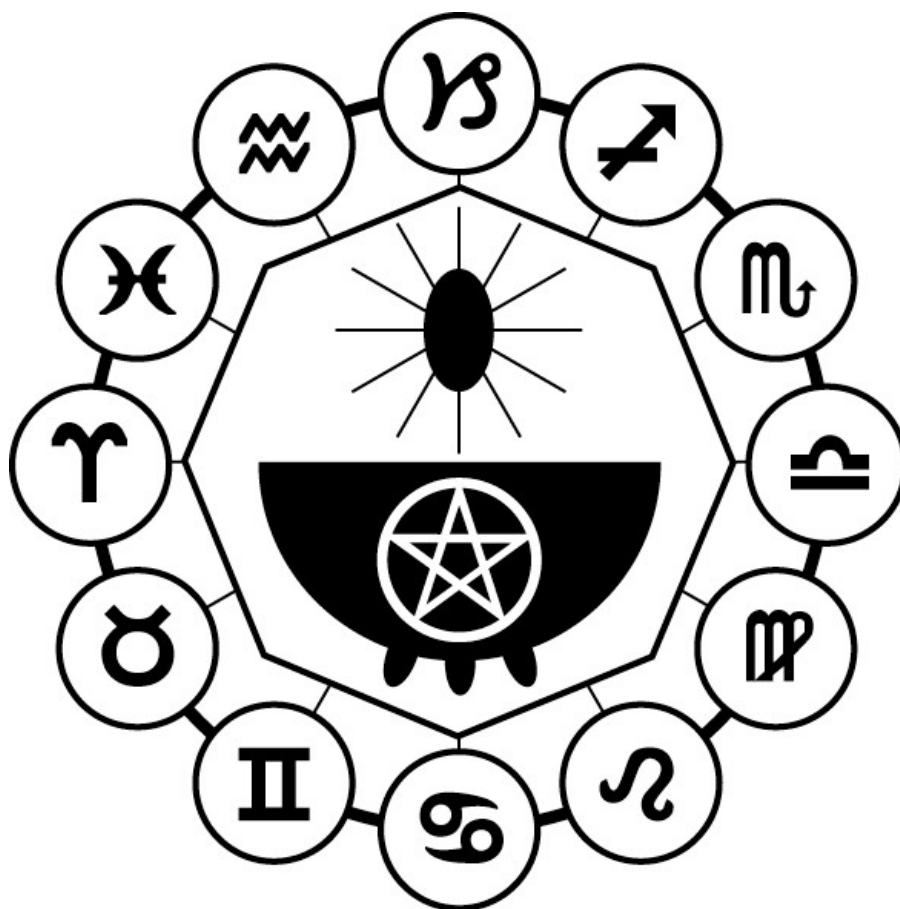


The Charter
Of
The Assembly Of The Sacred Wheel
A Wiccan Tradition

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Vision

We are a Wiccan religion dedicated to the health of Mother Earth, and to all her children in whatever forms they may take. We recognize that every human carries the divine spark of God and Goddess within and work in the world to help to realize the potential implicit in that divine gift. We are a religion reborn from ancient stock into a new world, a new era, and a new life, evolving and adapting through time. May Wisdom, Understanding, and Beauty guide our actions in this and all the other worlds.

The Overall Structure

Description

The Assembly of the Sacred Wheel, when it is complete, consists of 12 Circles each representing one of the 12 Zodiacal signs. Each Zodiacal Circle consists of 4 Covens each of which holds in stewardship one of the Tools of the Elements (Air, Fire, Water, and Earth) forming a complete set. Each Coven may have no more than 21 members, but may have less. Each Coven may have 2 Solitaries affiliated with their Coven, but all Solitaries must first have been a member in good standing of the Coven in question. Initiation is available to members but it is not a requirement for membership for a year and a day in a Coven of the Assembly of the Sacred Wheel. The symbol and the focus of unity for the Assembly is a central Cauldron representing Spirit.

The pattern of the Tradition's structure creates a powerful and subtle interweaving of the cycles of nature, the levels of reality, and the evolution of spirit. The structure represents the four Quarters, the day/night cycle, the Wheel of the Year, the four phases of the Moon, the wisdom of the 12 signs of the Zodiac, and our progress through eternity in the Great Year of the Zodiacal ages. The Sacred Tools and the Cauldron form a plexus that shapes and articulates the group minds of the Covens into the larger group minds of the Circles, and finally into the group mind of the Tradition.

Codes & Qualifications, & Redes

For documents that are external to the Charter of the Assembly of the Sacred Wheel, such as the Code of Ethics, see the Tradition's Scribe who will have all such documents on record.

The Covens

Description

A Coven is a body of people who have come together to practice nature based religion (Pantheistic) as taught by this Tradition. Two individuals will serve as the leaders and facilitators of a Coven. A Coven's membership can number no more than 21. Members that are on sabbatical are counted as part of the active, living membership. The Covens will celebrate the Eight High Holy Days of the Wheel of the Year and other holy days and festivals of their choosing. Total Covens in the Wheel shall number no more than 48.

Membership

Membership in the Assembly is only available through its Covens.

The Assembly of the Sacred Wheel does not discriminate for any reason on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status, personal appearance, political affiliation, or disability. As such, membership shall not be denied for any of the aforementioned reasons. Membership may be denied to individuals practicing antagonistic creeds (i.e. sexism, racism,

demonism, etc.), abusive or violent behavior, baneful magick, or other dangerous or destructive acts, both in word or deed.

To become a member, the applicant must attend open events that are held by the Coven so that they may become acquainted with others. Then a request is made to the Coven in question through a current member, and a meeting with the Coven is arranged. At the meeting both the applicant and the members are free to question each other. A simple majority vote of the members will be sufficient to accept the applicant. If any member of the Coven has reason to believe that the applicant engages in antagonistic creeds (i.e. sexism, racism, demonism, etc.), abusive or violent behavior, baneful magick, or other dangerous or destructive acts, both in word or deed it is their duty to call for a thirty day delay of the vote to gather information. If the Coven is in agreement, the person is brought into the Coven at the next possible ritual.

Persons are brought in for a year and a day to learn and to explore. The right to vote on Coven matters is granted to members in good standing after a year and a day of membership as determined by their Coven. These are the minimal requirements, and Covens may create additional requirements.

Each Coven may have 2 Solitaries affiliated with their Coven, but all Solitaries must first have been a member in good standing for a year and a day of the Coven in question. (See Solitary Document)

When a member leaves the Coven that departure must be formalized ritually to ensure a clean break with the Coven's group mind.

Coven Officers

Officers shall be elected by Coven members with voting rights on a schedule set by the Coven.

Covens may set the terms for their officers so long as no single term is longer than 5 years, nor any consecutive terms totaling longer than 14 years. Terms may not be set at less than 1 year.

All members may give nominations to the Scribe. Nominations are due by Litha. Choices are made on Lammas by the active members who have completed at least a year and day with the Coven, terms begin Samhain.

The Officers shall consist of two Third-degree coven leaders, who may define themselves individually as High Priest, High Priestess, or High Priestx, whichever term fits their gender identity; as well as a Scribe, and a Pursewarden. The Coven may create up to three additional Officers as needed. See Bylaws for more information.

At least one of the two coven leaders must be bonded and at least one must be a 3rd° Initiate of the Assembly. The responsibility of the offices is to govern and oversee the activities of their Coven. This shall include but not be limited to supervising the celebration of the Eight High Holy Days, magickal instruction, and guidance. Coven leaders are charged with the task of implementing the collective vision of the Coven. The coven leaders work to foster the growth of the Coven's group mind through the spiritual development of its members. The coven leaders are duty bound to ensure magickal efficacy and safety in the Coven's rituals and workings.

If the High Priestess, High Priest or High Priestx is not a 3rd° Initiate, they will be referred to as an acting High Priestess, High Priest or acting High Priestx. Their role in matters of magickal instruction, and guidance is limited to the level of initiation that they have achieved. See Bylaws for more information on officers.

Officers may be removed by 3/4 vote of all the voting Coven members. At least 30 calendar days notice shall be given before any such vote. Notification must be sent to the Council of Elders, or in such case as there is not yet a Council of Elders, then to the Coven leadership of the Circle. Coven Officers may also be removed by the Council of Elders or its equivalent by a unanimous vote with at least 30 calendar days notice to all parties involved. An acting coven leader may be summarily removed from office by a 3rd Degree coven leader with the consent of the Elders.

Bonded Group (as it relates to the Coven)

The Bonded Group is entrusted with the spirit and the magick of the Coven. There can be no more than 13 living Bonded members per Coven, but Elders are not counted. The powers vested in this group are magickal as well as ecclesiastical. The Bonded Group is responsible for the continuing existence of the Coven as a safe and healthy spiritual environment. As such it provides the Coven with guidance and ideas that sponsor growth and creative opportunities. The Bonded Group is a resource, both temporal and magickal, for the coven leaders. Since the Bonded Group is in constant contact with the Tool's energy, the Bonded Group maintains the Coven's energy as if the Bonded Group were a magickal circle around the Coven.

A Coven member, regardless of their degree of Initiation, may request to be Bonded. Those that are currently Bonded make a determination on that request through consensus. At least a year and a day must pass after becoming a Coven member or returning after a sabbatical before making the request. Upon acceptance of the request the existing Bonded Group will arrange a Bonding Ritual of energy exchange between the Tool and the requesting member. Bonding is a deep commitment to the Coven's Sacred Tool and to the people of the Coven.

Bonding is not to be taken lightly, because Bonding creates a psychic and karmic nexus of great strength that will persist beyond this incarnation. Through ritual the Bond may be relinquished psychically, but the karmic link cannot be.

Solitaires may not be Bonded. To do the work of being Bonded constitutes being present for the planning and growth of a coven. Being Solitary precludes that kind of involvement in the coven. Bonded coven members who become Solitary must relinquish their Bonds.

The Bonded Group does not engage in the daily decision making for the Coven but the Bonded Group may block actions that it deems as harmful to the Coven. The Bonded Group may prevent Initiations, but does not judge the qualifications of candidates, only their character. The Bonded Group decides who may Bond. The Bonded Group comes to its decisions by consensus. The Bonded Group arranges meetings on a regular basis for its membership.

New Covens

A High Priest, High Priestess or High Priestx may bring a new Coven into being within the Tradition if there are at least 13 members in the Coven in which they hold membership and if they have the consent of the Circle's Coven leadership. Insoluble conflicts shall be referred to the Council of Elders for decision. A new Coven is begun by a 3rd° initiate, who is prepared to accept the serious responsibility of leadership. The 3rd° Initiate will meet with the Coven leadership of the Circle to discuss their plans and ideas.

Eligibility requirements for Coven officers may be suspended or modified for the first 3 years of a Coven's existence at the discretion of the founding High Priest, High Priestess or High Priestx.

A Ritual of Commitment marks the beginning of a new Coven's existence. This Ritual of Commitment incorporates the name of the Coven. The creation, consecration, and first Bonding to a Coven's sacred tool must be completed within two years of their Ritual of Commitment.

The first Bonded Group should consist of the founding High Priest, High Priestess or High Priestx with any additional people that they deem appropriate who have been members of the Assembly for at least three years.

New Covens shall select Coven Colors and create a Coven Sigil within the first two years of its existence.

Sabbaticals

If a member in good standing finds that life circumstances require that they step back from active membership in their coven, they may request to go on sabbatical. The coven leaders shall determine if this is to be granted. The sabbatical should not be used as a way to ease a person's departure from a coven. The spirit of the sabbatical is that it is a way to allow for committed people to remain members. The person remains a member while on sabbatical, but there is no expectation that they shall in any way participate in coven activities. During their sabbatical they shall not have a vote in coven or Assembly matters.

The sabbatical period should customarily be no longer than a year and a day but the coven leaders may extend this period if they believe it is warranted.

Bonded members may also go on sabbatical, but they should have no part in any coven or bonded rituals or meetings during their sabbatical.

Kith Of The Assembly

There are individuals, some who are past members of the Assembly and others who are friends that have performed significant acts of service, that may be formally recognized as having a special kinship with the Assembly. These people are the Kith of the Assembly. They receive a certificate naming them as such and may be invited to attend Assembly rituals that are normally only open to family members or solitaries. They are also given special consideration in attending other Assembly events.

The Bonded Group of a coven may award this honor to whomever they wish after notice has been given to the other Bonded Groups of their Circle and no objections have been raised.

There is not a time limit nor a renewal needed for this status. It remains in place so long as the Bonded Group that issued it believes that it is warranted.

The Circles

Description

A Circle shall consist of 4 Covens. There shall be 12 Circles each corresponding to one of the 12 Zodiacal signs. The 4 Covens in a Circle will share resources, exchange information, cooperate in education, and develop a magickal fellowship. A shared Sabbat or Esbat ritual event will occur once a year. The Sabbat of choice can be decided by the Coven leadership of the Circle. Shared yearly Sabbats shall commence when 2 of the 4 Covens exist in a Circle. Covens and their Tools may come together to work Magick as a Circle as needed or desired. A newsletter to foster communication within the Circle shall be instituted once 3 of the 4 Covens exist.

The Councils Of Elders

The Council of Elders consists of the Elders (4th°) of a given Circle of the Wheel. When the Wheel is complete there will be 12 Councils of Elders. The Council of Elders shall meet regularly on the 4 Greater Sabbats, at least two meetings of which shall include business and at least two meetings of which shall include ritual. There will be no Council of Elders until there is one Elder. Until there are 4 Elders, the Council of Elders will consist of the Elders plus all the 3rd° Initiates.

Elders shall be available for guidance and to make suggestions for Coven relationships within a Circle. Elders act as arbiters in matters that arise between Covens in a Circle.

The Council of Elders is responsible for the creation and coordination of the combined or shared rituals of Covens in a Circle.

Bonded Group (as it relates to the Circle)

Upon completion of the bonding to the fourth Tool, the four Bonded Groups shall create in ritual a balanced magickal construct, an energy form to be used as a resource for the Circle. Energy from that ritual will be used in part as a gift and as an energy for creating interconnection with the Cauldron.

The Bonded Groups may act as a support and a resource for the Elders.

When needed the Bonded Groups will come together to reaffirm the bond that connects the 4 Sacred Tools in a Circle.

New Circles

A new Circle may be started when all existing Circles have their full complement of four Covens and the following conditions have been met:

- There is a Third Degree Initiate willing and able to found the first Coven of a new Circle.
- The Council(s) of Elders have agreed to the creation of a new Circle by the person in question.
- There is an Elder willing to become the acting Elder of the new Circle, help in the choice of proper astrological timing for the birth, and participate in the first Ritual of Commitment.

The first Coven of a new circle must be the Coven that bears the tool corresponding to the new Circle's element. For example: after the Circle of Pisces comes the Circle of Aquarius so its first Coven must bear the Sword of Fixed Air as its tool.

The Wheel

Description

There can only be one Assembly of the Sacred Wheel, and it can consist of no more than 12 Circles of the Wheel, which in turn consist of no more than 4 Covens of a Circle.

To help manifest the visions of the Assembly, once every 3 years there shall be a ritual involving all the Covens of the Tradition. Once every 7 years there will be a gathering to explore the future and the visions of the Assembly.

The Council Of The Wheel

The council of the Wheel consists of all Craft Mothers, Craft Fathers and Craft Parents (5th°) in the Assembly. If there are less than 5 Craft Mothers/Fathers/Parents then each Circle may send one Elder to the Council of the Wheel. If a Circle does not have Elders, no one is sent. Until such time as there are Craft Mothers/Fathers/Parents it will consist of 2 Elders from every Circle having Elders. Until there are at least 5 Elders the Council of the Wheel should not meet. The Council of the Wheel shall offer guidance and make suggestions for the relationship between Circles and Elders. The Council arbitrates difficulties between Circles and interprets the Charter. The Council coordinates Tradition wide magick and Tradition wide convocations. The Council works to further the development and evolution of the Tradition as a whole.

The Cauldron

The Cauldron of the 12 Zodiacal Signs, symbol of limitless rebirth and abundance, is the central Tool of the Assembly of the Sacred Wheel. The Cauldron is a symbolic and magickal interconnection of the 12 Zodiacal Circles of the Assembly of the Sacred Wheel. The Cauldron is an interchange of energy and wisdom that provides resource for both Circles and Covens. The Cauldron is the seat of the group mind and spirit of the Assembly.

Orders and Guilds

An Order or Guild is not a coven, but a separate entity whose members consist of trained individuals from a variety of covens throughout the Assembly. These individuals come together to practice specific magickal tasks, which benefit the Assembly of the Sacred Wheel and its allies. These tasks include but are not limited to magickal protection, seership, and healing.

The structure and purpose of each Order or Guild will be laid out in a separate sub-charter from The Assembly of the Sacred Wheel and will be presented to leadership for ratification. All Orders and Guilds are subject to the highest existing Council as the final authority.

Initiation

Description

Initiation creates a connection to a body of magickal energy. It marks the progress made on one's personal spiritual path and signifies the achievements that have been made by those who choose to pursue the path of becoming clergy. The 1st degree may be sought by those seeking spiritual enrichment who do not necessarily wish to be clergy. The 2nd° marks the passage to being a Priestess, Priest or Priestx and as such has responsibilities to foster the growth of other members. The first 2 Initiations are viewed as a commitment to the Goddess and the God and to the Neo-pagan Community. The 3rd°, 4th° and 5th° are that, and a commitment to the Tradition. People may remain members indefinitely without being initiated. Initiation is a very personal matter.

A system of 5 degrees with Initiation is based upon criteria involving magickal knowledge and personal growth. The first three degrees are neither required nor are a prerequisite for Bonding. At least a year and a day must pass before the first initiation, and any or each subsequent initiation. The Bonded Group may prevent Initiations, but does not judge the qualifications of candidates, only their character.

People who hold self-Initiation, Initiations or degrees from another Tradition, may have their initiation honored as 1st°. Requests for these considerations should be directed to the High Priestess, High Priest or High Priestx. If a 1st° is acknowledged, the person will undergo a first degree initiation ritual.

The Degrees:

The challenges of the degree work for the first three degrees are sponsored by the Initiates of the Coven to which the member belongs. The 4th and the 5th challenges are sponsored by the appropriate higher Council. Degree work is designed to encourage development and self knowledge. Progress through the degrees includes encouragement to serve the community. All workings of accomplishment are begun and bestowed within the individual. The individual's responsibility is to establish mentors and to develop contacts within the Coven to complete the work that prepares the individual for the next Initiation.

The listing of minimum requirements for any given degree is not the same as the work needed to achieve a degree. These tasks are a way to sample and to measure the student's progress. Ultimately, the decision to grant a degree is the judgment of the High Priestess and High Priest in the case of the 1st and 2nd degrees. In the case of the 3rd degree it is decided upon by agreement of all the 3rd degrees. when two complete Circles of the Wheel exist, the decision on the matter of receiving a 3rd degree will be decided by the 3rd degrees of a given Circle and its Elders.

The Assembly of the Sacred Wheel recognizes that the traditional gender identification of Priest and Priestess do not necessarily reflect a broader diversity of gender identification. Individuals receiving an initiation of 2nd Degree may use the term Prest, Priestess, or Priestx, with Priestx intended as a gender-neutral term. Individuals receiving an initiation of 3rd Degree may likewise use the term High Priest, High Priestess, or High Priestx. An individual's choice of title is theirs to make, and no individual shall be limited by the gender assigned to them at birth in making these decisions.

1st° • Witch • Learning To Walk The Path

The person may request this Initiation after their year and a day. They may take a magickal name within the Coven at their Initiation. All other degrees are conferred

when deemed appropriate by 3rd° degree Initiates.

Minimum degree requirements of the Assembly for 1st° Initiation:

- Acquiring a robe or ritual garb.
- Acquiring personal Wiccan ritual tools:
 - Athame/Sword, Wand/Staff, Chalice, Pentacle.
- Casting a magickal circle:
 - Learning, and performing the casting for the Coven.
- Acquiring knowledge of the Wheel of the Year:
 - To be verified by verbal exam with member of Second degree or higher.
- Reading three books from the Coven's Wiccan resource list and discussing with member of Second degree or higher.
- Casting The Triangle of Stillness.
 - Learning and performing the casting for the Coven.
- Demonstrate the ability to perform basic Operative and Devotional Magick. To be verified by member of Third degree or higher.
- Acquiring knowledge of the Five Sacred Elements, Tattvas, Correspondences, Elemental Monarchs, and relationship to the Quarters.
 - To be verified by member of Second degree or higher.
- Demonstrate ability in basic Energy Management.
 - To be verified by member of Second degree or higher.
- Establish a daily personal magickal practice.

2nd° • Priest/Priestess/Priestx • Development Of A Magickal Persona

The person may request this Initiation after a year and a day as 1st° and upon completion of Coven requirements. May preside over some rites of passage and assist in the training and evaluation of 1st & 2nd degree candidates with the supervision of their 3rd° High Priestess, High Priest, or High Priestx.

Minimum degree requirements of the Assembly for 2nd° Initiation:

- Acquiring proficiency in a new craft skill:
 - Proficiency to be verified through 3rd° or through the Bonded Group appointed source.
 - Topics to be approved by the Bonded group.
 - Reference can be made to suggested craft skills list.
- Presenting an original contribution to the existing body of magickal knowledge:
 - A piece of art, an article, essay, or scholarly effort created during the 2nd° work.

- A working knowledge of the planes of existence/non-corporeal beings as is presented in “Spirit Speaks” and as commonly used in the ASW.
- To be capable of performing all the castings in “Castings” successfully.
- To understand the principles of the Njalk gate and be able to assist in its creation.
- To demonstrate an understanding of the principles of Aspecting.
- Ritual construction skills:
 - to be able to build an original ritual from the ground up via templates and understand its working parts.
 - to demonstrate the ability to create ritual diagrams, logistical plans, and documentation for the ritual.
 - to be able to transmit knowledge of the ritual to others verbally and in writing so it can be replicated.
 - to orchestrate and run a group ritual for the Coven.
- Reading three books from the Coven’s Wiccan resource list and discuss them with approved members of Second degree or higher.

3rd° • High Priest/High Priestess/High Priestx • Preparation For Magickal Group Leadership

The person may request this Initiation after a year and a day as 2nd° and upon completion of Coven requirements. May initiate 1st°, 2nd° & 3rd°. May bring a new Coven into being within the Tradition if there are at least 13 in the Coven of which they are a member. (See section on New Covens for other requirements.)

3rd° initiates who are not Bonded or have relinquished Bonds are free and encouraged to go forth and start Wiccan Covens outside our Tradition if that is their desire. The 4th & 5th degrees involve sincere vows to the Tradition and although they are free to leave – vows are not things to be taken lightly.

Minimum requirements of the Assembly for 3rd° Initiation:

- Acquiring the ability to provide guidance using active listening.
- Acquiring proficiency in at least one divinatory system.
- Acquiring proficiency in Aspecting deity forms.
- The writing and the performance of a Rite of Passage.
- Experience in magickal instructing:
 - Instruction and education for an individual
 - Instruction and education for a group: Coven, Pagan community, or general public.
- Leadership and group dynamics training.
- Must have experienced their first Saturn return.

Saturn Return Waiver

In some cases retrograde motion can greatly prolong and delay the completion of the Saturn Return. If it is in the best interest of the Coven in question as determined by a 3/4 majority of the 3rd and 4th Degrees of the Circle the coven belongs to, the Saturn Return requirement may be waived if the following conditions are met:

- The person is experiencing (not necessarily completed) one of the following:
 - Pluto Conjunct Sun
 - Pluto Conjunct Moon
 - Pluto Square Saturn
 - Chiron Conjunct Saturn
- And Saturn is in either the same Sign or the same House in which the Saturn return will culminate.

Under no circumstances will the Saturn Return requirement be waived unless the person has at least completed their Second Jupiter Return.

4th° • Elder

Until there are 3 of the 4 Covens of a Circle of the Wheel, no Elders shall be elected. If it is desired, the 4th tool may be brought into being to close the Circle with the Elder as its custodian until a 4th Coven forms around it. 4th° Initiation begins the role of stewardship, maintaining and upholding the Tradition. The 4th degree is granted by a 2/3 majority vote of the 3rd° Initiates of the Covens in a Circle, with the consent of the Bonded Groups. 3rd° Circle members and Circle Elders will Initiate 4th°. The person must have been Bonded to one of the Tools for at least three years and three days prior to their Initiation. An Elder is Bonded to each of the four Tools of a Circle of the Wheel. She/he is a member of all 4, but is not counted in any one. Should one of the Covens wither and fade, an Elder is the Keeper of the Tool until the Coven may be reborn.

An Elder shall receive an amulet made of silver and gold. The astrological glyph of their Circle surrounded by the sigils of the 4 Covens of that Circle shall be on the amulet. The amulet will also have a crystal or stone whose abilities are that of memory storage and energy connection. The amulet will be worn in ritual and whenever the person is functioning as Elder. The amulet will be passed from Elder to Elder yet remains the property of the Assembly of the Sacred Wheel.

The Elders are titled as Elders of the Circle of _____, (fill in the proper Zodiacal Sign). The first Circle will be Pisces and the next will be Aquarius, etc. to follow the pattern of the Great Year.

Minimum requirements of the Assembly:

- The prospective Elder shall undertake a task or a project for a year and a day prior their 4th° Initiation.

5th° • Craft Mother/Craft Father/Craft Parent

There will be no Craft Mother(s)/Craft Father(s)/Craft Parent(s) until there is a Circle of the Wheel and more than 5 Elders. All Elders and Craft Mother/Fathers/Craft Parents will Initiate 5th°.

They are bonded to the Cauldron of the 12 Zodiacal Signs. They relinquish the bonds to the Tools of the Circle to which they belonged. A 5th° may bring a new Wheel into being with the approval of the Council of the Wheel.

Minimum requirements of the Assembly:

- The prospective Craft Mother/Father/Parent shall undertake a task or a project for a year and a day before their 5th° Initiation.
- Must have experienced their Uranus opposition.
- Must have been an Elder for at least 5 years.

Initiation Rituals

The prospective Initiate must be skyclad during their Initiation ritual. All members of the Coven may attend the 1st° through 3rd° Initiation rituals. The Initiate may invite guests who are not Coven members. The prospective Initiate is expected to make suggestions for their ritual. All Initiates face a challenge to enter the gate. All Initiates make a Pledge/Oath during their Initiation ritual. The Initiate's magickal tools are present during Initiation rituals.

Listed here are things that must be in Initiation rituals within the Assembly of the Sacred Wheel:

First Degree • Witch • Rebirth

- Njalk Gates
- Rebirth experience
- Pledges to Coven and the Craft
- Initiate receives Cords

Second Degree • Priest/Priestess/Priestx • The Union of Polarities

- Aspecting of the Six Great Ones
- Inner Great Rite
- Barrier of Fire and Ice
- Pledge to the Assembly, Path, and the Great Ones
- Cords receives two knots

Third Degree • High Priest/High Priestess/High Priestx • A Journey to Inner Vision

- To be held on the Full Moon
- Journeying to receive a new magickal name, emblem, or gift
- Njalk Gates For Seeking of Patrons (Guardian and Protector Deities)
- Oath to the Assembly, Path, and the Great Ones
- Cords receives third knot

Fourth Degree • Elder • Continual Conscious Magickal Participation With All Covens in a Circle

- Astrological ritual

- To be held on a Sabbat
- Bonding To All Tools
- Only 3rd°, 4th°, 5th & Bonded Present
- Ritual must include elements of the style and magic of the 4 Covens
- Amulet presented and a Cord woven of all the colors of the Covens of the Circle is presented with four knots.

Fifth Degree • Craft Mother/Craft Father/Craft Parent •

- Qabalistic Ritual
- To be held on Sun transiting natal Pluto
- Relinquish Bonds To Tools
- Bonding To Cauldron
- Only 3rd°, 4th°, 5th, & Bonded Present
- Amulet Returned and Cords burned

Basic Lore

The Assembly recognizes Divinity as a single source which exists at once as God and Goddess. God and Goddess manifest as the three fold aspect of Maid, Mother, Crone and Youth, Father, Sage. Divinity is immanent, inherent in all that exists and transcendent, supporting all that exists.

Formal ritual requires the raising and directing of energy within the confines of sacred space. Protective energies are invited and honored, not summoned. The Assembly encourages the use of mystical correspondences to enhance their rituals.

A sacred tool is held in stewardship by each Coven as a fixed magickal object, anchoring and securing each Coven's energy.

Bonded group

The Bonded Groups of the same element Circles (Circles of Aries, Leo, Sagittarius – Fire; Circles of Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn – Earth; Circles of Gemini, Libra Aquarius – Air; Circles of Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces – Water) have a special relationship and should develop magickal application in the nature of their element's attributes (Example: Water – emotional healing; Earth – physical sustainment; Fire – spiritual change; Air – proliferation of knowledge). Tradition magick using the Modalities of Cardinal, Fixed, and Mutable should develop.

Guidelines For The Tool

One of the 4 Sacred Tools (Sword - Air, Wand - Fire, Chalice - Water, Pentacle - Earth) is created and held in stewardship by each Coven in a Circle. The Sacred Tool holds symbolic and magickal significance of the Coven and as such is not a working tool. The creation of and bonding to a Coven's Sacred Tool will be completed within two years from their Ritual of Commitment. A Sacred Tool must be created not

acquired. The creation process and Dedication Ritual for the Sacred Tool shall utilize astrological timing and varied correspondences to achieve appropriate magickal assignments.

At the Circle level the 4 Sacred Tools will be interconnected to create in ritual a balanced magickal construct, a ritual performed and provided by the Bonded Groups of the Circle. Energy from that ritual will be used in part as a gift and energy exchange creating interconnection with the Cauldron at the Wheel level.

Clergy

Description

For legal purposes, such as the performance of handfastings (marriages) and memorials, those members in good standing who hold 3rd°, 4th°, or 5th° Initiations shall be credentialed clergy. Clergy in the Assembly may not simultaneously be clergy in another faith.

Adoption/Amendment

Guidelines

The first Charter of the Assembly shall be approved by a simple majority vote of its members as defined in the Bylaws. Thereafter the Charter shall be amended by a 2/3 vote of 3rd, 4th, and 5th degree Initiates if there has been 30 calendar days notice of the proposed change. Meetings to discuss and vote on Charter amendments shall be presided over by whoever is the current convener of the highest level council in existence.