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GEORGIAN NEWSLETTER

February 1979

BAKERSFIELD - This issue begins our 4th year of publication. We have mentioned in the past several newsletters that we must start a subscription fee of \$2. per year (12 issues) beginning with this issue. If we have not received yours before the end of February, this will be the last issue you will get. If you send a check, make it payable to Church Of Wicca Of Bakersfield.

If you expect a reply to your letters, it would be much appreciated if you would enclose an S.A.S.E. or at least a stamp. We receive approximately 200 letters a month...and that's an awful lot of stamps....and a lot of typing for Manon.

PLEASE...PLEASE...when you write, put your full name and address either on the envelope or in your letter. I just can't remember hundreds of names and addresses...and it wastes a lot of time having to look them up.

Remember...to get news of meetings, etc. into the newsletter we must receive it at least several days before the end of the month.

Ginda & Luke conducted the full moon ritual. Congratulations to Kit & Les who were initiated a little earlier in the evening. Carolyn & Jerry will be taking over as acting HPs & HP of the Pagan Way group.

Ken spoke with Allison recently. She says there will be an open Sabbat at Coeden Brith June 23. More details in the C.O.G. newsletter.

Dean still bored and wishing he was home again. At least the newsletter keeps him up to date on what we're doing.

Received several nice Yule gifts a bit too late for the last newsletter. A nice velvet painting from Shawn. Hadn't known he could paint. From Randy a copy of "The World Guide To Gnomes, Fairies, Elves and Other Little People" by Thomas Keightley...published by Avenel Books, N.Y. Also received some more wine & beer jellies and other nice things from Anthony for my birthday... whenever that is. I'm a Scorpio, Anthony.

DETROIT - Caprice busy at work on her lesson tapes and reading. She has just started to work at a really nice Natural Foods Restaurant. Also a nice letter from her cat, Lady, (oops, I goofed...Caprice has cats but Lady is a German Shepard) to Gollum.

WISCONSIN - John and two others now on pre-initiation tapes. We're looking forward to a visit from one or all...maybe this summer.

L.A. Area - Walt busy, busy, busy all the time. If it was Anyone but Walt it would interfere with his sex life. Hope he gets here for the Sabbat.

Marlah now working at "The Eye Of The Cat" in Long Beach, Cal. 90803.... 3704 E. Broadway. Lots of Craft goodies available there. M. says her sister was fired from her job as manager of a Bakersfield restaurant for being a Witch. That will go to court. The restaurant owners said that anything to do with Witchcraft has nothing to do with religion.

NAVY - (don't know where) Robin made some comments about fishing. Didn't say just what she's fishing for.

GEORGIA - Rhea is playing the "Lady Of Leisure" for a change and taking a well-deserved rest...but if she doesn't start watching "Carter Country" the South may disown her. Rhea says the temperatures have been down to 7 degrees ... and her car heater is not working. She recently got a toothpick stuck in her heel. Only antiseptic handy was cherry flavored mouthwash. Rhea did have trouble teaching her heel to gargle. How come no corn liquor available? Oh well, maybe now she'll start wearing shoes.

Pam busy with lesson tapes. She would like to know of statue shops selling Pagan statues by mail order. I think she is mostly interested in small statues for her altar.

Harlow

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA - Cathy back in school at last. That's why she moved to Calif. but it took her awhile to get around to it. She says school is keeping her so busy that there is no time for anything else. But she had better get here for the Sabbat. Don't think they'll allow toads in the classroom.

Valerie sounds happy with the new Pagan group she has found. Study hard, doll, and have fun, too.

OHIO - A very nice letter from Ronda. She's very anxious to learn the Craft but because of her age (11½) there's a limit to how much we can help. Can anyone recommend any good Craft books especially for young people?

The Order Of Middle Earth, an affiliate group of Circle, has begun a Magickal Pagan study group in the Cleveland area. For info, write to them at Box 33367 North Royalton, Oh. 44133.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - Really enjoy the interesting letters from Marsha. Too bad we can't print everything. Marsha had the flu and lost 10 lbs...got over the flu and gained 20 lbs. Watch that diet, Marsha, or there will be much more of you to love.

SEATTLE-TACOMA AREA - Romalina & Chipper have been in Calif. Chipper doing better with the change in climate.

Donna getting bigger by the day. Should be miss 5 by 5 by now. When is she going to have it?

Jeannie taking piano lessons...Dean taking guitar. Dean will be out of the army soon.

SPAIN - Forgot to mention in the last issue that we had a visit from Herbie during the Yule holiday. Herbie may be getting a transfer to another country soon.

West GERMANY - Reiner sent a lot of cash for us to purchase books for him. I guess Craft books are hard to find over there except in England. It will probably take 2 or 3 months before he'll receive the books we ordered.

FLORIDA - Had a very nice tape-letter from Janice & Dennis. Manon & I really enjoyed listening to the British accent of Dennis. He says I shouldn't tease Pam (Ga.) about her accent. Can't help it. I never grew up...still like to tease pretty girls. Janice & Dennis now planning to move to Georgia..... maybe to join Rhea. They said they'll have to sell the horses when they move but they might trade their Magick Pony for Manon's flying Toyota.

Anthony working hard on lesson tapes and making fine progress. He has cut down his smoking to ¼. The cold in Akron got to him so he is now moving back to Florida.

Penny says Jennifer is doing fine. She lost her two front teeth and didn't get any new ones for Xmas...but Penny got her some books on Celtic legend. Penny plans to attend the Witches Meet in May.

MONTREAL - Marie would like contact with French-speaking Crafters. Contact through me.

NEVADA - Barda says she is busy preparing for Chinese New Year and for Gound Hog.

MODESTO - Manon thanks everyone for the good wishes for her health. She has recovered from the accident, and is still spending her weekends in Bak-ersfield. I will not comment on the typing of my sextary this time, but she is also busy with her coven in Modesto, and has also recently started a Pagan Way training group there.

TUCSON - A new group forming there. Write here for contact. We also recieved an interesting article from Rik which we decided not to print. We certainly agree with his comments about the no-nothing crackpots and rip-off artists who con people into joining them to take part in their pet perversions or to take them for money while giving nothing of value in return. Too bad that it

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is always the sincere seekers of knowledge who get taken in by this type. Rik asks how can we prevent it. I don't know. We can only hope that new seekers will learn to be more cautious about what they get involved with. They (these phoney creeps and thieves) certainly discourage new people from getting involved in the real Craft, and they cause much bad publicity for all of us. We decided not to publish Rik's article because it too easily identifies some individuals. We do not plan to make the mistake of others of publishing a lot of letters or articles tearing down everyone and anyone that we or others dislike or do not approve of. By the way, we are sad to report that we have just been advised that another well-known group is starting to advertize "Witchcraft Lessons" for sale. We wonder about people like this; are they breaking the oath of initiation or are they selling garbage?

GETTYSBURG - Lisa has had a lot of problems lately. Now she has enlisted in the marine corps. She has a few months of freedom before the slavery begins. But there is always a bright side of things. She may get sent to California.

TEXAS - Isabel (El Paso) would like more Craft contacts anywhere. She and others in Texas are hoping to get to our August mountain meeting this year.

We recently had a pleasant visit from Angie (San Antonio). She would like some Craft contacts in her area.

HONOLULU - Adele says Queen Ruthie inaugurated her new home to all the coveners at Yule...a really nice gathering. Adele is hoping to do a numerology column for a newspaper.

SACRAMENTO - We seem to have much in common with "The New Wiccan Church", and Church Of Wicca Of Bakersfield will be working more closely with them in future.

COLORADO - Karen says temps there have been running 15 to 20 degrees. Karen's class starting now...see earlier newsletter...but the registration forms had the wrong time on them, so she had to call everyone to correct it. K. says Ruth in Tulsa got married and moved into a new home. No, Ruth didn't tell us about that. To the dog house with her!

Recently Gary dressed in a black velvet tunic, tights, and ballet shoes. Karen dressed in a long white dress, cape, sequins and glitter. Then they put on their heavy capes, and were off to attend a medieval banquet. They goofed and arrived a day too late. So they decided to have their own banquet at a cafe. Got much attention from the other patrons. Could have had more fun if they had told them they were time travellers.

HESPERIA, CAL. - A nice postcard from Marion visiting Florida. Should be back by the time you receive this. Think she should go to the dog house. She made it all the way to Florida and can't get to Bakersfield.

HERBS

MERLE SEZ: February has become my favorite month since learning that this time on our calendar is dedicated to our Lady. The word February comes to us from the latin word Februarius (mensis) symbolizing the cycle of the moon (28 Days), and the cycle of woman whose cycle symbolizes the re-birth of the moon. The 14th day of this cycle brings us a time to celebrate the full reflection of our love returned.

The ancient Romans held the festival of Lupercalia for "Lupercus", god of fertility,....or Valentine's Day as it's known to the thieves of Pagan celebrations.

So now that we understand why we'll be doing "our thing", let me pass along some age-old recipes and tips for stirring up Passions.

MERLE SEZ continued.

Mix together scammony, Roman camomile, cod bones, and tortoise shell. Heat, then cool. Add male beaver fat, flower oil...and boil. Add honey, poppy-flower dew, and tobacco. Bottle, and place in the sun for 95 days. Then store in the cellar under sand for a season. Smear the mixture over the genitals before going to bed. Soon you'll have swarms of women (or flies) hovering around.

A spoonful of the following recipe assures everlasting love: one dove's heart, one sparrow's liver, a swallow's womb, and a hare's kidney. Dry until reduced to a fine ash. With an unused knife, cut your finger, and moisten the mixture with several drops of blood.

Try going to a campanula patch, and pick one. Shape the plant into a cylinder and carry it, wrapped in linen, next to your heart for ten days. Grind up the plant, and sprinkle over candy. Give the candy to your lady. She'll be overwhelmed by your love...if she doesn't first succumb to nausea.

If you desire a woman's affection, feed her olives. If she consumes a sufficient quantity of the fruit sprinkled with chay-herb powder and a grain of dried mustard seed, you will have her adoration for the rest of your days... if that's what you had in mind. Better think it over!

If you have an alectoria stone, you're quite fortunate and determinedly weird. Alectoria grow only in the ventricles of cocks castrated at the age of three. The bean-sized stone will give you the power to be with any woman you choose.

A woman recieving a man's words of love near a blackthorn bush may look forward to a long, long marriage. Be sure you recognize the foliage.

If a woman places seven beans in a circle on the ground, and you walk over them, you'll be irresistibly drawn to her. So watch your step!

So much for now, and as I've heard somewhere, "have fun, and don't get pregnant".

FROM MANON

Planetary Herbs- Mercury - Caraway, cascara, sagrada, celery, dill, fennel, elecampane, fenagreek, horehound, lavender, licorice, maiden hair, American mandrake, marjoram, southernwood, valerian.

FROM A SELLENICHTON SABBAT CARD

He lay with Thee with love, this Samhain Night gone by...

Now, from His own seed reborn, on Lammás comes He forth

The Moon burns through the summer haze, ah, hear the Godling's cry!

From the blaze of Southern fire-hals to the Crystal Tower of the North.

The grain stands tall in the fields, heavy with fruit each tree;

May your life be fruitful, your body be strong this Lammás.

Blessed Be.

Cyprian's Thought for February

At Imbolc do we light our candles and help search

among the herds and flocks to discover the first newborn.

The coming of the new animals tells us all is well and we celebrate the Goddess.

SABBATT by Walt (L.A.)

'twas a cold Hallows eve an' the full of the moon
 The coven would there gather soon...
 The time neared twelve of the clock
 a candle was placed on the rock
 one at each compass point,
 water here, the earth to anoint
 smoke here, and candle there
 wafting the scent to the cool air
 Then they come, figures robed and dark
 step they there, walk to the mark
 made by the sword upon the ground
 drop their robes and dance around
 the fire burning brightly there
 in a cauldron warming air
 and the bodies dancing, loving, giving
 to the Goddess her due, loving, living.
 The sun rises warm and bright
 chasing the mists of night
 away from the Circle drawn.
 The dancers leave before the dawn
 breaks brightly, and go their way
 walking in the new-born day.
 To worship the Lady once more
 they will come again this way
 in the full of the moon on
 a cool Sabbatt's eve.

THIS FROM LADY ATH-ENNA

I am unique
 which is always loneliness
 But I am unique

I am one
 Of the millions all around
 Yet I am unique

I am your Priestess

I am the sun
 Of all I am
 And I am unique

I am the seas,
 The stars, very life itself
 And I am unique

I am your Goddess....

Dear Gollum,

I'm writing this letter in hopes you can give me some information to put my human at ease..she's very worried about me. I just came to live with her in Sept. of '78. She found me in downtown Detroit where I had been living in the streets for some time, and was pretty near death. I was very skinny, had mange, and had just given birth to pups who didn't make it because of my poor condition. Well, she has cured me of mange, and feeds me well, and has given me a warm place to live with her and her husband...and 3 nice cats... Mitch, Asmodeus, and Abbadon. But earlier today when I went outside to take care of my business, a friend came to visit. Killer, a handsome German Shepherd who works guarding the party store on the corner. He's caught my eye ever since I came to live here. Well, you know one thing led to another and we did what comes naturally. I'm sure we will have pretty pups as I, too, am a German Shepherd. But my human is worried because even though she feeds me about 7-8 cups of dry food, 1 egg, 1 small can of Kal-Kan, and all the left-overs, I still have not completely filled out, nor have I cut all my teeth (I got 4 more since Sept.) because of my poor condition...it will take a long time. She wants to know if there is anything she can add to my food or vitamins that she can get to keep me healthy...and my unborn pups. I hope you will be able to give her some information. She had hoped I would wait until Spring when I would have been in better health for raising pups.... But...he was so persuasive! Thank you for any advice. All of us animals here and my humans enjoy your collum.

Blessed Be, and Love from...

Lady, Mitch, Asmodeus, Abbadon, and my humans...Caprice & David.

GOLLUM'S COLLUM

Dear Lady,

This is in answer to your letter of 1/3/79.

My human is writing this. I and another Tom Cat had a difference of opinion. I had to go to the vet to get my jaw looked at.

But you should see that Tom Cat!

I had a talk with my vet about you. He and I both agree that you need more soft foods...not so much dry food. Have your human add water or broth to the dry food now and then. Also, she should add 2 tsp. of Brewer's Yeast and some wheat germ to each feeding.

She should also add a sprinkle of salt to your food. This helps to get rid of any urinary problems you might have.

Here is a diet that both cats & dogs can use:

Dry & semi-moist foods should constitute only one third of the total diet. Cooked chicken necks & backs are good for gum exercise.

Fresh water should be available at all times.

Eggs...raw, hard-boiled, or scrambled, and maybe some cottage cheese.

Find a vet that you and your human LIKE.

That's all for this month.

May the Lady smile on you always.

Gollum

From letters to Gollum:

Penny (Florida) says Tabby hasn't been doing anymore astral projections.... but she has learned to say a few simple words clearly...milk, fish, maw, out ...and another word when she gets mad.

Karen (Colorado) says daughter, Rain, trimmed Maxine's (cat) whiskers. But.. Karen says Rain has promised not to do that again because Karen has promised to give Rain a burr cut if she does.

Adole (Honolulu) says Shanti sends her regards to Gollum, and says she'll meet him on the astral mid-pacific on O Cat time full moon this month.

Temple familiars of The First Temple Of The Craft of W.I.C.A. (Illinois) Ra (Russian Blue Male), Isis (Persian Female), and Sebastian (Persian Mixed Male) send their salutations to Gollum.

Jeannie (Tacoma) says Gollum has 3 friends there. Ladies first, Pandora, who lives up to her name, is all white Persian. She has a mind of her own, and wanted to see the picture of Gollum before she'd say anything else. She said, "Purr, you sexy thing". Brandy, the half-Siamose calico, is still a little young for these things, and delights in chasing spools of thread around the house. Pywacket had his goodies chopped off so the house wouldn't smell so bad, and isn't interested in anything except food and attention. Pet hints - something I learned from Stef: If your pet will not behave, keep a water gun or similar instrument handy...and when the cat can't see you...squirt him while he is in the process of his wrongdoing. They think the gods are after them. If that doesn't work, put them in a flushed toilet. They get wet and it hurts only their feelings. If the fleas get bad, bathe your cat in your favorite pet shampoo (if you can) mixed with some pennyroyal oil. Do not use on small kittens or their bedding since it will make them very ill.

BOOKS AND THINGS

I have several times mentioned the bargains from P.C.B. I recently got 13 books from them for \$27.77...books costing as much as \$10.00 from the publisher. Write for catalogs to Publishers Central Bureau, 1 Champion Avenue, Avenel, N.J. 07131.

Gollum's Collum is a free astrological newsletter. If you want more info.

BOOKS AND THINGS continued

Marsha (S.F. Valley) will be giving an astrology class on Saturdays 10 A.M. - 12, March 3 - April 10. Write if you want more info.

Caprice says "The Middle Earth Book Shop" 2791 East 14 Mill Rd., Sterling Heights, Mich. 48077...has a fine selection of books, and also take mail orders.

No more "Earth Religious Supplies" or "Warlock Shop". It is now "The Magical Child" 35 W. 19th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10011. New catalog available (96 p.) late March or Early April. For local people they also have lectures, classes, etc.

Pam says Buckland's "Practical Candleburning" now costs \$3.95. She also recommends "Candlelight" by T. Lobsang Rampa.

Gwydion's album "Songs For The Old Religion"...15 songs & dances...is now \$6.95 postpaid. Nemeton, POB 212, Redwood Valley, Cal. 95470. Gwydion's new songbook will be out Feb. 18. More on that later. Gwydion says that they planted 6300 trees in two days.

If you didn't send the \$1. for subscription to "The Eye-Witness News" newsletter, you'll be sorry. Price has been raised to \$3. for 12 issues. The Future Eye, 1009 University Ave., Honolulu, Hi. 96826.

Penny (Fla.) says you can get a good herb catalog from Nichols Garden Nursery, 1190 North Pacific Hwy., Albany, Oregon 97321. Penny also says "The Chieftains" put out two good albums for dancing...Irish music.

If you use lots of tapes or cassettes, you can really save by buying direct from the factory. Write for catalog: Dak Industries, Inc., 10845 Vanowen, North Hollywood, Cal. 91605. Minimum order \$25.

Although they presently have no catalog, Sanctus Spiritus, 2735 Chicago Road, So. Chicago Heights, Ill. 60411 has various Craft supplies.

Earth Encounters, a program operated by the Bear Tribe, sounds interesting. For info, write to: Nimimasha, The Bear Tribe, POB 9167, Spokane, Wash. 99209.

Reba (Tn.) sent us a newspaper ad about an interesting cruise to Greece, Turkey, Egypt, etc., including the summer solstice at the base of the Great Pyramid. Leaves June 16. For info write: Holistic Life Seminar Cruises, 681 Market, suite 272, San Francisco, Cal. 94105.

Apparently lots of Pagans will be watching the eclipse on Feb. 23 from Maryhill, America's Stonehenge. Haven't heard from Stef so I don't know if any of her people plan to attend. Since it is open to the public, I guess there will be plenty of people there in any event.

Pan Pagan Festival tentatively set for July 12-15 somewhere in the Midwest. Write to Circle for more info. Circle seems to be adding a number of Craft supplies to their catalog. To order one write: Circle, Box 9013, Madison, WI. 53715.

OTHER STUFF & THINGS

We plan to have our mountain meeting in August as usual. However, we can't give a date yet. Another group which has been holding annual meetings (not Craft) there for many years has first choice of dates, so we have to wait for them. We'll let you know as soon as we know.

I have this & will tape cassette for you if you like.

I went there for it - WOW! What an experience!

MORE STUFF & THINGS

We see that the P.O. is operating with its usual efficiency. We had a couple of letters returned this month which were sent to the correct address. One of them came back twice marked "No Such Address". It's the same address we've been writing to, and this last time it hasn't come back. Guess the 3rd time is a charm. Does anyone know whether the P.O. just has stupid employees or do they have broken computers?

FLUSH BOUTIQUE by Linda Halsrud

Life, what a complex force
Ups and downs from birth
Sadness and heartaches forever
Yet still laughter and mirth

Love between two people
You hope will last for years
Yet soon it's on to another
For that one ended in tears

Constant search for happiness
Never knowing where it will be
Not even sure when you find it
Not sure if you should let it go free

But still we struggle onward
Because there's nothing else to do
Hoping things will be better
That the happy times will outweigh the blue.

Sorry the photos on the last page are a bit blurred. Since we don't print the page with photos, we have to have it done in advance. Just not enough time to get it done over again.

If you didn't get your announcement in this time...let that be a lesson. We must have any material for the newsletter AT LEAST several days BEFORE the end of the month.

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Always include your full name and address on your envelope or in your letter.

Wasn't the summer
great??

Don't you wish we had
it back again????

well, we had to put
something on this page.

Didn't want to waste
it.

Aren't you glad we
are so clever???

I heard that remark!

So how come you never
send any photos for
the newsletter???

Love and B.B.

from

us'ns

to

you'ns!

*Pat & all
the other
Georgians,*

BOBBIE



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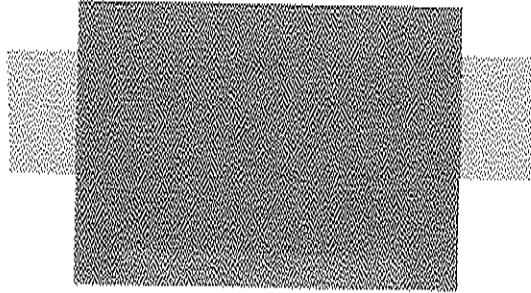
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