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GEORGIAN NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1979

BAKERSFIELD - Bobbie & I conducted the full-moon ritual. It was a perfect evening with 15 of us in the Circle that night. Everyone commented on how beautiful it was. Carolyn & Jerry have been busy with their new duties as acting HPs & HP of the Pagan Way. They did an excellent job of conducting both the Sabbat ritual and the Luperclia ritual. Bobbie & I conducted the Craft Sabbat ritual. Bobbie always does an excellent job. Bobbie suggested that it would be appropriate for Manon & I to do the Craft Luperclia ritual. We did. Had a good crowd in the Circle including 8 of Manon's people from Modesto.

FLORIDA - Jeraldine would like contacts in the Orlando area. Sent a poem which will be on another page.

Janice & Dennis still planning the move to Georgia. Dennis says he made an ank of a penny the kids flattened on a R.R. track. Anyone interested in these? They say they're having trouble getting their parakeets to breed. Any advice? We suggested letting them watch porno movies. Anyone have one of those for parakeets?

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA - Joan & Gail couldn't make it down here the past month but both plan to be here for the Sabbat this month.

Valerie says she and several others went to see "The Wicker Man", and are still debating about its content. I don't have time to go to movies so I haven't seen it. Anyone have an opinion on it?

GEORGIA - Had a nice long phone conversation with Rhea. She's still playing "Lady Of Leisure"...but I call it goofing off. Get up off it, Rhea. The Craft won't grow unless we work at it.

A very nice tape-letter from Pam. Love that British accent. Pam still busy on the pre-initiation tapes. Says her husband will be out of NCO school soon so he'll be able to start on the tapes, too. Pam wants to know if there is a spell for toothache so she won't have to go to the dentist. Or, if she has to go, is there a spell to put on the Demon Dentist so he won't enjoy hurting her.

The House of Ravenwood (chartered by Frost) is sponsoring a seminar in May. See meetings. Anyway Sefa & Shara did a lot of the work of preparation. However, Shara had to go back to Texas to help her parents, and Sefa, after a few months at Ravenwood, left for other reasons. After Sefa left bans were posted against her. I can't imagine anyone doing that to Sefa. Some few years back when Sefa was my HPs here for awhile I found her extremely hard-working, knowledgeable, and a definite asset to our people. Although Sefa and I had our personal differences, they were not Craft related, and she would be welcome back here at any time. Sefa says she is really upset about the ban. She says next time they may do something serious...like cancelling her subscription to Readers Digest.

HESPERIA - Marion has returned from her trip to Florida. She says she is planning to come with Georgia to visit us in the near future.

DETROIT - Had a very pleasant phone conversation with Caprice. Talked a lot about a friend who has a ghost in the house which she fears. Hope that has been taken care of by now. Caprice still busy with pre-initiation tapes and doing very well.

Los Angeles AREA - Mariah is not working any longer. She decided to go back to college, and is really enjoying her parapsychology class. It covers just about everything one could lump under that subject...even to the opportunity to spend a night in a haunted house. Mariah's sister (see last newsletter) has dropped the court case. She received pay for the time she was off and has been given another job.

NEW YORK - Jim, in prison, says he is Wiccan and would like to hear from other Pagans.

BROOKLYN (We list this separately because some people say it is a foreign country) A very nice letter from Rus & Lady Seanara explaining that they are Promotheans...basically Wicca but different rituals. Sounds interesting.

LAKELAND, CAL. - Peggy Ellen has been doing some lake fishing and answering loads of mail. She says the weather in England has been terrible. She recieved some flint stones from Chantonbury Ring. P.E.'s brother fell twice getting down the frosty 800 ft. He says there were hordes of sheep at the top.

SEATTLE-TACOMA AREA - Donna out of the military. Waddling about like a duck as she awaits the arrival of the Witchling...which should be any time now. She didn't get to go to Stef's for the Sabbat because Jake was afraid he'd be doing emergency surgery along the way. He was really worried about the birth certificate....didn't think it would look good if the answer to Where Born said "Along The Freeway".

As you know, Stef got her Masters degree recently...but has had no luck in finding a job. But she's doing great anyway working part-time at Tarot Readings.

All goes well with the coven. Jeannie & Dean recieved their 3rd degrees at the full moon. Congratulations.

John has been in Alaska for some time now. But Stef says he is presently in Virginia remodelling a bathroom. She didn't explain that. Guess things must be rough to go so far for that kind of a job.

Pixie is now living in Stef's area so I guess she'll be joining the coven there. Lady Ath-enna should have made contact with Stef by now. My last letter to her came back marked "unknown". Oh well, that's about normal for the P.O.

STEF'S THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - Help the morally handicapped. It's more fun!

OHIO - Phyllis would like to hear from other Pagans. She is busy looking for a job as an electronics technician. Guess she'd better burn some candles or join Women's Lib. I guess girls still have a problem finding jobs of that type. However, I was surprised the other day when I took my car to a garage, they put a woman mechanic on the job.

SPAIN - A letter from Gordon. Says he'd like his own newsletter so he can stop stealing Herbie's. No real news. To the doghouse.

Herbie says he'll be going on a ship for 3 months. Wonder if they'll have any girls there. Herbie says he and Gordon moved to an apartment. The cleaning girl through out the boxes they had been saving for moving. All they could come up with were 3 shoe boxes. That took a lot of trips. Herbie would like to hear from Robin (also in the navy). Write and I'll forward.

Gordon would like to know if there is a complete translation of the "Havamol". He'll pay for photocopy/postage. Also would like to know of books on Rune Poems. Herbie has a student in Augsburg, Germany who visited us for a Sabbat here in Bakersfield a few years ago. He would very much like any Pagan contacts in that area. He is being harrassed by a Sgt. and some fundamentalists on the base. Herbie would also like contact with other Crafters/Pagans. I'll forward. Way down at the bottom of his letter Herbi says note that he spells his name with no "e".

NASHVILLE -Cyprian is doing some writing on cults, problems, dangers, etc. He says his hip is healing so he is no longer using a cane. Cyprian would like to find a copy of volume 15...the only one missing from his set of Man, Myth, & Magic...if anyone will part with one. Price?

MAINE - Jenny is very much interested in finding contacts in her area. She is getting tired of working alone.

TUCSON - Rik says Tucson is really dead Craft-wise. Folding up the town until fall.

COLORADO - Tanya has moved to a house with a couple of roommates where she has 1/3 of an acre to grow herbs, flowers, etc. She is very enthusiastic about the new atmosphere being conducive to her artwork. She is expecting to get a couple of cats..has one so far. Gollum is happy to hear that. Tanya is a full-time student at Colorado State University. She puts dried flowers in her tea and nasturtiums in her salad. Wonder if sweetpea in the salad would give sweet breath. Tanya went to a seminar on cults and the occult given by an ex-preacher. She says one night was more than enough.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - Marsha got to visit Bakersfield for the Lupercalia.... but stayed only for the Pagan Way ritual. She was so anxious to get back to her new husband. If they don't both get up here for a longer visit soon, guess we'll have to put them in a house... not the doghouse or cathouse. We have a new one.. like the little house you find behind the big one in the country.

MODESTO - All goes well with the coven and the new Pagan Way group. Manon thanks everyone for their good wishes concerning her health. She loves the "fan mail", but she says to tell you she had a very rapid recovery from the accident and is in excellent condition...and I'll agree with that!

ST. LOUIS - We had a pleasant phone conversation with the HPs of the Wicca Church Of Dragonwyck. Luke of the Bakersfield coven is visiting Arkansas for a few months to see his parents again, and he hopes to have some pleasant contact with Dragonwyck while he is back there. If our phone conversation is any indication, I'm sure it will be pleasant.

MEETINGS

Third Ecumenical Pagan Council will be held April 3 in Van Nuys, Cal. (near L.A.) For info write to Lady Svetlana, 706 W. Doran # 6, Glendale, Cal. 91203.

Gathering Of The Tribes...June 17-20, Unicoi State Park, Helen, Georgia. For info write Assoc. Of Cymmyr Wicca, POB 1514, Smyrna, Ga. 30081.

MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL AT COEDEN BRITH will be held June 22-24. Send the following for registration:

- Names...
- Mailing Address...
- Group/Trad. Affiliation....
- What names may we list in our program book?...
- References (whom do you know that we know?)...
- Have you ever been to Coeden Brith before?.....Whom?.....

*This was fantastic -
(see article, separate)*

Make checks payable to: Holy Order Of Mother Earth (tax deductible)
POB 982, Ukiah, Calif. 95482

- Adults \$5.00....
- Children \$2.00...
- Booths \$10.00....
- Total enclosed....

Proceeds will be used for land restoration and establishment of a Shamanic Training Center and Temple to The Goddess.

THE HOUSE OF RAVENWOOD will be holding a psychic seminar in The Georgian Ballroom of the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia May 11-13.

\$49.00 per person pre-registration prior to April 1.

\$59.00 after April 1.

Send to House Of Ravenwood, 522 Moreland Ave. N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30307.

Hotel reservations: \$33.00 per day single, \$40.00 per day double.

Send to Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, 817 West Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30386.

MORE MEETINGS

PAN PAGAN FESTIVAL tentatively set for July 12-15 somewhere in the Midwest. For info write: Circle, Box 9013, Madison, WI. 53715.

Our Annual Georgian Mountain Meeting about 50 miles from Bakersfield will be held around the middle of August...no definite date yet on when the area will be available....

GOLLUMS GOLLUM

BASIC CAT CARE

1- A Good Diet...(see last month's newsletter)

2- Exercise.....cats of every age need exercise. If you have two cats, they provide a natural exercise for each other. A good, sturdy scratching post filled with catnip is a necessity for every cat....if you want to save your rugs and furniture.

3- Grooming.....a cat is the most fastidious of domestic animals about personal appearance. You can give assistance by brushing. A rubber brush is best for short hair. Long hair requires daily combing.

That's all for this month. Hope to hear from you, and that all is well.

Meow.

May the Lady smile on you always.

Gollum

LETTERS TO GOLLUM:

From Donna in Washington... writing for Gus & Sabbath

Dear Gollum,

In regard to Jeannie's flea cure: a bath! How undignified! A definite basis for rebellion. Instead, how about a little vinegar in the drinking water? About one tablespoon per quart. Not half bad, even if those pesky fleas are thick. Two weeks of vinegar water will get rid of them. This is also good for dogs.

B.B.

Gustafer & Sabbath

From Donna...by the way, the squirt gun is great. (see last newsletter)

Peggy Ellen says Mr. Slats was missing for 6 days, and finally showed up with a badly broken leg. The vet says it was done deliberately. Two other cats in the neighborhood are missing. Mr. Slats was in surgery for 3½ hours....and Peggy Ellen has a bill for several hundred dollars.

Marlah says she saw this on a poster at a friend's house:

Love to eat Them Mousies,
Mousies what I love to eat.
Bite they little heads off,
Nibble on they tiny feet.

By A CAT

I wish Marlah had told us where to find the posters. Maybe she'll let us know.

MORE LETTERS TO GOLLUM

Mariah says she has three cats...mama is called "Pippin". She disappeared and came home with four kittens. Mariah gave two of them to a friend, and kept the other two...Pusskin and Padwaddle. Mama is a Himalayan.

HELPTFUL HINTS FOR BEGINNERS

This will be something new starting this month. If you have questions or suggestions, let us know.

We often hear in speech or read in print the words invoke and evoke used as though they have the same meaning. This is not correct. Here are simple examples to help you remember the difference:

When the HPs calls on the Goddess to enter and take over her body, that is INVOKING. When she calls on a spirit to enter a triangle outside the Circle, that is EVOKING.

Remember that we no longer turn people into toads. I goofed and forgot to tell you what we turned them into in February. For the month of March we turn them into mad, maladjusted, malodorous marmosets.

BOOKS AND THINGS

Unicorn has a nice booklet on herbs and oils and a catalog. Don't know the price. Send a S.A.S.E. to The Unicorn, Box 8814, Minn.; Minn. 55408.

Castle Rising has a new catalog ready for \$1. Send to Castle Rising, 1730 Wazee St., Denver, Col. 80202.

Gus & Lady Seanara promise only first quality merchandise will be in their new catalog available in the spring. It's free. Write Arcane Crafts, 181 Bergen St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217. Same address for Craft contacts.

And here is some really great news: The Witches' Almanac is back again! Still just \$1.95 but you can't order it by mail from Rhode Island as in the past. You'll have to get it at a bookstore. PLEASE! PLEASE! Bug your local bookstore to get it in or to order it for you. If you want the Almanac to continue (and I know we all do) sales this year will have to be good.

I've had dozens of letters in the past from people complaining that they could not find it in the stores. Most bookstores are happy to order a book for you if they don't have it.

If for any reason you still can't get it, write me and we'll try to work out something for you. Or, you might write to the publisher..Grosset & Dunlap, N.Y. Sorry I don't have the street address.

Another good bargain: Magical & Mystical Sites is now being printed in a paperback by Harper & Row. If you couldn't afford the hard cover version, don't pass up this opportunity.

If you want to write to the Almanac to send material or to express an opinion (but not to order the Almanac) write: The Witches' Almanac, POB 740, Newport, Rhode Island 02840.

Also...if you still don't have a copy of WITCHES ALL, check your local bookstore for this one. A nice collection of material from earlier Witches' Almanacs.

MORE BOOKS AND THINGS

"GWYDION SINGS SONGS FOR THE OLD RELIGION" is available for \$6.95 postpaid. Note that this is a new address. Nemeton, POB 212, Redwood Valley, Cal. 95470. Gwydion's new songbook should be available by now but we don't have the name or price on that yet.

For any of you who buy wholesale, you can get a catalog of incense & oils for \$1. from Bakhara Alchemical Products, 215 Pacific Ave. , San Pedro, Cal. 90731.

A new book on numerology costs \$14. postpaid from Ivan Publishing, Inc. POB 17947, San Antonio, Texas 78217. Ken is preparing a review of that one. If he doesn't get it done in time for this issue, we'll have it in the next one.

PAGAN DESTINY by Jeraldine Davis (Florida)

Pagan people of the land
Form a circle, over so grand.
Now is time to consecrate
Nature's way to our fate.

Earth, wind, fire and moon
Bring resurrection to us soon.
Love in unity, unity in trust
Let a Renaissance be our thrust.

Casting spells through the night
The sun rises to give us might
Evolution of the soul
Reaching our sacred goal.

Altar of life, trinity of time
A burning candle gives the sign.
Together in mind, the heart divine,
The goblet fills with magical wine.

Sword of the circle, robes of the faith
The Gods preserve us with their grace.
For the Universe is the whole,
Parts of it all, we must grow.

CYPRIAN'S THOUGHT FOR MARCH (Tenn.)

Upon Lady Day we see the sun half-grown, and in his honor our fields are sown.

Just heard from Ken on the numerology book. He says it does contain some interesting info, but it is too condensed to explain a new system thoroughly. He says he would recommend it if it was about 50 pages longer and cost \$7 less. If you like to collect books on numerology, then it may be worthwhile to you.
Ivan Publishing, Inc. , POB 17947, San Antonio, Texas 78217. \$14.00

MORE BOOKS & THINGS

Received a copy of "The Quest" byt Rhuddlan Gaur with Marcy Edwards. Too bad it arrived too late for me to finish reading it. We should have a review for next issue.

Here's one I truly enjoy reviewing: SPOKES OF THE WHEEL by Solonciethon. Drawings & poetry for each of the Sabbats and more. Twenty four pages of excellent drawings, and 24 pages of poetry. I think it's worth the cost for either alone. Those of you who ordered Solonciethon's "A Witches' Calendar" (see January issue) know what to expect. By the way, the shop which handles them has been quite happy with your response. I'm sure they are still available for \$1.50 postpaid. To get back to the new book: Order "Spokes Of The Wheel" for \$2.50 postpaid from: Mi-World Bookstore

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And just so you know I don't recommend anything I don't believe in: Yes, Solonciethon, we did receive our full coven order of 13 calendars.

HERBS

HERBIE S'Z: I have been extremely busy this month with my job, and I am also running out of ideas to write about. If you have any questions or suggestions please write. What would you like to know about?

Here are some notes from Nanon:

PLANETARY HERBS: MOON - Orris, Parslane, Queen Elizabeth Root, Poppy, Rosemary, Jasmine.

GODDESS INCENSE

Storax

Benzoin

Rose Petals

Poppy

Sandlewood

Orris Root

Camphore

Jasmine

We'll have more for you next month.

STUFF AND THINGS

We had a pleasant visit from Georgia (L.A.) recently. She does doesn't get here often enough since she re-married.

As we mentioned, we finally got a letter from Stef (Seattle area) after a couple months of silence. Guess we'll let her part way out of the dog house. Haven't decided which part it will be....the front half...or the back half.

Did I remember to tell you we traded our A.B. Dick photocopier for a Royfax?? It does a much better job.

Dean expects to be back with the local coven about this time next year.

If any of your friends complain about not getting the newsletter this month remind them that the subscription is now \$2. per yr....and that's much less than it costs us.

Margaret in Texas has just started on our pre-initiation tapes.

A WITCH'S REFLECTION by Ernie Bidwell

Oh I have been beyond the veil
 where twilight shadows fall
 And I have seen the enchanted moon
 Rising quickly above the Oak trees bare and tall

I know the path into the forest
 where Witches gather 'round
 I know the hidden spot I've seen
 Where the Priestess casts the Circle's ground

Oh I have seen and I have felt
 What Christian folk dare not tell
 I have danced naked beneath the stars
 danced merrily the ring and danced it well

I've seen the little people
 who live and sing beyond the mist
 Who on moonlight nights
 Also dance below Our Lady's disk
 No fear have they, no troubles, war
 Celebrating as in days of old

You might ask is this a dream
 or is it really so
 I can tell you that it is
 For the old ways have never died
 But quietly unseen from this world have they lied.

I could say much more than this
 But still there's something you would miss
 Unless by chance you've been there
 Beneath the moon, beside the hare
 An experience so wonderful one would dare
 That in burning times many did
 To be a Witch, a heathen child
 To know Our Lady's lunar smile.

LAST MINUTE STUFF

EMMA (Georgia) says they had a great full moon celebration. Seta on a temporary visit to Des Moines. Had a 4 inch sleet storm recently.

KAREN (Col.) Finished her 4 weeks of teaching. Had trouble with a group who objected to the class. One of those nuts who claims to be an old-Satanist now born again Xtian trying to form a group to do in all of Denver's Witches.

GAIL (Oakland) Sent a \$2. bill for her sub. Hadn't seen one of those in yrs.

ELLEN (N.J.) says she & Ray discovered they will be parents Oct. 4. Hope her crystal ball is accurate.

ANTHONY (Florida) suggests this for the summer: ice cream on your pancakes... and make a snow-cone of shaved ice and pour syrup over it.

We have to get the last page done tomorrow and still don't know what it will be. I'll be surprised, too.

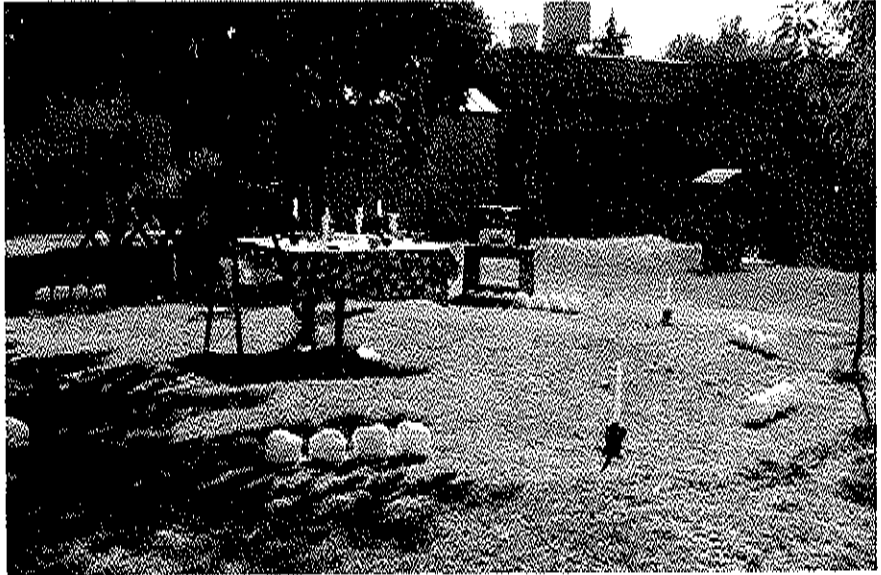
THAT'S ALL, FOLKS.

LOVE AND BLESSED BE.

EM & THE GEORGIANS

I took some photos for this edition...but they didn't get developed in time to use them. So I looked around for some old photos of our outdoor Circle.

Don't recall the date of this one but probably 1970 or 1971.



This one was taken in 1974 I think it was in March. I remember that the plum tree in the foreground had blossoms in February that year.



One last reminder.....We'll be expecting some of you on the 17 th.

And that's really all for this time, folks.

*Love and Blessed Be,
Pat and all the Georgians,*

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