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Moving Forward w/ The First Priest Hood

We Correllians are a family. I want to start by saying I appreciate everyone who has hung in there with us during this difficult and stressful time of change and transition. I am excited to talk a bit about our future and where we are going further down the road. Before I do that I would like to discuss a bit about our current goings-on and the steps we are taking now to make that future a reality.

When listening to all of our membership and what you all were hoping to see I would say the top answer was more transparency from the leadership and more financial transparency. In my nearly 20 years tenure here in the Tradition I must say that was always something I wished for many times. In order to demonstrate perfect love and perfect trust this transparency is definitely going to be a priority moving forward.

As the first step, I have registered the Tradition with candid/GuideStar which is basically an independent, not-for-profit organization that allows other 501c3 groups to report on many things within their organization, including financials, and have that be visible and searchable.

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Lady Alyssa Maxon Kemp
First Priestess Coregent

MOVING FORWARD CONTINUED...

Currently, at the time I write this, we have a silver seal of transparency and my intention is (by the time of this publishing) to have our 2022 financials uploaded. Once uploaded we will earn the Gold Transparency seal. Our transparency rating is available on our website at the bottom of the main page. If you click on the seal, it will take you to our candid page where you can view the information we have reported. To make even further efforts at transparency, going forward we plan to make future board meeting minutes available for viewing by members of the Witan Council and Gallery. Our bylaws rewrite committee has been formed and has begun work on our bylaws. We are very excited for this needed rewrite!

Speaking a bit about the future, we really do want to see our Tradition bloom. We are open to suggestions for things that you as members would love to see within the Tradition or from us. These can be sent to FirstPriesthoodcnt@gmail.com. We want to see more Outer Court and Clergy members getting involved both within the Tradition and within their local communities.

Going forward we want to see regular meetings of our councils so they can provide needed advice on any pending issues and so that we all have a collective knowledge of what is going on and what is coming up. We would love to see our annual Lustration held in new locations by Temples or Shrines that have not yet had the opportunity to plan one of these events and showcase what makes their group special and unique. Along this same vein we hope to see more Regional Lustrations for those for whom traveling can be more difficult. We also have some innovative ideas for live online classes or seminars for our members that I am really looking forward to seeing come to fruition. Most of all I want to make sure going forward that we are being as transparent as possible and providing any services or support that our membership requires, each and every one of you is our lifeblood and our future.

What we do now is creating the building blocks for the future path we want to walk together. Lord Phoenix and I are new to these roles. Our Elders have retired to pursue special projects and interests they didn't have the time or energy for previously and we are excited for them!

This is our time to really explore our Tradition, heeding always our roots but knowing that we have an opportunity now to really craft our own wings. I'm so excited to have you all take this journey with us. Know that we as your First Priesthood, as well as our Elders, High Priesthood and Leadership are here to support you, in whatever way you need, and if you find you are not being supported or you want to share something feel free to use the email address above and reach out to us. Just please give us at least 24-48 hours to respond. Also if any Clergy members wish to host a Lustration of the Ancestors or a Regional Lustration of the Living please reach out, we would love to discuss it with you! Blessed be!!!



MOTHER GODDESS BY TIENA ELLIS

In the mists of the night,
I feel her arms wrap around,
With all her strength and might,
And I finally begin to ground.

The light of her heart illuminates,
Her message beckons all,
Spend time with her and ruminate,
She's with you for the long haul.

Listen for her voice,
It's like a sirens call,
Though she will always give you a choice,
She will enthrall.

Her love is never ending,
A spiral ever moving,
Never descending,
Always seeking and improving.

She is the flame within us all,
Lighting the way,
So answer her loving call,
And know she'll never betray.





First of all, I want to thank Lady Kai Aidan and Rev. Ser Bryan John Ellicott for inviting me to write Peace Weaving Article for the Correllian Times. Once-upon-a-time, I helped translate the Correllian Times into Filipino, when it came back after the passing of the Beloved Lady Windy Lajoie, but unfortunately due to hectic schedule I had to resign my post as Translator. Now I am back at Correllian Times as contributor /columnist which is much easier to do as I will just write it down in English and will focus only on the article I am going to write. Though it's been a pleasure that I was able to translate some editions of the Correllian Times, but at this point, I was given a chance to Highlight our Work at the Correllian Order of Peace Weaver.



Photo Credit- The Correllian Press Corps

Now, let me start introducing my self and what is my role in the Correllian Order of Peace Weaver. As of 10th of August 2023, the original founder of the Order Rev. Teri Helton Ott(whom we known as Mother Peace Weaver), passed the Adminship of the order to me due to ailing Health. As dedicated Order member since August 27, 2013, I accepted the role of Order Head. But what is the work of the Order of Peace Weavers? What do people expect from us as members of the order? When was the order established and chartered as a Correllian Group?



**INTERFAITH ORDER
OF PEACE WEAVER**
A MINISTRY OF THE CORRELLIAN NATIVIST CHURCH
www.landasnglahi.com/opw

The Correllian Order of Peace Weavers as I already have mentioned was founded by Mother Peace Weaver on August 4, 2009, meaning we existed for 14 years now. The order was created to provide members of the Correllian Tradition with the means of gathering together to collectively promote the weaving of peace into the fabric of society through meditation, prayer, Reiki, visualization, spellworking, ritual, creative writing, intentional art, and using any methods and techniques that promote positive expression with harm to none, and for the highest good of all concerned.

This means that a dedicated member of the order does not only do meditate for them selves but can facilitate Meditation Session to the group, so as to accept prayer request to people within the tradition or even non member of the tradition such as we can provide Reiki to people that needs it, the Weaving of Peace can be healing to everyone as well.

As members of the Order I highly encourage everyone to do their part, as your new order head, I see everyone as a Peace Weaver, a Leader of their own right in working towards peace just like how our dearest founder Rev. Teri Helton Ott have given each one of us.

It is also emphasized to us that we as order members should encourage members of the Correllian Nativist Tradition of Wicca to express and promote peace in our world that we dedicate every 15th day of the month to be a special Peace Weaving Day among the Correllian Tradition around the world by initiating the Rolling Prayer for Peace which will happen every 15th day of the month by 9:00 PM in your local time zone. This mean that all who will participate in this activity will pray the peace prayer on 15th day of the month by 9:00 PM in your local time zone.

So if you want to participate in this global event, just light up a candle for about a minute or longer and pray the prayer prescribed below:

I pray for Peace
I pray for Love
I pray for Stability
I pray that Love may overcome Fear
And I send energy of Love and Peace
For all people of the World
I create it, I accept it, and I receive it
By my will so mote it be!

Every month we are looking for Correllian Volunteer who will pray with me in a video recording through Google Meet. The prayer that we are about to pray are the collection of prayers written by our order head herself, Mother Peace Weaver. If you are interested to volunteer kindly email me at peaceweaving@luntiangaghama.org so that I may send you an invitation for a Google Meet Video Conferencing.



Music Corner

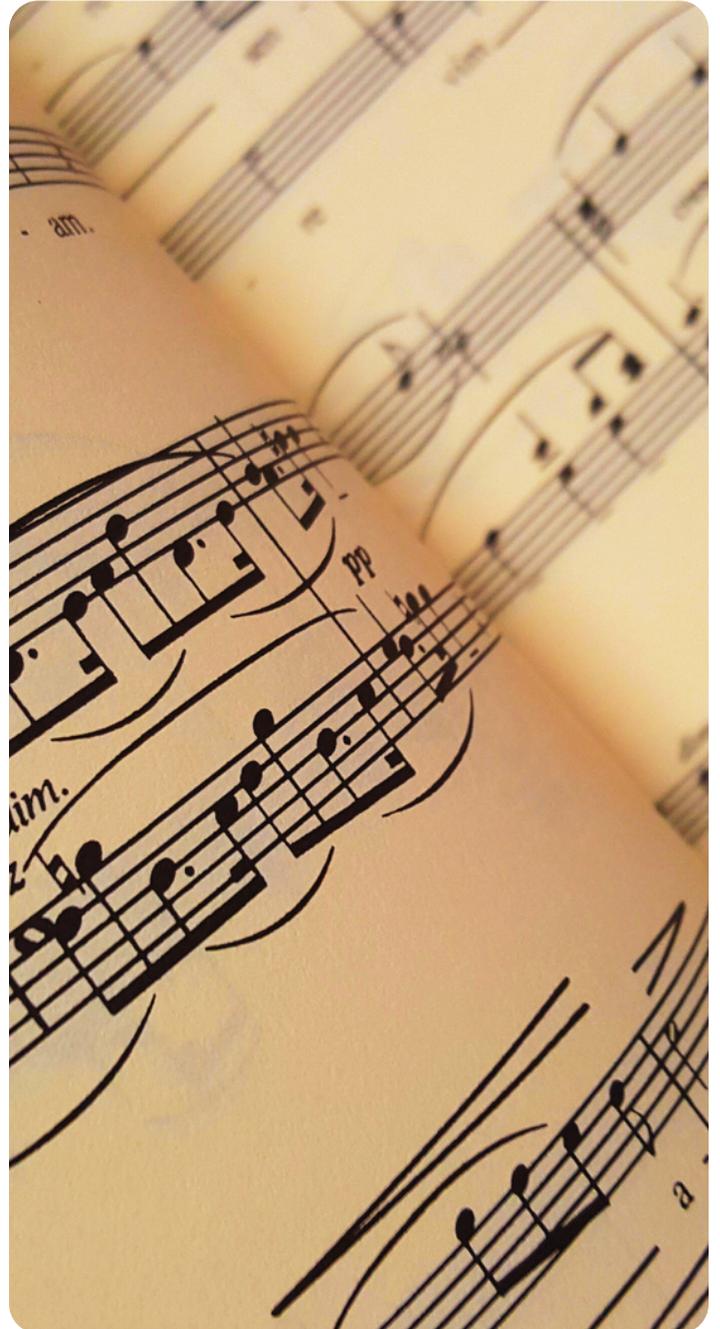
by: Tiena M. Ellis

"Anything but Silence"

We all go through moods,
Where silence is not an option,
Where our minds bounce with thoughts,
Music around us fill the air,
With a sigh we smile,
Because we want anything but Silence.

Birds release their songs,
Bats squeal looking for food,
Whales send out songs,
Cat chirp at bird flying by,
Little sound fill the air,
Like a natural orchestra,
No silence is welcome here,

Take a deep breath,
And let it all out,
Feel the music around you,
That you are apart of,
In middle of it all we all know,
Anything but silence is all that we need.



ORDER OF THE MOUSAI
ORDER HEAD: REV. EBONI NASH

THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDER OF MOUSAI IS TO EMBRACE THE INNER
WISDOM RECEIVED THROUGH THE EXPLORATION OF MUSIC AND ALL ITS
MAGICKAL PROPERTIES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ORDER OF MOUSAI, VISIT
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/ORDEROFMOUSAI_](https://www.facebook.com/groups/orderofmousai)

***The Gift of the Peace Drum: A Parliament
Moment to Remember
By Rev. Ser Eboni Nash, HP***

This story begins on day 2 of the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago, IL. I was on my way to this peace drumming presentation and was delayed by the fabulous Andrea Joy, who oddly enough wanted to give me a beautiful flute that had been played many times at the Grand Canyon. So I had an amazing moment right before this presentation. I was just blown away by her kindness. But I digress ... So back to the story I go!

I arrived late to this presentation, but just in time to catch some of the people having a chance to play the drums. The gentlemen were from Uganda, and part of their stance is the rights of the LGBTQ community in his homeland. It's a death sentence for anyone there, so it was incredibly brave of them to even come to this event and speak their truths and stand for peace. Through their drumming and sharing their story, it's their hope to inspire others to do the same. Part of their playing for peace is allowing others to play. The audience members received a little card that they put a word that brings about peace to their heart, where they are from, and I think their name. Then it was stuck in the strings on the sides of the drum and then each person who wanted to could play a little bit. My wife Abey was adamant that I play. I learned to play hand drums from my Ghanan friend. So she wanted to see me play and she was also led by Spirit to push me to play. So I did, and then spoke with the Ugandan folks afterwards. Very cool moment. However it doesn't stop there...

Fast forward to the end of Parliament, 3 days after this presentation. I was terribly late and missed the final day because of the wonderful bus system in Chicago. Abey and I decide to check out the Correllian booth and see who's left. As I'm chatting with folks, one of the Ugandan drummers gets my attention. It turned out that he had been looking for me all day. He said, "I would like to offer you the peace drum." At this point, everyone around the booth has his attention and is just as floored as I was. I said, "Are you serious?" He said it again! I'm just stunned at this point. I'm thinking at this point that he must mean some smaller drum or maybe a souvenir of some sort. Little did I know that he was talking about the very drum I had played on days earlier!!!! To be given something so incredibly important such as this was just so surreal!!!! This drum was handmade in Uganda, all the materials gained properly and then he put this drum together himself. There's no way I could turn this gift down. However now I have a bit of a problem.



I was catching a bus the next day, and there was NO way I could get that drum on the bus, nor did I want to risk something so precious getting damaged. Hats off to Rev. Ser Bryan Ellicott for the early wedding present of having it shipped to a safe, temperature controlled place. So off we went to the FedEx store located downstairs from the venue, and off the drum went to my friend's house.

I can't tell you how amazing Parliament was, and to come home with the gift of a lifetime is just icing on the cake. Stay tuned because I definitely plan to play this drum and incorporate their message of peace in projects with that peace drum. May this moment never leave my memory or anyone else that was there. Many thanks to those brave Ugandan brothers and sister who came and blessed so many with their music!!!



Photo Credit- The Correllian Press Corps

Red Tent

By Rev Pamela Maxwell Griffith BD Psych

*Welcome, Ladies and those who identify as Female,
For those unaware, a red tent is where you go to get and give help,
love, and support to others.*

I was asked again to continue with this article as I have done in the past. I accepted the challenge and hoped to help keep you informed and maybe even give you a laugh or two in the process.

Since this is a new publication and many may not know who I am, I'll give you the short version, since I am short. Been on the path since 1969 but Correllian since about 2002. So, I have been around a while. I have a virtual Temple, a Virtual Circle Sacred Space, and a Virtual Red Tent with Facebook pages. I got my 3rd degree, wrote a book, have a Temple, have an order. I get really busy sometimes!!

One of the stressors for me is those women who would rather take down a woman instead of helping her up. We are already second-class citizens in most of the world, so let's give each other more care and love. How?? Glad you asked.



Red Tent cont.

For those of us who have raised our children we know the meltdowns, temper tantrums, and screaming all too well. Instead of the dirty look, the next time you see a mom in distress, remember how you felt, just a smile or even giving her a hand will make her see that we are all in this together. The 'hey it's ok' line will go a long way in giving her the moral and spiritual strength to go on. Remember she is already second-guessing herself thinking she has somehow failed as a mom and failed her child.

Nothing is farther from the truth. Been there. Goddess fooled me with a great first child, and then BAM, the last one OMG. No way that spawn of Satan was mine cherub-faced baby. I can remember looking at him thinking maybe it was Rosemary's baby not mine. He got switched at birth.

I was most fortunate to have the best mother-in-law on the planet. My mother had passed before my last one was born, but MIL was awesome. He had a major meltdown, and I was melting with him and she scooped him up asked him he was being fussy and looked at me and told me it was OK. He's just testing me and seeing how I will handle him as a teenager. YUP she was right.

So I challenge you to change your mindset when you hear that blood curdling scream, give that mom at least a smile or knowing glance even a thumbs up will help.

I also have a second challenge for those who really like to stretch themselves. I challenge you to start a Red Tent, in person or virtual. Mine is the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9pm EST. But you know it would be great to have a bunch on different days and different times. Like if you could just hop on when you needed it, not have to wait a whole month!!

You can have open talk, pick a subject to speak on or whatever!! Seriously we need to have at least 5-6 in each state!! Why?? Because we don't have the 'hen sessions' as my father called them. We don't play bridge once a week or have coffee weekly.ost of us are lucky to get to work, home and bed at a decent hour.

BUT if you could spare an hour or two a month just once a month to host a session with your friends and have some real conversation, well it's almost therapy!!

I know we all have time constraints but that one or two hours can do you and your friends a world of good. Even if you just talk about silly stuff. You still have that time away. It changes your perspective. If you promise I will list your days/times and areas or virtual spots here. Let's see if we can get a few started. Especially virtually. All you need is the internet and you are set. We have a Sunday Chat on Facebook and boy don't miss it or WOW it gets felt. But seriously this is a great way to help not just others but for you too. I won't tell you it's so easy cause I know how hard extra time is to come by, but if you can spare it please consider it.





Order of Rainbow Tent

By Rev. Ser Bryan John Ellicott

October is more than just the month when leaves begin to change colors, and the crisp autumn air if you live in the Northern Hemisphere, it fills our surroundings. It's a time for celebration and reflection within the LGBTQ+ community and its allies. October serves as a reminder of the struggles faced, the progress made, and the work yet to be done in LGBTQ+ rights and acceptance. This article will delve into the significance of October as LGBT History Month, the importance of National Coming Out Day on October 11, and the inclusive spirit of International Pronouns Day on October 16.

LGBT History Month

LGBT History Month, observed throughout October, is a time to honor and recognize the countless contributions and accomplishments of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals throughout history. It's an opportunity to shed light on their stories, achievements, and challenges in the ongoing fight for equal rights and acceptance.

One of the central objectives of LGBT History Month is to educate and raise awareness about the historical context of the LGBTQ+ movement. This involves highlighting key moments, figures, and events that have shaped the community's journey toward equality. By preserving and sharing these stories, we ensure that the struggles and triumphs of the LGBTQ+ community are never forgotten.

International Pronouns Day

International Pronouns Day, observed on October 16th, is a relatively new addition to the LGBTQ+ calendar but holds immense importance. This day focuses on the respectful use of pronouns, emphasizing the need for gender-inclusive language and communication. Pronouns are an essential aspect of one's identity, and using the correct pronouns is an act of validation and respect for an individual's gender identity.

*Join us at our next meeting, which will be held on **Friday - October 6th, 2023 at 9 pm EST.** We are still growing the space on Discord; those invites expire after 7 days, so if you'd like an invite, please message me, Rev. Ser Bryan Ellicott, on Facebook. I will gladly send you the link.*



I believe that every human being has the right to choose what faith system they believe in and that parents must give children a choice. Telling your child to choose their faith system with no resources isn't a choice. Being a parent is hard. Being a Pagan Parent, unsure how to introduce your children to religion is harder.

*Most of the Pagans of my generation come from other religions that they didn't believe in. We spent our childhoods forced to attend church and other religious functions. Funnily enough I found Paganism because of a church book sale. One of the many books sold was Scott Cunningham's *Wicca: A Guide for the Solitary Practitioner*. The book first published in 1988 profoundly affected my life, causing me to want to know more. I can only assume the church had no idea what the book was about. But it started me on my path as a teenager, so I am forever grateful for that book sale.*

*Like everyone else soon, my childhood and teenage years were behind me, and I found myself a young mother. As a parent, I was responsible for every aspect of these little people's lives. Everyone I knew kept saying, "I want my children to choose for themselves." This sounded like a good idea to me. However, I soon realized that waiting for them to grow up and chose wasn't really a choice. If I gave them no spirituality at all, a choice between nothing is nothing. Which means in order to give them a choice I needed to share my beliefs with them. Once I knew I wanted to share my faith with my children, I was unsure what to share. There were no local Wiccan Churches with Wiccan Sunday School like programs to help me give my children a spiritual education. My experience included reading books, taking classes on *Witchschool.com*, and studying to become clergy through the Correllian Tradition. There weren't many books or resources about Pagan Parenting, Pagan Kids, or Pagan Families.*

It didn't take me long to realize I was on my own and if I wanted to educate my children, it would be up to me. I put my big girl panties on and got to work. A child needs a child's understanding. To practice a pagan faith, one learns about the planets, the moon, the stars, and nature (climate, seasons, and weather.) What child doesn't love to jump in mud puddles, sniff a blooming flower, or lighting and blowing out candles? By weaving spiritual guidance in everyday situations, it married together the ethics and elements of the Wiccan faith. We celebrated holidays that pertained to actual seasonal events rather than holidays based on religious dogma. There is a reason that many of the Christian holidays borrow so much from ancient pagan practices. I was teaching my children to be Wiccan without teaching them to be Wiccans. I was simply teaching them to be human beings.

I introduced more complex practices to their religious training as my children grew. But of course, I began to think about the whole; everyone has the right to choose for themselves. Soon, I began to introduce them to other faith systems. This is a long story, and I will speak of it in future editions of the Correllian Times.

Everyman, woman, and child should be free to practice the religion of their choice. But, In order to choose one needs to have options. I recommend that all Pagan Parents who wish to give their children the ability to choose for themselves a true choice. Let's not forget the choice between nothing and nothing is nothing.

Artificer Corner

Rev. Ser. Kai Aidan HP

"Heraldry is an integral part of the Correllian Tradition. By Heraldry we mean the distinctive symbols, or sigils, used to identify Shrines, Temples, and people within the Tradition.

Every Shrine and Temple has its own heraldic sigil, which represents it. These can be seen on our Shrine and Temple pages.

In addition, many individual Correllians also have vision symbols, which are used as personal sigils. These vision symbols are based directly upon spiritual visions or other symbols representing the individual.

Members of the Witan Council display their sigils on the Clavis of their state robes. Other Correllians may have personal sigils but do not display them in the state robes -they may display their sigils in other ways."

<https://www.correllian.com/heraldry.html>

Every Correllian is entitled to place patches on their stole to represent the Tradition, their degree of membership (outer court/inner court), and groups they belong to within the Tradition

The main patches such as the correllium, the outer court and degree patches are usually available through the Tradition, as the Tradition purchased them in bulk. Shrines and Temples often commission an individual or company to create embroidered patches for their group.

Shrine, Temple, and Order Heads are asked to create the sigil to represent their group as part of the application process. I do think this is an important step in Shrine/Temple/Order Development. Even if you do not think you have the "creativity" or ability to create a sigil, trying to create one often helps you get an overall vision of the symbol you want. This allows a person or company to create a sigil using your vision if you need outside help.

As an Artificer I have helped many Shrine, Temple, and Order Head turn their sigil into an embroidered patch. It's important to note that patches are normally created using an embroidery machine. The embroidery machine knows how to create the patch using a process called digitization. The digitization program looks at the colors and their placement and tells the machine what and where to stitch. Sigils that have lots of details look great shared to your Facebook Group and on the Correllian Temple Page, but on a patch, they look...

Well, they look not so great. I give this advice to any prospective Temple/Shrine/Order Head and any current Head who is looking into creating sigil patches, "simplicity is your friend." Color is great, but lots of colors mean longer stitching time. Fine details, while looking great visually can get lost in the stitching. Machines don't know color gradient changes etc...Simple is best.

Many times I have attempted to embroider the Pure Sanctuary Temple's sigil into a patch, all of my attempts have failed. During my last attempt my machine told me it would take 27 hours to complete (not counting the time it takes to change the thread for each color). It was important for me to make this patch for Lord Jason Hlghcorell. I took a whole week to finish the project, and in the end the results were disastrous. I had to go to Jason and tell him I was unable to make the patch. I can't say it enough when it comes to sigil patch design, "SIMPLICITY IS YOUR FRIEND.Simple is best."

Health Corner - Breast Cancer Awareness

By Rev Pamela Maxwell Griffith BD Psych

Each issue I will try to spotlight the awareness of the month. This month are two big ones. Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence. Both affect nearly everyone. If you haven't had breast cancer or domestic violence, then you know someone who has. Please spread the word.



Breast Cancer

Cancer is one of those diseases that doesn't care who you are. Men and women are susceptible to breast cancer. There tons of ways to support the cause by joining in on the runs, walks, celebrations or purchasing items that give a percentage to the cause. But the main idea is self-checks or partner checks. Take this time to get checked and be aware of anything out of the ordinary. Have a partner check once a month. Know what the norm is so you know when it's not normal. Don't wait to get to the doctor's and get checked. Both men and women can be the best defense if they self-check and even better if you partner check. This is not the time to be shy. Bring it up and talk about it. Know the warning signs and most of all be aware that you can survive if it is caught in time.

Something as simple as the change in the appearance of your nipple can be a sign. Go to the website and get a FREE guide to the signs. And remember if you have teenagers, now is the time to have the talk about it and about how to self-check. Give them the free guide and make sure they know how to say something.

My grandmother died in the 60's with breast cancer. She didn't have too. But she didn't know the signs. Don't lose your loved ones too early. 5 minutes once a month may give you years of life. And hey guys get the FREE guide for you too. Have your partner check you too. This is something you can do for each other. Once a month. Write it on the calendar and if you have teenagers make it a family time check. Everyone 'go check' and report in!!! It is truly that simple. Break the stigma for the guy in your life too. Show him you care. Show your kids that yes you are proactive in your health care and so should they be.

Live alone have a friend call and remind you in a check in. Have a circle of friends then you can all check and call it in!!! Make it a dark moon ritual!!! Honor the God and Goddess by taking care of your group. This needs to be done, so do it.

Health Continued...

Domestic Violence

By Rev Pamela Maxwell Griffith BD Psych

Domestic Violence

Dedicated in 1989, October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. And don't forget that men can also be victims; the most innocent victims are the children.

1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims!!!! 20 people are abused by partners every minute!! EVERY MINUTE. Millions of children are exposed every year to some domestic violence.

STOP THE CYCLE

Purple is the ribbon color for domestic violence. Please don't turn a blind eye to it. Remember in most states Clergy are required reporters. Go to the sites and educate yourselves. If you are clergy, you should know what is expected of you in your state. Find out!!!

The theme this year is: Health Equity Matters: Making Connections Through Experiences. You can find out what you can do and how you can help. If you are having any gatherings, you can distribute free literature and maybe even gather some donations needed by the local domestic violence shelter.

This is where one person can make a difference. If you see something, say something especially if you are clergy and mandated reporters. Call 1.800.799.SAFE (7233).

They do have guest speakers, in person or virtual, if you want to plan a gathering. They also have free material for you to hand out. Get the word out!! This is something so simple as having a pamphlet at your next ritual. Give the number to everyone and put it in your phone. You will never know if YOU will need it or you can pass it along.

If you do spiritual counseling, ensure you have a good supply of the materials. Make sure you are safe!! This again is one of the things that knows no boundaries: social, economic, race, religion it doesn't matter. Commit to help stop the violence and help heal the victims.

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Herbal Corner

It's that pumpkin spice time of year. Whether you hate it or love it. So those who are enthralled by the scent and the flavor will be enjoying the next few months. There are several different herbs and spices used to make pumpkin spice.

Nothing smells more wonderful than cinnamon in anything you bake or cook on the stove. There are dozens of scents of cinnamon everything from the very spicy to the softer, quietest types of incense. But nothing tastes better or t smells better than cinnamon on a cold fall day.

Those two herbs and spices mixed have the most amazing aroma. To make your house smell Amazing.

Cinnamon



Just the scent of this wonder spice warms your heart. Cinnamon is a spice derived from the bark of several trees. It can be used in many different foods and as a fragrance in many products, especially in the wintertime. This versatile spice is also great in various foods and spell work and is a main ingredient in many cold-weather drinks like mulled wine, apple cider, and hot teas.

MEDICINAL - Cinnamon is full of powerful antioxidants; in fact, it has more than garlic and oregano!! It has anti-inflammatory properties.

MAGICAL -Success, healing, power, and protection are just a few of the magical properties of this fragrant spice. The scent itself has the magical property to send us all back to when we were small, and cookies were baked, apple pies baked, and warmth of apple cider with a cinnamon stick.

Clove

This is definitely a flavor and scent that you love to smell in the winter. Cloves are a kitchen staple. For every thing from ham to mulled wine you find cloves distinctive flavor hard to beat. Making a pomander of cloves and oranges is a great way to bring this fragrance into your home.

MEDICINAL - If you ever had a toothache, you know cloves!! Yup this is the spice that is used for most dental pain. The ingredient eugenol is what gives cloves its power.

MAGICAL - Protection, exorcism, money and love are a few of the magical properties of cloves. It can be burned, worn or mixed with other herbs for a sachet. This is a great herb to have on hand.



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Ritual of The Month

In this edition of the Correllian Times we have included a simple Order of Service and Acts of Powers that can be found in Correllian Ritual in Theory and Practice (written by Rev. Donald-Lewis Highcorrell, edited by Rev. Ser. Eboni Nash.)

We have chosen not to share the whole ritual as according to Lord Donald Lewis-Highcorell "Books on ritual sometimes cause Wiccans to mistakenly rely on written ritual "scripts" rather than on actually understanding the nature and purpose of ritual. I have seen to many rituals where the participants read beautiful words on scripts but never actually put in any energy or feeling of their own because they are too busy trying to "get the words right."

The Ritual in Theory is a great resource for any Correllian, or even any Pagan. There many great rituals included, often with multiple acts of power for each ritual. While we would love to add everything to the Times we have decided to add a act of power corresponding to what is soon to be celebrated in the Northern (Samhain) and Southern Hemisphere (Beltane).

Ritual Order of Service

AIR

Clear and release all excess energy,
Bless the Salt and the Water
Cleanse the ritual space,
Bless the Fire and Air (usually incense)
Charge the ritual space.
Cast the Circle

FIRE

Call each Quarter:
Invoke Goddess and God?
Invoke the Ancestors, if desired

SPIRIT

Define and explain the focus and intent of the ritual (if a group ritual)
The body of the individual ritual (Act of Power)

WATER

Bless the Chalice (and "cakes" if desired)
Share the Chalice around the Circle (if group ritual)
Offer what remains to God/dess and the Ancestors.

EARTH

Thank the Ancestors (if called)
Thank Goddess and God
Thank and devoke each Quarter.
Open the Circle
Cleanse and release all excess energy

Ritual of The Month-

Act of Power

(Spirit, In Order of Service)

Samhain-Northern Hemisphere

Ancestor Circle



Samhain is the festival at which we honor the Ancestors. Some groups make more of this aspect of the holiday than others, depending often depending upon the strength of the group members relationship with their Ancestors. Some Wiccans are very strongly connected to their Ancestors, and honor them daily, often receiving clairvoyant messages from them on a regular basis. Other Wiccans feel very disconnected from their Ancestors. However, whether we all have people we love who are among the spirits, and at this time of year it always good to honor them.

For this Act of Power, you will need one candle for each person present –small birthday candles or emergency candles are best. You will also need a place to put the candles after they are lit –a bowl of earth in which they can be stuck upright, a cast-iron cauldron or something similar, or lots of little candle holders.

Make a special Ancestor altar. This can be a place set aside on the normal altar, or a separate altar unto itself. The Ancestor altar should have room for the candles, which will ultimately be placed here, as well as room for an offering. It can be nice to ask people to bring photos of their Ancestors to place upon the altar as well, or special tokens representing them. You should also have one larger candle on the Ancestor altar.

Begin by passing out the small candles to all present. Now address the idea of Ancestors. You might say something like: “On this night of all nights, when the Veil between the Worlds is at its thinnest, we honor those who have gone on before: The Beloved Ancestors.

“Ancestors are those who have shaped us and made us what we are: some are physical ancestors, family members now Crossed Over: others are spiritual ancestors, people to whom we are not related by blood but through love, who have shaped us through their example and actions: they have made us what we are, and we honor our spiritual tie to them.

“Think now of your Ancestors: The people in spirit whom you wish to honor and with whom you wish to remain linked. They are here. They are always here, wherever we are: for in the Otherworld there is neither space nor time as we know it, and the spirits are not limited by either. Think of your particular Ancestors. Imagine them here in this room, standing among us. See them clearly and hold them in your hearts as we proceed:

Ancestor Circle Act of Power cont.

“Beloved Ancestors –we address you. Honored ones, beloved and holy ones, we know that you are always with us. Sometimes we can hear your voices, sometimes we cannot, but we know you are here: We call upon you and ask you to be with us. On this night, set aside for you, we honor and remember you especially. Dear ones, accept from us this offering, in token of our love and our respect.”

Now, light the large candle on the Ancestor altar. Then make an offering to the Ancestors: Perhaps a libation of water or wine, and/or an offering of flour or corn meal. As you offer each, hold it up, and imagine a shower of light pouring into it, filling it with energy.

Now proceed. Tell the people what they need to do –you might put it this way:

“One by one we will approach the altar. When your turn comes, think of your Ancestors and light your candle in their honor, then place it in the receptacle and leave it to burn for them. Speak to them –address them with words or with your heart –they will know.”

Now go first, so that the others see. Light your candle. Address your Ancestors, aloud or silently. Then place your candle in the cauldron, bowl of earth, or candle holder as the case may be. Then step to the side, progressing in a deosil fashion. The next person will follow, then the next. As each person lights their candle and moves on, the group will slowly progress around the Circle clockwise until arriving back in their original positions.

Now join hands and begin a chant. If you are so inclined, you can also dance as you chant. A good chant might be:

“Spirits! Beloved Spirits! Loved ones who have Gone Before!
Parted from us! Yet still with us! Connected to us –forever more!

Oh our soul lives many lifetimes –yet the bond of love endures!
For the veil could never dim the light of a soul as bright as yours!

Spirits! Beloved Spirits! Loved ones who have Gone Before!
Parted from us! Yet still with us! Connected to us –forever more!”

“Beloved Ancestors, we pray that our offerings have found pleasure in your eyes, and that you will keep us always in your hearts, even as we keep you in ours. We think of you always, and honor our connection to you throughout the year, but at this time of year we are all the more aware of you and all the more anxious to thank you for your contributions our lives. Dearest Ancestors, may the Blessing Be upon you! So Mote It Be!”

ALL So Mote It Be!”

Ritual of The Month-

Act of Power

(Spirit, In Order of Service)

Beltane-Southern Hemisphere

Axis Blessing



This Act of Power can be done using the May Pole if you have one, or a ceremonial staff or wand if you do not have a May Pole. It is a Blessing delivered using a vertical axis, and can make a good ending to the May Pole dance, or be done on its own.

To do this Act of Power, have everyone focus on the May Pole or, in lieu of a May Pole, stand in the center of the Circle and hold up your staff or wand and have people focus on that. This will be the basis of your axis. Lead everyone in sending energy into the axis. You might say something like:

"At this time of year we are particularly aware of the loving union of Goddess and God. It is this union of Yin and Yang, Spirit and Matter, Essence and Motion, which creates and sustains our world. From Them and from Their union come all things: the food we eat, the air we breathe, the bodies through which we experience this world, this world itself.

"Now, when new life is blooming all around us, it is easy to forget that the world is weary and in need of our love and healing energies. With all we are given, let us not forget to give back also. Goddess and God are in all things. But we honor Them often as Earth and Sky. Let us use this form to pay back a little to Them: to show our appreciation and our love for Them.

"The healing of Earth and Sky is an ongoing process. No one ritual will ever be enough, in itself, to accomplish this. But every ritual aimed toward healing helps. We are Witches: we are healers. Let us then not forget to help heal what is so important to us. Let us send healing energy to the Earth and to the Sky that it may add to their regeneration and renewal, that the next generation may have them still and better than we had them.

"Become aware of your Heart Chakra. See it as a glowing ball of light within your chest -clear, beautiful white light, shining like a Sun within you. And in that ball of light feel the love and strength and power of your Heart. Feel the energy within you, and when you feel it strongly, send forth a beam of light to this axis.

"And through that beam of light send love and healing energy into the axis -healing energy for the Earth and all Her creatures. Healing energy which the Earth may use as She sees fit, for She knows, better than we, where the energy is needed.

"See the axis fill with energy -glowing with light all along its length. Imagine the energy growing stronger, brighter: beginning to expand beyond the physical form of the axis. See the light spread out from the axis, expanding around it and moving upward into the sky and downward into the earth.

Axis Blessing Act of Power cont.

See the axis become a column of light. A column of light rising up, up, into the sky and out among the stars. A column of light going down, down into the Earth. Rising higher than we can see -extending deeper than we can see.

"Now from your Heart send forth green healing light into the column. See the column filling with green light -calm, gentle, green light. And in that green light place love and healing for the earth and for the Universe. See the column fill with green light, and in that green light imagine tiny, glittering golden stars. Dozens of tiny golden stars dancing within the green light, and as they dance, they multiply, becoming hundreds of golden stars, then thousands. See the green light alive with scintillating golden stars, more and more of them until there is more gold than green.

"Now see that green light with its thousands of golden stars shoot upward into the skies -and at the same time see it shoot downward into the Earth. Imagine the green and golden light filling the sky above us and the land beneath us. Imagine the healing green light with its golden stars going to everyplace on Earth and in the skies where it is needed, expanding and multiplying as it does so.

"O Mother Earth! Father Sky! We offer You this healing energy! Use it we pray for whatever it is needed for, for You know, better than we, where and how to direct it. Accept and use it we pray, and may it aid in Your healing and regeneration!"

Now offer an appropriate chant such as:

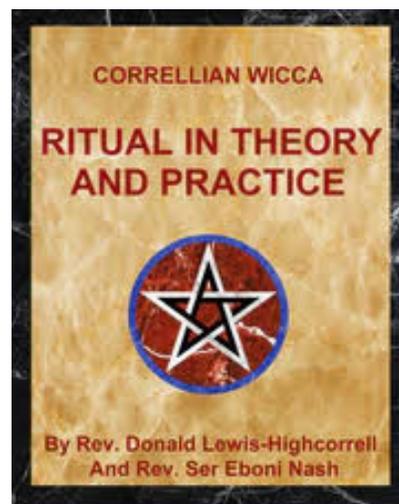
"We are One in the Circle united in love!
With the Earth below us and the Sky above!

"Together we have one will! One mind! One heart!
And we focus them all toward our healing art!

"Our magic we send forth in peace and love!
To the Earth below us and the Sky above!

"Now let us send out the last of the energy -see it shooting up and down from the axis until it is all gone. Now let the image fade."

Now clear and release all excess energy and continue with the ritual.



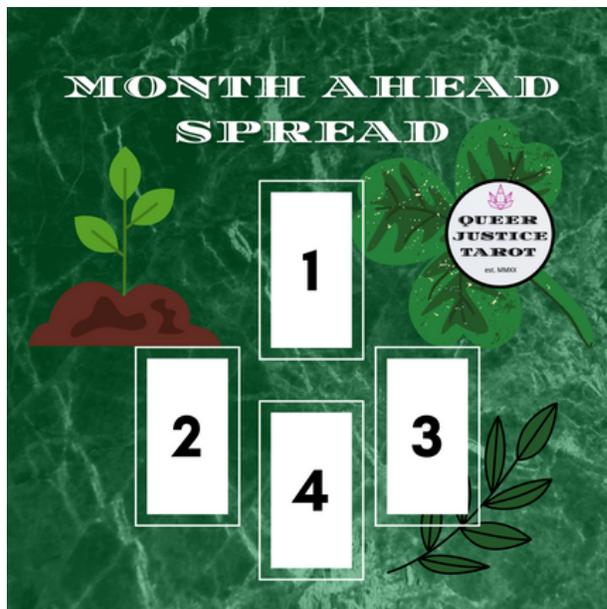
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Tarot Spread

Month Ahead Spread

- 1) What should I focus on this month?
- 2) What major action should I take at this moment?
- 3) What energy should I release this month?
- 4) How should I enjoy myself this month?

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Astrological

10/5/2023	Mercury Enters Libra
10/9/2023	Venus Enters Virgo
10/11/2023	Pluto Retrograde Ends - Stations in Capricorn
10/12/2023	Mars Enters Scorpio
10/14/2023	New Moon Libra
10/22/2023	Mercury Enters Scorpio
10/23/2023	Sun Enter Scorpio
10/28/2023	Full Moon Taurus
11/13/2023	New Moon Scorpio
11/22/2023	Sun Enter Sagittarius
11/27/2023	Full Moon Gemini



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Crystal of the Edition

Carnelian -

Keywords: Courage, Motivation, Endurance

Chakra: Sacral

Planet: Sun

Zodiac: Taurus, Cancer, Leo, Scorpio

Powerful and bold, Carnelian increases confidence in yourself, especially when you need to take center stage and use your voice effectively. A stabilizing stone, Carnelian helps balance volatile emotions for long-term vitality. Believed to protect the soul in the afterlife, Carnelian is a stone of the living, meant to motivate you to take chances with the life that you have. Life is meant to be lived with passion and desire, and Carnelian gives you the courage to do so. Carpe Diem! Seize the day!



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Ancestor of the Edition

"The Infinite Tarot is an expandable and customizable Tarot system based upon the Tarot of Hekate. Each deck can be used on its own as a stand-alone deck or can be used with the others in the collection as part of the Infinite Tarot. The Correllian Ancestor cards are one such expansion packs."

By random draw of the Ancestor cards, we have drawn the "All of The Ancestors" for this edition of the Correllian Times.

"This card represents all Ancestors both named and unnamed, from the Correllian spiritual family Ancestors and your personal family Ancestors. We as Correllians believe that incarnate walk with the discarnate. That the ANCESTORS guide us with our spiritual and daily lives."

We learn with training to talk with them on a daily basis. Even without training sometimes you will hear them whisper your name, a smell, or you will have dreams of them. They can be your personal Spirit Guides.

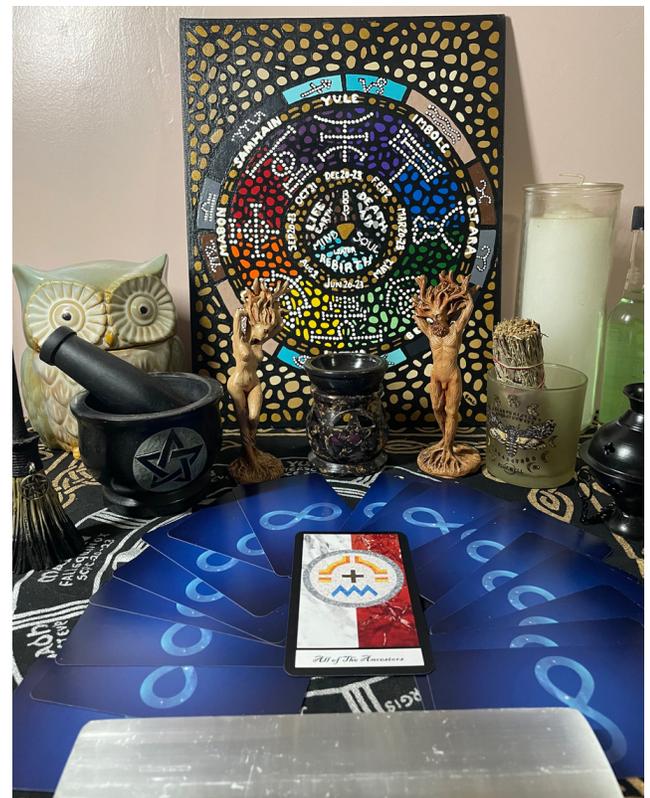
As a whole the Ancestors are there to guide and help and may be called upon whenever insight or assistance is needed.

You need to listen and pay attention to the road that is in front of you.

Changes are coming your way, the change may not appear to be good but are needed for your growth as a person.



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Five Mystic Secrets Word Scramble

Unscramble the words below to find the key to the Universe

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GDO	G _ _ ,
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