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Welcome from the Myrddin

Welcome to the Elodrym Academy of Magick and Mysticism.

We are glad that you chose the Elodrym Academy and its outstanding faculty for your spiritual education, an education that will undoubtedly prepare you for life on an esoteric path.

One of the reasons our students are successful is that they receive access to a broad and deep base of occult knowledge and mentoring with experienced mages. Our world is rapidly changing financially and environmentally. It is urgent that you look upon your academic experience as an opportunity to prepare yourself to cope with an ever changing world.

The Academy is not just about preparing you to perform specific rituals. We want to broaden your mind and spirit to help you shape a life of happiness and success on many different levels. To help you be able to function responsibly and successfully in whatever environment you may encounter, supernatural or otherwise.

Again, welcome to the the Academy! We look forward to meeting you either in person or online.

Blessings,

Myrddins Arkayne Magii and Masery

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Your instructor's contact information will be posted on the class Moodle page and in the class syllabus.

Important Links

The Order of the Elodrym main site includes information about the order and academy. www.elodrym.org

Community Forum www.elodrym.org/forum

Community Library/Tome <http://elodrym.org/elibrary/>

Elodrym Social Network <http://elodrym.ning.com/>

Student Conduct

The Order of the Elodrym Bylaws State:

"ARTICLE IV: Removal and Sanctions

- A. The Myrrdin may establish policies for the sanction of any disruptive member.
- B. The approval of a SUPER MAJORITY of the Mage Council is required to remove a Mage or Adept Mage.
- C. The approval of a SUPER MAJORITY of the Tribunal is required to remove a Myrddin, Archmage.
- D. The Archmage may establish policies for the sanction of any disruptive Mage, Adept Mage, Apprentice, Member or Student.
- E. A Mage may establish policies for the sanctions of any disruptive Adept Mage, Apprentice, Member or Student."

The follow are example situations where we will ask someone to no longer participate with the Elodrym.

- Not following Ritual Etiquette.
- Academic dishonesty.
- The community may disagree on what are or aren't just laws, there are some we can all agree on: non-consensual acts like theft, molestation and assault. Proof of having committed one of these crimes is grounds for dismissal.
- Crime of any sort in conjunction with the Elodrym, whether you think it's a valid law or not. A caveat: if a situation should arise where a member thinks civil disobedience is legitimately called for, they must discuss this with regional Archmage and Myrddin in advance of the situation.
- Misrepresentation of anything to the Academy Faculty, Elodrym Tribunal or Elodrym Mage Council: examples - lying about your background; saying you followed policies when you didn't, etc.
- Antagonists go out of their way to make insatiable demands, or without evidence attack an individual or performance of others. These attacks tear down rather than build up. Persistent and unrepentant antagonistic behavior is grounds for removal.

Expected Student Conduct

Honest self-representation: Not claiming titles or lineage you don't have etc.

Neutrality and inclusiveness: Putting aside personal or ideological differences to work together for the betterment of the community.

No-rumors: Don't participate in spreading malicious gossip.

Non-discrimination: No discrimination based on race, gender, spiritual tradition, or sexual orientation.

Directness in communication: Communicating your needs clearly and honestly by trying to go directly to the source of a problem, listening closely and speaking with respect.

Cooperation: Viewing other Elodrym students and members as friends and teammates not competition; yet willing to share with and challenge each other to improve events and studies

It is still unethical to reveal anyone else's involvement in the Elodrym without their permission. In a perfect world employers wouldn't care what our spirituality entails, but the reality is people do get fired.

Respecting consent: Will not participate in any non-consensual physical, psychic, emotional, or magickal actions.

Academic Honesty:

Cite sources on all essays or other assignments. Do not plagiarize.

Honest reporting of practical magick and mystic activities rather than making up encounters, sensations, or visions.

Elodrym Ritual Etiquette

Location – Locations vary from either state parks or beaches to a member's home. Attendees are expected to follow all state park regulations and respect the host's residence and personal requests. If they want visitors to take off their shoes etc, please do so. Please assist with meal set up and clean up.

Punctuality – Members plan events around childcare and work and their time is precious so we appreciate promptness. Of course, if someone is running a bit behind we wait, 15 minutes maximum. After that they won't be allowed to participate.

Clothing – The Elodrym don't have mandated regalia. Wear clean clothing that you feel is appropriate for the weather and location. Sometimes we wear robes and our special jewelry. Nudity is not permitted. We believe that clothes won't disrupt our focus or natural powers. Also, we want parents to feel comfortable allowing their children or teenagers to attend.

Potluck – Our rituals usually begin or end with a potluck. The Elodrym love to keep people fed. Each person is expected to bring something to share. If you have important food restrictions, please bring food that you can eat. If you are unable to bring food, make sure to assist in set up and clean up.

Magickal Names and Titles – Many people use their first name at gatherings but some people use a magickal name during the entire gathering or in ritual. Please respect their choice. If they give a different name in ritual, use that one for the ritual. It isn't rude to omit a person's title when speaking with them. Titles are mainly used in ceremonious occasions such as initiations.

Ritual Participation - Our rituals are participatory, informal, and never done the same way twice. However, we do have a basic format we use each time. This allows us to synchronize. What changes each time is the focus of the ritual, what we do to raise energy, and where we may go in a spiritual journey. Our rituals do not include sex or simulation of sexual acts, nor poisonous herbs. There are many reasons why a person may choose not to participate – shyness, emotional discomfort, physical disability, or food aversion – all we ask is that you try. Each of us gets out of life what we put in.

Pets – Remember that an invitation is for you and you only unless otherwise specified. So please don't bring your familiar or animal family member without permission. Check with the host of an event about what animals are acceptable in their home. They may not have adequate space or have allergy concerns. Guard breeds, such as Doberman, Rottweiler, German Shepherd dogs, or any of the "bull" dogs, are not allowed. We won't accept your word that a guard breed is safe. Many people have not trained their animals at a proper obedience school. Our members' safety is at risk and we do not want the liability of someone being harmed. Smaller dogs that haven't been properly trained and bark at all times are not allowed. If we are at a park or beach, please respect the leash and clean-up laws. With that said we are animal lovers and have had at least cats join us in circle many times. If you are allergic to any animals, please let your host know so they can disclose what kinds of pets they have.

Quarter Calling - Our rituals include quarter calling/elemental invitations. If callers haven't already been selected, we'll ask for volunteers. By volunteering, you are stepping up to invite and possibly become a partner with that element for the duration of the ritual. Speak from your heart, don't worry about mistakes. Your style may be different from the other callers, which is fine. Variety keeps things interesting. However, so everyone knows when you are finished calling please say "Hail and welcome" and when you are done thanking an element say, "Hail and farewell."

Singing – Some of our members enjoy singing and chanting to call the elements, spirits, or raise power. We have a wide variety of skill level and all voices are welcome. Those who don't sing, participate by

focusing their intent and energy into the activity.

Group Spoken Word – Our rituals include call and response spoken word. After an element is invited the caller will say, “Hail and welcome” which everyone repeats. When the element is dismissed a caller says, “Hail and farewell” and each person responds the same. Sometimes the lead mage will say, “So be it” which everyone responds in the same way.

Personal disclosure in ritual – Sometimes participants are asked to share something about themselves, such as wishes for the coming year, feelings or habits they want to release. Other times, each person is welcome to call upon their ancestors or guides by name. You are welcome to speak out loud or say it silently for only your Deity or guides to hear. If you remain silent, please nod when you are finished.

Spontaneous Expression – The atmosphere of our rituals vary. In some it is acceptable to burst out in song, share insight from a guide, or speak your wisdom. However, in a more structured meditation, this may be out of place. Take your cue from the lead mage. Often, the lead mage will ask if anyone feels moved to share some words or if they feel something else needs done within the ritual before dismissing. In any case, use good judgment.

Emotional Responses – A participant may be moved to tears or have another strong emotional response. We will allow them personal space to deal with the emotion. We may not say anything or we may ask if they are okay. This is because we don't know who needs a hug, a shoulder pat, or a tissue. Feel free to express your need for either solitude or comfort.

Extraneous Conversation – It is acceptable to quietly ask questions or make requests, but extended personal conversations are disruptive and rude, especially if the lead mage is giving instructions. All personal electronic devices, especially cell phones, are not permitted in sacred space. If you're a parent concerned about children or need to be available for emergencies, please set your cell phone to vibrate.

Spirit Channeling – Some of our rituals, mainly Samhain, involve Deity or spirit possession or channeling. At times, a person may merge with a guide and need time to interpret what is being said. A person may connect with a nature spirit, element, or Fae being. Sometimes this is apparent and other times it isn't. When the person speaks they may say, “We” instead of “I” or their posture and voice change. Regardless of your beliefs, please treat this person with respect. Do not interrupt their focus or make rude comments. Do not interrupt the spirit when it speaks. Most importantly, don't interfere with the mage who is trying to assist them.

Herbs, Food and Drink in ritual - What is offered as “cakes and ale”, incense, or anointing oil is disclosed in case someone is allergic. We don't use poisonous herbs in ritual. If you are allergic, ill, or do not like the food or drink offered, please politely pass. You are welcome to give your portion to the spirits after the ritual.

Leaving Ritual – We cast a sphere at our rituals and if at anytime you need to leave, you may without having to “cut a gate”. We believe the circle is our home and travels with us, always. We discourage continuously leaving and entering a circle because it is disruptive.

Personal Diversity - We are an egalitarian organization whose members, while being of diverse religions, share a deep sense of spiritual connection to the universe around them. We teach and honor masculine, feminine, and gender neutral principles. Membership is open to people of all gender, nationality, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation. Please respect a person's choices and lifestyle. We recognize there is a difference between innocent teasing and discrimination. However, if someone misunderstands your joke, please respect their feelings and apologize. Also, openness and friendliness isn't an invitation into a sexual relationship. Our group offers hugs and handshakes and if someone is uncomfortable, we'll respect that. Always respect attendees' physical and emotional boundaries or you will be escorted out.

Attending Online

Obviously there are a few differences between meeting with people in person and online. Always be respectful of each other, keep distractions to a minimum, and follow the instructions of whoever is leading the ritual.

Set up personal sacred space with candles and incense near your computer.

Location – Elodrym Social Network: you will need an account there.

You'll be typing your verbal responses and may say them aloud at home.

With all that said and done, always expect the unexpected. The ritual basics are there to keep everyone synchronized. Otherwise, we flow with the magick.

How to Become a Member

Becoming a member only requires a year of participation either in person or online. Online interaction can include classes, mentorship, emails, forum, or chats.

This gives each person the chance to decide if membership in the Elodrym is right for them.

Becoming a member ensures that you will stay informed of upcoming events or festivals and any changes within the Elodrym organization that may be of importance to you. You could receive or help design newsletters we might publish in the future and attend private retreats and events. You may choose to be welcomed into the group with an initiation ceremony, but it is not required.

Each person chooses the level of participation or responsibility they are comfortable with. We honor each member because everyone has something to offer. We understand that not everyone will choose to become an active leader or teacher within the Elodrym. Instead, they are simply looking for a spiritual community. Others may feel called to further their studies and become a Mage within the Order of the Elodrym.

Students

Anyone studying with The Elodrym is considered a student. A person may attend workshops and classes if they are at least fifteen (15). Anyone under eighteen (18) must have written permission from a legal guardian to attend events unattended by an adult. When a student begins a year long course, they are given a stone. Students who finish the course, and have proven to be responsible, are given the opportunity to initiate.

Color/Stone: Clear/Quartz

Clear to show they should be open minded and that they haven't chosen their path among The Elodrym. Quartz for purity, protection, clarity of vision, and it holds energy like a battery.

Element Air

Initiate

The Initiate is a person who feels called to further study magick and mysticism with the Elodrym. As they advance, they have the opportunity to share knowledge with other mages, participate in councils, and may choose to follow a leadership path within the Elodrym.

Leadership

This path is for the Initiate who wishes to take on more responsibility within the Elodrym. It is generally chosen by an Initiate who reaches the level of Adept Mage, or by more experienced Mages who may later decide to choose this path. They may organize an Elodrym Branch or entire region, coordinate rituals and festivals, teach a class, or take on an apprentice.

Community Structure

We envision the Elodrym eventually having local circles lead by mages. These groups gather for celebrations and discussions. The local Mages would be lead by the Archmages. The Elodrym as a whole are organized by the Myrddin.

As people progress within the organization, they receive a stone from their teacher or mentor. The stone represents the respect and dedication they will show for each other. It's a sign of achievement, trust, and a reminder of their duties to one another.

Members

Members are at least fifteen (15) and have been actively participating in events for one year. Anyone under eighteen (18) must have written permission from a legal guardian to attend events unaccompanied by an adult.

Color/Stone: Blue/Any blue stone

Blue for truth, cleansing, good health, peace, fidelity, harmony in the home, patience.

Element Water

Apprentice

A student who has succeeded in a year long class and wishes to join the Elodrym to eventually become a Mage, may initiate into more advanced studies. Initiates continue studies in a second year long course and are mentored by a more experienced Mage.

Color/Stone: Blue

Honorary Member

The Myrddin may bestow an honorary membership to a person who has had years of experience, though not necessarily through The Elodrym. After proving to be honorable and responsible during a year long probation, they can be placed in a suitable level of membership other than Myrddin.

Adept Mages

A member who has finished an apprenticeship may become an Adept Mage. They may mentor one apprentice and may not teach a class directly. They assist a more experienced mage for two years.

Color/Stone: Green/ Any green stone

Green for growth and prosperity.

Element Earth

Mages and Teaching Mages

An Adept Mage who has assisted their mentor for two years may be recommended to the Archmage or Myrddin for initiation. Only Mages and above may teach groups. They may organize a local circle and initiate members. **Teaching Mages** conduct classes, workshops, or courses and don't have to lead an Elodrym branch.

Color/Stone: Red/Any red stone

Red for health, energy, strength, courage, will power, confidence, conquer fear or laziness.

Element Fire

Archmages

A member who has actively participated in The Elodrym for five years as a Mage or Teaching Mage may petition the Myrddin to become an Archmage. They should have the approval of the Mages from their region. The Archmages interact with the Myrddin on administrative matters and oversee the Mages of their region. Only Archmages and above can initiate a Mage.

Color/Stone: Black and White/any black and white stone

Black and White to show balance, objectivity, and rising above duality.

Element Spirit

The Two Myrddin

Preferably one male and one female. They collect writings and essays from all members, and facilitate government and financial paperwork. They are the leaders and main organizers. Only a Myrddin can initiate an Archmage. The Myrddin confer with the Mages and Archmages to choose a successor. The founders and current Myrddin are Michael and Tara Miller.

Messengers of the Spirit

Color/Stone: Gold/Amber or Color/Stone: Silver/Hematite

Gold for intuition, understanding, divination, luck, attracting higher influences, and great fortune.

Silver for wisdom.

Elodrym Academy Program Objectives

One fundamental purpose of a magickal and mystical education is to ensure the acquisition of knowledge common to occultists and mystics and to equip students to integrate acquired knowledge in order to produce interconnections of thoughts and ideas. The goal of the Academy is to provide students with the information, ideas and skills they need to have in order to live a happier and more intellectually rewarding life.

Objective No. 1 Demonstrate the ability to locate and gather information about the basics of magick and mysticism.

This objective addresses the ways to search for, find and retrieve the ever increasing information available to the occult community through rituals, libraries, and online resources.

Objective No. 2 Demonstrate capabilities for critical thinking, reasoning and analyzing.

Objective No. 3 Demonstrate effective communication skills.

The ability to clearly communicate ideas both orally and in writing. Safely manipulate and use occult or religious symbols and alphabets. Be able to use non-verbal cues to communicate intent within ritual. Proper safety and etiquette while communicating with spirits.

Objective No. 4 Demonstrate an understanding of human ordinary and extraordinary experiences and the ability to relate them to the present.

Objective No. 5 Demonstrate an understanding of various occult or mystical societies and their interrelationships.

Understanding how occult ideas were developed demonstrates how some ideas can be updated, improved upon, or why they are important to begin with.

Objective No. 6 Demonstrate the ability to make informed, intelligent value decisions.

It involves assessing the consequences of one's actions, assuming responsibility for them, and understanding and respecting the value perspective of others.

Objective No. 7 Demonstrate the ability to function responsibly in one's natural, social, and interdimensional environment

Objective No. 8 Develop visualization and meditative skills.

Objective No. 9 Be able to "Ground and center" and focus and move spiritual essence.

Meaning they can gather, move, and hold personal power and a sense of connectedness and can still the mind to a quiet and focused level.

Objective No. 10 Be able to enter an altered state of consciousness in which magic and visions occur.

Objective No. 11 Be able to sense the presence of spiritual essence/power, its strength, and whether it's flowing or not.

Objective No. 12 Demonstrate expertise in a form of divination.

Objective No. 13 Demonstrate the ability to create and perform rituals.

Program Structure

The Academy offers training in three primary ways:

1. Students may take a few courses they are interested in.
2. Mage Path – students who complete the core curriculum, apprenticeship, and understudy to become a Mage.
3. Initiated Mage Path - apprenticeships for people who want to join The Order of the Elodrym and take a leadership role as a mage.

Each student accepted into the Mage Path or Initiated Mage Path is paired with a Mage mentor for their apprenticeship and two years of understudy.

Joining the Order of the Elodrym

After one year of participation, students have the option to become a member of the Elodrym.

Requirements to Graduate as a Mage

Beginning Magick and Mysticism (Or pass the equivalence test.)

Magery

Core Intermediate Courses (Or pass the equivalence test.)

Core Advanced Courses

Year Long Apprenticeship (during or after the Advanced Courses)

Two years of additional study with a Mage.

Technology Requirements for Online Participation

Internet Access (web browsing and email)

Adobe Reader

Audio and Video Capability (specifically updated versions of: flash, QuickTime, Windows Media) One way to test your system is by viewing clips at www.YouTube.com

Microsoft Word or equivalent word processing program that can read and save .rtf or .doc files.