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I will lead you home, I will guide you back, My waters will carry thee, My flame will guide thee."

—"SEA SONG FROM BRÍD." Gemma McGowan

Happy New Year From Ord Brighideach

I thought the New Year would be the perfect time to send our very first newsletter.

I must say I am in awe that next month will mark a year since we rekindled the flame here at Ord Brighideach and I took over the leadership rule. It has been such an honor to serve Brighid in this manor and to be able to get to know each of the members during this time.

During this past year so much has been accomplished. We basically had to start all over signing members up and assigning vigils to everyone. I'm beyond proud that in less than a year we have built our membership up to 160 members.

I felt we needed a special logo just for Ord Brighideach, so I had the logo at the top of

this newsletter created just for us. In the future you will be able to buy things like notebooks with our logo on, so stay tuned for that coming in this new year.

A few fun things available on our website is our <u>Flame Keeper's Box</u> and <u>Meditation</u> <u>Goddesses</u>, all donations for these items go to keeping Ord Brighideach free of membership dues.

Another very exciting thing I wanted to share, some of you may have already seen the link on Ord Brighideach's website, I was called to create the *Sisterhood of the Sacred Flame*, right now we are going to begin the Sisterhood with "The Red Tent Forum", this will be a safe forum for women only to learn, share and support one another. We will be discussing women's mysteries, our hurdles and triumphs, there will be topics for sharing moon magick, a healing sanctuary, a monthly book club, and a market place for the members to share anything they may make or sell. For the month of January because the sisterhood is just beginning I am offering a special discount with this newsletter \$10.00's off on the yearly membership, so instead of \$29.00, it will only be \$19.00 for the yearly membership. That rate will then be locked in for your future years on the forum too. Just mention newsletter when signing up. So women go head over and join the Red Tent Forum, I just know it will be a beautiful way to form everlasting bonds with one another.



Projects To Get Involved In

Brighid's Cloak

If you haven't heard yet we started a Brighid's cloak, more details can be found <u>here</u>. We have had a hand full of members already donate squares and if you would still like

to be a part of this years cloak we would need your squares by January 20th, but don't worry, if you weren't able to participate this year we will be doing it again for next year.



I'll be sewing all of these squares together to form a very special cloak. On Imbolc Eve it will be placed outside for Brighid to bless and on Imbolc I will do a live drawing using all current member's name and one lucky member will be blessed as the owner of our Brighid's cloak. My goal is that each year it will become bigger and bigger. What a precious gift it will be to the winner, something made by so many with love and then blessed by Brighid.

<u>Tribute Page for Kim Diane & Rose</u>

I am also asking for help from all of you in creating a tribute page in honor of our two former Abbesses. We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for these two beautiful ladies and I feel its important to record the history of this Order.

So if you have anything to share about experiances with either one of them, or something from a previous website that touched you, I ask that you message me either by email or on FB to share, so that I may include your words on their tribute

page. I really need some help with those that know/knew Kim Diane, as I only joined after she already retired.

Also please remember I am always looking for new information, art, poems etc for our website. I truly want to make it an educational/resource site for anyone called to learn about Brighid, so if you have something you would like added please let me know. I do research her almost on a daily basis to try to always bring forth to the members new art or websites dedicated to Brighid, but I do miss things.

Don't forget about our <u>Virtual Candle Page</u>, even if you have asked previously for one to be lite, you are always welcome to request more and our <u>Intercessions Page</u> where we offer prayers for anyone in need. These pages are also open to none members, so please mention them to friends and family. I have already watched as our Sunday Prayers have helped members, we definitely have a beautiful group of light workers here.

I believe that wraps up this first newsletter, if you would ever like to include something of your own like a poem, artwork or writings in our future newsletters please write me.

May this New Year bring you all so much love and good fortune.

Brightest Blessings,

Sorcha Aelfrun Starr (Abbess)

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