

Hello and Happy Fall

Ord Brighideach News

Lots of news here, let me first start with my name. If your on Facebook and in our group you have probably already noticed that I am using my birth name Tracy instead of Sorcha. Sorry if this has confused anyone. My soul was telling me I needed to allow my true self to shine through to all of you and with that came using my real name. I originally only used Sorcha after Abbess Rose's encouragement to do so. However I have no reason to hide my identity. My spiritual views are ones I'm very comfortable with others knowing. So it was time to change it. I also changed my email to reflect this. My new email is brighidsflamekeepers@gmail.com.

Next I've made a lot of changes to our website. If you haven't been on the site for awhile go ahead and take a [peek](#). I've changed a lot of the illustrations. Gave our front page a little better look. Tried to include both Goddess and Saint pictures, since we honor her in both of her aspects. I've also added a page for our [Wednesday's Peace, Justice and Healing](#). There I explain a little more of the reason behind it and some ideas for your prayers. I've also added to our [prayer page](#). Created an [Imbolc page](#), a [meditation page](#) and a page about our [Order's history](#). The last 3 are still a work in progress, but are coming along nicely.

For those not on Facebook, we do have a Sunday community prayer list. If you would like to be added, please just file out the form on the site, under [Sunday prayers](#).

Also a few months back I created two pages I'm very proud of [Members Quotes](#) and [Our Altars](#), if you would like to add your quote or altar pic, please message me

@brighidsflamekeepers@gmail.com.

The past few months I haven't been posting our daily vigil posts. Instead I watched as many members have been posting a pic from their vigil. So in the next few days I will be doing a poll on our facebook group for all of you to decide if you would like it to stay this way or for me to start posting again daily and then members can post their vigil pics in the comments of that post.

Last thing before we move on to a fun little raffle I want to talk about is your locations.

As I was researching our history, I saw that Kim Diane use to have everyone's locations. I think it would be nice to show all of the many places our flamekeepers represent. My idea is to add your locations next to your name on the Flame Keepers Vigil page. **So if I can ask all of you to send a quick message in response to this newsletter with your location and the name you use on our website.**

A Fun Little Raffle

So I would really love some members' input with the website. The only way to make our website about us and less about me, is to have all of you helping. I thought offering a little raffle might help encourage everyone to contribute.

Here are the rules:

In order to get your name included in the raffle I need you to submit **one** of the following things;

-Something to add to our Imbolc page (a way you celebrate, a poem, historical information about the day, a recipe, ritual, etc.)

-A paragraph talking about your experience with either of our former Abbesses, so I can finally add to their Tribute Page.

-A picture of one of Brigid's holy wells in Ireland and its location (please look at the

page before submitting I have gathered some of them already)

-A meditation you have written, or have gotten permission from the author for us to use on our website.

-A ritual you have written to honor Brighid

-Ways you honor Brighid during the wheel of the year besides Imbolc

-Or information about our history to add to Our History Page.

If you submit more than just one of the above things, your name will be entered for each one.

Submissions must be emailed or messaged to me on Facebook by October 31, 2023

Drawing will take place on November 1, 2023

And the lucky winner will win my beautiful needle felted Brighid Doll. Her candle has wax drippings from my candle lit by the perpetual flame in Kildare.



Brighid's Cloak

Last year although we only had a handful of people that participated in creating squares for our Cloak that we gave away on Imbolc. We still were able to create something so beautiful.

Unfortunately I have not received any squares from anyone so far this year. Now we do still have time. And I'm really hoping to carry on this tradition. As I felt it was so wonderful to do on Imbolc. So if you knit or crochet and would like to contribute to 2024's cloak please reach out to me with any questions. Once you are ready to send them message me either email or Facebook for my address.



Introducing Mileena



As most of you know this summer I became a first time grandma. Little Miss Mileena was born on August 5, 2023. I have had the pleasure of at least weekly visits with her and I am enjoying every minute with her.

I do apologize that I haven't been around as I normally am the past few months. I had been so wrapped up in helping the kids prepare for her birth and then helping to care for her after that I became a little distracted. But I'm sure you all can understand that, especially after looking at those precious eyes.

Brigid has lit a spark in me these past few weeks with getting myself back into my daily practice and focusing on Ord Brighideach. I plan on this inspiration continuing. I just had to find a new way to balance my time, with our new addition.

A Special Thank You

For all of our members that are in our Facebook group I'm sure you already can appreciate why I need to say a special thank you to our member Sandra. She has done such an incredible job posting each week for our two prayer sessions. And she has also interacted so incredibly with everyone too.

Peter Stone Jewelry

And last there is a page on our website, that links you to [Peter Stone Jewelry](#), Ord Brighideach is part of their affiliate program. A small percentage of everything bought through the links on our website will go to keeping Ord Brighideach free for its members. So if your looking for beautiful jewelry that represents Brighid, please check it out: [Peter Stone Jewelry](#)

If you would like to have your own story, poetry or art included in our future newsletters please write me @ brighidsflamekeepers@gmail.com.

*Please forgive me if there are grammar or spelling mistakes. I had so much on my mind and didn't want to wait to find someone to proof read it. Next news letter I will be back to having help with proof reading and I'll also be sharing a special offering that Sandra wrote a few months back.

Brightest Blessings,

Tracy (Abbess)



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