



# Hearthstone Community Church, Inc.

## "The Full Moon Folk"



### **JULY 31 OPEN FULL MOON**

Hearthstone meets the Friday before or the Friday of the Full Moon, in the upstairs chapel at the First Unitarian Church at 14th and Lafayette in Denver. The church doors open at 7, and we like to start at 7:30. This month's ritual is FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015.

Hawk Shadow will lead the celebration of the July 31<sup>st</sup> ritual and invites you to come and explore the legend of Lugh, and what you can learn about your magickal practice from the namesake of Lughnassad.

—Catherine

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### **GREETINGS**

Once again, we've had a relatively wet July—although summer's heat hasn't left us. I still haven't had to water my yard this year. The storms come through just in time to avoid it.

I'm taking a voice class this summer. What? Catherine taking a voice class? For goodness' sake, why? Because we must keep learning, even in the things we do well. It's important to consult with folks outside our own circles to maintain an honest view of ourselves. The teacher of this class is about my age and studied with a man whose voice I truly admired. She is helping me to find bits of my voice that I had locked away.

How often do we lock things away—things that we haven't used in a while? It seems to me that the summer is the time to open those locked doors and let someone else help us air it out.

Besides, we're coming up on the First Harvest. Gathering up those things is a fine way to celebrate!

—Catherine

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### **THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT**

We Tip our Hat to Morgan Drake Eckstein, assisted by Toni, for offering to our Hearthstone community an informative and meaningful Open Full Moon ritual in late June. Morgan specializes in Golden Dawn-inspired Wiccan ritual. Throughout this ritual Morgan illustrated two layers of ritual: the Outer (movements, words, etc.) and the Inner (invisible, symbolism, etc.). The goddess Nephthys was invoked as anchor for the ritual, and asked to help us light our Inner Temple. The Circle was cast "In Love and Knowledge", and both Western and Eastern sets of symbols for the Directions were utilized. We were guided in visualizing and feeling the energies of the Inner Temple for our own future use, and we each charged the energies into a graphic representation of Nephthys that we each took home as a new passkey to our own inner temples.

Thank you, Morgan and Toni, for giving us all the opportunity to learn new concepts, symbols, and skills for our own ritual use. Blessed Be!

—Arynn

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## HEARTHSTONE RITUALS

Remember, please, that Hearthstone doesn't expect everyone to enter in Perfect Love and Perfect Trust, as there are people you don't know there, but to enter with a willing heart and an open mind, and leave your differences at the door.

Some traditions are more controversial than others, or may contain a component that disturbs someone attending an Open Full Moon. It is one of the risks of exploring different traditions. Should anyone be uncomfortable, unsettled, or upset about any ritual presented by Hearthstone, please contact Alia or Catherine to discuss—and hopefully resolve and heal—the issue.

—Alia

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## ON DONATIONS

Many of our local Pagan organizations run on a shoestring. Your donations do make a difference, and the cost of a movie ticket to one of these organizations from several of their patrons can make the difference between failing and thriving. (Not to mention making the organizers excited and happy that their efforts are of value to you.) If you'd prefer not to donate to Hearthstone, I encourage you to donate something to the organization of your choice. Your donations can make the difference between an organization thriving and folding.

We appreciate that many of you donate to the church. **We ask that you please give what you can to support the work and service of the church to the community. The more you can spare, the longer we will be around, and the more we can help those who need it. We will keep Hearthstone Community Church, Inc. running as long as possible, and we need your support to continue to serve the community.**

We aren't going to start collecting at the door, and no one will be turned away for not having a donation. However, we would like to suggest a donation of 5 to 10 dollars per person. (The extra is to cover the pagans that are unable to donate.) If you can't afford it, you are still welcome – if you can afford more, we'd be delighted to accept it.

**NOTE:** Hearthstone is a church and your donations to Hearthstone are **tax deductible**. If you would like to write a check so you can keep track of your donations, we can certainly handle that as well.

—Alia

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## ABOUT OUR ANIMAL COMPANIONS

Our Hearthstone community includes many pet-lovers, and we strongly encourage spaying and neutering to reduce the tragedy of excess, uncared-for animals. Many beautiful, sweet animals are euthanized due to excess births, and many others sadly try to fend for themselves without needed food and veterinary care.

People with lower incomes can get spay/neuter services for their cats and dogs at reduced fees, subsidized by Dumb Friends League donors, when one of their mobile spay/neuter clinics visits their neighborhood. DDFL also partners with local animal welfare organizations in a trap-neuter-return (TNR) program for community (un-owned) cats to help reduce the number of unwanted litters born and the number of kittens and cats brought to shelters. Please call DDFL's mobile spay/neuter help line at (720) 241-7098 for questions and information, or find details, schedules, and locations at: <http://www.ddfl.org/content/mobile-spay-neuter-clinics>

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## **The Arrow of Cause and Effect (Does Magic Equal Success?)**

One of the tasks I perform as a “leader” is moderate a small Facebook group devoted to discussions of the Golden Dawn system of initiation and magic. Part of this task is deciding who to let into the FB group, and who to deny entry to. Basically, I am trying to keep out spammers and trolls (Raybans and racist bastards). As part of this duty, I often look at the profiles of those applying for membership in the Facebook group.

I have noticed that a lot of the people who are interested in Golden Dawn are fast food workers—working at McDonald’s, Burger King, Pizza Hut, and other such places. Some of these interested parties lead study groups and attempt to write Golden Dawn books. The number of fast food workers interested in Golden Dawn has lead me to a theory; that studying the Golden Dawn system causes people to end up working in fast food restaurants.

This would be called a spurious correlation, that magical time when the trends of two types of events seem to correspond as they rise and fall. It is like noticing that a higher percentage of serial killers have blue eyes than any other eye color, and jumping to the conclusion that blue eyes is the cause of people becoming serial killers.

And in the case of Golden Dawn and occultists, I know firsthand that studying the Golden Dawn system does not cause you to work in fast food. The correlation does not equal causation in this case, even if I find myself surprised by the number of self-declared leaders and teachers of the GD system who just happen to also be flipping burgers for a living. In this cause, there is actually something going on; it is just that I have the arrow of causation reversed.

I know this because I was working at Burger King when I started teaching my first student, and when I joined the renegade splinter off-shoot of the Golden Dawn that I call my Mother Lodge. The same conditions that resulted in me working fast food (coming from a poor family, being a high school dropout, having no resources to pursue my ambitions) are the same ones that made me interested in magic.

There is a lot of belief in magic among fast food workers. Magic provides a way of escape from the drudgery of minimum wage life when you have absolutely no other resources to climb out of your low economic status. A lot of poor people believe that the rich and powerful are utilizing magic in their social climbing and business practices. It is that belief that helps fuels the memes of successful rappers being members of the Illuminati (though I must admit that bored artists and entertainers flashing pyramids also helps keep the rumor going).

Does the use of magic cause success? If one goes by the example of the Gentlemen of Jupiter (actually that should be the Society of Jupiter, for a couple of the members are female), then one can indeed reach that conclusion. The Gentlemen of Jupiter do a lot of work with Jupiter energies, casting money, wealth and success spells. And a lot of them have indeed improved their economic standing. So it has to be the magic, right?

Honestly, I am not so sure that the correlation means causation in this case. Yes, they perform magic, and it works with the energies of success and luck. But I see a lot of people sink a lot of magical energy into wealth and success magic, and many seem to be stuck in their current economic status. Hell, I experienced this firsthand—oh, the amount of energy that I sunk into spells aimed at me supporting myself solely as a writer (there is also the lesson of being careful of what you wish for in my particular case).

I know when I started to have better luck, and that was when I quit treating magic as a cure-all for my financial woes. The day I started to treat magic as a booster, rather than a cure-all, my luck shifted.

This is something that the Gentlemen of Jupiter teaches its members: Magic is a booster and not a cure-all. You will not win the big multimillion lottery prize, or be discovered by a talent agent just walking into the restaurant and spotting that you are going to be the next hot thing, or find a diamond on the street worth millions. No, you are going to have to work for it. You have to create a way for the wealth and success to flow into your life. Magic without action equals stagnation; magic with action equals improved odds of success.

One of the best ways to think about the Gentlemen of Jupiter is as a financial motivation group that just happens to be serious about studying prosperity magic. Besides magic, they also study economics and business. And several of them have started their own businesses since joining the Gentlemen society. The Gentlemen of Jupiter are like Freemasonry for occultists, complete with networking and funny robes.

And this is what I think that the poor over-worked underpaid employees of fast food are after; I just don't think that many of them have grasped the fact that magic is a just a booster and not the cause of success. In time, some of them will realize this...and continue to fuel the idea that magic is a cure-all; for all that some people will see is magic and success, being completely blind to the networking and business skills that the successful will also have developed as they overcame their original low economic status.

### **Morgan Drake Eckstein**

Morgan Drake Eckstein writes about Golden Dawn, Wicca and other mystery traditions on his blog at: <http://gleamingsfromthedawn.blogspot.com/>

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## **RITE OF THE MAGICAL IMAGES OF THE WICCAN WHEEL OF THE YEAR**

Hi, it is me (Morgan Drake Eckstein) again. Recently I self-published the ritual I did for the June 2013 OFM (the Rite of the Magical Images of the Wiccan Wheel of the Year). It is currently available on Amazon at the discounted price of 99 cents. Call it part of my "fund me to write more Golden Dawn inspired Wiccan rituals" campaign. <http://www.amazon.com/Rite-Magical-Images-Wiccan-Wheel-ebook/dp/B011W83COE/>

--Morgan

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## **WHEN A WORKING DOESN'T GO AS PLANNED**

Not getting what you want from a working right away, or at all, can be a blessing. Usually, something happened: the person didn't put enough effort into the creation of the working, they didn't get the exact things required for the working or substituted incorrectly, they didn't calculate the astrological timing precisely enough, or they failed to follow through in the physical realm.

There are times, however, that the person did the working correctly. There are a few things that come to mind when this occurs. The person may be doing a working for something that would be disastrous for them to manifest at the time (think about someone asking to begin a new relationship while they're in the middle of school, probably not a good idea). They may need to do internal work, because they might not be ready for what they're asking for. (The person just got out of an abusive relationship and wants to jump into another relationship right away.) The person has a great idea but not all the tools to carry it through at that time. (For example, they ask for clients for their new business, but all the paperwork isn't done, or their inventory is not ready.)

If this has ever happened to you, as it has happened to me once or twice, be thankful because it means the universe, or whatever deity that you petitioned, felt pity for you and decided to tell you no by not granting your request instead of just going ahead and punishing you for your foolishness.

--*Bluedreamer*

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## **TURTLE MONKEY CHILDREN'S EBOOKS**

Hi all, this is Jo. I recently completed the 15th book of my new Turtle Monkey series! This is a pagan friendly children's eBook series. All of the series is transitioning thanks to Crystal Publishing.

Here is the link for Crystal Publishing: <http://www.crystalpublishingllc.com/>

Turtle Monkey is getting a new look coming soon...most likely around the holidays so stay tuned!

Coming soon: My new Young Adult Novel: **The Egg Quest!** More information should be available soon.

Thank you for all your support!

-Jo

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## **EARTH TEMPLE**

Earth Temple meets at Full Moon Books and Event Center, at 9106 W. 6th Ave. in Lakewood, for New/Dark Moon ritual work. All of our dates are Saturday evenings, and we normally begin our rituals right on the dot at 7:30 PM. Join our Meetup Group for reminders and information about specific rituals: [www.meetup.com/EarthTemple](http://www.meetup.com/EarthTemple). And, check out our Witchvox page for more info about us:

[http://www.witchvox.com/vn/vn\\_detail/dt\\_gr.html?a=usco&id=35084](http://www.witchvox.com/vn/vn_detail/dt_gr.html?a=usco&id=35084)

Our 2015 dates:

Aug 15

Sep 12

Oct 10

Nov 7

Dec 12

--*Chris, Dara, and Michelle*  
*the Earth Temple steering committee*

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## **WHOM TO CONTACT**

Alia's phone number is 303-680-1741. Catherine's is 303-886-7067. If you would like to officiate at a future Open Full Moon, for Pagan or Wiccan clergy, or for any other Hearthstone business, please contact either Alia or Catherine.

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## **GUEST COLUMNS?**

If you have something to say, and are willing to let Alia or Catherine edit it slightly, (generally for grammar—Alia has the soul of an English teacher and Catherine is simply a fanatic) please feel free to submit your writing to [catherine@fnorky.com](mailto:catherine@fnorky.com). Content will not be edited. We can usually make room for more voices.

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### **2015 Open Full Moon Dates**

**July 31**

**August 28**

**September 25**

**October 23**

**November 20**

**December 25—we will not meet, as it would be the 13th OFM**