



Lodge By-Laws

I. Statement of purpose

A. Our purposes are to:

1. Live according to our holistic spiritual beliefs, honoring the duality of creation in balance with natural world.
2. Grow and educate ourselves in our spiritual beliefs.
3. Encourage and support our brothers and sisters of the lodge in all possible aims, including the lending of our joined energy to members in times of need.
4. Gather for the 8 seasonal celebrations, 13 moons and lodge meetings, work medicine and recognize growth.
5. Encourage one another spiritually to live in accordance with our own personal ethics.
6. Share wisdom and knowledge openly with the lodge.

B. Commitment

All members of this lodge must have fully committed themselves to the above purpose in their beliefs, their activities and their lives.

II. Membership

A. Qualifications

Individuals who wish to seek membership must first submit an application. Once the application has been reviewed, an interview with the applicant will be scheduled.

B. Degrees of Membership

1. Members – Dedicants and initiates alike are considered to be members.
2. Lodge Council – All initiated members of the lodge are given membership within the lodge council. Initiated members are those who are First Degree initiates, priestess/priest, or high-priestess/high-priest. Dedicants are not considered initiated members.

C. Membership Status

Any person's membership may be curtailed, suspended, or terminated by decision of the Lodge Council either for lack of attendance or participation, or in violation of privacy agreements/secretcy vows.

III. Administration and Operations

A. Body of Members

This body handles the ordinary business of the lodge.

1. Membership – All those who have been initiated into the lodge are included in this body.

2. Scope – The membership discusses all matters of planning, activities, initiations and potential memberships.
3. Facilitation – The High-Priestess shall ordinarily chair meetings of the membership. Where she is absent, or chooses not to delegate this responsibility, a High-Priest shall chair the meeting.
4. Method of Operation – All decisions in the lodge are made by consensus. When consensus cannot be reached, the members may refer the decision to the High-Priestess, who shall consider what has been discussed and make the decision.
5. Meetings – Meetings for the lodge members occur when deemed necessary or desirable.

B. Lodge council

This body handles specific occurrences and problems.

1. Membership – The Lodge Council consists of all initiated members of the lodge. Dedicants are not official members of the Lodge Council.
2. Scope – The council discusses situations such as violations of the privacy of members, or disagreements within the lodge that may need to be moderated.
3. Meetings – Lodge Council meetings are called on an as needed basis.

C. Guidelines for Conduct

All members shall keep in mind their devotion to their own ethical codes of conduct, as well as the lodge privacy and secrecy concerns.

IV. Meeting Schedule

A. Rituals

1. Meeting will normally be held on the evening of the full moon or New Moon when possible.
2. The 8 main seasonal celebrations shall normally be held on their actual date whenever possible or as determined by the members.
3. Rituals are held by default at the Lodge itself, except in the onset of inclement weather which prevents such, then another location will be sought.

B. Classes

The lodge may or may not hold formal teaching classes. While we are constantly learning and teaching one another, hands-on experience is our most powerful teacher, and each member is responsible for attaining the level of knowledge that they seek.

V. Attendance

A. Meetings are open to all members, save for Lodge Council gatherings, where only initiated members are invited, by default.

B. Initiations are open to initiated members only.

C. the Lodge is NOT a Public Lodge; rituals and meetings are not open to the public/guests.

D. Members are expected to participate in meetings, celebrations, rituals. If any member attends fewer than 75% of these events, their status may be subject to review by the Lodge Council.

VI. Privacy of Members

A. The names, addresses, telephone numbers and other information relating to individual members shall not be disclosed to non-members without the permission of the individual involved.

B. Disclosure of confidential information may be considered a violation of secrecy and grounds for expulsion from the Lodge.