

# CONSTITUTION OF THE *Reformed Druids Of Gaia*

We the Reformed Druids living upon the Planet Gaia, Seventh planet in the Solar System of Lugh, in the Milky Way Galaxy, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure Tranquility, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Be'al to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Reformed Druids of Gaia.

## ARTICLE ONE

The name of this organization shall be The Reformed Druids of Gaia and it shall be an autonomous collective of the Reformed Druid movement.

## ARTICLE TWO

The Basic Tenets of North American Druidism, as set forth in The Book of Law, are these:

- 1) The object of the search for religious truth, which is a universal and a never-ending search, may be found through the Earth-Mother; which is Nature; but this is one way, yea, one way among many.
- 2) And great is the importance, which is of a spiritual importance, of Nature, which is the Earth-Mother; for it is one of the objects of Creation, and with it do people live, yea, even as they do struggle through life are they come face-to-face with it.

## ARTICLE THREE

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Reformed Druids of Gaia is to invoke a web of knowledge, mythos and experience that provides a framework for reconnecting with the Earth Mother, and re-gathering her progeny through tribal collectives consecrated to responsible conservatorship and progressive cognizance within the ever evolving tradition of Neo-Pagan Druidism.

## ARTICLE FOUR

- 1) Any person, regardless of race, gender, color, culture, age or sexual preferences may become a member of this organization upon presenting a petition, which may be oral, stating that she or he believes in the Basic Tenets of North American Druidism, as set forth in The Book of Law in The Druid Chronicles, and that she or he further believes in and agrees with the self-definition of this Branch of the Reform.
- 2) A member of the Reformed Druids of Gaia shall be defined as one who has affirmed that they are in agreement with the two basic tents of Reformed Druidism.
- 3) The word "Druid" shall be construed to mean a member of either gender and the word "Priest" shall likewise be construed to mean a member of either gender, both genders being equal under this document in all ways.
- 4) There are three classifications of members:
  - A) A Solitaire is a Druid who is otherwise not affiliated with any other body within the

Reformed Druids of Gaia and is a sole practitioner of Druidism.

B) A Grove is an autonomous collective of Druids within a specified locality.

1) A Proto-Grove is a beginning, or pupae form of a Grove wherein a minimum of three Druids have decided to form a local autonomous collective.

2) A Proto-Grove becomes a Chartered Grove, and receives a Charter from the Mother Grove when these three conditions are met:

a) The group has existed continuously for one year and one day;

b) One member of the group has been ordained to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree; and

c) Two additional members have been initiated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

C) An Order is an extra-local autonomous collective of Druids who may also be

Solitaires or members of Groves or Proto-Groves. At the time of the enacting of this Constitution, there is one Order:

1) The Order of the Mithril Star is the educational Order of the Reformed Druids of Gaia, and is charged with authoring all study materials and guides as needed and as called for. Membership in the Order of the Mithril Star is open to all members of the RDG, regardless of classification. Leadership of the Order of the Mithril Star is invested in a Patriarch or Matriarch, who serves a lifetime term (or until they see fit to retire) and is appointed by the Senior Archdruid of the Redwood Coast.

2) Other Orders may be established as needed or desired for purposes of edification, folly or whimsy by any three 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Druids who feel so called to constitute such, by petitioning the Senior Archdruid of the Redwood Coast who will appoint a Patriarch or Matriarch to lead the new Order.

## ARTICLE FIVE

Executive Branch:

1) The Executive power shall be invested in a regular Grove of the Reform located in the Redwood growing region of Northern California, and referred to as the Mother Grove of the Reformed Druids of Gaia. The spokesperson and executive officer shall be the Archdruid of the Mother Grove, referred to as the Senior Archdruid of the Redwood Coast.

2) The Mother Grove is charged with the execution of the day to day business of the Reform, including the either the signing or veto of motions considered by the Nemeton of Dalon ap Landu.

## ARTICLE SIX

Legislative Branch:

1) The Legislative power shall be invested in an extra-Grove body called the Nemeton of Dalon ap Landu, or NoDaL. The membership of NoDaL consists of all those Druid members of the Reformed Druids of Gaia who have been ordained to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (Priesthood) of the Reform.

2) The business of the NoDaL shall be conducted using the usual protocols of Parliamentary Procedure and decisions shall be made by consensus vote of members present in meeting.

## ARTICLE SEVEN

### Judicial Branch:

The Judicial Branch shall be invested in an extra-Grove body called the Provisional Council of Archdruids, or PCoA. The membership of PCoA consists of all those Druids who have been elected to serve as Archdruid of a local Grove, or who are administering a Proto-Grove.

## ARTICLE EIGHT

This Constitution may be amended by a consensus vote of the members of a Convention or Yearly Gathering of the Mother Grove, Nemeton of Dalon ap Landu, and Provisional Council of Archdruids and in two consecutive meetings, a quorum being present of members of each body being present. A quorum for this and all purposes shall be taken to be two-thirds of the members of the Convention.

ADOPTED this 54th day of Fogharnhar, in the Year of the Reform 44, being the date of 23 September, 2006 in the Common Era, by

[SIGNATURES]

“SO SAY WE ALL!!”

## AMENDMENT ONE

Whereas the dawn of the Reformed Druids of Gaia represents the beginning of a new age of Reformed Druidry, the calendar of the Reform shall be reset beginning the forthcoming Samhain, on which will begin the First Day of Year One of the Gaian Reform (YGR), being also the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Second Age of Reformed Druidism

## AMENDMENT TWO

Elections for the officers of all Groves shall be held during the season Foghamhar. New officers shall be ordained in a ritual of the Groves choosing at the Samhain meeting of the Grove.

## AMMENDMENT THREE

From this day, July 17 2011, and going forward, new members of the RDG who have been ordained to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree will henceforth be required to participate in the activities of the Nemeton of Dalon ap Landu, in so far as they are expected to vote on any and all motions that come before the NoDaL. Members ordained to 3<sup>rd</sup> prior to July 17 2011 are not bound by this Amendment.

## AMENDMENT FOUR

Any motion brought before the NoDaL must be seconded by another member. Once seconded, the Clerk will set up a poll with the following choices: Yes, No, Abstain, and Discuss. Each motion will have two weeks during which it may be voted on, except in the case of a single vote of Discuss, when a third week will be added. A motion passes if these conditions are met: 1) 50% plus 1 of the membership has registered a vote, and 2) All votes are “Yes” votes, except for Abstain and Discuss. If a motion has a single

'No" vote it does not pass. If all votes are 'Yes" votes, but the motion fails to garner 50% plus one total votes, it is sent to the Mother Grove for a decision. If a motion meets those two requirements, (that is, if 50% plus 1 members have voted, and there are only 'Yes' votes, and no 'No" votes, then the motion is sent to the Mother Grove which may

1) Pass it, 2) Veto it, 3) Exercise a 'Line Item veto' (pass all but part of it). The Mother Grove may also send a motion back to the NoDaL for further discussion.