



The Rowan Tree Church

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The Rowan Tree received legal recognition as a Church February 4, 1980. We celebrated the 20th anniversary in 2000 ce in Yellowstone. 1979 ce was the year we became a Church, starting the legal filing, forming a Board of Directors and changing our attitude toward our self. We celebrated the 15th anniversary in 1994 ce with the relocation of our publishing and administrative office to Kirkland, Washington. Our goal is not quantity in membership but quality. Our Members are found in both the United States and in Canada.

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What is Lothloriën?

Lothloriën is an Earth-based religion, with our roots in mystery religions of the world. As an Earth-based religion, we celebrate the seasons and the cycles of life. We recognize that Truth is found in many cultures around the world and draw our archetypes from many paths. What makes Lothloriën unique is our acceptance of all people regardless of their culture, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, religion or sexual orientation.

Through the archetypes of Unicorns and other universal symbols we extend our beliefs into an inclusive view of reality. We seek to transcend gender-limiting expressions of the Divine and embrace all peoples and cultures upon our planet. Lothloriën strives to be inclusive in all ways.

Our humble origins were formalized in 1977, when Rev. Paul Beyerl (trained and initiated into a neo-Alexandrian Tradition), began teaching the Craft to a small group of people on Oak Grove in Minneapolis on Sunday mornings. Out of those early rituals, The Tradition of Lothloriën came into manifestation. It was in 1979 ce that Rev. Paul and the group of students sharing the emerging Wiccan Tradition he was teaching and creating made a commitment to the name The Rowan Tree Church. The Rowan Tree Church was centered on Oak Grove in Minneapolis when it received legal recognition as a Church February 4, 1980 ce.

As The Rowan Tree Church turned fifteen and Rev. Paul joined with his partner Gerry, we relocated our publishing and administrative office to Kirkland, Washington. The Rowan Tree Church has its 'home office' in the Beyerls' cottage on Rose Hill in the Puget Sound area of western Washington. The 45,000 square feet of garden and paths, ritual and sacred spaces are home to many species of medicinal and magickal herbes, fruits and sacred trees. In 1997 ce, the acre of land which Gerry purchased originally in 1983 ce was given as a gift to The Rowan Tree Church toward securing the future of The Tradition of Lothloriën. This land plus the cottage and classroom which are the Beyerls' home on the front lot are often known as 'The Hermit's Grove.'

Since that time, we have evolved and made many changes. Today, we exist as solitaires and as Communities scattered throughout North America. A variety of personal preferences based upon affection or sexual orientation are accepted. One need not be Wiccan to seek Membership in our Church: Lothloriën encompasses Members of a variety of beliefs. We have Members

who, in addition to Lothloriën, practice other Wiccan Traditions and other faiths (including Christian).

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The Tradition of Lothloriën is described in detail in the book *A Wiccan Bardo, Revisited* by Rev. Paul V. Beyerl. Anyone interested in participating in our Church is advised to read this book to learn more about our Tradition. We work with archetypes and symbols which are compatible with most Wiccan, Buddhist and Native Traditions. We do not derive our beliefs from any specific culture but seek a more universal approach to our views of Nature.

From the first time Rev. Paul read the Hobbit books (beginning in the early 1960s), the name Lothloriën spoke to him strongly. It resonated in a way he could not explain. When the time came to select a name to identify our Wiccan Tradition, there was but one name he felt appropriate. By adding the umlaut we wish to indicate that, although derived from Tolkien, Lothloriën is not part of Tolkien's realm. In our context Lothloriën remains a land which is a tree of life, one about which we sing the joys of our Mother and Father of Nature. Those who seek the deeper mysteries of our Tradition must, like the elves, be raised into the tree blindfolded as they enter Initiation. While we respectfully acknowledge Tolkien for his creation of the word, the philosophies, mythologies and customs practiced within The Rowan Tree Church are not based upon Tolkien's writings. Our Land of Lothloriën is the Rowan Tree, not Tolkien's mallorn.

As an Earth Religion, we perceive our Mother Earth as being sacred. We observe the evolution of Nature and view it as a role model. We take a non-violent approach to life, both of body and of mind. We practice tolerance and seek the good in all religions. Whether gathering with a Community in Circle or doing ritual as a solitary, we use tools such as communication, timing, and herbal magick in our rituals to be connected with other Members. We do



not require Members to remove themselves from other religions or traditions, but Members must be comfortable in their acceptance of The Tradition of Lothloriën and it must play a role in their lives.

Membership in The Rowan Tree Church provides the monthly *RTNews*, our monthly newsletter, a copy of the Annual Report and invitations to participate in rituals and gatherings, whether as a solitary or with a local Community. All Members are offered access to our central library and, for a modest subscription fee to cover shipping, may check out books for research and pleasurable reading. An archive of past tapes is kept in our archives and is used for research by Mystery School students and other Members seeking information about our Church's history.

If you are considering joining The Rowan Tree Church, we ask you to read *A Wiccan Bardo, Revisited*. If you want this Tradition in your life and you want to join the church, send us a note with your thoughts. Membership is open to any person age of 18 and over. We require parental permission for minors. Individuals who have been incarcerated may be asked to participate in our Transitional Membership program prior to attaining Full Membership.



What our Members say:

"The Rowan Tree Church is for people who have tried to fit in with the 'normal' way of life and found that they do not. They seem to need more than the mundane: they need magick (not the flash and glitz but the real kind). They need to be able to talk with those who feel the same and not worry about being judged. The Rowan Tree has done this for me." - Amaris

"I must say that I am surprised and excited about the close knit and enthusiastic group of people I have joined. Never did I imagine to find such a wonderfully motivated and creative group of leaders in an organization that is predominately tied together through correspondence! It is obvious the Rowan Tree Church leaders are busy bees all of the time! I appreciate your energy and hard work. It is a joy to feel a part of this unique community."

- S. C. Rowan

Communities

We do not follow a coven model but see the growth of groups as Communities. The goals of a Community include one or more Sunday Circles per month and gathering for Full Moon and Sabbat Rituals following The Tradition of Lothloriën. Communities also work on Church projects and promote supportive activities for The Rowan Tree Church.

Sunday Circles are informative and fun, casual discussions. Many are recorded and sent by duplication to Members living elsewhere. Through Sunday Circles, we share ideas, explore our Tradition of Lothloriën, and share news.

Permanent Communities may evolve where we have lay ministers, clergy or bards and two or more Church Members who are able to make the commitment to the larger Rowan Tree,

having the time and training to sustain a group and its work. At present our only significant Community is at our home location on Rose Hill between Kirkland and Redmond.

Annual Retreat

Beginning in 1985 with our first annual retreat held at Whitewater State Park, along water flowing into the Mississippi, we now hold our Annual Retreat here at The Hermit's Grove in the gardens owned by The Rowan Tree Church and maintained by the Beyerls and The Hermit's Grove. The Annual Retreat is organized by The Mystery School and the Board of Directors with a schedule of meditation, ritual and exploratory work suitable for Communities or for the individual. Every third year we rent a number of cabins in Yellowstone National Park as we gathered at this most sacred site to explore the wonders of Mother Earth and enjoy each other's company.

Ritual Work

Within The Tradition of Lothloriën, we see ritual as a form of communion with the Divine. Our basic beliefs regarding ritual and its effects within the astral are detailed in *A Wiccan Bardo, Revisited*. Some Members attend group rituals and others work as solitaires. In the passing of time we hope to have more communities founded by those fully trained in Lothloriën.

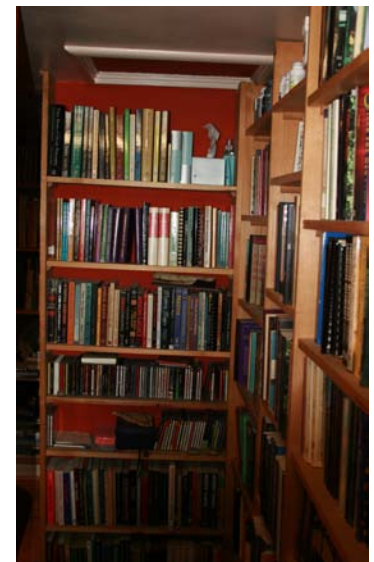
A ritual schedule is published in the Annual Report with monthly updates in the *RTNews* for all Members. We share The Ritual of Lothloriën at Full Moon and a variety of rituals at the Sabbats. In addition, we offer a monthly healing ritual. The Child of Light Ritual is based upon Essene manuscripts, transcending religious boundaries as a nondenominational rite. Any Member can ask for healing energies, either for self or for kindred.

Other rituals include Handfasting and marriage, the Ritual of Baby Blessing, and the Ritual for the Dead. Rituals are scheduled by The College of Mentors of The Mystery School, but participation is open to all Members. Books of our rituals are published for all Members.

Rowan Tree Libraries

Our main library is housed in Kirkland. Established in 1976, this library contains an increasing number of books. With over three thousand volumes, we offer books for research covering a wide range of topics. From occult sciences to world religions, Wicca and Ceremonial Magick to herbalism and healing, fiction-oriented to mythology to children's books, our library is a growing resource, with immeasurable benefits for future generations. A monthly subscription fee allows Church Members to use the library. The fee covers postage and shipping.

Since the first issues of *The Unicorn* in 1976, we have been amassing a collection of neopagan and Wiccan periodicals. We have an extensive collection but, due to the fragile nature of the majority of publications, they are presently stored in Oregon in the hope that this priceless collection can be preserved with newer technology.



Rowan Tree Church Publications

Our oldest publication is **The Unicorn** newsletter. Andrius, the Rowan Tree's lovable, blue astral Unicorn-in-chief, delivers eight artistic and informative issues a year, each filled with poetry, artwork and articles celebrating the Sabbats. Plus books reviews, stories and news! Since 1976, never missing an issue, The Unicorn is for the literary pagan who seeks a first-class publication. Andrius, our astral Unicorn on the editorial staff, has entertained readers for two decades. The Unicorn is the oldest continuously published Wiccan publication in North America.



The sliding fee rate is a trust system. Pay according to your ability: \$15.00-18.00 / year in North Amer. \$19.00 elsewhere

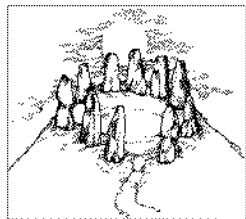
The Littlest Unicorn began publication in 1985. Its goal was to delight both younger readers and their parents, **The Littlest Unicorn** contained educational articles and entertainment, ranging from puzzles to articles. In 2005 we found it necessary to retire TLU. Unable to compete with the internet, it has moved into the Otherworld but who knows? Sometimes unicorns return!

The Rowan Tree News is published monthly for supporting Church Members. Containing letters, articles, news, Member information and contributions, the RTNews promotes Lothloriën's Wiccan lifestyle and contains Church news. It is through the RTNews that Members stay in touch, learn about our work, support the Church and maintain their membership. Free to Church Members. Not available to the general public.

Information about Church Members is used for Church purposes or to fulfill legal requirements only. Personal information and mailing lists are not sold nor shared with any other organization.

The Mystery School

Within the larger structure of The Rowan Tree Church, behind a veil of secrecy, is The Mystery School. Providing Initiatory training for students, The Mystery School follows the traditions of the classical mystery schools which existed during the Changing Times when we moved into the Age of Pisces and those of the Himalayas, in which training was serious and only for those with dedication.



The Mystery School is our Church's very foundation. Our work is religious education: we train clergy and bards to serve our Church's future needs. Created in 1980 to provide the medium through which the Tradition of Lothloriën would be passed on to future generations, the next decade was spent developing the Pathworking, culminating in the publication of *A Wiccan Bardo, Revisited*. Recognizing the need for more than one Path toward service, in 1990 a Bardic Path of study was added to The Mystery School's curriculum. The Mystery School is not a building. It is the Pathworking; it is both its students and teachers. An inner Circle of Initiates provides a core of dedicated workers, helping our Tradition both as volunteers and sustaining its spiritual energy. We always welcome new Initiates.

With the major changes in our Church structure instituted 1988 and 1994, we entered a new phase for The Rowan Tree Church and are now in the process of training our second generation of teachers. Those working within The Mystery School today are those who hold the future of our Church. In 1998 our

Initiates had an average of seven years each working to further The Tradition of Lothloriën.

Students are taught the intricacies of The Tradition of Lothloriën, taught to work within the astral. They learn the skills it takes to bring our Church together in unity during simultaneous ritual. Training is individualized. Each student works with a Mentor. Students work with our founder, Rev. Paul. Mentoring is available by letters, telephone and, when possible, in person. A Mentor is a resource waiting to be tapped. The Mystery School is ideal for the self-motivated student enjoying solitary investigation combined with the advantages of peer contact, interaction and expert guidance. Within The Mystery School each student gains both the wisdom of the solitary and the joys of group experience.



"Why would anyone want to become involved with The Rowan Tree Church? I can only speak for myself, but I certainly know what attracted me. I had been doing some reading on Goddess religions and it sounded and felt comfortable - like home. I was 'hooked' on Wicca. I became associated with a Wiccan organization which offered information but no formal, structured training. Time passed and I acquired a copy of *A Wiccan Bardo*. Here, at last, was a well established Church which offered in-depth, structured training for its Priest/esshood! I had no personal, intimate knowledge of any Tradition other than Lothloriën, but I knew that this was for me.

"The training and Tradition of Lothloriën and The Rowan Tree Church draw upon not only paganism and Witchcraft/Wicca but also the teachings and philosophy of the Eastern religions and Native American spirituality as well. It is an inclusive Wiccan Tradition. The training within the Church includes all the Mysteries and how they work together in our lives - not just one or two aspects. There is also a very high standard of ethics.

"I joined The Rowan Tree Church and entered The Mystery School in 1993. I have learned much, grown, found new perspectives on life. As an Initiated Priestess I can safely and with certainty say that I would not change any of this. Not only have I found a home but a also a beautiful, caring and loving family."
- Ravenhawk, Initiated Priestess

Study within The Mystery School is not for everyone. Students must be self-motivated, accepting a Mystery Tradition style of training. To enter The Mystery School is to acknowledge a religious vocation, a desire to shape one's life into a religious vocation and to offer one's self as a tool in service to the Earth and to all Her peoples. Students might note the following penned by The Mystery School's founder:

"Do not come to The Mystery School if you seek to be nurtured and sheltered. You will find no comfort, for each who becomes a Priest/ess is like unto a tree: offering protection for

others from the ravages of the world, providing healing from pain caused by the lessons of life. Enter The Mystery School only if you are willing to be made strong, with full knowledge that such as these Mysteries are not without pain. You must be taken through storms and shown that, to endure strong is to become a bulwark for others. To stand brave in the face of lightning is to become a source of courage and inspiration for others. To shelter the newborn lives and future generations is to be a source of nurturing and protection. The Mystery School teaches that balance between mercy and severity. The Mystery School is the future of Lothloriën."

Pathworking in The Mystery School

A student begins working the Path to become Dedicated as a Novice. Secrecy is observed by all students, a classical discipline observed since ancient times by the mystery schools of many cultures. Secrecy is a tool for the student, teaching the conservation and use of one's inner power; providing the student with "safe space" and control over that space. Secrecy teaches many of the Mysteries essential in communicating the larger Mysteries of Magick and of Wicca. We believe your Pathworking is personal and a process through which you learn to explore your own Mysteries.



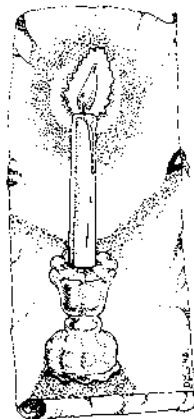
The curriculum includes creating your personal copy of The Book of Shadows of Lothloriën and the completion of study guides (for comprehension and communication). The Book of Shadows of Lothloriën provides the written Tradition, but there are other works, such as *A Wiccan Reader*.

There are many resources available to Mystery School students, including the extensive Church library (fees included in the tuition) and limited use of the periodical library. Each New Moon is set aside for simultaneous ritual with communication by cassette tapes and letters. Students learn creative skills, contributing original work to the Church publications. To provide a well-rounded education (students are expected to develop knowledge in a variety of occult sciences, including astrology, tarot, herbal healing, etc.), Mystery School students are provided with memberships in The Hermit's Grove. Students have an environment in which to begin developing skills to take into the Community of our Church. The quality of students and their research coupled with stimulating dialogue within The Mystery School creates an exciting environment. But this joy is found only when the student turns the key and opens the door.

The Path of Lothloriën

Our Church has been created to extend beyond this incarnation. We provide ritual forms which carry you through the passages of life. We see the major rituals of your life as forms of *initiation*. In *A Wiccan Bardo, Revisited* both marriage and death are described as ways in which your astral self can be assisted along the spiritual path through the ritual forms.

The mystery schools of Himalayan and Mediterranean cultures shared important



similarities. Students were trained in a *variety* of disciplines and cultures. We believe that our Wiccan clergy, those trusted with our spiritual lives, should be trained as carefully as are the clergy of mainstream religions. We believe that our religious community, which includes *all* Members of The Rowan Tree Church, deserves no less. Our High Priest/ess training includes the skills of counseling, teaching, divination, healing and many other skills. The roots of modern Wicca and neo-pagan practises found in the temples of India, Tibet, China and the stone Circles and ancient sites of Europe are considered part of our heritage and religious history is part of the student's research. There have been Wise Ones in many cultures and many ages and through studying how they expressed the greatest of Mysteries do we grow in our own wisdom.

Students are taught how to make changes in their lives, in order to flow with the natural cycles of the Earth and the Universe. The Universe exists through its manifest nature of constant change. Students are taught to connect themselves with the Divine, manifesting change at the seasons, learning to channel that energy and make it available for the community. The Mystery School guides the student in learning to work both "above and below," coming to understand the astral and its interrelationship with the manifest world. Through ritual, meditation, visualization and astral work, the student learns to become one with the Earth, the Moon and Sun as they dance their Circles. Students are trained in a variety of ritual forms, learning to craft their own rituals and balancing freedom with form. They learn to unfold their own creativity, opening it as the bud of a flower and bringing it to bloom. And above all, they are trained to pass on the Mysteries of Initiation, of Handfasting, of life and death.

An ordained Priestess or Priest is one who maintains individual style yet is able to keep our Tradition intact and instill it in future generations. There is no mold other than your Highest Ideals. The amount of time leading to Ordination can be as little as three years for a devoted student who consistently spends two to five hours a week, yet may take years longer for the 'part-time' student who juggles a full and busy lifestyle.

Upon completion of the Second Degree Initiation the new High Priest/ess receives credentials which may be filed in her/his state or province of residence. S/he is now an ordained minister, a representative of The Rowan Tree Church, working with the community in turning the Wheel of the Year, and a Mentor of The Mystery School. Our goal is to be one Church with many local Communities. The future is unknown, but much of it lies within the hands of those who will become the College of Mentors. More extensive information on the training of our clergy may be found in *A Wiccan Bardo, Revisited*.

We are a unique Tradition, one which is not linked nor bound to a specific geographical culture. Through our work with the images of Lothloriën, we work through the astral and seek unity with all religions giving honour to the Earth.

Who may apply for study in The Mystery School?

You must have been an *active* Member of our Church for at least six months, reading the RTNews, sending in your monthly forms and voting in the elections. You should also obtain a copy of the 'Book of Legislation' from the central office and examine it. Candidates must have carefully read *A Wiccan Bardo, Revisited* and *The Holy Books of the Devas*. In addition you are asked to study the Church publication of 'The Ritual of Lothloriën' and to have begun performing this ritual as a solitary; 'The Wheel of the Year,' 'Eight Sabbat Journeys,' and begun reading 'The Child of Light' when the healing rituals are scheduled. Contact with the Galadhrim should be well established with the intent of becoming an active member of this service organization. Preparatory study

through the Lay Ministry program is considered appropriate.

Study within The Mystery School is much like pursuing a college degree at home. Be prepared for self-motivated home study and be reasonably certain that Lothloriën is the Path for you. Tuition is \$30.00 per month (with some barter options). A student must be able to acquire the necessary tools and supplies for study and ritual, whether incense or cassette tapes. You must have a tape cassette player at hand. Interested Church Members may request an application form from the College of Mentors.

If reading this appeals to you and you wish to pursue this training, write Rev. Paul. The Mystery School accepts new students on one or more occasions each year. Pathworking is not easy, but the personal growth and satisfaction brings one to embrace the Highest of Ideals. Information on the expectations and preparation we ask of a prospective student is available.

"Then you shall be taught to be wise, so in the fullness of time you shall count yourself among those who serve the Ancients..."

"And you shall grow to love the music of the Woodlands, to dance to the sound of His pipes, in step with cloven hooves and the forest song..."

"And you shall learn the Mystery of Rebirth, filling your heart with Her Moonlight, growing in harmony with the Earth, as Her child, protective of your Mother..."

From "The Charge of Lothloriën"

The Mystery School provides the Initiatory Pathworking into the Mysteries of Lothloriën and is but briefly touched upon in *A Wiccan Bardo, Revisited*. It is one of the most challenging and comprehensive training programs of all Wiccan Traditions and guarantees Lothloriën's future. If you have a serious desire to become one prepared to teach others The Tradition of Lothloriën, if you wish an initiatory path, if you have a desire to become an ordained Priest/ess or a Bard of Lothloriën, you may request the packet of information. The printing and postage cost for this information is \$5.00 for Rowan Tree Members and for those working in the POP, \$6.50 for others.

Prisoner Outreach Program

Realizing that prisoners have unusual restrictions and financial hardship, the Prisoner Outreach Program was set up to extend The Rowan Tree Church to prison inmates throughout Canada and the U.S. The program offers The Rowan Tree News, publications and educational materials in exchange for postage. Volunteers to correspond with inmates are graciously welcomed. For many years Lizard Frank provided some correspondence and help to offenders but, due to health issues, he needed to resign in 1999, when Rev. Paul created the current program. Rev. Paul has been working with prisoners since 1979 and is both sponsor and Wiccan Chaplain in his spare time.

For additional information contact: The Rowan Tree Church, Dept. P, P O Box 0691, Kirkland, WA 98083-0691

The Galadhrim Society of Unicorns

The Galadhrim Society of Unicorns was created in 1990 as a service organization to support our Church and assist in preserving The Tradition of Lothloriën. This support takes the form of volunteer work to assist the Board of Directors and Lothloriën's clergy in running the mundane business aspects of the Church. Additionally, the Galadhrim foster a strong sense of community within the Church through connecting with other Church Members and through our ministries.

Membership in the Society is open to any Church Member who is in good standing, active in assisting with Church business and community affairs, or who wishes to take on this work. Those

individuals who petition to join are admitted for a trial period of three Full Moons, during which they demonstrate their willingness to assist in the mission and ministries, and consider dedicating themselves to the Galadhrim Society. The petitioner will be admitted into the Society through an induction ritual, worked simultaneously with existing Galadhrim Members.

For additional information on The Galadhrim Society, please contact gerry Beyerl at our Kirkland office.

The Galadhrim Ministries:

Healing Rituals

To lend positive and healing energies to the Church, the Members of the Galadhrim perform the Child of Light Ritual once every month at the time with the First Quarter Moon. Any requests of a personal nature for healing or blessings are most welcome. Please send them to the Rowan Tree's home office. You may also send them by fax to (425) 228-9011.



Lay Ministry

The lay ministry program was instituted in 1994. Working with The College of Mentors, a program of guidance and evaluation was established. Whereas Ordination training ranges from four to eight years, this training can be accomplished in a matter of months, leading to a renewable yearly certification.

Guidelines and requirements for certification can be obtained by contacting the coordinator: gerry Beyerl, P.O. Box 0691, Kirkland, WA 98083-0691.

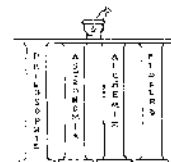
The Hermit's Grove

Established in 1993, The Hermit's Grove is an educational subsidiary of The Rowan Tree Church and functions as a separate non-profit organization. Toward this end, the Grove provides space for our local Community, housing for the Church's library and main offices and storage for archives and records. Educationally, the Grove publishes a monthly journal, *The Hermit's Lantern*, and occasional textbooks. It is through the Grove that Rev. Paul teaches botanical medicine, herbal magick, horticulture, astrology, tarot and other disciplines. The Grove maintains 1.3 acres of stunning gardens (an acre of which the Beyerls gave to the Church in 1997) and has a small classroom and herb shop. Additional information can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to:



The Hermit's Grove teaches the Four Pillars of Medicine:

Philosophie
Astronomie
Alchemie
Fideles



The Hermit's Grove, P O Box 0691, Kirkland, WA 98083-0691. A free price list of the herbs available by mail may be requested. Please include the S.A.S.E.

The Hermit's Grove has its own web site: www.thehermitsgrove.org and we invites you to visit it.

We are not a building

Often you will hear and read the statement that The Rowan Tree Church, incorporated in 1979, is its members and is not a building - but what does that mean? We are a Church where our members are found in both the United States and in Canada. We are an Earth-focused network of Communities and solitary practitioners dedicated to the study of the Wiccan Tradition we call Lothloriën. Neither the Church nor the Hermit's Grove are the buildings nor the land that contains the educational gardens, the garden structures, the caretaker's cottage and the classroom.

The Rowan Tree Church encourages spiritual growth through support, resources and educational opportunities for our Members. The Rowan Tree Church also offers Sunday Circles, educational programs, workshops and formal pathworking leading to an understanding of the Inner Mysteries. Among the assets of the Mystery School is the legal entity known as the Hermit's Grove as well as the Sacred Land given to The Rowan Tree Church by Rev. Paul and Rev. Gerry Beyerl often referred to as The Hermit's Grove.

What is the Hermit's Grove? The Hermit's Grove is an asset of the Mystery School and is centered under the organization of The Rowan Tree Church - specifically under the College of Mentors who are the Clergy of Lothloriën. The Hermit's Grove is not the land held by The Rowan Tree Church. It is dedicated to the healing of body, soul and planet. Founded by Rev. Paul and Gerry in 1994, our educational programs included many related fields, ranging from herbal medicine to herbal magick, the annual herbal symposium and many other disciplines. We teach the traditional sciences used by healers, including astrology and spiritual wisdom. The Hermit's Grove utilizes the classroom and gardens held in title by The Rowan Tree Church and at times the caretaker's cottage. The Hermit's Grove offers workshops and classes, 1.3 acres of gardens with over 600 species of plants and other resources. Its publishing program makes the books of Paul Beyerl and the Mystery School of The Rowan Tree available to the public, as well as offering monthly newsletters. Through the Hermit's Grove you may study by correspondence, as well as purchase dried herbs and botanicals.

Other relevant facts:

1. The land held in title by, and an asset of, The Mystery School of The Rowan Tree Church is used occasionally by The Hermit's Grove, The Rose Hill Community and at times public gatherings. However, this land is neither zoned for, nor a practical site for public or large gatherings. Such use would require: a significantly larger parcel of land; construction of a driveway meeting public access codes; installation of sewer lines and electricity; provisions to comply with ADA access; provisions for parking to meet code; and more. This is beyond reasonable for us nor is it likely that rezoning would gain approval for this size and configuration of Real Estate.
2. It is legal to use the land as a site for cremated remains. This is under the oversight of The College of Mentors. The State of Washington allows for this.
3. This land will be held as private (taxable) property.
4. The cottage will remain the residence of the Beyerls until the time they pass on to the Otherworld. During this time they maintain all of the property and make decisions regarding the management of said properties and gardens in the best interests of Lothloriën.

For additional information please order the Guidelines for The Hermit's Grove Sacred Land which belongs to The Rowan Tree Church. (including the placement of cremated remains.)
In Gratitude and Service,

WoMN, Director of Real Estate.

Pathworking books available through The Rowan Tree Church

Books published by The Hermit's Grove. Available from The Rowan Tree Church, The Hermit's Grove, Amazon.com and distributed through New Leaf Distribution in the U.S. and Deep Books in London.

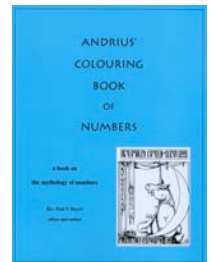
A Wiccan Bardo, Revisited, by Rev. Paul Beyerl, Hermit's Grove ©1999. Journey into The Tradition of Lothloriën, a Wiccan initiatory Path, practiced within our Church. Experience the empowerment of Initiation and the beauty and joy of Handfasting! A unique opportunity to explore rituals ranking among the most beautiful. We ask people to read this book before asking for Rowan Tree Membership. Explore astral temples and the transformative Ritual for the Dead. Beautiful and insightful Wiccan philosophy. Second edition of *A Wiccan Bardo* 200 pp., trade pprbk \$16.95



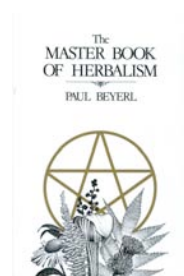
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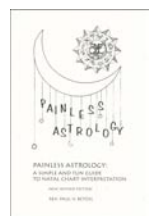
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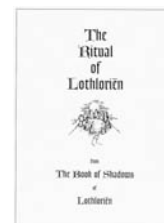
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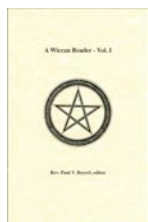


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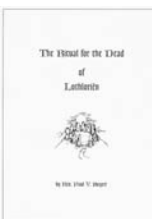


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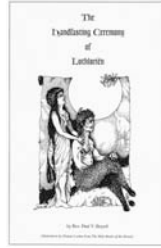


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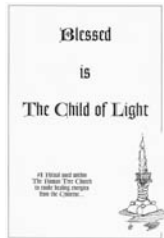
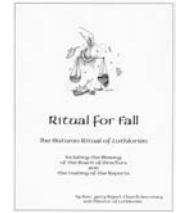
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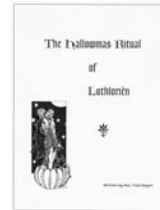
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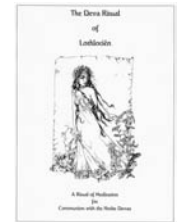
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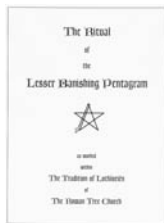
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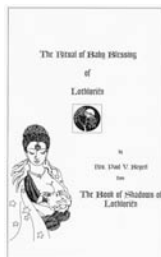


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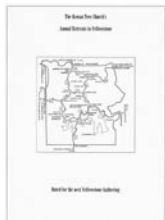
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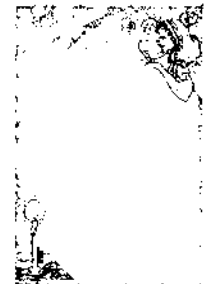
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