

Midnight Ritual – Witch’s Ball – 2014 (draft)

Directions: Gather outside by small fire pit, everyone in the ritual passes out pennies all but Moonday, Shaper, Iasis, Melissea, Azul Luna, Alba Luna, Jade, and drummers are presence)

Dark Oak Moon as Drum Mistress – *(Strikes the gong 12 times)*

Cl – *(Begins playing Stretched on Your Grave after the 12th gong)*

Ferryman – *(While the gong is striking the Ferryman begins, The Quarters need to go first)*

Ferryman –

All must pay a toll. Who has a penny to cross to the neather world tonight? (Repeat)

Ferryman – *(collects toll in small cauldron in left hand, motions with right hand to those that paid toll walk down the path to the memorial gardens)*

Ferryman –

You may move forth on your journey.

Iasis Kalliopie as Warning Witch – *(outside the memorial garden, stirring cauldron filled with dry ice, spotlight on her)*

Iasis Kalliopie –

“Double, double boil and trouble...”

Azul Luna as Outside Gatekeeper– *(Stop each person with your staff)*

Azul Luna –

Halt who goes there? (Pause for name)

Azul Luna –

How do you come to the circle? (Await for positive answer like “Perfect Love and Perfect Trust” or “Peace” or “Love” or as “Seeker” if none given, say to the person, “Do you come in Perfect Love and Perfect Trust?”)

Azul Luna – (Once a positive answer is given, nod to the person and remove staff, waving person through)

Azul Luna –

You may enter. Blessed be.

Melissae Chanapani as Inside Gatekeeper–

Welcome

Melissae Chanapani - (Anoints in a spiral or dot)

Melissae Chanapani -

Thou art the God (To the Men) or **Thou art the Goddess** (To the Women)

Alba Luna & Jade – (*guide people to light candles*)

Won't you light a candle for the dead?

Watchtowers & Helpers - (*All Watchtowers need to be making sure the circle is filling in and people are evenly spaced*)

Moonday -

Welcome to the 17th Annual Witch's Ball -----

Ash The Silent sweeps - (*light drumming begins in the North, all repeat, slowly walk and sweep round the circle 1x, gong by Dark Oak Moon at the end of chant in the North*)

Moonday –

High and low by besom she sweeps, all not invited will surely weep.

Cl Seal – (*light drumming begins in the North, all repeat, slowly walk and sweep round the circle 1x, gong by Dark Oak Moon at the end of chant in the North*)

The Witching Hour has doth rung, it's a samhaim ritual we have spun.

Quarters & Ancestor Call (drummers follow Dark Oak Moon lead)

Shaper-

Let us turn to the East to call in the Watchtowers

Shaper –

Let the drums be sound, (*gong by Dark Oak Moon*)

Let the words be spoken

Alba Luna –

Hail Guardians of the Watchtowers of the East

Element of Air

The Realm of Sylphs and Fairies

You who are intellect, wisdom and perception

Winged eagle of the skies and breathe of the mother

**We call upon you and invite your presence to witness and guard this
Samhain rite**

Hail and Welcome

Shaper- Let us turn to the South to call in the Watchtowers

Shaper –

Let the drums be sound, (*gong by Dark Oak Moon*)

Let the words be spoken

Fritterman –

Hail Guardians of the Watchtowers of the South

Element of Fire

The Realm of Jinn and Salamanders

You who are passion, change and wild energy

Fiery dragon of the night, brilliance of the noonday sun

**We call upon you and invite your presence to witness and guard this
Samhain rite**

Hail and Welcome!

Shaper-

Let us turn to the West to call in the Watchtowers

Shaper –

Let the drums be sound, (*gong by Dark Oak Moon*)

Let the words be spoken

Kalimar –

Hail Guardians of the Watchtowers of the West

Element of Water

Realm of Undines and Nymphs

You who are emotion, pleasure and receptivity

Gentle Dolphin of the waves and blood of the Mother

**We call upon you and invite your presence to witness and guard this
Samhain rite**

Hail and Welcome!!

Shaper-

Let us turn to the North to call in the Watchtowers

Shaper –

Let the drums be sound, (*gong by Dark Oak Moon*)

Let the words be spoken

Moon Dragon –

Hail Guardians of the Watchtowers of the North

Element of Earth

The Realm of Gnomes, Dwarfs and Elves

**You who are the rock we build on, our endurance and patience
Great bear of the woods and bones of the Mother
We call upon you and invite your presence to witness and guard this
Samhain rite
Hail and Welcome!!**

Shaper-

Let us turn to the Center to call in our Ancestors

Shaper –

Let the drums be sound, (*gong by Dark Oak Moon*)

Let the words be spoken

Moonday –

**"Blood of my blood, spirits of love,
Come from below and from above;
Entities loving who wish us well,
Come to this circle when I sound this bell. "**

Shaper – Call of the God – (general god is called)

Moonday – Call of the Goddess – Cerridwin

Comment [MM1]:

Shaper –

**Tonight we celebrate Samhain, the pagan festival with celtic origins to
honor our ancestors, those that have passed to the neather world,
Summerland, the great beyond. Samhain is Gaelic and means Summers
End; it's the final agricultural harvest for most of the Northern
Hemisphere. Samhain marks the Celtic New Year and represents the
beginning of the Darker Half of the year. Life is to be celebrated and death**

is just but a part of the cycle of life. We should remember the dead with fondness, welcome the messages from beyond. The dead walk with us and dance at this time of year.

Meditate on your own about dancing with your loved ones as we watch with half open eyesThe Skeleton Dance.

Sarah – *(begins playing the Skeleton Dance)*

Diana – *(walks out first searching for her lover, they find each other embrace and begin to dance)*

Comment [MM2]:

Moonday –

So, once again our lovers find each other as the Western veil welcomes those that we call. Tonight we call and all the dead come as we beckon. We celebrate the cycle of life, death and rebirth.

We sing, we dance in the mist with the past,

Death to death, and life to life, form to form on the edge of the night.

Womb to tomb, and birth to birth.

Our ancestors have come, they hear our calls into the mist...

**At this time if you have not yet tied a ribbon on the ancestor wreath,
please do so at this time, the fairies will come around and pass out
ribbons to honor them at this time.**

Sarah – *(plays Hecate, Cerridewin dark mother take us in, Hecate, Cerridewin, let us be reborn.)*

Shaper – *(seeing the wreath nearing complete)*

Is the Ancestor Wreath complete? *(Fairies present and Shaper takes it)*

We thank you!

Shaper – *(circling once or twice around the fire, presenting to the six directions, he gently places the wreath in the fire and kneels in honor taking a moment of silence)*

Moonday –

Beloved ancestors, we acknowledge, we embrace, we remember....

The magick is done, Blessed Be, So Mote it Be

Shaper –

What kind of Samhain ritual would this be without a witchy story of a dark and crone like kind? Let us now hear a tale of Talisen and Ceriddwen the Dark Mother as told by Priestess Iasis Kalliopi.

Iasis Kalliopi – *(tells story)*

Moonday – *(light drumming during this time)*

What a befitting tale of life, death and rebirth.... Everything she touches changes...

It's now time for cakes and ale, please hold your cakes and ale until we do the blessing.

Moonday – (hold food and drink up)

Does every have cakes and ale?

... May you never thirst.

Shaper – (holds food up)

... May you never hunger.

Moonday –

Thank you to -----

The cone is fading, it's now time to go...

Moonday – (release goddess)

Shaper – (release god)

Moonday – (release ancestors)

Shaper –

Let us face North

Let the drums be sound

Let the words be spoken.

Moondragon –

Guardians of the Watchtowers of the North

The Realm of Gnomes, Dwarfs and Elves

Great bear of the woods and bones of the Mother

Thank you for your presence tonight,

Stay if you will go if you must,

In Perfect Love and Perfect Trust.

Blessed Be

Shaper –

Let us face West

Let the drums be sound

Let the words be spoken.

Kalimar –

Guardians of the Watchtowers of the West

Realm of Undines and Nymphs

Gentle Dolphin of the waves and blood of the Mother

Thank you for your presence tonight,

Stay if you will, go if you must,

In Perfect Love and Perfect Trust!

Blessed Be

Shaper –

Let us face South

Let the drums be sound

Let the words be spoken.

Fritterman –

Guardians of the Watchtowers of the South

The Realm of Jinn and Salamanders

Fiery dragon of the night, brilliance of the noonday sun

Thank you for your presence tonight,

Stay if you will, go if you must,

In Perfect Love and Perfect Trust!

Blessed Be

Shaper –

Let us face East

Let the drums be sound

Let the words be spoken.

Alba Luna –

Guardians of the Watchtowers of the East

The Realm of Sylphs and Fairies

Winged eagle of the skies and breathe of the mother

Thank you for your presence tonight,

Stay if you will, go if you must,

In Perfect Love and Perfect Trust!

Blessed Be

Moonday and Shaper –

Our magick is done, let us eat, drink, dance and make merry. Blessed Be!

Iasis – (lead the Circle is Open)



