

The following announcement was made during the meeting of the Witan Council during the Correllian Lustration of the Ancestors, hosted by Sacred Fire Temple, in Arlington, TX. This letter from the Correllian Council of Elders was read to the Witan Council, announcing new members elevated to the Council:

To: The honored members of the Witan Council

As you may know the Council of Elders have resolved for several years to accept no new Council members who have served the Tradition for fewer than fifteen years. We feel that this rule has kept the Council of Elders stable, but it has also made it very difficult for the Council to expand, as only a small portion of our Priesthood meet this criteria. As the Council has grown older, and several members have entered into poor health, the issue of expanding the Council has become an increasingly important one.

On April 1st, Year 11 Aquarius, in order to better prepare the Correllian Nativist Tradition for the future, the Correllian Council of Elders unanimously agreed to create a new position of Provisional Elder. This position will confer all of the duties, rights, and privileges due to an Elder of our tradition, but may be removed by either the First Priest or First Priestess, or by a 2/3 vote of all Vested Elders, for any reason of their choosing. Upon their fifth year of service as a Provisional Elder or upon their 15th year of Service as an initiated Priest/ess of the Tradition, the Provisional Elder will be eligible to become a fully Vested Elder.

This position of Provisional Elder will be continued until we have established a stronger and healthier council, and will remain in effect until March 31st, 2021. At that time the Elder Council will once again convene to consider continuing or ending this rule.

We, The Council of Elders, have chosen this course of action as the Tradition is in need of expanded leadership, to fulfill the duties and offices needed for a Tradition that has become truly global. We respect the membership and felt a need to at least temporarily ameliorate the fifteen year rule, until such time as we can suitably grow the Council of Elders to better handle the expanding requirements of the Tradition.

We now ask the Witan Council to accept and endorse this doctrine which the Council of Elder has seen fit to place into the Bylaws of the Correllian Tradition.

We further ask you to accept the expansion of the Council of Elders, and recognize those new Elders and Provisional Elders whom we have elevated to this Council and whose names follow.

Rev. Jason Mycroft, Lord of the Pure Sanctuary who now becomes a fully Vested Elder, having served as a Priest of the Tradition since 1996.

Rev. Green Owl, Lady of Trianna, who now becomes a Provisional Elder. Lady Green Owl will become a Vested Elder in 2015.

Rev. Anna Rowe, Lady of Sedna, who now becomes a Provisional Elder. Lady Anna will become a Vested Elder in 2015.

Rev. Windy Lajoie, Lady of the Hooded Crone, who now becomes a Provisional Elder. Lady Windy will become a Vested Elder in 2015.

Rev. Stephanie Neal, Lady of the Sacred Sea, who now becomes a Provisional Elder. Lady Stephanie will become a Vested Elder in 2016.

Rev. Terry Power, Lord of the Celtic Cross, who now becomes a Provisional Elder. Lord Terry will become a Vested Elder in 2016.

Rev. Raene Packery, Lady of the Clan of Kheper, who now becomes a Provisional Elder. Lady Raene will become a Vested Elder in 2016.

We, the Council of Elders, hereby thank you for your recognition of these elevations, and we thank you for honoring and respecting the wishes of the Elders, and we pray that you will ratify our considerations at this Lustration of April 23rd, 2011.

In addition to this expansion of the Council of Elders, Correllian Chancellor M. Rev. Donald Lewis also announced some changes in the standing of the existing Vested Elders

The eldest member of the Council of Elders, Rt. Rev. Virginia Bitterwind Smith, who has served as First Elder of the Correllian Tradition for nearly a quarter century, has been experiencing a number of health issues during the last few years. Because of this ArchPriestess Bitterwind has decided that the time has come for her to retire from the post of First Elder, as she no longer feels that she can adequately carry out the duties of the office. Lady Bitterwind will now be known as First Elder Retired, and will continue to enjoy the same level of respect and dignity. To become the new First Elder the Council has chosen Rt. Rev. Edward Hubbard. May the blessing be upon the First Elder!

In addition M. Rev. Krystel High-Correll, First Priestess of the Correllian Tradition, has already been in retirement for several years now. As Retired First Priestess Lady Krystel does and always will enjoy the same level of respect and dignity that she has born for the last three decades of her imperium. Now, after much consideration, we are pleased to announce an Heir to the office of First Priestess: Lady Krystel and the entirety of the Council of Elders are pleased to name Rt. Rev. Traci Logan Wood as Heiress and Acting First Priestess, in accordance with the Rules of Succession of the Correllian Tradition as outlined in the Tradition bylaws. May the Blessing be upon the Acting First Priestess!  
We are confident that these changes will help the Correllian Tradition to better meet the many challenges that face us as a global Tradition. We hope that you will join us in welcoming all of the new Elders and the new Officers of Tradition.

Blessings,  
M.Rev. Donald Lewis-HighCorrell  
Chancellor & First Priest