

## The Saging of Max – Lord DarkStorm

Thursday, February 20, 2014 7:30pm  
UU Fort Lauderdale

The Moon will be Gibbous Waning two nights before the third quarter.

High Priest (HP) –Spelcastor, High Sear (HS) – Elrick The Apothecary, High Priestess (HPS) – Debe DarkMoon.

Saging Alter draped in Purple, Black and Gold fabric with matching candles.

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### GATHERING:

**1. Purification of Self-** Ground and center before joining the others

#### Processional

**2. Purification of Space-** Prepare the worship space  
(Sage and Anoint the people as they enter the Circle )

**(Max is hooded at alter sitting on box. HPS anointing participants as HP directs people widdershins to form circle as Processional Music is played. People enter Sanctuary from the patio while HS is giving Max console.)**

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### Ritual

HS: The Three Aspects of Man are The Youth, The Warrior and The Sage, also referred to as the Inseminator, The Protector and The King. We gather in ceremony tonight for the transition of Lord DarkStorm from Warrior to Sage. This rite marks the time in life when one can enjoy the fruits of one's labor, and perhaps be considered an honored elder of the community, passing on his knowledge and wisdom to others. In medieval chivalric romance and modern literature, the Sage is often presented as a wizard, teacher or hermit. He has the ability to be self-reflecting and has developed wisdom and spiritual power.

HPS: The wise old man is often seen by those he advises to be in some way "foreign", that is, from a different culture, nation, or occasionally, even a different time. Sometimes he is overlooked because others find it difficult to relate to him. He represents that stage of manhood that has past its physical zenith. The dark side of The Sage can be bitter, stubborn and resentful of all He has lost, Balance? Vision? Recall? Hearing? Continenence? Slimness? Agility? He is no longer "the most interesting man in the world." and discards roles that no longer make sense.

HP: The Sage is typically represented as a kind and wise father-type figure. He uses personal knowledge of people and the world to tell stories and offer guidance that may impress upon his audience a sense of who they are and who they might become. Thereby he is acting as a mentor. The Sage may occasionally appear as an absent-minded old soul, due to a predilection for contemplative pursuits. With age, some may feel sexually invisible. Only earthly wealth can maintain the illusion of youth. The wise man will take back his power and realize that "just because there is snow on the roof, does not mean there isn't a fire in the hearth".

HP: Tonight we witness this transition for Magnificent, Manic Max, Manifestor of Male Machismo and Mayhem into Wise, Magnificent, Manic Max, Manifestor of Male Machismo and Mayhem.

## CLEANSING AND RAISING OF THE CIRCLE

HP: We now cleanse and cast our circle.

HPS: What does a Man know of cleaning or asking of direction ???

**(HP and HS bow to HPS to show their wisdom)**

HPS: As this Circle is cleansed, may it be cleared of any harmful and unwanted energy.

***(Cleanse the site widdershins starting at the North.) (Use Torch and Sacred offerings)***

Physical Ailments depart this Rite, Casting away demons into Darkest Night;

Banished you are - by torches light, Take this our offering and leave our sight. *(north to west)*

Emotional Woes depart this Rite, Cast away demons into Darkest Night;

Banished you are - by torches light, Take this our offering and leave our sight. *(west to south)*

Spiritual Doubts depart this Rite, Cast away demons into Darkest Night;

Banished you are - by torches light, Take this our offering and leave our sight. *(south to east)*

Mental Haze depart this Rite, Cast away demons into Darkest Night;

Banished you are - by torches light, Take this our offering and leave our sight. *(east to north)*

***(Ring the gong three times slowly)***

HPS: Focus now, as we clear this circle and all those present.

We conjure ye spirits of the four elements, by the powers of this sacred blade. Hear me now and attend.

HPS: Cleanse our Circle with Water and Salt.

***(HS places point of athame in salt and adds three portions of salt to the water and hands it to Attendant #1)***

HPS: Cleanse our Circle with Smoke and Fire.

***(HS lights cauldron of sage and lets it flame and smothers it. Attendant #2 takes it and both proceed around Circle.)***

***(Drummers drum)***

HP: Let us chant the following.

ALL: By Water and Salt, Cleanse this place,

Join Smoke and Fire, Creates Sacred Space.

***(Attendant #1&#2 returns to Alter)***

HS: Hear me Ancient Ones. We come before Ye on this most sacred eve to give homage and remembrance.

We ask blessings to be bestowed on DarkStorm this night as he takes The Mantle of the Sage.

***(Hand torch to Firestarter who lights the sacred fire)***

HS: I call upon the highest to impart thy essence into this most sacred flame. ***(Drummers drum wildly)***

***3. Creating Sacred Space-*** cast the circle and invoke the Guardians

HS: ***(Get sword from Alter)*** Let us now cast our Circle. ***(HS holds sword above head)***

***(HP cast Circle with sword - Drummers drum)***

ALL: We cast this Circle round and round, by its magick we are bound. ***(HP returns to alter)***

HP: We now proclaim to everyone that this, our Ritual, has begun. ***(Drumming and Gong)***

**QUARTER CALLS:**

**HPS: Let us now invoke the Elementals and Ancient Slavic Solar Deities, Starting with Koleda (KO-Len-Da) The New Born Sun in the East.**

**EAST:**

We call upon the Guardians who dwell in the Sky  
Bright Youthful Spirits, come hear this Cry.  
Grant us thine Powers on this new expedition.  
To wield and embrace during DarkStorms transition  
Eastern elements witness this rite  
Protecting the circle, this enchanted night.  
Hear me **Koleda (KO-Len-Da)** - Hail and Welcome !!!

ALL: Hail and Welcome !!!

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**HPS: Followed by Jarilo(YA-RE-LO) The Energetic Youth in the South.**

**SOUTH:**

We call upon the Guardians who dwell in the Fire  
Intense Warrior Spirits, come feed this Desire.  
Grant us thine Powers on this new expedition.  
To wield and embrace during DarkStorms transition  
Southern elements witness this rite  
Protecting the circle, this sacred night.  
Hear me **Jarilo(YA-RE-LO)** - Hail and Welcome !!!

ALL: Hail and Welcome !!!

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**HPS: Now on to Kapala(Ka-Pa-Wa) The Brawny Warrior in the West.**

**WEST:**

We call upon the Guardians who dwell in the Sea  
Calm Noble Spirits, come bring Prosperity.  
Grant us thine Powers on this new expedition.  
To wield and embrace during DarkStorms transition  
Western elements witness this rite  
Protecting the circle, this mystical night.  
Hear me **Kapala(Ka-Pa-Wa)** - Hail and Welcome !!!

ALL: Hail and Welcome !!!

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**HPS: And finally Khors(Horse) The Elder Sage in the North.**

**NORTH:**

We call upon the Guardians who dwell in the Earth  
Wise Grounding Spirits, guide this Rebirth.  
Grant us thine Powers on this new expedition.  
To wield and embrace during DarkStorms transition  
Northern elements witness this rite  
Protecting the circle, this magical night.  
Hear me **Khors(Horse)** - Hail and Welcome !!!

ALL: Hail and Welcome !!!

HP: "Hail to the Elementals! We stand between the worlds with perfect love and perfect trust, ready to welcome our Lord Świątowit (Sven-toe-veet) to this rite. (Gong)"

#### **4. Invocation of the Earth God**

HS: Father, I feel you all around me in ever direction.  
Świętowit (Sven-toe-veet) I feel your Guidance and Strength  
By Your very name are the "Celebrated Lord" and "Most Powerful One".  
**(HS chants a directional hymn 3 times all others are welcome to join in)**

HP: The Circle is cast! The Bell is rung,  
The Candles are lit, The Chant is sung.  
The Book is opened, The Altar is set,  
The Cauldron is stirred, The Group is met.  
We now proclaim to everyone, That this, our Ritual, has begun.

#### **5. Stating the Purpose**

HS: And now, listen very carefully.

HPS: You are on a journey during the darkest of nights.  
In a place that is not a place. And a time that is not in time.  
You have not arrived here by chance, but have put yourself on this Course long ago.  
Tonight we shall travel some of it together.

HP: You are a Miracle,  
HS: A Mystery,  
HPS: A Joy;

HP: You are quicksilver,  
HS:A distant sound  
HPS:A fleeting shadow,

HP: Your path has no bound beyond which you cannot pass. You live in music,  
HS: A flash of color,  
HPS:In the wind

HP: And in the sparkle of a star.  
HS:Glowing in brilliance and brightness  
HPS:Following the cycles of Sun and Moon, Growing in Divine Radiance."

***(Vibrating Gong increasing in volume)***

#### **6. The Work, the Magick, Ritual Observance**

HP: DarkStorm, look into your dark self. See it for what it is.  
Your dark self is a part of you. Deny it no longer.  
Accept the darkness and let it join with the light, that you may be made whole. **(HP lights the Black Candle)**

HS: DarkStorm, you do not have to risk this adventure alone, For the heroes of all time have gone before you.  
The maze is thoroughly known. You have only to follow the thread of the hero path,  
And where you had thought to find an abomination, You shall find a God.  
And where you had thought to slay another, You shall slay yourself.  
Where you had thought to travel outward, You shall come to the center of your own existence.  
And where you had thought to be alone, You shall be with all the world. **(HS lights the Purple candle)**

HPS: DarkStorm, Who are you ? **(HPS lights the Gold candle)**

Pause and examine the passages of ones life.

**(DarkStorm stands on the box and revels to everyone present – Who he is)**

DarkStorm: I am the sun and the wind and the sea.  
I am the storm and the lightning and the thunder.  
I am the stone and the fire and the steel.  
I am the blade which can cut men asunder.  
I am life, and I am death. I am nature.  
Love me and respect me -- or fear me.  
The choice is yours.

### **7. The Challenge and Energy Raising**

HP: You have once made the transition from youth to warrior. This is the time of life when there is a transformation from the strength of the Warrior to the wisdom of the Sage. **(HP strikes the back of DarkStorms legs with staff)**  
Who is the Sage? **(DarkStorm falls from box and lands on his knees)**

DarkStorm: A Sage is a man who has reached his physical zenith and gone beyond it.  
**(DarkStorm adds personal reflections on the loss of the physical and what he has gained)**

HS: You have once made the transition from youth to warrior. This is the time of life when there is a transformation from the strength of the Warrior to the wisdom of the Sage. **(HS strikes the back of DarkStorms with the scourge)**  
Who is the Sage? **(DarkStorm falls to the ground propped up on one elbow)**

DarkStorm: A Sage is a man who has reached wisdom in his heart, who is called on to arbitrate disputes.  
**(DarkStorm adds personal reflections on the loss of the mental and what he has gained)**

HPS: You have once made the transition from youth to warrior. This is the time of life when there is a transformation from the strength of the Warrior to the wisdom of the Sage. **(HPS duels and wins, she puts the tsai to his heart)**  
Who is the Sage? **(DarkStorm prostrated on ground)**

DarkStorm: A Sage is a man who is called on to soothe the wounds of despair.  
**(DarkStorm adds personal reflections on the loss of the spiritual and what he has gained)**

### **8. Channel the Energy**

HP: The Sage is the god in his third aspect; he is Khors, Zeus or Osirus, the god of unbound power. He appears at important times to share his wisdom. A Sage's wishes must be respected, for the god requires this of the younger generation. Sages enjoy special favors; their magic is stronger; their spells are faster; their wisdom is deeper.

### **9. Releasing the Power**

HPS: Would all the women turn to face outward and guard our circle while the men will bring DarkStorms for his ritual Rite of Passage and anointing.

### **10. The Feast**

HS: Would all the males present guide DarkStorm bare-chested into the hallow (Man-cave),  
**(Once inside, males form an inner circle around Darkstorm and he is anointed by the HP and HS)**  
**(Libations are passed around and a toast is given in his honor all are invited to contribute something)**

**(After leaving The Hallow “DarkStorm Rising” is presented with the Working Tools of the Sage)**

Staff  
Owl  
Cloak  
Wizard Hat  
Black Stones (Gathered from all present, in a bowl)

**(Next HP invites DarkStorm Rising to stand forth)**

HP: DarkStorm Rising, now Sage and Elder, you have nothing to hide, nothing to prove, nothing to fear.

HS: May you, DarkStorm Rising, always have mentees to listen to you.

HPS; May you, DarkStorm Rising, always have minions who do your tedious chores.

### **11. Thanking the Deities**

HP: It is now time to bid farewell to Świątowit (Sven-toe-veet).

**(THE CHARGE OF THE GOD)**

Listen to the words of the Horned God,  
The Guardian of all things wild and free,  
Keeper of the Gates of Death,  
And whose Call all must answer.

I am the fire within your heart;  
The yearning of your Soul.

I am the Hunter of Knowledge and the Seeker of the Holy Quest.  
I – who stand in the darkness of light am He whom you have called Death.  
I – the Consort and Mate of Her we adore, call forth to thee.  
Heed my call beloved ones, come unto me and learn the secrets of death and peace.  
I am the corn at harvest and the fruit on the trees. I am He who leads you home.  
Scourge and Flame, Blade and Blood – these are mine and gifts to thee.

Call unto me in the forest wild and on hilltop bare and seek me in the Darkness Bright.  
I – who have been called Cernunnos, Pan, Herne, Osiris, and Hades, speak to thee in thy search.  
Come dance and sing; come live and smile, for behold: this is my worship.  
You are my children and I am thy Father.  
On swift night wings it is I who lay you at the Mother's feet to be reborn and to return again.  
Thou who thinks to seek me, know that I am the untamed wind, the fury of storm and passion in your Soul.  
Seek me with pride and humility, but seek me best with love and strength.  
For this is my path, and I love not the weak and fearful.  
Hear my call on long Winter nights and we shall stand together guarding Her Earth as She sleeps.

(Author Unknown)

HS: Spirits, Thank you for joining us with your presence here in our Circle this evening.  
STAY if you will, GO if must.

**(Drums wildly !)**

**12. Opening the Circle- Hug those near you, for they are your fellow travelers.**

HP: It is now time to bid farewell to our elemental Spirits.

**(HP, HS and HPS present DarkStorm Rising to the four quarters as Sage and Elder within the Craft)**

To the East:

"Bright Spirits of the East and the Youth. We present to you Darkstorm Rising, Elder and Sage. Lend him your power and protection to justly wield and embrace the power of Air. Hail and farewell!"

To the South:

"Fiery Spirits of the South and the Warrior. We present to you Darkstorm Rising, Elder and Sage. Lend him your power and protection to justly wield and embrace the power of Fire. Hail and farewell!"

To the West:

"Tireless Spirits of the West and the King. We present to you Darkstorm Rising, Elder and Sage. Lend to him your power and protection to justly wield and embrace the power of Water. Hail and farewell!"

To the North:

"Frosty Spirits of the North and the Sage. We present to you Darkstorm Rising, Elder and Sage. Lend him your power and protection to justly wield and embrace the power of Earth. Hail and farewell!"

**HPS: (HPS Sings the following)**

By the Earth that is **HIS** body,  
By the Air that is **HIS** breath,  
By the Fire that is **HIS** spirit,  
By the living Waters that are **HIS** seed,  
May the peace of the **GOD** be forever in your heart-  
The Circle is open but unbroken,  
Merry Meet, Merry Part and Merry Meet Again.