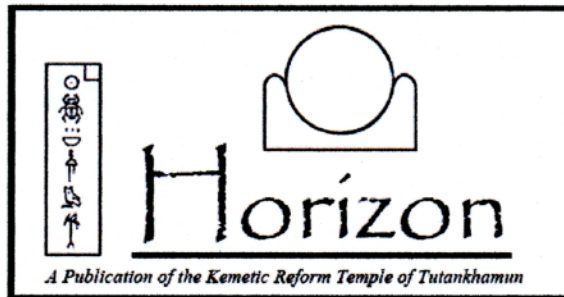


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Where We Are - Where We're Going

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Welcome to the second issue of *Horizon*. The first issue was very well-received, and despite a few delays and technical difficulties - true to Kemetic Reform! - I'm proud to continue this new tradition. This issue, I'd like to take stock of where we are as a collaborative effort, and where we can aspire to grow.

First off, a huge "thank you!" goes to Zabora Maloni, who contributed \$20 toward this newsletter. Those funds are going toward postage and printing in an expanded format. If you'd like to keep that momentum going, even as little as one dollar makes an impact. Zabora also contributed some of her wonderful kapet incense. A portion of its sales will go towards funding our ongoing temple efforts; you can find it on the Tut's Treasures Etsy store under the listing "Egyptian Kapet (Kyphi) Incense by Kemetic Witchcraft".

And don't forget submissions! If you've written a prayer to your patron deity, or done a drawing you'd like to share, you can submit it via email and it will be included next issue. Submissions are important, because over time those collected works will form a body of liturgy that Kemetics - both Reform and others - can use. I saw firsthand examples of this potential at Arkansas Pagan Pride Day, where members of the Heathen group Troth offered stacks of reference books researched and written by members, as well as issues of their newsletter, *Idunna*. Current issues boast color covers and are long enough to count as magazines, but *Idunna* began in the early 1990's in a black-and-white newsletter format not much different from our own. From humble beginnings can come great things.

While at APP, I also met people familiar with the process of incorporation, another goal for Kemetic Reform. I'm hoping to learn more from them about what paperwork to file and how to word it; stay tuned, because there will come a point soon where the input of members will be important for this process.

Becoming a 501(c)3 not only grants legal recognition and allows printing and related activities to be done at reduced cost, it will also be instrumental in allowing us to host in-person, 'IRL' Kemetic events. (Kemeti-Con, anyone?) As of October 2018, we have \$195 in a savings account dedicated to incorporation costs, with a goal of \$500 for registration and \$50 to maintain a temple bank account (which can then take over activities like the newsletter). This can be accomplished - we're nearly halfway there already. And if you contribute to the GoFundMe page "Pagans Helping Pagans In Need", that goes directly into the Reform savings account. Money may seem like a mundane topic for a faith-centered newsletter, but remember: any reputable church can, and will, tell you exactly where your donations go. Consider this our first step.

Now for our ultimate goal - you! As a Kmetic, could you use support in practicing your faith or explaining it to other Pagans (or non-Pagans)? What resources would you like to see us develop - be it materials like flyers and FAQs, online resources, or ways to keep in touch? Give us your feedback, so we can further hone our direction, and you can be part of the journey.

- Sharon LaBorde



Yamanu's Ankh of Manifest-Light



by Robert Yamanu Brandum

Quick Keys:

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| 1. Nun | 2. Ma'at | 3. Ka-Mut-ef |
| 4. Sia | 5. Hu | 6. Heka |
| 7. Inodj-Har-ek Amun-Ra-Horakhty | | 8. In-un-ma'a |

Face East and with your right hand trace a clockwise circle over your head and see the divine light of the Udjat or the Horus of Behdet fill it, pull it down with your finger and place it just over your head like a Sun disc. Vibrate "**Nun**" as you do this until the disc is in place and from there you utter "**Ma'at**", continue down your body until you reach your heart. Upon reaching the heart vibrate "**Ka-Mut-ef**" and trace your line of white light straight down your body and see the light visibly penetrate the earth. Now pull the light back up the same way it came, this time sensing that you are both drawing power from above and below and being centered and grounded while at the same time energized and purified. Upon reaching the Heart again turn to trace the line to your right and touch your shoulder. Vibrate "**Sia**" and see the white beam extend from your arm outward into the perceivable limits. Cross straight back over your heart to the left shoulder and vibrate "**Hu**" and seeing the same occurs as did the right shoulder. Now bring your hands up into a Henu or whatever special gesture feels right to you and with your focus immediately before you at heart level vibrate "**Heka**".

If not in a gesture of reverence I recommend ending in one, vibrate "**Inodj-Har-ek Amun-Ra-Horakhty**", bow your head and vibrate "**In-un-ma'a**".

You are now a living spell, empowered by an invocation of Amun(-Atum)-(Ptah-)Ra-Horakhty that was physically mapped out rather than spoken. Original invocation follows courtesy of Sharon Tut LaBorde. This ritual is based upon the Hermetic Ritual known as the (Qabalistic)Cross of Light, we are doing the same thing but calling on a different pedigree of mysticism and an older sacred formulae (rather than the Lord's Prayer) It is also forming an Ankh over you when you consider you constructed a sun disc over your head and you have crossed your shoulders over the heart and gone down to the earth under your feet. You have summarized the concept of everything coming from nun to manifesting through Ka-Mut-Ef who is Amun, Khepri, Min, Ra particularly and pulling on that bridge between. You become a conduit of this flow and as such you can use your Ka to manifest change. Also as there are 8 Keys, you can synch up with the 8 Ma'ats, The Rudders of Heaven/Son's of Horus + The protector goddesses. I feel I was inspired with it and it got me some results. -Yamanu 5/8/2016

Ankh Udja Seneb Djed Was Sa Tyet Shen

Hail and praise unto You, oh Amun-Ra, Who came from Nun at the First Time, for such is Your uniqueness.

Hail and praise unto You, oh Amun-Ra, Who placed Hu at Your left side, for such are the words You commanded.

Hail and praise unto You, oh Amun-Ra, Who placed Sia at Your right side, for such is Your great wisdom.

Hail and praise unto You, oh Amun-Ra, Whose Heka goes before You; for such is Your ability.

Hail and praise unto You, oh Amun-Ra, Who rules with Ma'at on Your brow; for such is Your righteousness.

Editor's Note: I've found this ritual works great with prayer beads - thanks to Yamanu for his contribution!

A Kemetic Holiday Season

by Sharon LaBorde

On the Kemetic Reform calendar, mid-October marks the last month of *Akhet*, the ancient season of Inundation. In North America, it means the beginning of autumn; instead of sowing crops, as the ancients did, we gather in our harvest and look ahead to winter. But the Kemetic seasons can still harmonize surprisingly well with prevailing modern themes. Halloween, Samhain and Dia de los Muertos all echo remembrance of the dead, which we express in our Khoiakh Mysteries honoring Osiris. Important Goddesses, such as Bast, Sakhmet and Hathor, have brief observances during the Mysteries. Going into November and the season of *Poret*, the mood becomes upbeat with the Coronation of the Sacred Falcon and/or Feast of Neheb-Kau and Hab Sed. Sakhmet was honored at these festivals, so consider finding ways to include Her in your Thanksgiving activities.

Goddesses take center stage in December, with Sailing (or 'Navigation') Feasts for Mut, Wadjet, Hathor, and Neith early in the month. Beginning the month of *Makhir* in mid-December, some early observances for the Feast of Lifting the Sky historically took place, honoring Amun and Ptah. Closer to modern Christmas, Neith marks Her 'Opening the Doors' and 'Going Forth' with Sobek. So as our neighbors (hopefully) celebrate joy and renewal in their traditions, we Kemetics can honor our creator Gods and Goddesses, thanking Them for what They've given us so far and asking for Their guidance in the coming secular New Year.

Habu nofrit - Happy Holidays!

I have no idea where this original Hallmark art first appeared, nor how old it is; my own worn Xerox copy of it is nearly thirty years old. But you know that this is a scene of ancient life - note the 'rabbit ear' antenna, t.v. dials and rotary phone! ;)



A Litany to Sakhmet

(In English and Egyptian)

Ya, Sakhmet A'at, Irit Ra,

Hail, Sakhmet the Great, Eye of Ra,

Imen-su im khenu djef-es!

Who hides Him within Her iris!

Ya, Sakhmet, Henut, Nebet shesep,

Hail, Sakhmet, Sovereign, Mistress of Light,

Seshed-et im sehadj!

Who moves in brightness!

Im hotep, Sakhmet, Nebet keku,

In peace, Sakhmet, Mistress of Darkness,

Aq-es khoper keku;

At Whose setting the darkness comes;

Im hotep, Sakhmet, Nebet Neru,

In peace, Sakhmet, Mistress of fear,

Khetem muet-tu!

Whose seal brings death!

Inodj har-et Sakhmet, Sa't Ra,

Hail unto You, Sakhmet, Daughter of Ra,

Mer-es ma'at, bu-es isfet,

Who loves Ma'at, who detests isfet,

Notjeryt er Notjeru,

Most holy of the Gods,

Nehi-en-et ankh-in!

One seeks life in You!



Upcoming Feast Dates:

Khoiakh Mysteries (Official Dates), November 2-14

Note: Originally a two-week festival, modern observances are necessarily condensed. How do you honor Osiris? Write or photograph your activities for future issues!

Coronation of the Sacred Falcon, Hab Sed, Feast of Neheb-Kau, November 15

Sailings of Bast, Hathor, Neith, Wadjit, December 4

Opening the Doors of the House of Neith of Sais, December 22

Amun Lifts the Sky, Great Burning (Rekh-Ur) Festival, December 23

My goal is still to return to live-streaming rituals for major holidays, but pending a clearer 'IRL' schedule, no live events are listed, yet. In the meantime, please keep in touch and share how you celebrate the Kemetic seasons. Do you include supportive friends of family? If so, how? Share your experiences - email me at either of the addresses listed below!

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