

Coven Oldenwilde

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Merrymeet!

As the 3rd Degree Gardnerian High Priestess of Coven Oldenwilde in Asheville, NC since 1994, I've enabled Pagan/Wiccan inmates nationwide practice magic behind bars and secure their religious rights since 1995 (see map at: http://www.oldenwilde.org/oldenwilde/gen_info/blk_rib/wiccans-in-prison.html#wiccan-prison-map).

As the leader of this 501 (c)(3) religious nonprofit, I can't afford to: Accept collect calls or answer mail unless it includes an SASE (self-addressed, stamped (empty) envelope) with both our mailing addresses written on it.

I provide inmates:

★ Outside Wiccan clergy sponsorship

For an inside ritual volunteer, ask your Chaplain or free friend/relative to search the Your Town page on: Witchvox.com.

★ Savvy advice & magical wisdom

I've counseled folk worldwide for decades.

★ Free magical materials

From my websites, such as my *Pagan Prisoner Advocate's Guide* which explains what Pagan inmates should be allowed and how to secure their religious rights, etc. (Ask your Chap or free friend/relative to download, print, and provide it to you from: oldenwilde.org.)

★ Inexpensive magical materials

Such as our 500+-page illustrated paperback *The Goodly Spellbook: Olde Spells For Modern Problems*. Its list price is \$14.95, and inmates study it nationwide. (Mail order its 10th anniversary edition from the publisher at: Sterling.com; distributor at: bn.com; or at: Walmart.com and Amazon.com, etc.); my illustrated eBook *Ask-A-Priestess: Magic Answers & Spells From a Real Witch* (at: smashwords.com); and *Oldenwilde Magic CD & Hypnotic Trance Induction* tutorial CD (at: oldenworks.org).

What you can do:

★ **Demand your rights** — Prisoners' rights: Learn them via: <https://www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights/know-your-rights-freedom-religion-november-2012> (open the 32.27 KB .pdf doc with Adobe Reader).

Civil rights: To allege violation/s, write: U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Special Litigation Section, PHB, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20530 and ACLU National Prison Project 125 Broad Street, 18th Floor, New York NY 10004, or phone 212-549-2500.

Religious rights: Are generally minimal in jails and for-profit facilities; vary wildly by state; and are strongest in federally funded or regulated facilities.

The 1st Amendment Free Exercise Clause of the U.S. Constitution protects ..."sincerely held religious beliefs." Pagan/Wiccan is a legally recognized inmate religious designation nationwide. You've the right to change your designation upon request and to dispute being classified as a "gang" or unreasonable "security risk."

The 8th U.S. Constitutional Amendment obligates prison officials to provide inmates with adequate medical care. Learn your medical, dental and mental healthcare rights at: <https://www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights/know-your-rights-medical-dental-and-mental-health-care-0> (2012, 69.75 KB .pdf doc opened with Adobe Reader).

The U.S. Supreme Court's 2005 **RLUIPA** ruling (**Religious Land Use & Institutionalized Persons Act**) mandates that federally funded facilities "not impose a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a person residing in, or confined to, an institution" unless they prove "a compelling governmental interest" and even then, must use "the least restrictive means." All about RLUIPA is at: http://oldenwilde.org/oldenwilde/activism/prisoners/wiccan_prison_rights.doc

The Federal 1993 **RFRA** (**Religious Freedom Restoration Act**) passed by Congress "to protect the free exercise of religion" [Public Law Number 103-141, 107 Statute, number 1488] works in conjunction with a 1996 Clinton executive order "to provide more security for sacred Native American religious rites." Since Native Americans are Pagan, these laws should apply to other Pagan/Wiccan paths as well.

U.S. Bureau of Prisons' religious policies are listed in **TRM T5360.01** (**Technical Reference Manual**, last updated in 3/27/2002), oft used in tandem with the **RBP P5360.09** (**Religious Beliefs and Practices** program statement). Demand copies of both.

★ **Attack repression** — Petition for what you want added or corrected in the **RBP** with your state DoC's Religious Rights Review Committee (or equivalent name). Explain the traditional magical basis of, and rationale for, your requests that I supply in my books and websites materials, and show how they "pose no security risk."

★ **Band together** — Minimize persecution and increase safety by joining with all Pagan inmates regardless of their path, such as Eclectic, Odinist, Asatru, or whatnot. Share everything from outdoor circle space, communal religious feasts, and ritual items orders, to filing class-action lawsuits.

The 2011 **PLRA** (**Prison Litigation Reform Act**) restricts inmates' ability to file a federal lawsuit. Learn how to file at: <https://www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights/know-your-rights-prison-litigation-reform-act> (open the 27.93 KB.pdf document with Adobe Reader).

Document a pattern of denial or repression: What occurred, when, where, why, and who did it (staffs' names and titles, etc.); the duration of the problem; and the steps you've taken to try and resolve it. File informal and formal grievances aplenty, supplying factual proofs or witness affidavits, etc.

Before you file, send me a copy to proofread for legal merit, factual accuracy, concision, and proper spelling, grammar, and structure. Keep me posted on developments, and I'll advise you throughout the process to help get your needs met.

★ **Demand Pagan services** — Use *The Goodly Spellbook* as a group study curriculum/practice guide. It shows the commonality of paths worldwide.

★ **Show Witchy backbone & wit** — For instance, if you lack magical items, make some by mixing toilet paper roll & paper dust with soap shavings and water into a crude papiér maché paste, then shape them, windowsill dry them, and decorate them.

"The Gods favor the bold." — Ovid,

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