**1997 Imbolc (not sure of date)**

**Welcome:** Feather brushing, anointing with lavender oil, -dedication

“Welcome to Candlemas, a time of inspiration and dedication to the Goddess and our deepest selves. “

“As you declare yourself, may you choose in perfect love and perfect trust.”

**Calling the Directions:**

East - Spring, Water, Feelings

South- Summer, Fire Intuition

West- Autumn, Air, Thought

North -Winter, Earth, Body

Initiation of New Members: New members made an inside circle, holding hands and joined current members in the outer circle when they felt ready.

Circle Song & Rise Up O Flame

Poems: (Don’t have.)

Meditation /Reflection time (Chanting for those in the circle). We each went in to an alter room, alone after the meditation. The meditation led us to examine/feel and become the quality that we want to bring into our lives the coming year. We chanted /sung during the time each woman was in the sanctuary. (See song sheet attached)

State Dedication/Light Candle

Using the woman’s candle next to yours to draw from the power of the circle, we stated:

“I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, dedicate myself to \_\_\_\_\_\_ and I promise to bring forth \_\_\_\_\_\_ in my life.”

Choose Objects – Divination: Objects were drawn from a basket. What do they symbolize to you?

Anchoring: We made a gesture to use as a tool to recall the quality we were affirming for, using sound, sight and motion. (See, feel and hear it.) Example: What does courage look, feel and sound like?

Closure: Give people seeds-Sing: “May the circle be open but unbroken.”

Then…Feast!

**Song Sheet from 1997 Ritual**

**Song to the Four Directions**

Grandmother, I see you sitting in the East.

And you are sacred. And you are looking at me.

I call to you, call to you, call to you.

And you are smiling at me.

*(Repeat for South, West and North)*

**Rise Up O Flame**

Rise up o flame, by thy light glowing.

Bring to us beauty, wisdom and joy.

**Oh Great Spirit**

Oh Great Spirit, Earth and Sky and Sea.

You are inside and all around me.

**We All Come From the Goddess**

We all come from the Goddess and to Her we shall return.

Like a drop of rain, flowing to the ocean.

**We Are Calling**

Goddess, Goddess, we are calling

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Come, come, come and be with us now.

*(Change the word Goddess to any other energy you want to call in: i.e. Fire, Water, Love…)*

**All Together One**

I am one and you are one and we are all together One

I am one and you are one and we are all together One.

In our spirits, in our blood, we are all together One.

In our spirits, in our blood, we are all together One.

**May the Circle be Unbroken**

May the circle be open, but unbroken,

May the love of Spirit be ever in our hearts,

Merry meet, and merr part, and merry meet again.