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Harold Dayspring Dies in Accident

Founding Trumpeter reporter lost to the city

by Fred Faber, editor-in-chief

I must unfortunately report the death of my close friend and fellow owner of The Trumpeter, Harold Dayspring. Harold died last week when he was accidentally crushed under a runaway chariot. The chariot and its horses overtook Harold outside his favorite pipe and tobacco shop in the business district. The "hot pink" chariot was later found to be owned by a priest of Tempus who elected to remain nameless. The city watch found no sign of foul play in Dayspring's death.

Harold Dayspring was a great reporter. He often held onto stories other less noble reporters would have quickly put into print. He believed that everyone had the right to know the truth, and that all were entitled to the news. I have never met a man with whom I had more personal respect than Harold Dayspring.

Since his death a number of people have visited the Trumpeter offices. The offices have stayed open during this time of our great loss as that is exactly how Harold would have preferred it. The news is always happening and we are here to cover the news. The donations towards raising Harold were collected and the public's generosity was amazing. We collected enough gold to have Harold raised at the temple of Lathander. Unfortunately, Harold was not a healthy man. Too much pipe smoke and his poor eating habits weakened the body. The priest at the Temple informed us that he was truly gone.

All who knew Harold knew he loved his work, and many who have worked with him

love their work even more because of him. He will be missed but in a way, he will never be forgotten. Harold Dayspring was 43 years of age and had no living relatives in the Ravens Bluff region.

Knights of the Lady rescue Orphanage

by Lady Amber Lynn Thoden

A near disaster was averted during the evening last tendar when a knight spotted a small blaze next to The Ill Eagle Inn. As Sir Beryl (*played by George Aber of SS*) was contacting others for assistance, his wife Dame Analaina Blessing (*played by Mechele Hunt of CA*), Knight of the Lady, hurried to extinguish the blaze. What she found was no



ordinary fire, but a blaze that threatened the entire area, including the Mission of Mercy Orphanage. The Mission, which resides next to the Ill Eagle Inn, was already beginning to burn and it appeared as if no one had yet realized it. Attempts to put out the majority of the fire failed and Dame Blessing needed to make a quick decision. Despite her being with child, she rushed into the blaze and the orphanage and began awakening everyone she could find. The building was almost completely engulfed when help finally arrived. She had led the children to the far side of the orphanage and was covering up the youngest when their rescuers tore a huge hole in the wall allowing the escape of Dame

Blessing and all 38 orphans of the Mission. The evening supervisor, Simon Grundhaus, was also rescued.

In honor of her bravery and commitment to the people of Ravens Bluff, Dame Blessing has been awarded the Scarab of Bravery and Commitment by the Knights of the Lady.

Additional Information

ed. After hearing about the fire near The Ill Eagle Inn, I thought it wise to do some additional investigating. I sent our city reporter Guido to take a look into why and how the fire started. There have been a great many fires lately and I thought it possible that Guido might be able to determine the details.

Like yo! What with every body mourning ole Harold, dey sent me to determine what happenz at da ole ill birdy inn. I looks into dis ya know. Dey tellz me one thing but I find like some other boyz dat knows the real deal. Like dat der was a whole lot of dem greek fire being stored at da birdy, and dat a number of da fire boyz was gettin der supply illegal like at da inn. I guess one of da fire boyz gots upset with da price and boom, instant fire dat just don't go outs.

Da investigatorz from da city, dey not find dis out but I spotz dis robe dude who be flashing official like documents who look it over. He don't even asks questions just sits in da burnin area. Soon I sees it! Da answer! Somehow da dude just knowz about da oil. Sure enoughs da city soon passes dat new law outlawing da greek fire. Dis guy was good. Don't know what he done but he gotz da answer.

By Fred Faber

Additional information did come to light after Guido made his report. First of all, the Council of Lords and the Council of Merchants have finally passed their first joint law. They have officially outlawed the ownership, use, transportation, and storage of Greek Fire within the city walls. Only one

merchant will be allowed to carry the oil, Old Marve in tent city. The city supposedly will be receiving a complete record of who purchases the oil.

Possession of the oil within the city walls is now punishable with a 1,000 gp fine for each flask in the offender's possession. Use of the oil in the city will result in a fine of 5,000 gp and a three month sentence on the Golden Ball.

It was nice to finally see the leaderless government system finally beginning to function as it was designed.

Temple of Arvoreen Dedicated in the Village of New Hope

by Tomaldi Everspring

A new village has sprung up outside the city walls. The Village of New Hope is a predominately halfling village centered around the new Temple of Arvoreen. Most of the residents of New Hope were displaced during the long war. With the assistance of the Clerical Circle and druids of Chauntea, Lady Cassandra, (*played by Barbara Donnelly of GA*) has funded the complete construction of the village and the new temple. Stating a vision sent to her by Arvoreen, Lady Cassandra hopes the village will soon be able to assist with the feeding of Ravens Bluff.

Contributions pouring In

The joint meeting of the Council of Lords and Council of Merchants is not even one week old and already sides are being drawn to promote candidates. The many merchant houses are contributing heavily to the campaigns of both Lady Amber Lynn Thoden and Lord Mayor Charles Oliver O'Kane. These two candidates seem to have a great deal of existing support and appear to be running neck and neck with each other in the race for mayor.

Fire Rages in Uptown District

by Silva Sinderan

Last week a large fire blazed out of control in an area Uptown, near the coliseum. Reports came in that the fire was finally put under control. When the Red

Raven investigators finally finished viewing the destroyed block of homes, they could only conclude that one of the fire elementalists that have been burning down old abandoned buildings in the city got a little out of hand. The fire destroyed twenty separate buildings including the homes of Sir Faran Moonshadow (*played by George Aber of the SS*) and Azoth Malishar (*played by Larry Douglas of MI*). Lieutenant Silverstein of the Red Raven Investigations Office was unable to locate Azoth Malishar for questioning. "It is unknown at this time", stated Silverstein, "whether Malishar had anything to do with the fire. As a fire elementalist we often keep an eye on him. He has had his run-ins with the city watch but there is no evidence that he was involved in this fire. Of course, his house did burn to the ground so he was affected by the fire."

The Red Ravens are setting up a fund to rebuild the apartment complex that was contained in this block. An apartment complex who's destruction has put 45 families on the streets. All contributions should be delivered to the Red Ravens, c/o Block F3-1. (*ed. If characters wish to donate simply mark of the donation. DMs can also sign index cards to verify the donation was made.*)

In Related News

During the clean-up of the destroyed block a strange cloth covered man was seen surveying the damage. He was carrying a lit torch during the midday sun. When a city watch member approached he seemed to have a short conversation with the guard, then continued to investigate the burnt structures. I asked the watch member who the strange scarlet robed man was and was only told that the man had the written permission of the clerical circle to investigate the destruction and claimed to follow the doctrine of the Righteous Flame.

Close call at the Temple of Sune

Reports out of the Temple of Sune, tell of a near death experience the high priestess was abducted and almost killed during a vacation at a local resort. The High Priestess, Morlain and her husband had been abducted during their stay at the resort. Luckily for them, a

number of adventurers were sent by Madam Coth, a local gypsy due to a dream regarding the high priestess Morlain and great danger. The High Priestess is resting comfortably and is not planning on missing any services.

Temple of Tyr Rededication

by Al Kadeem

This month the Temple of Tyr will again be rededicated to the God of Justice. The Temple was destroyed during the war and has been painstakingly rebuilt to prepare for this rededication.

Sources within the Temple tell of a new High Priest being sent to service the rededication and Ravens Bluff from the High Tyrian city of Milvarune in Thesk. The priest who was sent early last summer after the death of Chief Prelate Sirris Melander has been traveling the Realms on his way to Ravens Bluff, administering Tyr's Justice to all who request his assistance.

Annual Bash a Big Hit

by Jacinth Moonspring

My Dearest Readers, the Knights of the Golden Rooster had their annual bash last night. It was an affair to remember. And speaking of affairs, I must report that I witnessed Sir Lucky Whitewolf (*played by Todd Smart of NC*) dancing more than sociably accepted with many, many women other than his wife. He was often seen on the arm of Lady Amber Lynn, I will try to find out what is involved with that relationship.

The host of the gala was of course Lord Calvin Longbottle, one of the founding members of the Golden Roosters. Dearest Calvin came of course as the Dread Pirate Morgan. He has taken that role for the last five years running. However dear readers, this year, many of the attendees did not duplicate Calvin's costume as was done in years past. This year a number of other more interesting costumes were seen.

I must declare that the costume that made my "head" turn was that of dear Rupert and Sir Torin Sureblade together as an ettin. Dear Rup did not appear to be enjoying himself, I suppose it was over their little Belanor bet. And speaking of Belanor, I was told that our ex-deputy mayor was going to attend, but

heavens if I could figure out which he was. I was able to determine that he was in the room, although I did not appreciate his manner of informing me.

Other grand costumes included a number of Dandelion Generals in honor of the war hero from the order of Golden Roosters, General Rashaverak Dandelion (*played by Lee McClurkin of GA*), there were also a number of other famous individuals that were honored so kindly by their peers.

The evening dear readers, definitely had a few moments of levity and its share of excitement as this is an event that will be remembered for a long while. As for my annual awards here they are dearest readers:

Best Costume: Judge Rupert T. Hangman and Sir Torin Sureblade as an ettin.

Most Appealing Costume: Lady Cassandra (*played by Barbara Donnelly of GA*) - who ate everything but her own costume, a 4-foot banana, and it could peel itself.

Most Appropriate Costume: A certain city lord who was the back end of an army mule, I imagine his wife took the front end.

Most Tasteless Costume: The many adventurers who decided to degrade others in attendance through poor depiction of them. This included a couple of very poor representations of Lord Calvin, Aven Elonis (dear adventurers, he eats Cinnamon Buns, not donuts), Sir Lorien, and of course the large number of one-armed Charles O'Kanes.

Best Play on Words: As a society matron and editor, I enjoy a good laugh from wordplay, and the best was the sight of poor Rashie as he saw the Dandelion Generals. For more on our newest General see the small interview I managed to have with our general who wore wings to the gala.

Overall the gala was an outstanding event and those who missed it will never understand the enjoyment those present felt. I was especially pleased with the closing ceremony when Lady Amber and Lord Calvin announced that next year's gala would be sponsored by both the Order of Golden Roosters and the Knights of the Lady.

Our Newest General

Dear Readers, I had a chance at the Golden Rooster gala to speak with our newest General, Rashaverak Dandelion of the Order of Golden Roosters and the

Temple of Tyr. I also happened to run in to his mother while she was visiting her son, and here is a small synopsis of our new general and hero.

Rashie, as his mother calls him, was always a good boy growing up, it seemed that Tyr's influence was always upon him. His parents are both druids and live outside the city tending to the forests and lands. His mother, a dear half-elven woman, loves him tremendously, although she of course, complained that he never visits. She is very excited about a possible wedding coming up soon, although she would not elaborate on this. I can just imagine the lucky lady that marries one of the most eligible bachelors in the city.

When I spoke to the General he was all prim and proper and would only speak of the new Temple of Tyr and that although he was a knight of the Golden Rooster, his goal was to take the oath next week, as a Right Hand of Tyr.

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Q: This month we have received and are answering questions, some of which do not have to do with the *Faith & Avatars* handbook. The first is a very basic question as to whether a *ring of protection +1* works in conjunction with the *armor* spell.

A: Simply put, yes! We are not going to get in the habit of answering core rules questions since that is why we have the Sage Advice column in *DRAGON® Magazine*. But yes, your *ring of protection +1* would cause the base armor class granted by the *armor* spell to be decreased by one.

Q: A major question has been the code of the knightships within the city government. This code can be broken out very simply although it does not apply evenly to each knightship.

A: **A Code to Live By**
What is considered "proper" knightly behavior in the LIVING CITY campaign? First of all, each knightly order is different with different values and ideals, so each of the following characteristics of the code of conduct maybe more or less emphasized by certain orders. However, all knights should strive to live by these beliefs.

1. Live:
—to serve the nobility and citizenry of Ravens Bluff.
—to defend Ravens Bluff.
—so that one's life is worthy of respect and honor.
2. Fair Play
—Never attack an unarmed or defenseless foe; only defend thyself.
—Never use a weapon on an opponent unequal to the attack.
—Avoid lying or being deceptive through silence
—Keep thy promise to a fellow knight.
—Avoid cheating and torture
3. Nobility
—Obey the laws of Ravens Bluff.
—Administer Justice and Mercy
—Protect the innocent while always maintaining self-control.
—Show respect to authority.
—Accept and acknowledge personal responsibility for your actions.
4. Valor
—Exhibit courage in word and deed, defending the weak and innocent.
—Destroy evil in all its monstrous forms, crushing the monsters that steal our land and rob our people.
—Fight with honor, avenging the wronged
—Never abandon a friend, ally, or noble cause

5. Honor
—Always keep one's word or promise while maintaining one's principles.
—Never betray the knightship, or a confidence or a comrade.
—Respect all life and freedom
—Die with honor

6. Courtesy & Benevolence
—Exhibit manners, always being polite and attentive.
—Be respectful of hosts, women, knights and the honorable.
—Be generous to the less fortunate, seeking personal glory, not monetary reward.
—Never be self-serving, you serve a city and its people; do not forget.

Q: I have been hearing about a knightship called the Knights of the Lady. What is it and how do I join?

A: The Knights of the Lady is a civilian order of knights, or a Lords Knights. They were created during the war by Lady Amber Lynn Thoden to serve the people of Ravens Bluff and they have continued in this capacity. In order to join you should send an e-mail message to the Knight Commander Sir Lucky Whitewolf (TSROLucky@AOL.COM) or if you are not on-line, send a request to my address or RPGA HQ. The Knights of the Lady are a service organization and will also be adding new members at the GEN CON® Game Faire Interactive.

Q: At the GEN CON Game Fair there is going to be a "new" LIVING CITY event for Procampur. Can I play my Ravens Bluff character in this or do I need a Procampur character?

A: The Procampur extension is just that: an extension of the campaign. A character who is created in Procampur is going to have advantages in the Procampur tournaments but ANY character is able to play. A Ravens Bluff character can play the Procampur events and a Procampur character can play the Ravens Bluff events.

Q: My character nobly sacrificed himself in the tournament *Blaze of Glory*. Is there any hope of playing the character again?

A: It is possible. If the character died because it was the right thing to do and you really did NOT want to stop playing the character then there will be a tournament out later this fall in which a group can specifically attempt to rescue or save a lost PC. This is not going to be an Easy task—in fact a very dangerous one. The module is called *Housecleaning II - Mission of Mercy* and should premiere this fall.

Q: If something happen in a tournament which was completely unfair, how do I go about addressing this?

A: Issues should be sent to me, at either RDRAVENS@AOL.COM or 2250 Lexington Way, Kennesaw, GA 30144. You should include the names of as many players that were at the table, the judge's name, tournament name, convention name and the issues that arose. If the other players at the table can send statements it would help.

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