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Temple of Tyr Completed

Quiet Ceremony marks the Rededication of the Halls of Justice

by Fred Faber

The Temple of Tyr's construction was completed and the Temple was completed two weeks ago. Yesterday, in a quiet ceremony with only the clergy of Tyr present the temple was rededicated to the pursuit of justice in Ravens Bluff. I spoke at some length with Sir Thresh Balancer, Tordon Sureblade, chief Magistrate of the City and a number of priests at the Temple about the Quiet ceremony.

"The Temple and its principle beliefs have been sorely pressed during the last year", Tordon told me. "We wanted to keep the "celebration" down since it is a rededication and we are using this time to reflect on our temples actions of the past and into the future.."

"Events in Ravens Bluff have caused the Temple much anguish", says Sir Thresh. "We are divided among ourselves and many question their beliefs to the core. Many of us are not proud of our recent actions, although we are working to prevent the past from reoccurring. I am formally announcing that the Knights of the Right Hand of Tyr will be dividing into a number of branches, including a branch to review the process of Law and to review the actions of all of the temple's Knights and clergy. I have approached someone to head this and the other new orders and I believe the selections will be accepted by the Knights Council."

During the ceremony another strange occurrence developed as we will report in later articles.

War Memorial Dedicated

by Nadd Parker, freelance reporter

In a dedication ceremony attended by many of the city's prominent residents, Sir Alexander the Noble a paladin of Tyr, knight in the order of the right hand of Tyr, and commander of the treasury defenses of Ravens Bluff, (*played by Alex Lombardi, CT*) dedicated the recently finished memorial. The memorial, which depicts a last stand scene where Sir Alexander the Noble's squire Max Damage (*played by Eric Johnson, NJ*) died holding off an enemy horde so his companions could fall back, regroup, and counter attack., was dedicated to those that gave the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the survival of their city. In a short speech Sir Alexander told the gathered crowd that he felt the memorial was not only necessary to honor those that had died but to also remind those that survived of the magnitude of the sacrifice and the high price of freedom. The paladin counseled the watchers to be ever vigilant and prepared, to not forget the lessons learned at the cost of many lives, so that history wouldn't repeat itself. Sir Alexander also thanked the many members of the adventuring community of Ravens Bluff that donated the funds that made the memorial possible.

Troubles in Procampur

by Nadd Parker, freelance reporter

Mysterious news from our neighbors to the south. Citizens of the city of Procampur, currently embroiled in serious debate concerning the Thultyrl's rumored plans to wed a commoner, woke to the aftermath of a shocking evening. A secret stronghold of Shar worshippers within the city was discovered and destroyed. Associated with this was a ring of drug smugglers, which was broken; and a large fire in the Seaport district, which was extinguished. Apparently the fire was extinguished by four unknown members of the Red Ravens Fire Brigade (*played by Jeff Bell, Johnna Golden, Susan Threadgill, and Daniel Wilson, all of TX*). Procampur officials expressed their gratitude and continued confusion following these events.

Letter to the Editor

The Trumpeter office received the following letter and since it reflects an intelligent debate was printed:

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you in the hopes this letter will appeal to the hearts of those who would slaughter one of the Vast most precious natural resources, the herd animals known as Disenchanted. This has been a cause very close to my heart sense first seeing a herd of these creatures near the Raven Estate so many months ago. I found them to be very gentle creatures and they will even allow you to approach and pet them. The priestess of Selune I have talked to about these creatures has even told me they are serving a necessary purpose by repairing the weave around our city that was damaged during the war. As has been stated in this very paper, they are not dangerous to any average citizen and those with magical items can take

precautions to protect their property. This bounty against innocent herd animals in appalling and I might even go so far as to say it is outright cowardliness on the part of the Wizards Guild leadership. To those who would take their hides for a few pieces of gold I would ask that you read the following account of just what these sorts of ill thought out and rash actions can lead to if allowed the flourish.

While enjoying the local atmosphere of the Grand Griffon Inn, I had gotten into a debate over this very subject with one Aiden Black, who professed his support of his fellow guild members actions and even wore a belt made of Disenchanter hide what a horrible thing to do. As luck would have it, a disenchanter wandered into the establishment. This Necromancer immediately used summoning magic to call forth orcs to slay this poor animal. The other patrons and myself quickly dispatched the orcs as this Aiden Black fellow was whisked away from what I believe were his Mages Guild conspirators. I tried placing this necromancer under arrest but he vanished too quickly. Is this what these arrogant Guild members truly stand for, breaking city laws then fleeing with impunity? Let it be known to all this man has broken the law and now we shall see if the Mages Guild truly does police their own and obey the laws of this city, or if will they sweep this under the rug to protect their own interest?

I appeal to all my friends and other good people who belong to this organization to convince their leaders that this bounty is wrong and to call it off immediately. Our time would also be better spent protecting our city from real threats than hunting down these poor purple camels who can do us no real harm.

Lorien Hollybow

Nightsong

Squire to the Dove Order

Former Herald of the Black Bird Archery Company

Firestorm Mountain Erupts

By Orin Baskquall

Yesterday, while the Temple of Tyr was being rededicated and the War Memorial being revealed, Firestorm Mountain in the Southern Mountains exploded in gouts of smoke and lava.

It is unknown as to whether this was a natural occurrence or the effects of the Heart of Bane or another supernatural influence.

The ash from the eruption extended as far as Fort Brightsword, home of Thane Uldred Deepaxe and the center of the new Clan Brightsword. Messengers from the fort reported that there were no major injuries although over a foot of ash fell around the fort. Some light damage was taken at the fort as a number of chunks of stone flew the 4-5 mile distance to strike into the fort and surrounding areas.

The only destruction to Ravens Bluff property seems to have been to the Manor/Estate of Azoth Malisher, the new Dean of Fire Elementalist who had made his home on the summit of Mount Firestorm. Speculation on the streets is that Azoth finally upset the creatures of fire to the extent that he and his keep were destroyed. No word from Azoth has yet been heard.

The volcano is still active and still belching out lava according to Jean-Dorial, Knight Commander of the Griffon Guard. The Knight Commander himself rode the surveillance mission to determine the effects of the blast. The winds pulled the ash west initially but most of the smoke, ash and gases are now moving eastward with the prevailing winds.

Greengrass Festival a "Hit"

By Clio Hesperin

Reports of wild happenings during the recent Greengrass Celebration sponsored by the temple of Lliira continue to reach the TRUMPETER. Several witnesses claim to have seen an inebriated Adso of Thay, a priest of Ilmater (played by Terry Hawkins of TX), entering the temple of Sune with an attractive priestess on each arm. Adso had no comment when questioned later, and claims to know nothing of how the Embassy of Thay came to be mistakenly marked for demolition by the City.

The celebration of the Greengrass festival led to a wild party at the Temple of Liira. This temple, noted in the past for its joyous festive parties outdid itself for the Greengrass festival. The wine flowed like water, and for the conservative, there was even milk and cookies. The band played and many took to the dance floor. However, as the evening wore on, and many glasses of wine were consumed the party took on a much wilder

aspect. A normally conservative ranger removed the top part of her attire, and roamed through the dance area. This reporter did not get her name, or address, although I would like to. The usually staid and conservative Dame Jenilynn Leyland (Roger Rhodes, NH), a cleric of Tyr and critique of the Temple of Sharess, was acting more like a Sharessian that night. One glass of wine, and her eyes dialated, and focussed on Sir Sarren Nightstalker (Dan LeFleur, MA), better known as Thrud. She led him into the dark recesses of a corner of the dance floor, and the rest is best left to the imagination.

Lady Dominique (Gail Reese, MA), and wife of Sir Alexander Thorin, (Alex Lombardi, MA) was busy convincing a cleric of Tyr to leave the temple and go off into the bushes. It is also rumored that Lady Dominique left the temple later on the arm of Lord Knight Lorien Darkarrow. Strangely, Sir Alexander was at the other end of the temple, sipping his goats milk, and staring at the other activities with disapproval.

Sir Sarren took this opportunity to announce his engagement to Dame Jenilynn, while she sported a large diamond ring. He finished the announcement by grabbing Mandrake (Mike Watts, MA), a gnome of some considerable power as a mage, and slamming him against the wall. He was yelling at Mandrake for disgracing the knighthoods.

It was later pointed out to this reporter Dame Leyland spent the next tenday cleaning the stables of Tyr in her field plate armor, as a penance for her indiscretion.

It is not known whether any of the other participants were repentant for their actions or just were enjoying themselves. There was also tales of a cat fight between Tief of Selune and Cateyes as they fought over a large tub of catnip. Also there was a strange sighting of a gnomish swashbuckler who was swinging from the ceiling and taking women from the dance floor to an upper balcony.

The stories that are coming in to the Trumpeter offices are wild indeed and we are trying to verify each story before they get published. Needless to say, a great number of influential adventurers and city officials seem to have "let their hair" down. We do not wish to slander any of them, however, if verification can be found, the Trumpeter will

report on the true matters regarding the Temple of Lliira and the Greengrass festival.

Rogue Gallery Entry #3

Lord Knight Lorien Keltree Darkarrow 12th level Human Wizard/8th level Fighter (Swashbuckler), Knight Commander of the Golden Roosters and Knight of the Order of Ravens

STR: 15
INT: 19
WIS: 7
DEX: 19
CON: 17
CHR: 18
AC Normal: -10
AC Rear: -6
Deity: Selune, Tymora, Sune
Alignment: Chaotic Good
Languages: Common, Elf, Drow, Dwarf, Sea Elf, Merman
THACO: 6
HP: 111
Race: High Elven
Height: 6'
Weight: 163 lb
Age: 143 (looks 25 in human terms)
Hair/ Eyes: Light Gray hair with hints of silver and silver speckled green eyes.

Weapon Proficiencies: Punching, Horseman's Mace, Saber, Rapier, Stiletto, Longsword, Main Gauche, Longbow

Non-Weapon Proficiencies: Alchemy, Ancient History, Blind Fighting, Disguise, Dancing, Endurance, Etiquette, Engineering, Gaming, Harp, Heraldry, Law, Local History, Lute, Observation, Rope-Use, Religion, Read Lips, Read/Write, Riding, Singing, Spellcraft, Swimming, Tumbling, Tracking, Voice Mimicry

Magical Items: Cirlet of Stars, Moon of Selune, Shortsword of the Traveller, Bracers of Blinding Strike, Wineglass of Levitation, Clothing of Cleaniness, Sash of Fire

Resistance, Rod of Absorption (x6), Vest of Holding, Medallion of Spell Exchange, Robe of Climbing

Background Story:

Lorien was born to a land owning family here in Ravens Bluff. He is the fifth son born to Lord Darkarrow and never seemed to grasp the responsibility of the family and of becoming pertinent members of the Ravens Bluff noble stratus. He enjoyed games of chance and the social aspects of being a teenager with some money.

His father tired of the troubles he caused and decided finally that Lorien would never turn out to be much, so he sent him away to a school. A school that trained bards. It is not sure as to whether Lorien ever finished that school. He has always claimed to be a bard, and he is a full member in the bard's guild, however he first came to prominence in Ravens Bluff when as a swashbuckler he helped found the Society of the Grand Gauche. This society was a beginning for Lorien. It marked an end to the frivolous haphazard adventurer. For not only did he found the society, he met his wife Murial Moonsilver at the wedding of Lord Andon that year. He escorted her with his good friend Aric Moonstone (*played by Bill Reynolds of GA*) to the wedding, which she performed.

Always a charmer and interested in having fun more than battling the foes of Ravens Bluff, Lorien soon turned away from the sword and became a wizard. Before this would occur, he had purchased the famous holy sword of Selune, *The Moon of Selune*. He was starting to be seen at more locations in the city. A regular at the House of Thuds and his own private parlor at The Seven Tiger Inn, Lorien was quickly learning the magic of a wizard. He seemed to have found a calling to which he was especially proficient.

One winter, he joined the Knighthood of the Golden Roosters. Doing so not to serve the city, but with the purpose to restore the Golden Roosters to prominence. He joined and immediately entered a grand tournament with other knights present and won the tournament. The following summer he was slain trying to change the bylaws of the Golden Roosters to prevent the induction of those without merit.

This began a dark time for Lorien, for although he was brought back to life, blessed

by Selune as a high elf, he was to lose his wife during the war to the forces of Talos. The war was raging and Murial was slain by the forces of Talos. Admittedly, Lorien's life changed a great deal. Responsibility began to enter his life, that and a coldness inside that strikes out immediately and without compassion to protect those who can not protect themselves. The stories told of a warrior who would toy with his enemies, that warrior was no longer. Quick and decisive became his mode of operations.

There are many rumors about Lorien in the city some of them may be true but only Lorien and a few others might know the truth. Rumors tell that he is a member of the Harpers, representing that organization within the city of Ravens Bluff. They also say that he is or was one of the owners of Potions, Lotions and Notions, the largest remaining magic trader in the city. There are many bardic songs written about Lorien and a rash of children in the city suddenly being born and being named Lorien. Lorien will give no answers to any of the rumors preferring to enjoy himself and his privacy.

Lorien recently ran for Mayor of the city, a campaign in which he personally did not participate. He was running a strong third, behind Lady Amber and Lord O'Kane, when Lord O'Kane presented his votes to Lord Blacktree. Lord Lorien's votes were quickly added to Lady Ambers and provided the difference. He was presented with the title of Baron of Mossbridges and title to the lands and estates of Fort Thoden near the city.

While Lorien is seldom seen adventuring now, he does still maintain residence in a number of different locations in the city. Recently, he was able to perform some type of magical ritual, which released many of the city's adventurers from a trap that tormented their spirits in the past. As a result of this and numerous other actions, Lorien was recently inducted in the Order of Ravens, for the City of Ravens Bluff.

What Lorien's future holds, he will not say. Of course there are rumors, there always are. Many state that he has found a new love in his life and that he spends weeks away from Ravens Bluff visiting this new love. Others state that he is working on new rituals of magic or that he is truly a Harper and has been busy with their business. In any case, Lorien has proven his father wrong, and

although honored by the knighthoods and titles, he prefers to remain a simple Bardic Swashbuckler that tries to have fun and enjoy being with his friends while keeping the city safe and protected from those that would cause it harm.

Society News

By Jackie Moonspring

Dear Readers!!! Have I got a story for you. I just happened that I was attending the wedding of Lady Kima and Knight Commander Jean-Dorial the other day. The wedding was marvelous however the sight that I want to speak of did not involve any of the bridal party.

With a flare of a rather poorly played trumpet, Lord Thane Uldred Deepaxe was announced to the crowd, just as Lady Kima Grayleaf was about to come down the aisle. To make this even stranger was that as the crowd parted to allow Lord Thane Deepaxe to enter, an empty bottle of wine (more on the bottle later) was thrown striking Lord Thane Deepaxe in the forehead and making a considerable gash in his scalp.

It seemed that Thane Deepaxe was expecting trouble for his two female dwarven bodyguards immediately drew weapons to attack the assailant, none other than Lady Dominique, wife of the Commander of the Treasure Forces, Sir Alexander the Noble. Amazingly, no more bloodshed was split as Lady Dominique's companions magically held the bodyguards, Baron Darkarrow of Mossbridges, Sir Rashaverak of Tyr, Dame Irwina Austentell of Tyr and Lady Melissa of Silvanus.

There was a lot of confusion about what had happened and I was able to move into the area and listen in. It seemed that Lady Dominique was actually traveling in the entourage of Thane Deepaxe, along with the others. And the bottle, I managed to get a hold of the label from the broken bottle. It was a bottle of fine elven wine from, Baron Darkarrow's private stock. Perhaps there is more to this story.

Until then Dear Readers!

First Nominations Sent to the City Government

By Clio Hesperin

The first of what is expected to be many nominations to the posts of Deputy Mayor and Speaker of the Lords Council were delivered to the city government last week. We have received copies of a number of unexpected nominations to go along with those we did expect. Here they are.

Harmony of Milil - Deputy Mayor

Harmony of Milil is an experienced bard, who's sociable disposition and stunning features make it hard for anyone not to like her. She has the insight of Ravens Bluff's governmental protocol and has the capability to transverse Ravens Bluff's bureaucratic organizations. Harmony also knows the routine legal procedures of Ravens Bluff's court system, specializing in the business and criminal aspects. With her polished oratory skill and ability to observe the crowd to adjust her performance, she can make a malicious audience into a neighborly gathering. Milil has granted her the boon to project her angelic voice to be heard by a larger amount of people.

Lord Torik Briarrose - Speaker

Hello citizens,

I, Lord Torik Briarrose, priest of Tyr wish to announce that I am entering the running for the position of speaker of the lords council. I believe that it is time for a change as things have gotten out of hand in town, justice is for sale and this cannot be tolerated. I have personally seen Tyr's direct intervention into the matter and believe we can rebuild our fair city to its previous glory. I will if elected attempt to guide the lords council in its decisions, so that all receive fair and equal justice no matter their SOCIAL status or economic abilities. Justice is BLIND and it should remain that way, and if elected I will work to see that NO ONE is above the law. Yes, I mean no one, lords, adventurers, the socially elite and even Tyrians will be punished if they break the law. This is what I believe and will dedicate myself to all I ask is the support of the citizens as YOU are what make our city great.

Thank You
Lord Torik Briarrose

The other people that have been nominated for these positions include:

Deputy Mayor

Lady Catherine Moorland
Belanor Fenmarel

Speaker of the Council of Lord's

Sir William Longbottle

Campaign Direction News

By Daniel S. Donnelly

I just want to remind everyone of a couple of matters.

#1: There is going to be elections at Gen Con for the two positions above. YOU DO NOT have to attend Gen Con to get elected. Getting one of those positions will put your character in semi-retirement for the term of your position. You can still play 6 events during that time. To get nominated send me a 100-word article similar to those in this Trumpeter. In July, I will be putting the final ballots together and putting them in a Trumpeter.

#2: I also need any Golden Roosters (past or present) that are interested in becoming the Knight Commander to let me know as soon as possible.

#3: I need HELP. At Gen Con we have the most ambitious interactive planned and I need staff. If you will be attending Gen Con and would like to help out in slots 10 & 11 please let me know as soon as possible. I need your name and RPGA # and we will have a meeting at the beginning of Gen Con to review what is going to be happening. If anyone has a pirate like costume please bring it, we have a very pirate-ish theme.