

Dazzingmoor Dart

6th Day of Life, 2150
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LORD PROTECTOR VICTORY

VICTORY FOR THE LORD PROTECTOR

Denhaven, Central Elkia

News has reached the hallowed halls of the Ormocean Temple that our forces in Denhaven have won a great victory against the Sardian forces attacking the city. Reports indicate that the Sardian legions have suffered a major defeat and that the siege of Denhaven has been lifted. All praise Ormocea!

For the past three spans the Sardian army has been encamped outside our fair capitol, preparing siege engines and consolidating their position. The command of the forces arranged against Denhaven had been given to General Marding, of the Legion Red Dragon. Marding, formerly a Trezkilian Invigilator attached to the Red Dragon, received a meteoric rise to the rank of General after he took command of the legion during the Battle of Hillowglade Field. Marding was awarded the "Silver Serpent" for his actions during the battle and that the medal was presented by the Lord Chancellor Kharichaan in person, adding to recent rumours that the Lord Chancellor of Sard has been secretly visiting his troops at the front and overseeing the siege of Denhaven.

Reports from Denhaven describe that, as of the 1st Day of Life, the Sardian army had completed its encirclement of the capitol, with the Legions of the Red Dragon, the Sundered Skull and the Black Widow having taken up positions to its north and east. The Legions of the Grey Wolf and elements of the Burning Sword were positioned in the hills directly south of the city as a defensive move against any threat from the Elkian 10th Heavy Foot, which has reportedly been advancing north through mountain passes in the Splintrock Heights.

During the afternoon of the 1st, a Trezkilian Invigilator entered Denhaven under a flag of truce, to negotiate the terms of the surrender of the city but the audience with Lord Protector Farradain lasted only an hour before the Invigilator was unceremoniously expelled from the city gates. That evening the Elkian forces prepared for battle with spies reporting that the Sardian commanders were intending to assault Denhaven on the morning of the 2nd of Life.

The reports proved to be accurate with the Legion of the Red Dragon being ordered into battle shortly after dawn. The main attack fell on the north-west ramparts of the city, where Hallenheart Tower stands (the holy bastion of the Sirit faith). The

Elkian positions there came under intensive bombardment from Sardian catapults for over an hour before the sappers of the Red Dragon moved three enormous siege towers into the field, supported by a force of 1,000 men. The brave Elkian defenders rained arrows down upon the Sardians and one of the siege towers was destroyed by fire early on in the engagement. By 3ASR the fight for the Hallenheart Tower was well underway and the Lord Protector was diverting defenders from other parts of Denhaven to the melee. General Marding chose this time to launch a number of smaller assaults on the eastern walls of the city and a major attack on the Sword Gate, the major entryway into Denhaven. A great ram was brought to bear against the gates while companies of Maritaani mercenary archers pinned down the defenders.

By 6ASR things looked grim for our brothers and sisters in Denhaven. The lower levels of the Hallenheart had been seized by the enemy and fierce fighting was occurring along the western walls and in the streets below. In the east, the great ram had been stopped in its tracks after one of its wheels became bogged in the ground, however soldiers of the Black Widow attacked the walls with scaling ladders and managed to gain a foothold, threatening to take the Sword Gate from within.

But the faith in the Holy Trinity by the people of Elkia remained resolute and they redoubled their efforts to drive the Sardians from their walls. By 7ASR, the Hallenheart had been retaken and the Red Dragon had been forced back to take up a defensive position on the north-west ramparts. At the Sword gate the fighting became very bloody with Justynn Vannad, Knight Commander of the Protectors of the Faith, leading a heroic defence of the gates with a small band of loyal paladins. Alas, Vannad was slain during the encounter but the Sardian dead about the Sword Gate were numbered in the hundreds. The gates were finally taken by the enemy and opened.

But the new Lord Protector Farradain had not been idle and reports had come to him of the threat to the Sword gate. He personally took command of a cavalry unit and led an attack against the Sardians who were entering the city. A great battle ensued in Draelingus Square, behind the Sword Gate and the Sardians took many losses and were slowly driven out of the city. At this time, Ormocea delivered a miracle to his faithful – the Elkian 10th Heavy Foot had arrived on the battlefield outside of the city and were attacking the soldiers of the Black Widow. As the Sardians who

had penetrated the city attempted to flee the carnage in Draelingus Square, great confusion broke out amongst their ranks and the Elkian forces took advantage of the situation and inflicted devastating losses on them.

The Lord Protector chose this moment to sound his battle horns and unfurl the Holy Banner of the Paladin Saviour from the top of the Hallenheart Tower. The sight of this most ancient and hallowed relic further instilled morale and purpose into the weary Elkian forces and they rallied against the enemy. The effect upon the Sardians was the opposite; they quailed before the power of the Holy Banner and withdrew from the city, regrouping to take up a defensive position some 2 miles from Denhaven. Lord Farradain ordered his captains to harry the Sardians retreat but called his forces back to the safety of the city soon after. The 10th Heavy Foot marched triumphantly into Denhaven to bolster the strength of its forces.

The Gods are with us and we look forward to seeing the Lord Protector consolidate his position and begin a campaign to drive the Sardians from our tranquil lands and back to Gablehead. Remember this day – the Gods have shown you their strength. But only through your loyalty and steadfast faith and obedience in the Trinity can we command their protection. Listen not to deceivers, opportunists and Gnomes for they seek to spread their dark lies and therefore support the enemy!

Message from the Mayor

College of Arcane Science Graduation Ceremony
Congratulations to the five students who will be graduating from the College of Arcane Science. The Council is very pleased to offer their Grand Hall for the formalities. There will also be a small market and troupe of entertainers outside for those without an invitation yet would like to celebrate the occasion. We are also in the process of negotiating a special performance by the Darringmoor Monkey for the benefit of the children.
Moving Forward
We here at the Darringmoor Council are proud to be working hand in hand with the Ormocean Church. Saint Farwick is a man to be honored, not afraid to make difficult choices, difficult decisions in a very difficult time. While not all may see his vision initially, we are convinced that he has one true goal: that being to rid the city of the Shadows and Sirrith's minions. Darringmoor was, is and will continue to be a great city. Our vision remains to become Eldoria's most profitable and thriving city.
We are shaping the future we want for our Darringmoor, join us on this journey towards a future of prosperity and opportunity.
Leafrina Hillbone - Mayor.

Council Chambers Meddling in Magic

An investigation has been launched into the Mayor of Darringmoor and her City Council, over covering up the unsanctioned use of magic by her staff, which she vehemently denies. In the forthcoming weeks, a fresh investigation will be conducted by the esteemed College of Arcane Science to discover the truth of the matter.

On behalf of the College of Arcane Science, Master Ewin Harder began an investigation into the alleged misuse of Tas by Mayor Leafrina's staff. This occurred after Dessa Syllitan resigned from the Mayor's office and made a formal complaint to the Ormocean Church about 'strange goings on'.

She alleged that members of the Mayor's staff were giving her the evil eye. Another member of staff had been seen talking to a black cat and she was certain she had glimpsed a serpent in the offices on more than one occasion.

"Until the investigation is concluded, it would be inappropriate to make any further comment," Harder said.

These reports were unconfirmed by other staffers who said that Dessa was just miffed as she had been knocked back for the position of head scribe.

Leafrina Hillbone is the first female mayor of Darringmoor and has made her mark in a positive way in the city. These allegations are the first shadow reported against this current cadre.

WANTED

Have you seen this gnome?

Ellie Tinkin, former editor the Darringmoor Dart, wanted by the Ormocean church for alleged collusion with forces of Sirrith.

Approach with great caution.
Last seen Darringmoor 30th March of Fire
5,000GT reward for Capture
1,000GT reward for information leading to capture



Immediately report to the Ormocean Church!

By Order of,

Saint Farwick Castafin.

THROUGH ADVERSITY WE GROW

This page is dedicated to the **Shadow Task Force** and important information pertaining to our new Undead Policy.

In our current situation, the individual's best interests are indistinguishable from the city's best interest. Those who would use individual speech to sabotage the interests of all, will face the **Shadow Court** to explain their actions.

Yours in the Light,
Saint Farwick Castifin
Ormocean Church, Shadow Taskforce

COURT of SHADOWS REPORT

PREVIOUS RESTRICTIONS

Reporting

Any strange occurrences are to be reported immediately to the **Shadow Task Force** which has a clearly marked booth in the Darringmoor Holy Markets. In particular, people acting peculiarly, suspicious barrels, and strange lights. Further investigations of this information will be followed up by the newly formed Shadow Task Force office in the Holy Market Compound. Failure to report will be an admission of guilt and those accused will face the **Court of Shadows**.

Missing people are to be continued to be reported to the Missing Persons section of the city guards as previously. Failure to do so will be an admission of guilt and those accused will face the **Court of Shadows**.

Time and date of flashes of Esmian Wedding Jars must be recorded and immediately taken to the **Shadow Task Force**. Failure to do so will be an admission of guilt and those accused will face the **Court of Shadows**.

Controlled Items

Embalming chemicals are now controlled items. Any sale of such has to be reported. Failure to do so will be an admission of guilt and those accused will face a **Court of Shadows**. The **Shadow Task**

Force will be visiting those business dependent on these chemicals to record and track their use.

All necromantic magic must be handed in by the end of the March of Fire. During this time there will be an amnesty. After this time anyone caught with said items will be admitting guilt and will face the **Court of Shadows**.

Restricted Areas

The Darringmoor Cemetery is out of bounds except for sanctioned burials and will be screened by a specialist team of the **Shadow Task Force** in the coming days. Failure to stay out of such restricted areas will be an admission of guilt and those accused will face a **Court of Shadows**. Anyone caught underground without authorization will immediately face prosecution by the **Court of Shadows**.

NEW RESTRICTIONS

Travel and Movement

Travellers moving in and out of the city (citizens or other) will be screened at both ports and city gates. For those whose travel is essential for business, you may, upon approval, be given travel passes, but must carry these at all times on their person and submit to regular screening. Allow extra time when travelling. Anyone failing to adhere to these restrictions will immediately face prosecution by the **Court of Shadows**.

Sedition

Deliberate undermining of lawful authorities through sabotage of new Shadow Court policy or of its members by negative verbal or physical actions will face prosecution by the **Court of Shadows**.

Controlled Items

Total ban on possession of amber and mysteria oil. They are controlled substances and must be handed in as soon as possible. Any sale of such must to be reported. Failure to do so will be an admission of guilt and those accused will face a **Court of Shadows**.

Yours in defense,
The Shadow Court.

Farwick's Counter-Undead Plan

Be Ever Vigilant

Undead pose a direct and ongoing threat to the safety and wellbeing of Darringmoor citizens and populous of the surrounding area in Sard, Elkia and Llan. The current Undead threat is unprecedented in recent. **Farwick's Counter-Undead Plan** outlines the arrangements, governance and operational responsibilities of all Darringmoor citizens, governments and agencies engaged in countering the Undead threat.

Strategy for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism

Crowded places such as markets, docks, and major events will continue to be attractive targets for undead attacks. Darringmoor is not immune after Blacklight Day. The objective of **Farwick's Counter Undead Plan** is to protect the lives of people working in, using, and visiting crowded places by making these places more resilient to attacks by Sirrith's Minions.

Compensation

In the March of Air the Darringmoor Ormocean Church will provide financial assistance to people affected by Blacklight Day. The Darringmoor Victim of Undead Payment (DVUP) will be a one-off payment of up to one gold trade and will provide financial assistance for Darringmoor residents who are harmed as a direct result of defending the city from the undead incursion. Payment may be shared among eligible close family members of someone that died as a direct result of this undead incursion. Proof of defence is required for payment. Contact the Ormocean Church if you meet the requirements.

Know Your Enemy

For an effective counter-undead regime, it is vital that laws target not only undead acts, but also the organisations that plan, finance and carry out such acts. Under Ormocean Law, amendment R5437, there are two ways for an organisation to be identified as an undead organisation. Reasonable doubt has been proven that an organisation is a undead organisation offence. Alternatively, the organisation may be specified in Regulations as an undead organisation. This process, known as 'listing'. For more information on the process

and requirements that apply to the listing of undead organisations, see the Ormocean Church.

Currently, 5 organisations are listed as undead organisations under the Ormocean Law. They are:

- Sirrith Church**
- Elly Tinker and associates**
- Cult of the Blackened Skull**
- Order of the Shadows**
- Companions of the Twisted Bones**

Elements of the Plan

What are we doing?

In this section:

•**Ormocean Information Stalls**—is the single point of contact for the public to report possible signs of undead.

•**Laws to Combat Undead**—The Ormocean church has a very extensive range of legislation around counter-undead, national security and related offences.

•**Undead Task Force**—is made up of representatives from the Holy Trinity, Darringmoor Council, Major and guild leaders. This force's goal is to strengthen cooperation, collaboration and build capability to counter undead incursions.

•**Declared Area Offence**—information about the offence of entering, or remaining in, a declared area where a listed undead organisation is engaging in a hostile activity.

Additional prohibitions:

Prohibited - Reading of the Little Dart.
Prohibited - Being in possession of said Little Dart.



Inquiry into the Lightbringers Commences 10th Day of Life

The Ormocean Church will be conducting an audit of the Lightbringers, the Order of the church that monitors the activities of the Keenings and ensures that the wards of the undercity remain intact. The audit will focus on the activities of the Lightbringers over the past 200 years, with a focus on identifying regional Keenings that may have not been properly investigated and maintained during that period. Three senior clerics will head the investigation and it is expected that over twenty operatives of the Lightbringers will be interviewed over a period of three spans. It is intended that a report will be provided to Saint Farwick by the end of the March of Life.

Hallan Goodlight, the current head of the Lightbringers, says that the audit is a good thing and has paid little heed to comments by his associates that this is just another witch-hunt by Saint Farwick. Goodlight is quoted as saying, “The Lightbringers have worked selflessly for generations to protect the people of Darkmoor from the threat of Sirrith, and I stand by our reputation and dedication to all work that we have performed in honour of our founder, the great Faerlan Rhallid”.

Saint Farwick has stated that, “The audit seeks to uncover the truth; simply that. The truth is at the core of any true Ormocean's heart. All mortal men are fallible, even Faerlan Rhallid”.

Graduation Ceremony – Guild of Magi

The annual graduation ceremony of students of the illustrious Guild of Magi will be held next month. Master Erwin Harder, principal of the students, has praised the work ethic and astuteness of the current corps of students, who have all passed their exams with flying colours. Parents, relatives and friends of the students are invited to the formal ceremony, a highlight on the Darringmoor Social Calendar.

Master Harder described the three hour ceremony as being steeped in tradition and an important stepping stone for those wishing to work in the field. At the Graduation Ceremony, students not only are presented their graduation certificates, a brown wizard cowl and book of incantations, they are, most importantly, welcomed into the Guild of the Magi.

Erwin also commented, “It is at this ceremony where they are given positions in the field. Of course, all students want the big prize - working for the Guild of Magi but not all are ready for this honour immediately. Different horses for different courses, some students work in family businesses while others are invited to attend the College of Arcane Science for extensive training.”

“There will be five graduates this year, two young women and three young men. It is a credit to the expert teachings of Master Erwin Harder that so many adepts were identified and their talents honed this year,” said Molhny Dulse, head scribe at the College. “He works them hard and makes sure they know the rules!” Dulse will be guest of honour at the

graduation ceremony and will choose one of the students to return with him to the College when he departs Darringmoor.

The ceremony will be formal dress at the Grand Hall on the Holy Mount and all of the most important people of Darringmoor society will be in attendance. There will also be an entertainment in the nearby market, with an emphasis on all things arcane. Mark it on your calendar!

Absent Animals

143 Small Animals have been reported strangely missing in Darringmoor City. A local residents group of Clifftown has confirmed household pets and animals have disappeared. Boonick V'Reel, a resident recounted that for over one march small animals have been missing and the numbers are increasing.

Small cats, dogs, piglets and chickens no more than two foot from snout to tail have been reported missing The numbers have been increasing since the March of Fire. The count so far is about 143 but there may be many unreported cases. Another local, Mistress Enydolk said that she can't remember a season where she had never seen a rat, mouse or cliff possum climbing the cliffs at night.

“It is like they all just up and left. No good can come of this. Mark my words,” warned Mistress Enydolk

Any information on missing animals report to the Undead Task Force immediately.

Shipping News

The Bryanna, Silver Wake, and the Lady Blackwood were in the harbour on the 38th of Fire, all well.

The Bryanna left Darringmoor on the 2nd of Life bound for Odressi via Port Lyrie and Pharador's Watch, eight of the passengers being acolytes of Phelltar, on pilgrimage to the temple in Odressi for ordination.

The Lady Blackwood sailed on the 3rd of Life bound for Tempest: her passengers were-Master Carpenter Jargan Tarvan and family; Dressa Lianna Mossle; Master Setren Vastin of the Guild of Gold; Master Merchant Hadgen Rentail.

Child of the Stars, a Leezerian ship, arrived on the 4th of Life under a diplomatic flag. Silver Wake set sail, on the morning of the 4th of Life, with a cargo of Stonewood bound for Tempest. Her only passenger being Master Mariner Liana Quarnthorn.

P'tar's Hope arrived from Quorull on the 5th of Life. It has been anchored off the coast since. Whilst it has been placed under quarantine conditions, no announcement to this effect has been given. The vessel is said to have a crew of 12 and 1 passenger and loaded with general cargo.

The Laughing Mermaid, out of Quorull, as of printing is 3 days overdue. On board are Holles Hardaan, Zuela Stard and Ardy Jilric, 3 of Darringmoor's most loved bards. They were returning from the celebrations of the Ahridaar holy day in Quorull.