

The FALO Chronicle

1997

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1997, January 11 (Gather 75)

Sparrow's Nest (Sparrowreed's House)

Perhaps the lowest member turnout ever for a Yule Gather, only 11 Stoneholders were present, with five guests. The official FALO By-Laws and Character Guidelines were presented, with a simple signing ceremony by the members present. Granarinth kissed Brianna's tattoo. All of the attendees gathered in a circle to relay what had happened to them in the year gone by, perhaps starting a new tradition. Dreamsinger told about fighting bugs at Demonsgate, complete with hand gestures. Hoot presented Kittarina with the Orb of Clairaudience. At the start of this new year, the clan numbers 24 Stoneholders and one Honorary Member.

1997, February 15 (Gather 76)

Sparrow's Nest (Sparrowreed's House)

Kittarina Avenia and Loquitor Braethen received their Welcomestones in the new ceremony that the Elders have instituted as the future norm. Sadosed received his family sword. Deckla contacted us vocally. Starshadow gave Kittarina the runestones he obtained in Celebar, along with a magic ring which came from a sand tiger's mouth. Rahne experimented with weather magic under the tutelage of Tëari and ended up with frosted hair. Starshadow attended with a sprained ankle due to a snare set by bounty hunters after him for killing a man that may be Rahne's brother. Dreamsinger brought chocolate hearts for the ladies and a jar of glowing bug eyes as proof of his heroics at Demonsgate. Fairies painted Dreamsinger full of little green dots. Avestrus Hawk finally proposed to Sparrowreed Moonbeam. Kieran has been given a new name in knighthood: Galatyne. Indigo announced that his ship has been sunk, but he won Rodin Rae's ship in a sparklie game. Charinn bet himself in a sparklie game and now has to work off his debt.

1997, March 15 (Gather 77)

Corellon Moon Manor (Ghostdancer & Shadesong's House)

The planning for our Tenth Annual Mayfest was the quickest planning session in history. The first gathering at the Corellon Moon Manor at Borandur was held. Ghostdancer and Shadesong now join the ranks of FALO nobility as they become Baron and Baroness of this keep. Sparrowreed introduces her mother's book, in which her dead mother writes to her. During the night she finds out that her grandfather (and Starshadow's) is the shaman Blackwolf. Sparrow also discovers that

she is to be an Elemental Mage and must go on a quest involving Cygnus and others. Maya found a golden tree branch which spoke through Maya to Brother Bart, sending him on an urgent quest. Brother Bart was reprimanded by Angelica for infractions to fairy protocol, having to do with respect for trees. Ghostdancer, Barret, Tëari, Starshadow and Maya go into a dreamland to help fight Gwendolyn's nightmares, lulled into a trance by Dreamsinger and Arëanna. A message from Deckla is found threatening Loquitor with death. Rodin Rae, attempted to kill Loquitor due to a magical device from Deckla. Sadosed was pierced by a blow-gun dart on the manor turret. He was dragged inside and a great healing was performed by Tinjaca, for whom the dart was originally intended. A jungle spirit showed up, informing Tinjaca that she was now her people's shaman and must return to the jungle. He also called Starshadow a "Dirt-eater" in his native tongue, and demanded penitence from him for a past misdeed. Kittarina divined the purpose of the ring that Starshadow had found in the sand tiger's mouth. The ring was meant to be Madainn Dubhar's, so that he might "change the evil to good". He gave the ring as a token of love to Cliana. Cygnus delivered Fairy Riddles. Willow, Kittarina and Starshadow belly-dance.

1997, April 26 (Gather 78)

Corellon Moon Manor (Ghostdancer & Shadesong's House)

Brianna got her Moonstone. Fairies cleansed Granarinth of demonic nightmares. At this gather he realizes a link with Elfstone and can tell whenever Starshadow is around. Fairies were put to sleep by a magic pillow and revived by Dreamsinger. Kittarina discovered that Deckla is the only one who can send Rodin Rae back to her homeland. Almost everyone tried to juggle something at this gather.

1997, May 31 (Gather 79)

Camp Conklin FAIO's Tenth Annual Springfest

All standard festivities take place. Brianna prepares the feast and Granarinth debuts as MC for the night, keeping the audience's attention with elven sign language. Raithe wins the weapons tourney. Starshadow wins the Archery tourney. Hedgehog made by Kittarina and Sparrowreed wins the dessert contest.

1997, June 14 (Gather 80)

Sparrow's Nest

Starshadow, being the only Elder present, declared himself emperor of FALO. Skye attended in a flask of Raspberry Wine. Starshadow purged the Spirit of the Jungle from his body. Granarinth presented The FALO Songbook. Grishglug Elmoson, the Grimlor (Gobie) Shaman paid a visit. Granarinth gave fencing lessons.

1997, September 27 (Gather 81)

Starhaven (Arëanna and Starshadow's seaport home)

An interesting number coincidence occurred this day: Issue #81 of the Daoine Sidhe is presented at Gather #81. First gather at this site. Starshadow resigned as Emperor. Sadosed and Rahne got Welcomestones, bringing our number to 28. Charinn attended as Hoot of Deep Belch

and sang many awful songs about Hoot, before he was found to be an impostor by holding the Sunflower of Truth. Cygnus attended his first gather in over a decade without his Blue Star, which he had lost when he was stripped of his power while on his Tree of Life quest. Starshadow found an axe and went looking to chop down the Tree, but was stopped by most of the clan. Brianna came with Unicorn droppings from her quest, a feathered hat that was bigger than she was, and the news that she will be running off to marry her Celt. Rodin Rae attended with pointed ears for the first time. Starshadow debuted his Elven Truffles for the first time. Willow's baby, Duncan, attended his first FALO gather.

1997, October 25 (Gather 82)

Starhaven (Aranna and Starshadow's seaport home)

Falana is made General to Angelica's army and is inducted into Tir Thalor. Fairies heal Raithe. Indigo and Skye get Welcomestones, bringing FALO to 30 full members.

1997, November 22 (Gather 83)

Corellon Moon Manor (Ghostdancer & Shadesong's House)

Loquitor arrived with a troll head from Crystalmist and was later knighted a Baron by Starshadow. A game was made of tossing Barret's hat onto his head. Aranek found a letter from Belladonis Periwinkle, implicating Brother Bart in an unseelie plot against FALO. Ghostdancer declared war on the unseelie in FALO's name. The queen of Astaria paid a visit to Angelica, though she was invisible to most. Gwendolyn and Barret arrive as the Marquis and Marquess of Glynn Areth. Indigo's nanny makes an appearance. The shade of Dorwinia Harlow shows up, demanding that we turn over Rodin Rae, and threatens to call "The Hunt". Cygnus almost blows his face off attempting to set wards. Vixen attends with her harp, making the gather heavily musically oriented. With Falana WyvernStryke and Rodin Rae Bellock receiving Welcomestones, FALO closes out 1997 with 32 active members and one honorary member.

