

# The FALO Chronicle

2008

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*26 Jan 2008 ~ Yule gather at Fealinne an Emandu (Clianna & Madbainn Dubber's).*

Shani brings a message she found in a bottle while exploring a shipwreck. The note appears to be in elven, but Shani has been unable to read it. She does recognize one phrase, however: Yelde Ana Rana Nen, which sounds familiar to her but she can't recall why. E'ile is surprised to hear her title, and begins to read the note aloud. Rodin Rae suggests she not read it aloud in case it isn't as innocuous as it seems, as has been known to happen. E'ile does so, but she understands nothing of the rest of the letter, though some words seem to indicate people or places. She plans to conduct a directed seeking at the scrying pool at the next full moon, and will make inquiries of the elders of Morningstar Cove.

Rinka reports that Pendar at Wyn Eyrie thinks that what occurred in November was not Makei returning, but an echo of his presence manifesting, perhaps connected to the gift of magic he left Rinka on his departure. She continues to maintain wards, but does not feel Makei will make another appearance.

Kitta arrives and begins asking if Falana has arrived yet and whether she was acting strangely, as she's concerned that Falana may be falling under the sway of the dragon cult. She'd passed Falana on the street, and Falana hadn't recognized her. Falana confronts Kitta, demanding Kitta pay her the proper respects. Kitta complies, but uses it as an opportunity to try to break the spell on Falana with an herb she'd taken from a cult priestess. It works, at least temporarily – they fear that once Falana returns to the cult environment, which she must do, the influence will reassert itself.

The elders announce that Springmeadow and Kiriannin have left the clan.

Kyara (Sandy) announces that she and Regar (J) will be married in a small ceremony in May, with a celebration to follow sometime in July.

132 days to SF XXI!

Galatyne announces that the DS will be moving to an online-only format to better suit the clan's expectations for quick dissemination of information.

Shani receives her Welcomestone, the first given at a Yule gather in 14 years.

*23 Feb 2008 ~ Gather at the Hunt's End Inn (Caitlin & Medva's).*

The elders announce that Ghostdancer has left the clan.

Caitlin and Lorelei receive their Moonstones.

104 days to SF XXI! Invitations are almost ready.

### *29 Mar 2008 ~ Gather at Fealinne an Emandu.*

Sad news marks the day early on, as Kitta and Falana arrive with news of Galatyne's death at the hands of the dragon cult. Falana hasn't spoken much since it happened, so it falls to Kitta to relay the tale. {Tale recounted in Apr 2008 DS} Knowing that Falana had been falling under the sway of the cult's magic, Fiona spell-sung a sword to break their hold on her. Unfortunately, to trigger the magic, Kitta had to hit Falana, or something she was holding, with it. Once she did so, Falana would return to herself.

Saba arrives at the gather and reports that his visit to Funeral Mountain yielded that Galatyne had indeed been there, but that he was escorted away by a lady of light; in that place, deities manifest as beings of light. Vohdun feels terribly responsible for bringing this about, though Falana argues that she is more responsible for Galatyne's death because she failed to protect him.

There are several toasts with water to Galatyne's memory.

A horned fey creature named Herne appears, and is offered hospitality. He reports his realm is overrun by something that destroys magic, and that many fey are fleeing those lands. He is seeking out those who might stand against what is coming. Clianna reports that small, very shy fairies have appeared near one of the trees outside, and speculates that they have fled from that of which Herne speaks.

69 days to SF XXI! Invitations are distributed.

### *3 May 2008 ~ April gather at Folyoldael Fleekakocma (Firesmith & Shani's).*

First gather at this site. The dryad MeAgenn visits the clan after a long absence.

Shani reports a "minor" problem: that she salvaged the Cup of Apollo and then lost it somewhere, and now it's apparently attempting to drain the oceans. Several of the clan, including Ellam and Brother Bart, offer their assistance in its recovery.

Rodin Rae's brother, William, arrives in search of Rodin Rae, who had not yet arrived. He is given tentative welcome, as no one quite remembers which guild he is associated with in Shelden, the assassins' or the thieves' guild. He mentions that Rodin Rae owes him a ship, as there was a storage issue with a particular item being carried on his vessel, which resulted in the destruction of his ship.

An old acquaintance of Aravis', Tarkin, comes looking for her, but she hasn't visited the clan in some time. He spends some time with the clan, asking questions about past happenings that give him the impression that spending time with the clan can be hazardous. As it turns out, there is more cause to be concerned at Tarkin's presence than that of William, as Tarkin was sent to assassinate Aravis – who actually has been visiting the clan in the guise of Kestrel for some months. Tarkin recognizes her and attempts to assassinate her with a poisoned dart. As he tries to escape, he is caught and killed. Aravis is revived successfully.

Brother Bart sent word to Falana before the gather, asking her to bring something of Galatyne's to the gather that he might perform an augury to perhaps learn more of the paladin's situation. She complies, but he initiates the ceremony without her or the item present. The answers granted him seem vague, and are

interpreted variously by those present. Khallil states he is going after Galatyne, but refuses to elaborate further.

Afterward, Stalzer expresses to Falana his concern that the focal item was not used, and that certain questions were not asked. They decide that Stalzer will perform a second augury, and perhaps receive more enlightening answers. They enlist the aid of Ellam to pose the questions, and Tefnut's responses do seem more informative. Stalzer and Falana decide to travel to Illyr, that Stalzer may offer prayers at Galatyne's resting place, and then on as Tefnut's responses indicated.

There is a lively discussion between Saba and Rahne over what should be done about the remaining dragon cult cells.

### ~ Meeting Announcements ~

34 days to SF XXI! One week left to the early registration deadline.

The elders announce that Falana will be stepping down as Springfest Reeve after this SF. The new Springfest Reeve will be announced in September.

### *7 Jun 2008 ~ Springfest XXI, Camp Bullova, Stony Point, NY.*

First Springfest at this site, and the day is hot, making everyone happy for the more-wooded environs. It's a smaller turnout than the past few years, giving everyone a chance to get to know one another.

The first part of the day sees unusual incursions by a pair of small dragons nesting in the area. They make several passes, presumably to show their territorial claim and warn attendees against progressing further. There are also sightings of strangely-clad folks who seem curious about the festival but do not come too close.

The day's Quest is announced by the arrival of Lily, a fairy who tries to explain the problem but whose words make no sense to most of those listening. It is finally determined that teams of 4 need to quest for particular items, the importance of which becomes clear as each one on the teams is afflicted by a condition that impedes independent work. As each team completes their collection of the necessary items, their afflictions disappear.

Falana comes out of tourney-retirement to answer a personal challenge. She wins that bout, and makes it to the final round, but loses to Ki-Rin. This is Ki-Rin's second Weapons Tourney win.

Sabine wins the Archery tournament. Loquitor is almost as pleased as if he'd have won himself. The archers are intrigued by the addition of a portable arrow-slit to the later rounds.

Lyra wins the Light Archery tournament.

Aurora wins the dessert contest. No ill effects from the faery's confection are immediately apparent, and the judges deny being influenced by faery magic in their decision.

A mysterious messenger hosts the evening's entertainment, giving introductions that reveal insights about each performer, causing some speculation at how 'he' came to know so much about them. As always, the entertainment is wonderful, and the fun continues at Bardic Circle and at the sparklies table until the wee hours.

*20 Sep 2008 ~ Gather at Folyoldael Fleekakocsmá.*

Gorgeous weather greets the gather, and the fighters avail themselves of it early in the day to practice.

Alaric reports that Alfrieda has been acting strangely for a few months, seeing purple butterflies that no one else can see. After months of nightmares and headaches, she'd sought the aid of local fairies, who'd given her a bracelet. Since she put it on, she hadn't had headaches or nightmares, but instead saw the butterflies and was easily distracted. Freya, the only fairy at the gather at that time, said there was nothing she could do because it wasn't her magic.

Aravis arrives in the protective presence of Dashaneer. Aravis, newly banished from her homeland and framed for murder, has been somewhat in hiding. She's trying to determine how to locate the evidence that will clear her name -- the badge of the victim.

Falana's arrival is greeted by several individuals inquiring whether they knew her. This puzzles her somewhat, but she decides that perhaps her quest with Stalzer had somehow altered her appearance. She briefly explains the result of that quest -- that she & Stalzer had in fact died in their pursuit of Galatyne's path. After an indeterminate amount of time, they found themselves looking at Galatyne working with the 'Resistance' against the dragon cult. At first he had no idea who they were; after some time talking, he remembered something of his 'old' life, but was hard to convince to return to it. Falana tells them that Galatyne is indeed alive, and expected at the gather, but that Stalzer had other obligations this day.

Dydee, a woman who helps Firesmith at the tavern whenever Shani is away, visits with the clan for a time. Her initial desire to meet Shani disappears, as her conversations with those present convince her that meeting Shani would not be in Dydee's best interest. She decides to leave before Shani arrives. This is deemed wise by everyone else.

Shani arrives with Ellam, and they report success in locating and returning the cup of Apollo. The seas are reported to be back to normal.

A mysterious small skeletal figure appears wearing Duncan's coat. It voluntarily relinquishes its weapon when confronted. It has limited speaking ability, but claims to have found the coat in the forest. Galatyne reports that it does not feel evil, despite its skeletal nature. It claims to have no magic, but several times waves its arms as if casting a spell. Indigo binds its hands with a 'lock of greater holding.' When released some time later, it flees.

### **~ Meeting Announcements ~**

The idea of a FALO table at I-Con is briefly discussed.

Khallil has stepped down from the elder position.

Galatyne has stepped down as editor of the Daione Sidhe.

Falana has stepped down as Springfest Reeve.

Shani is announced as the new Springfest Reeve. Springfest XXII is June 13-14 at Camp Bullowa. All minister positions are filled. Members are encouraged to actively seek guests for next SF, as SF XXI lost money due to low turnout.

Firesmith receives his Moonstone.

*18 Oct 2008 ~ Gather at Crescentwood Tavern (Loquitor & Sabine's).*

Skye's Reflection on the Water's Moonstone is reinstated.

*Nov 2008 ~ Gather at Fealinne an Emandu (Clianna & Madbainn Dubbr's).*

A bottle is brought bearing a label marked "Sotto Voce," which gives Caitlin some concern until Areanna scries the bottle and determines that a woman runs the winery. Caitlin is relieved, as that means her first husband is indeed dead and his sister is running the winery.

**~ Meeting Announcements ~**

Fiona has stepped down as an elder.

As mentioned previously, the elders are contemplating several changes to the by-laws. There are currently several discussions ongoing in the Stoncholder's Hall on the FALO bulletin board. All input is greatly encouraged, even to simply state whether you like the idea or not.

Stalzer received his moonstone.

