

# The FALO Chronicle

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*12 Jan 2013 ~ Yule gather at Fealinne an Emandu (Clianna & Madbainn Dubhr's)*

Although it was cold and foggy throughout the snow-covered lands Clianna and Madainn Dubhr dispelled any residual travel-chills with a warm fire, good food, and exceptional company.

Falana, Galatyne, Saba, Alfreida, and Lorelei, who had gone looking for the missing Stalzer, all described scenes of death and horror encountered when they split up and entered different portals beneath Stalzer's "new" temple. Most of them had to fight their way through demonic minions to return to the plane of the living.

While they were describing their experiences, Granarinth entered with a box that had been wrought by Stalzer. Upon opening it, Stalzer's spirit was able to traverse the shadow paths to join us for a while. He felt solid enough to our touch, but he could not affect anything solid. Needless to say, there was some wailing and gnashing of teeth at supper when the good cleric discovered that this also applied to food. While it was good to see Stalzer, the information he shared brought a chill back to the room. He was in the abyss, in the gaol of the demon lord from Demon's Gate. Just as worrisome, the demon lord has sent out five of his lieutenants... one to find Granarinth, one to seek the elfstone, and three to unknown destinations. Granarinth suspects that it may not be possible to reach Stalzer and that Stalzer will have to find his own way out... or be tossed out. Others are looking for ways to provide an anchor or beacon for the cleric or aid in his ejection from the abyss (including adding a paladin to the unpalatable elements in the demons demesne). Galatyne and Falana spoke with Granarinth about travelling with him back to his home in anticipation of at least one demon's arrival.

Stalzer's presence also seemed to attract the attention of Nindais, who again took possession of Lorelei for a brief time to see what was astir on the demon planes. Despite everyone's misgivings, it is becoming more apparent that Nindais will need to be dealt with soon. Lorelei is hoping to visit the lands where Nindais was worshiped to learn more about her before simply fulfilling the goddess' geas to harvest the last remaining souls needed to free her, an option still being considered because her aid may be needed against the coming darkness.

## **~ Meeting Announcements ~**

Loquitor & Sabine announce that they are expecting an elfling in June. The clan rejoices.

Indigo & Freya miss the gather due to the birth of their elfairy, Francesca Rose, the day before. Wicky ho!

Feb gather will be at Kyara's & Regar's. March gather will probably be on Long Island. Anyone wishing to host a gather is encouraged to contact Galatyne.

Dancing Fox is in February. Contact Rahne for details.

Dues are due.

Contact information for potential springfest invitees should be sent to Aravis.

Moonstone holders who have not completed a FALO file are requested to do so. There may have been a suggestion for someone to post erroneous or fabricated information about anyone without a FALO File.

### *9 Feb 2013 ~ Gather at Redgrave's Retreat (Kyara & Regar's)*

The gather is cancelled due to forecasted snow – which yields blizzard conditions to be dealt with for weeks to come – and a death in the host's family.

### *9 Mar 2013 ~ Gather at the Crescentwood Tavern (Loquitor & Sabine's)*

Although the land was still snow-covered, a hint of spring could be detected and drumming and dancing chased away the lingering chill.

### **~ Meeting Announcements ~**

Jahadyn receives his Welcomestone.

FALO has a new website on Guildportal.

Dues are due.

### *Mar 2013 ~ No I-Con*

I-Con is cancelled for this year, for a number of reasons. The E.L.F. track is thoroughly discombobulated for the remainder of the spring.

### *Apr 2013 ~ No gather is scheduled.*

*18 May 2013 ~ Vobdun and Emma celebrate the arrival of their second son, Eric Jacob. Wicky bo!*

*8 Jun 2013 ~ Springfest XXXVJ at Camp Cedarcrest*

First event at this site. The Quest manifests in the form of a mysterious hooded stranger who seeks aid in removing curses from four items in 'his' possession – a lantern, a staff, a bottle and a torc. Each item required something specific to remove its curse, alluded to in a riddle provided by the stranger. The clan and guests rose to the challenge, and by day's end the curses had been lifted. The mysterious stranger, in appreciation for his release from the curses, offered the items to the individuals who gave of themselves to answer the riddles. The Lantern was lit, and Lief (Khallil & E'ile's firstborn) lost a memory of his friend. The Staff was fixed when Rahne led everyone in a round of song. The Bottle's poison was removed by Sapphire, born under a water sign, pouring it into a moving stream. The Torc was disenchanting by Sakari singing into it.

The archers faced several challenges in the tourney, and the Wayward Woods' bound magic seemed to affect everyone's accuracy. In the final round, Piggy and Keotye were set the task of alternating shots at two monsters, at different distances, amidst the distraction of the audience. Piggy was able to kill the monsters the quickest, winning this year's tourney.

The field of light archers was large this year, with a number of new participants. In the end, Galin obtained the most points to win the sash.

The weapons tourney had a number of familiar faces participating. Djaygo again reaches the final round, facing Loquitor. After several close bouts, Loquitor wins the tourney for the second time.

The Wayward Games return, and see three teams representing different elements seeking to awaken the slumbering magic of the Wayward Woods. Many members of the successful Red team of years past ("The Winners" & subsequent incarnations thereof) reunite to represent the element of Fire, and compete against the elements of Air (Purple) and Metal (Yellow) in a series of games that test their skills. The Red team's experience and cooperation serves them well, and they outscore the other teams in the games, but it is Amnesia, of the Air team, solves the puzzle of how to awaken the magic and realizes that all of the elements are required to make it work.

*21 Jun 2013 ~ Sabine and Loquitor welcome their first child, Joseph James. Huzzab!*

*19 Jul - 3 Aug 2013 - Pennsic 42*

*7 Sep 2013 ~ First gather at Mountain Laurel Ekele (Aravis & Arness' retreat)*

It is a long journey, made by a small number of stalwart travelers who are rewarded with pleasant weather and good company. The pleasant air of the day melds into a mellow camaraderie in the evening.

~ Meeting Announcements ~

The October gather will be at Lavendar & Keotye's.

The November gather will be at Caitlin & Medva's.

Members who plan to attend a gather are asked to honour the request to respond via the website. The gather budgets are based solely on responses recorded on the website event page.

Anyone having problems with the FALO website on GuildPortal is asked to contact the Web Reeve (Galatyne) directly, via email or phone call.

2013 Dues are overdue for nearly half the clan. Emails will be sent to members who still owe dues.

The elders are considering options to address the issue of last-minute cancellations/no-shows for gathers, as the clan coffers are showing the consequences of uncollected fees.

The Higgins Armory in Worcester MA is closing at the end of the year. It is suggested that the clan schedule a visit to the collection before it is moved.

The book/movie lists are complete and posted on the website

*19 Oct 2013 ~ Gather at Chambre de miele, Meadshire (Lavendar & Keotye's)*

Meadshire once again invites the clan to its celebration of the Pumpkin Festival. Stalzer's bloodied tabard was found by Tir Thalor forces guarding Stalzer's temple. It was discovered one night upon the upper temple mount after a fierce battle with creatures trying to come through a portal near a sinkhole entrance. The scout who brought the tabard said she thought she saw a lit up figure kneeling and slumped over upon the stone. His or her upper body was twitching as if in great pain or death throws. It was aglow in a light reddish hue. The tabard was passed to Falana and Galatyne via Ellam. It was also marked with runes from several demons (the Inquisitor, the Destroyer, and the Opener of All Locks). Plans are in the works to establish and secure several portal locations in E'Atara and go retrieve Stalzer from the demon realm.

Contest winners:

Costume - Death/Jullian Butterfly

Desserts - tie between Fuschia's pie and Kyara's cake

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There will not be a formal Springfest in 2014. Options for a more casual event (e.g. camping in a field with no committees and everyone bringing their own food) may be explored.

Gather Fee Change & New Payment Option - Gather fees will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children beginning January 2014. Attendees (including guests) may also pay in advance using PayPal.

Phairlen received his Moonstone for service to the clan and contribution to our fantasy environment. Congratulations and thank you to Phairlen.

*2 Nov 2013 ~ Higgins Armory*

The clan travels from near & far to visit the Armory prior to its relocation, scheduled at year's end. A fine time is had by all. The day is capped with a fine meal at a local tavern Thistle finds.

*16 Nov 2013 ~ Gather at the Hunt's End Inn (Caitlin & Medva's).*

Planning continue for the quest to retrieve Stalzer from the demon realms. Loquitor tells of meeting with Loristarthamae, who Sung enchantments onto his arrows, as well as a sword. Kyara has enlisted the help of the dryads, and obtained a demon-repellant. Against E'ile's wishes, Khallil of course decides to join the foray into demonic territory.

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2014 Dues are due.

