

Brother Bartholomew

Race: Human

Gender: Male

Homeland: Ram's Head Bay (the Westron Seacoast)

Profession: Druid

FALO Standing: Moonstone Holder



Born to the name of Bartheleny, the wise and kindly old Druid was orphaned as a teenager by raiding slavers from across the Westron Sea. He spent the next two decades successfully seeking revenge but, taking a magic wound to the knee that a half-drunk priest botched while trying to heal, he retired from a life at sea to try his lot on land.

After a number of years spent as a mercenary and caravan guard, he was saved from death by a Druid of the Fellowship of the Great Tree. While recuperating from his injuries, he began to study the Way of the Tree, and took his vows soon thereafter. He chose the name Bartholomew when he was ordained a full Brother.

For several years, he traveled all over the continent on missions for the Fellowship. In the process he met and became friends with Ghost Dancer, who in turn introduced him to the Clan of FALO.

Sensing that they were kindred spirits, Bartholomew began more and more to travel with the Clan, and eventually they accepted him as a Stoneholder. Shortly after this, Bartholomew was visited by one of his gods, who engaged the entire Clan in the creation of a magical Tree of Life.

When this Quest was completed, Bartholomew resigned his responsibilities to the Fellowship to become guardian and mentor to the New Tree of Life. At this time, his life energies were bonded to the Tree and he was partially rejuvenated. Bartholomew will now age as the New Tree does (and the Old Tree lived over 5,000 years).

Bartholomew divides his time between the Sacred Grove, hidden somewhere in the mountains, the Vale and Village of Boron Dur, where he ministers to the peasants, and traveling with his FALO companions in quests to maintain the Balance in all things.

While he rarely speaks directly of his past, there are still a few who remember Black Bart, the notorious pirate of the Westron Sea of 50 years ago. Although the good Druid no longer denies the connection, he still stoutly maintains that "Black Bart is no more."