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Ducal Decree: All Able Bodies to Arms for Ravenholt!

His Grace Duke Alaric has declared that due to the severity of the Sessuar invasion, all able bodied men are to report to local officials for the formation of Ducal Militia. In light of the recent disastrous defeat of the Skyguard Regiment in Capulus, his Grace feels it is imperative that all citizens be able to defend themselves and their homes.

Ducal scouts report that they have greatly underestimated the numbers being faced. Also a factor in his Grace's decision is the two-pronged nature of the attack. His military advisors, having misread the enemy's initial intentions, now believe that what is being referred to as the Northern Sessuar Army intends to attack upper reaches of Cumberland, rather than heading towards Ravenholt City at this time.

As follows, herein lies the details of His Grace's decree:

To All My Good Citizens of Ravenholt:

In this time of great struggle, facing an enemy of superior numbers and strength, it is imperative that we all join together in the defense of our lands and homes. We shall see this crisis through by the strength of our solidarity and the will of our hearts. I have outlined several points that we, as a people, need to undertake in order to ensure our freedom:

1. I have ordered the closing of all mines in the Barony of Capulus, and have furthermore restricted the production in the Baronies of Cumberland and Westmarch. While these raw materials are much needed for our war efforts, it is imperative that the enemy not gain use of our natural treasures.
2. The Stonewood Forest council has deemed it necessary to close itself off from the remainder of the Duchy. Given the current holdings of the enemy, I fully support and respect this decision.
3. I have asked for the call-up of all local militias to aid in the defense, alongside and under our Ducal forces. All such groups are to be placed under the command of Major Janus Gevinn, former of the Third Skyguard.
4. I request all able bodied men capable of serving in the defense of the duchy to report to the local militia commanders to begin training. Training will consist of use of natural combat skills, in addition to unified team and tactical maneuvers.
5. I have requested the delay of the Spring planting for as long as possible, due to the need for many farmers and their families to assist in our armed combat. Training will be of higher priority than planting at this time.
6. I ask that all citizens consider the long term effects of our limited planting schedule and the closing of our mines, and as such, ration and plan as necessary.
7. Local authorities have been granted the discretion of requesting goods and services to assist in training and in the defense of our lands.

While these methods may seem harsh, the prospects we are facing are nothing short of total enslavement and/or annihilation of our peoples if we do not succeed in halting the invading forces. His Royal Highness Prince Keyn Blackfox has assured me that we will receive any available aid and assistance the Kingdom can provide. We are not alone in our struggles, as the rest of the kingdom has become embroiled in similar conflicts with the dread Sessuar Imperium.

Despite the overwhelming odds, I feel in my heart, that we, who have faced many great challenges together in the past, will once again prevail, overcoming these hardships. We are a brave and proud duchy, replete with some of the Kingdom's finest warriors and scholars. Together, we will be victorious and once again live free and peacefully within these great lands.

Long Live King Mykel,
Long Live Prince Keyn
Long Live Ravenholt!
Duke Alaric Malinuin

Sessuar Swarm Capulus, Begin Moves into Westmarch

On February 1st of this year, the invading forces of the Sessuar Imperium continued to press the offensive in the Barony of Capulus, extending their approach to the borders of the Barony of Westmarch. Using the captured port city of Sercia, the enemy continues to land troops and supplies unimpeded, bolstering its forces and ranks to a now-estimated

10,000 troops. This daunting force appears intent upon driving towards the capitol city in the months ahead. Baron Derek Northridge of Westmarch reports having completed his call-up of Baronial forces, and now rushes to defend the towns of Traders Rest, Alyndale, and Tarinthon's Mines, on the southeastern borders of Westmarch. The

Baron is confident that he will contain this large army within the Grey Hills.

Baron Northridge's forces are being further augmented with the remains of the Third Skyguard, which suffered a disastrous defeat outside of Midlothan (Capulus) late last month. "While the invading army greatly outnumbers us, it is my belief that the skill and

bravery of our finest warriors will succeed in freeing the Barony of Capulus from this terrible enemy," he said. Baron Northridge's fierce determination to stand by his words and protect his people was overwhelmingly apparent before he left the capitol city to join his troops in the field of battle.

Skyguard Overwhelmed

Sadly, word has been received by the Raven's Herald, that the Ducal Forces known as the Skyguard Regiment suffered a disastrous defeat outside of Midlothan in the Barony of Capulus. The battle took place on the night of January the 27th of this year, as the Skyguard rushed to the defense of the Duchy in attempts to halt the invading Southern Army of the Sessuar Imperium.

Caught completely in the open, with no natural defenses to protect them, the Skyguard clashed with over 6,000 enemy troops in an ambush that started shortly before midnight and continued for many hours. Vastly outnumbered, Major Janus Gevinor attempted to stand his ground, believing his forces' superior skills would overcome the nearly 1 to three odds against them.

Unfortunately, with his resurrection points further than anticipate, the cycle of the battle did not go in the Skyguard's favor. Surviving trooper, John MacAulif of the Second Skyguard Battalion was quoted as saying, "They completely

surprised us in the dead of night. Our scouts had no idea where they were. They completely ambushed us. We were surrounded, with no hope of retreat, within two hours of the first attack. We fought fiercely and bravely against the overwhelming numbers that continued to crash into our formations. Had we been better prepared, we surely would have defeated even this large an army. My heart goes out to the many families and friends who have lost so much."

With the loss of over two thirds of this renowned and respected force, the Duchy now faces a serious shortfall of highly skilled and trained warriors. His Grace is expected to announce measures to be implemented to ensure the safety of the Duchy.

The Raven's Herald wishes to express its sympathy to all who have lost family members in this great tragedy. Our hearts are heavy, as we struggle to keep our resolve, in the face of this, Ravenholt's greatest defeat to date.



New Guildmistresses Named

With the untimely death of so many of Ravenholt's best and brightest healers and mages in the tragic Scrying Ritual incident of last December (see December 596 issue for details), in which, among others, Viscount Daramor Darkcloud and Guildmaster Kendrick von Brumbach took their final deaths, His Grace Duke Alaric has seen fit to name replacement Guildmistresses for both the Healers' and Mages' guilds. On January 15 of this year, His Grace pronounced Tristemere Mirabad Guildmistress of the Healers' Guild, overseeing Madame Zara, who was assigned to be Guildmistress of the Mages' Guild.

It is believed that the structure implemented in this move reflects concerns over Madame Zara's part in the fateful ritual, as she was key in the recreation of the ill-advised Scry scroll. The attempt was a des-

perate measure done in the hopes that information could be found leading to the whereabouts of the numerous missing nobles and heroes of Ravenholt. Scrying was a magickal ritual that seems to have been lost in recent years, possibly due to a minor shift in the Cycles of Tyrra. Madame Zara, having once been able to perform Scrying with considerable aptitude, felt she might be able to redevelop a scroll to accomplish something similar.

Guildmistress Mirabad's first act was to call for a re-inventorying of both Guilds' supplies. She notes that, due to war-effort rituals, both Guilds are running markedly low on key components, and asks that, as requested by His Grace, all citizens who come across or are able to harvest ritual components bring them forth for the good of the Duchy.

Ghost Laid to Rest

While gathered near Glen Farclis during a recent raid against a Sessuar scouting post, local dwarf Flint and a group of his friends laid to rest the spirit of an unfortunate young woman. The ghost's story was a sad one; she was waylaid, given Enslavement poison, and ordered to rob a rich merchant, whom she killed in the struggle. She was caught and sentenced to Obliteration, but she fled and hid out with a group of brigands.

A few months later, she was trapped in a cave-in and left to die by the leader of the brigands. She found his diary in the bag he left behind, and discovered in its pages that he was the one who had Enslaved her. She died there in the cave, with the evidence to prove her innocence in her hands.

Flint and his group searched the undead-filled caves in the area for her remains, and eventually found them. Even after proper burial, however, the ghost still could not rest until her name was cleared. She followed the dwarf around for some time, until finally Flint read the fateful note aloud over her grave. The ghost faded away into peaceful rest at last, returning only once more to lead Flint to a small treasure hoard.

Confirmed Dead in Westmarch and Capulan War Efforts

Lex A'ria	Niven Aryana
Jonathon Achrad	Prisc Arybbas
Acteon	Neza Athn
Danean Adlai	Artemidor Auberon
Aegenoo	Tellis Audra
Cerys Agatecutter	Lee Augustyn
Nikhol Agnswood	Ka Auletes
Agostino	Anaxos Axebreaker
Terah Aindree	Cathlin Balios
Marin Alaina	Anaxis Battlebreaker
Alala	Melodeigh Beadmaker
Teodom Aliss	Daimyon Beathag
Gaiea Alphe	Perimos "Perry" Benoit
Arif Alwyn	Bozydar
Enoro Amir	Brigido
Encarnacion Andreison	Coralee Cadie
Bryony Andru	Ariella Calla
Chance Anesse	Rellik Canard
Angelanell Angelee	Hani Catalyn
Tybalt Angklisster	Mortimer Cath
Zephyr Anglorbranch	Strymon Cavedweller
Zsuzsanna Anglorbranch	Charillos
Ardicius	Elemoco Clisen
Rodger Armin	Zed Cloechrissy
Arri	Sleep Coren
Rico Artur Damaris	Kipling Corin

Attacks on Clockworks Continue

More mishaps have befallen the Tinkerer's creations, presumably at the hands of the clockwork-hating Blood Alliance. While the people of Ravenholt struggle in the war against the Sessuar, the Repair Workshop that housed the clockwork known as Lucien blew up in a fireball that engulfed much of the beach it was stationed near.

Several Skyguard soldiers were injured in the blast, although there were no fatalities among them. When the final inspection of the premises was authorized, Lucien was nowhere to be found. If any of his remains exist in the building, they have been reduced to dust. One soldier recounts the incident: "Regiment III has been assigned to this building for some time; however, our watch has been cut down to one man a day, and we only make rounds to do it now, rather than standing watch over it. Luckily, we were just nearing the building when it went up. Shards of metal were thrown easily a mile into the air. Look at my shield! Four metal pipes have gone right through it! I was thrown about 50 feet from the blast. No one could survive that."

A service tunnel was found under the complex that the clockworks used to move to and from the small base; however, it is unlikely that Lucien escaped through this tunnel, as he was deactivated during his repair work. The tunnel has been blocked, but excavation is being done to attempt recovery of some clue as to what happened.

Necol Corin	Jasyn Elfthimios
Corwyn	Nathaniel Engelwood
L'rita Da'philo	Timand Engenn
Daagen	Alastriona Espiridion
Leon Deet'ra	Ferris
Marot Dervla	Charybdis Folkswearer
Donovan Devire	Phaimag Friapatios
Diogee	Babel Gerget
Alexander Dionus	Ted Ghislaine
Doxy Dolmer	Cbeiro Giustin
Cally Douglas	Eleina Aurora Goldensong
T'charr Draconomicon	Dore Gorgewill
Dta-Ri	Gotzon
Celan Duridas	Solon Gravedigger
Kade Duridas	Greagoir
Reid Dwann	Bridger Grego
Idril Earthgiver	Grethal
Elania Ebenezer	Gergor Grogdrinker
"Mines" Edamed	H'risting
Nerit Edito	Elyssko Halena
Ara Eleywood	Pankracy Harmoni
Martson Elfa	Ishbel Hermant
Katinka Elfshender	Zenon Hest

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Petir Hesterson	Barnaby Macari	Jacek of Plades	Jorg Syne
Sibeli Hoblingson	Taegan MacDenney	Jairus of Walkabout	Ouardanhs Tailor
Greaves Holedigger	Lochinvar Dugal Macleod	Onjol	Pascal Tailor
Zeno Ignace	Mah'alath	Elio Orcreaver	Tulli Takepockets
Inachus	Kairos Mahran	Orianna	Teri Tali
Eudoxia Iren	Hayley Maighdlin	Amphion Ornell	Sacha Talia
Isdemo	Calista Malik	Neerida Overwater	Niels Ted'ra
Pavel Jacinto	Manari	Ovid	Teremaja
San Jacinto	Jorgan Mane	Synthon Pádraig	James Thada
Loránd Jaisen	Ectori Manjusha	Orcus Pál	Justyn Thade
Urszul Janelle	Gerrick "Grog" Mardigan	Terree Pamelyn	Lede Themis
Valentin Jannah	Allexah Leto Masuki	Tass Parvati	Akim Theomestor
Ayla Jaynec	Echo Mateja	Pe'geen	Boethus Thodor
Jeroenr	Uberto Matteen	Carolyn Phaimage	Thorge
Destini Jorenr	Zabi Meddo	Sib Phanes	Jasun Thrasid
Jorgen	Julius Meg	Brew Pheidipp	Anthony Timot
Sauncho Junnbugg	Rhea Megamoi	Phiiiiip	Boran Timoth
Nita K'yy	Mehmet	Meir Phineas	Marjat Timothea
Carin Karrie	Michelangelo Meiko	Phiongi	Kevynn Tinmaker
Cara Kasandria	Melaina	Phleg	Tommaso
Andran Kathari	Idaus Melane	Rohan Pielzym	Araminta Tonyo
Kees	Melchior Melisent	Jamila Pittheus	Margrat Treeclimber
Calliope Keithia	Schemas Melva	Porrigo	Brigitte Trine
Kelvin Kelburn	Zana Mene	Prothoenor	Twyla
Kenshiro	Eily Mikelson	Daryn Quinn	Najeeb Ulisse
Ulrik Keri	Jacinta Monicah	Rory Redbeard	Uriel
Kern	Darynn Montesqueue	Ellenog Rex	Severin Vale
Tye Kestorr	Cristyn Montview	Nilesia Reynald	Illy Valentin
Khaavren	Taffan Morelion	Helina Rhodia	Olg Valertin
Carisa Kimon	Keith Mukhlis	Risadul	Megaera Vasile
Teuces Kirston	Kendor Myles	Brickar Riverwind	Venceslao
Johan Kristalyn	Epowlett Myrine	Adria Rockywalker	Vernon
Bogdan Krystal	Alton Nadia	Kelvin Rolf	Eryto Victor
Den Ksenija	Stayck Nándor	Catrika Sarrspeaker	Amber Warrigal
Zekria Kyknos	Arsenic Nastisijji	Xenokrates Sashka Amadeus	Arachne Webwalker
Tiphann Lari	Alex Nastusya	Diamenti	Deny Whisperer
Ihab Latiff	Ercole Nella	Nausicaa Seacharmer	Cally Willard
Mallory Leanore	Muriel Neomenica	Kir Silverblade	Wisslaw Yarra
Lene	Ivanna Katherine Neopt	Holger Siobhan	Taggy Yarrwah
Zena Lethia	Kauser Niamh	Kallie Sippy	Nehem Yolann
Taris Lidah	Cylena Nikoera	Rugwart Smallfungus	Zaida
Fintan Lillye	Nikola Philander	Protago Soples	Ambrosia Zana
Lilena Lilo	Olujimi Ninyi	Ermanno Spearmaker	Trayten Zanthé
Catherin Lily	Nir	Annais Spearthrower	Zartorius
Actaia Limelover	Eriboe Noemon	Iariall Speedrunner	Larry Zavier
Percy Livann	Analtolijus Norine	Acastus Spellslinger	Erin Zephyria
Adaon Lluagor	Honor Norra	Gergely Stephaniee	Nemnorí Zoeigh
Spinther Ludiff	Brontes Obelia	Six Sybyle	Tatton Zoi
Penoos Luna	Frederick Odswell III	Esmeralda Sylwi	Maitland Zsa Zsa