

Welcome to the first edition of Proconsul's Pretentious Ponderings, otherwise known as Blueberry's Bogus Banter or Thoughts from the PCON. Unless otherwise dictated by the boss himself, this space will likely cover three things - sometimes all at once, and sometimes by themselves. First, I may re-tread some of Kamjin's ground recognising activity and achievements. In my opinion, when folks are putting in time to have fun and be active in our community, the more folks who can be encouraging and supportive, the stronger our community will remain. Second, I may from time to time contribute some additional discussion around Clan projects, events, and other goodies. And third, this contribution may be oriented to real rambles or reflections about something that really excites me which is happening in the club (i.e.: a good example may be some reflections on the awesome award system, Possessions, etc.).

For this first report, you get a short ramble. Specifically, I want to reflect on my time with this amazing Clan thus far, and on the individuals - all of you - who make it such a fun place to be day after day. I would argue this is because you folks rock at community building by utilizing what I am going to call an "It's all in good fun" approach.

What do I mean by the "It's all in good fun" approach? I would define this as the ability to focus on the end goal of activity in this Clan and club we all enjoy: to have fun, hang out, and nerd out about all things Star Wars in our small neck of the internet. Don't get me wrong, we also love to win. Yet our competitive nature is tempered by unfeigned support we give to each and every one of us to have fun, and to participate in our own way based on our own capacity. In any event, whether you're a Palatinaean or a member of this Dark Brotherhood, you folks just want everyone to have a good time.

It's a privilege for me to witness our Clan really embrace the "It's all in good fun" approach, both as a fellow Clan member and as a leader who tries his best to serve you all. As a relative newcomer, it made me feel so welcome to just be around so many awesome, chill, and encouraging folks. And truly, I am honored to spend time working for some amazing folks, for whom I have a few examples.

Let's start with Thran, who again I must congratulate on such a well earned promotion to Elder 1. Whether as Praetor to the Regent, as a passionate elder member of this Clan and club, or as that stupidly witty dude in Discord, Thran is the poster child (to me) of balancing "It's all in good fun" with a "Do all of the things" mentality. He's a member we should all aspire to look up to, one who's mindset is focused on having a good time and giving as much as receiving from this community.

Another example is Xathia. A long-time member of CSP, Xathia has taken time out of an extremely busy schedule (which includes a Master's degree to both contribute her own share of competitions to events, and to contribute to play-testing and developing roleplaying systems and infrastructure for this Clan and club. While Xathia may lack the time some other members have, she still exemplifies an "It's all in good fun" mentality. She enjoys being here, hanging out with all of you, and focuses on having fun and doing what she can manage based on that fun real life.

These are but two examples of an awesome group of folks we call Clan Scholae Palatinae. My hope is I can aspire to emulate the best members of our community day in and out, and make sure you folks are having a good time in CSP. So thanks for having me along for the ride, and I'll check in next time with a shorter message. I promise!