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BREAKING NEWS

Scarlet Crusade Attempts to Take Sunwell

- *Amyssia Barton*



A great price is paid in exchange for war. Azeroth has been paying that price in self-defense as it faces monumental threats from the Devouring Host across Quel'Thalas and Zul'Aman and lesser threats from the Scourge in the Eastern Plaguelands and the Lightbloom in Harandar. Stormwind's very own defenders have been occupied contributing to the ongoing safeguarding of the Sunwell, culling Lightbloom around Suncrown Village, investigating Twilight's Blade abductions in Tranquillien, establishing a foothold in the Voidstorm, and more. This war on multiple fronts has left some areas vulnerable.

Just as the forces of the Devouring Host seemed to be pushed back from the Sunwell, a new but familiar threat has emerged. Zealots of the Scarlet Crusade led a march on the Sunwell today, demanding that their presence be welcomed alongside the noble paladins of the Silver Hand, Argent Crusade, Army of the Light, Sunwalkers, and other organizations in defense of one of the holiest fonts of Azeroth's power. As always, however, the Crusade proved to be

unwilling to work with any non-humans and any undead humans. They claimed a holy entitlement to the Sunwell as the "true defenders" of the Holy Light and began clashing with the other forces who have been stalwart defenders against the Void. Highlord Tayos Dante of the Stormwind Silver Hand rose as a leader amongst the world's paladins to ensure this Scarlet threat was quashed just as swiftly and severely as any threat from the Void.

Just as Highlord Dante began giving a rallying speech to the forces that assembled under his command, which included forces from Atar Va Hishana and the Stormwind Ministry of Health in addition to his Stormwind Silver Hand paladins, he was interrupted by a Scarlet ambush. Who was assumed to be their leader spoke loudly with intent on finding Archbishop Varric Dwyer of the Stormwind Diocese of the Church of the Holy Light. Archbishop Dwyer remained composed, surrounded by Templar Amyssia Barton, Templar Dalselan Philipson, Dame Thuma, and Sir Marcus Pritchard.

The Stormwind Silver Hand's steeds charged at the squawking Scarlets, trampling them into the ground while other paladins rushed at the remaining Scarlets with their swords drawn. The Scarlets attempted to press back against the cavalry of the group, failing to knock a single person off their horse. Templar Barton's horse, Yukon, and Highlord Dante's horse, Forthright, stood out amongst the rest as the most formidable examples of Stormwind's cavalry. The steeds stayed mounted despite a heavy rainfall that washed the road into pure mud. Stormwind's paladins braved the storm and used it to their advantage, while the Scarlet paladins slipped and fell to their death.

Despite Yukon's ferocity, Templar Barton, as well as Ms. Marcy Brown, were burned by the Scarlets' flames. Archbishop Dwyer and Sir Marcus likewise suffered minor burning. Fortunately, Senator Claire Ashcroft, who represents Raven Hill in the Stormwind Senate and serves as Stormwind's deputy minister health, and Dr. Vaeloria Lyrianthra-Dante of the Stormwind Ministry of Health were on-hand to help battle wounds. Mrs. Zara'Kiya and Ms. T'aarix of Atar Va Hishana joined Stormwind's paladins like Dame Luna Solarbough in slicing down the Scarlet attackers until none were left. Medics treated the wounded as another operation was underway elsewhere in Quel'Thalas.



Stormwind Intelligence (SI:7) Director Valrath Silvermane and Chief Detective Eric Valanor of the Stormwind City Guard launched a search and rescue operation for Ambassador Domark Corvicollis, chapter master of the Stormwind Ebon Blade. Ambassador Corvicollis had been kidnapped by Scarlets during their initial attack on the Sunwell. The trail led them back to the Eastern Plaguelands, where

they discovered a Scarlet camp not far from Light's Hope Chapel. An attempted stealth infiltration failed as the group was spotted. Darnassian Minister of Foreign Affairs Lalien Mossdew and Sir Jay Lawry of the Stormwind Silver Hand led groups to attack the Scarlet camp from both sides while Director Silvermane, Chief Detective Valanor, and an SI:7 agent codenamed Lily searched for Ambassador Corvicollis.

Thanks to Minister Mossdew and Sir Jay's efforts, the extraction group located a severely injured Ambassador Corvicollis and were able to escape with Minister Mossdew and Sir Jay's groups back to the Sunwell, leaving the remainders of the Scarlets to be culled by Argent Crusade paladins swarming from Light's Hope. Dr. Lyriantha-Dante and Stormwind Minister of Magic Aritella Lyrianthra took over healing Ambassador Corvicollis once both groups had reconvened in Silvermoon City. All cavalry horses were treated to apples and carrots for their health, checked for injuries, and given the all clear from Senator Ashcroft, who specializes in veterinary care.



Amidst the healing and adrenaline, Highlord Dante stepped up to announce Dame Luna, Sir Jay, and Ms. Brown were to come forward for a special ceremony. He presented a box of two silver daggers with blue gems encrusted into them, the engraving "By blood and honor we serve", announcing that through conviction and determination Dame Luna and Sir Lawry were now official templars. Ms. Brown was then asked to offer her own dagger as she was officially knighted. All three were saluted by the attending Silver Hand members, and congratulations were also given by non-members who got to see the rare event.

Through a gruelling campaign, the Sunwell remained safe for yet another day thanks to contributions by Stormwind's finest. Not only the Sunwell has benefited from Stormwind's efforts, but, indeed, all of Quel'Thalas, from Quel'Danas to Suncrown. Harandar, Zul'Aman, the Voidstorm, and the Eastern Plaguelands, too, have reaped the benefits of Stormwind's aid. Stormwind's contributions to the War Against the Harbinger are far from over, but it seems that a reprieve is in store as forces from the Stormwind City Guard to SI:7 recuperate and regroup in preparation to defend against the Devouring Host, the Lightbloom, the Scarlet Crusade, or any other enemies that dare to threaten Stormwind's might.

Advertisements & Events

Stormwind Market

- *Mailang Ping (Guest Columnist) & Lady Rose*



There's nothing like the exciting bustle of a market, is there? Enjoy the aroma of cooking food, the sounds of live music and merchants hawking exotic wares, and all the festivities that come with making a weekly trip to the market! Merchants, set up a stall and sell your goods; street performers, come and show off your skills; shoppers, bring your pocketbooks! The Stormwind Market will occur from 7:30 - 9:30 PM RT on this upcoming Monday at the Stormwind Harbor Overlook just behind Cathedral Square. Contact market organizer Mrs. Mailang Ping with any inquiries or to register a booth.

Crown Arts Emporium

- *Tyralea Moonae (Guest Columnist)*



The Crown Arts Emporium, a faction neutral night of arts and crafts where art enthusiasts can come out and support some of the many artists on Azeroth, will be hosting their monthly market on Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15 at 7:00 PM RT in the Concourse of Destiny, Suramar. All are welcome to explore and order the many different works of art which will be on display. Any artists interested in exhibiting their work should contact coordinator Ms. Tyralea Moonae.

Stormwind City Orphanage

- *Lady Rose*



The Stormwind City Orphanage is seeking generous parents who seek to brighten the life of the despaired children in our kingdom through adoption. The orphanage is glad to facilitate both full adoptions as well as fostering opportunities for stable homes willing to provide a safe place for Stormwind's next generation to learn and grow. If you are interested in housing one of our kingdom's orphans, please reach out to director of the orphanage Dr. Vaeloria Lyrianthra.

Atar Va Hishana

- *Onhun (Guest Columnist)*



Calling all draenei, Lightforged draenei, Penitent man'ari, and krokul, Atar Va Hishana is leading the way forward for eredar. Those not interested in combat can help gather materials and aid the building construction of the future city. We understand there has been strife between ourselves in years past, but if we are to face the coming darkness, we must stand united as one people. Our primary focus is building a new Draenic society as we learn to live side by side. Reach out to Exarch Onhun to join us.

News

Stormwind Diocese Prays for Tenacity in Face of Violence

- *Amyssia Barton*



The Stormwind Diocese of the Church of the Holy Light hosted its weekly service in the Cathedral of Light earlier this evening. Seeking to connect the Light's faithful with worship, the services are an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and peace. The service was overseen by Archbishop Varric Dwyer, Bishop Devon Stanford, Mother Nerva, Brother Tricondrian Dawnvyr, Sister Ahverinn, and Sister Muara, who filled the sanctuary with melodic hymns. Highlord Tayos Dante, Templar Luna Solarbough, and Templar Dalsen Phillipson oversaw security for the Stormwind Silver Hand.

The service opened this week with a new voice. Brother Tricondrian, newly-appointed chaplain of the Stormwind City Guard, took it upon himself to offer the opening prayer. "O' Holy Light, source of all strength and clarity, grant us tenacity in the face of trial and uncertainty. When our spirits grow weary and our steps slow, renew our resolve and steady our hearts." He spoke of not letting us turn from the path set before us, but walk it with unwavering faith and purpose. It is the trust that through our Light, we are sustained and made strong.

Mother Nerva was a joyful presence this week, her voice always carrying kindness, hope, and a gentle nature for the faithful to hear from. This week, she offered solemn words to the faithful, placing a hand to her chest to express the words clearly across the room. "Some days, we are here in sorrow, we suffer in company because it's easier that way. Too many of us have been tested at wit or blade's end, and we have scars as proof. Whether they be physical or emotional ones, these scars serve as part of our growth." She explained how when we are scarred but endure, it is something to be admired by the Holy Light. When we reflect on ourselves and act on the Light's virtues, that is something to cherish. "There will always be

challenges in life; it won't always be clear what is right or wrong. Sometimes, we need others to tell us, so when we doubt in the Light or others, heed these words. Even in despair, the Holy Light surrounds us always. Trust in its power to light your path and to carry you through. In times of sorrow and pain, the Holy Light can be a source of solace and comfort."

Bishop Stanford stepped up to stand beside Mother Nerva, speaking next with a straight posture and clear voice. " This is tenacity, the second Virtue of the Holy Light given unto us by the angels of old and written by Archbishop Alonsus Faol. To persevere through even the most difficult times and painful experiences, to test your own mettle against the terrifying visage of despair and hatred and stand true to the teachings of the Holy Light, this is what shall reforge you into a true faithful of the Light." Tenacity is one of the founding virtues of the Church of the Holy Light. It is determination and persistence that allows all to fight against the Voidspawn and their dark master, to fight against the endless legions of the Void. Without tenacity, our hearts would break, then our bodies. "For the body is only as strong as the soul, and if you allow your soul to be weakened, you will fall." Bishop Stanford said that they shall not permit this to happen, that we shall not weaken ourselves while we still hold onto our beliefs and hold tenacity within our hearts.

Sister Ahverinn then performed the benediction, thanking the Holy Light for the chance of redemption and the opportunity to start over in our paths. With that, the service concluded, and the congregants were invited to approach the clergy for individual blessings of the Light. If you would like to join or attend the next service, the Stormwind Diocese hosts their weekly gathering every Sunday from 6:00 to 7:00 PM RT. The next service is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, in the Cathedral of Light.

Mr. Smite's Improv Show Expands New Theater

- *Sir Dreyfus Xano*

After having helped out a few injured artists, replacing many stones in many cobblestone paths and having cleaned up a multitude of Mechagonian oil spills, I am happy to announce I have been given approval to expand my new theatre with two extra rooms, one of which will be a space with a pool for outdoor activity and a final bedroom space for my team. As I continue to familiarize myself with the auction house and what does and doesn't sell, I want to host bigger events in my theater, maybe even some competitions that involve me giving some gold away. I used to do this back when I hosted my show at the gazebo behind the Cathedral of Light in Stormwind City. Now I need to come up with some quizzes, physical challenges, and maybe even some high stakes hide-and-seek. I will think about this a bit more and make an announcement once I am ready to playtest, opening up my theater to those kinds of shenanigans later on.

The games we played in our newly-expanded theater this week included 185, The Alphabet Game, and Faster, Faster. In the game 185, I get a random suggestion and use it in the format of "185 blanks walk into a smoothie bar, and the bartender says, 'How can I help you?" The setup is normally the same, but the punchline is different. Our jokes included braziers that really heated things up, locks that really locked in, hourglasses that really knew how to pass the time, and bananas that really slipped up.

Our next game was The Alphabet Game. In this game, I will ask the audience for a random letter of the alphabet and get a scene suggestion. The players then perform a scene but each of the players' sentences must start with the next letter of the common alphabet. If the letter was "L", it would go "L", "M", "N", "O", "P", etc., and loop back around all the way to "L" to end the scene. The goal here is to create a legitimate scene with this rule. In this scene, our letter was X and our scene was a mystery. Two detectives were investigating a series of robberies and were searching for the culprit. After some searching and many dead ends, they found him.

Our final game was Faster, Faster. In this game, a scene is performed for one minute, then it is performed again in thirty seconds, then ten seconds, and, finally, one second. We revisited our two detectives who found their culprit and engaged in some intense capture maneuvers to secure him. Repeating this multiple times definitely made this very silly.

As always, thank you for taking the time to read my column and I hope to see you at my next show at my new theater. Just remember, you matter. I matter. Take care of yourselves and those around you. Be nice to yourself and to those around you. Try and do something nice for someone else.

POLITICS

Stormwind Senate Revokes National Designations

- *Lady Rose*

The Stormwind Senate met this evening to discuss revoking two national designations and issuing a criminal pardon. Lady Rose, the Crown Administrator, presided over the meeting, which was attended by Senator Leonidas Hawthorne of Stormwind City (Cathedral Square), Senator Den Walden of Stormwind City (Dwarven District), Senator Vesement Wes of Stormwind City (Harbor), Senator Phearie Shadowdrift of Stormwind City (Old Town), Senator Gu Mistpaw of Stormwind City (Trade District), Senator Tayos Dante of Stormwind City (Unincorporated), Senator Jackson Birch of Eastvale, Senator Umbry Ravenspire of Goldshire, Senator Devon Stanford of Northshire, Senator Larza Nightfang of Unincorporated Elwynn, Senator Varric Dwyer of Lakeshire, Senator Nevarth Nieven of Unincorporated Redridge, Senator Kaialanea Clearsoul of Darkshire, Senator Claire Ashcroft of Raven Hill, Senator Adalrath Valerain of Unincorporated Duskwood, Senator Cyni Mistfang of Moonbrook, Senator Mathias Emberpaw of Sentinel Hill, and Senator Cullen Kiestan of the Stormwind Territories. Senator Kenneth Greyford of Stormwind City (Mage Quarter) and Senator Emelyne Nightbreaker of Unincorporated Westfall were absent. Though ministers are not voting members of the Senate, instead tasked with overseeing the kingdom's various government ministries, Stormwind Minister of Commerce Galen Kane, Stormwind Minister of Magic Aritella Lyrianthra, and Commander Johnathan Jellyroll of Stormwind City Guard also attended the meeting.

The meeting opened with a review of government appointments since the last meeting. Bishop Kosmaandius was appointed Stormwind's ambassador to the Exodar, Mrs. T'aarix and Mrs. Zara'Kiya were both appointed as members of the Magic Advisory Committee, and Exodarian Minister of Foreign Affairs Talatia was hired as an employee of the Stormwind City Soup Kitchen. No objections were made to any of the appointments.

The meeting then moved to its legislative docket. The first item on the docket was Motion #79 to Amend the Constitution of the Kingdom of Stormwind, authored by Senator Dante. The motion would remove the designation of violet perch as Stormwind's national fish. National designations serve to honor the cultural and/or historic importance of the designee, though they do not offer any additional benefits outside of cultural reverence. Senator Nightbreaker introduced a motion to designate violet perch as the national fish last month, though Senator Dante strongly opposed the designation given the fish's lack of cultural or historic importance to Stormwind. Moreover, Senator Dante described violet perch as a "trash fish" that offers little nutritional value, a position tacitly supported by Minister Beckwith. At the

Senate's last meeting, a motion was passed that requires a supermajority in the Senate in order to make a national designation. Violet perch's designation passed by just one vote, with only five senators voting in favor of the designation. In order to maintain its designation, a supermajority of senators would have to vote nay on Senator Dante's motion. Without debate, the motion passed by a margin of 13 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstention, and 5 absent. Senator Nieven voted nay, Senator Birch abstained, and Senator Greyford, Senator Dante, Senator Dwyer, Senator Valerian, and Senator Nightbreaker were absent.

The next item on the docket was Motion #80 to Amend the Constitution of the Kingdom of Stormwind, authored by Senator Nightfang. Just as Senator Dante's motion sought to remove violet perch as Stormwind's national fish, Senator Nightfang's motion seeks to remove Ol' Gummers' designation as Stormwind's national shark. Ol' Gummers is the most famous, and likely only, shark in Everstill Lake in Lakeshire, which prompted Senator Dwyer to introduce a motion designating him as Stormwind's national shark at a meeting last month. Unlike violet perch, however, a supermajority of senators did vote to grant Ol' Gummers his designation. Despite this, Senator Nightfang makes the argument that Stormwind should not have a national shark given what she perceives as Ol' Gummers' lack of cultural significance to Stormwind. It should be noted that the designation did not provide Ol' Gummers with any legal protections, nor would the revocation of the designation jeopardize his physical safety. In order for Ol' Gummers to maintain his designation, a supermajority of senators would have to vote nay on Senator Nightfang's motion.

Senator Nieven passionately argued against the motion by citing the cultural significance of Ol' Gummers to the people of Lakeshire and Unincorporated Redridge as a symbol of their regions' resilience. Like them, Ol' Gummers has withstood the test of time, staying alive and healthy despite invasions from the Iron Horde and the Scourge. Some biologists may even suggest that Ol' Gummers survived the First War. Senator Nieven argued that Ol' Gummers was an important symbol to the people of Stormwind, and that he deserved the Senate's recognition as such. The passion of Senator Nieven's speech appeared to make Senator Birch's eyes wet with tears.

As moving as Senator Nieven's words were to some senators, Senator Valerian remained resolved that it was inappropriate to designate a single, individual shark as Stormwind's national shark. He instead advised designating a species of shark as Stormwind's national shark, should Stormwind even need a national shark. Commander Jellyroll disagreed. He reiterated Senator Nieven's points about the cultural significance of Ol' Gummers to not just the people of Lakeshire and Unincorporated Redridge but the people of Stormwind as a whole. Senator Clearsoul likewise opposed the motion, though for a different reason. She cited the fact that a supermajority had already approved Ol' Gummers' designation, unlike the violet perch, so she asked why Senator Nightfang thought it was appropriate to bring the motion back to the

Senate. Senator Nightfang responded that she believed that the new guidelines on making national designations warranted a reconsideration of the recent designations that prompted the change in the requirements.

Senator Emberpaw then asked Senator Nightfang if she planned on introducing future motions to remove other national designations given her objection to the designations being awarded so liberally. Senator Nightfang stated that she did not have any intention. Without further debate, the motion failed to achieve the supermajority needed in order to maintain the national designation by a margin of 7 ayes, 11 nays, and 2 absent. Senator Wes, Senator Dante, Senator Birch, Senator Stanford, Senator Dwyer, Senator Nieven, Senator Clearsoul, Senator Ashcroft, Senator Mistfang, Senator Emberpaw, and Senator Kiestan voted nay, and Senator Greyford and Senator Nightbreaker were absent.

The final item on the docket was Motion #150 to Amend the Crimes of the Kingdom Act, authored by Senator Dwyer and co-authored by Senator Nieven and Crown Judge Nysti Goldfury. The motion would pardon Ms. Lanelle Nightbow for the crimes of one count of conspiring to commit murder, one count of petty treason, one count of assault, one count of making threats, two counts of breaking and entering, three counts of theft, one count of conspiring to commit theft, one count of violating a standing law, three counts of possession of illegal goods, three counts of resisting arrest, and five counts of disturbing the peace.

On October 17, 2022, Ms. Nightbow broke into Captain Annasera Bladecloud's house in Darkshire and proceeded to steal the blueprint for a proprietary coffee machine. Ms. Nightbow later confessed to stealing the blueprints from Captain Bladecloud.

On January 09, 2023, Ms. Nightbow walked past City Hall while smoking a felweed joint, which is illegal. While walking by, Ms. Nightbow licked Lord Devin Duskwarden. Lord Duskwarden alerted Sergeant First Class Melody Solstice to Ms. Nightbow's presence, and SFC Solstice questioned Ms. Nightbow on what she was smoking, though Ms. Nightbow claimed that she was not smoking anything illegal. When SFC Solstice scanned Ms. Nightbow's joint, its true properties were revealed and SFC Solstice attempted to arrest Ms. Nightbow, though she fled.

On January 12, 2023, another guard spotted Ms. Nightbow and attempted to arrest her with assistance from Captain Bladecloud, though Ms. Nightbow pointed a gun at the guard and threatened to shoot her if she was not allowed to escape. The guard was able to negotiate Ms. Nightbow into surrendering. Once in the Stockades, a search of Ms. Nightbow's person revealed more felweed. Ms. Nightbow attempted to steal Captain Bladecloud's headband while she was being searched, though Captain Bladecloud prevented the theft.

On July 09, 2023, Ms. Nightbow broke into then-Lieutenant Commander Eleyna Nightshade's office in City Hall and proceeded to steal three files from the office. A guard caught Ms. Nightbow sneaking out of the office and attempted to place her under arrest, though Ms. Nightbow fled. Shortly thereafter, Ms. Nightbow was speaking to Ms. Anna Dawncrest about the files she had stolen. An argument broke out between the pair and Ms. Dawncrest slapped Ms. Nightbow. The commotion caught the attention of then-Chief Detective Radren Spiritcrest, who placed both Ms. Nightbow and Ms. Dawncrest under arrest. Once in the Stockades, a search of Ms. Nightbow's person revealed illegal lock picking devices.

On May 27, 2024, Ms. Nightbow challenged Ms. Anna Verdord to a duel at the Sparring Grounds in Old Town. Commander Johanthan Jellyroll observed the duel to ensure it abided by the legalities surrounding duels. Once it became clear that Ms. Nightbow was losing the duel, she attempted to strike a fatal blow on Ms. Verdord, in violation of the laws on duels. Commander Jellyroll called off the duel due to Ms. Nightbow's actions, though Ms. Verdord ignored those instructions and pressed her attack against Ms. Nightbow, also aiming to strike a fatal blow. With assistance from then-Guard Korey Wheatleigh, then-Guard Marenthil Duskgazer, and then-Guard Moxoa Witherbow, both Ms. Verdord and Ms. Nightbow were placed under arrest, with Ms. Verdord putting up a fight during her arrest; however, Ms. Nightbow escaped custody en route to the Stockades, stealing Commander Jellyroll's handcuffs in the process.

On May 29, 2024, then-Guard Witherbow spotted Ms. Nightbow in Cathedral Square and arrested her with assistance from Sergeant Sedoril Lunalight. During the arrest, Ms. Nightbow continuously insulted the guards. Once in the Stockades, a search of Ms. Nightbow's person revealed illegal lockpicks. Ms. Nightbow was charged with one count of conspiring to commit murder, one count of theft, one count of violating a standing law, one count of resisting arrest, and two counts of disturbing the peace and was sentenced to serve time in the Stockades.

In order for the Senate to be able to debate a criminal pardon, the Crimes of the Kingdom Act outlines several parameters which must be met beforehand. First, the criminal must not have committed any major crimes for a period of one year or any minor crimes for a period of six months. For each additional crime a criminal commits, an additional month is added to this probation period. Ms. Nightbow has surpassed this statute of limitations. Next, the criminal must write a formal letter of apology to any victims who were impacted by their crimes and volunteer their time, without compensation, to rectify any outcomes of their crimes. In Ms. Nightbow's case, the victims were Captain Bladecloud, Ms. Verdord, and Ms. Dawncrest. Ms. Nightbow's other victims were not able to be contacted. She composed apology letters to Captain Bladecloud, Ms. Verdord, and Ms. Dawncrest. Captain Bladecloud responded to her letter with an acceptance of the apology, though there has been no response from Ms. Verdord or Ms. Dawncrest. As for her volunteerism, Ms. Nightbow has volunteered at the weekly food

drive hosted by the Stormwind Ministry of Services' Stormwind City Soup Kitchen nearly each week for the past year. Ms. Nightbow also recently enlisted in Bravo Company in the Stormwind Army to help Stormwind combat the forces of the Devouring Host. She saw her first battle yesterday as Stormwind's forces secured Locus Point in the Voidstorm. Upon reviewing her volunteer work, Judge Goldfury ruled that Ms. Nightbow's pardon is eligible for debate by the Senate.

Debate opened with Captain Bladecloud reading her letter in response to Ms. Nightbow's apology. She emphasized how uncommon it was for a criminal to fully take accountability for their actions, and she gave her full endorsement to Ms. Nightbow's pardon. Senator Hawthorne, however, questioned if Ms. Nightbow's penance was truly earned. He noted that pardons are generally only given in exceptional cases, so he asked Ms. Nightbow what about her case was exceptional. Ms. Nightbow responded that nothing was more exceptional than her personal transformation. Senator Valerian's concerns were not assuaged by that response, and he advocated that Ms. Nightbow explore additional opportunities to demonstrate her penance beyond volunteering at the soup kitchen given the severity of her crimes. Minister Kane encouraged the senators to vote on the woman who stood before them today, not the woman who had committed crimes some years ago. Senator Birch disagreed, echoing the earlier comments made by Senator Hawthorne and Senator Valerian about needing exceptional circumstances in order to approve a pardon.

By just one vote, the pardon attained the supermajority it needed, with a margin of 12 ayes, 3 nays, 2 abstentions, and 4 absent. Senator Hawthorne, Senator Birch, and Senator Valerian voted nay, and Senator Greyford, Senator Dante, Senator Ravenspire, and Senator Nightbreaker were absent. With no further business, the meeting adjourned after approximately two hours. The Senate is scheduled to meet again next week, though an exact day and time have not yet been scheduled.

Stormwind Ministry of Magic Debates Shadowfrost

- *Amyssia Barton*



The Stormwind Ministry of Magic hosted its monthly conference in the Stormwind Keep earlier this afternoon. The conference serves as an opportunity for the members of the ministry's Magic Advisory Committee to gather and discuss all magical activity within the kingdom, though members of the public are also welcome to attend. The meeting was presided over by Stormwind Minister of Magic Aritella Lyrianthra and attended by MAC members Ms. Aetherlaria Sunsong, Ms. Shiloh, Lady Elowyn Dawnvale, Mrs. Zara'Kiya, Mrs. T'aarix, Ms. Verdy Taylor, Captain Delyllene Seasky of the Stormwind City Guard, and Senator Cyni Mistfang, who represents Moonbrook in the Stormwind Senate and serves as the chairman of the Druidic Affairs Committee. The focus of this month's conference was shadowfrost and whether or not it should be made illegal in Stormwind.

The conference looked to Mrs. T'aarix as a death knight to help them all better understand whether shadowfrost was as dangerous as shadowflame and why. She explained that death knights tend to blend shadow magic and frost magic to create this unique magic. It requires significant training. When Captain Seasky asked if shadowfrost was as dangerous as shadowflame, which is banned from use in Stormwind, Mrs. T'aarix identified shadowfrost as easily less dangerous than shadowflame even though shadowfrost strikes physically at the bodies of foes with the chill of death itself while the shadow aspect claws at the very soul of whoever is being attacked.

That chilling explanation did little to sway committee members' developing belief that shadowfrost should not be made illegal. Lady Dawnvale noted that records of corruption through shadowfrost were sparse to none, and Ms. Taylor cautioned patience with all magics, regardless of type or mixing. Mrs. T'aarix volunteered to host a class through the Stormwind Ministry of Education's Stormwind City Community College enlightening Stormwind's residents on the properties of shadowfrost, though not on how to cast it. Committee members were generally supportive of this idea, all except Ms. Shiloh, who remained convinced that

shadowfrost should be outlawed from Stormwind. Minister Lyrianthra called a vote following the debate, and all committee members except for Ms. Shiloh voted against advising the Senate to make shadowfrost illegal.

A final discussion was prompted at the last minute by Ms. Shiloh, who asked about the legality of love potions. Love potions would fall under the Crimes of the Kingdom Act's prohibitions on mind-control magic, so they are already designated as illegal, even if not explicitly so by name. With no further matters to discuss for the evening, the members of the Ministry of Magic were dismissed. The Stormwind Magic Conference occurs on the second Sunday of every month, with the next conference scheduled for Sunday, May 10 at 4:00 PM RT. The public are always welcome to attend the conference and share their thoughts on any matters before the committee and express any magic-related concerns that they may have.

Behind the Badge

Arrest Warrant: Dal Grimluck

- *Johnathan Jellyroll (Guest Columnist) & Lady Rose*

The Stormwind City Guard has issued an arrest warrant for Dal Grimluck, a male quel'dorei. Commander Johnathan Jellyroll noticed several posters plastered across City Hall advertising "Dally's Drug Emporium". Mr. Grimluck was identified as the culprit due to similar antics in the past.

Mr. Grimluck is wanted for one count of vandalism and one count of littering. The Stormwind City Guard requests any sightings of Mr. Grimluck be reported to them immediately and warns that harboring a criminal is illegal.



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