

Address from the Iron Throne

Representatives of the two Dark Councils sent the following addresses to the Dark Voice offices prior to forces attacking the Dark Hall.

Lords of Darkness,

Today I come to you as we sit on the edge of a glorious victory. Very soon, indeed, we will strike at the heart of the impostor. Very soon, we will destroy those who would upend our great Brotherhood. Very soon, we will again be as one under my rightful command.

Those who support the Blue Impostor have made an egregious error that can only be corrected through battle. We will strike out against those who fail to support our cause, eliminating them for the greater good of the Brotherhood. You all must understand, these are no longer our brethren. They are traitors who no longer support the true aims and ambitions of our organization. As such, it is our obligation to strip them of their very breath.

Quell any doubts within you, my brethren. Today you do not fight for glory or honor. Today you fight for the very survival of our order against a force that disregards any and all of your past alliances. While we have fought side by side with them in our past, they are our enemies today. Even my apprentice, Xanos Sadow would cast me aside to take a seat of opportunity next to a fraud. I will not hesitate to crush him or the others that stand in our way.

We are the lords of this brotherhood, the masters of Antei and beyond. Show your mettle this very day and kill those who would strike me down without remorse.

I am the true Dark Lord of the Sith. Stand with me now, and we shall show our adversaries the true meaning of the Dark Side of the Force!

Lord Jac Cotelin

Grand Master of the Dark Jedi Brotherhood

My Brethren,

Behold my vision: this night we shall strike forth onto the surface of Antei, destroying all those who stand in our path, and lay claim to those most hallowed grounds that we so desire. Our foes will either succumb to our cause, or succumb to our lightsabers. There is no middle ground in this. For the sake of the Brotherhood we must retake our land.

The impostor has done well in covering the eyes of our former allies. I use the word "former" because I call them what they are. These Jedi, previously thought to be one and the same with us, have all turned against our cause. They now seek to destroy anyone who will not follow their so-called Red Dark Lord. I find this amusing. Not only have their allegiances been turned, but at this very moment, they carry the hope that they will succeed against us. There is no question to me about who carries the more powerful forces. Tomorrow we will put to rest any doubt.

Do not feel remorse for the actions we are about to take. In the course of our history, we have been plagued with internal fighting started by those whose ambition outweighs their sensibilities. It is our duty tonight to restore order to the Brotherhood by destroying those that would circumvent it. Our strength and glory will best be displayed when the impostor is destroyed and the true Dark Lord of the Sith takes his rightful place on the Iron Throne.

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Personal File Indicates Anshar Kahn Tarentae not entirely sure of “Red” Jac

By: Anonymous

An anonymous, but credible, informant has provided this paper with revealing information that not all is as it seems in the current inter-clan conflict. Though battle lines have been drawn, not everyone is entirely sure they are fighting for the “true” Jac Cotelin, red or blue. Among them is the Deputy Grandmaster of the “red” side, Anshar Kahn Tarentae.

The datadisk provided by our informant appears to contain personal files, much like a journal or official activity log. However, most of it is still heavily encrypted and we have been unable to access further files. The writing in the logs does appear to match that of the former Headmaster, but those who have served with or under him have informed this paper that Anshar is not in the habit of maintaining personal files, such as this, in locations that could be accessed by others on a network. According to Welshman Corsair Tarentae, Consul of Tarentum, and Anshar’s Proconsul, Anshar’s personal files were never kept on computers linked to a network, and the security measures surrounding the personal files was very high. Anshar has not returned the calls from this paper to confirm whether the document is authentic or not. “Reds” have charged that the document is an obvious forgery from the “blue” side, copied from Anshar’s public reports as Headmaster and Knight Commander. However, supporters of the document’s authenticity cite that the reports are written in a formal manner, whereas this document is written in an informal manner.

Some have cited Anshar’s rather hasty decision to join the “red” side as something out of character, and further proof that something larger is happening behind the scenes. A few individuals have claimed Anshar may be trying to take advantage of the situation in order to advance his own career in the Brotherhood. However, his former apprentice and closest friend Dranik denies these rumors: “Anshar has never been interested in power or prestige, but rather working for the good of the whole.” If he were truly having doubts about the authenticity, one could speculate that he was merely trying to get close enough to this Jac in order to confirm who the “red” Jac truly is.

If this document is authentic, however, we must assume that other high ranking members on both sides have similar doubts. Such a situation could potentially provide an ultimate solution to the problem, or it could force a greater fragmentation of the Brotherhood as the various higher ranking and respected leaders attempt to stake out exactly where they stand.

We can only wait and see.

The Enigmatic Guise of Domination

By: DJM Acxodim Pyralis

With the Great Jedi War comes the amassing of naval fleets of the Lower Clans. Alliances between fleets can often become a concern for the Iron Throne during a time when the Anteian Defense Fleets are looking rather antiquated. How the Iron Throne chooses to deal with these threats is a complex and often very secretive political game.

While the fog of obscurity runs thick, the Dark Voice Staff has carefully observed and documented many orders, which the Iron Throne has issued to maintain its power over not only the Lower Clans but also the Dark Council whose elements still obviously retain specific clan alignments. Though the full cunning and maneuvering which the Dark Lord of the Sith himself has exercised over his servants is beyond our understanding; we have traced down a series of events which we believe to be part of the larger plan of the Dark Lord’s plan to keep the balance of power within his favor.

Of most important political merit, we have seen the elevation of two Dark Councilmen and one Consul – Master At Arms Xu Long, Herald Muz Keibatsu Sadow, and Consul Manesh Sadow to Elder status as Adepts of the Dark Side. Clan Naga Sadow, a rising favorite of the Dark Brotherhood which some argue is poised to replace Clan Taldryan as First Clan, holds very strong ties to the Herald. Many see the promotion of the Patriarch of the Keibatsu family as a nod of respect from the Dark Lord – others see it as an exercise in friendship with a very powerful clan within the Brotherhood. However, if the Herald’s elevation was not obvious enough, Manesh Sadow’s ascent to Elder status must convince you that the Iron Throne considers Naga Sadow a threat with which to be reckoned (or perhaps a force to be appeased?). While the political alignment of Xu Long is not immediately obvious, some speculate that his allegiance to Clan Taldryan is still quite strong, possibly assisting it in its current lead over the other clans of the Brotherhood. In addition to Xu Long’s promotion, the Obelisk Proconsul of Clan Taldryan, Benevolent Taldrya Whiner was elevated to the rank of Primarch and Dark Jedi Mistress Alanna Taldrya received the Amethyst Kukri. Both have been driving forces within the Great Jedi War and have helped maintain Taldryan’s dominance throughout. Clearly this wide scale recognition of both influential members of Clan Taldryan and one of its Dark Council sympathizers was a move to help balance the Throne’s growing favor through the Clan of the Sadows with the established dominance of the Sons of Taldrya – an elite family to which the Dark Lord of the Sith himself belongs.

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Clan Tarentum Collects Prestige

This past month saw the elevation of three very senior members of Clan Tarentum. All three are established members of the mysterious Tarentae sect, all are well-known members of the ancient Sith Order, and all are current or former leaders who figured prominently in the Clan's evolution. The Consul of Clan Tarentum, Welshman Corsair Tarentae, was recently elevated to the rank of Sith Warlord. His guiding hand has helped keep the clan moving on a stable course of reconstruction even now during the Great Jedi War. While he has occasionally been criticized for his close ties to the New Republic, a possible side effect of the Yridia System's proximity to New Republic space, Welshman's charisma has often secured the loyalty of talented Rebel defectors. Welshman is also credited with maintaining unity among the clan when some of the clan's more unruly sects have threatened its stability.

Another Tarentae, Doni Tzu Tarentae, was recently elevated to Elder status. While his presence in the clan has been markedly shorter than other Elder Tarentae, his sageful wisdom shows no weakness. Doni Tzu, an Adept who has been around nearly since the very beginnings of the Brotherhood, is an enigma to many within the group of Dark Jedi. He served with distinction within the Empire's navy when the Brotherhood was associated with the Hammer, and has throughout his life served in a vast number of positions of responsibility and counsel to more than one Dark Lord of the Sith. Doni Tzu, a powerful Sith, is a master of strategy and one of the finest pilots in the Brotherhood who acted as Pylalis' first mentor many many years ago.

Last, but not least, Clan Tarentum saw the elevation of one of its most established members to the rank of Dark Jedi Master - Spears Tarentae, a former Consul of Clan Tarentum and Headmaster of the Shadow Academy. Starting out in Clan Tarentum, Spears rose to leadership under the tutelage of Oberst Tarentae, quickly demonstrating his abilities as both a dedicated worker and a leader. As Praetor to Headmaster Kaiann, Spears would rise to become one of the most forceful Headmasters of his time and became a powerful advisor of the Grand Master during his reign on Lyspair. During this time, he instituted countless reforms to the administration of the Academy and eliminated a lot of waste and inefficiency. His loyalty to his clan uncompromised, when it came time to move on, he returned to Clan Tarentum to relieve his Academy replacement, Anshar Kahn Tarentae, of the reigns of Consul, once again assuming a central role in the clan's leadership and development.

Blades of Sacrifice

The sacrificial blades are some of the most coveted possessions, which a Dark Jedi can earn within the Brotherhood. The Sapphire Blade, Diamond Sword, or even the Golden Lightsaber are all examples of such blades. The Blade of Sacrifice is a mark of a skilled leader, diligent administrator, or even a visionary architect. While those who earn the sacrificial blades most often belong to the Dark Summit, exceptionally talented House and Clan leaders have also been known to earn the lesser blades.

Sith Battlelord Vally Tamalar was one such leader of enduring talent. A former Quaestor of Acclivis Draco and Dorimad Sol, Vally Tamalar would eventually ascend to the position of Consul of Clan Scholae Palatinae upon Adept Vail's departure. During both the time he held high-profile summit positions and the time where he enjoyed regular membership, Vally acted as a leader throughout, serving as an example to other members, and assisting other Clan leaders. For his service to Scholae Palatinae, Vally Tamalar received the Sapphire Blade.

Sith Warlord Vessicant is another example of a dedicated administrator who has helped shape the very foundations of training within the Brotherhood – specifically the Antei Combat Chamber. Recently, he achieved the Amethyst Kukri for his role as a trainer. Many have judged, but only Vessicant has gone above and beyond, adding tremendous substance and depth to his critiques of those who enter the halls of the Chamber, seeking more refined combat proficiency. His crowning achievement, however, beyond assisting the hundreds who walk through the ACC, was his production of the Trainer's Guide – a comprehensive manual for staff members.

The Emerald Dagger, one of the highest awards any member can hope to achieve, was recently awarded to Adept Korras Sadow. Serving as Consul immediately after the elevation of Xanos Sadow to Deputy Grand Master, Korras helped direct Naga Sadow through the Feud and a good portion of the Great Jedi War during which the Clan saw great success. Korras, however, has also consistently served as Left Hand of Justice during which he has been a strong proponent of member's rights. Beyond these basic responsibilities, Korras also played an active role in debate on the Dark Summit and served as a resource and counsel for many.

Another Dagger was presented to Adept Anshar Kahn Tarentae. Headmaster of the Shadow Academy, the Dark Sage has been a driving force in a new era of evolution within the Academy. Anshar has overseen a number of reforms to the Society of Envoys. During Anshar's time as Headmaster and formerly as Knight Commander, the Envoys regained a sense of direction and have acquired more solid leadership than they have ever had. Anshar has also overseen the formation of one of the most coherent, dedicated staff of Eclectic Pedagogues in the Academy's history. A number of new courses have also been introduced and the Academy has seen a strong resurgence in popularity with over a thousand exams being graded since his ascent on Lyspair. However, the true mark of Anshar's success as Headmaster of the Shadow Academy is his progressive policies and ability to work with others on the Council. Anshar is fully able to examine the current system of training, find and discuss flaws and antiquated policies within the Academy, and suggest revision to better meet the needs of today's Brotherhood. This is the true mark of a scholarly, visionary leader within the Shadow Academy.

A Tale of Two Jacs

A Day in the Life of the Grand Masters

By: Shikyo "Rurouni" Keibatsu

During this Great Jedi War, there has been an appearance of TWO Jacs. Because of this split in leadership, many have decided to take up arms against either the "Blue Jac" or the "Red Jac". This controversy has had many friends torn into enemies and unusual alliances being formed. However, there has been silence over the feelings of either of the two Jacs. Using newly granted Force powers and bribery of an endless supply to an unknown Consul, this reporter got down to the truth of the two Grand Masters. I recently sat both of them to have a discussion as to how they two of them felt with how this split has affected the Brotherhood.

<`Jac> Hello
<`Jac> grrr
<`Shikyo> evening gentlemen
<`Jac> Hello, Shikyo
<`Shikyo> lets start off by distinguishing by which one is the "Red" Jac and which is the "Blue" Jac
<`Jac> I believe that I am being referred to as the Blue Jac
<`Jac> Yes, I am the Red one
<`Shikyo> Alrighty.
<`Shikyo> First Question: What makes you "red" and "blue"? Are they favorite colors?
<`Jac> Which one am I again?
<`Jac> Blue
<`Shikyo> you are the Blue one, sir
<`Jac> Oh, right
<`Jac> Well, that one there is red, because that is the color of the blood I will spill when I am finished with him
<`Jac> Hey now, let's not get out of hand too soon

<`Jac> What Blue isn't telling you is that the reason people have given us these colors is because we seem to have taken on different traits of our combined form
<`Jac> I am obviously the more cunning, ruthless and good-looking of the two
*`Jac whaps `Jac

At this point, I tried to intervene, only to have a bolt of Force Lightning hit me in straight in my as... - anyways...

<`Jac> I, on the other hand, have taken Jac's prowess in battle, his ability to lead and his competence
<`Jac> Hey now.
<`Shikyo> let's move on to the next question
<`Jac> ok
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<`Shikyo> what do you promise to bring to the DB if you assume the control of the Star Chamber?
<`Jac> I will be the one to lead the Brotherhood as it destroys the light in the galaxy. I will rule over an infinite darkness.
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<`Jac> Hey that's my line!
<`Jac> Hey that's my line!
<`Jac> Stop that!
<`Jac> Stop that!

A slap boxing battle ensued, however the two of them folded their arms and turned aside.

<`Shikyo> in any case..
<`Shikyo> if you could have any clan under your control, you would you want and why?

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<`Jac> I think I can answer for the both of us: Taldryan

Damages Done

By: Telona Murrage

When the two likenesses of our Lord Jac Cotelin met in the Dark Hall on Antei there was a great commotion that resulted in much damage to the structure and offices within. Nearly an entire wing is in a state of disrepair and important documents lie strewn about for anyone to pick up. The Dark Voice office is one of the many that suffered from the destruction.

Along with major damage done to the printing press, the office is unsuitable for even the staff to enter. Many other offices are in the same shape and many staff members are forced from their everyday job. The mines placed within the undamaged floors of the Dark Hall have hindered much of the repair and clean up work that so desperately needs to be done.

Despite all this, the Dark Voice staff has worked overtime to produce this latest edition. A new printing press was purchased and the office relocated temporarily to a more secluded moon in a quiet system far from the warpath of the Clans. Other important offices have relocated as well. Until the Brotherhood quiets down and repairs are completed there is no set date on these offices moving back. One can only hope the entire Dark Hall is not destroyed before then.

<`Jac> That's my home away from the Dark Council
<`Jac> Though, it has been three years
<`Jac> I wonder if it is the same
* ``Jac ponders
<`Shikyo> are there any other clans you would like on your side?
<`Jac> All of the clans should be on my side
<`Jac> I am the true Grand Master, the Dark Lord of the Sith
<`Jac> They should follow me.
<`Jac> Ooh ooh! I'll take CNS!
* `Shikyo is glad he joined the Red Jac from the beginning

At this moment, the "Blue" Jac stabbed at the reporter with his lightsabers... It was painful.

<`Shikyo> one final question... word on the grapevine is that you married quite a while back without giving an impression to any in the Brotherhood... how does your wife distinguish who is her true husband?
<`Jac> Hmmm
<`Jac> That's a really good question
<`Jac> Now that I think about it....where is my wife?
<`Jac> It's my night
<`Jac> Oh yeah
<`Jac> We have a sharing arrangement
<`Jac> I think she tells us apart just by where we live
<`Jac> And I'm a bit rougher around the edges
<`Shikyo> well, it is ALWAYS an honor to speak with a Grand Master and thank you very much for not obliterating everything in sight
<`Shikyo> thank you Lords for this opportunity
* `Shikyo shakes the hands of both Grand Masters
<`Jac> You are quite welcome
<`Jac> Aye definitely
* ``Jac smacks Jac
* ``Jac has left #interview
<`Jac> Hey!
<`Jac> coward

Once this occurred, the two of them began to lunge Force Lighting at one another, occasionally hitting the reporter. In the end, it's a crazy, crazy world for the Brotherhood, at this moment. Two Jacs have appeared and people have chosen sides. Though they appear so much alike, this reporter as recently discovered that the Red Jac has brought in more support to Clan Naga Sadow. As well as military support, the Red Jac has brought in delicacies and cake for all members of the clan. Screw Red v.s. Blue! They have cake! Enjoy!

A Sneak Peak at the Newest Publication

By: DV Staff

With much anticipation, the chief editor of the Dark Voice has announced a new publication that will go into circulation once the Clans stop warring.

"I am really gearing this newest publication towards the members. They'll be allowed to send in their stories and poems. This will allow them to publish their work and get noticed." Stated Telona in a rare interview. "Of course I'll only allow so many pieces so it's going to be a first come first serve. Overall though, I'm really excited about this."

When asked what all will be included in the publication the chief editor produced a run down of items. The contents were listed along with a short description of what would qualify for each section. With permission, the contents are presented below.

- Media Center - includes reviews and previews of movies, games, books, and comics.
- Clan Center - includes informal clan information such as Knight ascensions, merit medals, new members. Each clan will have its own section for four pieces of fiction.
- Comics - will be open to any graphical content.
- Personals - will be open for any personal information people wish to give out such as travels, sports updates, or any big news.

"I'll call it *The Arcane Scoop* and will hopefully get enough items for inclusion to produce it every other month. In fact, I am hoping to get the first edition out sometime next month." Telona stated.

Indeed a bold new publication but how will this effect the Writer's Corner, a similar production? Telona had this to say.

"The Writer's Corner probably won't see much change. I will only accept a certain amount for each section and if people really want their stuff out there they'll go to that. Both this publication and the Writer's Corner were born of my ideas. They work a bit different but they won't work against each other at the end of the day."

An interesting view from the former Krath High Priestess that will only prove itself as time goes by.

Alchemical Aggression- the Sith War Behemoth

By Macron Mononoke-Keibatsu Goura

It is a well-known fact that the ancient Sith used a wide variety of creatures as weaponry and support for their land forces. The Sith War Behemoth was one of the most imposing.

The massive mutated herd creatures stood from 12 to 15 meters tall at the shoulder. The quadrupeds could weigh in excess of 10,000 Kg. They possess thick hides with a leathery texture, a scale-armored back, tusks, horns, and coarse fur. They were used as battering rams, troop carriers, and platforms for heavy weaponry.

The shaggy creatures were natives of Khar Delba before being acquired and warped by the Sith. Sith Alchemy twisted the herbivores into omnivorous monsters. They will eat almost anything, including their opponents. The masterful Sith Lords were able to breed the beasts for many centuries and thus clarified and improved the genetic stock.

War behemoths were often equipped with gun turrets strapped to their backs, possessed dark vision, and could swallow opponents whole. Their minds were easily mastered by Force wielders due to the manipulation and intentional weakening of their wills by the Sith alchemists.

The author is currently experimenting on cultivating one of these creatures. Rumor has it one or more may have been employed during the recent Great Jedi War.

Dark Voice Interview with DSC Tribune Mononoke Keibatsu-Goura

By: Saitou

Hello, Macron. May we come into the laboratory for a chat?

Oh sure, just one second, man. * Screaming sounds stop. * Sorry, that particular subject was being a bit intractable, but I think he'll be quiet now. Do you like the new Wampa-fur lab chairs? Comfy, no? Don't worry, the IT-3 droid won't bother you - will you Blinky?

Macron, you have recently been granted a title by the Dark Council. It is part of the new Tribune system and a newly created position at that. Could you tell us about your duties and how you serve the Brotherhood?

In any case, the position is not entirely new. I have the honor of following in the footsteps of Trev, not an easy task by any means. I am in the process of compiling the Lore of the Brotherhood, per my mandate given by Lord Cotelin and Master Xanos. The job entails a lot of editing and research, particularly including the history of the various aspects of the Brotherhood.

Do you have any previews for the Brotherhood about your work with the Compendium? Maybe some word on projects or other things of interest?

Our number one project right now is the completion of the Clan History section of the DSC. Most of the major data has been compiled thanks to help from many Clan sources. There are a few minor questions to clear up, and then we move on to the Tri-Part Path. That work will have some fictional updates for the Obelisk back-story that Xanos proposed, and they should be fun.

What do you think of the current Tribune system as a whole? How would you distinguish their work from the work of Praetors and Magistrates?

Well, I honestly don't know yet. They all involve work, and that is the important thing. None of them is a reward, rather a job that needs to be done well for the benefit of the Club as a whole.

From the Editor

It has been a difficult time for the DV and its staff members. This war has left its mark not only in the office but also in our minds. The staff has lost Wernda and its Dark Hall office. It has also been difficult to stay neutral during this conflict. The clans have screamed for loyalty to one Grandmaster or the other thus tearing the staff apart. Communications have been less than successful and the thought of holding back this publication until after things had settled was on more than one staffers mind.

Despite the conflicts, I was highly surprised when articles started coming in. Brave souls they are for they went against all odds to give their report. It took much convincing and concessions made on my part to publish this edition of the Dark Voice. It drained much of my resources and so it is my hope that all members of the Dark Brotherhood, in spite of their affiliation, enjoy this newsletter. With luck, this will inspire others to make their voices heard through their articles.

Now it is time for a non-position question. You have quite a nice Warbanner. Could you explain any significance that it might hold?

I see. There is significance, yes. The red color symbolizes my Sith philosophy, and the blood we love to spill. The three coins are gold, thus representing the alchemical arts of transmutation. The leopard is symbolic of my fighting name from the days when I fought hand-to-hand in the Coruscanti combat arenas. The medallion is from my time as Quaestor of House Ludo Kressh. And the bat wing edge is just creepy, which I enjoy.

The Brotherhood is always mutating and evolving in various ways. This is due in part to newer members. Is there anything you wish to tell them about yourself or the Brotherhood?

Never give up. Keep working hard, and remember to have fun while you are at it. That is what this club is all about, members having fun.

Dark Side Tattoos: Their Meaning and Power

By: Shin'ichi Endymiron Keibatsu & Macron Keibatsu Goura

Since time immemorial the pall of the Dark side has been present in the universe. From the first moment a sentient creature plotted for its own power or coveted that of another, the Dark Side has been there to nurture and drive the most base of our emotions. And since the first being touched the power of the Dark Side of the Force he has felt the need to pay it tribute and imbue himself with its dark properties.

Primitive cultures first began tattooing themselves thousands of years ago for a plethora of reasons. Among those was; identifying themselves with a particular clan, showing their skills, to ward off evil, and to invoke power. For the Dark Side practitioner one of these reasons is especially strong, the ability to invoke power.

Power is the prime motivation for any Dark Jedi. The accumulation and sustaining of power is the driving force behind most all of what we in the Dark Jedi Brotherhood do. From the moment we enter the Shadow Academy to either our entrance into the ranks of the Elders, or our certain and inevitable deaths we strive to amass more and power and control over those around us. To this end the ancient practitioners of the Dark Side developed a method for physically identifying the most powerful among them, and for merging dark energies into themselves.

Thousands of years ago the ancient dark sorcerers discovered the power of what we call Sith Runes. At that time the Sith were unheard of as a race let alone as a class of Dark Jedi. These sorcerers wove into their own skin mystic symbols in such patterns that brandishing them or calling upon their power would lend them tremendous advantages in battle. Thousands of years later during the time of the Sith Empire, the greatest of Dark Lords would use these runes or tattoos to test themselves and prove their worth as Dark Lords of the Sith. Bearing them was a mark of the skill of the Master, and of the learner's resilience and full embrace of the Power of the Dark Side

They would take a small slug like creature found on Korriban and allow it to crawl over their bodies leaving angular yet flowing marks upon their flesh. While they did this creatures released venom into the participants skin and only by channeling large amounts of the Dark Side of the force was one able to survive the lengthy and otherwise deadly and excruciatingly painful process, thus marking themselves as great Dark Side practitioners. The methods of tattoo inscription vary from Master to Master. In most cases, the right to bear the marks was earned in combat by the learner and inscribed by the Master. Various methods were used. These included venomous slugs, needles, Force lightning, acids, chemicals, dyes, lasers, and more.



The spirit of Freedon Nadd emblazoned two tattoos upon Exar Kun and Ulic Qel Droma marking them as Dark Lords of the Sith. Many Sith over time have sported interesting facial and body tattoos. These include the more common Warrior and Acolytes, as well as the fearsome Sith Lords. Notable exponents included Darth Maul, Count Dooku's padawan Shaaleta Doneeta, Uthar Wynn, Jerec, Darth Talon, Darth Maladi, and others.

Darth Maul's dedication to the Dark Side and to his master was evidenced by the fact that his entire body was covered with such Dark Side tattoos. Darth Sidious applied these tattoos. Needles were placed in his body as he hung from chains. Sidious indicated that the pain would "Clear his mind." It is probable that these needles were meant to channel his neural energy in a manner similar to acupuncture. Both require the channeling of Dark Side energies to survive, so one can see by the tattoos adorning Darth Maul that he was

indeed powerful.

http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Darth_Talon

From an alchemical perspective, these tattoos may have contained Force-enhanced chemicals. It was certain that the process was agonizing, and mastery of the Force as well as more vulgar chemical means may have been employed to resist the pain. Orbalisk venom was almost certainly employed by Sidious, as the Sith Lord had access to the full range of Sith alchemical techniques.

The Dark Side Tattoos have one other advantage beyond those already mentioned. They have a profound psychological impact on the enemy of a tattoo bearer. Facing an opponent marked in such way can terrify a lesser opponent, and even cause a modicum of fear to enter the heart of an equal.

Within the Dark Jedi Brotherhood there are a few members that bear such force-imbued tattoos, but never in as great an amount as Darth Maul. Only a skilled alchemist or ritual practitioner can apply them, and even then the risk of destruction is great. One must remain focused on the dark side or risk being poisoned or having their soul drawn into the maddening abyss, which is the Dark Side.



Shyarn-ado, The Cerean Bladed-Weapon Art

By: Macron Mononoke Keibatsu-Goura

Shyarn-ado has a long history with the Cerean people. This style was rare and complex, often involving a lifetime commitment to one's master, brain, and chosen style. This ensured complete mastery of the form and responsible use of the techniques in theory.

This is an advanced single-sword combat form derived from the Cerean People. I analyzed this style in real-time blooded combat with Devani Maharet, an Arconan Shyarn practitioner. She proved to be a devastating blade-wielding agent. Our time spent together was quite enlightening.

This complicated form was developed originally for wielders of the Shyarn blade. The blade is a curved, single edged sword with a gracefully rounded hilt and a slightly curved handgrip. These masterful exotic swords are made from extracted metals and minerals by the duty-bound Cereans. The weapons are attracted to other blades magnetically on occasion, and this makes for deadly and vibrant duels.

The Art has since spread to other races as the Cereans have spread across the known Galaxy as intellectual giants. The Cerean culture values sheer intelligence, and this style reflects their complex cultural origins. The draconian weapons were often used in duels of honor and status. The Body and the Blade became an intellectual status symbol and state of mind. As well, if you were weak you would rapidly be separated from your weapon and your existence on this plane.

The attacks and parries used by these stylists involve flexibility, speed, and quick tactical thinking. Shyarn Stylists are known for acrobatic, precise, misleading and evasive attacks. Twisting strokes, complex parries, and even sweeping the blade across one's body to reinforce the weak flesh or parry a wicked potent blow are accepted maneuvers. This style views the sword and body as a complete weapon, each reinforcing the other.

Clan Updates

Clan Arcona

The honorable Clan Arcona has withdrawn their public update for print in the Dark Voice.

Clan Naga Sadow

Clan Naga Sadow (at the time of this writing) continues to hold its second place standing in the ongoing Great Jedi War, despite a change in leadership. The clan continues to aim for Clan Taldyran's first place standing, while being mindful of Clans Arcona and Scholae Palatinae, who are equally ambitious.

In the past month, Dark Side Adept Korras stepped down as Consul. He was replaced with Sith Warlord Manesh Sadow, who himself, a few days after the appointment, was promoted to Dark Adept. Manesh chose Krath Archpriestess Kat Pridemore as his Proconsul. The rest of the clan is working to adjust to these changes while continuing its fight against the Blue-aligned clans.

These are unsettled times for the clan, and it could not have come at a more inopportune times. While Clan Naga Sadow seeks to destroy its opposition, it also struggles to survive on its own.

Clan Scholae Palatinae

Coctyus System, Judecca - Scholae Palatinae has enjoyed several celebrations and ceremonies throughout the conflict upon Antei. Most notably they congregated within Clan Headquarters to honor the long tenures of several Clan Leaders, whom were forced from their positions as the war grew too tumultuous. Amongst those stepping down during the conflict were Proconsul Brujah Tamalar, Quaestor of Acclivis Draco, Mune Metsukai, and Aedile of Acclivis Draco, Laurus.

While convened, Consul Dakari called for a celebration to honor the contributions of the former Leaders. The highlight of the festival came when a package with the seal of the Master At Arms, Syn Kaek, was presented to once Consul Vally Tamalar. Former Proconsul Brujah gave a brief testimony to his skills and guile at running a Clan for a prosperous stint - including a reference to their second place finish in the Independence Games of the year previous. With the conclusion of the speech, the Sith opened the package and firmly grasped the hilt of his new Sapphire Blade.

Several days later, the Consul reconvened his Clan to nominate the newly elected leaders of Clan Scholae Palatinae. Several times during the meeting he stressed the need for stability, just action and cohesiveness. Then, finally, he announced his choices for replacements. "To the position of Quaestor of Acclivis Draco, it is my privilege to welcome the Pontifex Saitou back into active leadership. His right-hand will be none other than one of our most profound members, Rasilvenaira Stormraven. She will be mentored under the Krath, preparing for her eventual role of House Leader. Lastly, to the position of Proconsul I nominate the Archpriest Braecen. While his services have been predominantly performed in Clan Plagueis, I welcome him with open arms as my assistant."

The appointments were met with applause. The convention appeared to hold the attention of the entire Clan even throughout the proceeding discussions about Battle Team reformation, a new holonet access and the mysterious new Council forming under the Consul.

Scholae Palatinae's progress in the war has surprised many in their turn around from the initial final position. While struggling to gain a foothold, the Clan has gained steady ground within the Blue Faction. Questions arise about the Clan's integrity with its newest Proconsul serving the Red Faction yet somehow a sense of normalcy prevails. Who is controlling whom? This will likely not be fully resolved until the heated battle for Antei begins. Sources imbedded with CSP forces have mentioned nothing specific, though they were emphasizing that the fleet has not remained static and is constantly on highest alert

Clan Plagueis

The honorable Clan Plagueis has withdrawn their public update for print in the Dark Voice.

Clan Taldryan

As the War rages on, Clan Taldryan pushes forward at the frontlines. We fight hard, never relenting, and standing up for the obvious true Grand Master. The sides have been drawn, the rules already broken, and the end is near. Taldryan's will is focused and steady.

Notably, Exarch Benevolent Taldrya Whiner and Master Alanna Taldrya have stood as guiding lights for the Clan during this war in the battlefield and elsewhere. While the Clan is full of amazingly talented people, these are at the top right now. The brotherhood within a brotherhood remains strong. May our mighty Consul direct us to final victory.

Clan Tarentum

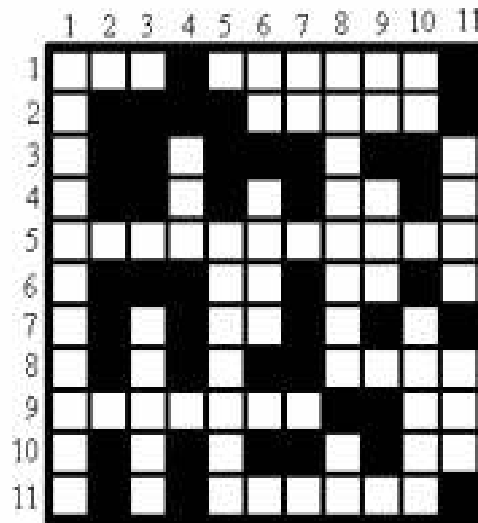
Tarentum has, for the most part, attempted to stay away from choosing a side in this ugly war. Yet despite their efforts, the clan could not stay neutral. The protectors of the Shroud were effectively pulled into this war through the terrorist acts of other clans and from another group unknown to them. However, the clan's summit keeps a wary eye on the Jac they have chosen to follow.

On a better note, the clan has seen two major promotions during this war. The honorable Doni Tzu Tarentae was welcomed into the rolls of the Dark Side Adepts while the honorable Spears Tarentae was embraced into the ranks of Dark Jedi Master. Before Tarentum was drawn into picking sides there was one other elevation not overly celebrated around the Ale Pond. The Consul and fellow Tarentae Welshman Corsair was hazed into the ranks of the Warlords through a process he chose not to talk about.

So Tarentum continues its slow and steady growth, eyes wary to the goings on around them.

In these times of war we all need a little something to distract us for the painful goings-on around us. Presented for your enjoyment and a medal for the one who sends in the correct answers first is this crossword provided by Ood Bnar. Apologies for the fuzziness, our printing press is not yet set up to do detailed graphics.

Dark Voice Crosswordpuzzle



Horizontal

1. Abbreviation of the last Vendetta event / The Admiral that led the Rebel forces into the battle of Endor
2. The kind of droid that discovered the Hoth Base (... Droid)
4. Abbreviation for the Brotherhood's institution of learning
5. The main governing body of the DJB
8. One of the three Orders
9. These positions replace the old Order leaders / The Abbreviation for one of the Force powers: when you see the attack before it happens
11. The Lightsaber form used by Obi Wan Kenobi

Vertical

1. The Supreme leader of the Brotherhood
3. The Lightsaber form used with a Sabre Staff
4. The rank required to carry a lightsaber
5. The name for the leader of a clan, plural
6. One of the Newer Clans, made from two old clans / The Jedi master who was Grandmaster of the Jedi order during the Clone Wars
8. The leader of the Gungan civilisation at the time of TPM / The Abbreviation of the Equite-3 rank for Obelisk
9. The abbreviation for the Combat Centre of Antei
10. The Lightsaber form practised by Yoda
11. The last name of Leia Organa's children / The abbreviation of one of Scholae Palatinae's houses

A copy of the Roll of the Dark Brotherhood (as of August 21, 2006) is kept for historical purposes:

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