

Queen's Own
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Valdemar Crest

By

Larry Dixon

SPECIAL NOTE: QO has permanently closed its PO Box and is now an exclusively online fan club!

Heyla, Misty fans!

Congratulations to all of you 2020 graduates! This is certainly a year no one will forget. It makes one long for some real-world Herald.

That reminds me. We haven't seen any people with existing personas try for higher ranks lately. Sometimes your profession will qualify you for advancement (though we'd also like to see materials from you eventually so we can share them in our zines and newsletters). Some examples are a professional musician can become a Court Musician, a science or math teacher can become an Artificer, someone in the Health Field can become a full Healer, and a police officer or firefighter can become a member of the Guard. This is also a way for people who are intimidated by the process of creating a persona to get a jump start. You put in the hard work; you might as well claim your reward.

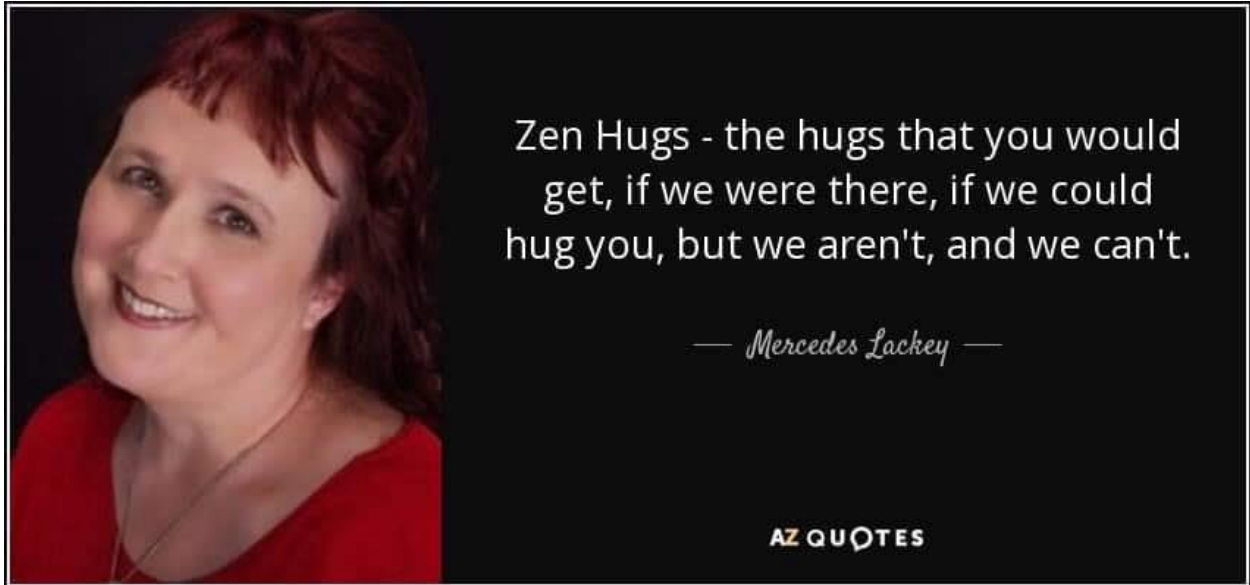
One of our Frequently Asked Questions is what do we do with our personas? Well, the big perk is that you get to attend the QO RPs in our Secret Room on Facebook. These occur on the fourth Wednesday of nearly every month, 5:30 to 7 PM Pacific Time. They are an opportunity for us to tell a group story around a preplanned scenario that Moonstar and I have devised. (Ask Herald William, our newest player! They're fun!) The June RP will take place at Elderwood Manor, the property owned by my Herald Kaylan's grandparents. It's a wacky place built for a clan full of Heralds who literally share living quarters (such as dining rooms) with the occupants. Kaylan is a powerful Fetcher, but he has no Mindspeech. That's a problem because the chaos in his grandparents' household pretty much makes it impossible to hear anyone unless you are directly on top of them—unless you have Mindspeech, which most of the clan does. The Elderwoods train white dancing horses that tour Valdemar, sometimes with Herald Spies embedded in their midst. Kaylan is handfasted to Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn and Herald Yarik (yes, they're a threesome), and they are going to visit their triplets at Elderwood Manor. They would love for you all to join them.

Wishing you a calmer July that's a little closer to "normal."

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn





Story Prompt:

The horse lords were coming. The thunder of their steeds' hooves shook the earth until all trembled at their power.

As always, if you would like any story published you can submit it to Golden Grove sn.keeper@yahoo.com with Golden Grove in the subject line.

--Herald Nalei Rayskeline

[If any other fanzine editors would like to send us story prompts, we'd be happy to publish them!]

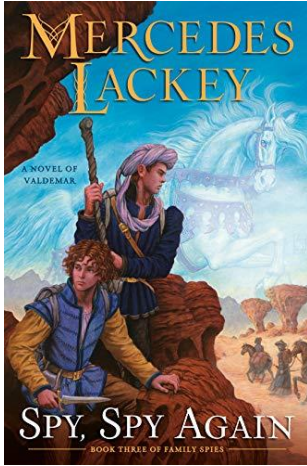


Contest Announcement

Reminder: We are now accepting submissions for the ongoing Queen's Own Contests. We will do a drawing in the January Newsletter, the winner of the contest will receive one of the randomly selected items below. Each submission must be Valdemar related. Submission includes, Personas, Artwork, Stories, Poetry, Articles, Book Reviews, Monthly RPs and Cosplays. If it is Valdemar related it will count for a submission. All submissions will be shared in future newsletters, in the case of stories they will be sent on to the zines which are needing submissions. Winner to be determined by the roll of a 10-sided die, which will cause the winner to be determined randomly as we do not want to be in the business of trying to determine better between apples and oranges. The Prize of the drawing will also be determined randomly by die roll. Please send in your submissions via email (queensownnewsletter@gmail.com). Good Luck my friends!



Publication News:



Spy, Spy Again (Valdemar: Family Spies), release date June 9, 2020, and is available for preorder.

Passages (anthology), release date November 24, 2020, and is available for preorder.

Jolene (Elemental Masters Book 15), release date December 1, 2020, and is available for preorder.

Please send us reviews of any of Misty's works, old or new. We love to hear from you!



Book Review:

We do not have a book review to include this month. Please let us know what you are reading, with a short no spoiler summary and what you liked or didn't like about it!



Art Note:

Some of the art this issue is from unknown artists, if you recognize the art please let us know so I can update our records!





Vanyel

By

Unknown



E-Resources:

Amazon has a Mercedes Lackey page:

http://www.amazon.com/Mercedes-Lackey/e/B000APZNR0/ref=sr_tc_2_0?qid=1459664793&sr=8-2-ent

Barnes and Noble has a page for Misty here:

https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/contributor/mercedes-lackey/_/N-2khg

Misty's official page:

<http://www.mercedeslackey.com/>

The Queen's Own website is at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qo.htm> (I do need to update it, but a lot of good information is available there and some is actually current!)

The Queen's Own Facebook page is here:
<https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>

The Queen's Own Facebook group is here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1607409292715707/>

Misty's Facebook page is here: <https://www.facebook.com/MercedesLackey/>

The Mercedes Lackey Fanclub group on Facebook is here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2205058863/>

The Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club) Facebook group is here:
<https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>

If you know of any other e-resources, please let us know!



Ren. Faires:

<http://piratefestivals.com/>
<http://www.renfaire.com/Sites/>
<http://www.renaissancemagazine.com/fairelist.html>
<http://www.therenlist.com/fairs>
http://www.renaissancefairefestival.com/renaissance_faire_festival_information_list.htm
<http://www.festivaltrek.com/festivals-category/renaissance-heritage/>
<http://www.festivals-and-shows.com/renaissance-festivals.html>

If you can attend any of these (or others we don't know about), please let us know about all the fun you had!



Conventions:

<http://fancons.com/events/>
<http://www.upcomingcons.com/comic-conventions>
<http://www.popculthq.com>



Misty Appearances:

We do not have an updated list for her 2020 calendar.



Gryphon Magic

By

Sherry Anderson



Member News:

Editors and Chapter Presidents, please send us updated information if you have it.

Local chapters:

The Canada Chapter is starting back up! I hope to have their updated information in the next newsletter. Who else is still active and who is not?

- ❑ **Arrows OnLine:** Contact: Adept Grayfeather k'Varis (Kristi Reed). E-mail: DragonMamaK@aol.com. Arrows OnLine is the AOL chapter of QO. Chats will be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 8-10 PM ET. Topics will be posted prior to chat, hopefully as soon as a month in advance for book discussions. Although we have the scheduled chat, the Companion's Grove is open 24/7, and anyone can come in for informal chat. As far as instructions on how to get there . . . there are lots of hoops to jump through now. Go to the books

community, find the message board link, then find the "Author AZ" message board, and find your way to the Mercedes Lackey boards from there. She's no longer a keyword, but hopefully with more traffic in the future that will change. If you don't want to jump through hoops, you can e-mail me directly, and I'll give you the links. The links to the chatroom will be on my "signature" on the boards.

- **Friends of the Pelagirs:** Contact: Morghan Savistr'i. Website: <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm>. E-mail: elfchilde@gmail.com. Under new care! Friends of the Pelagirs, the Mid Atlantic Chapter of Queens Own, is looking for new members, co-moderators for Lists and Subgroups, as well as those who would like to attend Writers groups in their area! Please e-mail Morghan Savistr'i at elfchilde@gmail.com or visit our new site <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm> for more information! We look forward to growing with you!



- **Heartland Arrows:** Contact: Earthshower k'Valdemar. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon2/heartlandarrows>. E-mail: thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.

CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS! CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS! Heartland Arrows IS BACK!!!! If you live in or around Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, or Illinois and want to be an art of this great chapter of Queen's Own, please contact Earthshower k'Valdemar at thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.

- **Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club):** Here's the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2202088363/> (This is one of our more active chapters at the moment. Let us know if you see any posts from Misty. "Like" Misty's Facebook page while you're at it!)
- **Sapphire and White:** Contact: Ronald Glaser. E-mail: luckystar@abe.midco.net. We accept members from all over the United States, but we technically cover the Great Lakes region, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. Heyla there, everyone! Sapphire and White is looking for people who are interested in Mercedes Lackey and her works such as the Valdemar series and the many other books that she has written. We accept both members and non-members of QO. You can contact me for more info at luckystar@abe.midco.net. I hope to have a chat list and maybe a fanzine going soon, but I am looking for submissions for that when it gets up and running.

- **Valdemar Estate Waystation:** Contact: Herald Lily. Website: <http://valdemarwaystation.iwarp.com/index.html>. E-mail: kalendral_tarma@hotmail.com. Valdemar Estate Waystation has expanded. Due to low numbers of anything in Perth, it is also now the largest cosplay club in Perth. We have cosdays every month and Ramen Nite is the first Thursday of the month. We now cover 3 sections. Valdemar, Horses, Costuming/anime. Online forum is open to all! (come on, we even have a member from Golden Grove...:hugs to you:) Find us at <http://vewaystation.proboards100.com/index.cgi>. There are recent pics of Misty and Larry and some dodgey fun so don't be shy . . . your mothers weren't and pay us a visit!
- **The Vanyel Fan Club:** Contact: Herald Bastian. Website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/vfcindex.htm>. E-mail: Herald_Bastian@hotmail.com. The *Vanyel Fan Club* is a chapter of QO that started out as an independent fan organization. The chapter is devoted to fans of Herald-Mage Vanyel Ashkevron from *The Last Herald-Mage Trilogy* by Mercedes Lackey.



Zines and Newsletters:

Fanfiction can now be published long as you designate that you are doing so under a Creative Commons license. You may not make any money off your fiction and you may NOT write a Valdemar novel.

Here are the QO fanzines and newsletters that we know about. Is anyone else still publishing?

- **Children of Velgarth:** Editor: Kendra Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar; E-mail: Queensownnewsletter@gmail.com. I publish new and old personae, even previously published persona if asked by members in this new, official QO zine. I will only accept what was sent in for your persona to Queen's Own to be recognized. Any fan fiction written later should be sent to one of the other zines who need it to keep their zines going. This fanzine will be published periodically when it reaches 80 pages or so. Zines will be available by e-mail only, and completely free. The zines will be in PDF format, which use adobe reader available for free from the Adobe website. We have the first 6 vols. available!

- **Golden Grove** Volume 3, Issue 4 is now available! Golden Grove is a digital publication and is sent out via e-mail. Contact me if you'd like a copy. For new submissions and subscriptions to Golden Grove please e-mail sn.keeper@yahoo.com. To submit stories, you have written from the story prompt given above, send them to Golden Grove sn.keeper@yahoo.com with Golden Grove in the subject line.

If anyone has old issues of Golden Grove and can get them to me, you can contact me at the email above. If you can scan them and get me digital copies that would be great, if not and you are willing to part with your copies, I'm willing to pay postage.

- **Herald's Companion:** Editor: Karen Bertke, 5694 Scarborough Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45238. If anyone has friends stationed overseas, let us know and we'll send them a feezil mascot (to make anything feezible). E-mail: submission instructions:
 - 1) Subject line must read "For Karen." (Anything else will be erased as a potential virus hazard.)
 - 2) Do not use strange fonts, which my computer will not recognize.
 - 3) E-mail: it to gbertke@fuse.net. (This is my father's e-mail address. Use it for submissions for Herald's Companion only.)
- **Sapphire and White:** Editor: Ronald Glaser, 1202 S. 2nd St., Aberdeen, SD, 57401. E-mail: luckystar@abe.midco.net. Sapphire and White's fanzine is accepting submissions at luckystar@abe.midco.net. All forms of material can be submitted; format-wise if you use Word Perfect please use Notepad. Fan fiction, book reviews and movie reviews are greatly appreciated.





Horses

By

Maya Carroll



Other Fandoms:

Please let me know if this information needs to be updated:

- Lois Bujold: Lois Bujold can be reached at lois@dendarii.com. "The Bujold Nexus" is at <http://www.dendarii.com>. You can receive information about their newsletter, the *Dendarii Dispatch* by contacting Lyn Belzer, Editor, 25-16 18th St., #2 Long Island City, NY 11102.
- Tanya Huff: **Nine Above!** is a list for fans of author Tanya Huff. This list provides announcements about Tanya's latest work, publication dates, and personal appearances. NA! also provides a forum for Tanya's fans to communicate with each other, and will have discussion as well as announcements. Lurking is fine, but participation is encouraged. When you join, we'd love for you to send a "hello" to the group at large, telling us who you are! To start sending messages to members of this group, simply send e-mail to nineabove@egroups.com.
- Linda A. Malcor: **Dragonlords of Dumnonia:** <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>, Shashtah@gmail.com. Book 3, *Dragon Voices*, has joined *Dragon Heart* and *Dragon Sun!* You can purchase them through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble's website, and other online merchants. Both Kindle and paperback formats are available. Illustrations by our very own Laura Cameron! Check out the Dragonlords Facebook page for sneak peaks of some of Laura's new illustrations!
- "No one has ever escaped Hell, or so Lucifer thought. Now he's getting phone calls with tormenting music and finding people he knows murdered. Messages written in an ancient language bring him once more the doorstep of an old friend and lover. Can she help him figure out who is behind this before the killer turns his attention to Chloe?" Book 3 in the Lilith series
<https://archiveofourown.org/works/13940829/chapters/32092425>
<https://www.fanfiction.net/s/12860316/1/Triple-Dipped-in-Psycho>
- Adrian Paul of Highlander: <http://www.adrianpaul.net>.
- Michael Praed: *Michael Praed Network Newsletter*, <http://fanfare.michael-praed.com>.

- Melanie Rawn: **Pandemonium** - The official Melanie Rawn club invites you to join their ranks. SASE for more information: Irena Pereira, P.O. Box 18A146 , Los Angeles, CA 90018.
- **N3F** is one of the oldest general interest SF/F clubs, started in 1941. Members meet by snail mail and E-mail: to discuss SF, Fantasy, and Horror genres. (Some gather at cons, too.) We have plenty to offer the hungry SF/F/H fan! Members receive *Tightbeam*, the club's quarterly zine, and *The National Fantasy Fan*, our bi-monthly zine. For inquiries, please snail mail me at N3F Secretary, Dennis Davis, 25549 Byron Street, San Bernadino, CA, 92404-6403. Check out our website at <http://www.simegen.com/fandom/n3f>.
- Doctor Who and other Media: **The Prydonians of Prynceton**, P.O. Box 3194, Princeton, NJ 08543-3194.



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By

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Collegium News:

We have individual handouts for aspiring Herald, Healers, Bards, Blues, Mercenaries, Tayledras, Shin'a'in, and White Winds Sorcerers/Sorceresses and instructions on how to work for Herald-Mage status if you are already a Herald or for a Kal'enedral if you are already a Shin'a'in. You can find these handouts online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qohandouts.htm>.

All personae materials should be submitted by e-mail to queensownnewsletter@gmail.com

- We do not have any persona to announce this month however we know of several personas in process.

We have some personae who have not been formally announced yet. Is yours one of them? Let us know!

If you are a returning member who has recently activated your membership in Queen's Own and we have forgotten to list your welcome message, contact Danya at Shashtah@gmail.com and she'll make sure you are greeted in the next newsletter.

Special Perk! If you have a Facebook account you can join the Secret Room to RP with your persona and to attend the QO RP events. The next QO RP is scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM PDT. (Please note we do NOT meet in November or December due to the holidays). You are cordially invited! Participation will also get you an entry into our contest!



Lost . . .

One of the challenges running an online club is that people don't always leave a forwarding address when they move <g>. If you are activated on the Persona List and still listed as "missing" below, let me know. I just forgot to delete the "missing" reference in the newsletter. We are missing current e-mail addresses for just about everyone at this point. If you need your email address updated somewhere on the QO site or for the mailing list, let me know. (Legend@malcor.com still works, but I am switching to Shashtah@gmail.com.)

Geminifatcat@yahoo.com
Maria916@nissensonline.com
tamyris@earthlink.net
el1de@bellsouth.net
tiboribi@yahoo.com
jancivan@aol.com
kddavis@pacifier.com
nia_mac@niaskywalk.com
pegapup@gmail.com



From Herald Mage Danya:

Well, my life has become something of a whirlwind during lockdown. Being a writer is apparently the busiest profession in our currently crazy world.

My novel, *Dragon Dreams*, the fourth book of my Dragonlords of Dumnonia series, is almost done with cover design and has progressed to galley proofs. Hopefully, this means it will be out before the end of the year. I love it when a book comes together!

My Dragonlords series is being pitched to Netflix as a TV series. I've never compiled the document known as a "pitch book" before, so I'm on something of a learning curve. Fortunately, I'm contracted to a company that is walking me through the process, and I'm starting to really like the way it's turning out. The hardest part was coming up with casting suggestions, since I am hoping for Middle Eastern actors. Moonstar has been a huge help with research in that arena. Her suggestions as a beta reader were also invaluable.

I'm making slow progress on the translation of *Riothamus* from Italian into English. The author is being extremely patient with me. He knows I have more than a few distractions going on here in the US.

The Sword in the Stone and *The World Tree* are still in the queue. The optimist in me would like to see both of those completed this year. Since they are co-authored, I have a shot at that.

The Roman King Arthur is still on the market. Bit of a glitch there. We're currently hunting for a European Press, and the Trump tariffs are going to more than double the price of the book to anyone trying to buy in the US. That's limiting our market. Maybe by the time it makes it through a sale and completes the printing process all that will have sorted itself out and people in the US won't get stuck with footing the extra shipping costs.

So, simply put, life is barreling along at a breakneck speed despite viruses and protests and riots (Oh, my!).

Still waiting for my copy of *Spy, Spy Again*. Planning to take a break from my own work to devour Misty's! Happy reading to you all.

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



Personals:

- **We are looking for additional artwork for the Newsletter** as I am scraping the bottom of our artwork folder! If you would like to be featured as the artist for a newsletter please send us your work preferably in .jpg, or .gif formats. Preference for Velgarth flavored artwork (Companions, Heralds, Castles, Bards, Healers, Bondbirds, Tayledras, and so on). Please send all submissions to queensownnewsletter@gmail.com. Additional bonus your work will be entered in our January 2021 Prize drawing!
- **Cookbook Project!** Danya is helping to organize a cookbook project, first portion of this project is to sign up with Danya to which books you would like to look through, since this will help minimize duplication of effort. The information requested after you have signed up for a book is (book name, page #, name of food and description of scene). This project is open to all whom would like to join in, and we are hoping to add more details for this project in our next newsletter. Please send inquiries to Herald Mage Danya (shashtah@gmail.com).
- **Waystation Network announcement!** Traveling abroad and looking for a bunk to sleep on without having to fumigate your waystation first...? I have a fold-out couch on offer as well as floor space with extra (air) mattresses, available for wandering bards, heralds on circuit or hawkbrothers in search of an *ekele* (6th floor apartment 😊). So, if you're in the neighbourhood (Leeuwarden area, The Netherlands, ± 2 hours north of Amsterdam by train – less by car) just contact me. Hanna B. Email: hannab@online.nl, Phone: +31(0)58 2665915 / +31

(0)6 25422809. And wouldn't it be nice to have a whole network of Waystations? If more of you are willing to offer spare beds and couches, I'm willing to set up a list to be available through QO.

- **Ellen Million Graphics** is releasing a new collection of fantasy coloring books for (so-called) grown-ups: Mermaids, dragons, angels, and fantasy horses, oh my! Find these and more at <http://www.ellenmilliongraphics.com/coloringbooks.php>
- **Northwest Visions Studio**--Art by Laura Cameron. Mixed Media Paintings & Drawings, Fine Art Prints, Commissions, Illustration. Visit her website at: <http://www.lauracameron.net/>
- **Dragon Voices** by Linda A. Malcor is out in paperback and eBook! Art by Laura Cameron. You can find it on Amazon and Barnes and Noble as well as at other online outlets. (Some Barnes and Noble brick-and-mortar stores are also carrying it.) Get updates on the series at <https://www.facebook.com/malcor.dragonlords/>
- **From Angela K. Scott**/ Herald Alora Vadel (Angela Rip Scott-Cox-as formatted on Facebook): I continue to sell off everything I own & make, many misc. items (including Misty related) on eBay, as I am in crisis & this is my only source of any inadequate income & truly in desperate need!
http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?_trksid=p2047675.12559
Things under my business name "AKS Creations" -card packs, stationery, bookmarks, art prints, jewelry & etc.! Also, I'm still available for commission work. You can contact me at UnicornAlora@gmail.com.
- **From Marianne D-B**: My sister, who died a couple years ago, was a huge Mercedes Lackey fan. I used to read the books with her, and we loved discussing them. She has a number of prints of Larry Dixon's that I imagine some fan would like to have. I'm happy to sell them reasonably. They are all framed prints, each about 9 1/4" x 12" (framed size). Here's what I have:

Darkwind & Vree, 1991

Firesong, 1991

Darkwind & Elspeth, 1991

Starblade & Hyllar, 1991

Tre'valen & Dawnfire, 1991

Silverfox & The Returned Tribe, 1991

Elspeth & Gwena, 1991

Icshadow, 1991

You can contact me at duddyburkem@aol.com.



Queen's Own is the official Mercedes Lackey Appreciation Society. Our purpose is to share our enjoyment of Misty's worlds. We are a fan-run not-for-profit organization, not a business. Our address of publication is no longer physical. We are online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qo.htm>. We also have a Facebook page and Group chat list.

This newsletter is published solely to inform and entertain the club's membership; no infringement of anyone's copyrights is intended.

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Co-President: Healer Adept Moonstar k'Vala k'Sheyne, (Kendra Hosseini, healermoon@gmail.com)

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The online version of this newsletter will be available with artwork at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qonews.htm> within a few days.

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Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn
&
Healer Adept Moonstar k'Vala k'Sheyne