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DIAMOND LEGION ASKS FOR HELP FROM PUBLIC

BY GRENTHUM HORNBLLOWER

The Diamond Legion is asking the public to come forward with any information regarding the recent or future activities of the League of Humans for Amthydor.

This League is using various means to break the laws of Amthydor and inflict their racism on all members of the halfling and gnome races. The League is wanted in connection with multiple kidnappings, beatings, arson, mutilation and attempted murder.

One victim of their recent activities, Thorn Appleturner, was concerned about the increase in violence, "Amthydor is a lawful place. We have great respect for the Diamond Legion and expect them to find those behind this and bring them to justice. I just really hope it happens sooner rather than later."

If you have any information regarding these activities or possible members of the organization, please contact the Diamond Legion's Sergeant Kelson Ayers.

BARDIC COLLEGE, GREYSON INSTITUTE AND SIVIDIA INSTITUTE ANNOUNCE NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

BY ELEYSE BERNWARD

Attending a school of higher education can be expensive. Many within the city of Amthydor who have the talent do not have the means to afford the education. The Society of Entertainers and Performers, the League of Thaumaturgical Studies and the Fraternity of Venturers have pooled their resources to provide the means for 35 students to attend school and provide for their living expenses. For an application and further information for this scholarship

opportunity, contact the respective school for details.

VISITING ACTING TROUPE BRINGS CLASSICS AND NEW PLAYS TO THE STAGE

Amatria Acting Troupe is planning a three week visit to Amthydor. During that time, they will be performing the classic comedy *No, No, Gnome, Go Home!* and the new comedy sensation from Amatria's greatest bard, Aleckinder Rogerick, *Party in the Dwarf Mine*.

The great actor Fallon will be performing the lead in the new drama *Razor's Edge*, as well as the classic *The First Shepherd's Story*.

For ticket information and show times, contact the Society of Entertainers and Providers. A limited number of tickets will be available for an opportunity for box seats for the play, as well as a dinner afterwards with the actors.

DIAMOND LEGION BLOTTER

The following crimes were reported and arrests were made in the preceding week:

Merchant District—

✂ Arson-15 years in prison

Services District—

✂ Begging outside the Poor District-30 days in jail

Port District—

✂ Breaking and entering a government building-10 years in prison

✂ Public Drunkenness-multiple persons convicted-250 gold pieces fine each

TO ALL OF THE PLAYERS AND STAFF WHO BRING LIFE TO THE LSJ CAMPAIGN – HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Name the City of Amthydor's New District

Become a permanent part of the LSJ Canon! Name the newest District in Amthydor, to be located between the current outer city wall and the new exterior curtain wall that has been commissioned by the Lord Monarch. Submit your entry to the LSJ Campaign Staff at lsj-coord@theshiningjewel.com before December 31st 2010. The player who submits the winning name will receive a prize and a place in LSJ history.

CAMPAIGN-WIDE PLAYTEST OF LSJ PSIONICS RULES NOW IN PROGRESS

Beginning immediately we will be playtesting selected aspects of the new rules for Psionics while we continue work on the LSJ Psionics Guide. The playtest covers bonus power points, psionic classes and the power point cost and augmenting of psionic powers. These new rules will apply to all psionic characters for the duration of the playtest period. The LSJ Campaign Staff is asking all players (both those who play psionic characters and those who play at tables with psionic characters) and GMs for their input as they experience these rules in play. By conducting this playtest, the staff hopes to judge the viability of these new rules before finalizing the LSJ Psionics Guide. Comments should be directed to lsj-activities@theshiningjewel.com

LSJ CAMPAIGN GUIDE v1.5 NOW AVAILABLE

The LSJ Campaign Guide has been updated and is now available from www.paizo.com for \$10. If you previously purchased this guide from Paizo, you may download the update at no additional charge.

RULES FORUM

Did you know that an increase to an ability score that comes from a magic item (belt, headband,

iron stone etc), even one that is considered 'permanent, does not count towards qualifying for feat or prestige classes? Only inherent increases such as those gained every four character levels or from *wish* spells or certain magical tomes count for this purpose.

Do you have a Rules question? Contact the LSJ Rules Team at lsj-questions@theshiningjewel.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Q *What are the approved methods of dividing certs from a scenario? – M. Varden*

A There is no single 'best' way to distribute certs for an LSJ scenario. While the LSJ Campaign Staff prefers not to get directly involved in treasure distribution, there are three rules to keep in mind –

- 1) *The method of treasure distribution must be considered equitable by all players at the table.*
- 2) *The item indicated on a 'check box' cert must be level-appropriate for the PC receiving it.*
- 3) *LSJ Campaign certs may not be sold for cash.*

Common methods of treasure distribution include, but are not limited to –

- a) *In-character role-playing negotiation.*
- b) *Out-of-character role-playing negotiation*
- c) *Random draw*
- d) *Dicing-off (In-character or Out-of-character)*

Have a question for the LSJ Staff? Curious what we do or what is planned? Please email any questions to lsj-questions@theshiningjewel.com.

CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR AUTHORS

Have you ever played a module and thought you could write one? Well, the time has come to take up the challenge and help us make this the best campaign it can be. For more information and details on the process, check out the www.theshiningjewel.com new and improved Campaign Author and Editor Guide.

CALL FOR EDITORS

So, you want to help out with the campaign, but don't have the time to write a module. Do you understand the Pathfinder rules system? Are

you willing to assist in the conversion of the 70+ modules from Dungeons and Dragons 3.0 and 3.5 to Pathfinder? If so, please contact lsj-editor@theshiningjewel.com. Please include a list of the modules you have already played.

PLAYER OR GAMING GROUP SPOTLIGHT

Fiend's Follies have been gaming in various incarnations for over 30 years and playing LSJ for the last 5 months. The Follies play bi-weekly at Rembert Parker's game shop, Reader Copies in Anderson, Indiana.



The members of the Follies are: Bob (Sam) Swaim, Ron Teague, Max Teague, Sam Teague, Fred Daniels, Adam Cook, Jason Horner, Rick Gray and Eric V. Clark.

Lukus Fiend, played by Bob Swaim, is the leader of the Follies. He says about LSJ, "I enjoy gaming with friends, the interaction and able to play wherever we go."

The Follies are in the process of building a club house for the members, complete with gnome statue.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Eric V Clark – LSJ Promotions and Project Manager

Eric began gaming in 1974. He served as regional director for Michigan for the RPGA. Eric has been involved in multiple other living-style campaigns before joining Legends of the Shining Jewel as a player and game master in 2003. Eric joined the LSJ Campaign Staff in 2008 as LSJ Promotions and added the responsibilities of Project Manager in 2009. He has authored two modules, so far, with his next module premiering at Origins 2011.

UPCOMING SCENARIOS

Modules Available For Download

The LSJ Staff Gnomes have been busy converting and updating our existing scenario library to the Pathfinder format. Look for the updated versions of LSJ events on our website www.theshiningjewel.com

Running LSJ events at a game day? Certs for these and other LSJ scenarios can be requested

through lsj-certs@theshiningjewel.com. Please request certs at least one week in advance.

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

Weekend in the Shining Jewel (WiSJ) is a special event run at various locations throughout the gaming world. This year, WiSJ will feature 5 premiere modules (6 rounds).

- New Year's Con, December 31st 2010 – January 1st 2011, Tampa, Florida

<http://warhorn.net/crabby-2010/>

Also, if you have a convention you would like to promote, please send the information to LSJ-projectmanager@theshiningjewel.com.

Do you know of a convention interested in hosting LSJ events? Let us know, and help bring LSJ to a convention near you.

CONVENTION RECAP

Have you run a successful convention and want to thank those who helped? Do you have pictures of the events? Please send these to LSJ-editor@theshiningjewel.com for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

LSJ CLASSIFIEDS

Do you have gaming items for sale or trade? Are you looking for books, dice or other gaming tools? Does your PC have extra certs or do they need that special item that you couldn't get when you played a scenario? Place your ad here by contacting:

lsj-editor@theshiningjewel.com.

[Remember, LSJ certs cannot be sold for actual cash.]

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LSJ CAMPAIGN YAHOOGROUPS

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