

The Whispering Runes

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GM'ing Tips

- 1) Be unobtrusive when not needed. Let the PCs focus on the NPCs.
- 2) Be handy when PCs want answers to Informational abilities or just have questions. (a delicate balance with #1)
- 3) Get the attention of most of the PCs at the start of encounters to be sure they hear the encounter description. It's particularly important when the game has some encounters that are tricky to figure out. Once you've set the stage, refer back to #1 and #2. For some encounters, you don't need to say anything.
- 4) Keep track of how the team is doing physically, SP, HP, the works. It's ok for the team to have a challenge, and even get someone knocked out, but unless the game is a high risk one, we don't want to kill off any PCs and especially not a whole team - ESPECIALLY for a novice game. If they are just getting pounded by an encounter because they just aren't doing the right thing, sometimes the GM can give an unscripted hint to get them to try something different. And if they try something that's not in the script but seems like it should work, the GM has the authority to decide it worked.
- 5) Doesn't hurt for the GM to make sure they drink water now and then without being too pushy and encourage them to stay warm and eat a snack if production causes a delay.

That's a random assortment of thoughts for GMing that come to mind this evening.

- Pat McGehearty

Elections Results

First of all, on behalf of the entire Dallas chapter, I would like to thank each candidate. To be willing to attend every meeting and shoulder the responsibility of directing our chapter is something laudable. We had a decent voter turnout of around 20% for a total of 16 ballots returned with 45 votes cast.. Every candidate had several votes, but the winners are Alyssa Phillips, David Wood, and Andrew Saunders. May the force be with you. And a big thank you to all those who voted. See y'all at the banquet.

Seth Bush
Election Chair

NEEDED: GAME WRITERS!!!

by Patrick McGehearty

The chapter needs game writers in order to have games. We are covered through early spring, but after that, we have only one submission, and that one came in just this week. We are going to need many more games to keep things going, so now's your chance to exercise your creativity.

The process starts with you writing a storyline or even a complete script if you like. Contact the Sanctioning Chair (patmcgeh@flash.net) and he will find 3 volunteers to sanction your game. Your sanctioning committee helps you make sure the GMs, NPCs, and players will understand your intent, that you fit Society treasure/risk guidelines and generally help you make the game fun for everyone. They also usually serve as key production help when it comes time to produce the game.

PS. In addition to the admiration of your fellow IFGSers, you also get CAP for writing a game, once it is run.

Mordra's Cauldron Dallas Banquet Game (Feb 19, 2011)

a continuation of events of
The Search for Blue (Feb 2009) and *The Dark One Attacks* (Feb 2010)

Designer: Patrick McGehearty

Heroic style: 4 hour game for teams of 4 players (levels 1-4 or 4-6)

This game is more complex and longer than the prior two games.

To receive full treasure, PCs for low line must NPC for high line and vice versa

Low Line (1-4): Risk 5 Mental 7 Fighting 6 Physical 5

Mid Line (4-6): Risk 7 Mental 4 Fighting 7 Physical 5

Mordra, Goddess of the Green Way (Nature Goddess known for Healing and Justice) has sent out a call for worthy adventurers who are willing to go on good quests. Followers of Mordra and Knights of Tyr are especially welcome. Those aligned in opposition to Mordra need not apply. In past years, the Dark One has sought to attack Mordra's Spring in the middle of winter. This year, Mordra is preparing a strategic response involving a Magic Cauldron. Details are being withheld to make it more difficult for the Dark One's minions to block the quests.

Teams selected at the game, but key NPC roles will be assigned for in advance if possible. That depends on you notifying production that you are coming. If you know what character you plan to play, please include the class and level to help with advance planning.

To volunteer or for more information contact:

Patrick McGehearty 972-979-8469 (cell) patmcgeh@flash.net

Location: Gatewood Pavilion, Duck Creek Drive, Garland Texas (same as last year)
Between La Prada and W. Oates Rd off of Duck Creek Dr.

Game setup: 8:30-9:30

Low line starts: 9am - 1pm

Banquet/Membership meeting: 1-2pm

High line: 2pm - 6pm

Teardown: 6pm-done (Gets dark around 6:15pm)

The Dallas 2009 Annual Membership Meeting,

A new Game (\$15 value), A Banquet, (\$10 value)

A Magic Shop, (\$5 value), and your annual IFGS membership (\$10 value) all for one low fee of \$20. (\$40 value)

Administrative, or Non-Game CAP

IFGS members earn CAP for Society & Chapter-approved, non-game-related IFGS activities as follows:

Description	CAP Earned
Society President	100,000
Society Committee Chairperson	100,000
Society Newsletter Editor	100,000
Society Board Member	50,000
Society Committee Member	50,000
Society Taskforce Chairperson	50,000
Society Taskforce Member	25,000
Chapter President	100,000
Chapter Committee Chairperson	100,000
Chapter Newsletter Editor	100,000
Chapter Board Member	50,000
Chapter Taskforce Chairperson	50,000
Chapter Committee Member	50,000
Chapter Taskforce Member	25,000

Table 5-2 Flat Rate CAP Awards

The Flat Rate CAP Awards, table 5-2 above, are fixed-rate amounts based on a full year of service. If a member resigns or leaves their position on a board or a committee, then they will only receive a portion of the reward prorated to 1/12th of the total eligible CAP amount per actual month served.

Per Meeting Award

Description	CAP Earned
Non-Board member attendance, per meeting	3,000

Table 5-3

Table 5-3 shows that non-board members attending any Board Meeting, at either the society or the chapter level, shall receive 3000 CAP per meeting attended up to a maximum of 15,000 CAP per person per year.

The maximum amount of TOTAL Administrative, or Non-Game CAP that can be awarded per person per year is 200,000 CAP.

The President/Chair/Editor will submit at the end of their year term, the special CAP earned by themselves, their members and any others that participated in committee activities, once a year to the appropriate Chapter Registry chair, including any outside “special projects” assigned. The reporting of this CAP will be completed by using either “pink sheets” or direct email to the Registry Chair, no matter what the method the member shall be notified at the same time of the amount of CAP earned through their committee work for the year. The reporting shall be completed within 30 days of the end of the committee term.

Administrative, or Non-Game CAP Cont'd

Yearly CAP awards for non-game related work, tasks, assignments or events, shall be made public for the membership at large as an itemized list of each member's activity. This shall be done through all available methods of communication available, such as; the society/chapter newsletter, forums and/or email. Communication of this information shall go through the communication resource that will inform the largest number of people. Accountability to the membership is of the highest priority in this matter.

The basic rule is that if a person works on an official IFGS event that runs, then they get CAP.

People who claim CAP for a game, but that do not attend the game, must have those claims validated with the Game Producer and/or the creative staff. All claims with merit will be awarded the appropriate CAP. This situation is most likely to arise with the Game Writer or members of the Game Sanctioning Committee, but it might come up with other members of the production staff.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Olan Knight
Society Registry Chair
olknight@yahoo.com

2010 Administrative CAP Dallas Chapter

Once a year, the people that help to make the chapter run by performing the required administrative tasks, like the Treasury, the Registry, and so on, are awarded CAP for their efforts on behalf of the IFGS. Note that there is a limit of 200,000 CAP per person per year, regardless of how much an individual may have contributed.

The Admin CAP award exists to encourage everyone to participate in the administration of the Chapter. The limit exists to encourage everyone to SHARE this work! Here are the Administrative CAP Awards for the Dallas Chapter for the calendar year 2010.

BY FUNCTION

Chapter Board

9641	Jason Dziuk	100,000	President
2746	John Jones	50,000	
45	Rich Adkisson	50,000	
399	Pat McGehearty	50,000	
5044	Justin Murphey	50,000	
5045	Allison Pace	50,000	
5109	David Wood	50,000	

Committees

Treasury

682	Tracey Skopinski	100,000	Chair
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Quartermaster

2746	John Jones	100,000	Chair
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2010 Administrative CAP Dallas Chapter Cont'd.

Registry

597	Olan Knight	100,000	Chair
5045	Allison Pace	50,000	
4251	Amy Coley	50,000	
4695	Courtney Miller	50,000	
812	David Spence	50,000	
2401	Gordon Griffith	50,000	
4164	Greg Cox	50,000	
2746	John Jones	50,000	
399	Pat McGehearty	50,000	
4074	Paul Coley	50,000	
45	Rich Adkisson	50,000	
2428	Robert Armbruster	50,000	
4166	Tina Cox	50,000	

Newsletter

4074	Paul Coley	100,000	Chair
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Society Liaison

2746	John Jones	100,000	Chair
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Webmaster

597	Olan Knight	100,000	Chair
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Safety

45	Rich Adkisson	100,000	Chair
2428	Robert Armbruster	50,000	
4877	Seth Bush	50,000	
9641	Jason Dziuk	50,000	
5113	Danny Fuchs	50,000	
5039	Brittney Hogle	50,000	
597	Olan Knight	50,000	
399	Pat McGehearty	50,000	
9625	Glen Murphey	50,000	
5105	Chris Pettit	50,000	
4982	Nathan Tryon	50,000	
4164	Greg Cox	50,000	
812	David Spence	50,000	
491	Jim Davie	50,000	

Sanctioning

812	David Spence	100,000	Chair
812	Pat McGehearty	50,000	
4251	Amy Coley	50,000	
2521	Joe Dimatteo	50,000	
4074	Paul Coley	50,000	
595	Tom Paul Grissom	50,000	
5045	Allison Pace	50,000	
9465	Andrew Nunnally	50,000	
5046	Alyssa Phillips	50,000	
4695	Courtney Miller	50,000	
4164	Greg Cox	50,000	

2010 Administrative CAP Dallas Chapter Cont'd.**Sanctioning Cont'd**

2746	John Jones	50,000
5044	Justin Murphey	50,000
5047	Justin Rosser	50,000
597	Olan Knight	50,000
4166	Tina Cox	50,000
4912	Taryn Cox	50,000

Elections

4877	Seth Bush	100,000	Chair
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History

Open

Land

595	Tom Paul Grissom	100,000	Chair
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Society Committees**Board**

2746	John Jones	100,000	Chair
597	Olan Knight	50,000	
9641	Jason Dziuk	50,000	

Registry

597	Olan Knight	100,000	Chair
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Sanctioning

2746	John Jones	100,000	Chair
597	Olan Knight	50,000	
4877	Seth Bush	50,000	

Fantasy Rules

399	Pat McGehearty	100,000	Chair
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Tech

597	Olan Knight	50,000
5109	David Wood	50,000

BY MEMBER

45	Rick Adkisson	200,000
2428	Robert Armbruster	100,000
4877	Seth Bush	200,000
4251	Amy Coley	100,000
4074	Paul Coley	200,000
4164	Greg Cox	150,000
4166	Tina Cox	100,000
4912	Taryn Cox	50,000
491	Jim Davie	50,000
2521	Joe Dimatteo	50,000
9641	Jason Dziuk	200,000
5113	Danny Fuchs	50,000
2401	Gordon Griffith	50,000
595	Tom Paul Grissom	150,000

BY MEMBER CONT'd

5039	Brittney Hoglund	50,000
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5046	Alyssa Phillips	50,000
5047	Justin Rosser	50,000
682	Tracey Skopinski	100,000
812	David Spence	200,000
4982	Nathan Tryon	50,000
5109	David Wood	100,000

This CAP has been entered into the database and is now available for use. Please let me know if you have any questions, corrections, additions, or comments.

Olan Knight - Dallas Registry Chair
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Dallas Chapter IFGS - Board Meeting Minutes**22-January-2011**

The meeting was brought into order at 1:40 pm.

People in Attendance:

Board members: John Jones, Pat McGehearty, Rich Adkisson, Jason Dziuk, Justin Murphey, David Wood via phone, and Allison Pace via proxy to Alyssa Phillips.

Chapter Members: Olan Knight, Andrew Saunders, David Spence, Tina Cox, Alyssa Phillips, and Joe Dimatteo

Goodies: John had pecan, blueberry, and strawberry pie to offer the attendees, as well as his superb chocolate chip cookies!

Minutes:Committee Reports:

Treasury – Still about \$5000 in the bank and all reimbursement have been made.

Registry – Completely up to date with the exception of the really old data from the really old members! Chair needs to write up the Admin CAP for 2010.

Safety – Brought bleach to disinfect the 3-gallon water bottles, which we did after the Board meeting. Meds are up to date. Radios have been requested for *Averlast*.

Quartermaster - The shed is in good shape, but the *Averlast* crew will be creating encounter boxes after the meeting. Also note that John is looking for a house with a third car garage to accommodate the shed.

Newsletter - No report. Bank Report for *Drezdin* has been submitted. An article explaining what Admin CAP is was submitted.

Society Liaison – The Bluebook has been updated and submitted to the Society Sanctioning Committee for review; so far only Olan has responded. Once approved, the BB will be sent to the FRC for review and approval. We have a new Society Board Member: William Haddon from Denver/Boulder. David Spence has applied to the FRC for membership. The Annual Meeting is, like all monthly Society Board meetings, open to the entire membership, and will be held on Friday, 28-JAN-2011 at 8:00 PM CST.

Board Minutes Cont'd

Webmaster – No report

Sanctioning – David Spence resigned as the Sanctioning Committee Chair, and was thanked for his excellent service. Pat McGehearty was nominated as the new CSC by Rich Adkisson. Seconded by David Wood, vote was 7-0-0. Pat was welcomed as the new CSC.

Adventures In Averlast, Part 2 - Justin Murphey
The SC is Olan Knight, Allison Pace, and John Jones. Scheduled for Jan.29,2011

2011 Annual Banquet - Pat McGehearty
Scheduled for 19-FEB-2010; has a much more complex game for the *Banquet* this year, though there will still be a low line and a high line. The game will start at 10:00 am, the Board Meeting and change of the Chapter Board will occur after the low line game, then the high line game will run. The SC is John Jones, John Dunning (!), and Danny Fuchs.

Onward Into The Darkness - David Wood
The game date is scheduled for March, and has been fully sanctioned.

Lifestyles Of The Rich & Bored- Allison Pace
She will resume work on this game after *Averlast*. The SC is John Jones, Justin Murphey, and SethBush.

Triple Mini-Game David Spence
He is writing a triple mini-game to be run this summer. The first run will be “*The Ring*”, levels 1-3. The second run will be “*The Ring*”, levels 4-6”, and the final mini-game will be “*Dragon’s Revenge*”, the sequel to “*To Save A Mage*”, levels 7 and up.

Knightshade - John Jones
John Jones has completed his Society tasks, so actually has some *gasp* time to work on this game. A draft is promised within two weeks. The SC is Pat McGehearty and Tina Cox. (Mini-games only need two people on the SC.)

Rhapsody Henry Wood
He is writing this game, with plans to run it in the fall.

Fate Of A Fallen World John Jones
This is a new John Jones game that is in the planning stages. This will probably be written later this year, after *Knightshade* has been run.

Old Business -

Elections - The ballots for the 2011 elections have been sent out and the due date, or rather the date by which returned ballots must be postmarked, was 21-JAN-2100. Seth is waiting until 31-JAN-2011 for straggling ballots, but the Elections look like they are on track.

New Business -

The Annual Banquet will be on 19-FEB-2011, but the start time for the mini-games has been changed to 10:00.

The next Board meeting will be on 19-FEB-2011, at the Annual Banquet, after the low line team runs through the game.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM

Olan Knight
Acting Secretary

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Submission Deadline:

5 Days prior to last day of the month.

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National

<http://www.ifgs.org/>

Chainmail (National Newsletter)

<http://www.ifgs.org/chainmail.asp>

Note from the editor:

My goal is to have the newsletter out by the last day of the month. I will gladly accept future submissions up to 5 days prior to that last day. I will be using OpenOffice 2.4 that will accept **** MOST **** Microsoft formats. As always, Artwork, Pictures and personal articles are welcome.

Editor
Paul Coley