



At left the Scarlet Witch and The Flash allowed us to admire their costumes as well!

I was very pleasantly surprised when a female hu-Man (well-cloaked) walked up the the KAG table and pronounced that she was a Klingon from the *IKV Honor's Blade* in Florida. Her name is Lt. Das'Pu tai-Heartless. It was amazing to find a fellow Klingon in that throng of hu-Manity! She joined KAG and agreed to CO a new Marine ship in the Charlotte area. It is the *IKAV Sword of Pain*. Qapla'!

On Sunday, the final push for Hospice, we decided to bring out the "big guns" as you can tell from our outfits. Yes, those jaded male attendees actually did come over to donate as a result of our fetching looks! For the three days of service, we raised \$700!



From left to right, Ka'Rowe, Das'Pu, and Keela



Above Ka'Rowe, Matt, Das'Pu and Keela.

While we were at Heroes Con, we once again made contact with Matt Webb, Digital Colorist. He owns Webb Spun Studio in Pittsboro, NC. This hu-Man was instrumental in raising funds for *Trek For Food* back in 2000. He donated a couple hundred pages of graphic novel proofs for auction to raise money. For those of you who don't know, we raised enough money to purchase 2,500 pounds of food divided among four different charities in the Hickory, NC area.

He found a great deal from a vendor for a large tub of new / nearly-new *Star Trek* books and purchased them for us to auction off to raise money. I inquired of him which was his favorite charity and he said Make-A-Wish. We are storing the books and have made initial contact with the Foundation. I will keep you posted.

Heartfelt thanks, Matt Webb, Friend to Klingons and children!!!

It was a LOT of work raising these funds for Hospice for three days straight and actually too much for just two Klingons (Das'Pu came in on Sunday and helped, but had to leave). It would be a shame not to continue to attend this great comic book convention, but it will require more Klingon manpower next year. Mark it on your calendars!

Qapla'!!!!

Websites Of Interest

<http://www.kag.org/ms/ms67/index.html> This is the location of THE MINDSCANNER, the official KAG publication. Please check them out!

www.startrek.com For the best and the latest of Star Trek news, visit this website!

www.spiketv.com/shows/series/startrekds9/fanfiles2.jhtml To see Keela and other Klingons on the Spike TV Fan Files go to this website.

<http://klingon.meetup.com> Join this to find out when Klingons will get together in our area. This would be a good recruitment tool, Ship Commanders.

<http://ikvqawmey.borgr1.com/> Check out the really nice pewter and metal rank pins and belt buckles!

On that subject, a pair of Klingon pewter rank pins is \$15. Male and female belt buckles are also available. A resin beltbuckle (either one) is \$20 plus \$10 shipping. A pewter belt buckle is \$20, plus FREE shipping.

Hospice of Catawba Valley

June 24 -- Hickory, NC

IKV Raging Wolf

On June 24th at 3:00 p.m. Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric shuttled to the Palliative Care and Hospice of Catawba Valley. This is the first time, they were requested to attend in armor. Membes of the staff and a few patients were curious about those "Klingons" who had been raising money for them. Keela was happy to comply.

Upon disembarking the Klingons were met at the front desk by Jane Bumgarner, diplomatic liaison between the Klingon Empire and Hospice. David Clarke, Executive Director, was also present. The Klingons presented the check to Mr. Clarke in the front reception area. He asked them if using the money for the building fund would be alright which it was.

Afterwards, they turned the facilities, met staff, and even met a young Hospice patient. When the tour was finished, more holo-images were taken. It was an enjoyable experience and it's hoped that more fund-raisers can be done for Hospice in the future.

Seen in printed form on the following page, a press release was generated for the event. In its complete form, it reads as follows:

KLINGONS RAISE FUNDS FOR HOSPICE

Earlier this year during the "Klingon Days of Honor" in March, members of the Klingon Assault Group or KAG, an international Star Trek fan club, raised funds for Palliative Care and Hospice of Catawba Valley at Media Play in Hickory, NC.

Now again, members of KAG, specifically the *IKV Raging Wolf* out of Lenoir, NC and a member of the newly formed *IKAV Sword of Pain* in Charlotte, NC raised funds for Hospice from June 11th - 13th at the Heroes Convention, a yearly comic book convention held in Charlotte and hosted by Shelton Drum's Heroes Aren't Hard To Find comic book store.

"This is the most we have raised so far in our four years of supporting Palliative Care and Hospice of Catawba Valley," Leila McMichael said. McMichael is also known as Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric. She is a regional officer for KAG and oversees chapters in four states.

"We are very proud to support this wonderful organization. Many people who gave funds had to tell us of their experiences with their local Hospice and every single report was positive! Without exception, Hospice staff and workers everywhere are unbelievably caring and dedicated!"

Dressed in full costume and makeup, the KAGsters sponsored an information table at Heroes Con (along with Klingon displays) and accepted donations for Hospice. Since the year 2000 the local members of KAG have sponsored six fund-raising events for the benefit of Palliative Care and Hospice of Catawba Valley, not to mention other charitable agencies in the area.

Their motivation comes from Star Trek itself and is found in the three most important words in the universe, even more important than, "I love you."



From left to right Keela, Ka'Rowe and David Clarke, Executive Director.



Keela and Ka'Rowe have David Clarke surrounded!



Ka'Rowe, Jane Bumgarner and Keela

Klingons help raise funds for Hospice

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Members of the Klingon Assault Group (KAG) raised funds and awareness for the Palliative CareCenter & Hospice of Catawba Valley at the "Heroes Convention", a yearly comic book convention held in Charlotte and hosted by Shelton Drum's "Heroes Aren't Hard To Find" comic book store. Members of the IKV Raging Wolf out of Lenoir and a member of the newly formed IKAV Sword of Pain from Charlotte participated in the recent fundraiser.

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Pictured are, from left, Lt. Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric (Leila McMichael), David Clarke, executive director Palliative CareCenter & Hospice of Catawba Valley and Lt. Ka'Rowe vesti-Septaric (Susan Rowe).

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They are: "Let me help."

These simple words from the Classic *Star Trek* episode "City on the Edge of Forever" exemplify the late Gene Roddenberry's vision of how to achieve a world filled with peace and harmony. In the spirit of helping, KAG is proud to support Hospice, an organization reknown for its caregiving.

Palliative Care and Hospice of Catawba Valley is located on Robinson Road in Hickory, NC. Not only has the hospice team there expanded their services to individuals needing long term care for non-life-threatening conditions (palliative care), they continue to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual programs of care and support for individuals and their families facing advanced irreversible illnesses, the end of life, and grief.

To make donations to Hospice, send your tax-deductible checks to: Palliative Care and Hospice of Catawba Valley, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658.

Thank you for your support!

July Picnic

July 24 -- Morganton, NC

Death Touch Squadron

Lt. Ka'Rowe vestai-Septaric, Lt. Katkith vestai, Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties-Septaric, and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric shuttled from Keela and Katkith's home coordinates to Freedom Park and arrived around 11:00 a.m. to secure a good location. Food was set up awaiting the arrival of Lt. Kalib tai, Lt. Ka'Shara tai and their niece and nephew, Josh and Jessica (Klingon names pending). We got so hungry we had to begin eating before they got there, but there was plenty left for them.

After they arrived, the complement of warriors numbered 11 and included: Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai-Septaric, L. Captain Dracos, and Lance Corporal Susan Hartley. A sumptuous Feast of Terran delicacies such as fried chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers, potato salad, pasta salad, coleslaw, baked beans, along with various beverages was enjoyed by all.

To top it all off, a beautiful (and delicious) cake was made by Kehlyr to celebrate our July Birthday folk: Kalib (and Josh), Ka'SandI and Gornie (unfortunately Ka'SandI and Gornie couldn't make it). A great time was had by all and we are looking forward to further Feasting and discussions at Kehlyr's on August 8th!

Above right are Kalib (Billy Black) and his nephew JosH. At right is Kalib preparing to stab the cake. In front of him is his honor sash he hand made out of chain mail.



First Annual Death Touch Squadron Picnic

August 8 -- Boone, NC

Death Touch Squadron

We met at Golden Corral in Lenoir and formed a caravan. At approximately 11 a.m. we wound our way up to Boone, NC, closer and closer to the naked stars on our way to Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties-Septaric's home coordinates.

When we arrived we saw a beautifully decorated white pavilion. Colorful balloons waved in the breeze. Underneath was a large table already laden with food. Kehlyr was working on the grill. She and Dredwar supplied the meat; there were hotdogs and hamburgers (choice of cheese on them or not), buns, condiments, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, variety of chips and drinks, tomatoes, cucumbers, hot peppers, deviled eggs, pasta salad, and another beautifully decorated cake and chocolate pie. Everyone who attended brought at least one food item and a drink.

Unfortunately, no holo-imagers were brought, but it was a wonderful, festive event that will live long in our memories. Kehlyr graciously offered that this Klingon cookout be done once a year at her home for Death Touch Squadron sometime in August 2005. I for one am looking forward to it.

Attendees were Kehlyr, her mate Dredwar, Karrtush, Susan Hartley, Keela, Seven of Nine, Ronnie Wilkie, K'Tara, One of One, Ka'SandI, Gorrath, T'Mar, Valkyrie, T'Bal and a special guest whose birthday it was that day, Brian Pennell.

On the return trip we took an 11 mile detour on the Blue Ridge Parkway. It was a wonderful end to a wonderful event! A good time was had by all. *Qapla'!!!!*

PREPARATION FOR BATTLE!!!

Dark Star Quadrant Ship Meetings & Contact Information

Warriors who seek Glory and Honor and are not daunted by a Challenge, contact Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric at keela_vestai@bellsouth.net, if you're interested in building a KAG ship!

IKV Blood Klaw (Navy)

(York, SC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Cmdr. R'likay sutai-Septaric, CO, at captrlikie@msn.com

IKV Blood Moon (Navy) (Member of Death Touch Squadron)

(Gastonia, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Gorrath vestai, CO, at anniebannia@aol.com

ICV Dragon's Blood (Cha'ouw Empire / Demon Fleet)

(Fayetteville, NC)

For meeting information, contact Captain Jorf, CO, at agothicklingon@aol.com

IKV Eclipse (Navy)

(Harrisonburg, VA)

For meeting information, contact Lt. K'Rush tai-M'rel, CO, at gurpsgm@vaix.net

Website: www.geocities.com/katkith/ikvexecutioner

IKV Executioner (Navy) (Member of Death Touch Squadron)

(Hickory, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai-Septaric, CO, at badassklingson@yahoo.com

Website: www.geocities.com/katkith/ikvexecutioner

IKV Glory Hunter (Navy / Demon Fleet)

(Durham, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Cmdr. Komat vestai-Septaric, CO, at septaric_1@yahoo.com

Website: <http://www.geocities.com/septaric/glory.htm>

IKV Gre'thor (Navy)

(Bowie, MD)

For meeting information, contact Ensign Jor'gha HaQ of House bortaS, CO, at

jorghahaq@comcast.net or ikvgrethor@comcast.net or UBAH@comcast.net

Website: <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/IKVGrethor/IKVGrethor.htm>

KPV Krimson Fury (Demon Fleet)

(Pineville, NC)

Second Saturday of the month. For meeting information contact: Lt. Q'lorta vestai-Do'Urden, XO, at

lcaudill@carolina.rr.com House Website: www.angelfire.com/sc/HouseDoUrden/

IKV Mah'less Heart (Navy) (Member of Mahless Fire Squadron)

(Newport, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. loD' Batlh tai, XO, at sytok@pamlico.net

IKV MhaLeS's Star (formerly *IKV Firestorm*, Navy) (Member of Mahless Fire Squadron)

(Havelock, NC)

1st Sunday of every month, 2:00 P.M., location TBA

For more information, contact Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-Dok'Marr, CO, at mahless_star@yahoo.com

IKV Mahless Storm (Navy) (Member of Mahless Fire Squadron)

(Havelock, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Cmdr. Qamtin vestai-Dok'Marr, CO, at mahless_star@yahoo.com

IKV Raging Wolf (Navy)

(Boone, NC)

For meeting information, contact Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, Acting CO, at keelavestai@yahoo.com

IKV Shadow Dragon (Navy)

(Danville, VA)

For meeting information, contact Ensign K'Drac, CO, at kevingarrison@adelphia.net

IKV Shadowrider (Navy)

(Spartanburg, SC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Cmdr. Gortok vestai-DevnoH, CO, at gortok_@hotmail.com

IKV Stormbringer (Navy)

(Greensboro, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Cmdr. K'Trava sutai-Septaric, CO, at klngonkty@aol.com

Website: <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Vault/2774/>

IKAV Sword of Pain (Marine)

(Charlotte, NC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Das'Pu tai-Heartless, CO, at vienna7391@yahoo.com

IKV Valkyrie's Talon (Navy)

(North Charleston, SC)

For meeting information, contact Lt. Zahr Drahk' vestai-Martok, CO, at Dmorgana7@aol.com

Blast From The Past

DragonCon 2003

Dark Moon Fleet

Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties-Septaric, Dark Star Quadrant Quartermistress, astride the back of a noble Klingon Warrior's iron steed in the DragonCon Parade in Atlanta, GA. Behind her is Cmdr. QatanI, Acting CO of Dark Phoenix Quadrant.



ONE FINAL REFLECTION!!!!

From the Editor

Nuq'neh, Warriors of the Dark Star Quadrant!

Ship COs are encouraged to share DARK MATTERS, the Dark Star Quadrant newsletter, with their crews. Pass along the address, so that they too may read and share in the information. In turn, Ship COs and ALL Warriors are encouraged to share their news with the Quadrant! I would like to receive articles and photographs on anything related to Klingons. Don't forget we Klingons are interested in the scientific advances of this planet in addition to articles on your glorious deeds in service to the Empire, with emphasis on helping in the community and serving charitable causes.

The deadline schedule for DARK MATTERS is as follows:

January -- submissions need to be sent by December 31st
April -- submissions need to be sent by March 31st
July -- submissions need to be sent by June 30th
October -- submissions need to be sent by September 30th

Submissions for DARK MATTERS may be sent to: keelavestai@yahoo.com OR keela_septaric@bellsouth.net OR they may be snail mailed to:

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Cadet In Training

Little Cadet Haven LaVelle Neely
shows Grandmother Keela
how to properly menace
all those who oppose the
Klingon Empire!

Happy 3rd Birthday on August 4th to Haven!!

QAPLÁ!

