

was basically unchanged from what Jorf reported last year. Specifically, he reported “The dinner Saturday nite was typical. The humans had killed and burnt the food.” The only difference was the desert, which was a sickly sweet gelatinous substance on an edible piece of cardboard. This was covered in an earther fruit called pecans. These were also burnt and somewhat crunchy.

Following the dinner, the Chancellors presented a panel discussions on an earther phenomena called friendship. They were joined by a former member of Star Fleet, Harry Kim (Garrett Wang).

With two hard days of classes behind us, the Chancellors challenged the entire group to move up to the stage area and sing songs of great battles and victories won in a class called ‘Klingon Karaoke.’ It is with pride I report that Captain Jorf meant the challenge singing of the battle of “The House of the Rising Sun” drawing much praise from the Chancellors. Additionally Commander Keela stepped forward doing so well the crowd demanded she tell a second story in song. It was also noted that a certain Red Knight, a member of the Imperial Royal Guard sang a song of battle. The Knight is often at the side of the Commander and it is even rumored they are more than friends and warriors in ‘arms.’

Many battles were sung of and the crowd continued in such good spirits that the Klingons decided to reveal the location of the ‘Chocolate Party’ and invite all the conventioners to it so they could continue to hone their battle skills. The stories and songs continued there with the Chancellors leading the way and judging as various Klingons meant individual combat challenges. Even the Grand Nagus could not resist the lure of chocolate and came along. It was also during this time that the Chancellor’s paid a great honour on SkuLi a member of the *IKV Executioner*, changing her name to Ka'SkuLi and presenting her promotion from sergeant to officer rank on behalf of Commander Keela. Again it is with honour to House Ki'RK that I report that Captain Jorf was the last combatant to leave this ground around 0300 hours Sunday morning.

Classes resumed at 1000 hours with the Chancellors and Ensign Kim presenting additional training to the warriors present. Finally, the Bajoran Freedom Fighter, Major Kira Nery (Nana Visitor) made a special appearance to provide the warriors with techniques on special warfare operations. Because of recent incursions into Bajoran space she was only able to speak for a short amount of time. The convention ended at 1600 hours and Jorf beamed out enroute back to his operations base short after that.

On a side note the Ferengi who runs Slanted Fedora, Dave Scott, informed the group that he would not be returning to the North Carolina area again in the foreseeable future because of poor profits. As most Ferengi, he blamed the problems on his customers. He has apparently forgotten the 62nd rule of acquisition: “The riskier the road the greater the profit.” I doubt he will ever forget the 21st rule though: “Never place friendship above profit.” The show and stars will be greatly missed.

Finally, Admiral it is my professional judgment that your concerns about Captain Jorf’s recent alliances with the Dark Moon Fleet of KAG and the Demon Fleet are unfounded. The captain certainly has an interest in these groups, but it is obvious by his actions and manner that his first allegiance is to House Ki'RK and the Cha'ouw Empire and that he works very hard to bring glory and honour to both.

Please call on me if I may be of further service to you in the future.

Vlad Drakul
Privateer

Surveillance Photos:

Above right: Robert O'Reilly, Jorf, and J. G. Hertzler

Above middle: Carolyn Peterson, diplomatic attache to traveling Ferengi VIPs; a cloaked Grand Nagus Rom who was made an honorary Klingon by Martok at Slanted Fedora; Captain Jorf; and Jaraena of the IKV Blood Claw



Slanted Fedora

October 11-13, 2002 -- Durham, NC

Dark Star Quadrant



Above left: Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot sutai-Septaric, CO of the IKV Glory Hunter, and Admiral Billy Ray Carswell of the Star Trek Independent Fleet

Above right: Lt. K'Tsk vestai-Septaric of the IKV Glory Hunter with Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, Dark Star Quadrant CO, during the day Saturday



At left, the Spirit of Gowron, Captain Jorf of the ICV Dragon's Blood, and Chancellor Martok, during the day Saturday

At right a cloaked Grand Nagus with a cloaked Captain Janeway, aka Laura Zehr



At left, Chancellor Martok and Lt. Ka'SkuLi tai sing while Moogie and Leeta dance the night away

At right, the Spirit of Chancellor Gowron, Cmdr. Keela and Chancellor Martok sing in harmony





At left, the cake that the IKV Demonlance procured at a Wal-Mart superstore (of all places!) with the most excellent visages of the two Klingon Chancellors upon it! Qapla! Other cakes included one with the Dark Star Quadrant logo on it, one with the Klingon symbol on it, and one with a green B'rel class Bird of Prey on it. They were all of chocolate and everyone one of them was delicious. They were not all eaten that evening and by command of Chancellor Martok the Terran visitors to Slanted Fedora were feted the next day with pieces from all of the cakes with the exception of the Bird of Prey cake which went home with Keela and was served at her next ship's Klingon get-together. A week old, it was still tender and delicious owing to the culinary talents of Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot sutai-Septaric.



A little "Chancellor" rivalry?

Robert O'Reilly and J. G. Hertzler really take the cake!!!

Both Chancellors thoroughly enjoyed the cake cutting that kicked off the KAG Chocolate Party in their honor! Two attending Warriors supplied the Klingon daggers that the cake was subdued with.

It was delicious!!!! Qapla'!



From left to right Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot, a Warrior from IKV Demonlance, and Col. Kasak sutai-Septaric look on while Chancellor Gowron enjoys his cake



From left to right Chancellor Gowron, Lt. Cmdr. Ko'Mot, Chancellor Martok, and Lt. Ka'Sandra vestai-Mack-Merril-Martok



From left to right ____, Warrior from the IKV Rogue Phoenix, Lt. K'Isk vestai-Septaric relax on the couch while Col. Kasak sutai-Septaric goes for more bloodwine!



From left to right Lt. Ka'Sandra vestai-Mack-Merril-Martok, Captain Jorf of House K'iRK, unknown human, Lt. Ka'SkuLi tai, Lt. Cmdr. Ko'mot sutai-Septaric all listen to words of wisdom from Chancellors Martok and Gowron



Frozen in a moment of reflection are, from left to right: Chancellor Gowron, Cmdr. Skal sutai-Mack-Merril-Martok, Chancellor Martok, and Lt. Ka'Sandra vestai-Mack-Merril-Martok.

Of special note, Chancellor Gowron gave high praise to his friend, Cmdr. Skal, and invited all Klingons present to join him in a toast to Skal. It was glorious!!!!

Middle left: Lt. Ka'SkuLi tai

Middle right: Cmdr. Skal, CO of the IKV Demonlance with Cmdr. M'erder sutai-Kohrnezh, a member of the IKV Rogue Phoenix

Cmdr. K'Bone sutai-Mortok of the IKV Rogue Phoenix and Lt. K'Isk of the IKV Glory Hunter seem to be enjoying the Chocolate Party

Cmdr. K'Bone and Col. Kasak sutai-Septaric, CO of the IKV Rogue Phoenix with their marvelous drinking cups. Too bad one of the "stars" who was at the KAG Chocolate Party made off with K'Bone's cup. She should be ashamed. That was very dishonorable.



4th Annual Shore Leave to a Primitive Planet

Carolina Renaissance Festival

October 19, 2002 -- Concord, NC

Dark Star Quadrant



Quadrant Commander's Personal Log:

Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr vestai-Atratties, Lance Corporal MarthoRya, and myself rendezvoused very early at the *IKV Executioner* cargo shuttle coordinates. L. Corporal MarthoRya had brought her own personal vessel and together we shuttled down to the location of the away mission. We parked in the VIP parking area, obviously, and donned our armor. We were joined by Col. K'Tor sutai-Do'Urden, Dark Star Quadrant Marine Fencer and CO of the *KPV Krimson Fury*. He too completed his transformation into Klingon, and together we walked to the customs area. There we met a cloaked Lt. Cmdr. K'Trava, CO of the *IKV Stormbringer* (who quickly armored up) and a cloaked, semi-retired Klingon, Marine Major Althor vestai-DevI'nesh, former CO of the *IKAV Grand Inquisitor*. We waited for a while to see if the reknown Trill, Mirodon, would appear, but he did not. Realizing that he would probably have no trouble finding US, we decided to proceed.

After purchasing boarding passes, we beamed down to the planet. We were allowed to keep our weapons as long as they were peace bonded. Then we set off on our day-long journey. The sights and sounds of their culture inundated us immediately. After receiving navigational aides in the two-dimensional form of a paper map and schedule of events, we chanced upon a royal pavillion. Realizing that it would be bad form not to warn the local authorities of our presence, we demanded an audience with the King. A born diplomat, the King was very gracious (and wise) in receiving us at a moment's notice.



Klingons in audience with the King



Kehlyr enjoys the best seat in the house as the Queen looks on and the Klingons laugh

Taking our leave of the Royal Pavillion, we continued down through the village looking at all of the shops and strangely dressed townspeople. Disorienting music filled the air and several gyrating females of the village danced to the tune. I found that only K'Tor was affected by their behavior and appearance, and wondered if this was a battle tactic designed to attract and disarm the males of a species. I will have to warn the High Council of the subversive elements of this strange custom. Perhaps earplugs should be issued to all male Warriors who must interact with this culture.

We came to the workplace of a cloaked Klingon, Ensign K'Drac, CO of the *IKV ShadowDragon* and arms merchant par excellence. It was good to see him and to salivate over the pointy objects he was vending. I hope that much success was had and that his coffers were full by the end of the day. Suddenly, K'Trava's communication device beeped. Upon answering it, she discovered that one of her crew, a Klingon turned Jedi-convert, arrival was imminent, but he needed help (the Force is not strong with that one). She quickly returned to the customs area to assist.

We continued on our way. There were many hu'Man tourists on this planet. They were everywhere, almost like an infestation. But that was a small invasion compared to later that day. There were



thousands of them! I will speak more of this later. It may be that these hu'Man's have designs upon this planet. This must not be allowed, as hu'Mans tend to spoil everything their grubby hands touch. Joined by Lt. Tarak Duras vestai, the Jedi convert, and K'Trava, we continued to wander through the countryside and eventually came upon a great earthen place of battle. We seated ourselves on the front row so as not to miss one minute of bloodshed.

A regally garbed man rode by and acknowledged our presence. "I see we have the honored delegation from France with us today!" I remembered that a pre-invasion group of Coneheads had lived covertly and successfully on the planet Earth under this guise, so I raised my mug and agreed, "We are from France!" I hoped that would deter any further interrogation, but that was not to be the case. We had to wound several before the locals finally realized we had no intention of divulging who we were or where we were from.

The battle was glorious and well-attended. It was an unusual form of combat. The fighters rode large animals towards each other and endeavored to knock each other off. A variety of weapons were used. Much fighting skill was displayed. Afterwards, we decided to go eat our midday meal. Returning to the planet, we continued once again through the village. We were glad to have the company of Tarak Duras, the Jedi convert, because he provided a lot of entertainment by allowing us to pick on him, especially when there weren't any villagers nearby.

There was a lot of wonderful armor to look at, even though it wasn't quite up to Klingon specs. Especially admired was a helmet with horns sprouting from it. Now that would have been formidable in battle. We saw a huge behemoth and some long-legged mammals that some of the hu'Mans were taking rides on. The air was filled with scent, reminding us of home and the herds of targs that roamed free through the scrub countryside. Many of the humans were gagging and spitting, but we were not affected in that manner.

We also met up with Mirodon and Moogie (aka Carolyn Peters) during our travels. I had had the chance to interact with Moogie at a recent battle of the Slanted Fedora where she was the diplomatic aide to the Grand Nagus Rom.



The delegation from France waits for bloodshed!

Front row: Keela, Kehlyr, K'Tor

Second Row, Tarak, K'Trava, Marthorya

Third Row, Althor (big bearded guy)



But all good things must come to an end and as the chronometer told us, the end was near. As we journeyed back to our original coordinates, we chanced upon a large walking sentient plant. I had my holo-image made with this creature even though it wasn't very friendly. Perhaps it was afraid that Klingons marked their territory.

Before leaving the planet, we stopped once again at the Klingon arms merchant's location and had our holo-image made with him and two of his weapons. They are the ship's swords and were very beautiful and quite deadly-looking.

The Royal Pavillion was deserted; the King, Queen and Court having hastened past us to another tournament. Taking advantage of the situation, several of our party decided to double back and try out the Thrones. It was a very enjoyable experience. After leaving the planet and beaming back to our shuttle coordinates, a short promotion ceremony was held. It is my honor to inform you that Lance Corporal MarthoRya was elevated to the rank of Lt. MarthoRya tai! *Qapla'!!!!* We left the planet as we found it, except for our bootprints (on the soil and on some villagers), and look forward to our next Shore Leave on that beautiful and mysterious world! *Qapla'!!!!*



From left to right: Lt. Martho'Rya tai, Lt. Cmdr. K'Trava sutai-Septaric, Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties, Ensign K'Drac, Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, Lt. Col. K'Tor sutai-Do'Urden



Test Driving the throne: It's good to be the King, er . . . I mean . . . the Quadrant Commander!

Halloween Festivities

October 20, 2002 -- York, SC

IKV Blood Claw and USS Yorktown

INTERCEPTED FEDERATION COMMUNICATION

Subject: Next Meeting of the USS Yorktown
Menu . . . you will love it!!!

Hi guys and gals,

Well, our Halloween throw together meeting and bash will be at Joe's and we are having so far:

Klingon Targ Dogs
Romulan Ale (spiked and not spiked)
Gagh Chili (and for the faint of heart,
I promise to cook them)
Smashed Tribble Slaw
Cardiassian Dip and Chips

And other sweet entities too many to mention, plus maybe the Klingon sweet "Wush'da'poh" (Chocolate)!

If you have any other ghoulish treat or fritter you want to throw in, bring it on with you. Nothing will be turned away; you know when you have Feddy and Borg and Klingon, and other Alien species, you know you will have treats from galaxies far, far away!

Remember Joe's house at 2 or so Sunday, October the 20th and if you need directions, just call or write me or the Klingon himself! Hope to see all you ghosts and goblins there,

Toodles,
Captain Vic

Walk For Animals

October 26, 2002 --

Myrtle Beach, SC

House K'iRK

Hailing frequencies open....
ICV Dragons' Blood reporting



On October 26 members of the House Ki'RK landed at the area called Boardwalk on the Beach in Myrtle Beach, N.C. for the annual Walk for Animals sponsored by the local Humane Society. Those members included Khon Kijo, Epetai Qoj jev, Lord Bumba, Ambassador Saroka and myself. The society had a goal of \$40,000 which it had pledges for. The event included a costume contest for the pets (and their human counterparts), a skills area, and the main event - a walk around the Boardwalk so the pets could show off their HuMans.

Captain Jorf
House Ki'RK

Below, Lord Bumba (the Kilrathi) communicating with a Earth Dog



Alaricon

October 26, 2002 -- Asheville, NC

IKV Executioner

On October 26th, Cmdr. Keela and Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr of the *IKV Executioner* warped at top speed to Asheville, NC where Alaricon I was being held at the main library there. They were an imposing presence to this convention. The hosts of the small convention, CO Richard Heim and the crew of the *USS Alaric*, were very hospitable and offered Enterprise posters, free hats, t-shirts, posters, and other excellent booty to the Klingons. Of course, the Klingons came bearing a traditional gift of chocolate for the hu-Mans.

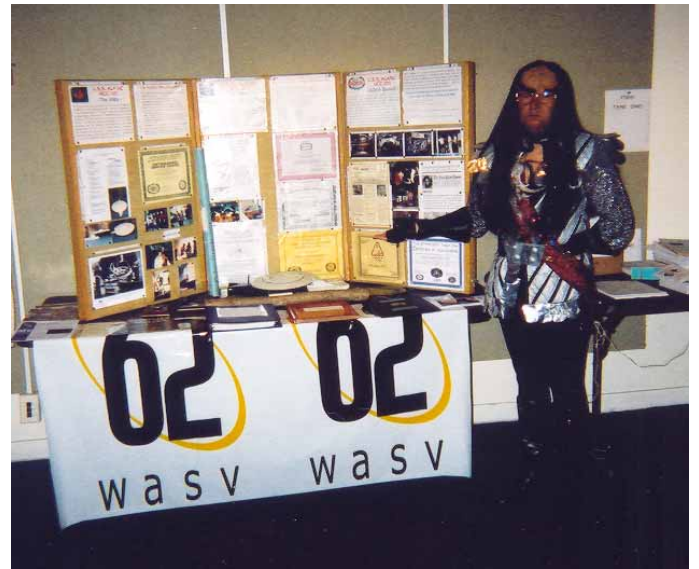
The convention was not having much luck with public response, so Keela and Kehlyr went hunting for humans. They walked through the entire length of the library building telling everyone about the convention. Many people went downstairs and, while there, door prizes were drawn.

The diplomatic visitation could not last very long, for Keela and Kehlyr had business elsewhere in the Quadrant and had to leave to attend a meeting at around noon. It is hoped that the *Alaric* and her crew will have many successes in battle in the future and may meet the Klingons one day again.

At right, Keela with a female Alaric member

Below left, Alaric crew with Keela and Kehlyr (CO Richard Heim is second from the left in the back row)

Below right, Kehlyr in front of the main Alaric display table.



Lions Club Carnival

October 26, 2002 -- Granite Falls, NC

IKV Executioner

The *IKV Executioner* joined the STIFs at the Lion's Club Carnival in Granite Falls, NC for a combined recruitment / recreational activity.

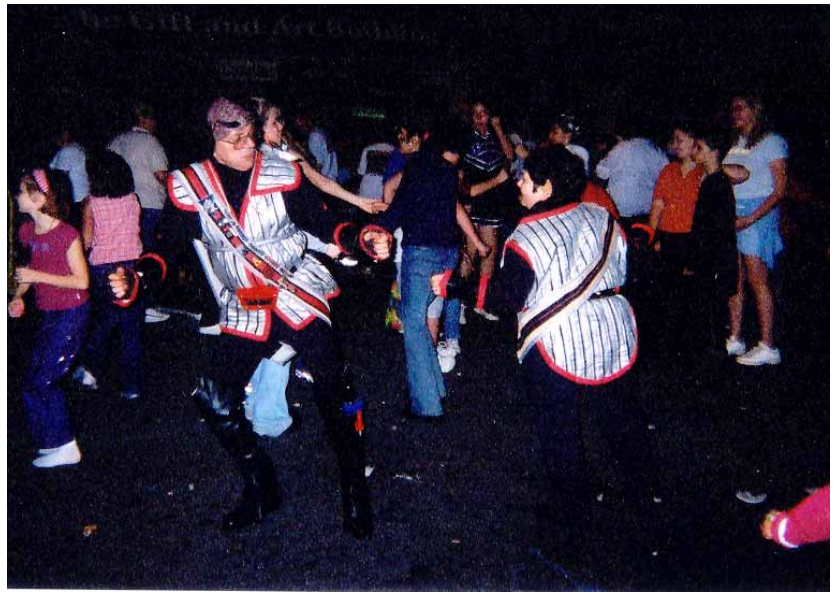
It was not as cold as the previous year, so the Klingons especially were enjoying the weather.

There was no live band this year, but there was a DJ with lots of good dance music, so Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai and L. Captain Dracos took to the street and showed the hu-Mans how Klingons cut a rug!

A good time was had by all and a lot of Halloween candy was given out.

At right, Cmdr. Keela sutai Septaric, Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr vestai-Atratties, Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai and L. Captain Dracos





Above left: Kehlyr and friends

Above right: Twisting the Night Away Klingon style!

Left: a cloaked Katkith peeks out from behind mate Keela's shoulder,

At right: The bond between the Klingon Warrior and his Vulcan mate is obvious



A Good Day To Dine

October 31, 2002 -- Hickory, NC

IKV Executioner

From left to right, Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai, Lt. Katith vestai, Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, Robert Bailey of the Star Trek Independent Fleet, and L. Captain Dracos.

All Klingons represented in this holo-image are from the *IKV Executioner* and are enjoying a well-deserved meal at CiCi's Pizza after a hard fought battle at the Lutheran Home (battle footage on the following page).

Kehlyr and Martho'Rya had to shuttle home early and were not able to share in the festivities, but it is hoped that they too were able to celebrate their ship's victory!

Lutheran Home Battle

October 31, 2002 -- Hickory, NC

IKV Executioner



Above left: Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai Atratties, Lt. Martho'Rya tai, L. Captain Dracos, Lt. Katkith vestai, Lt. Karrtush tai and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric with L. Lt. Dracos in front

Above right: Katkith, Seven of Nine (cloaked) with young Two of Two, Ka'Sandi, Keela and K'Terror (cloaked)

Right: K'Terror in cute disguise and Kehlyr mug for the camera

Below left: Katkith on guard. The Klingons provided security on Halloween night, as well as directing traffic to residents with candy for the little ones.

Below middle: Dracos with co-worker from Lutheran Home



Below right: Klingons leave the building after a hard fought victory





The cargo shuttle of the *IKV Executioner* took off from the LeNoir Cluster in the early morning and sailed without incident towards the coordinates of Tarak Nor in the HiKory System. On board were Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties, Lt. Katkith vestai, and pilot, Cmdr. Keela sutai Septaric. The voyage was smooth and the shuttle landed at Tarak Nor. The space station's shuttle was powered up and together both vehicles took off. Lt. Karrtush Degar tai and L. Lt. Dracos of Vulcan, pilot, were on board.

The flight plan was entered into the onboard computers and the warp engines engaged. At warp 7.0, the shuttles flew towards the Spar-tan-burg Nebula where they entered orbit around the planet R'Amad'a In. After disembarking and contacting the local authorities, the Klingons powered up the KAG table and began their battle at Spartacon. Klingons from other ships included Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ vestai-DevnoH, CO of the *IKV Stonedagger*, and Lt. Gortok vestai-DevnoH, CO of the *IKV Shadowrider*.

During the day, one of the lectures involved costuming to which the Klingons were kindly invited to contribute. Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr, Dark Star Quadrant Quartermaster, added a great deal to the understanding of Klingon armor. In fact, she could have presented an outstanding lecture on her own. Her main point was learning to look for things that you might not think at first would be a great piece of material for armor; i.e., learning to make something out of nothing.

Afterwards, a promotion ceremony was held. While Keela sang the Klingon Anthem, the Warriors marched into the room and formed a semi-circle. With much growling and enthusiasm, the following Warriors received promotions: L. Lt. Dracos was promoted to L. Captain Dracos. Lt. Karrtush Degar tai was promoted to Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai, and Lt. GortoK vestai-DevnoH, was promoted to Lt. Cmdr. GortoK vestai-DevnoH. *Qapla'* to all of these deserving Warriors!!!

The event was sparsely attend by the population of that planet, to their great loss. And Lt. Cmdr. K'Targ had made a GREAT Borg Klingon headpiece for the costume contest that never materialized.

With con attendees spirits begining to sag, the Klingons decided to power up the Klingon Karaoke machine early and with Katkith at the helm, provided entertainment and enjoyment to the attending conventioners as they sang their lungs out and/or danced to the music.



Along with refreshments, music and good old Klingon hospitality, the party was ON! And it lasted until very late, despite the fact that Karttush, Kehlyr and Dracos had to shuttle out around 8:00 p.m. to make the homeward journey.

Keela and Katkith stayed overnight at the coordinates and shuttled home the next day. A great time was had by all.

Above left, the crew of the IKV Executioner listening to the costume lecture.

Above right, the Klingons who attended the convention. From left to right, K'Targ, Dracos, Karrtush, Kehlyr, Keela and GortoK

At right, the Warriors prepare for the promotion ceremony with suitable growls and appropriate Klingon attitude. It was a glorious ceremony!



Above left, Karrtush gets promoted. Above right, Gortok receives his promotion. Middle left, Dracos becomes a L. Captain with Karrtush's hearty approval. Middle right, Kehlyr bestows upon Keela a token from the IKV Raging Wolf, new ship under construction. Lower right, all the Klingons dance!



Beach Bash

November 8-10, 2002 -- Myrtle Beach, SC

House K'iRK

Beach Bash is an annual fan event held at Myrtle Beach, S.C. each year and occurred on November 8 - 11, 2002 this year. It is co-hosted by three great Houses: the Cha'ouw Empire, Clan of Llah, and the Jub Brothers.

Events included a Warriors Challenge, dinner at Planet Hollywood, and a gathering in the Great Hall on Saturday night. This is a family event and many children were in attendance. We have something for everyone to include some golfers who can hit the links on Sunday morning. We had several vendors present with all sorts of gear to barter for.

Following a rigorous combat challenge Lord Bumba Llah the defending champion was defeated by Lt. MaTal vestai HemlaQ, CO of the KPV Arrow Qeyha' (KAG Atlanta) gaining much glory and honor for her house and ship. She received a replica of the great Sword of Kahless and Beach Bash Champion's belt during the Great Hall on Saturday night.

The three great Houses are already planning for Beach Bash 3K. For more information check out the web site for this fan event

<http://beachbash.virtualave.net/>

Qa'pla all,
Captain Jorf
ICV Dragons' Blood
Honour and Glory to House Ki'Rk and the Cha'ouw Empire



At right, Captain Jorf, CO of the ICV Dragon's Blood with new Beach Bash Champion, Lt. MaTal vestai-HemlaQ, CO of the KPV Arrow Qeyha'

At left, Captain Jorf with Lt. QaLyn vestai-HemlaQ and her par'machkai

Below right, Sunday morning Warriors' Challenge -- Beach Bash Golf



Savannah Christmas Parade

December 7, 2002 -- Savannah, GA

IAKV Rogue Phoenix

Members of the IKV Demonlance assisted the IKAV Rogue Phoenix by marching in the Savannah Christmas Parade. Qapla'!!!!

Left, Lt. K'Dessa
L'Bardi tai

Middle, Cadet Lt.

Right, Lt.



All are of these Klingon Warriors are members of the Mack-Merril-Martok tri-Household



Nemesis Premiere

December 14, 2002 -- Spartanburg, SC

IKV Shadowrider

Hail Warriors,

The *IKV Shadowrider* attended the Star Trek Nemesis promotion at Regal Cinemas. We had a lot of fun and got a lot of wierd looks and unfortunately, there were a few scared kids, but all in all, we had a good time. I was the only one that was able to gear, but everyone else wore ship shirts. We were invited back the next time they have anything that would interest us. We plan to hold our meeting the weekend after Christmas. I'll send you any updates in the future.

Glory to the Empire!!! *Qapla'!*
Lt. Cmdr. Gortok vestai-DevnoH



Nemesis Premiere

December 14, 2002 -- Myrtle Beach, SC

House Ki'RK



Hail Warriors!

Nemesis Debriefing:

On December 14, 2002 I had the honour of escorting Khon Kijo of the Cha'ouwian Empire and the Epetai Qej jev, and Lord Llah Bumba to the Earther Event *Star Trek: Nemesis*.

We were well received by the HuMans working in the Carmike Cinemas in Myrtle Beach, but have the feeling they feared our steel and that may have lead to their compliance with our 'request.'

There were many HuMans there who seem surprised at our presence, but obviously knew we were there to see the Federation propaganda being presented in the form of a movie.

As a group, we felt the movie was well done with some terrific battle scenes, but were somewhat disappointed in the death of Data.

But with reflection we realized he really had died a wondrous and honorable death fit for any Klingon.

We have no doubt he is welcome in Sto-Vo-Kor!

Captain Jorf
CO, *ICV Dragon's Blood*
House Ki'RK

Above left, Captain Jorf, Epetai Qej jev, Lord Llah Bumba the Kilrathi, and Khon Kijo with captive huMan employee at the Carmike Cinemas in Myrtle Beach

Below left, Khon Kijo, Epetai Qej jev, and Captain Jorf, Lord Llah Bumba the Kilrathi flank the *Star Trek: Nemesis* poster



Nemesis Premiere

December 14, 2002 -- Fort Mill, SC

IKV Blood Claw

INTERCEPTED TRANSMISSION:

From Captain Vic of the *USS Yorktown*

Hi everyone, just wanted to thank you all who came out and made our movie day a success. I do believe the staff at Manchester theater were impressed with us, especially with our two resident Klingons. We had many interested people, and hope to get some new members from it.

We did not get to see the movie, or at least all of us did not. We are planning on going back soon to see it. We worked it, on up until the last show, so by the time we got everything packed up, it was late.



Nemesis did not pack in the crowd that I think they were hoping, but we made their day interesting and fun. Some of the employees dressed up in the extra uniforms we had and they seemed to be pleased. I would say over all it seemed like ole times.

All the guys and girls did their best, and especially my grandson Anthony who really got into telling the kids all about us; he is going to be a great recruiter.

The local newspaper, *The Herald*, is wanting to do an article on us soon and I think people now know that the *Yorktown* is still alive and well in the area of York County.

R'likay (Joe) and Evilcot (Scott), also CO and XO of the *IKV Blood Claw*, respectively, had their fun scaring the women and children; and believe me they looked menacing in their Klingon Sunday best.

Well, anyway, sorry all of you couldn't make it. The guys . . .

<transmission breaks up at this point due to subspace interference>



Above, from left to right, unknown human crew person from the *USS Yorktown*, Lt. Evilcot tai-Septaric of the *IKV Blood Claw*, Lt. Maj'va'kut tai-Septaric of the *IKV Blood Claw* (also Captain Vic of the *USS Yorktown*), unknown human crew person from the *USS Yorktown*, and Lt. R'Likay vestai-Septaric, CO of the *IKV Blood Claw*

At left, R'likay and Evilcot having a bit of harmless fun with a crewman from the *USS Yorktown*

Nemesis Premiere

December 13-15, 2002 -- Spartanburg, SC

IKV Executioner

Hail Warriors of Dark Star Quadrant!

The battle plan was well thought out. Klingons would invade the Crown Cinemas in Hickory, NC on December 13th, 2002 Earth Standard time. There they would rendezvous with the Federation in the form of the Star Trek Independent Fleet and together they would construct and build a recruitment area and interact with the viewers of the documentary, *Star Trek: Nemesis*. They would tear down the same edifice and rebuild the next day early. And on the final day of battle, they would do the same.

Lt. Katkith vestai beamed down to the landing point with supplies in hand and with his Feddie counterparts, powered up the KAG part of the table and went into battle. Later in the day, L. Captain Kaltia Knight shuttled in with a potential recruit, visited briefly and then personally inspected the documentary. Katkith had to shuttle out to be at other coordinates for what hu-Mans call a "play." He informed his mate that there was not enough room to fully power a KAG table, and that she should bring one the next day.

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric did just that. And in the course of preparing for battle, she secured one of the *IKV Executioner's* finest Warriors, Lt. Karrtush Degar tai, for assistance. Together they warped to the Crown Cinemas, disembarked and off-loaded all of the equipment they would need. Setting up early, they were prepared for the first onslaught of hu-Mans by 12:30 p.m. The first public viewing of *Nemesis* began at 1:00 p.m.

The battle wore on the entire day. Keela left briefly to get food then returned. They were asked, along with the Feddies to pose for holo-images for the Crown Cinema records. During the time they were outside under the huge theater marquee, the Klingons (and some Feddies) waved at the passing vehicles and laughed at the startled human faces.

Afterwards, L. Captain Dracos shuttled in with food for her mate, Karrtush and, after they ate, joined the fray. Several were able to take in the movie as that was the reward for battling on behalf of the theater. During some kind of unscheduled bid for attention (a promotion ceremony for the STIFs that was supposed to have taken place off-site), Keela was tapped on the shoulder and, to her great surprise, turned and saw the face of the Mirror Universe Klingon, Andrew Carras! He and his wife DJ (who is with child), were there to see *Nemesis*! Catching up was glorious!!!! And, of note, contact was made with the new Starfleet shuttle in Hickory. *Qapla'*!

Afterwards, Keela shuttled out in full battle armor to the coordinates of the "play" for she too was involved in it and had promised to reveal to her other playmakers her true identity. They were shocked and astounded to see a fully armored, six-foot Klingon woman striding towards them. It was entertainment pure and simple! Then Katkith arrived. Taking off her armor, she and her husband turned their battle to the play at hand.

A Feddie of their acquaintance, Captain Janeway, had beamed earlier that day at the theater in to enjoy the simple Klingon hospitality Keela and Katkith had to offer. She spent most of the day in battle at the theater, and brought back to her Klingon quarters the materials that were on the KAG table.

The next day, Keela shuttled down early with the materials and with the aid of Karrtush and Dracos once again, powered up the KAG table. Then she left because the "play" had a matinee showing that day and she was needed. However, she took the genetic transformation equipment and uniforms, and after the successful conclusion of her first theatrical appearance in 20 years, she and Katkith donned armor and shuttled quickly back to the *Nemesis* battle coordinates. This time, they were able to personally inspect the movie themselves. At the conclusion, the Klingons pronounced the film as excellent.

The battle continued until after the 9:00 p.m. show, then the Klingons packed it in and left the site, victory in hand.

Qapla'! to all the Warriors of the *IKV Executioner* who participated! For each day that you were there, you earned a battlenotch!!!!

And thanks to Geoffrey Rayle, Manager of the Crown Cinemas for allowing the Klingons to come and do battle! *Qapla'!!!!*

Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric
CO, *IKV Executioner*

Below from left to right (in different order in other holo-images), Eddie Williams, Robert Bailey, Lt. Karrtush Degar vestai and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric





Above from left to right, Lt. Katkith vestai, Jimmy Tillman, and Billy Ray Carswell pose in front of the wall mural at the Crown Cinemas on Friday



At right, the entire group of Star Trek fans at the Nemesis premiere on Saturday.

From left to right, back row, Keela, Katkith, Tillman, Williams, Bailey, K'Lara, Mercedes Skidmore, Jonathan Skidmore and Tim Benfield

From left to right, front row, Lt. Kalib tai, Lt. Karrtush, L. Captain Dracos, Captain Janeway (Laura Zehr), and Billy Ray Carswell

Nemesis Revisited

December 21, 2002 -- Spartanburg, SC

IKV Executioner

Hail Warriors of Dark Star Quadrant,

BACKGROUND:

While the greater part of *IKV Executioner* was doing battle in Hickory on **December 13th**, Friday night, a contingent of two Klingon Warriors invaded the Marquee Cinemas in Morganton, NC to view *Star Trek: Nemesis* in armor. Those brave Klingons were Lt. Kalib tai and Lt. Ka'Shara tai. They were very well received by the theater manager, Mr. Craig Smith, and upon discussions, agreed to come back the next day. After a subspace transmission to Keela, spare armor and accessories was obtained, as well as a bat'leth, and shuttled to the theater coordinates early that morning for Kalib and Ka'Shara. Then Keela warped her way to the other battle in Hickory, NC.

Kalib went into battle later that day at the Marquee and was very well received! He harassed the audiences prior to the show . . . and they loved it!!! His subspace communication to Keela about the success of their battle was very inspirational! And Kalib had further news: the Klingons were invited back to the Marquee on the following Saturday. Extending the invitation to the STIFs, battle plans began to be made.

So early on **December 21st**, the Klingon cargo shuttle of the *IKV Executioner* entered a geostationary orbit around the Marquee Cinemas. Disembarking were Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric and decloaking right behind was the personal shuttle of Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties!!!! This was her first battle since her catheterization and subsequent heart attack back in mid-November! *Qapla'!!!!* STIF representative Robert Bailey also disembarked from the Klingon cargo shuttle and assisted in setting up the KAG table. He brought chairs, which was thoughtful. He then patiently awaited the arrival of his companions to power up their recruitment table. He didn't have long to wait and the STIF table was soon set up.

Kalib and Ka'Shara soon joined Keela and Kehlyr! It was a Glorious Reunion! Battle began afresh!

Not only did the Klingons interact with the public, and even follow in Kalib and Ka'Shara's boots in terms of harrassing the hu-Mans prior to the showtimes, but they also went out on the street and waved to passing shuttles in front of the theater. It was GLORIOUS!!!!

Theater Manager, Craig Smith, was delighted at the *Star Trek* fan club's presence and offered them every courtesy, including free popcorn, drinks and a movie pass for everyone there! Plus, everyone had permission to attend any movie that the theater was showing that day! I pronounce him friend to Klingons!!! *Qapla'!!!*

Another participant in the battle was Syzach the Vulcan, in his Federation uniform. It was good to see him, as the rigors of junior high school have kept him from many battles. He shuttled out about midday, however. And Ka'Shara had to do the same, as the constraints of human employment were upon her.

Around lunch, the Klingons took a meal break and went to the Uptown Restaurant just below the theater. The food was fantastic and generous portions were served, so much so that not a single Klingon, male or female, there could eat all their food!!!! *Qapla'!!!!* Afterwards, battle was rejoined.

In the early afternoon, Kehlyr took her leave of the fray. It was good to see her and we all hope that her continued recovery will mean more attendance at more battles. *Qapla'!!!*

A cloaked Lt. Katkith vestai joined the group and then went into a movie while the Klingons continued to battle. After the 9:00 p.m. show, both tables were powered down and dismantled. Katkith shuttled Robert Bailey back to where his vessel waited, while Keela shuttled Kalib and his niece and nephew

to their home coordinates. Earlier, Ka'Shara's son, Jonathan, was taken to his place of employment to be picked up after his mother got off work. After beaming Kalib and his kin safely home, Keela shuttled back to her home coordinates.

It was a glorious battle and one that will be long remembered in song and toast of bloodwine! *Qapla'!!!!*

Above right, Mr. Craig Smith, Manager of the Marquee Cinemas in Morganton, NC, with Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai-Atratties.

At left, from left to right, Lt. Kalib tai, Lt. Ka'Shara tai, Mr. Craig Smith, Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric, Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr, Syzach the Vulcan, Robert Bailey and Billy Ray Carswell, founder of the Star Trek Independent Fleet.





Above left, Keela stands guard at the KAG table

Middle, Kehlyr in front of the KAG table

From left to right, the Klingons were: Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr Muad'dib vestai Atratties, Lt. Ka'Shara tai, Lt. Kalib tai, and Cmdr. Keela sutai-Septaric

Middle Lt. Cmdr. Kehlyr holds Billy Ray Carswell at bay with a big painstick

Below from left to right bat'leth-wielding Kalib, Ka'Shara, Mr. Craig Smith, Keela, Carswell, Syzach, Bailey and Keylyr and her painstick

Bottom right, Klingons communing under the naked stars



PREPARATION FOR BATTLE!!!

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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.

The deadline for the next issue of **DARK MATTERS** is March 15th, 2003. Submissions for the April issue may be sent to: keelavestai@yahoo.com or they may be snail mailed to:

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News From the *IKV Swift Strike*



Hail Keela and the Gang!

The Infamous Klingons from the *IKV Swift Strike* were stopped for a (ahem) few unfounded violations. Hod DavI' (in the black) and Krat'nor (assuming the undignified position) were found in possession of several interesting items. They were released later, when it was pointed out that the two humanoids, their alleged devices on the vehicle hood, and items in the plastic bag, are not apparently covered by current contraband, weapons, and immigration laws. The items were not returned, however, being transferred to the U.S. Government and were shipped out of state to an undisclosed location.

Hod DavI'

Intergalactic incident occurred at Slanted Fedora, El Paso, Sat. 5 Oct. 2002
(Thanks to the N.M. State Police and Officer David Duron for their help!)

QAPLÁ!