

The Travance Chronicle

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Communication

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Our Baroness has made request that the citizens of the Travance Proper consider the importance of good communication. Communication is made up of many parts working together as a whole. It is a process of give and take from mutuals in hopes of better understanding. It is why we hold forums, debates, and discussions—so that there may be clarity of information.

Something as simple as a thoughtfully written letter could sway the balance in these troubled times. Information is key in communication. It is our duty to each other to never let others be held in the dark. Knowledge is power. With it we build our strong bonds of trust with each other and without it our society could fall into disarray and crumble. In these troubled times we are all in this together as one. Treat those whom you may one day call brother or sister or merely friend as you feel you should be treated. Consider how you prefer to be spoken to and apply that to your own practices. Proper decorum, such as letting the other finish what they have to say before you speak, being respectful, and general etiquette should apply. Our Baroness made attempt to have all of Travance available to hear the Meeting of Nobility. Not once, nor twice, but many times did she have to request those who were making a ruckus to quiet down so others could hear what was being spoken. Our Baroness, in her wisdom, is attempting to take that step to not leave her people in the dark about the goings on of our land. It is for each of us to make the choice on whether or not we will take that step with her in this new age of understanding and open communication.

Through a Newcomer's Eyes

By: Merrill Lebastion

Travance is a dangerous land fraught with peril. When I first arrived in Travance, I was beset upon by nine bandits before I even reached the Dragon's Claw Inn. In this column, I have set aside the time to share the hard-earned lessons Travance has taught me thus far. If you are new to Travance, or merely value your life, your sanity, and your possessions, then heed these words:

- Die screaming. Whenever confronted by a formidable foe far away from the warm light of the tavern, your best chance is to run screaming toward civilization. Hopefully the commotion will draw more capable combatants to your aid.
- The Rule of 5. Never travel alone! When you must leave the warm embrace of the Dragon's Claw Inn always bring at least 4 companions, for the woods are thick with peril, and there is nothing better than a handful of adventurers/decoys to handle/distract those who would mean you harm.
- Feign Death. This spell has not only saved my life more than a dozen times, it has saved the lives of my allies on multiple occasions. "Playing possum" could prove a passable substitute, but it will not work against the ravenous dead. Remember, this technique will not work on creatures that wish to devour you unless they have more lively prey to run down. This technique also will not protect your possessions from wanton highwaymen.
- Do not sleep on the chair or couch in the Dragon's Claw Inn. No matter how inviting the hearth may be, this is deemed suicidal by any seasoned adventurer for a reason.
- Do not insult a gypsy. Do not deny the gift of a gypsy. Be respectful, but keep your wits about you, for they will be tested by these delightful people.
- The Game of Hat! Mind your head gear around Coast Haveners, lest you be introduced to this tradition.

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GinGunny GinKum's Guide to Drinking: Travance Proper

Those who braved the extreme cold last moon know of the buzz going on around the Dragon's Claw Inn - there's a new, permanent bar, and it's a beautiful sight to see! The counter is polished with what can only be weeks of spittle and elbow grease. The stools are sturdy, comfortable, and waiting for your backside. If that isn't enough to get you into the tavern, here are some of the alcoholic highlights of the Proper.

Travance Proper finally has its own brewery! Barrels of Proper Beer, which sell for 33 gold apiece, started rolling out of its doors shortly after the last baronial feast. This fine hearty lager is now sold by the mugful at the Dragon's Claw Inn, and should be sampled by anyone who is a fan of local brews. Look out for a seasonal blend once the weather warms!

But if you're looking for something a little more exclusive, try either the Dwarven Reserve or Elven Reserve. The Dwarven-made brew is earthier and stronger, and a workhorse drink suitable for long evenings of carousing. Elven Reserve is finer and lighter, and is perfect for midday refreshments or those who prefer a drink less likely to haunt them in the morning. With both reserves, if you drink 100 mugs (or goblets as the Elven Reserve is exclusively served in), or any combination of the two which adds up to 100, while seated at the bar at the Dragon's Claw Inn, you will earn a spot in the 100 Mug Club and have your name engraved upon one of the mugs. To date, no citizen of Travance has achieved this milestone, although a few dedicated souls (this humble writer included) have made significant headway towards it!

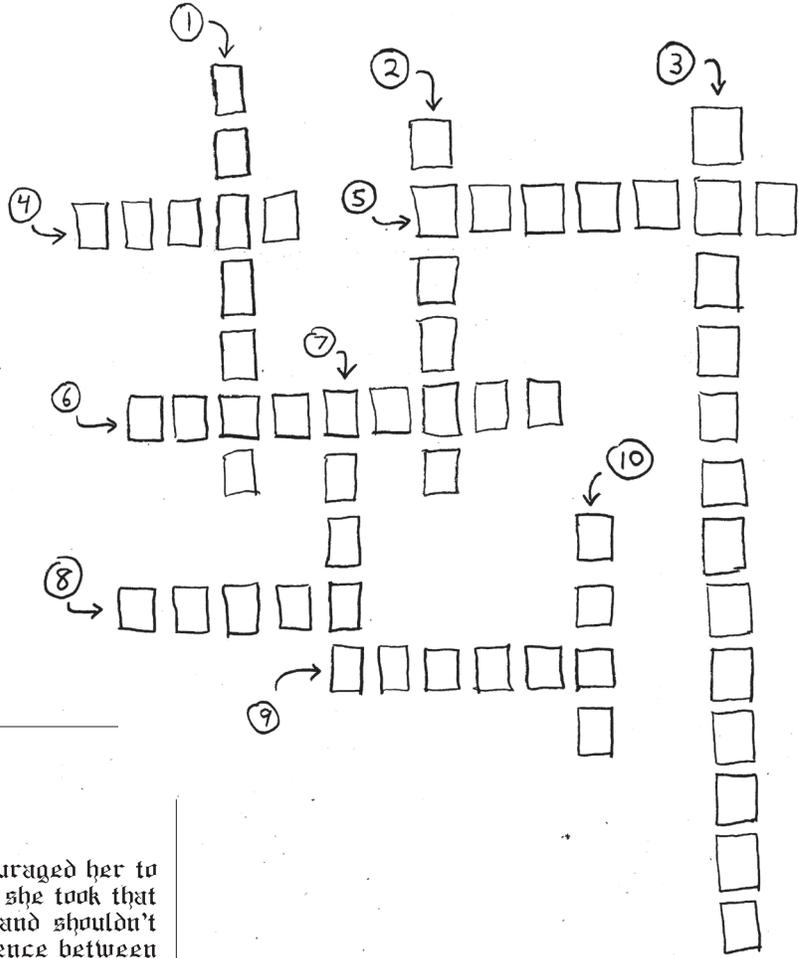
And lastly, for the truly brave of heart and constitution, Jonas Kane is proud to serve Original Recipe Dragons Breath. For years, it is rumored, a weaker and watered-down variety had been sold at Dragon's Claw Inn. But no longer! Jonas Kane himself battled legions of raving wild animals to reach Spellburg in the Barony of Ravenhurst where he learned the secret recipe from the Spellburg family, and then forged through the same intimidating field of foes to return to the Proper with it! (Spoiler: it does not contain actual dragon.) If you are looking for liquid courage before heading out for guard duty, watch, or patrol, this is definitely the house's recommendation.

Next moon, this devoted writer will launch into a whirlwind tour of all the lands of Travance, rooting out their best blends, brews, and barrels. Do you know of an amazing brewery or vineyard that should be featured? Buy me a drink and tell me about it!

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Crossword Puzzle by Gwynedd

1. Liquids made by alchemists
2. Knock out
3. Don't drink more than one!
4. Men in skirts
5. Balos' wife
6. Proprietor of the Inn
7. User of hammer and anvil
8. Dinner for all
9. "We need a"
10. Proud yellow-skin warrior



Me Know Advice by Blade

Dear Blade,

I'm a bit worried about a dear friend. I encouraged her to stand up for herself and be brave, but I fear she took that to mean "get into deadly situations I can't and shouldn't be handling." How can I teach her the difference between brave and foolhardy before she gets herself turned into a fine red mist?

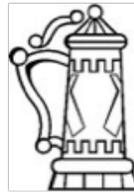
Sincerely,
I Was Only Trying To Help

Only Helper,

There people sometimes who not smart like Blade. Them not know if them kinda sorta should be kinda scared of something or maybe them think them stupid for kinda scared of that thing. So this person maybe think, oh, well, you know, friend here tell me maybe me can do all kind of thing that maybe me think me should be scared, but friend no think me should be scared, so maybe me go and do thing! What you do now is teach friend smoke cigar. When you smoke cigar, you need make choice... me go run off and get dead, or me keep nice cigar? Well then maybe me think cigar pretty good, and dead no really that good now that me think on it, so maybe you know, me just sit here and have nice cigar with Blade. But maybe one day friend having nice cigar, and maybe stupid monster thing come and them like me going hit you and ruin you cigar!! Maybe him like... Rawr!! Me big bad monster thing that no like stupid cigar thing cause me cranky and want cigar, but me have no pockets for gold to buy good cigar and now me attack you!!! ... then maybe friend think, well me like cigar, but me maybe put cigar down for like a time and go beat up monster thing there! Well that brave! And that for good reason! Angry monster not smart like Blade, him no get job and maybe get pants so maybe him have pocket for gold and stuff. Maybe friend be like kinda smart for stupid people thing and maybe like get monster work for pants and stuff and she get cut of what it make. Then maybe her get more smart and not need be so brave!

Blade

Hou Kreutzdorf Kandie! Remember, it's the Gummy that makes them Yummy!



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