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The Mighty Max is the monthly newsletter of the U.S.S. MAXIMILLIAN (NCC-74997) STAR TREK FAN SOCIATION.

Greetings to the crew of the U.S.S. Maximillian for the month of September, 1999. Yes, it's a short issue, due to the fact that I recieved only a couple submissions, from FADM Lyon, and CAPT Jackson. I thank each of you for your submissions.

However, for the rest of you, I do need submissions. If you are a head of a department YOU MUST SUBMIT. Trust me, if I can put together a submission, anyone can.

This month, FADM Lyon has given us a questionnaire, and he has asked that each of us fill it out, and return it to him. You can either send it to me with your submission, or give it directly to him.

Some of the things we did last month was a Bake sale that I, unfortunately due to not being able to get a ride, wasn't able to attend, though I wanted to. The Encounter at Starbase, which among other things showcased LT Carey on Voyager (His real name escapes me right now) and the commissioning of the U.S.S. ASGARD, a sister ship off of the U.S.S. COLUMBUS. Congrats to them on that. I was a little late getting there, because I just finished that day, after Three years and three months of work, my book, Future Tense. The book will be available to buy next month, and regular retail price will be \$20 (I handle shipping and printing, etc.) but there will be a \$5.00 coupon in the next issue. Buy soon and buy often. I am planning a special few pages for my book, and If anyone else has any special events or anything they'd like to advertise ever just let me know and it'll be in.

We have a lot of things coming up in the next little while, including the Bowl-A-Thon, and I hope to see each and every one of you there and bowling, because if we don't fill up the lanes this year there may not be another thon, and that would be mad.

For those of you that see this early enough, next Saturday, the 18th, at 11am, The S.S.D. Palpatine is going to be putting on a special picnic and games (Not unlike the Maxolympics). Everyone is invited, as it is kinda a pot luck.

Well, I'll see you all at the meeting. Live Long and Prosper.

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Captain's Log

BY CAPT ELAINE JACKSON

Greetings, one and all! It is that time of year. Hopefully everyone has submitted their names for Captain's seat. Those of you that are running will need to give a report to Chris for October's newsletter. Thanks to those who showed up at Starbase Columbus, hopefully we did all right at our Bake Sale.

Jackson Out.

ADMIRAL ROB'S STORYTIME

By FADM ROBERT LYON

HISTORY OF THE UNITED FEDERATION OF PLANETS

PART I: BEGINNINGS

Millions of years ago, beings from deep space seeded Earth with humanoid life, and the fruit of their work has looked to the stars ever since. Some cultures, such as the Preservers, carried samples of Humanity to other planets, and unknown entities intervened to protect (or interfere with) homo sapiens on its own world as well. Humanity's own journey toward the stars began during its nuclear era, in circumstances emblematic of man's struggles with himself.

Space exploration was both an expression of man's eternal hunger for knowledge and achievement, and an extension of his thirst for conflict. Two political empires, embroiled in a decades-long cold war, competed with one another for victories in the so-called space race. In 1957, Sputnik became the first man-made satellite, and human exploration of space began. In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first Human to achieve orbital spaceflight. A race between Earth's two superpowers, the Soviet Union and the United States of America, pushed its scientists, technicians, and astronauts to challenge the skies. The space race ended in 1969, when Apollo 11 U.S. astronaut Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin reached Earth's moon. Seven years later, two robotic Viking spacecraft landed on Mars in a search for extraterrestrial life. Both sides would become to millions of humans by the 24th century. In 1977, Earth's first reusable spacecraft, the prototype space shuttle Enterprise, completed its first suborbital flight. The shuttle Columbia achieved orbital flight in 1981. Several successful missions followed until 1986, when the space shuttle Challenger exploded, killing seven astronauts on board. This tragedy crippled American spaceflight, although the Russian space station Mir launched in that same year lasted for decades.

To be continued...

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CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1999

25—Bowlathon

25-26 Convention in
West Virginia

OCTOBER 1999

20 Paintball

23 Chris's Birthday
(Buy lots of presents)

DECEMBER 1999

10 Galaxy Quest

UPCOMING

AUCTION

ANOTHER BAKE
SALE

CHRISTMAS PARTY

NEW YEAR'S

TREASURY

\$54.00

Outpay for 8-1999

\$20 for INK/STAMPS

U.S.S. Maximillian (NCC-74997) General Questionnaire

Please answer all the following questions as accurately as possible. This information will be used by FADM Lyon to determine eligibility *Maximillian* awards. This information should be processed in time to have an awards ceremony at no later than the Christmas party 1999.

NAME: _____

RANK: _____ POSITION: _____

1. Month/year you became a member of the U.S.S. *Maximillian*: _____

NOTE FOR QUESTIONS 2 AND 3: "Community Service" must include only voluntary work which benefits your school, your church, or your community for which you received no personal profit, either monetary or otherwise.

2. Since March 1998, how many hours towards community service did you volunteer? _____

3. What did you do for your community service hours?

4. Are you now, or ever have been in the United States Armed Forces? _____

5. Since March 1998, how many recruiting drives did you work for a period of at least two (2) hours (unless otherwise arranged with the commanding officer) at the recruiting table? _____

6. Since joining the *Maximillian*, how many "Kids-N-Kamp" activities did you attend? _____

7. Since March 1998, how many conventions did you work at as a member of the staff, security, or panelist? _____

8. Since March 1998, how many conventions did you attend as a participant? _____

9. Since March 1998, did you ever go to a LaGrangeCon/ExtremeCon/Vulkon (~Oct 31) in Independence, Ohio? _____

10. Since March 1998, did you ever attend a Dover Peace Conference in Dover, Ohio? _____

11. Since March 1998, did you attend a Marcon convention in Columbus, Ohio? _____

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ELECTION PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER, FIRST OFFICER, AND COMMAND STAFF

§10.1. QUALIFICATIONS FOR COMMANDING OFFICER, FIRST OFFICER, AND COM- MAND STAFF.

(A) AGE REQUIREMENT. (1) Must be at least TWENTY-ONE [21] YEARS of age for the following positions: (a) Commanding Officer. (b) First Officer. (c) Purser. (2) Must be at least EIGHTEEN [18] YEARS of age for the following positions: (a) Records Officer. (b) Public Relations Officer.

(B) Must be a cadet or a commissioned officer aboard the Maximillian for a period of at least ONE [1] YEAR.

(C) Must have at least THREE [3] NOMINATIONS from the general membership to participate in election.

(D) Experience as a Department Officer, member of the Command Staff, Command Support Staff, or First Officer is strongly recommended.

(E) Must demonstrate the following: (1) A high degree of dedication to the Organization. (2) A high level of responsibility. (3) Good leadership skills. (4) Good interpersonal skills. (5) Good communication skills.

(F) Must not hold an active duty dual membership with another Star Trek fan association, in accordance o §2.5 RMR.

§10.2. FREQUENCY OF ELECTIONS.

(A) The Commanding Officer, First Officer, and Command Staff shall be elected by the general membership by majority vote, using secret ballot.

(B) Elections are held once every TWO [2] YEARS during the JANUARY meeting, beginning with January, 1998.

(C) The commanding officer, first officer, and Command Staff members may run indefinitely, so long as they have the approval of the Commissioner. A two-year term is short enough to help avoid "burn-out", and provides an acceptable out for members who might experience after serving for a term.

§10.3. ELECTION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE.

(A) NOMINATING AND APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES. (1) Nominations and approval of candidates running for office shall be done during the SEPTEMBER MEETING prior to the election, beginning in September, 1997. Elected positions include: (a) Commanding Officer. (b) First Officer. (c) Records Officer. (d) Purser. (e) Public Relations Officer. (2) To become a candidate participating in the election, one must have at least THREE [3] NOMINATIONS from the general membership. (3) General members are restricted to nominating only ONE [1] MEMBER PER ELECTED POSITION.

(A) CAMPAIGNS. (1) Campaigns begin immediately following the selection of candidates for office. (2) A written campaign article from each candidate is required to be published in the OC

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TOBER edition of The Mighty Max, beginning with October, 1997. It is MANDATORY to publish this article in The Mighty Max. Failure to do so shall result in disqualification from candidacy. This article shall include, but not limited to the following: (a) Goals and agenda of the candidate. (b) Past skills and experience relevant to the position. (c) Reasons he should be considered for the position.

(3) A campaign speech will be made by each candidate during the NOVEMBER meeting, beginning with November, 1997, covering information as prescribed in §10.3(B)(2) RMR. The campaign speech is also MANDATORY to remain eligible for the election. (a) If for any reason a candidate cannot make it to the meeting in November for the speech, the Admiralty Board must be contacted immediately to make arrangements. (b) Failure to contact the Admiralty Board and being absent at this meeting shall result in the candidate's immediate disqualification from office for the upcoming term. (4) Any member who withdraws from the campaign forfeits the right to re-enter during the current election.

(B) ELECTIONS. (1) Elections shall be held during the JANUARY MEETING, beginning with January, 1998. The procedure of voting shall be repeated five times, one for each office up for vote. Positions shall be voted upon in the following order: (a) Commanding Officer. (b) First Officer. (c) Records Officer. (d) Purser. (e) Public Relations Officer. (2) Elections shall be presided over by the senior-most flag officer present, unless said officer is running for a ship-board position. No member who is currently running for office shall participate in the election oversight procedure. (3) The election board shall consist of a counter and a verifier. These individuals should be the two highest-ranking members not participating in the election as a candidate. The highest-ranking officer of these two waives his right to vote in the election, and shall remain neutral throughout the entire election process. (4) Elections shall be held by secret ballot. (5) Candidates may vote, however they must not be present in the room while the casting and counting of ballots take place. A member will be selected to watch the candidates during the voting process. The candidates and the guard will cast their ballots prior to leaving the room. (6) The candidate with the most votes in his favor shall be declared winner of the election for his office. (7) In the event of a tie, a vote shall be taken among the existing Command Staff, Advisory Support Staff, and admiralty Board, with the exception of the counter, verifier, and candidates who made the tie. (8) Any necessary promotions shall take place after a winner is declared.

(C) TRANSFER OF COMMAND. (1) Transfer of all command records shall take place during the month of FEBRUARY after the election, beginning with February, 1998. This will also prepare the incoming officers prepare for command by March. (2) The actual change of command will take place during the month of MARCH after the election, at which time the incoming command staff shall assume full command of the ship. (

D) OATH OF OFFICE. (1) Upon taking office, the new Command Staff shall take the Oath of Office, pledging his service for the good of the Organization. (2) The Oath of Office may be administered by any one of the following: (a) The former Commanding Officer. (b) A member of the Advisory Support Staff. (c) A member of the Admiralty Board. (d) The Commissioner. (3) The Oath of Office reads as follows: " I, (candidate's name), HAVING BEEN ELECTED (appointed) TO THE COMMAND STAFF (or position) OF THE U.S.S. MAXIMILLIAN, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (or affirm) THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE REGULATIONS, BY-LAWS, AND GUIDELINES OF THE MAXIMILLIAN, THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE SAME, AND TO THE MEMBERSHIP THEREOF; THAT I TAKE THIS OBLIGATION FREELY WITHOUT ANY MENTAL RESERVATION OR PURPOSE

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OF SUBVERSION; AND THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE UPON WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ENTER." §10.4. ELIGIBLE VOTERS FOR THE ELECTION. (A) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE shall the officer serving as counter cast a vote for the election. (B) ONLY PAID ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS shall participate in voting in the election. (C) Active Duty Members MUST BE PRESENT to vote, UNLESS otherwise arranged with the Commissioner.

The Preceding was taken straight from the U.S.S. MAXIMILLIAN Rule book.

NEXT MONTH IN THE MIGHTY MAX....

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The Future Is Coming...

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