

The trumpets sounded as the east ballroom doors swung open and an announcers voice came on. "Ladies and gentleman, please welcome His Majesty the Supreme Ruler of the Imperial Republic, High Prince James Stratus escorting Colonel Dana Lance, Her Excellency Executor Tavria Treyson escorted by His Highness Prince Marc Stratus, Her Highness Princess Ashlee Gourdine escorted by Captain Gourdine, and Her Highness Princess Nicole Stratus escorted by Commander Scott McFayden. Ladies and gentlemen, the Royal Family, and the Royal Imperial Throne!" The anthem of the Imperial Republic played as the crowd cheered. When the music was over, the Executor stepped forward to the platform and held up her hands to silence the crowd, then began to address them without delay.

EXECUTOR'S ADDRESS

Tavria walked up to the podium at the designated time to make a few remarks. There were members of her Senior Leadership Team off to the sides to assist her in her Awards.

"My fellow citizens, today I have the distinct privilege and the high honor of addressing you.

This past year has been one of tragedy, shock, and betrayal, and yet the will of the citizens is still as strong as it has ever been. On one of my recent expeditions around Coruscant, I overheard one man talking in a diner to a bunch of his friends, saying that he would rather have his daughters die now when they loved and knew freedom, then have to live one day under the brutal tyranny of a terrorist regime like the Des'Maric Criminal Consortium. I would like to thank the Deputy Director of the IRSB and all of the IRSB for all their hard work in combating these organizations' actions and plans. I would also like to thank our Deputy Director for his efforts to restore order and ensure safety in the Palace District of Coruscant. And to show our thanks, Lt. General Raithos Bodost is awarded the Bronze Star. I would also like to take this time to make a personnel announcement, as many of you may be aware Director Vaughn retired this year after 15 years of service and after an extensive search by members of my team in consultation with other members of the government like the GSC Chairman, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lt. General Raithos Bodost to Director of the Imperial Republic Security Bureau and promoted to the rank of General. Thank you, Director Bodost for all of your leadership this past year.

Next I would like to recognize a member of our Finance & Economic Team for all of their hard work and leadership in keeping our economy stable this past year, in which we experienced a lot of change in the markets due to the different events like the on-going peace treaty negotiations with Hapes, the return of our High Prince, and the Palace attacks to name a few. Not to mention their bravery in the face of danger and being held hostage at gunpoint for hours, and so Minister William Benson is awarded with the Imperial Republic Bravery Medal.

I'm always thankful when I come to one of these events, because the Security Personnel at the doors, always verify that I am who I thought I was, which helps put my mind at rest, because I would hate to wake up one morning and be someone else. But the one man, who could never have that problem because he works too hard at KDY and as the Governor of Kuat, is Prince Marc Stratus. Prince Marc Stratus is awarded the Imperial Republic Bravery Medal for rescuing one of our diplomats.

Now before I go back to my seat and everyone gets that feeling of relief that one speech is done and out of the way, I would like to share some news about one of the projects that the Princes James and Marc Stratus and I have been working on together for the past few months. Late last night I dispatched members of my HQ and Field Teams to every corner of Imperial Republic speech to oversee the next stage of the project, the implementation phase, which will last for 60 days. At the end of those 60 days, we will have elected new

public officials across the galaxy to serve in the Senate, which was reinstated last night.

I wish you all a fantastic evening and thank you for coming. Now without further adieu our very own Prince James Stratus."

SUPREME RULER's ADDRESS

The audience rose and saluted as the High Prince took position at the center podium. He returned the salutes and then motioned for everyone to sit down.

"My friends, we are gathered here today to honor the Imperial Republic's finest, the Armed Forces of the Imperial Republic." *more applause* "It is because of these fine men and women of the Armed Forces, including the Security Agencies outside the Ministry of Defense, that we are kept safe and protected, and to whom we owe our lives for what we have here today. It is for this cause that Executor Treyson and I have called you all together, to give honor to the Armed Forces and Security Forces of the Imperial Republic, and reverence to those who have gone before us and who have given up their lives to protect us.

While our Forces have been mostly victorious in the majority of our campaigns, we must also remember those lives that were lost. Over the years I have lost many close friends and associates to war. It is never something we take on lightly. Every life is precious to us. At this time, I would like to have a moment of silence for those precious souls we lost in the Battle of Coruscant." He paused for a moment and the audience was completely silent. "I would like to take a moment to honor some of those lost, including some of the finest crewmen of the *Avenger*, the *Prince's Pride*, the *Highwind*, and many other vessels. I mourn the loss of Captain Barry Rooney, commander of the *Prince's Pride*. I present now to his family the Obsidian Crescent, combined with the Navy Cross, on his behalf, for his service to myself and to the Imperial Republic. He was one of the Navy's finest. He will be sorely missed. Because of the heavy damages suffered by the *Pride*, it will be decommissioned and a new ship built to replace it. Its surviving crewman and staff will assist in this process."

At the beginning of this conflict, it became apparent that communications would be limited and that the chain of command had been compromised. This presented a true test of loyalty and leadership to all of our forces. Many rose to the challenge and carried on in my absence and the absence of many others in the chain of command, and performed valiantly. Admiral Locke Firecam immediately assumed the responsibility charged him by the charter to take on the position of Throne Regent and directed the affairs of the government and military forces during the crisis." The High Prince motioned towards the Admiral who was seated at the podium, motioned for him to stand. "Rise, Admiral Firecam." He turned to face the audience. "For his loyalty, display of leadership which was crucial to the success of the Battle of Coruscant I hereby promote Admiral Locke Firecam to the rank of Fleet Admiral." *Applause* The Executor stood up and on the Prince's signal replaced the rank cylinder on Admiral Firecam. "In addition, I now present to Fleet Admiral Firecam the Imperial Republic Silver Star. Congratulations." He nodded as the Executor produced the medal and pinned it on the Admiral. "You may be seated, Admiral."

There were many others in the orbital conflict that were key to the success of the operation. Some of them have already been or will soon be recognized by their respective commands. Two fleet leaders, both of whom lost their flagships, displayed incredible leadership during this operation. Therefore it is my pleasure to announce the promotion of Rear Admiral

Sarriak to the rank of Vice Admiral, and Vice Admiral Jon Tinkel to the rank of Admiral. Admiral Tinkel will assume the position of commanding officer of the Royal Command Fleet, who will be assisted by *Rear Admiral* Shawna Obrian, as the fleet's executive officer. Congratulations to you all."

While our noble fleets were battling in orbit, loyal ground troops immediately assumed defensive positions around the palace. While the shield was up, the Coruscanti Garrison took measures to secure the shield generators, while our own Palace Security agents, combined with Security Bureau Rapid Response teams fought diligently against the enemy within the Palace, making every possible effort to protect the innocent and to regain control of the Palace. Led by a joint task force commanded by Grand Admiral OVERMIND, accompanied by IRSB-Lieutenant General Raithos Bodost and Lieutenant Colonel Kaidlen Shan, each who led strike teams to accomplish specific missions within the palace. These men and women inside faced great and perilous dangers that were least expected. Our own General Vaughn was injured and had to be taken out of battle for medical attention. Meanwhile Lieutenant General Cognatus and Colonel Guy Haymon were able to storm the Palace with assault troops loyal to the Imperial Republic. It was the then trusted Royal Guards, amongst others, who betrayed us. Accompanied by my faithful friend Revan Centurion, the only loyal guardsman Lieutenant Koru Tav, and my intelligence officer Colonel Dana Lance, I led a team down into the underbellies of Coruscant to attempt to get to safety away from the enemy forces. Upon discovering the true threat, we combined forces with some unexpected allies and were able to conquer the enemy, though at no cost to ourselves. The Princess Ashlee was successfully rescued by Revan Centurion, who was vital to the success of the underground operations. It was the efforts of Admiral OVERMIND and General Bodost that led to the restoration of communications, and of Colonel Shan that rescued the hostages of the Ministry of Finance held by the enemy. We cannot forget the heroic efforts in restoring our fallen planetary shields by then Lieutenant Hollis and her squad. In the interest of time, I now would like to recognize these individuals specifically mentioned. Will those previously mentioned please come to the podium.

Lieutenant Colonel Kaidlen Shan, for your continued loyalty and dedicated service, I hereby promote you to the rank of Colonel and present you with the Imperial Republic Bronze Star and a Letter of Commendation. Congratulations.

Colonel Dana Lance, for your efforts and loyalty, I present you with a Letter of Commendation and the IRIS Operational Success Award.

Lieutenant General Dene Vye Cognatus, for your gallant display of leadership and military might, you are promoted to the rank of General. I hereby present you with the Imperial Republic Army Cross.

Colonel Guy Haymon, for your excellent leadership and ground tactical skills displayed in this conflict, you are promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

Captain Malia Jae'Nor Hollis, to whom we owe a great deal of thanks, I present the Imperial Republic Defense Medal.

Captain Koru Tav, whose loyalty was essential, is hereby presented with the Medal of Bravery. He was promoted to Captain of the Guard shortly after the situation calmed down a bit and has taken on his new assignment well. Though he along with the rest of the organization have been officially relieved of duty until the official re-inauguration, he has remained faithfully at my side and granted temporary duty status with a few other choice guards.

Commander Halcyon, whose return has proven to be vital to the safe return of the Executor to Coruscant, and a successful reconaissance mission, is hereby promoted to the rank of Captain.

The High Prince paused and motioned for the Grand Admiral and Executor to assist in presenting the new rank cylinders and medals. "Thank you. All of you will now please be seated, except for Admiral OVERMIND and Executor Treyson." He motioned for the Grand Admiral to stand front and center. "Admiral OVERMIND, you have continued to be a loyal and noble friend, and a great leader critical to the successful defense of the Imperial Republic and to the overall operations of the Ministry of Defense. I hereby present to you with the Imperial Republic Gold Star." He nodded as Executor Treyson pinned the medal on the Admiral's uniform. Everyone applauded. "Thank you Admiral, for everything. We look forward to your continued service to the Imperial Republic." He whispered so that only the Admiral and the Executor could hear. "I also have a gift for you, but you will have to do some traveling. You'll find information on this datacard concerning navigational coordinates and a specific time where your presence will be expected at this location." He handed it to the Admiral, who was quite surprised and uncertain, and clapped him on the back. "You may be seated." Executor Treyson remained at the High Prince's side to his right.

I would like to also present a few more awards at this time to government officials who performed their duties with utmost dignity and loyalty during this recent crisis.

Revan Centurion, step forward. I hereby present to you the Imperial Republic Silver Star, for your continued dedication, service, loyalty, and for risking your life to protect and rescue members of the Royal Family during this past crisis. The House Stratus presents you with the Stratus Crescent, the highest honor our family can give, for your friendship and loyalty.

The Executor handed the High Prince the Silver Star, and the Prince Marc Stratus approached bearing the Stratus Crescent, and the two Princes of the House Stratus presented the awards to their friend.

"Now, before you both sit down, I would like to recognize Executor Tavria Treyson, who has countless times put her own life in danger in service to the Imperial Republic, and devoted all her time and energy and might to the betterment of the government. It is therefore my pleasure, to present to you, my friend, Duchess Tavria Treyson, my right hand, Executor of the Imperial Republic, Chairman of the New Order, Minister of State, the Imperial Republic Gold Star, and the Government Betterment Award. He nodded to Revan who handed him the two awards, and the High Prince personally pinned the awards on the Executor. "Thank you my friend, and Congratulations."

I now have a couple more announcements to make concerning the government of the Imperial Republic. First, I wish to welcome two new members of the Imperial Republic High Council. Lord Revan Centurion, who currently serves as Chairman of the Galactic Security Council, will continue to do so as a full-time Imperial Republic High Councilor. Fleet Admiral Firecam has also been appointed as a member of the High Council with Permanent Status, as his position was previously honorary. He will continue to serve as Chief of Naval Operations in addition to his High Council duties. We also welcome to Naval Command Vice Admiral John Kelly, who was recently appointed as the Naval Executive Officer by the Chief of Naval Operations. At this time I do present him with a Letter of Commendation for his fine service.

Second, I would like to announce that I have appointed Prince Marc Stratus, who serves as

Magistrate of Kuat, to the position and title of Grand Moff of the Kuat Oversector. He will supervise the government affairs of those systems that fall in that sector, the military forces assigned to Kuat, and the ship production of the Kuat Drive Yards.

As you may have heard, the Royal Guard was infiltrated over the past months. In fact due to the cunning plans of a once-trusted member of the Throne, the entire organization was changed, and a huge turnover of staff occurred. I have spent a lot of time over the past months planning for the restructure of the Royal Guard. Shortly after the attacks the entire organization was dissolved, the responsibilities of the organization fell to the Security Bureau, who have so valiantly carried out those duties up to this point. The Royal Guard is being reorganized and restructured, and its deployment and inauguration will occur in the coming weeks. More information about that will come later.

On a more personal level, you may have heard rumours that I recently discovered the remains of my late friends Lord Admiral Eric Jackson and Command General Daniella Organa, both of whom were brutally murdered by a Dark Lord of the Sith. We mourn their loss and present to their surviving daughter, Aurielle Jackson, my niece, the Obsidian Crescent, in memory of their service to the Imperial Republic and the lives they lived. I have taken the responsibility with the support of the Royal Family to adopt Aurielle Jackson, who up until this point has been my grand niece, who shall now be introduced to you as the Princess Aurielle Stratus, adopted daughter of myself, James Stratus.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for coming out this evening, and personally thank you for your loyalty, your dedicated service, and for giving of your time and energy to protect the citizens of the Imperial Republic, to protect the government, to protect my family, and to protect the New Order. I, personally, as well as the entire Imperial Republic, salute you!" The High Prince saluted the audience smartly, and held the salute for a moment, and relaxed. "Please enjoy the rest of the evening as special guests of the Throne."

Editorial Notes

Don't forget the High Councilor thing. I don't know if you want to wait for that later? Good point. Yes we will do later. We'll do that in the political part of the speech. Navy > Army > Political

Okay so now Im just giving a summary and not stopping in the right places for awards lol - I might edit these parts after I finish since Im on a roll.

You

can just mail the awards, or hide them in the food. If they find them it s good luck for the rest of the year.

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