


# Sundered Stars Game Master Book

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# 1 BACKGROUND

## 1.1 History

### 1.1.1 General

> ***Note:*** This section is common to both the Alliance and the Great Star Empire.

The next two sections describe in detail each of the two galactic powers (The Alliance and The Great Star Empire) that exist within the universe during the 2100s. Within each section, you will discover information that is presented as if it was part of a history lesson within that galactic power. Therefore, knowledge of what the other galactic power is doing or not doing is limited to the information that galactic power has. In example, the Great Star Empire may approach the Alliance to request a treaty and peace. On the Alliance history, you will not be presented with the Great Star Empire's motives, only the Alliance's thoughts and response. On the Great Star Empire's history, you will have their motives and the Alliance response, but not the motives of the Alliance. This is done so that you can restrict your players to only the information about the other power they are aware of.

The start of the game is April 25th, 2150.

> ***Note:*** For a combined chronology, see Appendix below.

#### 1.1.1.1 Pre-Era

As a point of background, In July 1947, an Unidentified Flying Object was seen landing in New Mexico. The military quickly covered it up and ever since that time there has been speculation as to what really did and did not happen that day.

As society continued to move towards and achieving a completely globalized market, two things happened within the world. The first was the companies that no longer existed within one nation, but across many nations, began to have power above and beyond the given laws of that country. This was further complicated by the passing of the Globalize Industry Tax Exemption treaty by the United Nations, which simply allowed industries that were operating in at least two countries not have to pay tax. This indirectly caused the collapse of governments as they went bankrupt and were not able to sustain a governmental structure. The mega-corporations who knew that massive disorder was generally bad for business (unless you were a defense and weapons manufacturer) stepped in and aided the governments. At first, it was a supposed to be a hands-off provision of aide that quickly turned into the companies running the governments. Governmental boundaries still existed for population purposes, but had no real effect any longer.

The second item was on the social scale. Prior to the collapsing of governments, there was a spread across the classes from upper to poverty. After the collapse, a division between the executives and leaders of companies and the workers drove the dividing into two classes of people, the elite and the workers. The Elite were made up of all the executives, leaders and managers of corporations that were now running the world. The workers were the remaining population. As business had become more bloated, this caused a split in the population of close to fifty-fifty between the classes.

As time marched on, many of the systems that existed within the world like education, religion and all social items in between were streamlined or removed in favor of what was good for the corporation. Schools were changed to only teach what was necessary for the workers to do their jobs. Libraries were closed, as the need for them was not seen by the corporations. Since information meant power, they sought to gather and hold all the information they could get their hands on while the workers were not allowed access unless it pertained to their designated work area. The problem with this was that the Elite possessed the knowledge but not the application ability. In other words, they knew how the chess pieces moved, but had no concept of strategy and winning the game.

Religion was seen as unnecessary and all property was returned to the state, which really meant it was absorbed by the closest corporation. Social activities like movies, parties, and the like were considered for the most part frivolous and not needed and stopped.

The military was drastically scaled back as the need to fight wars and defend countries was no longer a need. Furthermore, many of the old military items were dismantled. The Elite feared that if the power had gotten into the hands of the workers, they would be able to stage a revolt. Only extremely large-scale items like ships and items that were

specifically used by the corporations like small commando units were not destroyed. Any military satellites were converted into communications satellites. In short, if the corporations did not see a direct benefit to them, the items was destroyed, dismantled or at the very least streamlined and reduced.

Life for the Elite was full and rich as they attended corporation run parties and vacations while doing little to no actual work. This was because they were seen as the visionaries and leaders whose job it was to guide and direct the corporations. The workers, on the other hand, were full of work, work, and work. Everything revolved around their job and their ability to complete it. There were no activities that didn't relate specifically to their job. In short, Workers were treated as little more then slaves. Only a select few workers were given the right to perform higher-level jobs such as research and afford a small amount of extras within their life, but it wasn't much.

#### 1.1.1.2 Workers Revolt

By the year 2089, the Elite, realizing the good thing they had, did everything they could to both remain in power and keep the Workers where they were. They knew that if the power were shared in any small amount, it would destroy all that they had created for themselves. Therefore, if you weren't one of the Elite, then life for you was filled with hard labor, hunger, disease, starvation, and conditions of living equivalent to a wild animal. it was bad, very bad.

The only glimmer of hope that existed for the Workers that kept them out of despair and depression was a faith that God would somehow see them through their problems. This faith was pasted down by the elders to the young, as churches were no more. They would pass the accounts of Jesus from one generation to the next within any verbal communication they could. Using bedtime stories, mealtimes, and whatever else, they past on their knowledge through the spoken word. Just like the African Americans when they were under the harsh whip of slavery turned to God for strength, so did the Workers. Many believe it is the reason they survived for so long under such harsh conditions. The old world living with democracy and national lines were forgotten to all but the elderly.

About this time, a man named David Matthews who was considered by many to be a priest began speaking to the Workers about rising above their plight and retaking parts of the positions of power. He had learned about God and things of the way the world before the collapse. He claimed to have read books that he discovered in an abandoned underground library about a thing called democracy and the sharing of power with the common people. He also claimed that God did not want them to be oppressed and quoted often from the Bible. He claimed that this democracy was a way of life that lead to the good life with purpose, meaning, and plenty of food. He claimed all they had to do was rise up against their oppressors, take back the positions of power, and form a new government. To top all this off, he even had a plan on how to take back the government.

The Elite did not like David Matthews running around stirring up trouble. Therefore, they put out a call to speak with Matthews in the spirit of peace. They did this because he was well loved among the workers and they could not trust their soldiers, which were just another form of workers, to carry out kidnapping him. Therefore, on March 7, 2090, David Matthews was taken by helicopter to a secret meeting place to discuss with the Elite the possibility of a compromise. At this meeting were only those most loyal to the Elite. David Matthews did not return from that meeting. The Elite claimed that he took his own life and had convincing video of him doing so. If the Workers were not already inundated with myriads of propaganda films that used high-level computer graphics to show any desired setting by the Elite, they might have bought the film. Instead, they began a revolt.

#### 1.1.1.3 Great White Plague

In essence, one could say that the revolt won victory over the Elite, but at a high price. On September 10, 2090, the Elite unleashed the largest biochemical attack ever. Starting with a modified Anthrax combined with a common virus, they dropped it into the Workers water supply. They succeeded in causing the death of millions of Workers. However, what the Elite had not counted on was that the virus spread fast and infected their water supply as well. They had not counted on the virus portion of the agent becoming so resistant to attack and mutated to be able to be spread by touch. They scrambled to find a cure; however, they did not possess the ability to create one. The death tolls were close to a billion people worldwide including many of the leaders of the Elite. This attack became known as the Great White Plague of 2090.

On January 5, 2091, a Worker by the name of Alexander Powers had a breakthrough. He was researching why certain people who became infected did not die. They went through many symptoms like everyone else only instead of dying in the last phase of the virus they lived. Although this was rare, a phenomenon was going to prove to be the key to the cure. In Powers' lab, he was able to discover a single gene that was responsible for keeping those individuals alive. Finally, they discovered something that could combat this virus. Working day and night over the next month, on February 9, he was successfully able to synthesize this gene. He immediately created a special serum that he could inject into people to inoculate them against the virus. Unfortunately, when Powers arrived home to administer the serum to his wife and two daughters, he discovered he was too late. After passing the serum and the technique for creating it on to his assistants, Powers took his own life.

#### 1.1.1.4 A World Divided

It was not surprising but fortunate that the Workers had discovered the serum and were willing to share it with the Elite for a price. They demanded an equal sharing of the power to allow a democratic world to be created. The Elite were over a barrel. They possessed thousands of volumes of information but did not have the ability to apply the knowledge. This was coupled with the fact that they were no longer able to trust their military or covert operations groups because they were comprised of workers that were most likely loyal to their own cause. Whatever their predicament, they refused to give up power; therefore, they brought a counteroffer to the table. The offered to carve up the planet into two zones one for the Workers and one for the Elite. This would allow each to continue to live in the manner in which they desired, although in reality the Elite had a plan to retake the world within five years. The Workers tired of war and disease took the offer and the planet was carved into to governmental bodies. On April 25, 2091, the Workers received the Americas, United Kingdom and Africa while The Elite took the remainder of Europe, Asia and Australia. Both sides around the world allowed for migration of people to whichever government they want to live under.

For a time, the world saw peace even if it was at best a strained peace.

## 1.1.2 Alliance




### 1.1.2.1 The People's Republic of Kawbar (2091–2112)

With peace between the sides, David Matthews, who was being held captive by the Elite, was released. He told of how he was whisked away to a secret base and held there. However, after the treaty with the workers, the guards who held him had left their posts, as they were also workers. The Elite knew that it would be difficult to hold him as none of them were worker style soldiers or guards and decided it was in their best interest to release him. Matthews was quick to help lead the Workers in setting up a government. Following the plans and blueprints from the many books Matthews had read within the library about democracy coupled with a lot of prayer for direction, they created a new government that they called "The People's Republic of Kawbar." He chose this name from an old book on the Hebrew language, it means a league or a joining together, and Matthews felt that was exactly what they were doing. Taking the initials from the name and adding "an" at the end, they commonly referred to themselves as the Prokans.

David Matthews was strongly urged to run for the new position of President of the Prokans. However, he turned it down stating, "I was called to do a job in creating this republic. That job is now finished. it is time for someone else to step up to the job they are called to do." Jonathan Roberts, whom many considered their spiritual head, was the man called and elected to the position. This new position carried a five-year term with a two re-election bid restriction with the next election to occur in 2095. Roberts along with a unanimous vote from the newly formed Prokan Counsel presented Matthews with the first ever Prokan Medal of Peace.

Roberts was a visionary to say the least. He led the Prokans into an exploration and expansion period. With the newly discovered spacefaring technology, that the Elite had been sitting on for their own purposes, Roberts commissioned the construction of a Lunar and Mars colony. Having given the Prokan something to focus on besides the Elite, who now called themselves "The Nobles," gave the Prokans a sense of self worth, something that had been missing for decades.

Roberts also called for the building of a military force should it ever be needed. On July 20th, 2093, the Nobles went to war with the Prokans. Roberts scrambled to transform their newly developing military into a single fighting force. This was partially achieved by the use of large fleet of ships that had been used to protect the Americas. Granted these ships were older then the ships that patrolled the seas by the Nobles, but it was all they had. By the end of 2093, the Prokans were holding their own. Victory was not in sight yet, but no longer was defeat.

On a more social front, Roberts instituted the priesthood. Roberts knew the value of belief and the seeking of God within his own life and the life of most workers. He also knew that the Prokans would have to not only create the priesthood, but build in it's protection so that it can not be easily removed by the whim of a few. For these reasons, the priesthood was created. A special council called the Brotherhood oversaw the priesthood and special priest called Archangels were set as advisors to the President. This act continued to strengthen the infrastructure of the Prokans as it had the workers before them.

Early in 2094, the Prokans learned from, a group of generals who were convinced in the unstable leaders of the Nobles, that Neuschwanstein castle in Bavaria Germany was being used as the headquarters and capital of the Nobles. Furthermore, Isabella Sevington, brother to the present ruler of the Nobles, was being held captive against her will and was willing to divulge any and all information she possessed concerning the workings of the Nobles. This was enough to convince the Prokans that an assault was necessary. This assault was lead by Jamar Powera and struck the Neuschwanstein castle with the intent to assassinate their leader. The assassination failed; however, they were able to retrieve Isabella from the dungeons. Her information about the infrastructure of the Nobles turned out to be the turning point in the war.

By mid, 2094, the Nobles were in retreat. The Prokans received word that the previous ruler of the Nobles was removed from power by his people and there was a new leader who was interested in peace. On August 10, 2094, the Roberts Treaty was signed. it allowed each government to retain the land they had been given and set up a way to handle disputes between them. The "Atlantis Counsel," comprised of twelve members from each from the Prokans and the Nobles, was a forum for which the two sides could discuss issues that pertained to each other in the hope of avoiding another war. it was a big achievement for the Prokans even if they doubted the Nobles would hold to it.

With all that had gone on, It was no surprise that on November 8th, 2095 Roberts won his re-election bid with a landslide vote of ninety percent. Roberts had gone from leader to legend.

On August 10th of 2097, the first manned mission to Mars was completed. The reports were good. There was news of a small pocket of water under the surface of Mars suitable for supporting a colony. Roberts began the Mars Initiative, which was to have a functional colony on Mars as soon as possible. He wanted to be sure that they beat the Nobles into space. With limited information coming out of their regime, he was not sure how much of a space program they had. Roberts knew better then to set a date as often there were delays.

In April of 2099, Lunar One, the Moon's first colony went online. it was a crowning achievement for the Prokans. Later that year, Roberts followed Matthews before him stating that he would not seek re-election because his "Job was finished and it was time for someone else to step up." This came as a shock because everyone had assumed that Roberts would run for another term. it left the door open for Robert Roosevelt a descendant of the former president of the United States Franklin Roosevelt to become the new President on November 1st, 2100.

Roosevelt promised to keep the initiatives the Roberts began as well as continuing to rebuild the infrastructure of the Prokans. He was also a deeply spiritual man like Matthews before him. He called for a deepening of the spiritual roots of the Prokans. He increased the money for churches and promoted them ever chance he got. Furthermore, he called for and eventually amended their constitution to have every session of any governmental meetings opened with a prayer. This was well received by all.

On December 15, 2103, a discovery that would lead to the opening up of the galaxies occurred on Mars when water or more precisely underground rivers were discovered coursing beneath the surface. Suddenly the potential for terraforming had increased exponentially and colonizing of Mars was a reality. With flowing rivers of water discovered, many problems were gone and the door was opened. On September 10th, 2104, Mars One went online. This colony was the first of its kind. The Mars colony was revolutionary in its idea in that the families that were sent were all trained together for two years to be ready and prepared for what they would face. They also lived for the two years of training on a base with the every other family on the mission so that they could foster relationships with the last six months isolated, as they would be on Mars. This procedure set the standard for all future colonists training.

If colonizing Mars wasn't enough, Gregory Perins, a Mars colonist, out on a survey mission discovered an alien device in the outlining areas of the Mars One Meadow. Upon further research, it was determined that the device was some kind of automated listening post. Who placed it there was not known. The device was obviously an information relay of some kind that seemed se to observe or to spy on Earth. The device was so alien and beyond anything that any human had seen. However, Perins was not your average person. He was an engineer and a complete genius. He was quickly able to ascertain where the data went in and how the information was being transmitted out. All that remained was to break the alien data format to allow for a message to be sent. Spending every waking moment on the problem, Perins finally broke the format on December 30th, 2104. Several hours later a message of peace was transmitted. No one quite knew what to expect. They didn't have to wait long.

On January 10, 2105, they made first contact with a race of aliens called the Altarians. The Altarians hailed from planet Altaria, which is part of a small system near Alpha Centuari. They greeted the Prokans with open arms of peace and friendship. They explained that the listening post had been set up well over a hundred years earlier when they were surveying our galaxy. They had some limited contact with a group of humans lead by Harry Truman. it was within these meetings that it was determined that the human race was not ready or developed enough to make first contact. The Altarians revealing this information proved once and for all that there was a spaceship that was involved with the Area 51

incident. However, it had not crashed, it landed and was in the process of setting up a camp of sorts when the United States government stepped in. Out of their discussions, the listening post was setup to allow the Altarians to watch for a sign to know when we would be ready. The Prokans message was that sign.

The Altarians were a peaceful people with an open form of government that allowed for elected officials. They looked throughout the galaxy for other races who would also be seeking peace. Having watched the Earth for a long time, they were aware of what had happened. With that information, they did not seek any alliance with the Nobles as they were seen as power hungry and warmongers. Once the Altarians discover a race or segment of a race that is dedicated towards peace, they freely and openly share all that they have with that race.

At first, many were skeptical about the Altarians most likely due to many movies portraying aliens as invaders, but that all changed over time as the Altarians freely shared their technology. This included many advances in medicine that all but wiped out disease. They also shared their star drive technology that made travel between the Earth and Mars possible within a couple of minutes. The Altarians opened the eyes of many Prokans to the vastness of the galaxy.

All was not to be peaceful. On September 11th, 2105, a man who referred to himself simply as Markus successfully organized the sabotaging of Mars One and Lunar One. Although the only information that he would volunteer was that he was acting on behalf of the Nobles in an effort to strike fear into the Prokans, it is believed that he was receiving help from the Terrans, a group that believes there is too much alien influence on Earth and seeks to remove that influence however possible. Fortunately, emergency doors closed sealing all the separate compartments and reducing the amount of possible casualties. Reduced but still in the tens of thousands. Markus was taken into custody. He was so arrogant that he didn't even hide or claim he was innocent. He claimed to have done it on orders by the Nobles. They denied any involvement. Markus was executed for his crimes.

On November 7th, 2105, Roosevelt won re-election with no competition. He was seen as such a good thing for the Alliance that no one ran against him.

As surprising and stunning as the political events of the early 2100s were, scientific developments vastly surpassed them. Peter Wellington who was working with the space program took the designs from the Altarians Stardrive. He discovered that many of the basic principles were in line with everything we knew about the universe. However some of their algorithms coupled with an inefficient core system allowed Wellington to redesign the enginer and create the Wellington Stardrive. This new drive allowed starships to achieve never before thought of speeds including making travel to Altaria in about 22 hours. This new drive, some 13 times faster than its Altarian counterpart, was declared the single greatest invention of mankind.

A year later on February 9th, 2109, the first Prokan starship was completed. it was fitted with the new Wellington Stardrive with the charge of exploration. it was manned by a team that was half humans and half Altarians and it did far more then achieve this goal by introducing the Prokans to many new worlds in the years that it was in service.

In 2110, the political scene was more of a race. Two candidates ran against the incumbent Roosevelt. Jeremiah Rubenstein ran under a protect earth campaign that almost echoed the Terrans. Malcolm Ogunshola ran under a time for change, as Roosevelt had been in office for long enough. In the end, Roosevelt won a close re-election in 2110. Political scientist claimed that because Rubenstein and Ogunshola ran together, they split the votes that a single candidate would have received and beaten Roosevelt.

Good news followed good news during this era, Hector José Cortez, a communications engineer, working with Daaran, an Altarian engineer, developed the first interstellar communicator. The communicator, which he affectionately called the DaCo-COM had a range of close to 5 light years. This made instant communication between Earth and Altaria a reality and helped to further the bond that our two worlds shared. While the DaCo-COM required too much power, for personal communicators it was ideal for planet or ship based systems. Coupling his technology to a smaller scale, Cortez created the Mini-COM; a hand held version of his communication technology that allowed for communication over distances of about 150 million kilometers which is roughly the distance between the earth and the sun. The Prokans quickly adopted this technology including the creation of relay points that allowed for Mini-COMs to be linked to a DaCo-COM thus extending its range. This along with the Wellington-Star drive greatly solidified the Prokans presence on the galactic scale.

Finally, after the waiting period imposed by the Altarians, on July 21st, 2112, Roosevelt signed the Great Prokan Alliance treaty with the Altarian President Rooshandaar. The Altarians are a peaceful people quick to offer aid, but alliances with the wrong sort of people had caused problems in their past. Therefore, they require a five-year wait (eight standard earth years) before signing any treaty with another race. This treaty was not your standard alliance. it called for the formation of a single nation between the two races. This was initially proposed by Rooshandaar as they learned just how much they had in common with the goals and ideals of the Prokans. Once enacted, the treaty called for the electing of a Chancellor to preside over the single nation that comprised both races. Both Rooshandaar and Roosevelt had earned respect from each other race. In a surprising move, the Altarians overwhelming voted for President Roosevelt to ascend to the new position of Chancellor of the Prokan Alliance with Rooshandaar as the fir Vice-Chancellor. it was a great show of trust for the Altarians to vote for a human. This treaty would later be expanded to accommodate other worlds and races we would be in contact with.

The treaty was not well received with all. The Terrans were fervently opposed to it, but their voice was in the minority. Coupled with the fact that to admit you were a Terran was to admit to being part of a organization that was responsible for several terrorist acts. So, they voice went unheard as they expected. The appointing of Roosevelt as Chancellor only confirmed for them what they suspected was true that Roosevelt was nothing more then a puppet of the aliens.

### 1.1.2.2 [1.1.2.1 ] The Great Prokan Alliance (2112 – 2118)

Over the next six years, the Alliance grew to over one hundred member worlds. Each member world brought their own rich culture and race of people joined the Alliance. With the influx of new cultures and technologies, great advances were achieved in starship design as well as weapon systems, artificial gravity, improved life support and increased medical understanding to name a few. One of the most useful discoveries made while exploring was the finding of Trilluminum. Trilluminum is as lightweight as Aluminum and ten times stronger then steel. it was discovered in the solar system where Altaria resides and the Altarians were more then willing to share.

In early 2115, the Brotherhood recommended that the Alliance create a colony for the training and educating of Priests. The request was granted and a colony was setup. However, the only planet with a habitable atmosphere that they had come across was a water planet called Loatasia. The Alliance manufactured a floating colony that was half submerged. The colony was an amazing place to visit. it took about two years from the granting before Loatasia colony went online. Loatasia housed close to one million residents.

The most surprising discovery about Loatasia was who populated this colony. Even though the religious teachings of Jesus had been a Prokan Alliance staple since day one, many other races sent members to learn about Jesus. While these other races were there, they discovered that Jesus was identical to a man who visited each of their planets right down to the writings that were passed on.

As much as Chancellor Roosevelt achieved and did, he announced that he would not seek a second term as Chancellor in 2115. This left the field once again open, only this time it was really wide open as many candidates entered the arena for the top seat from other worlds. Among the notables were, Frondson from Earth, Traxion from Altaria, Y'kiv from Malestia, and Tapri from Loatasia. it was a close race, but in the end Gildar Tapri became the second Chancellor of the Great Alliance and the first non-human to hold the position. This marked the first time that at least part of Earth was under the leadership of someone off world and the fact that his appointment was widely accepted helped to further prove the strength of the Alliance.

### 1.1.2.3 [1.1.2.2 ] The Alliance (2118 – Present)

In 2118, Tapri officially changed the name of the Great Prokan Alliance to Alliance. While this was not a major change especially because many had already referred to it as such, it was believed that the Alliance was a less arrogant sounding name and many alien races who had joined had not been familiar with who the Prokans were originally. it was a political correctness issue, but one that once addresses allowed for several planets on the fringe worlds to join the Alliance.

February 9th, 2119, Gildar Tapri's cruiser en-route from Altaria to Loatasia was assaulted and destroyed. There were no survivors. Redwoun Harmu claimed responsibility for the act as part of the continuing vengeance unleashed by the Nobles. The Nobles again denied any connection with the incident, and most believe that he was working with the Terrans. Redwoun was executed for his crimes, but it was believed that he was not acting alone. it was further believed that he had outside (outside the Alliance) help due to the nature of some of the debris found at the sight of the attack. The weapon scoring on the debris had been far too sophisticated to be just the Nobles. However, there was no proof to the contrary and there was evidence that linked Harmu to the crime. John Harpana originally from Earth now residing on Loatasia ascended to the Chancellor position, as he was Tapri's Vice-Chancellor.

Harpana did not seek a re-election in 2120, but many non-humans felt that it was not a coincidence that a human succeeded Tapri. This feeling would have cost him the election and that is why he didn't run. Ribtar Traxion from Altaria was elected Chancellor. However, this was not to be an easy election as there were rumors flying that Traxion working with the Nobles and/or the Terrans fixed the election. At one point after the inauguration there was even some supposed evidence to this conspiracy. This evidence was later proved false, but it did not stop the period of constant struggle for power as the Alliance was on the brink of collapse.

Among those interested in starting wars and riots was John Tharin. Tharin claimed that the Alliance was just a way of oppressing the galaxy by a select set of elite dictators using the guise of a democracy. His claims were outrageous and had no basis in fact; however, there were many that had already believed that the Alliance was being corrupted by the Nobles. Tharin played into those fears and ideas to gain power quickly for himself. The call for civil war was also aided by Traxion's admission that he had used his influence in the past to push several items through the counsel for the benefit of his family. it was a mistake he made many years ago while young and foolish, but admitting it during this time turned out to be devastating to his popularity. The Alliance would not see widespread peace until Traxion was out of office; however, it did not see war either. Traxion was doomed for a landslide loss in the next election if it not for events that unfolded within the galaxy.

On May 11th, 2122, the Nobles announced an alliance with a race known as the Phelan. To this point, the Alliance had not heard much about the Phelan other than rumors coming mostly from newer member worlds. The rumors spoke of a highly aggressive race of beings that were bent on ruling through dominance and power. This did not sit well with the Alliance especially since the Nobles had made it clear that they wanted to retake the earth. The Nobles formally withdrew from the Atlantis Council. In response, Traxion began a build up of the military forces as a precaution. For the time being, there seemed to be a sort cold war style peace between the two where little was heard about anything going on in the Nobles' part of the planet.

On January 2nd, 2125, Tharin announced that his son, Robert Tharin, would run for Chancellor and receive his full backing. He also called for all of his supporters and all those who were unhappy with the present state of the government to back his son. Robert Tharin would never see the election as he was assassinated on October 3rd while giving a speech on Altaria. The man responsible, Hepo Grownda, was a former aide of Traxion. John Tharin wasted no time jumping on his son's ticket and accusing Traxion of ordering his son's death. Traxion denied that he had anything to do with the tragedy. In the end, Traxion won a surprisingly narrow victory for re-election. Tharin claimed that the election was fixed and called for citizens to organize protests.

While Tharin continued to be a thorn in Traxion's side, shortly after the election an attempt to take Tharin's life failed when a bomb exploded at a podium where he was to be giving a speech. Fortunately, Tharin was delayed and arrived after the explosion. Authorities could not determine who planted the bomb, but one hundred and sixty seven people lost their lives. Tharin claimed that it was again Traxion backed secretly by the Nobles. Tharin had no proof.

On September 11th, 2127, Tharin's home in the countryside of Montana was bombed and destroyed killing Tharin's wife and remaining son. Tharin claimed that he would have his vengeance on the man responsible, which he immediately sighted as being Traxion. In the investigation that followed, Harry Treedar was taken into custody when working on an anonymous tip they discovered bomb making materials in his home. Once interrogated he confessed everything linking Tharin to the killing of his own wife and son as well as the assassination of his oldest son Robert and the supposed bombing attempt in 2126. He even claimed that it was Tharin who was secretly working with the Nobles. To prove his claim was true, he turned over evidence to authorities that in fact linked Tharin to these crimes. Tharin was taken into custody, but promptly escaped. it is assumed that he had outside help from one of his many supporters; however, there was no proof of how he managed to get out other than his cell being empty. He disappeared and many believed he was rushed out of the Alliance by his supporters to the exile with the Nobles.

Everyone was hopeful there would finally be a rest and peace from all the turmoil that had happened. However, that was not to be the case. On January 1st, 2129, Rrigallen, the leader of the Phelans, seized power of the Nobles and assassinated the entire ruling family. He then announced that they were going to war with the Alliance to take over all of the known galaxy under one rule, his. The first battle occurred on February 4th when an Alliance patrol cruiser was destroyed by four Phelan ships.

Traxion immediately declared war on the Phelan's. To everyone's surprise especially the Phelans, Traxion had a reserve fleet of starships that he had kept hidden beyond Altaria. This fleet took the Phelan's by surprise and helped to hold back the onslaught of ships.

The war, which was later referred to as the Great Terran War as much of the battling took place on or near planet earth. The war lasted over the next two years. In the middle of the war, Traxion broke briefly from his duties in the war as leader to announce that he would seek a second term as Chancellor. He easily won re-election.

The war ended during the summer of 2131, when John Tharin emerged as the Nobles' leader. This took the Alliance by surprise because most had never assumed that he was working with the Nobles. The Alliance immediately called for his surrender and Tharin refused. Tharin informed that Alliance by matter of curtsey that he had assassinated Rrigallen and he seized power, "For the good of the universe." He now ruled the Nobles and the Phelans. He changed their name to The Great Star Empire and set himself up as Emperor handpicking the lords who would rule below him. In accordance with his claim for the good of the universe, Tharin ordered an end to all hostilities and signed a treaty with Traxion. This treaty called the Neutral Alliance Guarantor Treaty called for an immediate cease-fire. it set up a neutral zone around the solar system that Earth resides in and strengthened the divisional lines of earth as well as defining areas of space that each could explore. it also called for the creation of Atlantis, a manufactured island in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean where the newly reformed Atlantis Council would reside to handle potential disputes between the two sides.

Traxion had some reservations about the treaty at first. But after looking into it and Tharin's openness for allowing the Alliance to dictate certain terms, he signed the treaty. it would turn out to be a good thing for all involved as both nations turned their sites to outer space and expansionism.

All of this had finally taken its toll on Traxion, and even though he had enough support to run for re-election and most likely win, he declined. This opened the door for Basillar Zesari of Poteria to became the new Chancellor of the Alliance in 2135. He vowed to follow what Traxion had started and worked hard to accomplish. He immediately called for further deep space exploration. He also awarded Traxion the Alliance Medal of Peace for his unwavering commitment to the Alliance during the last ten years.

Zesari believed so firmly in the need for any galactic power to expand through colonizing other planets that he made colonization one of the first goals of his new administration. He ordered the creation of colonies on the planets of Harda, Juminopa, Aslania and Optaria. All were uninhabited planets discovered over the last fifteen years, but not pursued due to fighting a war. it wasn't until the end of his first term that these colonies went online. First Harda and Optaria went online in January of 2140 followed six months later by Aslania and Juminopa in June.

Zesari ran for re-election in 2140. He stood on his track record for expanding the Alliance and promoting Peace. His opponent, Allah Muhammad Ohar, claimed that Zesari was neglecting the military needs of the Alliance and making them vulnerable to attack. In the end, Zesari won by a landslide.

Life was good within the Alliance. They finally had peace with the Great Star Empire. John Tharin remained true to his word. There were no more wars and the Atlantis Council seemed to be doing a great job. People were happy. Businesses flourished. All was right with the universe.

In 2145, Zesari announced that he would not run for another term. This was not a surprise since Zesari from the beginning said he would only serve two terms and then step aside. Gabriel Powers, nephew to the great Alexander Powers, won election due to many people in the Alliance felt they owed his family. That is not to say that he was not a good candidate as he believed in the Alliance and it's mission of peace. However, it had become so clear that he would win that his opponents stopped campaigning two months before the election. Powers stood on the same principles that Zesari did and declared he would continue the expansion and promotion of peace.

Even amid this time of prosperity, there were problems. There were reports of a mysterious alien race that was raiding convoys and outlying colonies. They seemed to have no real pattern to their attacks except destruction. They left nothing alive and disappeared again into uncharted space. Powers contacted Tharin on several occasions to discover the Empire was under similar attacks.

By 2150, the attacks were coming in at the rate of about one to two a month. it was frustrating the Alliance. Even with military escort, convoys including their military escorts were still being destroyed. The reports that were received spoke of strange ship design that was like nothing anyone had heard of with heavy weapons. The one thing that puzzled the Alliance was why the raids were occurring. Seeing the potential military might this race had it seemed illogical to be running raids and not more of an invasion. it was this reason that Powers ordered the construction of a great star fleet. He believed these raids were a preparation for a full-scale invasion and they were just sizing up the enemy.

Amid these strange attacks as an election was approaching, Powers announced that he would seek re-election. With so many resources of the Alliance government devoted to trying to understand these raids, at present no one announced they were running against him.

## 1.1.3 The Great Star Empire

### 1.1.3.1 The Union of Great Aristocratic Nobility (2091–2122)

The Elite quickly formed a governing body of their own called "The Union of Great Aristocratic Nobility." They referred to themselves as the Nobles and selected a man of proper breeding to lead their government by the name of Blake Sevington. it was Blake's job to divide the Nobles into an elite and worker class again. Selecting only the best of the best from strongest families, he created the elite class and the remaining were relegated to the new worker class. it was an attempt albeit feeble to recapture a sense of normalcy for them. Ultimately, the goal of the Nobles was to reclaim the entire Earth. This goal was not shared by Blake who was happy just to be in power. After all, he did have everything; he didn't care if only a few lived like this.

Sevington set up a dictator style system where the ultimate leader, called the King. When Sevington was setting up this new government, Hans Ocarina had an unfortunate momentary lapse of keeping silent and suggested that Sevington not use the title King. He claimed that it sounded to arrogant and pompous and suggested something like Chancellor or President. Sevington had him executed for treason against the Nobles and relegated his house to the worker class.

Sevington ruled from the Neuschwanstein castle in Bavaria Germany. There he had a large throne built out of Gold, silver and human bone. He also created a large prison under the castle that he referred to as the dungeon. Ranking below him, there were twenty-four who received the title of Supreme Lord, with smaller Lords below them. At the bottom of the ladder, was the new worker class. As fortune would have it, the worker class comprised just over half of the Nobles.

Sevington was intelligent and realized that in order to remain in power, he needed to provide the workers with hope. it didn't have to be a real hope, but they needed to believe that things were getting better and that somehow it was possible for them to make their own lives better. Therefore, he created a military force. The military provided a structure for advancement for those who proved themselves worthy. Most of all, if you served for ten years or more, achieved a rank of at least Commandant, and left the service with a clean record then your family would be eligible to be elevated one level of status. Thus if you were a worker, you could raise your family to Lord status. Most of the new workers joined the military. Sevington ordered the military to perform the same work that the workers would have done without joining

with the obvious exception of those who were really defending their nation. Unfortunately, for the workers the military was run just like the government and advancement had little if anything to do with the quality of work. Oh, there would be several who would make the rank of Commander, but to make it all the way to raise your family was very rare.

Since he created a military force, Sevington also created a Navy and began to patrol the seas. He quickly realized that the treaty that divides the Earth mentioned nothing of the seas. So, he claimed the seas for the Nobles. For the moment, he allowed the free moment of the Prokans, but if war was to come someday, he knew he would need the ships.

Sevington's approach to reclaiming the world was to secretly build up an arm while not allowing the Prokans any information about what was going on. He closed every channel of communications with the Prokans and denied any request to open an form of talks.

Sevington had a wife, Glenda, and three children two sons and a daughter named Matthew, Markus and Isabella respectively. He treated his wife and daughter with favor, but was hard on his sons. He wanted them to grow up to take the role of leadership after he was too old to lead anymore. He envisioned passing the Kingship down to his eldest son. However, his youngest son, Markus, had other plans.

On May 11, 2093, Markus celebrated his eighteenth birthday by murdering his older brother and parents. He claimed the throne and claimed his sister to be his wife. She resisted and was thrown into the dungeons. Many of the Supreme Lords openly defied Markus' rise to King and the claiming of his sister. Markus had them and their families executed. This brought the count of Supreme Lords down to thirteen.

To further prove his might, Markus ordered the military to attack the Prokans. On July 20th, 2093, the first shots were fired at a small cruiser and a merchant ship on the seas near Africa destroying both. Markus was certain that the attack took the Prokans by surprise. Markus pressed his perceived advantage and began to drive the Prokans back with further military engagements on the land, in the air and on the seas. He was certain that he would gain a quick victory. However, the Prokans turned out to be more resourceful then he first thought. They were able to quickly turn the war by repelling the primary sea engagements by quickly developing a navy. This allowed the Prokans to hold their own against the Nobles and infuriated Markus.

On December 5, 2093, Markus ordered close to half the fleet to engage the Prokans in the southern Bering Sea just above the Aleutian Trench against the advice from his Supreme Commandants. They knew that the Prokans had been amassing a fleet there and it would be suicide. They advised it would be better to strike in the Caribbean where their forces were the weakest. However, Markus was convinced he knew better. The attack was a devastating loss. The Nobles lost almost every ship that was involved in that engagement. This would become known as the Battle of Aleutian Trench.

Following that loss, it seemed as if even God was against them, when Markus turned around and claimed that he had a brilliant idea to attack the Caribbean. This time his Supreme Commandants informed him it was a good idea, but a strange weather pattern indicated that they should wait a month before launching the attack. Again, Markus was certain he knew best. On January 21, 2093, he sent half of the remaining fleet. However, a freak hurricane, Hurricane Pamela, struck the Caribbean and destroyed the fleet without a single Prokan ship lost.

By late February 2094, Markus was weary from dealing with his Supreme Commandants who he blamed for not properly motivating their troops to win this war. He continued to order suicide missions but added that certain Supreme Commandants were required to accompany the attack force. This made his Supreme Commandants begin to plot behind his back to overthrow him. They worked closely with members of the Prokans to help plan a raid on Neuschwanstein castle with the intent to assassinate Markus. The Supreme Commandants pulled out of the castle and left a minimal amount of guards. They would only allow the attack on the castle to go with minimal resistance because they were still patriots. The attempt failed. However, Isabella Sevington was liberated from the dungeons and left for the Prokan territory.

After the attempt, Markus began to go mad. He had half of his Supreme Commandants publicly executed. He had not known about the conspiracy, but blamed them for not defending the castle better. This caused fear to grip the remaining Supreme Commandants and did not attempt again.

As the war dragged on, one of the Supreme Lords, Michael Barstien began speaking out against Markus. Markus tried to move against him including several attempted assassinations, but Michael was just too powerful, to well protected and had amassed too much support before going public with his accusations. Barstien easily convinced the other Supreme Lords to side with him because they were tired of war. Barstien moved that Markus be removed from power. They all agreed, however, there were no provision for removing Markus. On August 1st 2094, Barstien, with much exerting of power, had him replaced as King with Barstien's brother James Barstien and renamed the position as Chancellor.

Markus was removed from power, but he was not done yet. His extended family was still strong within the Nobles and he began to make plans to assassinate James. it would have succeeded if Michael Barstien had not received word of Markus' plans. Michael challenged him to a duel with pistols at fifty paces. Markus reluctantly accepted. He knew that he didn't have much of a chance, as Michael was well renowned in dueling. The coward that he was, Markus did not

show up and vanished. it was latter discovered that Markus fled to the Prokans and tried to cause problems in the name of the Nobles. In the end, he would be executed for his crimes.

James Barstien called for an immediate end of the war and worked out a treaty with the Prokans' leader Jonathan Roberts called the Roberts treaty. it allowed them to keep the lands that they had already been assigned and even keep their military. it also provide for a counsel called the “Atlantis Counsel” to be formed where they could talk out the difference and hopefully reach peaceful solutions without the need for war. it was well received with the Nobles who were tired of war. On August 10th 2094, the treaty was signed.

As for the remainder of James Barstien’s accomplishments, he rebuilt the infrastructure of the Nobles. He strengthened the Navy as well as instituted a space exploration plan. He did this because he knew that some day they would need to move out into the stars or face severe overpopulation. On the social front, he relieved some of the workloads placed on the workers by Markus. While keeping the basic structure of society, he weakened the dividing lines to allow more community environments to replace the old lord servant relationship that had existed. In all, he was a good man and a solid leader.

James died under a cloud of mystery on January 5th, 2097. Although his doctors had reported he was in perfect health, he took ill and died from complications of a strange virus. Michael Barstien did not believe the reports and assumed fowl play. Normally James’ son would have taken the throne under the rules that were created when the Nobles were formed; however, Daniel, James’ son, was only two years old and not at all equipped to lead a country. Therefore, Michael ascended to the throne.

Michael was much like his brother except he was convinced that his brother was assassinated and put many resources to finding this out. In the end, it was proven that James did have poison in his system that weakened him but did not kill him. This allowed the virus to take hold of his weakened respiratory system and cause his death. it was never to be discovered how the poison got there in the first place.

Michael continued James’ legacy by pushing forward with the creation of a geostationary orbital station called Sol One on June 23rd, 2099. it became operational just shortly after the Prokans Lunar One was online. Although one of the many missions of Sol One was to spy on the Prokans, the Nobles kept clear of any conflict. Michael did not want another war.

Aware of the exploits of the Prokans, Michael began a race for setting up colonies on other worlds. He was afraid that if the Prokans were to cease more planets then the Nobles were to then it could lead to a war or a complete invasion. Michael had the Nobles place all their resources into placing a colony on Venus. He had known about the Prokans going to Mars and decided to pick Venus the next closest. it was also at this point, that the Nobles began launching deep space probes in the hopes of scoping out other potential colonization opportunities.

On March 16, 2103, Venus went online. Originally, they had some trouble with heat, but were able to overcome. Venus was a surprising planet with many things to offer. For starters, there was a new kind of metal that was stronger then steel that they called Super Steel or SS. This new metal allowed them to construct more powerful space faring ships that were lighter in weight while maintaining the same strength. it was a major milestone.

On January 15, 2105, several days after the Altarians made contact, Michael was worried about what might come from an alien race helping the Prokans. He decided that the best thing was to infiltrate the Prokans government and steal as many secrets as possible. To Michael’s surprise, the Supreme Commandants informed him that Markus had already placed many agents in Prokan territory and all they had to do was to activate them. Michael gave the order and the information began to flow. Following this drop of information, Michael had a rather long meeting with the Supreme Commandants and Supreme Lords to make sure there weren’t other pieces of information that they were waiting for the right time to share with him. Although Markus was crazy, he was intelligent on how he got the agents in and where he placed them. There didn’t seem to be any information that the Altarians shared that wasn’t leaked out to the Nobles within a couple of days.

On October 14th, 2110, the Nobles successfully created a base of operations within the Van Allen Asteroid Belt. The base was fake asteroid that was constructed out of super steel complete with fighters and small scout style starships. If there was to be a problem, this could act as a base of operations for any Mars attacks that may or may not be needed. Michael did not trust the Prokans and he took every measure to be ready just in case including the limiting of information that returned to the Prokans about the Nobles.

For eight years, the Nobles under the leadership of Michael learned every secret and began creating their own fleet of starships made with super steel and the new Wellington Stardrive that they had borrowed the plans of from the Prokans who were now calling themselves the Alliance. They knew that if a day came when there was to be a potential war, they needed to be ready. In an attempt to hide the starships, many of them were constructed in orbit around Venus. it was a strange time of both peace and a cold war at least from the Nobles side. Michael began to feel that it was only a matter of time before the Alliance would attack the Nobles.

Late 2118, Michael received word that one of his agents, George Kren, within the Alliance had infiltrated the Chancellor’s staff. Michael, having become obsessed with the notion that the Alliance would start a war, immediately ordered that Kren seek a way to execute the Chancellor. it took a couple of months, but in February 2119, George

succeeded in sabotaging the Chancellor's cruiser. it marked a great victory for Michael. Kren's family was elevated to lordship level as payment for service rendered.

It was at this time that a rebellion within the Nobles began to form. it was centered on a previously loyal family to the house of Sevington named Gregorian and won support under the accusation that Michael had gone mad by ordering the assassination of the Alliance Chancellor. They publicly accused Michael of having gone crazy and was no longer acting for the good of the Nobles. The rebellion had been gaining support by the thousands until one day the entire Gregorian house vanished. No one knew for sure what happened, but it was obvious that Michael removed the threat.

In January 2120, Michael made contact with a man named John Tharin. Tharin was an Alliance member who no longer believed in the ideals that the Alliance was becoming. He was not happy with the forcing of religion on the populous and felt that the Altarians had too much power and that the Alliance should be run by Humans only. Michael made many promises to Tharin of wealth and power as long as Tharin would cause as much trouble as possible within the Alliance. To further help Tharin, he had all of his agents in the Alliance funnel him money. Ultimately, it was hoped that Tharin would be able to win the next election as Chancellor. Once that was achieved, he could lead the Alliance in a mock war with the Nobles where the Alliance would be forced to surrender. it was either an ingenious or an insane plan. If it had worked, one would probably call it ingenious. Tharin succeed in causing great turmoil within the Alliance and it made Michael very happy, but he was unable to become the Chancellor.

Back in the Nobles territory, Michael caused an uproar of his own as he claimed Elizabeth Dokamyer as his queen. Michael did not date her or even speak with her about it, he just announced it on November 1st, 2120. The reason this was such a problem was that she had already been engaged to another man named Robert Windeseyer. Michael had threatened to dispose of his family if both of them did not cooperate. Robert and Elizabeth were not happy or content with this arrangement and the night before the wedding, they fled with their families for the Alliance. They were caught before they could make it out of Noble territory. Everyone with the exception of Elizabeth was executed before her eyes. She lost her entire family as well as witnessed the death of her fiancés family. Reluctantly on November 11th, 2120, she became Michael's queen.

Elizabeth tried for about a year to convince everyone what had happened. The problem was not that they didn't believe her it was that they did and feared forming any kind of alliance or rebellion against Michael. He had seemed to become invincible. Elizabeth discovered she was pregnant early 2122. She knew how her child would be raised if she remained. She had only two options take her life or flee. She waited for her moment and on March 7th 2122; she successfully fled the Nobles territory with the help of the Skywalkers and disappeared within the Alliance to safety.

### 1.1.3.2 The Noble-Phelan Union (2122–2131)

On April 25th, 2122, The Phelans, a race of cat like aliens that can walk both on all fours or on hind two legs, made contact with the Nobles. They informed the Nobles that they had been watching the Earth for some time and after careful observation, they decided that the Nobles were more suited to be aligned with. Michael jumped at the idea and began to work out the details. Unknown to the Nobles at that time was that the Phelans came to rule and did not intend to keep any treaty for long before they were to be subjugated.

On May 11th, 2122, the Nobles officially announce the Noble-Phelan Union under the Noble feudal structure of government. This was obviously a shock to the Alliance because they had not heard of the Phelans or their meeting the Nobles. Catching the Alliance off guard made Michael very happy. He believed himself to finally have the sword and power to wield to set the galaxy right according to his plan.

Over the next seven years, the Noble-Phelan Union pushed forward in making changes within and further supporting of agents within the Alliance. Rrigallen, the leader of the Phelans, pushed to gather any and all information possible. He did not like Tharin at all, but realized his powerful position to cause turmoil within the Alliance. He knew that as long as Tharin ran his theatrics, the other agents would go unnoticed.

The Phelans were very particular about what they shared. They would quick to share medical and informational-based items, but weapons and technology were a different story. Michael did not like this especially since he made the mistake of sharing the Nobles technology before he discovered the Phelans lack of openness. Michael began withholding information from the Phelans.

Michael began to become more and more paranoid about people being out to get him. His focus was on the Phelans, but he was also pointing to Supreme Lords within the Nobles. Rumors began flying of strange behavior that supposedly came from maids and servants within the castle. Rumors having workers brought to the castle to kill and drink their blood to supposedly extend his life. Rumors having him wearing a dress and hitting on the male servants and rumors of him raping the woman servants. Michael did not comment on the rumors at all and to be honest few asked.

Michael and Rrigallen almost came to fisticuffs on May 24th 2124. Rrigallen was pushing for information as he had it under good authority that Michael was holding back. Michael claimed that he was turning over all information he had even though he had not; however, he didn't like Rrigallen's tone and assumptions about how Rrigallen could address Michael. An infuriated Rrigallen ordered the storming of Neuschwanstein in order to bring Michael down. Michael, the paranoid individual he was, had retreated to his summer home in Geneva when the attack occurred. Michael retaliated by ordering the capture and torture of Rrigalla, Rrigallen's mate. She had been on Earth to discuss the integration of

both cultures. Rrigallen had misinformation and believed she had left before the raid occurred. Michael threatened to kill her after much torture. Rrigallen just about ripped the planet apart for her. In the end, Michael was informed of the need of the Phelans against a possible Alliance attack. Furthermore, Daniel Barstien informed Michael that all this fighting was weakening the Nobles overall defense. Reluctantly, Michael returned Rrigalla in return for Rrigallen's cooperation in working together. The immediate situation was over, but tensions between the two remained high.

Late 2127 one of the Nobles agents, Harry Treedar, was caught and he interrogated. He cracked and temporarily crippled the Noble-Phelans ability to gather inside information. Rrigallen pushed for creating more agents; however, Michael was resistant. Michael felt that the Phelans demand too much for what little they seemed to be giving.

By January 1st, 2129, Rrigallen had enough. He assassinated Michael and his entire immediate family and assumed control over the Nobles. An autopsy of Michael showed that he had Huntington disease, a rare disease that causes dementia, paranoia, hallucinations, and depression as well as a few other things. Eventually, this would have caused his death, but most importantly, it explained the changes in Michael's behavior over the years.

Rrigallen, now in total control, declared war on what he saw as the feeble Alliance. He called for all his available ships to come to earth. On February 4th, the first battle of the war began.

To Rrigallen's surprise, the Alliance pulled a fleet of ships together that were battle worthy extremely fast. it was obvious that some of the information they had was either incorrect or this information was known only to a select few. Whatever the reason, Rrigallen was convinced that they would win the war.

The war, which would come to be called the Great Terran War, was one of the bloodiest in earth history. Perhaps because it included a great many alien races that also shed their blood defending their governments. By 2131, it had really begun to take its toll on the Nobles.

### 1.1.3.3 The Great Star Empire (2131 - Present)

During the summer of 2131, John Tharin emerged within the Noble-Phelan Union. He had been in exile from the Alliance following the capture of Treedar. He was quick to gather supporters and assassinated Rrigallen. Tharin seized control and set himself up as leader, a position he called Emperor. He changed the name of the Noble-Phelan Union to the Great Star Empire (GSE) commonly referred as the GSE or just Empire. He then changed the entire governmental system and appointed Overlords below him to rule the various sectors of the empire. The Overlords in turn appointed Underlords and nobles who handled the actual daily running of the empire.

Tharin was smart. He knew that at this time a continued war with the Alliance would only bring down the Empire. He knew they needed time to rebuild internally before they could take down the Alliance. Therefore, he called upon the Alliance for a treat to be formed between the two that would guarantee peace.

The Neutral Alliance Guarantor Treaty was signed on August 12th 2131. This called for the reformation of the Atlantis Counsel and the creation of a manufactured island called Atlantis for the counsel to meet on. it also spelled out restrictions for space exploration. In all, it was a good treaty and it provide a peace between the two powers.

For the time being, Tharin was laying low and rebuilding. He was giving all the indications that all was right and the treaty was valid. In fact, Tharin remarried to Priscilla Ocarina. He put on all the charm and charisma he could to bring the empire to a status that almost rivaled social status with the Alliance. At least that was the front that everyone was putting on, behind the scenes was a different story as life for the worker class was horrible.

February 9th 2135, Tharin officially recognized the six Overlords and his wife's family as the seven houses of power within the Empire. Those houses are Ocarina, Sevington, Barstein, Dokamyer, Windeseyer, Kren, and Ventarrisorr. "These houses," said Tharin in his speech, "Set the standard for the entire Empire to follow."

The Skywalkers, a rebel group bent on changing the government to something more like the Alliance, struck a victory on April 25th 2139 when they successfully hacked into Tharin's informational network within the castle and relayed the information to the Alliance. By the time the hack was discovered, those responsible were gone.

Tharin was aware of the Skywalkers from the past dealings of the Nobles. He even met a few while he was on the run from the Alliance. However, he was to believe them to be a group that had faded away. This recent attack opened his eyes to their presence. In response, Tharin created the Crimsoneers. The Crimsoneers were Tharin's personal guard as well as elite group for special operations. Tharin order the Crimsoneers to seek out the Skywalkers and bring them down. By 2145, one hundred thirty six Skywalkers had been found, tried, convicted and executed for crimes against the Empire. This did not stop the Skywalkers, but made them much more careful about their movings.

June 11th 2147, a radical arm of the Skywalkers had broken into Tharin's retreat home in Greece and lined it with explosives. They intended on blowing up the home when Tharin arrived later that month. However, a slip of the hand that caused the connection to be made from the detonator to the explosives cause premature firing of the explosives. Twelve Skywalkers were killed in the blast.

By 2150, the Alliance had made several requests for information of the Empire about a mysterious race that was raiding their territory. Tharin instructed his aides to inform the Alliance they were under similar attacks. He did this, according to a speech given to the Overlords, because he feared the Alliance would assume the Empire was behind the attacks and go to war. He knew that they had to prevent a war at all costs, and therefore he lied to them.

Some of the Overlords suspect that Tharin has something up his sleeve. One Overlord in particular, Blake Sevington, has been a bit outspoken. it has generated him increased attention.

## 1.1.4 Game Master Notes

This section denotes several elements that will be occurring in the future. These notes along with the timeline in the appendix give you all the tools you need to set your players up for hours, weeks, months and years worth of great gaming.

### 1.1.4.1 Alliance

The Alliance has seen a great many colonies come online in the recent couple of months that will be attacked systematically over the next year.

#### *1.1.4.1.1 Gabriel Powers*

Gabriel Powers will win the election of 2150, but not without controversy. Nathan Daniels who was running against Powers will be shot in hitman style while visiting his home on a break from campaigning. This ignites a fury of allegations that claim Powers was behind the attack.

### 1.1.4.2 The Great Star Empire

#### *1.1.4.2.1 John Tharin*

While in exile and jumping around through space to avoid capture, John Tharin came in contact with a race called the Tyrathians. The Tyrathians from Tyrathia are a lizard type humanoid that seek to destroy the Altarians and their new Alliance. They hate the Altarians because many many years prior the Altarians destroyed their homeworld. The Tyrathians were never sure why, but ever since they have been watching and waiting while they built up an armada. When Tharin came across them, he offered them a way to finally begin to get back at the Altarians. He told them that if they help him cease power over time he would aid them in invading and taking over the Alliance. The Tyrathians agreed. Tharin was smart, though, and hid that he had made contact with this race with anyone other than those closest to him. He had a plan.

According to Tharin's plan, the Tyrathians would lay low for a time to allow the Empire to rebuild. Then when the time was right, the Tyrathians would begin hit and run raids on the Alliance. Once they have them off guard from all the attacks, they will begin a full-scale invasion backed by the Empire. it was a good and smart plan that would span the next twenty or so years.

# 1.2 Governmental Structure

## 1.2.1 Alliance

### 1.2.1.1 Alliance General Ruling

#### *1.2.1.1.1 Chancellor of the Alliance*

The Chancellor of the Alliance heads the Alliance. This elected position serves a term of five years with a three-elected term maximum. This is done so that no one person can be in power to too long. This office is elected on the first Tuesday of November during an election year with the new Chancellor taking office on January 1. The citizens of the Alliance base the election on the popular vote cast. Although this has never happened it really does only take one vote to win. In the case of a dead even tie during an election then the Alliance Counsel is responsible for calling the winner. The youngest member sitting the vote out achieves this and no abstentions are allowed.

#### *1.2.1.1.2 Vice Chancellor of the Alliance*

The Vice Chancellor of the Alliance is an elected position following the same election rules as the Chancellor and they will run under the same ticket. The Vice Chancellor is responsible for casting deciding votes when a tie occurs in the Alliance Counsel or during an election of a Counsel member. The Vice Chancellor is also expected to ascend to the

role of Chancellor should the Chancellor be unable to complete his term (i.e. assassination, ailing health, impeachment, etc.). The Vice Chancellor is also charged with monitoring the Alliance Counsel to keep it in check. If for some reason there is doubt that the Counsel is operating fairly then the Vice Chancellor can call for an impeachment of the Council. This could result in a special election for a set of new Counsel members to be appointed.

#### *1.2.1.1.3 Alliance Council*

The Alliance Counsel is made up of twelve elected officials. These officials serve the same five-year term with a three-elected term maximum as the Chancellor. The same election rules apply as above except that the Alliance is divided into twelve sub-sections where each one votes in one member of the counsel. Further, if there is a tie, then the tie-breaking decision will fall on the presiding Vice Chancellor. The Alliance Counsel is the only section of government allowed to call for an impeachment hearing of the Chancellor or the Vice Chancellor. This is to keep the Chancellor's office accountable.

The main responsibility of the Counsel is two fold. First is to act as the highest court in the Alliance handling any cases that have ascended through the courts to that level. Second is to handle the passing of laws or bills or granting of rights on an interstellar or galactic scale.

#### *1.2.1.1.4 The Senate*

The Senate is made up of one elected Senator from each of the member worlds. These Senators are elected the same, as the Chancellor only there is six elected term limit. If there is a tie then the member planets Governor is charged with casting the deciding vote.

The main responsibility of the senate is to handle the planet-to-planet or individual based laws or bills. Since the senate represents every planet in the Alliance, it is the senate's responsibility to oversee that all members of the Alliance are being treated fairly. The senate is also responsible for participating in impeachment hearings. The Senate does not have the ability to call for impeachment hearings.

#### *1.2.1.1.5 Sector Council*

Since the Alliance had grown so large, for every twelve planets a Sector Counsel will be elected. This will be made up of one elected member from each of the twelve worlds and it primarily to act as a court of appeals to lighten the load placed on the Alliance Council.

#### *1.2.1.1.6 Rules of Impeachment*

The Alliance Counsel can by a majority vote call for the impeachment of the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor. Once the vote has shown the need for an impeachment, a special session of the Counsel will join with the Senate to hear the arguments for and against impeachment. The part in question, whether the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, are allowed to present arguments against all evidence placed before them. This special session will then call for a vote. Majority wins. If the Chancellor is impeached then the Vice Chancellor is expected to ascend to the Chancellor position. If the Vice Chancellor is then the Chancellor will appoint a new person to the position. If both are impeached then a special election will be held to determine the new Chancellor. Similarly, the Chancellor can call for an impeachment of the Council. Like listed above a special session of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Senate is called to hear the arguments. This could result in the impeaching of one, several or all of the Counsel members. A special election is to be held to replace the members that are impeached. In the case of impeachment and impeachment alone an abstaining vote is recorded as a not to impeach vote.

### **1.2.1.2** Alliance Priesthood

The Alliance roots are heavily connected with religion. This religion is the modern form of Christianity that had maintain throughout the years. With the additions of other races and the discovery that God had visited those planets as well, now more then ever, religion has become a forefront to the Alliance culture.

#### *1.2.1.2.1 Archangels*

Archangels are priests who have been given the role of advisor to the chancellor. His role is to advise the chancellor on matters that might concern the welfare of the people or the heart and soul of the Alliance itself. The Archangels only answer to God and the Brotherhood. Since there are usually seven appointed to this position, it is not uncommon for the Chancellor to send a couple out on secret missions for the Alliance. The Brotherhood is usually aware of all the comings and goings of the Archangels.

#### *1.2.1.2.2 Brotherhood – Priestly Council*

The Brotherhood is a council of twelve priests who have been appointed by the general priesthood to serve. They are often referred to as Archbishops. They are responsible for overseeing all of the workings of the general church. They are also responsible for appointing and monitoring the Archangels so that the chancellor would always be supplied with adequate council on matters of the Alliance and God. If necessary, the Brotherhood can call for the immediate impeachment of the Chancellor.

#### *1.2.1.2.3 Bishops*

Bishops are leaders within the priesthood. Many are also leaders within the military. They typically handle the day to day dealings with the Priests who serve in the community.

#### *1.2.1.2.4 Priesthood - General Priests*

Since religion is such an important and solid foundation fro the Alliance, the role of a priest is highly honored and given broad scope. In general, they are to act as an advisor to the governmental members as well as a liaison between the people and the government while maintaining their duties of preaching and teaching the people about God. No priest can ever hold an office of governmental power; however, they can call for impeachment of government officials. They serve to advise the government and guide the people. Priest can serve in the military and work other job functions; however, they are still required to perform their priestly duties to the community during the week including a weekly Sunday service.

### **1.2.1.3** Alliance Member Planets

#### *1.2.1.3.1 Governor*

Each planet regardless of race, culture or social makeup is to elect a Governor. The election of the Governor is to follow the same as the Chancellor. The office of Governor is charged with overseeing their planet's welfare and adherence to Alliance law. The Governor is also charged with casting the deciding vote in the case of a tie for their planets Senator.

#### *1.2.1.3.2 Planetary Council*

The Planetary Counsel, like the Alliance Counsel, made up of twelve members and is charged with two duties. First, it is responsible for acting as the highest court on the planet. If an appeal is called for, the Senate will review the case and see if it warrants merit to be seen before the Alliance Council. If the Senate denies the appeal then the Planetary Counsel's ruling stands. The Counsel is an elected position that follows the same guidelines as the Alliance Council. Second it is responsible passing any laws or bills that are unique to their planet and do not in any way conflict with Alliance law. Once a bill or law has been passed it must be reviewed by the Senate before it can be enacted.

#### *1.2.1.3.3 Mayor*

For planet with more then one town or city, a mayor will be elected for each town. The election will follow that of the Governor. If there is only one town or city on a planet then the Governor will assume these responsibilities. The Mayor is responsible for overseeing the town he is elected to be over. He is to act like the Governor, but that the scope of his power is limited to the town.

#### *1.2.1.3.4 Town Council*

This models the Planetary Counsel on a town or city scope. it is responsible for being the court for that town. it is also responsible for any town ordinances that need to be passed.

### **1.2.1.4** Other Offices

#### *1.2.1.4.1 Kings, Queens, and other Royalties*

The Alliance recognizes planetary and cultural traditions and allows titles to be place upon individuals. In most cases, these titles are nothing more then figureheads and have no real power. However in rare cases where there is a process for electing the King or Queen, the Alliance has allowed them to act as governor over their planet.

### **1.2.1.5** Colony Structure

#### *1.2.1.5.1 Basic Information*

A colony is basically the first town or city on an uninhabited planet. it is consider to function as such, therefore, there is typically a wide range of jobs functions represented on every colony. The goal of every colony is to begin the process of populating a livable but uninhabited world and to eventually become the capital city of that planet.

#### *1.2.1.5.2 Training*

To solidify the people who will being living together on the colony, the colonist are required to go through two years of training. This training includes the moving of all personel and their families to a training facility where they will be living in buildings as they are to expect on the planet they will be colonizing. Further, the last six months of the training the training facility locks down the area and only allows for the regular shipments they would expect on the planet to be dispensed. This is done to further strengthen the bond between the families that will be starting the colony. The only

exception to this rule is the colony's Lead Engineer who will be back and forth between the training facility and the actually colony where he/she will oversee the final construction of the buildings.

#### *1.2.1.5.3 Political*

Every colony before it is placed will already have Governor and Planetary Counsel selected. These individuals will be operating within their roles during the last six months of the training.

#### *1.2.1.5.4 Priesthood*

Since the Priesthood is such an integral part of every day life and governmental structure of the Alliance, every colony will have at least one Priest. Usually, this priest will have another job function in addition to his duties to the priesthood. This priest answers both to the governor and the Brotherhood. He will also act as an advisor to the governor on matters of the people.

#### *1.2.1.5.5 Education*

Every colony is equipped with a fully functioning school. This means that there will be a team of required educators on hand to teach the children all the fundamentals. There may or may not exist specialized educators who would teach older children the knowledge they possess on whatever job function they performed. Most colonies start with a couple of specialized educators and the rest travel off world to receive their specialized training.

#### *1.2.1.5.6 Galley*

As anyone would imagine, there is a galley or mess hall on every colony to provide for the nutritional needs of the colonist. In a typical colony, there is one galley that will over time be turned into a restaurant run by the lead Food Engineer. In rare cases, a colony will be started and a spouse of a colonist will start a restaurant in addition to the galley. Either way has proved to work well.

#### *1.2.1.5.7 Spaceport*

All colonies are considered to be that planets capital and will eventually be one of many cities. Therefore there is a need to be sure that there is an active spaceport including all supporting personel. Initially it will be a small minimally crewed spaceport that will later grow.

#### *1.2.1.5.8 Land*

Since a colony is considered to be that planets capital, usually the largest patch of clear to semi clear land it chosen. This will allow for future expansion as the colony and the population on the planet continues to grow.

## 1.2.2 The Great Star Empire

### 1.2.2.1 GSE General Rule

#### *1.2.2.1.1 Emperor*

The Emperor has absolute power. He can do anything while ruling the empire. John Tharin, the first emperor, has led the empire since it's reforming and seems to be leading with a gentle hand.

#### *1.2.2.1.2 Overlords*

Chosen by the Emperor himself, the Overlords are responsible for running the empire within their sectors. The empire is divided into six sectors each having an Overlord. The six Overlords are from the six prominent houses within the Empire. Those houses are Sevington, Barstien (Daniel, James' son, lineage), Dokamyer, Windeseyer, Ventarrisorr, and Kren. Ventarrisorr is a house or Phelans, the rest are humans.

#### *1.2.2.1.3 Underlords*

Each sector is broken down into six providences in which an Underlord controls. The Underlords are chosen by the Overlords and in rare cases by the Emperor himself. Their job is to maintain control.

#### *1.2.2.1.4 Nobles*

These are the equivalent of judges. They handle disputes. Many of these are corrupt and if you desire to win your case, you need to bring the biggest tribute.

### 1.2.2.2 Star Empire Controlled Planets

#### *1.2.2.2.1 Governors*

The governor is an appointed Noble by either an Underlord or Overlord. In rare cases, the Emperor himself will appoint the governor. On a planet, the Governor has absolute powers to do whatever is necessary to push forward whatever the Empire desires.

##### *1.2.2.2.2 Lords*

A lower ruling class that is allowed to exist on a planet level. They are typically given a nation sized area of land to control, rule and maintain. These answer to the governor and help to maintain control over the general populous.

### **1.2.2.3** Colony Structure

#### *1.2.2.3.1 Basic Information*

A colony for the Empire is basically another center of power and provider of resources. The Emperor is wise to know that you can not leave your power base without hope and therefore has instituted plans to keep the general population happy. In general, colonies are not too bad. People are expected to work to produce whatever is needed (materials, resources, equipment, starships, etc.). However, not all is well within a colony either. Most people have heard about the true conditions of the Alliance through the propaganda spread by the Emperor and they desire to leave the Empire and join. On a typically planet, the Governor is chosen to be one who is very loyal to the Empire. This can and often does create pockets of trouble within the colonies.

#### *1.2.2.3.2 Training*

Unlike the Alliance, the Empire believes its people to be strong enough to handle the workings of a colony. Therefore, when a suitable planet is discovered a team is selected by the ruling Underlord of that providence. If enough suitable people are not readily available, the Empire will pull people and families out of their present work and send them to start the colony. This happens more often then the general populous is aware of.

#### *1.2.2.3.3 Political*

As mentioned earlier, each planet will have a Governor and at least one Lord. Once the colony has risen above reasonable levels, another Lord will be selected. This process continues until the planet is fully developed.

#### *1.2.2.3.4 Education*

Every colony is equipped with a fully functioning school. However, the schools teach what the Empire dictates. So, there is a level of knowledge that all people within the Empire are educated to and that is all unless they are of noble birth being a member of the seven houses of power.

#### *1.2.2.3.5 Galley*

As anyone would imagine, there is a galley or mess hall on every colony to provide for the nutritional needs of the colonist. In a typical colony, one galley will over time be turned into a center for food distribution unless the colony is agricultural. The galley is run by an appointed Food Engineer.

#### *1.2.2.3.6 Spaceport*

All new colonies are considered to be that planets capital and will eventually be one of many cities. Therefore there is a need to be sure that there is an active spaceport including all supporting personel. Initially it will be a small minimally crewed spaceport that will later grow.

#### *1.2.2.3.7 Land*

All land belongs to the Empire on any Empire controlled planet. If you are of enough status, then you can be granted a lease on a particular patch of land designating it as yours until your death or removal by the Empire.

# 1.3 Character Job Functions

## 1.3.1 Alliance

### **1.3.1.1** Leaders

#### *1.3.1.1.1 Public Servant*

A public servant has dedicated his/her life to protecting and/or serving the public. This will be in either of the following areas; government, military, police, security, firefighter, or First Responder.

#### *1.3.1.1.2 Justice*

A Justice is a character that has sought specialized training to become a Senator, but not to become a politician. Their interest is in the proper dispensing of the law.

### **1.3.1.2** Military

The military is vital to the survival of the Alliance. They handle everything from direct combat to deep space exploration escort. Most of the Military are in the field, but some are reserved for administration duties.

#### *1.3.1.2.1 ACOM*

An acronym for Alliance Command, this is where the Fleet Admiral and administration staff resides.

#### *1.3.1.2.2 Fleet Admiral*

There is only one for the whole Alliance. This Admiral acts as a direct liaison to the Chancellor. He takes care of the general orders of the fleet and is ready to advise on the best military action for the Chancellor to guide the Alliance towards. During times of peace, he runs the show for the military. During times of war, he is split between running the military and taking orders from the Chancellor.

#### *1.3.1.2.3 Admiral*

Admirals are the general top commander in the field. They take care of leading the starships under their command following the Alliance orders. An Admiral has the ability to act in the best interest of the Alliance when a solid command from headquarters is lacking.

#### *1.3.1.2.4 Captain*

A Captain is usually placed in charge of a starship. He is responsible for the actions of that starship. He is also responsible for maintaining his crew as per Alliance regulations. The Captain is required to make their XO aware of all orders although they made not inform the crew if the mission depends on such secrecy.

#### *1.3.1.2.5 Executive Officer*

The Executive Officer, XO as they are commonly referred, is responsible for carrying out the orders of the Captain while making sure that the Captain is following the Alliance general directives. If the Captain should be rendered unfit, it is the XO's job to relieve the Captain. The XO is to be made aware of all orders coming from command.

#### *1.3.1.2.6 Commander*

Career officer on track to one day become a Captain. They are responsible for small groups of soldiers particularly on away missions from the starship.

#### *1.3.1.2.7 Lt. Commander*

Lt. Commander is typically an individual who has served their initial enlistment and decided to remain around before returning to civilian life or making the military a career. These soldiers typically do not lead any type of missions, but are given all the training to do so. it is believed that to command you can only learn so much from a book and lectures and the rest comes from observing commanders and captains in action.

#### *1.3.1.2.8 Ensign*

Ensigns are general soldiers who signed up for their initial four years of service.

#### *1.3.1.2.9 Master Chief*

Master Chief is a technical expert. Usually a Master Chief is also an Engineer of some discipline.

#### *1.3.1.2.10 Sergeant*

Sergeants are skilled technical personnel. Usually a Master Chief is also an Engineer of some discipline.

#### *1.3.1.2.11 Enlisted*

Enlisted are those who have not chosen the command path and desire to learn a technical discipline and have signed up for their initial four years of service. They will study as they attend school and on the job training for their field.

### **1.3.1.3** Engineers

#### *1.3.1.3.1 Food Engineer*

A food engineer is more then a cook. Since a colony may be out of contact due to many possible situations that could arise, a food engineer is a person who is trained at finding edible food from the surrounding terrain and turning it

into a meal. This type of person has lots of specialized training in how to find food and how to prepare foods including how to remove certain types of poisons from unotherwise unusable food.

#### *1.3.1.3.2 Lead Engineer*

These are your all around mister fix it or build it. These characters are educated in many types of construction, design, and maintenance to allow the colony to function. While an engineer can have several people below him, he is the point man for making sure that everything works as it is supposed to on the colony. This person would have completed special schooling and a five-year assistantship.

#### *1.3.1.3.3 Assistant Engineer*

An Assistant Engineer is a person who is in training to become an engineer. This person has already received his/her schooling and is not required to server five years as an assistant before becoming licensed.

### **1.3.1.4** Medical

#### *1.3.1.4.1 Medical Doctor*

A doctor is a doctor is a doctor. Yes, this character will possess the necessary skills to be able to heal the sick and wounded. They are educated in every type of known race as well as given understand of how systems work for the cases of encountering an unknown alien physiology. This person has already completed all the required education, assistantship and passed the medical boards to become a licensed medical doctor.

#### *1.3.1.4.2 Assistant Doctor*

An Assistant Doctor is a person who is in training to become a medical doctor. This person has already received his/her schooling and is now required to serve five years as an assistant before being allowed to take the medical boards. Once completed the assistantship and passed the boards a person becomes a medical doctor.

#### *1.3.1.4.3 Nurse*

A nurse is a character that has completed basic emergency and heal care schooling. They do not need any type of assistantship since they are overseen by doctors. Their primary responsibility is to monitor those under the care of a doctor.

#### *1.3.1.4.4 EMT Nurse*

An EMT Nurse is a nurse who has taken extra training to be allowed to temporarily fill in for a doctor (i.e. the doctor is killed and a replacement has not arrived). EMT Nurses also act as first responders on the scene of accidents.

### **1.3.1.5** Servers

#### *1.3.1.5.1 Educator*

An educator is a person who has received training in the ability to pass on or teach their knowledge to others. Typical educators are people who started out as another job function and later in life received the educator training and taught for the rest of their lives. Even though that is the typical case, there are those who do feel called to be an educator from the start. These people usually find themselves teaching early teens and elementary age children as they lack the knowledge and experience of other job functions.

#### *1.3.1.5.2 Worker*

A worked is basically the majority of the people on a colony. While a worker may or may not possess specialized training for the most part they are backbone of the operation handling all the day to day stuff. For example, a space traffic controller has specialized training in routing and re-routing spaceships to allow for easy movements of cargo or personnel; however, they are a worker.

#### *1.3.1.5.3 Priests*

A priest whose sole purpose is to perform their priestly duties to the community. Since the government supports the Priesthood, the Brotherhood can elect to select some of the priests to be sole servants and not hold any other office or job function.

### **1.3.1.6** Other

#### *1.3.1.6.1 Terrans*

Calling themselves purist, they believe that the Alliance should be run by humans from earth (called Earthers) and Earthers alone. They are quick to blame any problems on alien races and to stir trouble whenever it furthers their cause. They are loyal to the Alliance and Earth and would not seek to sabotage, but to wreck havoc for alien races.

#### *1.3.1.6.2 Mole*

This is a person who is a mole for the Empire. They should have another character trait as to be needed on the mission, but they are to report in as often as possible with their whereabouts and orders.

## 1.3.2 The Great Star Empire

### 1.3.2.1 Leader

A Leader is a character that has received appointing due to loyalties or family ties. These are the people who occupy the Overlord, Underlord, Governor, and Lords positions within the empire.

#### *1.3.2.1.1 Emperor*

The single supreme ruler of the Empire who has absolute power to do whatever he or she desires. At present, John Tharin is the Emperor. Tharin has no immediate family with him; however, he has remarried to Priscilla Ocarina. Since she has found favor in Tharin's eyes, so has her house.

#### *1.3.2.1.2 Overlord*

Members of the seven most influential houses within the Empire comprise the Emperor's in-laws and the six Overlords.

##### *1.3.2.1.2.1 Ocarina*

As Priscilla Ocarina found favor, her house found favor and was immediate elevated to become one of the seven primary houses within the Empire. Sven Ocarina, father of Priscilla, leads this house. In general, he does not like the way the empire is setup; however, he does like the way Tharin seems to treat his daughter with both respect and love. Therefore, Sven remains loyal as long as his daughter is safe and being well treated. House Ocarina is in an interesting position as it has far reaching roots. Before becoming one of the seven main houses, the Ocarinas were great military leaders. Most of the military remains loyal to them.

##### *1.3.2.1.2.2 Sevington*

Blake Sevington relative of the late Blake Sevington first ruler of the Nobles leads this house as an Overlord. In truth, he actually created the Skywalkers after learning about the Gregorians. He does not believe in Tharin and is convinced that there are hidden plans and agendas. He seeks openly to change things within the system and voices limited support for Tharin. Behind the scenes he is constantly working with the Skywalkers for change.

##### *1.3.2.1.2.3 Barstein*

Daniel Barstein son of the late James Barstein. Daniel is sympathetic to the Skywalkers. However, he will not move against Tharin. He attributes his position and power to the skillful leadership of Tharin. He just believes there is too much alien influence in the Empire. He hates the Phelan for killing members of his family and seeks revenge. Whenever possible he stands opposed to house Ventarrisorr despite Rrona's attempts to make peace.

##### *1.3.2.1.2.4 Dokamyer*

Rachel Dokamyer who was once married to Jonathan who passed away in 2148. That is when she rose to lead her house. Rachel is fairly neutral. As long as her house is in a good place, she sees no reason to rock the boat.

##### *1.3.2.1.2.5 Windeseyer*

Sophocles Windeseyer, whose mother was of Greek descent, leads this house with an iron fist. All are expected to tow the line or else. He loves the Empire and hopes one day to become Emperor, and he is not exactly against assassinating Tharin to get there. He is just making sure his plans are not discovered so that he can maintain his power.

##### *1.3.2.1.2.6 Ventarrisorr*

Rrona Ventarrisorr was never fond of Rrigallen or his plans. Rrona seeks the lead his house with a more peaceful future in mind. He is sympathetic to the Skywalkers, but not a member. His house is split on whether to be interested in helping to create a better Empire or just leave it altogether.

##### *1.3.2.1.2.7 Kren*

Geoff Kren, son of George, leads his house with a firm but gentle hand. He is not completely happy with Tharin, but does not support the Skywalkers. In fact, he believes that change must come from within the Empire through the setup channels and not from resistance style fighting.

#### *1.3.2.1.3 Underlord*

Each sector is broken into six providences. There are a total of 36 Underlords in the Empire many of whom were appointed because of their allegiance to the House Overlords and not because of qualifications. Thus it can make for interesting politics to via for these positions.

In general, the Underlords wield their power in accordance with the House Overlord they are under. For example, Gregory Forayer is an Underlord under Blake Sevington and is sympathetic to the Skywalkers. The other 35 Underlords are similarly aligned with one of the seven houses (Six Overlords plus the Emperor) are the same with a few always looking for ways to gain power.

#### *1.3.2.1.4 Governor*

Each planet is appointed a Governor by the providence Underlord. This appointment must be approved by the Overlord of that Sector. In general, Governors are always keeping their eyes on the galactic events trying to position themselves for advancement of power. Since the best way to position them for advancement is to make sure their colony/planet is functioning well, there are a wide variety of styles and methods for keeping things working.

#### *1.3.2.1.5 Lord*

More of a position granted by the Governor to those he finds loyal. On larger scale colonies/planets the Lords are to act as rulers over their particular part of the planet similar to a nation seeing that everything functions smoothly and efficiently. The fastest way to lose your title and probably your life is to allow your providence fail to pull its weight making the Governor look bad.

### **1.3.2.2** Justice

#### *1.3.2.2.1 Nobles*

Nobles are the appointed judges. If you work within the justice system, you are either an appointed Noble or part of his servant staff. Most Nobles will accept tribute when hearing cases brought before them.

### **1.3.2.3** Military

All members of the empire who are not of suitable families (i.e. those that have appointed Lords and Nobles) are required to serve in the military for five years following their twentieth birthday. Should they show significant abilities to lead personal and find favor with the present commanders, they will be retained for leading military positions.

#### *1.3.2.3.1 SECCI*

The SECCI (pronounced Sec-Ee) is short for the Star Empire Center for military Command and Intelligence.

#### *1.3.2.3.2 Supreme Commandant*

This position reports directly to the Emperor to keep him abreast of the military at all times. He does have the ability to give orders, but only in the absence of the Emperor or when the matter is not considered to be of sufficient concern to be brought before him. Supreme Commandant is handpicked by the Emperor out of the pool of Commandants whenever the position becomes vacant. A person may retire from Supreme Commandant anytime after six years of service with the Emperor's permission.

#### *1.3.2.3.3 Commandant*

Commandants are the top commanders in the field. Their sole job is to follow the orders handed down to them. They are also responsible for being aware of the list of common orders that must be followed when a situation takes them by surprise or the absence of orders from command are received. If you survive twelve years as a Commander, you can be selected by the present Commandants for a promotion to Commandant.

#### *1.3.2.3.4 Commander*

A Commander is in charge of a starship and held solely responsible for its actions. He is to follow orders to the letter and is responsible for knowing the list of common orders. To become a Commander, you must survive six years as a Sub-Command. At which point, the Commandant will promote you and assign you a starship.

#### *1.3.2.3.5 Sub-Commander*

Leaders of away missions and smaller in scale missions where the presence of a Commander is not required. They are to report to their Commander and follow all orders handed down. Sub-Commanders are picked by the Commander whenever they see fit. There is no time in service requirement. it is not uncommon, but rare, to have a newly enlisted person, say the Commander's brother, become a Sub-Commander within a week of enlisting.

#### *1.3.2.3.6 Officer*

Officers are the general leaders in training. They follow orders, but are also being groomed for their own command. These are picked by the Sub-Commanders and promoted when they see fit. There is no time in service requirement.

#### *1.3.2.3.7 Enlisted*

Enlisted are those who are serving in the military and have not been selected for advancement. This is your general military worker.

#### 1.3.2.4 Workers

This is the general class of empire members. Within this class you have your food servants, medical servants, educator servants (although education is by privilege only), and any other required working positions. Since the empire does provide for housing and food, it is expected that they work sixteen hours a day. In recent times, restrictions on workers have been relaxed and they have been afforded more privileges.

#### 1.3.2.5 Other

##### *1.3.2.5.1 Crimsoneers*

Crimsoneers are people who have the utmost trust of the Emperor. They serve as his eyes and ears as well as his assassins and general doers of evil deeds. They are noted by the fact that they wear a Crimson uniform that looks more like a jumpsuit with a few accessories covered by a black hooded cloak. They usually move at night except when necessary to do otherwise. They answer directly and only to the Emperor. In addition, they are highly trained and carry a special identification card that notifies all members of leadership that they have the power to do as they see fit. Although they do in truth exist, the general populous has only heard of them in rumors or not at all. For those who have heard, they fear the Crimsoneers for many who have come to that knowledge disappear.

##### *1.3.2.5.2 Skywalkers*

Skywalkers are resistance fighters. Although Tharin would have the Alliance believe that anyone who wishes could leave nothing could be further from the truth. Also, it is very dangerous to be openly critical of the Empire because those who are disappear. Therefore, using a name from an old Sci-Fi movie, the resistance calls themselves Skywalkers and they seek to remove Tharin at all cost. They are for the Alliance and what it stands for, but still believe they could have a good government within the Empire if the right leader was in place. Therefore, they split their time between planning on how to remove the Emperor and place one of their own in his place and how to escape to the Alliance. House Sevington is sympathetic to the Skywalkers and several members of the house are also members of the Skywalkers.

##### *1.3.2.5.3 Mole*

This is a person who is a mole for the Alliance. it is not a commonly accepted job, as many Alliance members do not like the way the empire is run. They should have another character trait as to be needed on the mission, but they are to report in as often as possible with their whereabouts and orders.

# 2 APPENDIX

## 2.1 Remember the Past (Timeline)

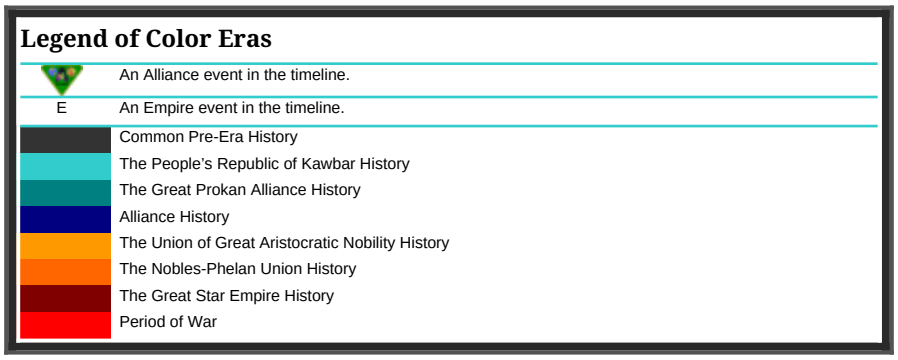


| Date | | Event |
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| **July, 1947** | | An Altarian spaceship lands in New mexico near Roswell. They attempt to setup a camp and quickly met the United States Military and President Harry Truman. It was decided at this time that the Earth was not ready for contact with alien races. The Altarians left and setup a listening post on Mars to watch and wait for the time when the Earth would be ready. |
| **Pre-2089** | | Globalization had paved the way for the collapse of governments under the corporate model of control. The world was split into two classes of people, the Elite and the Workers. Life was good if you were an Elite. |
| **2089** | | A man named David Matthews is speaking with the workers calling for them to rise up. He spoke about Democracy and that a return to it would give an equal share of power between the Elite and the Workers. He was gaining much support. |
| **March 7, 2090** | | David Matthews was contacted to have a meeting for the coming to a peaceful solution. He was kidnapped and held captive. This turned out to be the spark that light the fires under the workers to revolt. |
| **September 10, 2090** | | The Great White Plague begins when the Elite fearing the potential victory by the Workers released a virus modified with Anthrax. This virus quickly mutated and spread throughout the globe. The Elite lacked the medical, chemical and biological technical skills to develop a cure. |
| **December 25, 2090** | | Black Christmas, as it is known. On this day, the virus mutated and became airborne. This latest mutation accelerated the time from initial infection to death. Over ten million people lost their life this day. |
| **January 5, 2091** | | Alexander Powers makes a breakthrough in his lab. He had been studying why certain people who became infected did not die. He learned that it was a rare gene that is found in less then one percent of the population that allowed them to live. He began feverishly working on synthesizing the gene. |
| **February 9, 2091** | | Alexander Powers successfully synthesizes the gene and develops a serum against the White Plague. He rushes home to discover he was too late and his family had passed. He turns all information over to his assistants and then goes home and commits suicide. |
| **April 25, 2091** | | The Workers and the Elite ended conflict with the dividing up of the earth. The Workers received the Americas, United Kingdom and Africa. The Elite received Europe, Asia and Australia. Both agreed to leave the north and south poles neutral. |
| **Late 2091** | | The Workers created a democratic government called the Peoples Republic of Kawbar. David Matthews chose the name Kawbar from old Hebrew because it meant joining together. They are commonly referred to as the Prokans. Jonathan Roberts was selected as the first Prokan President.<br><br>The Elite worked to great the Union of Great Aristocratic Nobility under the leadership of Blake Sevington. They recreated the workers from the lesser Elite members and tried to continue business as usual. The only exception is that they sought to regain control of the Earth. |
| **May 11, 2093** | E | Markus Sevington murders his parents and older brother. He claims his sister, Isabella, as his wife. He also declared himself King over the Nobles. |
| **July 20, 2093** | E | King Markus orders the military to attack the Prokans. They destroyed a small cruiser and merchant ship bound for Africa. This signaled the start of a war. |
| **December 5, 2093** | | Acting on King Markus' orders, over half of the Noble's fleet engaged in a sea battle in the southern Bering Sea. This would become known as the Battle of Aleutian Trench. The Prokans outnumbered two to one defeat the Nobles with minimal loses. |
| **January 21, 2093** | E | Half of the remaining Nobles fleet is destroyed by Hurricane Pamela as they entered the Caribbean in an attempt to attack the Prokans. The Prokans realizing the potential for a hurricane had wisely pulled out of the area. |
| **February, 2093** | E | The Nobles Supreme Commandants concerned about the fate of the Nobles with a lunatic in charge sought out the Prokans to make a deal with them. They provided information and pulled back military power to allow for a raid on the castle with the intent on assassinating King Markus. |
| **March 16, 2094** | | A precision strike was ordered by Roberts acting on information from the Nobles Generals who seemed sincere. The strike called for infiltrating the Nobles headquarters and assassinating their leader, Markus. The attempt to assassinate failed. The Prokans were able to retrieve Isabella Sevington from the dungeons. Her information proved invaluable in causing the Nobles to be more on the run. |
| **August 1, 2094** | E | Michael Barstein exerted all the power he had to remove King Markus from leadership. He replaced him with James Barstein, Michael's brother. He also renamed the leaders title to Chancellor. |
| **August 10, 2094** | | The Roberts treaty is signed. With their forces in retreat, the Nobles did not have much to stand on. James Barstien backed with great support removed Markus and called for peace. He signed the treaty ending hostilities with the Prokans.<br><br>The Atlantis Counsel is formed. It's mission is to prevent another war by providing a place where the sides could come and work out their differences. |
| **November 8, 2095** | | Jonathan Roberts wins re-election as Prokan President. |
| **January 5, 2097** | E | James Barstein dies from poison that weakened his immune system allowing a virus to invade and cause his death. It was never discovered gave James the poison.<br><br>Daniel Barstein was unable to ascend to the throne as he was only two years old. Michael Barstein stepped up to the plate to lead the Nobles. |

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| **August 10, 2097** | | First manned mission to Mars was completed by the Prokans. There is a discovery of some water on Mars, which indicates that it might be able to support a colony. |
| **April 20, 2099** | | Lunar One goes online. The first moon colony is operational. |
| **June 23, 2099** | E | Sol One, a geosynchronous space station went online. |
| **Early 2100** | | Roberts announces that he will not seek re-election to a second term. He is quoted as saying, "My job was finished and it was time for someone else to step up." |
| **November 1, 2100** | | Franklin Roosevelt, a descendant of the former President of the United States, becomes the second Prokan President. |
| **March 16, 2103** | E | Venus colony went online. |
| **March 30, 2103** | E | Super Steel is discovered on Venus. |
| **December 15, 2103** | | Underground rivers discovered on Mars. This opens the door for terraforming and colonization. |
| **September 10, 2104** | | Mars One goes online. The first Mars colony is operational. The colonist had trained for two years together to develop trust and dependability between one another. |
| **September 29, 2104** | | Gregory Perins discovers an Altarian listening device on Mars. |
| **December 30, 2104** | | Message of peace sent to the Altarians. Using the information that Perins was able to decipher about the device, the Prokans send an invitational message of peace to the Altarians. |
| | | This message was received by a young ensign named Zeedan. He flagged the message for immediate response. For his alertness, he was allowed to accompany the contact team that was sent. |
| **January 10, 2105** | | The Prokans make first contact with the Altarians. Each greeted the other with peace and open arms. The Altarians inform the Prokans of their previous trip to Earth. |
| | | This began a period of great sharing between the two races. |
| **January 15, 2105** | E | Michael activates the agents planted within the Alliance for information gathering. |
| **September 11, 2105** | | Markus (presumed to be Markus Sevington) worked with the Terrans to sabotage Mars One and Lunar One. Markus claimed to be a representative of the Nobles. The Nobles denied the claim. Emergency doors closed reducing the number of casualties to 37,684 Prokans. |
| **September 21, 2105** | | Markus was executed for his crimes against the Prokans. |
| **November 7, 2105** | | Roosevelt won re-election as President. This was not a surprise as no one ran against him. |
| **February 9, 2109** | | The Andalor was christened. The Andalor was the first joint spacecraft what included the new Wellington StarDrive technology. It was charged with exploration. |
| **October 14, 2110** | E | Nobles create a base within the Van Allen Asteroid Belt. |
| **November 7, 2110** | | Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term as President of the Prokans. |
| **May 11, 2111** | | The DaCo-COM created by Hector José Cortez and Daaran is made publicly available. |
| **July 21, 2112** | | The Great Prokan Alliance treaty is signed. The Altarians had required a five year (eight standard Earth years) waiting period before signing treaties. |
| | | The Prokan Alliance was the formal joining of the Prokan half of Earth and Altaria. I called for the creation of the Chancellor position and outlined the governing body that would preside over both races. |
| **July 30, 2112** | | Franklin Roosevelt is named as the Prokan Alliance's first Chancellor with Rooshandaar as his Vice-Chancellor. |
| **Early 2115** | | Chancellor Roosevelt announced he would not seek re-election. This left the election wide open as many believed he would run again. Among the notables were, Frondson from Earth, Traxion from Altaria, Y'kiv from Malestia, and Tapri from Loatasia. |
| **March 7, 2115** | | The Brotherhood requests a colony for the training of priests. The Alliance counsel unanimously approved the request and the planet Loatasia was chosen because it was the only suitable planet present discovered. |
| **November 2, 2115** | | Gilder Tapri wins election to become the second Prokan Alliance Chancellor. |
| **January 1, 2118** | | Chancellor Tapri officially changed the name of the Prokan Alliance to simply the Alliance. |
| **October 28, 2118** | E | George Kren is appointed to a position of power within the Alliance. He is an agent for the Nobles and Michael orders him to find a way to execute the Chancellor. |
| **February 9, 2119** | | Gildar Tapri's cruiser was destroyed while en-route to Loatasia. Redwoun Harmu claimed responsibility as continuing vengeance unleashed by the Nobles. The Nobles denied any involvement. |
| | | John Harpana ascended to the position of Chancellor as he was Tapri's Vice-Chancellor. |
| **February 11, 2119** | E | The Kren family is elevated to lordship status as payment for George's job well done. |
| **January 17, 2120** | E | Michael speaks via satellite video phone with a man named John Tharin. Tharin is upset with the Alliance and offers to help the Nobles. Michael orders all agents to send money and work with Tharin to help him cause problems for the Alliance. |
| **2120** | | John Tharin emerged from out of nowhere to call for a change in government. He campaigned that Traxion was corrupt and was working with the Nobles. He would call for riots and a taking back of the government by the people. |
| **November 1, 2120** | E | Michael claims Elizabeth Dokamyer to become his wife. She was engaged to Robert Windeseyer, but Michael did not care. |
| **November 7, 2120** | | Ribtar Traxion becomes the Fourth seated Chancellor of the Alliance. There were many rumors suggesting |



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| | | that Traxion had worked with the Nobles to fix the election. These were not true, but it left a dark stain over the whole election. |
| **November 10, 2120** | E | The Dokamyers and the Windeseyers attempt to escape from the Nobles territory. All but Elizabeth are executed. |
| **November 11, 2120** | E | Michael marries Elizabeth Dokamyer. |
| **March 7, 2122** | E | A pregnant Elizabeth Dokamyer escapes the Nobles and vanishes in the Alliance. |
| **April 25, 2122** | E | The Nobles made contact and aligned themselves with the Phelans creating a new empire called the Nobles-Phelan Union. |
| **May 11, 2122** | E | The Nobles officially announce their alliance with the Phelans as the Nobles-Phelan Union. |
| **May 24, 21254** | E | Internal problems almost cause a civil war within the Nobles. It began with problems between Michael and Rrigallen, the leader of the Phelans. It ended rather quickly with Michael taking Rrigalla, Rrigallen's mate, hostage to get what he wanted. |
| **January 2, 2125** | | John Tharin announces that his son Robert Tharin would run for Chancellor. He called for all of his supporters to vote for his son. |
| **October 3, 2125** | | Robert Tharin is assassinated while giving a speech on Altaria. Hepo Grownda, a former aide of Traxion, was found guilty of the crime. Tharin claimed that Traxion had his son murdered because he knew he would lose the election to him. On that note, John Tharin continued to run in his sons honor. |
| **November 3, 2125** | | Traxion won re-election by a narrow margin. Again, Tharin claimed it was fixed. |
| **July 11, 2126** | | An explosion near a podium where John was supposed to be giving a speech killed one hundred and sixty-seven people. |
| **September 11, 2127** | | Tharin's country home in Montana was bombed. Tharin was not home at the time. The investigation discovered that Harry Treedar was guilty of the crime. Under interrogation, Treedar provided proof that Tharin was behind the bombing of his home and the death of Tharin's son. He further stated that Tharin was working with the Nobles. The Nobles denied any involvement. |
| **September 15, 2127** | | Tharin escaped presumably with the help of his supporters and disappeared. It was presumed that he went into exile in the Nobles territory. |
| **January 1, 2129** | E | Rrigallen, a Phelan, seized power of the Nobles by assassinating the entire ruling family. He immediately declared war on the Alliance. |
| **February 4, 2129** | | The first shots were fired destroying an Alliance patrol cruiser. Traxion declared war on the Nobles-Phelan Union. |
| **November 1, 2130** | | Traxion was elected to third term as Chancellor. The election was more for show then anything else as no one ran against him while at war. |
| **July 21, 2131** | E | John Tharin seizes power of the Nobles and reforms their government calling it the Great Star Empire. He also declares himself as Emperor. One of his first acts is to call for a treaty between the Empire and the Alliance. |
| **August 12, 2131** | | With reservations about their honestly seeking a peace between the two powers, Traxion signed the Neutral Alliance Guarantor Treaty with Tharin. |
| | | The Atlantis Counsel was official reformed. A manufactured island called "Atlantis" was built in the middle of the Atlantic ocean. The Atlantis Counsel would met there. |
| | | The Neutral zone around the Earth and it's solar system was created. Each side declared that it was seek out an assigned area of the galaxy for exploring. |
| **February 9, 2135** | E | Tharin officially recognizes the six Overlords and his wife's family as the seven houses of power within the Empire. He claimed these were the pillars that the Empire stood on an were great examples for others to follow. |
| **November 7, 2135** | | Basillar Zesari is elected at the fifth Chancellor of the Alliance. Traxion was urged to run again, but declined. |
| **April 25, 2139** | E | Skywalkers successfully hack the main computers within the castle stealing all the secrets they could find. Nothing too crippling, but enough to make Tharin furious. |
| **April 28, 2139** | E | Tharin creates the Crimsoneers. The Crimsoneers are an elite force that acts out the wishes of the Emperor. Their first order was to eliminate the Skywalkers and protect the Emperor. |
| **January 27, 2140** | | Harda and Optaria colonies go online. |
| **2145** | E | The Crimsoneers have hunted, tried, convicted and executed one hundred and thirty six Skywalkers. |
| **Novemeber 4, 2145** | | Zesari wins re-election as Chancellor. |
| **January 1, 2145** | | Zesari announced that he would not seek another term. This was not a surprise as he claimed and maintained that he would only serve two terms. |
| **November 1, 2145** | | Gabriel Powers, nephew of Alexander Powers, became the sixth Chancellor of the Alliance. |
| **June 11, 2147** | E | A radical arm of the Skywalkers attempts to blow up the Emperor while on retreat. However a mishap during the installation of the explosives caused the death of twelve Skywalkers long before the Emperor was due to arrive. |
| **February 9, 2148** | | A mysterious alien attack on an outlying colony. Nothing was left. |
| **2149** | | The mysterious attacks increased. The Empire was contacted and claimed to be under similar attacks. |
| **2150** | | The attacks were coming at a rate of about one a month. |
| **April 25, 2150** | | Today's date. |




# 2.2 Important People

## 2.2.1 Alliance

### 2.2.1.1 Hector José Cortez

Hector is a communications engineer who petitioned the Prokans to work with the Altarians to develop a better communications system. Together with Daaran, they developed the DaCo-COM. The DaCo-COMM was a brilliant device that allowed for almost instant communication between Altaria and Earth. The two of them went on to develop the Mini-COM which was a handheld version of the DaCo-COMM with a shorter range, but suitable for planetary to starship needs.

Hector and Daaran both received the Prokans Science Medal for developing this communications system.

### 2.2.1.2 Daaran

Daaran is an Altarian engineer who helped to co-develop the DaCo-COMM communications system. He worked with Hector José Cortez.

Hector and Daaran both received the Prokans Science Medal for developing this communications system.

More information under Hector Cortez.

### 2.2.1.3 John Harpana

John Harpana ran with Gildar Tapri for the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor position. John was Gildar's Vice-Chancellor. He was a strong man of faith and solid character. While in office, he did a lot to boost the overall moral of the military as he was constantly traveling from post to post personally meeting and shaking the hands of each and every person. Many greatly respected him.

In 2119, he was forced to become third Chancellor when Gildar's cruiser was destroyed. This was how he wanted to become Chancellor and urged the Alliance Counsel to hold a special election. Reluctantly he ascended to the position.

John did not seek a re-election as many did not like that he succeeded Gildar. John knew that even though he had nothing to do with it and was an honest man, this would cost him the election. Therefore, he retired back to Loatasia.

### 2.2.1.4 David Matthews

David is a deeply religious man following the teachings of Jesus Christ. He was quoted once as saying, "The only reason I am alive is because of my faith in God." As he gained support, he also saw many converts to his beliefs.

Brought up listening to the stories of the elders about a time when power was shared between the people and the Elite. While playing, he discovered an underground library on the location where an old University was. He read everything he could about Democracy. As he got older, he got madder at the way the world was setup. He began to speak out. By 2089, he was gathering massive support.

On March 7, 2090, David would be kidnapped by the Elite. He was lured to the capture point by a promise of speaking about peace. He would be later released, but he spent a little over a year held in a secret prison. Many of the guards were workers and helped to make his stay as pleasant as possible including informing him of daily events and getting word back to his family that he was alive.

On April 25, 2091, he was released and helped the workers form a democratic government under the name of The People's Republic of Kawbar.

The rest of his life was lived out peacefully on a ranch in the old Montana state of the United States of America now part of the Prokans territory.

#### 2.2.1.5 Gregory Perins

Gregory discovers while on a survey mission an alien device that is later determined to be a automated listening post. As Gregory was an engineer, he deciphered whole the information was being sent back to its originator. He created a special open invitational message of peace to the aliens and sent it on December 30th, 2104. Shortly after this first contact was made with the Altarians.

#### 2.2.1.6 Alexander Powers

Alexander was a research engineer and a worker. When the White Plague hit, he began working on a cure. He did not do this for the workers or for the Elite. He worked on the cure for his family. Over the course of the year 2090, he saw his parents, brother and sister all die to the plague. He even witnessed many of his friends die on Black Christmas. One friend who had been with him since childhood, Geoff Blower died in Alexander's arms. Following that incident, Alexander got sick and had all the symptoms of the plague only he did not die. He realized that there was something in his genetic makeup that made him different.

He began work on the plague. He quickly discovered that he possessed a gene that most other humans did not. Working day and night, he synthesized the gene and created a serum. Unfortunately, he was too late. His wife and two daughters had already passed from the plague. Alexander turned over all his information and serum over to his assistants. He returned home, lay down in his bed next to his wife, and took his own life.

Although this was a tragic end to his life, he is seen as one of the heroes of the Workers revolution. This was because the serum gave them a bargaining chip to separate from the Elite.

#### 2.2.1.7 Gabriel Powers

Nephew of Alexander Powers, he became the sixth Chancellor of the Alliance.

#### 2.2.1.8 Jonathan Roberts

Jonathan has the distinction of being the first ever President of the Prokans. He led the Prokans into a new era of space exploration and military build up. He ordered the creation of colonies on the Moon and Mars.

It was his sad duty to have to see war during his Presidency. it is the burden of any leader when it is inevitable that you must send your people into a fight where some will not come out. However, Roberts quick thinking in retooling the old American fleet turn out to be the saving grace of the war that began on July 20th, 2093. With a military might behind him they were able to withstand and repel the attacks of the Nobles.

Changes within the leadership of the Nobles eventually gave way to a new treaty between the Prokans and the Nobles. Known as the Roberts treaty it called for peace and the creation of the Atlantis Council. The Counsel was modeled after the old United Nations. Jonathan once mentioned, "Of all the things I have done, the greatest was the creation of the Council."

Before his term was up, Jonathan would see Lunar One going online as well as peace with the Nobles. In 2100, he stepped aside and allowed another to lead.

The rest of Jonathan's life was not filled with happiness. He contracted a form of cancer and died on January 5th, 2104. His death was mourned by all.

#### 2.2.1.9 Franklin Roosevelt

The Second President of the Prokans and first Chancellor of the Prokan Alliance. He was instrumental in making first contact with the Altarians as well as supporting colonization and exploration. During his reign, some of the greatest scientific advancements were made due to his belief in funding research projects. He also personally oversaw the first contact and subsequent meetings with the Altarians to ensure a peaceful union between the two.

As first Chancellor, he furthered the openness between the races. He approved the setting up of Loatasia, which is a colony for the training of priests. Roosevelt was also instrumental in aiding the process of other planets and races seeking to join the Alliance that was started. Many races openly stated that his abilities with the spoken word were the reason they felt comfortable with joining.

#### 2.2.1.10 Rooshandaar

Rooshandaar is the leader of the Altarians at the time of first contact with the Prokans. As time progressed, he would see the two races become closer and closer. On Altaria, she is seen as one of the greatest leaders they have ever had. Rooshandaar accepted the position of Vice-Chancellor when the Great Prokan Alliance was formed. She remained in office as long as Franklin Roosevelt remained Chancellor.

#### 2.2.1.11 Isabella Sevington

Isabella is the daughter of Blake Sevington and sister to Markus Sevington. When Markus assassinated her parents and other brother and tried to force her to be his wife, she was thrown into the dungeons of Neuschwanstien. She would eventually be rescued by the Prokans. In return for being saved, she provided the Prokans with information about the Nobles. This information was to be used to stop the war, but not kill her brother. She knew he was crazy, but he was still her brother. Her information proved to be critical in holding out and eventually winning the war.

#### 2.2.1.12 Gildar Tapri

Gildar was the second Chancellor of the Prokan Alliance and credited with being the one who renamed the Prokan Alliance to simply Alliance. Although this was semantics, it made many alien races that did not understand the history of the Prokans much happier.

On February 9, 2119, Gildar's cruiser en-route from Altaria to Loatasia was assaulted and destroyed. The Nobles were suspected to be involved.

#### 2.2.1.13 John Tharin

(See John Tharin under the Empire)

#### 2.2.1.14 Ribtar Traxion

Ribtar was the fourth Chancellor of the Alliance. His character weathered many storms of supposed corruption and bribery. If it not for his unwavering faith in God and strong moral character, he would not have survived as Chancellor. Over time, Traxion has come to be seen as one of the greatest leaders the Prokans or the Alliance has seen.

Traxion had to face many challenges that were caused by John Tharin. Tharin sought the power of leadership for himself. To that end, he did many things including murdering his own son in an attempt to pin the blame on Traxion. At one point, things were looking dim. However, in the end Traxion's character would prove strong enough to beat the allegations.

During his administration, war broke out with the Nobles who had aligned themselves with a race called the Phelan. Traxion had anticipated potential problems and was wise enough to order the construction of a fleet to be ready if and when problems occurred. He wisely chose a friend of his named Zeedan to become a Fleet Admiral during this conflict. This single action saved the Alliance because Zeedan was a tactical genius. He knew how to get the most effective power out of there fleet.

In his last term, he signed the Neutral Alliance Guarantor Treaty with Tharin who had by this time become the leader of the Empire.

#### 2.2.1.15 Peter Wellington

Peter worked for the space program of the Prokans. He was interested mostly in interstellar travel. He had been working on a Stardrive system when first contact with the Altarians was made. He requested the Altarian Stardrive information. They were willing to share. Peter looked at the designs and was able to understand all of the basic principles. However, he investigated some of their complex algorithms and core drive system. He discovered that what he didn't understand was actually design flaws. Replacing these flaws with his concepts created the Wellington Stardrive which was some 13 time faster then it's Altarian counterpart.

Peter was awarded the Prokan Science Medal for the Stardrive and it was declared the single greatest invention of mankind. A statement probably larger then it needed to be, but made anyway.

Peter did not like all the attention that the Stardrive afforded him. He eventually settled down with his family on Altaria as part of a culture exchange program. The Altarians understood and respected his desire for privacy as well as provided him with a lab to continually tweak the Stardrive.

#### 2.2.1.16 Zeedan

Zeedan is the greatest tactical and strategic mind the galaxy has ever seen.

#### 2.2.1.17 Zeedan Zarlana

Daughter of the great Admiral Zeedan, Zarlana has made quite a name for herself.

#### 2.2.1.18 Basillar Zesari

The fifth seated Chancellor of the Alliance. He worked hard on expanding and exploring the depths of space. Under his leadership many new colonies went online. He only remained in office for two terms.

### 2.2.2 Great Star Empire

#### 2.2.2.1 Isabella Sevington

(See Isabella Sevington under the Alliance)

#### 2.2.2.2 John Tharin

John Tharin originally emerged in the Alliance. He had met with some of the agents of the Nobles and made an agreement with them for power. They agreed to help him cause trouble while providing him with anything he wanted. Tharin jumped at the chance, as

he was a lowly disgruntled University professor. The Nobles funneled a large amount of money to him and he become a very public and outspoken opponent of the Chancellor.

In an attempt to win the Chancellorship, John had his own son murdered. He then claimed that it was Traxion and run opposite him. He almost won the election. He would later have his own home bombed killing his wife and only remaining son again in an attempt to cause scandal within the Chancellorship of the Alliance. This backfired when the agent responsible for carrying out the actual act broke under interrogation.

John was arrested and taken into custody. With many supporters around the country who had believed he was a victim of the political forces he fought against, broke him out of prison and shuttled him across the country and out of the Alliance.

While running through space because the Nobles did not keep all of their words to him, he came across the Tyrathians. The Tyrathians are a race of lizard like people who sought to control the galaxy and extract revenge on the Altarians. John saw an opportunity and struck a deal with them. If they provided him with the firepower to take over the Nobles, he would over the next so many years provide them with a way to get their revenge while taking down the Alliance at the same time.

John returned to Earth in force and assassinated the entire Phelan ruling family. He altered the entire governmental structure and set himself up as Emperor. He also changed the name to the Great Star Empire.

While he was bouncing from ship to ship avoiding capture and possible execution from the Nobles because he was seen as a failure, he met a woman named Priscilla Ocarina. She was kind and gentle with him and he fell in love. He vowed to help her as soon as he could get back on his feet. Once he was Emperor, he called for her and her family to return to Earth. He asked her to marry him and she accepted. Her house was immediately elevated to the highest status within the empire.

John seeks to eventually double-cross the Tyrathians and take over the entire galaxy for himself to rule over.