

*To all the Venatores Illustres now and future,
I am writing this before we travel to our next hunt.*

When we spoke our Oath we pledged to share our knowledge, and keep it for the Venatores. In truth all who have gone before us, right back from the days when the Order was first formed, if as lore would have it is true, by Dawnish and Urizeni teachers, seeking for things for students to do after their years in Academy were finished, should also have been storing their knowledge in a log.

If there was ever one true record, it has not survived.

Yet I have made it my role to gather what I can from the past. Most of the papers I have found, are damaged, too damaged to survive, and so I have copied them into these pages. A few records were salvagable and I have pasted them in where I could.

*There are items too, just a small number, perhaps
another the Venatores will pledge to keep those safe
over the years.*

*I do my best in this, for the Glory of the Venatores
Illustres*

Florine Emilia duLac

To my surprise, the records from the first period were salvageable, dates beginning in 30YE. As well as this short list, a fairly static membership over 20 years given both the risks of our profession, and the believed thinking that this might be an Order for ex students to join, suggests that perhaps the group found great strength in working together, and operating much less as a teaching programme than originally planned.

Attached to this list was a different type of parchment that almost crumbled as I touched it. If I deciphered it right, it was dated in 52YE and said something about formal disbanding and members committing to fight for the Empress.

It seems that after the first disbanding, those who tried to restart the order were rather more reckless, the lists from this period – which ran, as far as I can tell, from 83YE – 109YE included more than 30 different members. Names that I was able to make out – the documents being heavily damaged by blood and dirt include:

Philostran of Ephemeris Spire;

Xenophon of Phoenix Citadel

Diana of Echo's Fields

Bohemond du Soleil

Jaques du Soleil

Alberica du Soleil

Antoine de Rondell

Celine de Lyongate

Heliabel de Coyne

Lady Geneveive Emilia du Lac – her name actually comes from another list, which details known bestiaries compiled by the Venatores Illustres.

Nicassia of Echo's Spire

Alesson of Solemn Fields

Matthieu de Pie – I believe that is the name, it also on a handful of pictures from what I assume is another bestiary, later I think than Lady Genevieve's

The next period of activity appears to have been very short-lived, I found a letter undated, but from Rodric du Soleil to Jocelyn de Lyongate, documenting a decision to abandon the hope of starting up the Order, because of a need to support Empress Varkula in taking Holberg.

Then from 180YE I have another record that is in a good enough state to add to these pages itself. This appears to have been a successful period with only one death and two images well preserved and also added here.

And now we come to our own time. We have not had many deaths, but we have had some of our number lose interest, and join other causes. We have roamed, and fought creatures, our bestiary kept by each individual member. We never kept a Signing record when we swore our Oath, but I number us now.

We began in Solemn Fields in YE219

Laurel of Solemn Fields

Corvida of Phoenix Spire

Ligea of Ephemeris

Roger du Soleill

Liliane of House Devereux

Florine Emilia duLac

Aureline Novarion

Ligea was lost fighting trogoni, such a foolish loss. And Liliane died bravely trying to claim a Drake's Egg, having already slain one Drake, but not having had sufficient vigilance to see a second approach.

They were replaced by

Ser Isobel of Astolat

Emmeline du Soleill

If when our journey in this order ends another takes on the task of keeping the logs together I will be well pleased.

Florine Emilia duLac