
The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2008/10/20 20:44

Once more, the Round Table is in need of support of you, the Knights and Ladies gathered here. Over the last three years, donations have kept this site running, constantly upgraded to meet the growing load, and - most importantly - ad-free.

Now another year begins, and the current donations (for which we gladly thank all the supporters!) are not sufficient to cover all the costs.

The server is currently handling the load of ~ 12000 unique visitors / 360000 pages / 10GB per month (more or less), at a cost of about 190 Euro a year.

Any contributions are greatly appreciated! You can donate using the "Donate" button to the left ("Support Us") via PayPal using most Debit / Credit cards or bank accounts. For other means of donating, just contact me directly (e.g. European bank transfer).

Edit: 190â¬ a year, not a month fortunately (thnx for pointing it out, Uther)

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by panMarek - 2008/10/21 09:43

Here are my few cents ...

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Sir Siegfried VII - 2008/10/21 17:32

I must say that although I'm new to the forum I really like it and think it is one of the best of its kind...

So, I gave my donation too:) ...

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Sir de Hotamart - 2008/10/22 22:47

Some small contribution from poor student:)

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Rafael de Bois et Guilbert - 2008/10/22 23:09

I added my humble contribution.

Perhaps sir Guillaume le Courageux could keep us informed how the fundraising is progressing?

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Jean Marcel l ImpÃ©teux - 2008/10/23 00:25

But then you all stop when he hit the magic number ;) lol! We don't want that... Guillaume supposedly needs another new bike.

:P

-Jean-

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2008/10/23 20:40

Perhaps sir Guillaume le Courageux could keep us informed how the fundraising is progressing?
Hmm yes, why not. For transparency, I'm protocolling all donations in the internal board for the Staff anyways...
Currently, more than 90% of the annual cost of the server is covered, thanks to you all! Now I hope that the flow does not just stop - I'd rather constantly have some small donations than having to come back to ask every year :blush:

Guillaume supposedly needs another new bike.

:whack:

Rest assured, my bike is fine and I need only one :P

Anyways, all donations are 100% for this community (except the "tax" that PayPal deducts). If there should be more than needed, it will be kept for the next server upgrade, or used for a prize for a future contest.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Sir Gibson - 2008/11/07 13:33

I have donated some coffers from my dwindling purse!

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Viscompte AdamG - 2008/11/25 15:00

Once more my tax collectors visit the peasants, who happily contribute to the cause.
<http://imagecache2.allposters.com/images/pic/CHRP0D/OMP08128903401~Suppliant-Peasants-In-The-Office-Of-Two-Tax-Collectors-Posters.jpg>

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Sir Gibson - 2009/01/04 22:01

Not a single thank you, either. ;)

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Luke de Brionne - 2009/01/09 19:34

Well, I truly believe that this is a Crusade that is worth to be in!! So, count with me!!

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2009/06/28 12:27

Sir Gibson wrote:

Not a single thank you, either. ;)

Sorry, I often forget that part :P

Rest assured that every cent is well-received, and I bet any member here is thankful for it, as it ensures the smooth running of this site. And even if I might not acknowledge every donation right here immediately - all donations are recorded internally, also for the other Staff members to check. And anyone contributing should appear shortly afterwards on the List of Supporters.

An update on the current balance: There are still 3/4 missing for the next payment period in November.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by MisterE - 2009/09/04 01:37

So how does it work donating in US dollars?

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by sasjhwa - 2009/09/04 09:34

If you donate money with Paypal you can use whatever your national currency is and it will do the converting for you so it ends up in the account holder's currency. Easy as pie.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2009/09/06 20:12

Yes, just donate in any currency you want. I receive the money in Euro, that's why Paypal converts it for you.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Rafael de Bois et Guilbert - 2009/09/13 21:43

So what is the sum still missing from next payment?

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2009/09/13 23:00

Thanks to a whopping recent contribution by Sir Guy the Bontemps, we're now only short of a little more than 60 Euro!

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Graf Gaspard de Valois - 2009/10/22 08:28

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The rest comes from my own purse!:(;)

Graf Gaspard

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2009/10/23 20:02

Thanks a lot, well appreciated! And great seeing you still around.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by MkV - 2009/11/15 01:17

A small tithe.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by LORD ROTH - 2009/12/02 15:10

a small token of my appreciation for all your efforts!

only been here 25 days and this site has blown me away.

keep fighting the good fight

lord roth

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Lord Dryden - 2009/12/14 07:41

I would happily contribute if I where I true knight with lots of money like people.

Unfortunately I still live at my parents castle and I hardly get any money and what I do get i need to use on upholding Breonnia's honour by employeeding more troops as my friends at our school club (which is the best in the country according to the school league) say they will spit on us!!!

But I wish you all the best and when I collect the tax's I will give some of it to you (which I hope will be soon!) I swear by my life I will give at least the sum of Â£50.

Long live Bretonnia!

Short live the orcs and tomb kings... oh and empire. Levi is also annoying.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Volkos Lark - 2009/12/18 13:56

Even though the paths of my quest lead me far from these Hallowed halls I do not forget my duty as a knight. So here is a share of what I found in my travels.

Long live Bretonnia!

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Jerubaal - 2009/12/18 15:05

Now that my Knights have ridden forth through fields of glory, they gladly donate the hoarde of 'shiny stuff' taken from the fallen Greenskins. Maybe webhosts will be entranced by its sparkle in the same way as the Greenskins, even though we know it is worthless compared with the presence of the Lady.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2009/12/21 18:35

Thanks a lot for your contributions! Well appreciated.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by yildirim - 2009/12/22 16:21

Happy to help. Hope paypal does not skin too much.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Rafael de Bois et Guilbert - 2010/03/13 06:37

Just a suggestion - but perhaps there should be a medal to honour the supporters? I think some additional knights could offer some coin from their treasuries to be able to show that honour below their name.

Is this idea to banal?

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2010/03/15 11:44

I also had this idea one or two years ago, and when we last discussed it the general opinion was against it because it looked like "buying medals". Are there new opinions?

As a compromise, I put up the Supporters List back then.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Rafael de Bois et Guilbert - 2010/03/15 15:16

Why should we disapprove of such small vanity if it helps to collect donations for a worthy cause?

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by LORD ROTH - 2010/03/15 20:29

Guillaume le Courageux wrote:

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Pretty sure i forked over some groats for the cause.B)
May need to update the list for Yildirim and i.:P

As for a medal for donations,although it does seem a bit mercenary,it may be just the thing to increase donations and awareness for this sites financial needs.
I think new members in particular and those without any awards may be very interested in an easily achievable medal,to help them establish some level footing with the more heavily "decorated" of our knights.The knights who have won such awards are most surely deserving of them all and i do not wish any to feel slighted for others achieving such with minimal effort,perhaps the medal should only be given once a member has donated a set amount?
I know many will say that these are good reasons not to have medals and awards at all,but they help mark an individuals accomplishments and the efforts they put into the hobby.It's all a bit of fun at the end of the day!
And i for one cannot wait for the next RTOB awards ceremony.

ps.I will donate some more cash once i recuperate from my mothers,Mothers Day spending yesterday.sheesh! ;)

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by LORD ROTH - 2010/03/27 16:11

As promised,here is a few more groats to swell the coffers.
You can always count on Lord Roth's continued support.:woohoo:

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2010/03/28 15:37

LORD ROTH wrote:
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Much appreciated :laugh:

Sorry I missed adding you as a supporter earlier, your first donation definitely arrived. All other donations which came in this year should now be properly acknowledged too. Thanks, everyone!

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Valeli - 2010/04/18 20:02

Just saw this (well, that's sort of a lie. I saw the donate/pay pal button earlier and ignored it). Just saw the thread though.
Gave a small donation, this site you've put up is nice to have around.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2010/07/23 19:22

A quick reminder that, while our next anniversary approaches in September, half of the hosting fees still remain to be filled with all your generous support!

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Artinam - 2010/07/23 19:35

I'll see what I can scrounge together, less beer for a poor student ;)

Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by LORD ROTH - 2010/07/23 20:17

No problem Guillaume,

The Lord Roth shall always answer the call.

My few groats have been sent,along with my best wishes for all of the members of this wonderful site!:cheer:

Warmest regards Lord Roth

Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Rafael de Bois et Guilbert - 2010/07/23 21:36

As always I have added my 10 copper crowns (although the peasants will eat mud this week) :)

Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2010/08/03 22:56

Wow, thanks lot! But don't squeeze your peasants too much and too often, or they might revolt. There are >3500 other Lords and Ladies here who could send around their tax collectors, it doesn't always have to be the same bunch. ;)

Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Rafael de Bois et Guilbert - 2010/08/15 09:49

No worries - I consider that to be my annual tithe to a noble cause :D

And the peasants will love to participate on the fear of death!

Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by LORD ROTH - 2010/08/15 12:32

Same goes for me Guillaume,
Besides Lord Roth is a Questing Knight,so he has no peasants to "shake down" for some cash.It all comes from his own coffers.;)

How is the total anyway? are we close to covering the hosting fees?

Lord Roth

Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2010/08/24 19:31

LORD ROTH wrote:

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In hoping that this motivates further donations: The current level is 135 EUR of 192 EUR.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Albin von Scorpio - 2010/08/25 09:56

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At the moment I'm low on cash, what's the deadline?

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Good to hear the coffers are filling up!

But I still say we should have a medal for generous patrons to generate more crowns :)

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Adiligian - 2010/08/25 17:43

Well I squeezed and Squeezed until my archers eyes popped out... I thought that might be the ideal time to stop.

@Rafael: I disagree for several reasons. yes it does seem like buying a medal and i feel a medal should be earned not bought(even though it is a good cause).

A medal also seems unfair seeing as though there is a hall of fame.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2010/08/29 21:37

Thanks a lot, Adiligian!

Albin von Scorpio wrote:

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The payment period for a year always starts at the beginning of December.

Regarding the medals, we had these discussions from time to time already, and the consensus has always been that it looks too much like buying a medal. I also think that it would probably spark too many "1\$ / 1 EUR alibi" donations, just to obtain a medal. The compromise was to create the "Supporters" list and a status in the user profiles, to honour all your donations.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2010/10/03 20:33

As a further incentive for a few more donations: Should we pass the yearly amount by a little more, I'll upgrade the server to newer and more powerful hardware (which by now costs just a little more). That will enable better and smoother operations even during peak times when more members are around.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by FlailingAxes - 2010/10/03 22:50

Hmm...

Well, having only just turned 17 I'd always assumed I probably shouldn't be dabbling with online payments. I do however have more money than I can spend at the moment! I have no idea how paypal works though. I presume you can use debit card and that it's not creditcard specific. I shall have a look at how everything works and make a donation at some point before December.

After all, it's a great site! I haven't even been playing Warhammer for 2 years now, and I still couldn't bring myself to leave, even if I wanted to.

EDIT: How much in Â£'s are we short of that upgrade?

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by hiv0r - 2010/10/03 22:53

I agree a more in depth breakdown of the finances would be appreciated =)

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2010/10/04 21:40

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Yes, afaik you can use it with most common bank accounts, it only requires a credit or (US) debit card if you don't sign up.

Paypal always deducts some "paypal tax" on any transaction (from the receiver), so if anyone is uncomfortable with using Paypal I'm more than happy to share my EU bank account data via PM. Money transfers in the EU are completely free for both sides.

I agree a more in depth breakdown of the finances would be appreciated =)

The current level is 174 EUR of the required yearly amount of 192 in the current configuration, so not bad considering that there are still almost 2 months to go. Should that be passed I'll consider the upgrade which costs 5â¬ more each month (yearly total: 252 EUR), plus some significant amount of time on my side to move everything to a new physical machine.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by stumps2310 - 2010/10/19 17:44

There's my few pieces for the war effort...i'm sure those levies are supposed to be with you soon...

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Jean Marcel I ImpÃ©tueux - 2010/10/19 19:16

Out of curiosity... why does it cost so much? :P What is it that's raising the costs? 192 Euros is \$272.50 CAD! That's... well a bloody lot for a forum o.O while 252 Euro is \$357.64! That's alot!

-Jean-

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by stumps2310 - 2010/10/19 19:25

I'm guessing it's because this is actually a...rather large...site, that takes up a lot of server space...comparatively...and it needs to be paid for :dry: .
my guess anyhow :cheer:
stumps

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by ManAtArm - 2010/10/20 17:24

Here are my nine tenths to the crown.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2010/10/31 21:42

Thanks all for the recent contributions!

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Well, running a site fast costs money ;)

Server space and bandwidth is one thing, but that's not the limit at the moment and is fairly cheap (the whole Round Table is 2.3GB, and this months traffic was 33GB). More importantly with such an interactive site is the response time, and that's something that needs to scale up as more and more users are visiting the site at the same time (I've seen 30 or more logged-in users plus a few guests at peak times). And for everyone browsing and using the site (commenting in the forum, looking at images in the gallery, reading articles, etc) the content has to be dynamically created by the server from data mainly stored in the database. For this CPU power and RAM is more important. We're currently on a virtual server with 20 or less sites running in parallel, whereas many cheap hosting providers host thousands of sites on one machine. Currently, we're guaranteed 512MB of RAM for the site. Renewing the account and moving to a new server will grant us 2GB, while an upgrade will grant us 3GB.

Professional sites easily spend our yearly amount each month or more, as you can't have your customers waiting or run away while your site is loading slowly.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by LORD ROTH - 2010/12/24 12:26

Here is a Gillesmas' donation for the coffers everyone.

I hope my few groats will help in some small way towards the continuous and excellent running of this wonderful site.

May the Lady grant you all a happy Gillesmas.

Lord Roth

Ps,could you let me know if my donation arrived.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2011/01/03 20:43

Yes, your donation made it through the forest unharmed and is well appreciated! Your peasant guards received an extra feast in honor of your contribution.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Larhendiel - 2011/01/03 22:06

I used first time the PayPal....

Their charges for international transfer are much smaller than I was expecting

I hope You will receive soon this little coins from my fief

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Rafael de Bois et Guilbert - 2011/10/09 08:38

The peasants have been oppressed, taxes collected and the annual 10 copper crowns sent to the Round Table. Used the help of peddlers from PayPal to send the coffer this time :)

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Sir Jackonan De Orage - 2011/10/09 18:27

Thou hath donated gold to this site, may the lady smile upon the round table

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2011/10/09 18:37

Aye, and well received. May the Lady's luck smile upon you!

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Rhiannon de Lyonesse - 2011/11/10 22:58

So this poor student found some spare change. (I wish I had more to spare.) More may come soon. :)

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Dianrandolf - 2011/11/19 15:30

i sent the sheriff to the ships docking in bretonnia to pay me taxes so we can keep nice food and wine in oure Great hall. and keeping the round table clean. or making the table bigger.

i send a small group of knight errant with a big chest full with shiny things, to youre treasurie halls so it will arrive safely.

i hope this will help a little bit :D

can you please keep me informed that the payment is arrived so that i can make some knight errant knight of the realm, because they wher pure enough to not keep the money for themselves.

good day.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2011/11/26 14:47

Anything helps, thanks a lot for all your contributions! All was well received.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by sangfroid - 2011/12/03 19:16

I am lowly squire, but what little I have I give to you.

Your humble servant,
Sangfroid

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Sir Lucian De Vie - 2011/12/06 22:05

Despite the fact my peasants have barely made enough this year for the lady wife's ermine underwear I felt obliged to contribute to this fantastic community.

Payment made.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Larhendiel - 2011/12/07 23:12

This website loads faster than Google.
I know that this money will be put into good use.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Rousel - 2011/12/07 23:48

Check ur Paypal. Donate some â¬\$ for our awesome page ;)

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2011/12/18 13:34

Thanks to you all!

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Rafael de Bois et Guilbert - 2012/10/07 16:36

Sent my annual donation, hope it helps a bit :)

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Graf Gaspard de Valois - 2012/10/16 20:05

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The rest comes from my own purse!;)

Graf Gaspard

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2012/10/16 20:38

Thank you all for your generous donations! Certainly great to see you still around, Graf Gaspard!

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2012/12/28 13:47

After the server rent for the next year, the Round Table's official coffer's are drained. If you got some extra gifts during the holidays and want to do something with it, consider supporting the Round Table with a donation (Paypal button on the left, bottom of the menu).

Since its beginning more than seven years ago, the Round Table of Bretonnia has always been ad-free and completely supported by user donations!

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Zirrian - 2012/12/28 18:54

My very humble leftover money sent to you - I hope I can give you more next week.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Old bold knight - 2012/12/28 20:47

The tithe is paid, m'lord.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Larhendiel - 2012/12/28 21:48

how much more do you need Guillaume?

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2012/12/29 22:53

Thank you all for your prompt reactions! The Round Table's treasurers feel much more relieved now for the new year.

Larhendiel wrote:

how much more do you need Guillaume?

That's hard to say... The current "grand total" is 24,65 EUR, with the server rent paid for the next year. Just to give you an idea, our yearly costs currently are about 160 EUR.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Larhendiel - 2012/12/30 09:32

This hall helped me to achieve many things with painting and playing Bretonnians, without it I would never see the light of the Grail and would still wander in darkness, most likely to fall a prey to some nasty vampire. It helped me and I feel obliged to help it back.

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Guillaume le Courageux - 2013/06/15 14:37

Thanks for all the donations that kept the site running and ad-free for over 7 years! You may have noticed that the site could have been slow or unresponsive from time to time. This is because our current server configuration has reached its limit with increasing requests and users browsing the site, and I need to upgrade to a more powerful machine. This will increase the yearly rent of the server to 264 EUR per year, of which our current funds only cover 15%... please consider a donation!

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Lemminkäinen - 2013/06/15 18:59

I threw in a small amount. Man, now I feel like a peasant...! :laugh:

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Graillknight - 2013/11/01 15:12

Donated

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Westfalia - 2015/09/06 19:04

Et voila - dix centimes via Paypal. :cheer:

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Re:The Round Table needs YOU!

Posted by Uther Di Asturien - 2015/09/07 15:11

Thank you from the staff, Sir Westfalia! Look for your name in the contributor's list soon enough ;)

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