

## From the Desk of the Chancellor

Dear Students and Staff,

My sincere apologies for once again having to be absent from Anvil for the summit. A number of weighty matters have detained me in Canterspire and in good conscience I must remain here to see them resolved.

Not least among these is the unfortunate condition of our most distinguished Lecturer in Physical Education, Mr Scrib. The storms of the last summit took a heavy toll on us all, and as those of you Courageous enough to persevere until the Monday morning will be aware, sundered the Academy and robbed us of our Graduation. Scrib, I fear, suffered a worse storm; one that afflicts his very judgement and capacity to reason. The voices of his Ancestors ring loud in his mind, so much so that he can barely stir from feverish ramblings. Those of you who know Scrib well would scarce recognise him. It makes my heart very heavy indeed.

He is currently in the care of the Academy's finest Physicks, however, and they have made good progress in soothing his discomforts. The Master of Physick tells me he is supremely confident that, given time, he will be able to restore Scrib fully to himself. I have informed him that should he be unequal to this task, he will be held to account by none other than the Academy Cadets!

In Scrib's place, I have dispatched my colleague Professor Faust, an eminent member of Faculty, though a stranger to Anvil. I believe he will be an entirely suitable interim proxy for Scrib, and I have every confidence that the staff, parents and student body will make him welcome at our leading campus. Please treat him with the respect, courtesy and Loyalty you show to all your colleagues, and show him why in all the Empire we are renowned as the very finest of educational institutions.

As usual Mr Everwatch will assume my principal duties for this term, and the Bursar has been thoroughly briefed to handle all other matters which I might otherwise be required for.

Be Virtuous. Aspire to greatness. Have Pride in your endeavours.

I look forward to being among you all again.

With great affection,

Chancellor Eldenheart