FACTION JOURNAL CARDS

This document includes seven Faction Journal Cards for Season 9 of the Pathfinder Society Roleplaying Guild organized play campaign. These are a special way to track your character's contributions to her faction. Each card is a half-page, double-sided handout so that you can keep it handy during play as a reminder of your faction's goals.

HOW TO USE

Your character can use the Faction Journal Card for her faction. Each card includes a summary of the faction's interests, three special boons on the front of the card, and multiple goals tied to earning the boons on the back of the card. Once per adventure that grants a Chronicle sheet and at least 1 XP—whether it is a Pathfinder Society scenario, a section of a Pathfinder Module, a Pathfinder Adventure Path volume, or other sanctioned content for the Pathfinder Society Roleplaying Guild—you can earn credit toward one of the goals on the back of the card and check one of the boxes that precedes that goal; even if you fulfill multiple objectives, you can check only one box per adventure unless otherwise stated. If a goal requires you to fulfill a second goal in a particular way, you receive credit for doing so even if you have already checked all of the secondary goal's boxes. A few goals this season are tied to playing Pathfinder Adventure Card Guild scenarios. For these goals, check a box on one of your Faction Journal cards each time you complete an Adventure Card Guild scenario.

Once you have checked all of a goal's boxes, you complete that goal. When you complete two, four, or seven goals, you also earn the corresponding boon on the front of the card. You can fulfill goals and use the earned boons only if you are a member of the faction; changing factions causes you to lose any benefits of your previous faction's card. Most of the boons provide a constant bonus or a benefit usable once per adventure, though particularly powerful boons may have limited uses.

Some faction goals require a successful check using a skill commonly associated with that faction; however, every faction agent has a different skill set, and not all agents can accomplish those tasks unaided. In place of attempting a goal's skill check, you can instead spend 1 Prestige Point to succeed through other channels (2 Prestige Points if the DC is higher than 15 + your character level).

For GMs: By design, the Faction Journal Cards include a variety of goals, some that include very precise instructions and some that rely on interpretation. This gives the PCs many opportunities to fulfill these goals, rather than forcing them to play a specific adventure to complete their cards. Err on the side of leniency when ruling whether or not a PC fulfilled a faction objective; for example, defeating an undead creature does not necessarily mean striking the killing blow, and someone who actively contributes to the combat almost certainly qualifies. Any skill check DCs associated with a goal are independent of and do not completely replace any other DCs that appear in a scenario. Several goals require a PC to recruit an NPC to join her faction. NPCs who already belong to another faction (including most venture-captains) and creatures especially hostile to the PCs or the Society (like most evil outsiders and Aspis Consortium agents) are not viable recruits. Each card also includes a special goal tied to being a GM for Pathfinder Society games.

ADDITIONAL CARDS

The organized play campaign releases Faction Journal Cards to reflect each faction's evolving goals and its ties to the current season's objectives at the beginning of each season. A PC joining a faction can acquire only the most recent version of a faction's card; however, a PC who has checked at least one box on an earlier season's faction card may still continue to fulfill its goals and earn its rewards even into the new season. Goals completed on previous Faction Journal Cards do not contribute to those on the new card, except as noted below.

Each Faction Journal Card provides one or more new rewards as well as at least one reward that appeared during a previous season. If a PC would receive a reward that she already earned on a previous card, she instead treats her effective number of goals completed on all cards as though it were one higher. These bonuses stack—if she earned a duplicate reward on two season's cards, she treats her effective number of goals completed as two higher. For example, Zarta Dralneen has completed five of the goals on the Season 8 Dark Archive card, and she begins working on the Season 9 card. When she fulfills two goals on the new card, she earns the Enduring Scholar boon—the same boon she earned on her previous card. Instead of gaining two uses of Enduring Scholar, she gains benefits from the boon as though she had fulfilled six goals instead of five. She does not unlock any other rewards on the Season 9 card, but she increases the benefit of boons that scale based on the number of goals completed.



DARK ARCHIVE

Deep beneath the Grand Lodge in Absalom lie the fruits of countless expeditions, deemed too insignificant for immediate examination but too dangerous for inexperienced agents to handle. The Dark Archive formed with the Decemvirate's blessing to catalogue centuries of finds and recover powerful artifacts—a job far more exciting than it seems given the unpredictable and occult nature of the collection. This year, the Dark Archive faction seeks to avert a catastrophe brought about by unchecked magic and expand its authority and reach.

SEASON 9 REWARDS

ENDURING SCHOLAR (2+ goals): Your exposure to dangerous magic has conditioned you to resist spells. Once per adventure before rolling a saving throw against a spell, you can apply a bonus equal to 1 + half the number of goals you have completed.

MAGICAL TINKERER (4+ goals): You have a knack for analyzing and activating magic items. Use Magic Device is a class skill for you. Once per adventure, you can use a bonus equal to 5 + twice the number of goals you have completed to a Use Magic Device check. If your own skill bonus is higher, you instead gain a +2 bonus on that check.

MASTER LIBRARIAN (7+ goals): Before the start of an adventure, you can requisition up to three alchemical or magic items (except wands or scrolls with multiple spells) whose total gold piece value does not exceed 100 × your character level. You and your allies can use these items freely, but Zarta expects you to return any unused items at the end of the adventure.



GRAND LODGE

Members of the Pathfinder Society consider the Grand Lodge in Absalom a second home, regardless of their national origin. Many Pathfinders have spent years training within the Grand Lodge's walls, and those agents who reject distractions from outside political or religious factions are the pride of the Grand Lodge. Often, Pathfinders who acquire lost knowledge and forgotten treasures benefit directly from their discoveries, and consider the Decemvirate's orders to be advice on how to maximize their own success.

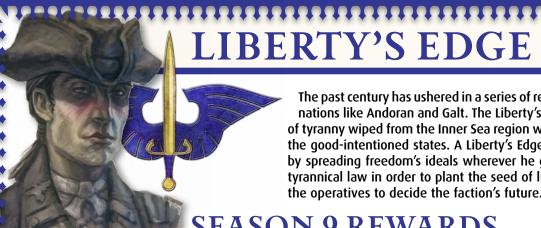
SEASON 9 REWARDS

<u>PREPARED AGENT</u> (2+ goals): You are more prepared for missions than most Pathfinders. When you attempt a Knowledge check as a part of an adventure's mission briefing, treat all Knowledge skills as trained. Once per adventure, you can add a bonus equal to half the number of goals you have completed to one Knowledge check or Diplomacy check to gather information.

<u>GUIDING COMPASS</u> (4+ goals): Your *wayfinder* guides you to safety in all circumstances. If you fail a saving throw against an effect that allows additional saving throws to mitigate the effect (for example, *dominate person* or *glitterdust*), you gain a bonus on subsequent saves against such effects equal to 1 for every three goals you have completed.

□□□ EXPEDITION COORDINATOR (7+ goals): You can forgo your Downtime to organize an expedition to a site you recently visited and discover things you missed before. Check one of the boxes to retroactively succeed at the scenario's secondary success condition that you would have failed. If you do so, all other PCs at the table also succeed at the secondary success condition.

Once per adventure when you accomplish one of the following goals, you can check a box that precedes it. Once all of a goal's boxes are checked, the goal is complete. You earn special rewards based on the number of goals you have completed.
Recover a named text (typically listed in italics or quotes) found during the course of an adventure.
Recruit a named NPC scholar, knowledgeable spellcaster, or similar figure to the Dark Archive. Recruitment requires a successful Diplomacy or Knowledge (arcana) check with a DC equal to 15 + your character level.
Participate in a magical or occult ritual during the course of an adventure.
Recover a named minor artifact or major artifact during the course of an adventure.
Identify a potion or other magi <mark>c item whose caster le</mark> vel equals or exceeds your character level.
Have a number of ranks equal to your character level (minimum 4) in one of the following skills: Bluff, Knowledge (arcana), Profession (archivist, librarian, or scribe), Spellcraft, or Use Magic Device.
Participate in an adventure that takes place in the Blakros Museum or that features a member of the Blakros family. Alternatively, participate in an adventure that takes place on a demiplane.
Serve as the GM for an adventure that grants 1 or more XP, and apply the Chronicle sheet to this character. Checking 3 boxes counts as one goal for earning faction rewards; checking all 5 counts as two goals.
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LIBERTY'S EDGE

The past century has ushered in a series of rebellions that founded revolutionary nations like Andoran and Galt. The Liberty's Edge faction hopes to see all forms of tyranny wiped from the Inner Sea region while cleansing corruption from even the good-intentioned states. A Liberty's Edge operative improves his reputation by spreading freedom's ideals wherever he goes, even by bending the rules of tyrannical law in order to plant the seed of liberty. As the stakes rise, it falls to the operatives to decide the faction's future.

EASON 9 REWARDS

ORATOR (2+ goals): You are skilled at inspiring people, particularly when you oppose tyranny. Once per adventure before rolling a skill check to convince an NPC to cooperate with you, you can add a bonus to your check equal to 1+ half the number of goals you have completed (rounded down). Double this bonus if the check involves convincing the NPC to participate in an uprising.

BOND BREAKER (4+ goals): Once per adventure, you can perform one of two liberating acts. You can cast shatter as a spell-like ability, with a DC equal to 12 + half the number of goals you have completed (rounded down). Alternatively, you can deal 1d10 additional points of damage on your next attack against a creature or object with hardness. If your weapon's critical multiplier is ×3 or ×4, you deal 2d10 or 3d10 additional points of damage, respectively.

LIBERATOR (7+ goals): When you or any of your allies reroll a check to escape a grapple, an Escape Artist check, a Will save against a compulsion effect, or a Reflex save to avoid being entangled, staggered, or paralyzed, that character can roll two dice and use the better result. Once per adventure, you can grant a free reroll to a PC who is attempting one of these checks.



SCARAB SAGES

Osirion is among the oldest nations, yet its greatness has waxed and waned over the ages. A pair of scholars has revived the Jeweled Sages, an organization dedicated to recapturing Osirion's lost glory and disseminating forgotten knowledge to bring about a new golden age in the Inner Sea. Rebuilding the order depends on recovering more of the original sage jewels and recruiting new sages. This year, the Scarab Sages must use their knowledge to defeat an ancient evil from within before it undermines everything they've worked for.

SEASON 9 REWARDS

LESSONS OF HISTORY (2+ goals): You are adept at avoiding the mistakes of the past. Once per adventure when you attempt and fail an attack roll, skill check, or saving throw and then attempt that same check again, you can add an insight bonus to this second roll equal to 2 + half the number of goals you have completed (rounded down).

SOUL WARDEN (4+ goals): You studied ancient secrets that help anchor your soul to your body. Treat your Constitution score as 4 points higher for the purposes of determining when hit point damage kills you.

SAGE JEWEL CANDIDATE (7+ goals): The benefits of soul warden extend to all allies within 30 feet. After spending Prestige Points in order to be restored to life, you gain a number of temporary Prestige Points equal to half the number expended. You can spend these temporary points only to retrain your character (Pathfinder RPG Ultimate Campaign 188) before the end of your next adventure, after which time unused points are lost.

Once per adventure when you accomplish one of the following goals, you can check a box that precedes it. Once all of a goal's boxes are checked, the goal is complete. You earn special rewards based on the number of goals you have completed.
Liberate one or more captives, hostages, or slaves during an adventure.
Defeat a known slaver whose Challenge Rating is at least equal to your character level. For the purposes of this goal, a slaver is a creature that owns at least five slaves, is maintaining a compulsion spell or effect to control a creature for at least 1 day, or is explicitly cited as trafficking slaves.
Convince an NPC who serves an oppressive or tyrannical leader to abandon that leader of their own free will by succeeding at a Diplomacy or Perform (oratory) check with a DC equal to 15 + your character level.
Adventure in Andoran or Galt.
Forgo your Downtime to nonviolently fight for the cause of liberty by spending time organizing protests, freeing slaves, or distributing revolutionary material. Doing so requires a successful Disable Device, Knowledge (local), or Stealth check with a DC equal to 15 + your character level.
Defy local law or tradition in a way that assists you and your allies without endangering the mission or threatening innocent lives.
Participate in the one of the Leaders in Liberty contests on paizo.com by submitting an entry or voting for an existing entry. When you do so, check this box on the Faction Journal Cards of all of your Liberty's Edge characters.
Serve as the GM for an adventure that gra <mark>nts 1</mark> or more XP, and apply the Chronicle sheet to this character. Checking 3 boxes counts as one goal for earning faction rewards; checking all 5 counts as two goals.
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SILVER CRUSADE

An influential group of Pathfinder clerics, paladins, and servants of good-aligned deities has banded together in a valiant effort to use the Society's influence and resources to do good throughout the Inner Sea region and beyond. A crusade in name only, the faction models itself after the staunchly virtuous silver dragons. Its members deliver aid, vanquish evil, and leave the indelible mark of good wherever they go, whether they are combating forces of national significance or bringing a redeeming light to an individual soul.

SEASON 9 REWARDS

<u>PURIFIER</u> (2+ goals): When attempting a caster level check to remove a curse, disease, or other condition, increase your effective caster level by half the number of goals you have completed (rounded down). You can also apply this benefit when others attempt caster level checks to remove such conditions from you.

MIRACLE WORKER (4+ goals): Once per adventure, you can use the lay on hands class feature as though you were a paladin whose level equals the number of goals you have completed.

<u>CELESTIAL BLESSING</u> (7+ goals): Once per adventure, you can call upon your deity as a free action to grant yourself and all allies within 30 feet to whom you have line of effect DR/evil equal to half the number of goals you have completed (rounded down) for 2 rounds.



SOVEREIGN COURT

Through deception, diplomacy, intrigue, and the occasional act of sabotage, the Sovereign Court aims to unite the nobles of the Inner Sea and eventually forge a new, glorious empire. Many monarchs would view the Sovereign Court as a rival, if not a criminal operation, so its agents have avoided publicizing the faction's existence and goals except when dealing with potential recruits. But now the time has come for the Sovereign Court to make its debut as an international power, and in so doing chart a new course for a country's future.

<u>SEASON 9 REWARDS</u>

PRACTICED DIPLOMAT (2+ goals): Circle one of the following skills: Bluff, Diplomacy, Disguise, or Knowledge (nobility). When you attempt a check using your chosen skill, you always receive a final result of at least 10 + the number of goals you have completed.

<u>WELL-CONNECTED</u> (4+ goals): Your network of contacts is vast. Once per adventure, before rolling a skill check that involves concealing evidence of your presence, gathering intelligence, influencing members of high society, or other tasks directly relevant to the Sovereign Court's goals, you can call upon the assistance of a contact to gain a +4 bonus on the check.

<u>SPYMASTER</u> (7+ goals): Once per adventure, you can coach up to seven other creatures in the use of a skill that you select when you use this ability. For the duration of the adventure, those creatures gain a bonus on checks using that skill equal to half the goals you have completed (rounded down) and halve their armor check penalty when using the skill.

Once per adventure when you accomplish one of the following goals, you can check a box that precedes it. Once all of a goal's boxes are checked, the goal is complete. You earn special rewards based on the number of goals you have completed.
Defeat an outsider that has the evil subtype or an undead creature whose CR is at least equal to your character level.
Defeat a divine spellcaster whose patron is an evil deity and whose CR is at least equal to your character level.
Accept the surrender of an enemy combatant (other than an evil outsider or undead creature), and ensure his fair treatment until he can safely be released, ransomed, or delivered to authorities for justice. Alternatively, allow such an enemy combatant with no means of escape to flee without further harm.
Forgo your Downtime and succeed at a Diplomacy, Knowledge (local), or Perform (oratory) check with a DC equal 15 + your character level to organize a charity event. Alternatively, donate resources worth 100 gp per character level to charity.
Rescue a named NPC who is a divine spellcaster with a good-aligned deity or a named outsider with the good subtype. Alternatively, collaborate with the NPC to overcome an obstacle directly related to the PCs' success conditions, such as defeating a foe; summoned outsiders do not contribute to this goal, but called ones do if not coerced into service.
Have a number of ranks equal to your character level (minimum 4) in Diplomacy, Heal, or Knowledge (religion).
In the course of an adventure, purify a corrupted object or location, or remove an evil force that is possessing or otherwise controlling a creature.
Serve as the GM for an adventure that grants 1 or more XP, and apply the Chronicle sheet to this character. Checking 3 boxes counts as one goal for earning faction rewards; checking all 5 counts as two goals.
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The Exchange's board of directors merges the independent wealth of Qadiran merchant-nobility and the resourceful cunning of Sczarni smugglers. There are countless ways to earn a fortune, and the Exchange rewards Pathfinders for any number of them. Exchange members often must choose between an aggressive approach and a more reputable one, and those choices help to shape the faction's practices. The Exchange now aims to undermine an unpopular Aspis Consortium enterprise in western Garund and forge profitable new alliances.

APSIS PROFITEER (2+ goals): You have learned to spin others' frustration against the Aspis Consortium into profit. When you participate in a scenario that features the Aspis Consortium, ask your GM to initial a box before this boon. Once per adventure, you can cross off an initialed box to obtain an item whose qp price is no more than 75 $qp \times the$ number of goals you have completed. These items have a resale value of 0 gp.

SHOWMANSHIP (4+ goals): Once per adventure, you can use your bonus for any Craft or Profession skill in place of your bonus for a Disable Device, Knowledge (engineering), or Use Magic Device check as if you were trained in that skill.

UNPARALLELED SUPPLIER (7+ goals): Your access to superior resources makes your team deadlier. You can re-roll a total number of your or your allies' weapon or spell damage dice per day equal to your number of goals completed; you must use the new result.



GRAND LODGE

Members of the Pathfinder Society consider the Grand Lodge in Absalom a second home, regardless of their national origin. Many Pathfinders have spent years training within the Grand Lodge's walls, and those agents who reject distractions from outside political or religious factions are the pride of the Grand Lodge. Often, Pathfinders who acquire lost knowledge and forgotten treasures benefit directly from their discoveries, and consider the Decemvirate's orders to be advice on how to maximize their own success.

SEASON 9 REWARDS

PREPARED AGENT (2+ goals): You are more prepared for missions than most Pathfinders. When you attempt a Knowledge check as a part of an adventure's mission briefing, treat all Knowledge skills as trained. Once per adventure, you can add a bonus equal to half the number of goals you have completed to one Knowledge check or Diplomacy check to gather information.

GUIDING COMPASS (4+ goals): Your wayfinder quides you to safety in all circumstances. If you fail a saving throw against an effect that allows additional saving throws to mitigate the effect (for example, dominate person or glitterdust), you gain a bonus on subsequent saves against such effects equal to 1 for every three goals you have completed.

 $\square\square\square$ EXPEDITION COORDINATOR (7+ goals): You can forgo your Downtime to organize an expedition to a site you recently visited and discover things you missed before. Check one of the boxes to retroactively succeed at the scenario's secondary success condition that you would have failed. If you do so, all other PCs at the table also succeed at the secondary success condition.

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	one of the following cities during the course of an adventure: Bloodcove, Eleder, Kibwe, Kalabuto, Nantambu, or hor. While in the city, purchase or sell an item worth at least 100 gp × your character level.
	uit a named NPC merchant, smuggler, trader, or similar figure to cooperate with the Exchange. Doing so requires a essful Diplomacy or Profession (merchant) check with a DC equal to 15 + your character level.
Res	lve a combat encounter nonviolently through bribery, diplomacy, trickery, or a similar tactic.
☐☐ Gair	access to a unique or variant item during the course of an adventure whose rules are printed on your Chronicle sheet.
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	ermine a rival entrepreneur or merchant so that you can claim his market share. Doing so requires a successful Bluff, and a profession (merchant) check with a DC equal to 15 + your character level.
	te a new trade route, either by mapping a legitimate path or opening doors to a smuggling enterprise. Doing so ires a successful Intimidate, Knowledge (geography), or Survival check with a DC equal to 15 + your character level.
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The Concordance of Elements is an ancient and diverse organization that

concerns itself with the balance between the primal forces of the elements. Until recently, the Concordance had focused its efforts on the elemental planes. It now seeks to gain insight into Golarion's most unstable regions and teach its agents to harness the power of natural forces to their advantage. This year, Concordance faction members seek to grow their numbers and investigate several troubling elemental surges.

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INURED TO THE ELEMENTS (2+ goals): Once per adventure before rolling a saving throw against an effect with the acid, air, cold, earth, fire, electricity, or water descriptor, you can gain a bonus on the save equal to 1 + half the number of goals you have completed.

ELEMENTAL RAY (4+ goals): Once per adventure, you can shoot a ray of elemental energy at a target within 30 feet as a spell-like ability. This is a touch attack that deals a number of points of acid, cold, electricity, or fire damage equal to $1d6 \times half$ your character level.

<u>ELEMENTAL AEGIS</u> (7+ goals): You begin each day with a shield that functions as *protection from energy*. Whenever you or an ally within 30 feet of you would take acid, cold, electricity, or fire damage, the shield absorbs the damage. The shield can absorb a number of points of damage equal to 3 × the number of goals you have completed, after which the shield dissipates.

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Once per adventure when you accomplish one of the following goals, you can check a box that precedes it. Once all of a goal's boxes are checked, the goal is complete. You earn special rewards based on the number of goals you have completed.
Adventure either on another plane or in the Mana Wastes, the Shackles, or the Worldwound.
Peacefully resolve an encounter with a creature with the air, earth, fire, or water subtype.
Help grow the Concordance by recruiting a named figure with either a significant connection to the natural world (such as a druid) or a significant connection to elemental forces (such as a creature with an elemental subtype). Recruitment requires a successful Diplomacy or Knowledge (local) check with a DC equal to 15 + your character level.
Forgo your Downtime to map ley lines attuned to the elements. Doing so requires a successful Craft (maps), Knowledge (geography), Knowledge (planes), or Profession (cartographer) check with a DC equal to 15 + your character level.
Restore balance to an area by closing a planar portal or removing a significant elemental disturbance.
Recover a valuable magic item that produces an effect that is strongly tied to air, earth, fire, or water during the course of an adventure. To qualify, this item must be worth at least 400 gp plus 100 gp × your character level.
Have a number of ranks in one of the following skills equal to your character level (minimum 4): Diplomacy, Knowledge (nature), or Knowledge (planes).
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