

## CZ0538 - LTR "FOOD & FELLOWSHIP" PRECON UPGRADE GUIDE

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### \*\*\*CLAP AND SLATE\*\*\*

- 1) INTRO JAMIE AND RACHEL

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*Lord of the Rings is here! It's time for our upgrade guide for "Food & Fellowship," the Abzan (white, green, black) food and halfling Commander precon deck. We've gonna go over the STATS and suggest 10 cards to add and 10 to take out! BUT FIRST:*

**\*\*CARD KINGDOM\*\* \*\*ULTRAPRO #1\*\* \*\*PATREON: LUKE DIABO\*\***

- 2) MAIN TOPIC: **"FOOD & FELLOWSHIP" PRECON - UPGRADE GUIDE**

*The rules: 10 cards in, 10 cards out. Total budget of \$50. We'll leave the mana base as-is.*

### **NEW COMMANDERS:**

**FRODO, ADVENTUROUS HOBBIT / SAM, LOYAL ATTENDANT** (primary commander)

- *Sam makes food and makes it easier to sacrifice them and Frodo has life gain payoff, but I'm not sure that food is the easiest way to achieve that life gain payoff even with Sam. Plus, the payoff is unremarkable compared to the hoops you have to jump through to get it.*

**MERRY, WARDEN OF ISENGARD / PIPPIN, WARDEN OF ISENGARD** (secondary commanders)

- *This is a dedicated token deck: both food and creatures. Strong payoffs for creating artifact tokens and for having a wide board, plus they work pretty well independently.*

**BILBO, BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT** (tertiary commander)

- *This is a life-gain commander more than a food commander. It requires a more focused life gain deck full of lots of increments of life gain. More Soul Sisters, more giant chunks of life gain, but still a dedicated creature strategy to maximize on that activated ability. Remember, this is a very dangerous effect that is very telegraphed so it may not be easy to pull it off even with all the life gain support.*

## “FOOD & FELLOWSHIP” DECK STATS

- Ramp - 12
- Card Draw - 11
- Single Target Interaction - 9
- Wipes - 4
- Lands - 38
  
- Food - 15
- Food Payoffs - 12
- Life Gain - 7
- Life Gain Payoffs - 11
- Anthems - 5

## WHO SHOULD YOU RUN AS THE COMMANDER?

Merry, Warden Of Isengard / Pippin, Warden Of Isengard

## REPRINT VALUE

*This only takes into account the value of the reprints (55) NOT the new cards.*

**Total Reprint Value is \$108.25 (\$55-\$60)**

**(Average Reprint Value)**

**Commander 2020 Ikorla - Average Reprint Value \$96**

**Commander 2021 Strixhaven - Average Reprint Value \$88**

**Commander 2021 Forgotten Realms - Average Reprint Value \$115**

**Kamigawa Neon Dynasty - Average Reprint Value \$72.89**

**NOTABLE REPRINTS** (all cards worth MORE than \$2)

5 card that is \$5 or more, and 9 cards between \$2 and \$5

**\$5 OR MORE** (there is 5)

- Toxic Deluge \$18.00
- Birds of Paradise \$8.50
- Anguished Unmaking \$8.00
- Chromatic Lantern \$5.50
- Essence Warden \$5.50

**\$2 TO \$5** (there are 9)

- Sunpetal Grove \$4.75
- Sanguine Bond \$4.50
- Brushland \$4.50
- Scattered Groves \$4.50
- Farseek \$4.00

- Isolated Chapel \$4.00
- Woodland Cemetery \$3.50
- Path to Exile \$3.00
- Sol Ring \$2.25

*\*NOTE\* Every card in all of these decks is “in the world” of Lord of the Rings. They didn’t include a single card in any of these decks that has its old/regular Magic art from before. If it’s a reprint, it’s new artwork in the world of Lord of the Rings.*

### **BEST CARDS IN THE DECK** (\*denotes a reprint)

- **Farmer Cotton**  
*The plan is to go wide and sac four food to grow the team, this handles both*
- **Motivated Pony**  
*Another way to get the overrun effect, and it can surprise with haste*

### \*\*\*MIDROLL BREAK\*\*\*

*Quick discussion about our evaluation of the deck right out-of-the-box and what the goal of the adds/subtractions were going into the “cards to add” section:*

### **CARDS TO ADD**

*(remember: our total budget is around \$50 for this exercise)*

#### **UNTAP**

- **White Plume Adventurer \$3.50**  
*Make tokens every turn of the rotation with Pippin*

#### **TOKENS**

- **Academy Manufactor \$2**  
*Goes in every food, treasure, or clue deck, great value*
- **Gyome, Master Chef \$1**  
*Make extra food and protect the board*
- **Chatterfang, Squirrel General \$6.50**  
*Get squirrels off both commanders to go wide, and can be removal*
- **Mondrak, Glory Dominus \$28**  
*Double the tokens from both commanders and more!*

#### **DRAW**

- **Idol of Oblivion \$1.50**  
*A cheap, solid source of recurring card draw*
- **Shamanic Revelation \$1.00**  
*Great card draw for a go-wide deck*

## PAYOFFS

- **Jaheira, Friend of the Forest \$2.50**  
*Great ramp when you're making a ton of tokens*
- **Inspiring Leader \$0.50**  
*Make your many tokens HUGE w/both commanders out*
- **Agent of the Iron Throne \$0.50**  
*Very good with both commanders out*

Total = \$47.00

## SPLURGE CARDS

- **Seedborn Muse \$17.00**  
*Get value from Pippin every turn*
- **Smothering Tithe \$33.00**  
*Get value from Merry every turn*

## CARDS TO TAKE OUT

- **Shire Shirriff**  
*Unreliable removal that's easy to interact with*
- **Orchard Strider**  
*Too expensive, and the landcycling isn't enough to help*
- **Eagles of the North**  
*Too expensive, and the landcycling isn't enough to help*
- **Generous Ent**  
*Too expensive, and the landcycling isn't enough to help*
- **Hithlain Rope**  
*Cute group hug card, but not actually strong*
- **Crypt Incursion**  
*Sometimes does nothing and this isn't really a life-gain deck in this build*
- **Field-Tested Frying Pan**  
*Not great when we plan to save food for Pippin*
- **Butterbur, Bree Innkeeper**  
*We don't want to be out of food unless we just sac'ed them to win*
- **Landroval, Horizon Witness**  
*Just too expensive for what it does.*
- **Bilbo, Birthday Celebrant**  
*Never gonna get to 111, and the life gain increase isn't very relevant*

## HOW THE DECK PLAYS

Get the commanders out early and start making tokens as you deploy synergy pieces. Try to accelerate to a wide board and four food tokens as fast as possible so you can activate Pippin's overrun ability and win through a big combat step.

3) **TO THE LISTENERS**

What do you think of the "Food & Fellowship" precon? Any cards we missed? Any cards we suggested to take out or add that you disagree with?

**\*\*CARD KINGDOM OUT\*\* \*\*ULTRA PRO #2\*\***

4) **THE END STEP**

Something cool outside the world of Magic.

5) CLEAN-UP STEP

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