

Tales from the Burning Lands

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From the outgoing monarch

Unto the populace,

To start, this has been a wonderful reign, and I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on the past six months.

I have witnessed the rise of many people in regards of knighthoods, seen the fall of one land, and help stabilize a kingdom. Also during this time, life on another planet was discovered. The moon vanished from the sky to return more brilliant than ever. Lastly attendance for the Burning Lands has increased.

Amtgard is good. I thank you for letting me serve as your King, and let the lord have mercy on the next.

His Majesty Raphael



From the incoming monarch

Unto the populace,

First I would like to thank the populace of the Burning Lands for the opportunity I have been granted by you electing me as you next monarch. There are many activities planned for the next six months, that I hope will make the Kingdom grow and make the experience more enjoyable for all. Any and all ideas and suggestions will be gladly listened to and acted upon if workable into the plans already designed for

the reign. The A&S meetings will continue to be held every Tuesday and if you are interested in hosting a meeting or would like to lead a meeting, please contact Prince Regent Kathon or myself. This reign plans on keeping the populace fully abreast of local activities as well as those of the other Kingdoms. Also let it hereby be know that the requirements for voting in the next election will be:

- 1) Legal Amtgard fighting age,
- 2) Dues paid, and
- 3) Have a minimum of six attendance credits in the prior six months.

Yours in service,

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Black Phoenix Rising by Raphael



Several projects are on the way,

1. Amtgard starter kit- both hardcopy and world wide web versions will be available- ten articles for newbies, new chapters, and new ideas.

2. The History of the Burning Lands- lacking some art, but will soon be added to Ivar's Amtgard web page.

3. Amtgard Garb Book- in progress (Gwynne, editor).

4. Amtgard Cook Book- Gwynne is still looking for recipes- most recipes received thus far have been from the Burning Lands.

5. Rulebook 6.1- Lot's of positive input. Deadline for suggestions is still 12-31-96. Ivar is sponsoring a cover contest and we are also looking for a poem on each fighting class (haiku, 5-7-5 syllables, no rhyme). No deadline yet, but be aware there is a lead time on 6.1- we intend it to be very professional and definitive.

in service,

Aramithris

Crown Qualification Results for October, 1996

Qualified for Positions: Axgar, Kathon, Raphael, Savaen and Trinity

Cultural Champion: Trinity

Warmaster: M'Deth

Cultural Events:

Poetry

1st	3.1	"Who are these People"	Axgar
2nd	3.0	"To Ride the Chaos Winds"	Kathon

Composition/Prose

1st	3.2	"The Sword of Mass-Knighting"	Raphael
2nd	3.0	"Classy Reasons"	Savaen
3rd	2.8	"The Deal"	Kathon

Factual Writing

1st	3.5	"Practical Combat Footwear"	Kathon
2nd	3.0	"A Brief History of Origami"	Savaen

The Owl

1st	2.2	"The Quill and Anvil"	Kathon
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Several of the Qualification entries

Flat Art

1st	3.9	"Krimson"	Tawnee
2nd	3.6	"Purple Dragon"	Savaen
2nd	3.6	"Whitewolf"	Tawnee
3rd	3.5	Tiger etching	Trinity
	3.4	"Lazarus Kane"	Tawnee
	3.4	"Lions"	Raphael



Jazzel takes the reeve's test

Flat Art (continued)

3.4	"Common Man"	Trinity
3.2	Rose etching	Trinity
3.2	"Vampyr"	Tawnee
3.1	"Hawk-Dragon"	Raphael
3.0	"Big Eye"	Raphael
3.0	Winged creature etching	Trinity
2.8	Plaque	Axgar
2.8	"Dragon Essence"	Kathon
2.8	"Tongue-tied"	Kathon
2.7	"Lion Noble"	Kathon
2.6	"Storm Phoenix"	Raphael

Three-dimensional Art

1st	4.0	Paper castle	Savaen
2nd	3.9	"New Birth"	Trinity
3rd	3.6	"Keep Out"	Raphael
	3.4	"Legends"	Trinity
	3.3	"Heaven and Earth"	Trinity
	3.1	"Ivy Bowl"	Tawnee

Cooking

1st	3.7	Shrimp and broccoli	Trinity
1st	3.7	Chicken and mushrooms	Trinity
2nd	3.5	Chili and homemade bread	Kathon

Qualification results continued on next page.

Calendar of Events

November:

16 Deadline for literature entries for Pegasus Valley Qualifications

16 WeaponMaster and cookout at the park (BL)

23 Thanksgiving themed battlegames (BL)

23 Pegasus Valley Crown Qualifications

December:

7 Guard Battle (BL)

14 Pegasus Valley Coronation Feast

14 Canned Food tourney (BL)

21 Claw X-Mas party (BL)

28 Cookout at the park (BL)

31 Althea and Trinity's Anniversary and Saracen New Years Eve Party (BL)

31 Deadline for 6.1 Rulebook Submissions

1997

February:

13 Spring War (CK)

August:

29 Harvest of Souls II (PV)

September:

4 Worldcon- San Antonio

October:

30 Interkingdom Olympiad

30 Burning Lands Fall Coronation

Desserts

1st	3.8	Deep dish chocolate cheesecake	Trinity
2nd	3.6	Lace crisps	Raphael
2nd	3.6	Apple butter	Axgar
3rd	3.4	Pecan brittle	Savaen
	3.2	Cheesy spiced bread	Kathon

Vintners

1st	3.5	"Summer's Dream"	Kathon
2nd	3.3	Apfelcorn liquor	Tawnee

Court Garb

1st	4.2	Leather doublet	Jazzel
2nd	4.0	Red velvet doublet	Jazzel
3rd	3.8	Emerald wizard cloak	Kathon
	3.6	Reversible women's bodice	Trinity
	3.6	Lady's court dress	Kathon
	3.4	Rose dress	Tawnee
	3.1	Peasant's feast shirt	Trinity

Fighting Garb

1st	3.6	Brown tunic	Savaen
2nd	4.0	Leather mantle	Axgar
3rd	3.8	Monk's robe	Trinity
	3.1	Grey tunic with belt	Trinity
	3.0	Lion tabard	Raphael
	2.7	Red tunic	Tawnee
	2.6	Crown tunic	Raphael

Garb Accessories

1st	4.1	Pouch	Trinity
2nd	3.9	Phoenix cloak	Tawnee
3rd	3.5	Women's wrist band	Trinity
	3.4	Woven belt	Trinity
	3.3	Black and purple belt	Savaen
	3.2	Monster mask	Raphael
	3.1	Men's sleeve stays	Trinity
	3.0	Sash	Axgar
	2.6	Pouch	Kathon

The Rose

1st	3.5	Photo album	Trinity
2nd	3.2	Crown plaque	Raphael
3rd	3.0	Painted glass phoenix	Tawnee
	2.9	Paladin's favor	Kathon

*The Last Supper***Where to find Amtgard*****The Kingdom of the Burning Lands, El Paso, TX***

The Burning Lands meet at Memorial Park on Saturdays at 3pm. From I-10, take the Piedras Exit North. Turn right on Grant St and continue down 3 blocks. For more info, contact Richard Lawrence (915)821-2930

The Kingdom of Dragonspine, Las Cruces, NM

Contact Rayanne LeBlanc (505)233-2264

The Duchy of Pegasus Valley, Albuquerque, NM

Pegasus Valley meets in Bataan Park from 11:30am to 5pm on Saturdays and again on Thursdays at 6:30pm. To get to Bataan Park from the Big-I (Where I-25 and I-40 meet), take eastbound I-40 to the Carlisle exit (First one). Take Carlisle south (right) until you reach the street called Lomas (about 1.3 miles). Turn west (right) on Lomas and you'll be at Bataan Park. Amtgard will be at the far NE corner.

For more info contact Fletcher Christensen (505) 828-9438

The Shire of Shadowvale, Alamogordo, NM

This Shire can found in the north end of Alameda Park, near the "Toy Train Depot" on Sundays, starting around noon, or 1 pm. Alameda park is located in the center of Alamogordo next to Highway 54.

There are many groups all over the world.



Faceoff at Crown Quals



Axgar the Ork by Jewels Glende

Crown Qualifications continued on next page

Passive Construction

1st	4.0	Stained glass	Tawnee
2nd	3.9	Necromancer's staff	Kathon
3rd	3.7	Encampment plaque	Trinity
	3.5	Chinese bamboo pens	Raphael
	3.5	Scepter	Trinity
	3.3	Thumb screws	Raphael
	3.1	Wand	Axgar
	2.8	Feast plates	Savaen
	2.7	Scout jewelry box	Savaen

Active Construction

1st	3.4	Pavilion	Kathon
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Weapon Construction

1st	3.5	Serrated sword	Savaen
1st	3.5	Black katana	Raphael
2nd	3.4	Purple wavy sword	Raphael
2nd	3.4	Heraldic shield	Trinity
3rd	3.3	Great sword	Axgar
	3.2	Blue serrated sword	Raphael
	3.2	Hammer	Trinity
	3.2	Glaive	Trinity
	3.0	Great hammer	Axgar
	3.0	Short round sword	Trinity
	3.0	Madu	Trinity
	2.9	Long round sword	Trinity
	2.9	Sword and dagger set	Trinity

Armor Construction

1st	4.1	Green ring-mail bracers	Raphael
2nd	3.5	Leaf bracers	Savaen
3rd	3.3	Brown bracers	Axgar
	2.9	Poleman's greave	Kathon

Fighting Events:

Single Sword

1st	Kathon
2nd	Vermillion
3rd	Cyric

Spear

1st	M'Deth
2nd	Raphael
3rd	Q'Dink

Florentine

1st	M'Deth
2nd	Ice
3rd	Q'Dink

Open

1st	Raphael
2nd	M'Deth
3rd	Aramithris

Sword and Shield

1st	Aramithris
2nd	Otto
3rd	M'Deth

Two-man Teams

1st	Kezgar & Raphael
2nd	M'Deth & Trinity
3rd	Q'Dink & Cyric

*Crown Qualifications continued***Gaming:**

Magic			Spades		
1st	4.38	Bolt	1st	4.28	Gwynne
2nd	3.14	Aramithris	2nd	3.50	Alethea
3rd	3.00	Jasper	3rd	2.81	Aramithris

Reeves Test:

1st	90.5	Talinor	1st	77.5	Trinity (3.87)
2nd	89.0	Raphael	1st	77.5	Savaen (3.87)
3rd	88.5	Aramithris(Oral)	1st	77.5	Raphael (3.87)

Corpora Test**Total Points - Cultural Standings (3,2,1, system)**

1st	Trinity	25 points
2nd	Savaen	21 points
2nd	Raphael	21 points
4th	Kathon	20 points

You know you have been to a good Amtgard event when:*by Aramithris and Guy*

10. The Burning Lands fighters complain that you hit too hard.
9. It takes only an hour to use up all 37 cloves on your orange.
8. You wake up wearing five new belt favors and you can't recall where you got them.
7. Three kingdoms declare war on you, they ask where you were knighted, and then they wonder who made your red belt.
6. Ivar thinks you wench too much.
5. You win the kissing contest, and you were the judge.
4. The Claw Legion tells you where the missing fifth finger is.
3. You wish the last day of the event was actually the first.
2. Every photo you see afterwards is one of you either fighting, wenching, carousing, or receiving your "fifth" belt...
1. Everyone calls you the "King", and you are actually the sheriff of the newest shire.

You know you have been to a bad event when:

10. You played the master vampire in the quest run by RAN grand Admiral Asmund Van Helsing.
9. Someone asks you if you are THE Peter le Grue.
8. People congratulate you on your reeving, and you were playing a 3-belted antipaladin.
7. You judge the bardic, and your girlfriend's howling german shepard wins first place.
6. The cooks order out for pizza during the feast.
5. You wake up wearing Prophet's tunic.
4. The Claw Legion _shows_ you where the missing fifth finger is.
3. You host a keg party, but no one shows up because the Corsairs stole your keg and are having a party up the hill.
2. Someone points out that your new guido is actually Rift's dirty old underwear.
1. They all write articles about you afterwards, but none of them remembered your persona name.

*Art by Diego***From the Scribe**

It has truly been great serving you as scribe this reign. I wish all the luck I can upon the person to next fill this post.

Now that I've got nothing to do (yeah, right), I've decided to start a pet project. I'm starting a regional newsletter for the groups in our part of Texas and New Mexico. This new publication will be produced twice a year and will have a more regional focus than the Talons of the Phoenix. If you are interested in helping in this project, please contact me.

For the Phoenix,

*Ivar
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From the Regent Elect

Greetings unto the populace:
I will be brief in just saying about the winter reign.

SPOON!!

Yours in service of the dream
Lord Kathon de Stormbringer Regent of
the Burning Lands.

From the Prime Minister

Guild Master Results:

Antipaladin:	M'Deth "M'Deth" of M'Deth
Assassin:	Aerylon "No One Else" of the drow
Archer:	Quinn "Well He Owns A Bow" Ironwood
Barbarian:	Asmund "Not For Prophet" Brandsson
Bard:	Rumblebelly "Not-Scott"
Druid:	Otto "Tobacco Farmer" Von Muller
Healer:	Kathon "Skin Of His Teeth" De Stormbringer
Monk:	QDink "What the Hell" Retjick
Paladin:	Bolt "Only Slightly Tarnished" Glende
Scout:	Savean "The BirthCertificateless"
Warrior:	Vermillion "Why Not" of the drow
Wizard:	Rapheal "BellTower" Andalsa
Captains:	Axgar "Can I Disband The Other Companies" Erion
Knights:	Bolt "Sgt. Rock" Glende
Monsters:	Asmund "Boris" Brandsson
Reeves:	Talinor "I Wanna Write The Test This Time" Darkwolf

Election Results:

Trinity & Kathon - 15
 Trinity & Rapheal - 5
 Spear & Magic Helmet - 3
 Pinky & The Brain - 2
 Captain & Tenille - 1
 C'Thullu & Axgar - 1
 Trinity (just Trinity) - 1
 Protest - 1



Court is a very serious matter for Burning Lands and Emerald Hills (by Gilos)



Asmud da Satyr by Raphael

What The Critics Had To Say About King Raph:

"What the hell kind of dumb symbol is a purple duck?"
 - Captain Blue Parrot

"Rapheal and Talinor had two thumbs up... WAY up!"
 - Fatman & Baldguy

"Raph was King? When was this?"
 - John Q. Populace

"The special effects overwhelmed a rather flimsy plot."
 - An Unknown Prime Minister and retired Grand Admiral

Top 5 things Raph will take credit for:

5. Asmund getting elected as P.M.
4. Mel Gibson's "Braveheart" coming to video, rent it today!
3. Homer Simpson in 3-D!
2. The last lunar eclipse of the century.
1. Discovery of life on Mars.

Top 5 things Raph should be blamed for:

5. Asmund getting elected as P.M.
4. The death of Ambassador Kosh.
3. The "Marcarena".
2. Spear and Magic Helmet's tragic defeat.
1. The Olympic bombing.

- Asmund