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The Court of the Celestial Kingdom

Vampire King Arioch DeCoranthin Princess Alexis the Tarakian Prime Minister Malkion Scribe Halfmoon Executioner Warlock Jester Imagg Nificent

Captain of the Guard Aredhel

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Xevious
Michael Hammer of God
Narsyasura Vasuadeva
Trevar Hargrave
Shadow
Salandrea
Valdemar

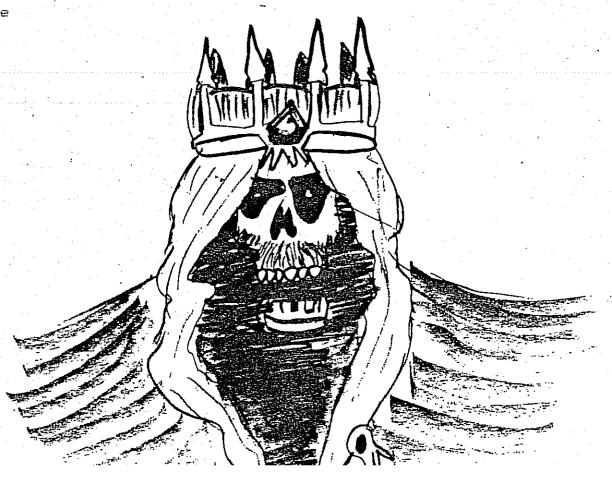
Guildmasters

Antipaladin Theo Blackflame Archer Roofus Assassin Maniacles Barbarian Alexis T.B. Bard None Druid Kalvin Healer Noorunissa Monk None Smith None Champion Hyrax Greytower
Princess Defender Imagg Nificent
Herald Kalvin
Bard Crystal
Fixer Montoya Athisdaine XVI
Entertainer Maniacles

Frincess's Guard

Kayla Blackflame Theo Blackflame M.F. Kilraven Tempest

Monster Michael Hammer of God Paladin Michael Hammer of God Reeve Michael Hammer of God Scout Shadowhawk Warrior Tempest Wizard Felonious Healdry None Garber Lady Carmichal





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Unto the populace of the Celestial Kingdom,

Greetings. Well this will probably be the last letter I write as your Monarch (which I am sure some of you are quite pleased to hear) so I will make it as short as possible.

For those that are interested in knowing there is now a Kingdom B.O.D. that has been elected as per the Corpora, this consists of Hysteria, Kalvin, Febyr, Felonious, and Sir Michael. Also with the election of this, three members of said B.O.D. have been elected to particapate on the newly formed Inter-Kingdom B.O.D.. This will consist of Malkion, Kalvin, and

The Inter-Kingdom B.O.D. will be a group with three members from all kingdoms that make up the world of Amtgard. Their basic duties will consist of clarifications of the rule book, Corpora and Dor-Un-Avathar, dealing with groups who wish to become kingdoms, helping new groups to establish themselves and other duties to be decided upon at a later date. Both our kingdom B.O.D. and the Inter-Kingdom B.O.D. will have gone into effect at Clan.

Please remember that the dues system has gone into effect so please pay your dues as that will affect whether you are able to vote at the various elections or run for any offices fincluding baronial level).

Crown Qualifications will be hosted by Tori Mar on August 16th. For information contact Lord Kalvin the Baron of Tori Mar.

For the next Crown Qualifications the Monarch and Regent will be running in pairs so you will be voting on them as a unit. I have been told that this system is used throughout the other kingdoms and that it works very well. If you are planning on running please start looking for a partner to run with. More on this will be said on the Crown Qualifacation form.

Coronation will be August 21st to the 23rd at Camp Ben McCollough. The Site fee for the event will be \$5.00 with the feast fee to be announced by Princess Consort Alexis who is handling that aspect of the event. The Crown Qualifications and Coronation have been stepped up one week due to a reservation mix-up, so any inconvenience caused by this is apologized for.

The Weaponmaster tournament will be September 5th hosted by the Barony of Bifost. If you are interested in competing in this please make plans to travel to Kerville, if you are unsure of how to get there contact your local Baron who will let you know if they still remember how to get there.

Again for those that are interested The Kingdom of the Golden Plains' Coronation will be from September 4th to the 6th. No information has been sent to the crown about fees or the site so any inquiries about this should be directed to Sultan Ivar. Also The Emerald Hill's mid-reign is from September 11th to the 13th, again little information is known but the site is the same as their last three events. Inquiries should be directed to King Kaz of the Emerald Hills.

Yours in service,

King Arioch DeCoranthin

CELESTIAL KINGDOM FINANCES

The following is the list of current dues paying members as of July 30, 1992. By the Corpora, this entitles the individuals to vote in elections or All-Things, run for public offices, and receive the in elections or All-Things, run for public offices, and received and newsletter free. It includes the date the money was received and the date that the dues expire. It is arranged according to Mundane last name.

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The following list contains our Kingdom's financial records.

The list starts after our last Coronation and is current to July 30.

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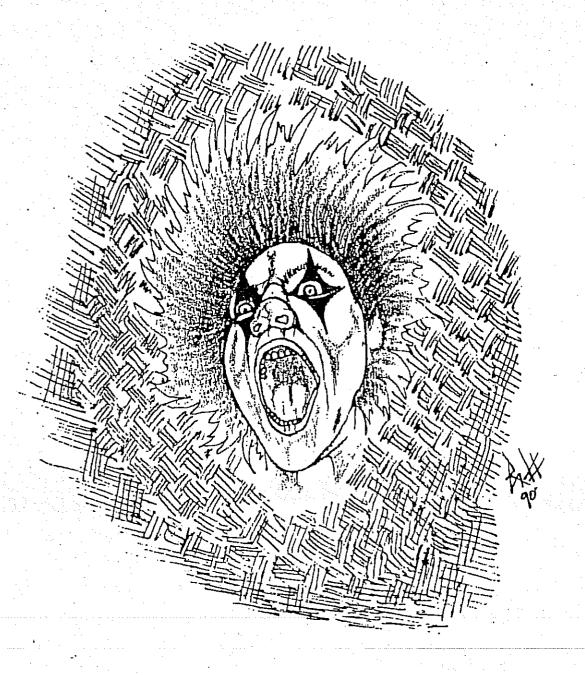
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Current money total \$600.00

This is the financial record continued from the last page.

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67/12/92 Dawn - \$ 10.00 - 60.0

Our current money total is \$285.73 as of July 29, 1992.



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History, or even plain experience has shown that humans often crave the marks of achievement more than the achievements The desire to set oneself apart, thusly elevating one in the eyes of his fellows. appears to be as old as history Living in a culture that tends to stifle creativity while simultaneously encouraging profit at the expense of our neighbors, there seems less and less room for self expression. Phrases like "nice guys finish last" and "what do you want out of life" abound. Retreat into fantasy, popular movies and such organizations as the S.C.A. and Amtgard, are natural occurences, and often, are healthy hobbies for our diversion, and even for our development. What is not healthy are the insecure and selfish attitudes often brought in from "the real world". How many roleplayers and recreationists do you know who insist on making the endeavor an unpleasant experience? I'll bet you know several. Americans, in our wealth and relative security, tend to be self-A case can even be made for criticizing our young and spoiled generation. However, the people of the world out there are no better, no nicer, no more fair or kind in their appraisal of their fellow men.

And what has this to do with Amtgard nobility? People who lack also want, and the illusion of a title is a powerful draw There is some evidence that the medieval orders of knights perished in part due to the cheapening effect caused by the wanton awarding of undeserved orders. English award their titles of nobility very carefully, and this is because they found the value of a title declined in direct proportion to the number of titles awarded. crowded and deperate place, yes, but arrogance, greed, and the scrabbling for undeserved rewards was in full flower by the I've often wondered, with such marvelous history behind us; the heros and wisdom of Greece, the glory and power of Middle Ages. Rome, the wild freedom of the Celts, the adventurous wanderlust of the Norse (and I'm just talking about the Western tradition), why then, do we choose the Medieval period for our role model? Ignorance, disease, and plague The Dark Ages were well named. were rife. Most people were serfs, women were chattel, and all offices were routinely awarded for political and hereditary The word "merit" seldom entered into things. The nobility were firmly entrenched and in control.

As I said, things have not changed much, at least since the Middle Ages. Our flights of fancy emulate a period of barbarism. Despite the pretensions, that is for what modern man yearns — the illusion that he too can be on top. The incessant strife between the various Amtgard groups over "who will make the rules", the constant press of new candidates desiring knighthood, the creeping advent of people voting themselves more and larger titles all are symptoms. The conditioning of a thousand years hold fir — "take what you can". We do indeed live in the "Modern Middles". In the same vein, I know we are stuck with the medieva Ages". In the same vein, I know we are stuck with the medieva titles we have. I can't change selfish desire, but some light shed on the subject can arm people with knowledge. The hones

King/Queen

Origins From Anglo-Saxon cyng, a contraction of cyning

History Along with tsar end emperor, has been considered the traditional head of government in the Western The actual title of king dates back when its bearer bore it by right of "kinship" as the

head of his tribe.

Amtgard The ruler of a kingdom. The first monarch of Amtgard (in this case, a queen) was Tawnee Darkfalcon of the Burning Lands on 3/27/83. first elected king was Aramithris of Meadowlake on Queen Reyna Arafael of the Emerald Hills was the first monarch of a kingdom other than the Burning Lands. She was crowned in early

1988.

Addressed "Majesty", "Most Gracious Sovereign", "His Majesty

the King", "Most Excellent Majesty". Crown

Often made of gold and edged in purple. No set pattern, though fleur-de-lis with a surmounting orb and cross are common. The most consistent examples are the monarch's crowns of France, which were surmounted with a fleur-de-lis, with 8 arches rising form the 8 fleur-de-lis on the rim. Most European crowns follow this pattern. crowns tend to alternate crosses with the fleur-

Symbols of the kingdom or state are oftern worn; Garb with the robe, sceptre, crown, and throne being

symbols of the king's power.

Heraldry Gold helmet, with grilles, and affronte (facing

the viewer)

Symbol

Alternatives Rex (Latin), Roi (French), Padishah (Persian),

Sultan (Turkish)

Equivalents Maharaja (Hindustani), Tarkhan (Tatar),

(Arab).

In Western Europe the lion is often used as the symbol of royal sovereignty. The color red is considered "the field of royal prerogative".

Prince/Princess

Origins From Latin princeps. Literally means one who

holds first place. Also from Latin primus capere - to take first. History In ancient Rome the title of Princeps Senatus was

given to the leading senator. Germany had a class of rulers below dukes called prinzen, and today there are still ancient families not connected to any reigning house that bear the title of prince. In England, the title of prince is used by the

eldest progeny of the King.

Amtgard First, the consort to the monarch. It is also the more accurate term for the ruler of a principality

or duchy (In Barad-Duin, the confusing and contradictory title of "Grand Duke" has been substituted for "Prince"). The first prince consort was Harnsaure in early 1983. Ahrmand Seregon in early 1988 was the first "ruling prince" to hold an equivalent position.

Addressed Crown "Your Royal Highness", "His Highness the Prince"
Tendency in England is crimson color material over
gold metal, with a single arch rising to support
an orb. Royal consorts in Britain have worn
crowns with 8 arches supporting a globe, with 4 of
each crosses and fleur-de-lis in alternating order
on the rim. In most European countries a prince
in his own right may wear a crown trimmed in ermine with 4 arches rising to a globe and cross.

Heraldry Alternatives The same as for king Principis (Latin), Principe (Italian), Prinzen (German), Raja (Hindustani), Rana (Pakistani), Rai (Bengali)

Equivalents

Ilkhan (Turkish), Mirza (Arabic), Furst (German), Amir (African Arabic), Minn (India), Gaekwar (India).

Grand Duke, Arch Duke

History 3

The title of archduke comes from Austria, and that of grand duke comes from Russia. There were of royal blood, and the princes were a step lower in the hiearchy. Neither had a tradition of dukes per se. The Austrian title was assumed by rulers in 1156 but not confirmed until 1453. There actually was a brief incidence of archdukes in France.

Amtgard

Archduke has been awarded to a former monarch who also served another year in the royal court (unless grand duke has been awarded.) A grand duke is a two term monarch. On 4/23/88, by the hand of King M'Deth II of Benden, Aramithris of Meadowlake became the first grand duke and Aredhel Kemenval became the first arch duke.

Addressed Coronet

His (Imperial, Royal, or Serene) Highness
No specific formula in either case. The royal family of Austria (including the arch dukes) had gold crowns with a single arch, with 4 large fleur-de-lis alternating with 4 smaller ones on the rim. The Russian royal family (from whence the grand dukes came) had a crown built up on the sides with space in the center, with a single arch supporting an orb.

Heraldry

The logical extension from the other titles of nobility is a silver helmet in profile with 9 golden grilles.

Symbol

The symbol for a grand duke is the great horned owl.

Duke/Duchess

Origins History

From Latin Dux, a leader, general, or commander The position came into being when Constantine separated the military (Dux) and civil (comes) commands of the provinces. Initially, the title of duke was inferior to that of count (comes). However, the German tribes adopted the titles, and among these warlike peoples, the military title of duke acquired precedence. Charlemagne was jealous of their power, but the dukes had a revival and almost achieved absolute independence after his Isle de France became the first independent dukedom, and soon the title challenged that of King. William, Anne, and George I first granted the title of duke to those of non-royal blood, and today a duke ranks just below a royal prince and an archbishop.

Amtgard

Awarded to former monarchs. The first to receive this title was Tawnee Darkfalcon on 10/22/83 by the hand of King Gilos Dawnhope.

Addressed

"The Most Noble, the Duke of Grace".

Coronet

8 strawberry leaves of a conventional type on a rim of gold.

Carb

4 rows of spots on the mantle (robe) or 4 guards of ermine with rows of gold lace

Heraldry Alternatives Silver helmet in profile with 8 golden grills. Duc (French), Duque (Spanish), Dux (Latin), Duca

Equivalents

(Italian), Doge (Venetian), Herzog (Austrian)

Pfalzgraf (German), Shogun (Japanese), Bretwalda (Anglo-Saxon), Chiangchun (Chinese)

Symbol

Actual kings retired to "Dukedom" have been repre-

sented by a crown.

Count/Countess

Origins History

From Latin comitis, a companion Many provincial governors under Constantine were called comes. In the earlier Republic secondary provincial officers were known as comites or cohors (companions). Augustus referred to a council of senators as his comites, and in imperial Rome it came to apply to the court of a prince. Charlemagne used the title to denote civil employment, and the Franks made them the King's judges calling them grafen. These judges became so corrupt that the division of counties was abolished in the 12th century. Earl is the English version, and the early English sheriffs corresponded to the grafen. Until 1357 earl was the highest title in England. By 1500, the title of count was a hereditary title on the continent. Today, the political/administrative unit of a county still exists, with some 3,000 in the U.S.A.

Amtgard .

Awarded to a former royal consort. Shindea of Winddragon was the first to receive the title for this reason on 5/4/85 by the hand of King M'Deth. "The Right Honorable", "Illustrious Count", "The

Addressed

"The Right Honorable", "lilu Lord"

Coronet

The English coronet has 8 pearls raised upon points, with small gold strawberry leaves between, all above the rim. Other countries use 16 pearls without the leaves.

Garb

3 rows of spots on the mantle or 3 guards of ermine with rows of gold lace

Heraldry Alternatives Silver helmet in profile with 6 golden grilles.
Conde (Portuguese), Comte (French), Conte (Old French), Comes (Latin), Graf (German/Swedish),
Graaf (Netherlands), Earl (English), Eorl (Old English), Jarl (Danish)

Equivalents

Orkhan (Tatar), Shireman (Saxon), Dey (Turkish), Kaliph (Arabic), Khidiw (Persian), Cuauhtlahtoque (Aztec).

Marquess/Marchioness

Origin History From Old High German marcha, a frontier or march The title is relatively new, first developed by King Richard II in 1385. It soon thereafter fell into disuse until the reign of Edward VI in 1551. Unlike "real life" application, the title of marquess in Amtgard ranks below that of count. It is awarded to those whom have served as all of the following: Monarch, Royal Consort, Prime Minister. Nashomi, the Lonely Wolf became the first marquess on 9/8/84 when he was awarded the title by King Asmund Heimdale Haroldsson.

Amtgard

Addressed "Most Noble

"Most Noble and Potent Prince", "The Most Honorable", "The Lord"

Coronet

4 golden strawberry leaves alternating with silver pearls.

Garb

3 1/2 rows of spots on the mantle or 4 guards of ermine with rows of gold lace

Heraldry Alternatives Silver helmet in profile with 7 golden grilles
Marquis (French), Markis (Old French), Markgraf
(German), Margrave (German), Marques (Spanish),
Marchese (Italian), Female titles - Margravine,
Marquee, Marquise

Viscount/Viscountess

Origins History From Latin vice comes, in place of a companion Between earl and baron in English precedence, it was first conferred by letters patent by Henry VI in 1440. It is frequently attached to an earldom as a second title. The title came to England from France, where a vicomte was first the deputy of a count.

Amtgard

Generally awarded to a 2-time Prime Minister, or for any other two terms of service in the Royal Court (provided a higher title has not already been awarded). On 10/20/84, King Heimdale made Andralaine of Stonehelvan the first viscountess.

Addressed Coronet

"The Right Honorable", "The Lord" The English utilize 16 pearls on the rim. Most other European nations have 8 pearls on points alternating in a high-low pattern

Garb

1/2 rows of spots on the mantle or 2 guards of ermine with rows of gold lace

Heraldry Alternatives

Silver helmet in profile with 5 golden grilles Viconte (Middle English), Viconte (French), Visconte (Old French), Vizconde (Spanish), Visconde

(Portuguese), Waldgraf (German)

Equivalents

Pasha (Turkish)

Baron/Baroness

Origins History

From Old High German baro, a man The word baron signifies man par excellence. The Anglo-Saxon thegas (thanes) were the immediate predecessors of the Norman barons, and received the position for owning land, taking 3 sea voyages, or receiving holy orders. William the Conqueror made barons immediate vassals to the Crown, these nobles reaching their greatest extent of power in 1263 when Simon de Monfort waged the Baron's War against the king. In time the title was relegated below that of the new positions such as earl and Viscount, although it was long a custom that every peer of superior rank also had a From land owners of a feudal system and immediate vassals to the king, the position evolved to the lowest rank of the peerage in Great Britain. The right of wearing a coronet was conferred by Charles II. Until 1873 certain judges in Ireland and England were called barons. Today the title also appertains to bishops and members of the House of Commons.

Amtgard

Former Prime Minister of a Kingdom, 2) former ruler of a principality or duchy, 3) the founder and ruler of a barony. Queen Tawnee Darkfalcon made Thanos Darkside the first Amtgard baron on 5/7/83. The first landed baron was Marlin Razclaw of the Barony of the Mystic Valley in early 1988. "My Lord", "Your Lordship", "The Lord",

Addressed

Excellency", "The Right Honorable"

Coronet

6 pearls on the rim in England, though most, countries permit 12 pearls mounted on points.

Garb

2 rows of spots on the mantle or 2 guards of ermine with rows of gold lace.

Heraldry Alternates

Silver helmet in profile with 4 golden grilles (Old French), Thane (Saxon), (Portuguese), Barone (Italian)

Equivalents

Kahn (Turkish), Emir (Arabic), Daimyo (Japanese), Lord (Scottish)

Baronet

Origin History From a French diminutive of baron
This is the lowest hereditary dignity in Ireland
and Great Britain. Originally utilized in Ulster,
it was initiated by James I on 22 May, 1611 to
raise money for the king. Since the Scottish
Union of 1707 and the Irish Union in 1801 no new
baronets have been created other than those in
England. In English usage it has precedence over
all knights except those of the Garter.

Amtgard

Awarded to those who served in a pro-tem position on the royal court. On 5/18/85, Kalibria de Grenoille received the first award of the title of baronet from King M'Deth.

Addressed Coronet "Sir"

The continental European coronet consists of 4 pearls on points alternating with 4 leaves.

Heraldry Alternatives Equivalents Steel helmet, open and affronte Lesser Thane (Saxon)

Freiherr (German), Sheik (Arabic), Seigneur (French), Nawab (Hindustani - Begum is the female

title)

Symbol The symbol for a baronet is the "Bloody Hand of Ulster", a raised left hand colored red.

Lord/Lady

Origins History From Anglo-Saxon hlaford, a master of a household In feudal times the lord was the grantor or proprietor of the land. In the most definite English sense it is the equivalent to a peer, but does not express any special rank or degree of nobility. In general, the term applies to someone with authority and power.

Amtgard

1) Former prince consort of a principality, 2) title awarded to the new ruler who takes the place of a retired baron, 3) awarded by the monarch for exceptional service to the kingdom. On 1/14/84 King Gilos awarded the first lordship to Aron Nelsson. Note that this is the only Amtgard noble title below that of knighthood. A Warlord is the highest military title of achievement. The Overlord is the general of the King's armies.

Addressed Coronet

Garb

"His Lordship"

Germany and Italy allow 8 pearls raised on points. None in the English tradition. Arab "lords" are entitled to wear the color green.

Heraldry Alternatives

Steel helmet in profile with the visor closed. Hlafweard (Saxon), Loverd/Laferd (Middle English), Pan (Polish), Laird (Scottish), Kyrios (Greek),

Dom (Portuguese), Don (Italian)

Equivalents

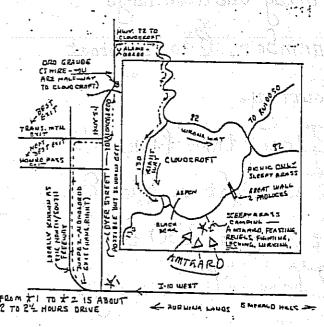
Sherif (Arabic), U (Burmese), Sayid (Hindustani), Agah (Persian), Rabban (Hebrew), Chieftan (Irish)

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Fathering of the Clans X June 31—Aug. 2 weekend

Announcing the first annual East vs. West battle. The western kingdoms afthe Burning Lands and Iron Mountains in a one flag battlegame against the wastern kingdoms of Celestial Kingdom, Emerald Gills, and Golden Plains.

Also scheduled is a potluck feast on Saturday evening and a plunder tourney on Sunday morning. (more on back)



Schedule of events

FRIDAY- SET UP

EVENING AFTERNOON - POSSIBLE BATTLES

SATUR DAY - 9:30 BEERKENST \$1.00 A PLATE

IDI 30 DENING COURT

11:30 INTERNINGDOM BATTLE

(3:30 (HOFEFULLY) CIRCLE OF MONARCHY)

5:33 POTLUCK FEAST FOLLOWED IMMNEDIATELY
BY SLAVE AUCTION

11:00 BARDIC CIRCLE

SUMBRY - 9:00 CLOSING COURT

10:00 PLUNDER TOURNEY

12.00 CLEAN-UP

Breakfas	st and lunch will be provided for a slight
fee.Also	, for those unfortunates that missed it _
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	r a Slave Auction scheduled to be held
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	will be located at sleepy grass just outside
	croft, Dew Mexico.
	z potluck feast, we ask that every group,
the state of the s	pany or household, bring one dish large
_ •	feed twice thier number. Don't forget
	Sunder for the tourney.
c / 1/3	ions- ff El Paso, take Quy 54
north to	Alamagordo. Eurn right on Juy 82
to Floud	crost. Eurn right on Hwy 130 to
Sleepygro	ass compgrounds. There will be a sign
at the en	ntrance.