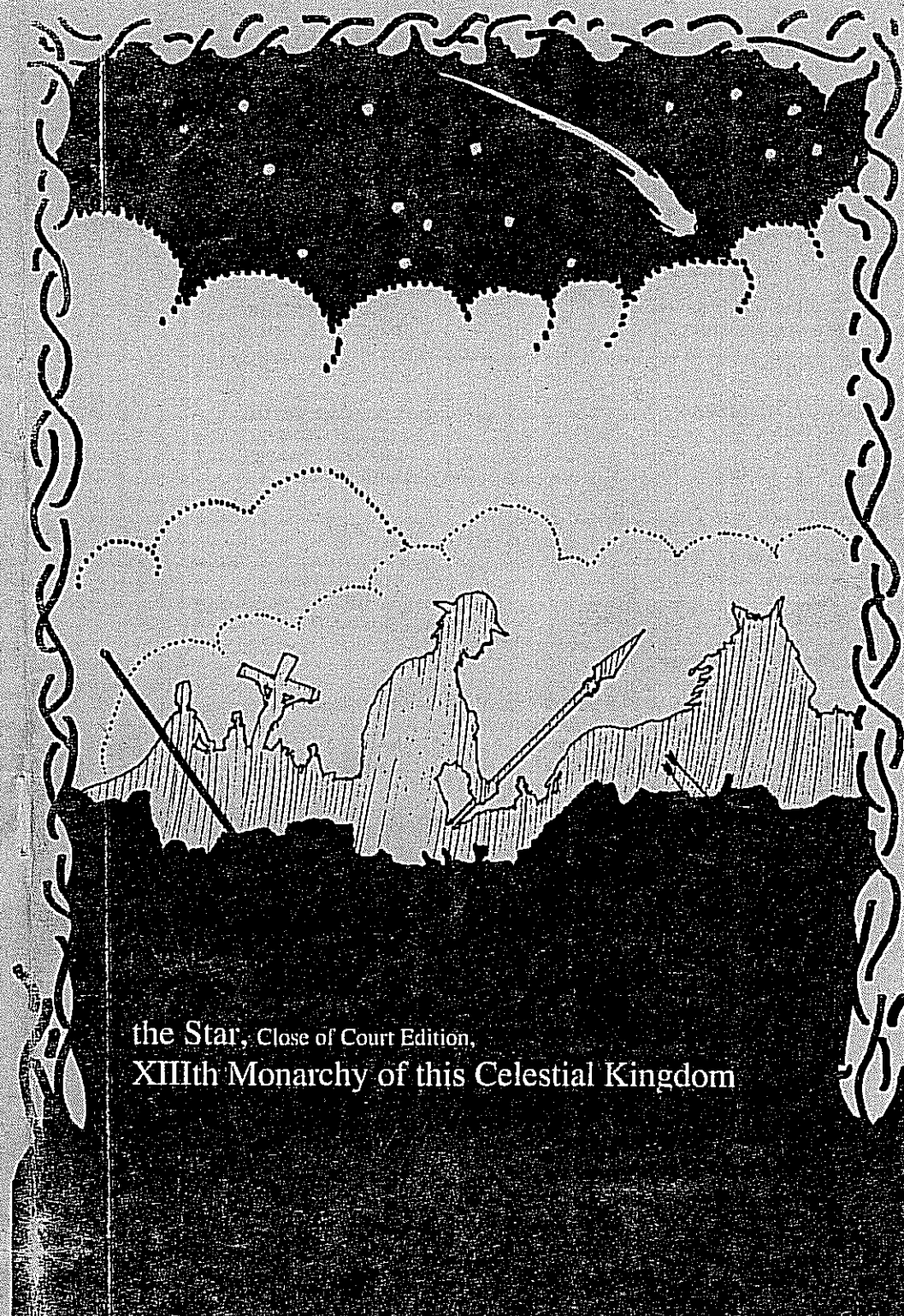




*...And I say to you - could any Knight, nay - any Monarch wish  
to have a Squire more 'Worthy? I think not, say I!!!  
Let us drink a toast to perfection!!!*



the Star, Close of Court Edition,  
XIIIth Monarchy of this Celestial Kingdom

# The XIIIth Court of the Celestial Kingdom

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PRIME MINISTER  
KINGDOM CHAMPION

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This Small STAR is brought to you Courtesy of Squire Ariel, Court Scribe and Sir Arion, printboy. No Kingdom funds were used for this effort. (We couldn't get the checks to clear at the printshop anyway - it's all explained inside)

... and he said to them "Go yea unto the barren plains of Burnet, there yea all shall celebrate the solstice of your reign..."

(... but he didn't say anything about sheep!!!)

So we all bundled up in garbing most warm and journeyed to the chosen land to celebrate midreign. There were cow people there... cow people with cows.

... and then we saw the *sheep*. We looked at them. They looked back. The cow people noticed. They didn't like the looks. The looks of us, or the looks their sheep were giving us...

But enough on that. There was a major coordination problem with our midreign autocrat staff and the staff of the site. Assignment of blame is not the issue. Not meeting the expectations of our populous IS. Perhaps in the future it would be more prudent to focus on dispensing events to well supported, well qualified teams rather than selecting based on which group has been without an event the longest.

Folks were well fed. The populous amused itself with pick-up fighting and Sir Athisdane was narrowly elected to the office of Prime Minister. Mistriss Wynde won the cultural tourney with a number of excellent pieces. And I hear we made a profit.

This is where I would tell you the financial statement of the event, However the Autocrats failed to submit a final report, failed to submit complete and proper receipts, and failed to turn the cash over to Kingdom for evaluation and proper disbursement. Apparently they paid cash for certain things, determined appropriate Kingdom split and returned a small amount of cash (\$200.00 +/-) to Club officers weeks after the event...

Perhaps you, gentle members of the populous (who are interested in knowing where your money went), may have better luck at getting the Dragonshaven Autocrats to produce proper receipts than has the Crown. They ignore the Thrones request...

On a lighter note, the event went well for those attending; undying thanks for the first folks there who negotiated our site use with the cow people!!! (HINT: it wasn't the Autocrats!!!)

... and he said to them "Go yea unto the barren plains of Burnet, there yea all shall make war upon diverse others also dressed in funny attire..."

(... but the sheep had gone !!!)

So we all bundled up in garbing most warm (we had done this before you see, we knew to dress warm) and journeyed to the place so recently left behind.

The war part of Spring war was shortlived and brutal. Uneven teams and rabid trading of tokens led to stacking of teams into routers and routees. A bit of open and women's tourney fighting occurred interspersed with some fairly vicious juggling. Oddly enough, the Amtgard fighting went over pretty well. Unfortunately, when the sun set and the drinking started, a few fist-to-cuffs occurred when a some folks got a bit too aggressive. Fortunately, calmer heads prevailed and resolutions were quickly reached. Mistriss Wynde won the cultural tourney (is anybody noticing a pattern here??) with a number of excellent pieces. And I hear we broke even, or maybe didn't lose too much.

Wait a minute!!! Spring War is the Celestial Kingdoms biggest event of the year, we make a profit on even the smallest, poorest run events (see midreign report - that right, you can't. There wasn't one. Just take my word for it.). What happened to the profit on this event???

This is where I would tell you the financial statement of the event, However the Autocrats and Prime Minister Athishisdane failed to submit a final report... (is anybody noticing a pattern here??)

Perhaps you, gentle members of the populous (who are interested in knowing where your money went), may have better luck at getting a full accounting of the event than has the Crown.

On a lighter note, (...notice how these lighter notes are so nice and bright after the gloomy financial report?) ...the event went well for those attending. Spring War II may have had a higher percentage of smiling people, but I doubt it. Congratulations to Dame Ke-She who was Knighted with a flame belt.



## ... a final word from our XIIIth Monarch

Unto the populace, Greetings to the populace of the Celestial Kingdom,

Well, it would appear that this will be my second and last letter to you, the populace. First I would like to apologize on behalf of my administration that there was no Star for mid-reign. With that said on to business... Concerning my reign...

It has been a reign characterized by machievellian scheming and skull drudgery. It has been a reign filled with turmoil, confusion, hostile actions and malicious intent. A reign that should have only appeared with in the safe confines of speculation. I would like to think that this was the most difficult reign ever experienced by a monarch of the Celestial Kingdom, but it by no means unique. The sad truth is, that \*every\* monarch of the CK before me has experienced much the same, and that \*every\* monarch that follows shall be haunted by the same experience. Why you ask? Surely no other monarch has experienced the same issues. The truth is that they have, but were able to deal with the issues before they came to a head. Perhaps they were more suited to diplomacy than I, but I am a man of action and of truth. I have no patience for the kind of back stabbing politics I have seen as king. And you know, you should have no patience for the like either. The officers of this club are here to serve you, not the other way around. I fear that far to much effort is put in the kingdom level of our club. The club is made up of duchies and ultimately individuals. The local groups are far more important that two events out of every six months could ever hope to be. Far too many people are blinded by masterhoods, knighthoods and titles. It has long been held that power corrupts and that absolute power corrupts absolutely. In fact power attracts the corruptible. At every level of our club, of our dream I have seen this. And you have seen it too, or perhaps you turned a blind eye to it. Far too often people vote for their friends, over the people who truly care or are better suited to serve. For the people who will knight the right person or who will give them awards. Well, here is your wake up call. The game has been dwindling and now is dying. Part of this is due to a lack of true leadership on the local level. and lack of support for the kingdom level. We stand on the edge of an abyss and can no longer afford not to care. We can no longer afford to turn a blind eye to those things which have no place in this club. To decadence and illegal acts, to iniquities and to immorality. I can do nothing but state my resolve and to encourage others to make the proper choice. Ultimately the fate of the club lies not in the hands of the kings or of knights but in the hands of each member of the populace. You can not simply expect that a few lone individuals will continue to keep the club going, as it where. You must take that duty upon yourself. If you fail, then the dream dies. It dies a little everytime someone cheats, or hurts someone, or allows their temper to get the better of them. It dies a little everytime some one gets an award they did not deserve or we make another knight for political reasons. It dies a little each time someone drives away a newcomer. But I digress, surely you all know what I am referring too. Weather you have done any of those things or "merely" allowed them to happen. We are all guilty and we will are share the same fate for good or evil. If my message is grim, it is because we have come to grim times. It has only been due to the efforts of a few key individuals that we have come this far and that we have survived. Take a close look at that last word, survive. We have not thrived we have not prospered, instead we simply continued to exist. How utterly pathetic. I look at this club, and I see what it was before the split with H.F.S and what it could be again, if only we could all put our petty agendas and work together. I long for the day when we stop thinking of ourselves in terms of north and south. I long for the day when a knight's belt is a sacred trust and responsibility. I long for the day when service to the club is done not for rewards but out of love. I am far from innocent, but here and now I state my intention to work towards the vision that I have shared with you all today. And I ask you to declare that you will follow my example. I would like to take this chance to thank everyone who helped to make this reign possible, to all those who helped to keep the darkness at bay a little longer. I would especially like to thank those three who stood up when duty called and did their part. Arion, Kederian, Azkar who filled in for the top three position I give you my gratitude. But most of all I would like to thank Pandora for keeping me sane through the long nights of insanity.

yours in service,

-LeGrey.

## a brief utterance from the Regent:

I took up this crown shortly after returning from a honeymoon with a new bride. This office had no honeymoon period. Commitments from the Previous Regent and unnecessary strife made for a rollercoaster reign. Thank-you to Kaderian and Le Gray for piloting a system of absentee balloting for elections - people, it worked well. Thank-you to Mistress Wynde for making it easy to decide the current cultural Dreadnought of this Kingdom. (Sweetness is the "old guard" rolling in their graves...) Let me offer a most Profound apology to the former staff of the Star from who's hands it was removed and placed in mine (and Scribe Ariel's). Perhaps my howls of complaint regarding quality were justified, but you delivered two Stars in three months, I have delivered but one. Please note that Ariel and Myself provided, to the populous AT NO COST TO THE KINGDOM 220 rule books. Onward into obscurity!!! ... and thank you for your support.

— Sir Arion Reinquist

## a few words from the populous:

Populace,

Well here we are. Towards the end of another reign. You just have to ask yourself, was anything accomplished by the hierarchy to make the game, Amtgard better? I would have to say no! I presented a list of problems that we need to concentrate on. Maybe the next group of hierarchy will utilize my list and correct something? ?? Maybe not!

So far, this reign, the C.K. has been faced with inter-group separation. Apparently this isn't the first time. All I know is, if problems don't ever get fixed, it will happen again and again. People can only be starved so long! Look what happened to England for over taxing, mistreatment, and starving the general populace of Scotland. It took several rebellions and Scotland finally got the Freedom they deserved. History is in the remaking. It's just a matter of time. Our group is already the size of England. If you can't control and satisfy a group that big, then you shouldn't be in control.

Aramithris has written a Introduction to the current Burning Lands corpora, which is well written. I feel it's important that everyone knows. It says,

"Amtgard is a vehicle for recreation, and many often lose sight of that. The Corpora of laws, and the rulebook of play are only guidelines to aid in the interaction between the people who do come to Amtgard for recreation. The ideal purpose of club government is to serve the people, not the other way around. No rulebook can cover every possible situation and no person should be bound by constraints that he or she feels are in conflict with his or hers moral standards. All the good ever done on this planet has been accomplished by people who stood up and dared to make their mark. The Corpora is an offering of service. It is not engraved in stone. People, their relationships, change. Amtgard will change and hopefully, with the contributions of its best, it will prosper and grow. The Corpora contains an offering of ideas and service. However, it would be a gross presumption to state that any body of laws has any real precedence over the thinking and activities of a human being, for these laws were only made by humans. Only a Tyrant would attempt to force "the law" upon an unwilling person, and only a coward would submit to such treatment.

He who would create must stand on his own two feet. We must monitor our own thoughts and actions if we are to build anything positive in our lives, our relationships, and that unique corner of the world that we call Amtgard."

Are we ever going to be allowed to build? Hopefully soon enough, we will start hosting our events at a sight that will be based towards the atmosphere of a Medieval Renaissance Club and not the Rodeo. I can't believe that we are stuck with the thoughts of a making a profit (by over charging) and the use of a Kitchen Hall. What happened to a campout being a campout. It's time we get that atmosphere back into our club! Also at events here, I notice that we don't utilize our event time properly. We have very little play time scheduled and lots of side activities. This should be the other way around. -Idea- "you don't have to schedule a campout for midreign, coronation, etc... Instead how about just for playing Amtgard". The core of Amtgard is to play the game, and that should be an Autocrat's main concern at events.

Yours in service,

-Snake Eyes -

... and he said to them "Listen closely such that you may know the news of the land..."

("And I say, What need have we of news??" -- the sheep, that had gone.)

#### Filling Shoes:

Prime Minister Athisdane stepped down following Spring war after a brief stewardship in the office. When the Army told him to "be all he could be", they meant for them, not us. They got his time. We got to fill the office again. A thousand thanks to Lord Squire Kaderian for graciously rising to again meet the challenges of the office.

#### Looking for Kings (in all the wrong places):

The Chosen, in conjunction with the Church of Dungalenn, ran a very original Quest in Austin. The methods and roleplay were quite good. Artifacts were very evenly distributed.

#### You can't swing a stick in this land without hitting one!!! Get me a stick!:

The breadth of circle of Knights got a bit larger at the Quest. Sir Ta' Shi-iaak (Taz) was Knighted with this lands very first Knights belt. It has been donned by Sir Michael, Hammer of God, Sir Cha-do and now Sir Ta'Shi-iaak. Choose that first squire well, my friend - he has a hugh lineage to live up to...

#### Bad news. For real. The Celestial Kingdom has bounced a few checks.:

This is where I would tell you the financial statement of the Kingdom, However the Treasurer of the B.O.D. has thus far been unable to provide a final report to the Crown and been unable to explain why major vendors like HEB and Sam's Club have blacklisted our checking account. ... (is anybody noticing a pattern here???) Perhaps you, gentle members of the populous (who are interested in knowing where your money went), may have better luck at getting a full accounting of the Kingdom books than has the Crown.

#### Kingdom Qualifications Tourney was held in Austin (isn't everything?):

The event is supposed to be run by the "highest kingdom official not running for re-election. Neither the Monarch, nor the Regent were running for re-election. Historically, the Regent handles the Cultural Qualifications. This Regent Appologizes profusely for the organization of the event. The event "Autocrats" (previously assigned by a prior Regent) failed (and therefore I failed) to inform the populous in a timely and proper fashion as to the event particulars. Special notice should be made to Page Kidda and diverse others (our Monarch and Sir Michael among them) who rose to the task of providing direction to fighting events that were adrift. Congratulations to Heirs apparent: Sir Therressa (Monarch) and Sir Beloch (Regent).

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...you alone, gentle reader, determine elite from unwashed  
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