

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January

19-21	Midreign and Arts and Science Competition	Burnet County Fair Grounds
28th	Kingdom Quest	Enchanted Rock

February

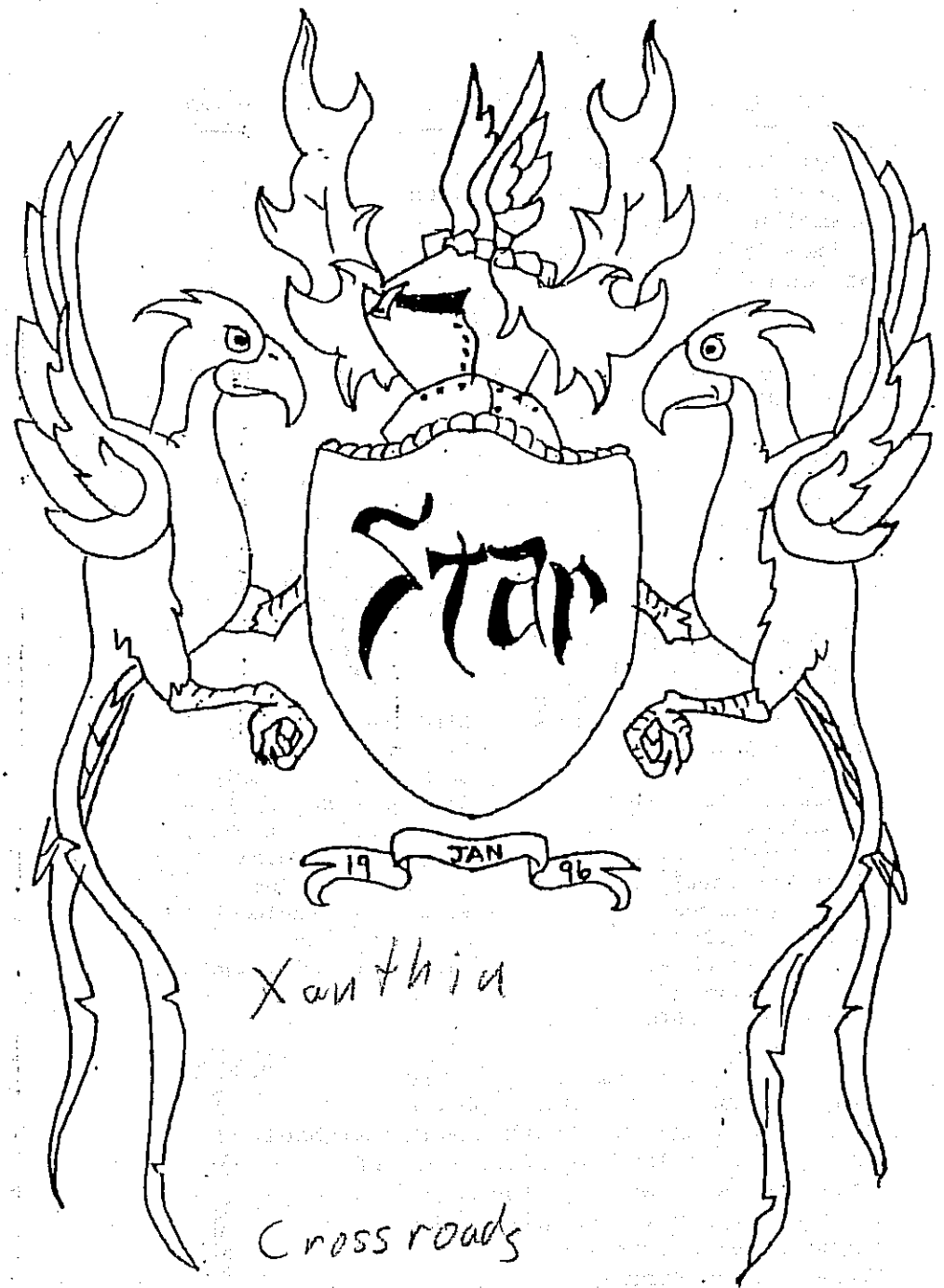
11th	Battle "E" tournament and court	Walnut Creek Park Austin
11th	Pot Luck Ducal Feast	Turris Lunae San Antonio Tx
	Submissions due for February "Spring War" Star	
16th-19th	Spring War III Regents Artisan Arts and Science Competition	Burnet County Fair Grounds

March

3rd	Qualifications and Crown Tourney	Hensel Park, Mordengaard College Station, Tx
15th-17th	Coronation with Arts and science Competition	Burnet County Fair Grounds

April

13th-14th	Canterbury Faire	Austin Tx
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The Court of The Celestial Kingdom

King: Sir Zephram MacLaren
 Regent: Squire Jamethiel Knorth
 Champion: Squire Logan T. Black
 Prime Minister: Sir Michael Hammer
 of God

The Royal Guard

Captain of Kings Guard: Zigful
 Mistress Ogra
 Regent's Defender:

Kings Guards

Sir Shadow
 Squire Tereasa
 Squire Balinor
 Dom Perimone
 Mouse

Regent's Guards

Lyceum Household Guard



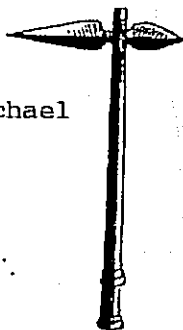
Court Herald: Sir Rufus
 Weaponsmaster: Sir Arthon

Guildmasters

Anti-Paladins: Sir Sylvas	Literature: Sir Arion
Archers: Maniacles	Minstrels: Graiss
Art: Sir Nightlynx	Monks: Squire Torin
Assassins: Your Death	Monsters: Stoney Rose
Barbarians: Stoney Rose	Paladins: Sir Michael
Bards: Wolfie	Reeves: Sir Hulka
Circle of Steel: Morgoroch	Sages: Sir Rufus
Druids: Athisdane	Scouts: Sir Arion
Garbers: Squire Mika	Smiths: Duran
Healers: Angel Fire	Warriors: Sir Imagg
Heraldry: Edmund	Wizards: Wilhelm
Knights: Sir Rufus	

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Bolt Hole

Badgers??? We don't need no
 Stinking badgers.....

Good Nobles and Gentles,

Well here we are at Midreign! The state of the Union is great. Save for a couple of pockets of discontent, our beloved homeland appears to be content and harmonious. The Celestial Kingdom emerged victorious once again from an invasion...this time in the Pacific Northwest. My special thanks go out to Eternal Tamarack, our newest barony, for conscripting troops for what will be known henceforth as the Epiphany War. I also owe a debt of gratitude to Dom Perimone, Erika, and Sir Shadow for taking the long voyage out to Portland and helping us put the fear of CK into the hearts of another army. The financial state of the Kingdom could not be better. Given a successful Midreign, we should be able to finance Spring War without going into debt. Next Sunday, we have what may be the best quest in CK history coming up, complete with brain teasers, lots and lots of combat, and hostages to rescue... of course there is also the small matter of a few relics.... Given the date of the event, each metro area might want to organize a Super Bowl party for after the quest, complete with a tape of the game.

Please be advised that, until further notice, Tirana will be playing at Tori Mar while they undergo some remodeling. Please also be aware that the shire of Avalon has formed at Millers Pond park in San Antonio. If you are in the area and feel like some fierce fighting, you might check them out.

The rest of the reign promises to be a veritable whirlwind of events. Princess Jamethiel will be sponsoring a Crown's Artisan tourney at this event, Spring War, and at Coronation. Dame Melinda will run A garbing competition this weekend, and, of course, Crown Qualifications will happen in Mordengaard at Hensel Park. Those of you who are bucking for mastery in the Arts and Sciences should be busying themselves about taking these tourneys!

I do not wish to ramble, so I'll wrap this up. Thank you all, once again, for being helpful and supportive and for keeping the Dream and the Celestial Kingdom going. God... whichever one you have bless us all! Everyone!

In Love of and Service to the Dream,
Zephram MacLaren, Rex Celestium

Greetings to the populace of the Celestial Kingdom. Thank you for making me your new prime minister. First, I would like to thank those who have come before me. Our Kingdom records have some gaps but are in better shape than I had ever expected. Also a special thanks is due for Sir Tholden who labored as Star editor for two terms. Despite a few jokes in this issue about Badgers, I feel that we all owe him a depth of Gratitude.

Speaking of The Star, I have thought long and hard and decided on distribution policy that should be workable. The Kingdom really should get a Star to each dues paid member. There are sometimes communication gaps that make this hard. My policy will be as follows. The Star staff and I will print an individual newsletter for each dues paid member shown in Kingdom records during each month that they are dues paid after the first. During the first month of any members dues paid status it is the responsibility of that person's local group to get them a Star. Also, while I will endeavor to keep all dues paid status updated at the Kingdom level, if we have not received your dues from you local leaders then we can't make you a Star. Please notice that if you only pay one month of dues at election time for the privilege of voting that your local officials will be responsible for getting you that one Star if one is printed in the month for which you paid.

As far as Award's records go, I am in the process of updating them at this time. Currently, I plan to have a laptop available at Spring War III and to make myself available for most of Saturday afternoon so that everyone can come check with me and confirm their awards records. Also I hope to print a Comprehensive list of all active members and their awards in the coronation edition of the Star. If you have any specific questions about awards records or dues contact me and I will try to get back to you promptly. My Address is as follows

Grand Duke Sir Michael Hammer of God
c/o Will Jordan
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My phone number is (210)-698-5509 and while I am a busy person I am committed to hearing and responding to all members of the CK. Thus, Wednesdays will be my Prime Ministerial Office Hours. From 5 P.M. till 10 P.M. every Wednesday I will be at home working on Kingdom business and available for anyone who needs to call. Hopefully, by the time that the next issue of the Star goes to print I will have my modem up and running and will be able to publish a E-mail number for those who wish to contact me that way.

Trying to serve you and the dream,
Michael Hammer of God, PM

Spring War III February 16- 19th, 1996

It's Spring War time again. Once more the event will be at Burnet County Fairgrounds in Burnet, Texas. The Fee will be six dollars. Remember to bring warm clothes as even south Texas can be cold at night in February.

Okay people, here's the deal. We got a bunch of goody goody types trying to invade and raise property values. The Amtgard Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Landlords, is trying to raise an army in defense of the peasants right to remain downtrodden. However, the landlords don't seem to be very big on intelligence. They have this bright idea to use fighters of neutral persona to pad out the sides. There was this strange concept of fairness being thrown about. Hmum, could there be traitors on the board of the A.S.P.C.L.? Well heck, who care about details, let's fight. Oh, okay, here are the details:

Autocrats:	Sir Pebyr 12200 IH 10 W #512 San Antonio, Tx 78230 210-561-7776	Lady Shanti 400 W. Anderson #7207 Austin, Tx 78752 512-836-5241
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SEND ADVANCE FEE'S TO MEH

Merchants Row: Baroness Squire Vera
Address: Same as Pebyr's
MERCHANT'S NEEDED!
Fee: \$25 each 8' x 8' stall
ATTN

NOTE:

Our Goal is to have stalls similar to those at Clan XII, with Merchant's row made into a gypsy village. Period decorations can result in part of your fee being waived. There will be a special 24 hour security on Merchant's Row to avoid theft. Merchant's will have the option of staying open after dark. Please indicate in advance whether you wish to be a part of the quest.

The 24 hour quest will feature the Village and there will be bardies, as well as the Spring War bardie at the village fire during the weekend. We will be doing our best to keep the Village fire going all weekend.

Feastocrat:	Squire Ke-She 402 Arbor Austin, Tx. 78745 512-447-7413 <u>Contact if you have any dietary needs.</u>	Security:	Sir Honor Contact through Ke-She
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Good General: Sir Michael

Evil General: Sir Theo

Note: Those with neutral personas will be used to pad out the sides. Blatant bribery and other such persona play will be ignored as long as the sides are not uneven.

There will be interkingdom competitions similar to Olympiad. The Spring War Artisan and Champion will be decided on Saturday, so that they may sit at the high table during the feast. The bardie will be held in the village during the 24 hour quest. The following people are in charge:

Spring War Artisan competition: Regent Jamethiel

Spring War Champion Tournament: Champion Logan

Spring War Bardie: Thux

Women's tournament: Queen Squeak of the Emerald Hills

There may also be a juggling tournament. Apparently, last year's was a big pain. From what I understand a single rules standard needs to be decided on. Now would probably be a good time to establish a set of standard Amtgard rules of Juggling.

Finally a 24 hour quest is planned. Since the prospective autocrat is coming 3000 miles, we have to allow for an "act of god" factor. But if everything goes well we will have a 24 hour quest.

Quest Autocrat: Sir Solaris



Celestial Kingdom Qualifications



All kingdom level candidates must compete in and qualify in the Crown Qualifications to be held on March 3, 1996 at Hensel Park in Mordengaard (Bryan/College Station). The following categories will be used for the cultural portion of Crown Qualifications:

2D Art	3D Art
Music- Voice or instrumental	Verbal performance
Fiction - inc. persona history	Non-Fiction
Poetry	Court Garb
Fighting Garb	Banner
Accessories - shoes, bells, jewelry	Needlework
Shield Construction	Weapon Construction
Armor	Active Construction - With moving parts
Passive Construction	Beverages
Bread	Cooking

All entries will be judged on a scale of 1 to 5 with 3 being average. All entries must have been completed in the last 6 months and must be at least 50% new work. Additional work on previously completed pieces may be entered, if they can be judged separately. Contact Princess Jamethiel if you have a piece that you feel meets these requirements. The Princess's decision is final.

The following categories will be used for the war portion of Crown Qualifications:

Single Sword	Florentine Sword
Sword and Shield	Single Dagger
Staff	Free Style
Archery	

All swords need to be under 4 feet long. All shields should be sized as legal medium shields.

All monarchical candidates must enter 5 cultural and 5 War events, and achieve an average score of 3.25 on their cultural entries. If more than 5 pieces are entered in the Cultural portion, only the 5 highest scoring entries will be used for scoring purposes.

All regent candidates must enter 7 cultural and 3 war events, and achieve an average score of 3.5 on their cultural entries. If more than seven pieces are entered in the cultural portion, only the seven highest scoring entries will be used for Qualification purposes.

All champion candidates must enter 3 cultural and all 7 war events and achieve an average score of 3.25 of the cultural entries. The champion candidates must enter shield construction, weapon construction, and armor construction to show an appreciation for battlefield safety.

In addition, all kingdom level candidates must complete the Reeve's and Corpora tests as per the Celestial Kingdom corpora.

King Zephram requests that all the persons with the title of Warlord please offer their services as reeves and refrain from competing in the war tourney.

Greetings unto the populace of the Celestial Kingdom. I am Squire Logan T. Black, and I am announcing my intention to run for the position of Monarch of the Celestial Kingdom. My Qualifications for the position are as follows:

- 1) Ducal Regent of Midnight Sun (EH)
- 2) Baron of Silver Oak (Germany)
- 3) First Duke of Silver Oak (Germany)
- 4) Ducal Guildmaster of Reeves of Silver Oak
- 5) Ducal Defender of Silver Oak
- 6) First Prince of Silver Oak
- 7) Guildmaster of Warriors, Duchy of Dragon's Haven (CK)
- 8) Current Champion of the Celestial Kingdom

I will be traveling throughout the lands in the months to come, as is part of my job as Champion. If you have any questions of me, or I have not visited your park feel free to speak with me.

If I am elected as Monarch, I intend to continue the mobile court system to cut down the length of Kingdom courts.

It is my belief that the Monarch is the people's representative, the Monarch's job is to protect the Kingdom, be it from legal encroachment or internal feuding. The Monarch is the Kingdom's mediator, the monarch is there to insure that the Kingdom runs well and that the members of the Kingdom enjoy themselves at Amtgard. It is the responsibility of the Monarch to maintain the populace of the Kingdom, for without populace there is no Amtgard, and not only should the Monarch maintain the populace of the Kingdom, but should strive to broaden the expanses of the Kingdom and help bring new members into the Kingdom.

It is my intention, if I am elected Monarch, to represent the people of the Celestial Kingdom, and no one can represent the Kingdom if it is not known how they feel, so please come and talk to me and share with me your opinions and your feelings so that if you choose to elect me as the next Monarch of the Celestial Kingdom I can truly be a representative of the populace of our Kingdom.

In Service of the Dream,
Baron Squire Logan T. Black
Champion of the Celestial Kingdom

Greetings unto the populace of the Celestial Kingdom. Having run out of significant relatives and having forgotten how fun Kingdom level offices can be, I have decided to run for Kingdom regent. Here is my obligatory campaign letter.

My qualifications are as follows:

- 1) First Kingdom Chronicler
- 2) First Kingdom Prime Minister
- 3) First Kingdom Knight of the Serpent
- 4) Guildmaster of Reeves during the reign of King Rufus
- 5) Sixth Monarch of the Celestial Kingdom
- 6) Knight of the Flame
- 7) Knight of the Crown
- 8) Perennial arts and sciences competition judge

It is my wish to campaign, however, unfortunately this will be the only chance before the election, for some people to know how I feel about Amtgard. Things have changed a lot since I put out the First STAR with Nightlynx's cover art. Several of the "newbies" back then, including Nightlynx have gone on to become Knights and/or nobility. The point is that today's first level warrior can eventually go on to be King. This is the beauty of Amtgard.

I remember what it is like to strive with no encouragement. Because of this, I have always sought to recognize the achievements of everyone. I strive to show no favorites and feel it is a sign of strength to be able to admit that I can be wrong. My campaign promises are few and simple. My feelings on promises are that so many things can go wrong that the best thing to do is simply roll with the punches. I promise to do my part to not have a boring reign. I promise no more traveling vents. (Please God) I promise to arrange collegiums and arts and sciences competitions and other neat stuff.

Archduke Sir Pebyr ap Cucorin

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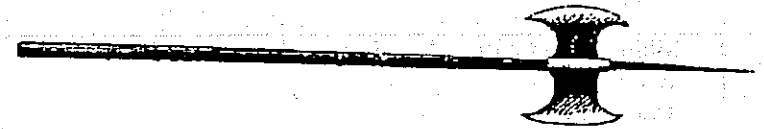
EMPIRE OF THE IRON MOUNTAINS
GOLDEN EAGLE CAMPGROUND
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO
JUNE 27-30 1996

THE GAUNTLET HAS BEEN TOSSED OUT FOR
KINGDOM TO CHALLENGE KINGDOM,
FIGHTING COMPANY TO CHALLENGE
FIGHTING COMPANY,
HOUSEHOLD TO CHALLENGE HOUSEHOLD
AND
FRIEND TO CHALLENGE FRIEND

COMPETE FOR THE TITLES OF
CULTURAL OLYMPIAN
WAR OLYMPIAN
AND
OLYMPIAN

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to come, if you wish to be on the mailing list please
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Executioner's Hood

By
Sir Shadow

The Executioners hood, which covers his head,
was blacker than night itself
His ax, shaped for cold steel, Hanging upon
his shoulder
In motion I see the ax move as it cleaves the
air

separating it and my head . . .

I see . . .

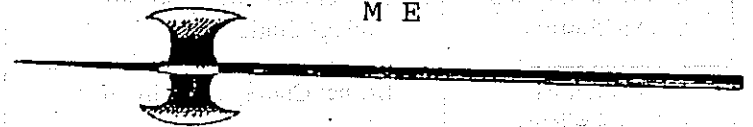
the hood cast aside

I see . . .

the face of my killer

I see . . .

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I hope that in issues to come that this page and the one following it can be filled up with Amtgard art and literature. King Zephram has commanded that at least one new piece of art and one piece of literature grace the pages of each issue. I will fulfill the king's desires in this matter as best I can. Unfortunately, I will often not have time to heavily solicit submissions. Therefore any one who wants their work published in this magazine must submit it. Otherwise, these pages will be full of works by people who live within a free call of the PM and are therefore in easy nagging distance. During my term I hope to print 5 or 6 Stars. Each will have a cover showing original artwork by a member of this kingdom. (Sorry I can't gather sufficient computer clip-art to do otherwise. . . Sarcasm) So far only three artists have volunteered to do covers for me. This leaves two or three still to go. If you want to do one for me just call or write. My address is in my letter a few pages back.

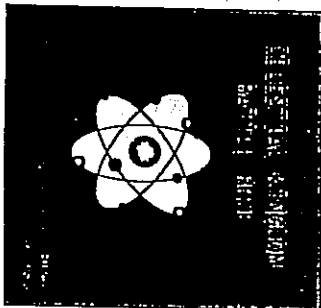
PM Michael Hammer of God

SEEKING INFORMATION

THE KINGDOM CHAMPION IS SEEKING WRITTEN INFORMATION,
AND IDEAS FROM THE POPULACE FOR BATTLE GAMES.

THE REASON IS TO PRODUCE A "BATTLE BOOK", IN WHICH ALL
THE BATTLE GAME IDEAS ARE HELD. ONCE COMPLETE THE
BATTLE BOOK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH PARK WITHIN
THE CELESTIAL KINGDOM

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE : MARCH 16 1996.



IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A BATTLE GAME PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN
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