

Lands of the Celestial Kingdom  
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The Chosen Juggling Team

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## Letter From the Queen



Greetings my Dearest Celestials!

How fast the sands of time do pass...

Clan 18 is JUST around the corner, our HPM (Honourable Prime Minister) Sir Father Thomas soon reaches the end of his term, HRH Don Diego and I fast approach our MidReign, and this Grand Kingdom of ours is soon to celebrate its first 10 years of the Dream!! Busy we will be it seems, as busy as we have been...

These past few months have seen a Kingdom wide Collegium with War Tourney and A&S Tourney at Talonfield. A wonderful event! A heartfelt thanks to all those that shared their time and talents. HRH Don Diego has made great efforts to be out and about supporting this Kingdom's Artisans and Scientists, holding a Roman-Greco themed A&S Tourney at Tori-Mar in conjunction with this Reign's first Juggling Tourney and a Saracen-Islamic themed A&S Tourney at Drakenroc in conjunction with their

MidReign celebration. Our northern Principality, Tir a Sol, has elected HRH Medryn to a second term of leadership, Huzzah, and HPR (Honourable Principality Regent) Kyrinn as his and its second Regent, again Huzzah!

I expect to see more and more of you as my travels expand to our horizons. However, I ask at this time all Provincial leaders to please contact me personally if you wish me to visit one particular time over another.

I hope to see as many Celestials at Clan 18 that can possibly can make it! Not only does this new site sound spectacular and thus making that unique experience that is Clan even more so, but there will wars within wars, activities within activities, and celebrations within celebrations! Remember though, check out the Amtgard website ([www.amtgard.com](http://www.amtgard.com)) for Clan 18 registration forms (it is ALWAYS best to take a completed one with you to hand to the gate guards) and... importantly, IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 AND WILL BE TRAVELING WITHOUT EITHER YOUR PARENT(S) OR PAPER-CARRYING-PAPER-PROVING LEGAL GUARDIAN(S), YOU MUST HAVE IN YOUR POSSESSION A COMPLETED MINOR INDEMNIFICATION FORM OR YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY. Provincial leaders, make a concerted effort to print some of these important forms out for your folks!!

So, if I don't see you at Clan 18, then I'll see you at Ten Year Celebration at MidReign!! (4 -6 Aug '00, Burnet TX), and if perchance I don't see you there either, then I'll visit with you soon.

Till our travels bring us together...  
In Service to You and Our Dream,  
Countess Dame Mistress Wynd o'OnyxLoch  
Regina Caelestis Regnum

## Letter from the Prince Regent

Unto the populace,

I am two months into my reign and have felt many highs and lows. I wanted to begin setting very high expectations and hoping that the populace would come through. In some ways, I have been disappointed, but in other ways, I have been greatly surprised.

I have scheduled two kingdom level arts and sciences tourneys, both of which had very poor turnouts. However, that is about the worst thing that I have had to contend with.

Collegium was a huge success in large part to the efforts put forth by the populace of Talonfield, and by the excellent turnout of interested participants. Every event that coincided with the kingdom A&S tourney has enjoyed a tremendous turnout. The most recent event of Drakenroc's Midreign saw a huge outpouring of help and participation from people all over the Celestial Kingdom.

I have traveled to several parks and found that most park officers are well informed of kingdom decisions and upcoming events. I have also learned that most parks are now working on symbols for their respective parks. And even the pesky book of Heraldry has reappeared and will be back in kingdom hands by Midreign. Hopefully, Kingdom Midreign will mark a time of earnest celebration for the accomplishments of the kingdom.

For the next half of my reign, I hope to pick up where I left off. I will try to get all the banners done for the parks before I leave office. I am also confident I can set up an independently maintained website for our kingdom. And last but not least, I still hope to travel to the various lands of the Celestial Kingdom and participate on and off the field.

I am very grateful to this populace for the work and dedication they have shown, and I only hope that I can continue to count on your support.

As a reminder, the deadline for registering park symbols is kingdom midreign. Any park that does not have a registered symbol will be GIVEN a symbol (even if I have to draw it myself at midreign!). Hope to see ya'll there!

Don Diego Velazquez  
Prince Regent of the Celestial Kingdom

## Letter from the Prime Minister



Greetings fair Kingdom and most noble populace,

We are soon approaching the 10 Year Celebration of our grand Kingdom, and the Midreign Celebration of HRM Countess Dame Mistress Wynd o'Onyxloch. The festivities are planned for the first weekend in August, at of course, the traditional Celestial Kingdom event site, Burnet Couty Rodeo and Fairgrounds, Burnet, TX.

This Midreign will mark the end of my six months as our Prime Minister. Or I should say, the "first" six months of my tenure as Prime Minister, for I wholeheartedly plan on running for the position once again. Hopefully I shall receive the honor of serving you once more, for there are tasks undone, and things that have just begun that I intend to see through to the end, if possible.

One item that I intend on seeing through to the end is Kingdom Records and the standardization of their input from the Kingdom Provinces. Things have gotten lax my friends, and this Kingdom and it's populace deserve to see their efforts recognized, their credits recorded, and it's history kept up. The first step in this process of records management is you, the individual. We all need to ensure that we know who we are, what we have done, and when we have done it. The next step is our local leadership. We all need to make sure that they also are aware of their immediate group and it's populace, and that they see to it that this information is consistently passed onto the Kingdom management. In other words, the Kingdom Leadership. Too long have we been slow or disorganized in our updates to the Prime Minister. Get with your local leaders and make sure that they see to your needs, and accomplish what they have been elected to do. They are here to serve you all. It's in their job description. :o)

Other items I hope to see in the future, and hope to see get voted in at our next Kingdom level Allthing, include formal and official membership information, personal and persona information and dues submission directly to the Office of the Prime Minister via the mail. Included in this proposal would be requirements of the Office of the Prime Minister to distribute directly to paid members, by mail, membership cards, records reports, Rules books, Corporas, Monster Manuals, etc. This looks to be a fairly big job, however, once begun, it should manage itself fairly consistently.

We hope to see as many people at the Gathering of the Clans 18, this year near Cloudcroft, NM. This is by far the biggest, and some say the best of ALL Amtgard events per year. The site is different this year from the one traditionally used, however, by all accounts it is far better than what we all are used to. Hope to see you there!! I'll see to it that you all get your credits. :o)

In Service to the Dream, to Amtgard, and to the Celestial Kingdom,  
Duke Sir Father Thomas von Draken, Prime Minister

## Kingdom Records and Dues

### Monthly Kingdom Records Update:

Xanadu - Update incomplete as of 1 July  
Falling Fire - Update incomplete as of 1 July  
Lampasas - Update incomplete as of 1 July (No contract)  
**Drakenroc - Update complete as of 1 July**  
Tori Mar - Update incomplete as of 1 July  
**Tirana - Update complete as of 1 July**  
Talonfield - Update incomplete as of 1 July  
Traitors Gate - Update incomplete as of 1 July  
Griffon's Keep - Update incomplete as of 1 July  
Bifost - Update incomplete as of 1 July  
Barren Donga - Update incomplete as of 1 July (No contract. Group inactive.)

### Monthly Kingdom Dues Submission:

Xanadu - Provincial dues not recieved as of 1 July  
Falling Fire - Provincial dues not recieved as of 1 July  
Lampasas - Provincial dues not recieved as of 1 July  
**Drakenroc - Dues up to date as of 1 July**  
Tori Mar - Provincial dues not recieved as of 1 July  
**Tirana - Dues up to date as of 1 July**  
Talonfield - Provincial dues not recieved as of 1 July  
Traitors Gate - Provincial dues not recieved as of 1 July  
Griffon's Keep - Provincial dues not recieved as of 1 July  
Bifost - Provincial dues not recieved as of 1 July  
Barren Donga - Provincial dues not recieved as of 1 July (Group Inactive)

This is a rather grim assessment of the state of records and dues. Parks must have records up to date as soon as possible. It makes it much easier to give awards based on the information we have on the populace. And dues contributions makes it possible for kingdom to provide publications such as the Star, Amtgard rulebooks and corporas, and other literature for the parks. -Don Diego

## Letter from the Champion



Unto the populace,

Well, here we are just a few short weeks away from clan and for the most part it seems that things are going good.

First off, I have noticed a couple problems out and about. People seem to not be taking much notice of the condition of their weapons and shields. For the most part it is weapon tips and pommels. There was a large amount of weapons that were deemed illegal at weaponmaster because of this reason. I would hope that this was something

solved before the next time you took the field with those weapons. I am especially concerned about these weapons going out to clan.

There will be on the spot weapon checks by the reeves out there and any weapons deemed illegal by them will be removed. Also, pommels that are too small are a problem. This is to all you pommel fighters. I have said this time and again. Just because your hand is wrapped around the pommel does not mean that it does not have to meet the same safety standards as everything else.

On a happier note I am glad to see that I haven't seen people getting out the "CLAN WEAPONS" to get ready. A word of advice to the more serious fighters is take extra weapons with you. As anyone who has been to clan before can vouch for, you will break weapons at clan. If you have any questions as far as what you might need to take to clan for weapons feel free to ask. I will be more than happy to help. All in all, have fun and don't take things too seriously out there folk.

Sir Belkev  
Champion To Her Majesty Dame Mistress Wynd

## Collegium

The Day dawned cool and clear, so it was time for Collegium!

After the short trip to Bastrop from Austin, we (the group I was with) found that no matter what the weather is like in Austin, it's ALWAYS muggy in Bastrop. But that's neither here nor there. Hehehe just a personal observation.

But yes, Collegium was pretty kewl. There were instructions for just about every type of A&S entry you would want, from Painting (2d art) to chainmail making (my favorite course) to how to judge A&S, to making bead lizards quickly and easily.

So.. what more is there? There were several people in attendance, and it was pretty quiet until about noon, when things started heating up. Diego ran a small class on how to judge A&S (which I didn't attend.. I was busy swinging a stick in the War Tourny) and from all accounts, it was VERY informative. Hopefully now we will have a standard set up for judging in A&S, so there will be no more confusion.

Nightshade followed this up with a class on beadworking. This I did not attend either (still swinging that stick) but also heard was very well done.. I believe that at one point there were 15 people sitting around, messing with Beads... Oh, where are the Kenders when they are needed most?

Then there was the chain mail making class. I'm no armorer, nor am I any kind of Knight of the Serpent in training, but I NEVER knew there was so many types of chain mail. From 4 in 1 weave, to 6 in 2 weave, to Japanese style to double weave to.... Man.. sorry. Can't list them all here. Just to many. Also, the tools involved. I knew chainmail was tedious, but I didn't know it was as complicated as it is either! My hats are off to those out there who make chain mail. Ya'll just keep it up, cuz it's a little to hard for me.

Then there was FT's Leatherworking class. Pretty kewl.. even if he IS my knight. In deference to that knight/squire relationship, I'm just not gonna comment on this one.. I couldn't help but be biased.

Then there was....the....War Tourny. The competition was good.. and for once, it was a kingdom level tourny with no Bobs there. So ya'll know what this means.. Someone other than a Torch WON!! Hehehe..

Now, I'm not knocking the Bobs. They're some damn good fighters. It's just nice to see someone else win a kingdom level tourny for once.. hehehehe.. ESPECIALLY since it was me! But I believe that the places went like this.

1<sup>st</sup>-Vigus  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Medryn  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Belgarde.

I don't remember much other than that. Bresil Eterlain was supposed to run a fighting class, but I'm not sure if that ever went off or not (since he was swinging a stick tool).

All in all, the day was a good one, and when I got home, I was one tired guy. Hats off to those who ran and taught in Collegium.. the job was done very well.

Oh.. BTW.. Did I mention that I won that kingdom level tourny??

Just thought I'd add that in.

Vigus

## The Kingdom Juggling Tournament

Well, I think we can call the kingdom juggling tourney a reasonable success. The games went smoothly, and dinner was plentiful and good.

Congratulations to Mr. Black, the winning team, and to Sir Clalibus, for receiving his Sword belt. I'd like to thank Medryn for all his advice on running the tourney, and Gavin, Tiberius, and the rest of the reeves for the wonderful job they did, especially after I had to leave to finish cooking feast.

I'd also like to thank Mystie, Clalibus, and especially Tribble for the help they lent at feast. I also appreciate everyone who pitched in to get the buffet table indoors when it started raining for the third time and I just gave up on having a deck party.

I know I haven't listed everyone who helped, but doing so would take a lot of space, so thank you to everyone who helped, thank you to everyone who came. Thank you to Her Majesty, Their Highnesses (kingdom and principality) and Her Grace (and everyone who came all the way from San Antonio) for making the trip and gracing us with their presence. Most of all, though, thank you to the people of Tori-Mar for letting me host this event here. Well, that's it for now, but look for more new and interesting events from Tori-Mar and the rest of the Central Provinces in the near future.

Marquesa Lady Nightshade Rose Darkjester,  
Regent of Tori-Mar



**The Tigers  
Juggling  
Team**



**The Brotherhood Juggling Team**

Five teams came to Tori-Mar. Each one carried a dog skull as a symbol of their clan. They fought hard, but when the dust settled, and the bodies were carried off the field, only one team remained.....

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: The Chosen (plus Belkev)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Crown Royal (Kingdom and Principality Royalty)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: The Tiger Juggling Team
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: The Brotherhood
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Last Minute Team



**Sludig vs. Belkev, Round 1**



Welcome fellow Amtgardians to the X<sup>th</sup> year of the  
Celestial Kingdom.

Her Majesty Queen Dame Mistress Wynd o'Loch cordially  
invites you the

Populous of the Celestial Kingdom

to join her in the celebration of this glorious event.



Event date:  
August 4-6



Location:  
Burnet County Fairgrounds  
Burnet, TX

Directions:

From San Antonio take 281 north to Burnet, pass airfield on  
your left and watch for entry gate immediately following. Turn  
left; follow road around to fairground gate.  
From Austin take I 35 north to 29 (in Georgetown), 29 goes to  
Burnet, Turn left onto 281 and head south, entry gate will be  
on your right before you get to the airfield.

Cost:

\$10 for 14 & up

\$5 for 5 to 13

\$5 for daytrippers (no feast/camping)

If you have any questions or need further information  
contacted Sluding or Bryanna at [sludig@ev1.net](mailto:sludig@ev1.net)

## A Love Undying

He was her knight in shining armor.  
He rescued her from herself.  
He was the man she dreamed of.  
Theirs was a love undying.

She was his lady fair.  
She saved him from a tragic mistake.  
She was all that he wanted.  
Theirs was a love undying.

They were soon to be parted.  
They did not wish it so.  
They wed to be paired forever.  
Theirs was a love undying.

They nurtured one another.  
They shared all they had.  
They had no thoughts of tomorrow.  
Theirs was a love undying.

Their love soon bore fruit.  
They were blessed with a daughter.  
They traveled a new path together.  
Theirs was a love undying.

They began to settle down.  
Their wanderlust began to subside.  
They were comfortable together.  
Theirs was a love undying.

They added a son to their clan.  
They were both so proud.  
They had built a perfect family.  
Theirs was a love undying.

The comfortable feeling continued.  
But she felt something was wrong.  
She must keep her family together.  
Theirs was a love undying.

The comfort became taking for granted.  
The resentment started to grow.  
Her silence she kept for his feelings.  
Theirs was a love undying.

She had never been free with affection.  
She began to withhold even more.  
She desperately tried not to hurt him.  
Theirs was a love undying.

He began to starve for affection.  
He wondered what it was he had done.  
His silence he kept for her anger.  
Theirs was a love undying.

Her resentment fermented to anger.  
It pained her that he could not see.  
How could he be so blind?  
Theirs was a love undying.

He feared that he was the problem.  
He was not sure how to atone.  
He desperately tried not to anger her.  
Theirs was a love undying.

He did not possess intuition.  
She would not tell him the truth.  
He held back for fear of losing her.  
Theirs was a love undying.

He was furnished for a sign of affection.  
He began to withdraw on himself.  
She needed his attention.  
Theirs was a love undying.

He hid from himself in himself.  
Rejection he could no longer take.  
He walled off the pain she inflicted.  
Theirs was a love undying.

She tried to reach out to him.  
To again hold what he had taken away.  
She wanted so for him to understand.  
Theirs was a love undying.

She blindly sought out attention.  
Another was there to provide.  
She always thought that he would stay.  
Theirs was a love undying.

The resentment became too much.  
The anger and hurt bellowed forth.  
Finally they began to communicate.  
Theirs was a love undying.

His blind eyes were finally open.  
His deaf ears could finally hear.  
Too little, too late is all she would say.  
Theirs was a love that died.

By Tel Janin Grymm

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### July:

- 15: TalonQuest?  
 Contact: Baron Lord Jericho Armagh  
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- 20-23 Gathering of the Clans
- 29: TalonQuest?  
 Contact: Baron Lord Jericho Armagh  
[jericho\\_armagh@yahoo.com](mailto:jericho_armagh@yahoo.com)

### August:

- 4-6: Kingdom Midreign at Burnett County Fairgrounds  
**Kingdom A&S tourney (Tribal Theme)**  
 Contact: Don Diego Velazquez

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- Contact: Mistress Wynd [mistrswynd@aol.com](mailto:mistrswynd@aol.com)
- 11-13: Festival of the Mask at Camp Finlayson  
 Contact: Han Schmidt [Baron\\_D\\_Mon@yahoo.com](mailto:Baron_D_Mon@yahoo.com)
- 12: Baron's Quest III  
 Contact: Baron Flynn Telemon [flynn1@flash.net](mailto:flynn1@flash.net)
- 19: Ducal Midreign at Traitor's Gate  
 Contact: Dugal [chwhite@texas.net](mailto:chwhite@texas.net)
- 27: Duchy Qualifications for Tori-Mar  
 Contact: Nightshade [nightshaderose@hotmail.com](mailto:nightshaderose@hotmail.com)

### September:

- 1-3: Harvest War at Pegasus Valley
- 9: Baron's Quest IV  
 Contact: Baron Flynn Telemon [flynn1@flash.net](mailto:flynn1@flash.net)
- 17: Duchy level Coronation for Tori-Mar  
 Contact: Nightshade [nightshaderose@hotmail.com](mailto:nightshaderose@hotmail.com)
- 23: Celestial Kingdom Quest  
 Contact: Mistress Wynd [mistrswynd@aol.com](mailto:mistrswynd@aol.com)
- 30: Baronial Qualifications at Drakenroc  
 Contact: Baron Flynn Telemon [flynn1@flash.net](mailto:flynn1@flash.net)

### October:

- 1: Talonfield Baronial Quals  
 Contact: Baron Lord Jericho Armagh  
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### October (cont.):

- 7: Talonfield Baronial Coronation  
 Contact: Baron Lord Jericho Armagh  
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- 14: Baronial Coronation and Feast at Drakenroc  
 Contact: Baron Flynn Telemon [flynn1@flash.net](mailto:flynn1@flash.net)
- 21-22: Celestial Kingdom Crown quals/elections  
 Contact: Don Diego [misterbard@aol.com](mailto:misterbard@aol.com)
- 28: Open **Kingdom A&S tourney date TBA**  
 (Asian/Far East theme)

### November:

- 3-5: Celestial Kingdom Coronation at Burnett County Fairgrounds

Contact: Don Diego [misterbard@aol.com](mailto:misterbard@aol.com)

- 12: Ducal Coronation at Traitor's Gate

Contact: Dugal [chwhite@texas.net](mailto:chwhite@texas.net)



The Goblin Hordes of Drakenroc