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FROM THE CROWN

Thus begins the reign of the first Spanish king, and the start of the Spanish Empire,

I have accepted the crown of the Celestial Kingdom, and the duties and rights of being king. I will hold this office earnestly, and do my best to serve the populace. I believe that the duty of the king is simple: to ensure that the kingdom runs smoothly and efficiently, and to make changes that will serve and better the kingdom as a whole.

Two weeks before my coronation, I met with Akara, my regent to be. We came up with a list of goals we wanted to see fulfilled during our reign. Here is a complete list of those goals:

1. Hold a Collegium
2. Hold at least 2 mundane fundraisers (money to be garnered from mundane sources)
3. Establish a permanent storage facility for the CK
4. Cash back (giving hosts of events 50% of take)
5. Issue at least 3 Stars in my reign
6. Ensure that parks update records and have records turned into PM
7. Visit all parks at least once
8. Give advance warning of monarch visitations
9. Establish a calendar, publish it, and keep it updated to reflect local events
10. Meet with all kingdom level officers once per month
11. Create a contact list of park officers and a mailing list
12. Keep close contact with GM of Reeves and Champion
13. Disband north/south principalities

I have met with resistance to the dread number 13. By now, a vote will be conducted of dues paid members on the principal-ity issue. It is no secret that I oppose the north and south principalities, but clearly, I do not want to work against kingdom. If the populace votes to keep the split, then I will not bring the subject up again. However, if the kingdom votes to do away with

the principalities, then I will push for the BOD to revoke the principality contracts.

So far, we're off to a pretty good start. Guildmasters have been chosen, and their contact information published on the webpage (and this issue of the Star). The BOD has elected two new members and has already met once (the minutes are in this issue as well). The kingdom calendar has been set and published. And finally, this issue of the Star made it out on time.

Weaponmaster is fast approaching at Traitors' Gate, but Mistress Wynd and Zircon have things well in hand. We also have one bid apiece for Midreign and Quest, and we have a site and autocrat already chosen for Collegium and Kingdom Qualifications.

We've still got a long way to go. I will be traveling to parks all over the CK to talk, to touch base, and of course, to take plenty of pictures. I also hope to meet with local leaders to discuss awards, records, and expectations.

My expectations are simple. Aside from those above, I want to accomplish the following: delegation and communication. Those that can do the job, should absolutely be given the job. And the populace should have access to all the workings of the kingdom. Leaders must be accessible and responsible to their parks.

Sound like a lot of fancy talk? You know it! But I am working hard to make these plans a reality, along with many other people that are genuinely concerned with this kingdom and the populace it serves. See you at Weaponmaster!

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FROM THE REGENT

To the people of the Celestial Kingdom,

I know what you are thinking, not another boring and long letter from an officer that is just stepping up. I will attempt to alleviate those fears, by hopefully keeping this letter short. My plans have not changed very much from the first time I ran for Regent. The A&S competitions will be broken up into three groups, Novice (1-4), Intermediate (5-8) and Master (9-10+). This is in the hopes that the masters of tomorrow will be less intimidated by a kingdom level Arts and Sciences competition. I would like to see write-ups for each individual item, with the appropriate level award listed. Write-up information should include the amount of time you spent on it, the materials used (especially for cooking entries, some of the judges might have allergies) and why you made this item, the story behind it if you will.

One thing that I can promise everyone, any awards I give out will be on either 100% recycled paper, with 30%(or higher) post consumer content or 100% tree free paper. Either way, I would like to encourage the park leaders and regents do to likewise.

That is all for now, I hope to have a great six months.

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SPRING WAR IX A&S RESULTS

Greetings to one and all and a special thanks to my judges and to all participants! It was a wonderful SW and an even better A&S. The category winners are as follows:

Accessory

- 1) Ondine de Lamorat 4.36
- 2) Squire Warlock 4.25
- 3) Ondine de Lamorat 4.19

Armor:

- 1) Sir Martel 4.37
- 2) Galen Silverthorne 3.87
- 3) Death Stalker II 3.68

Weapons:

- 1) Miai 3.75

Weaving:

- 1) Katrin Karlsdottir 4.06

Needlework:

- 1) Kaderian 4.62
- 2) Katrin Karlsdottir 4.06
- 3) Mucre 3.75

Fighting Garb:

- 1) Ondine de Lamorat 4.43
- 1) Arega 4.43
- 2) Galen Silverthorne 3.3

2-D Art:

- 1) Page Tempest Blackthorn 4.5
- 2) Ween 4.25
- 3) Lynae du Bois 4.0

Court Garb:

- 1) Karlotta 4.56
- 2) Ondine de Lamorat 4.44
- 2) Dempsey 4.44
- 2) Karlotta 4.44
- 3) Ween 4.15

Performance:

- 1) Galen Silverthorne 3.2

3-D Art:

- 1) Baron Roland 4.88
- 2) Karlotta 4.81
- 3) Geatrfxx 4.13

Passive:

- 1) Garyth 4.31
- 2) Galen 3.75
- 3) Lithis 3.69

Writing:

- 1) Karlotta 4.19
- 2) Garyth 3.94
- 3) Emerald 3.5

Cooking:

- 1) Galen 4.69
- 2) Sir Vasa 4.38
- 3) Brother Dovr 4.25

Once again congratulations to all the Individual Winners, this was an extremely diverse and well entered A&S.

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The Kingdom Treasury

The kingdom treasury is stable, but not very strong. How much money do we have exactly? Currently, I cannot tell you, but the Prime Minister will have an accounting of kingdom receipts, deposits, and balances by Midreign. The receipts for this year's Spring War and my Coronation are included for your perusal.

We have new expenditures that need to be considered. A committee for next Spring War has already been formed and approved. They need start up money for Spring War (typically in the area of \$2000-3000). Also, the kingdom is now obligated to pay about \$250 per month for insurance for a period of one year. Finally, when we lost Burnet County Fairgrounds as an event site, we also lost a valuable storage site. We need to accommodate the kingdom "property": tables, signs, and other paraphernalia. The list price on a 16 x 20-storage unit is \$3700 (our ideal size). So far, we're talking about needing \$7000 minimum to meet the needs of the kingdom. There's no avoiding the issue: we need fundraisers.

There are two categories of fundraisers I'd like to address, in the game and mundane. In-game fundraisers are internal, garnering money from Amtgardians through things like raffles, slave auctions, and silent auctions. Mundane fundraisers would deal with money garnered from mundane sources, through raffles, car washes, or sausage cook out sales. If you would like to sponsor a fundraiser, please let me know.

I am trying to coordinate with a Wal-Mart here in Austin to allow us to sell sausage wraps on a Saturday or Sunday morning. These tend to make quite a bit of money, as most church groups will

tell you. However, I need a barbecue grill capable of serving in this capacity. If you have one, please let me know. Anyone in San Antonio want to follow suit? Killeen? Kerrville?

We can also save some money by using our local talent. The list price for a storage facility is costly. However, there are a number of contractors in the CK. The kingdom will be accepting bids from anyone interested in building a storage space. We already have a site to put this facility on, and a contract pending. All we need is a storage unit. Wood? Aluminum? Write it down, get a list of materials together, and kingdom will pay all costs.

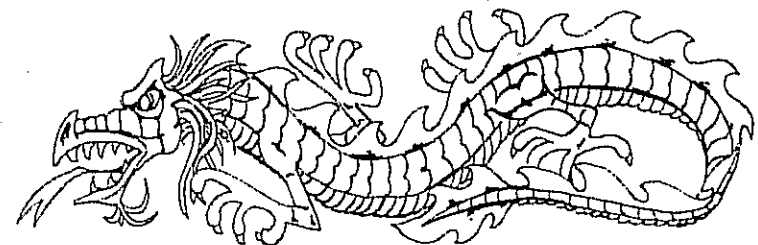
Also, we are still accepting bids for events. Thus far, we have the following bids:

May 19: Weaponmaster: Traitors' Gate (granted)
 August 16-18: Midreign: House Arisse (Circadia) pending
 August 31: Collegium: Talonfield (granted)
 September: Quest: Traitors' Gate (Scarecrow) pending
 October 6: Qualifications: Drakenroc (granted)
 November 2-3: Coronation: completely open

If you would like to submit a bid for Midreign, Quest, or Coronation, please submit it by Weaponmaster to me. Include the following information:

1. List of all 'crats, including autocrat
2. Site location and pricing (if different from Webberville)
3. Rough budget (total and per head)
4. Rough feast menu
5. Itinerary of events (battlegames/meetings)

Don Diego Velazquez
 Rey del Reino Celestial



Calendar of Events

May

- 18 **Mystic Springs Qualls and Elections**
San Pedro Park, San Antonio
- 19 **Weapon Master**
Traitor's Gate, MacAllister Park, San Antonio
- 24 **B.O.D. Meeting**
Golden Corral on South. Lamar in Austin. 7 P.M.
- 25 **Mystic Springs Coronation**
San Pedro Park, in San Antonio
- 24-26 **Olympiad, Dragonspine**
(<http://www.dragonspine.net/olympiad/>)
- 24-28 **Great Eastern, Goldenvale**
(<http://greateastern4.tripod.com/>)
- 31-02 **Golden Plains Midreign**
Lake MacKenzie

June

- 06-09 **Rakls, Iron Mountains**
(<http://www.IronMountains.org>)
- 14-16 **Wetlands Coronation**
(<http://www.thewetlands.org>.)

- 15 ~~Tirana-Quest-Wedding-and-Feast~~
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- 22 **Kingdom A&S competition**
Mystic Springs, San Pedro Park, San Antonio

- 22-23 **Emerald Hills Coronation**
Tanglewood Forest (<http://www.amtgard-eh.com/>)

July

- 25-28 **Clan**

- 25-28 **Tir-A-Sol Midreign**

August

- 9-11 ~~CK~~ **CK Midreign site TBA** *Webberville*
31 **Collegium**
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September

Kingdom Quest- date and site TBA

- 05-08 **PacWar 4, Mystic Seas**
(<http://www.pacwar.com/>)

- 14 **Gypsy Dragon Faire, hosted by Squire Bryanna**
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October

- 06 **CK Qualls, hosted by Drakenroc**
Lake Creek Park, Round Rock

- 10-13 **World Banner Wars 3- Emerald Hills**
Tanglewood Forest
(<http://www.amtgard-eh.com/>)

- 19 /20 **CK Elections, site and date TBA**

November

- 01-03 **CK Coronation, site TBA**

CK WEAPONMASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH, 2002

AT TRAITORS' GATE

MCALLISTER PARK, SAN ANTONIO

FIRST EVENT STARTS AT 11:00AM

REEVES TEST WILL BE AVAILABLE

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From Tir a Sol

To the populace of the Celestial Kingdom,

The hierarchy of the principality of Tir a Sol greets you. We would like to thank those of you that made it to our coronation. We had around 50 people from Amtgard, as well as about 40 people from the Open Circle join us. We all had a great time. Special thanks to our autocrat Lord Felrin for a great job.

This is a time when the principalities usefulness is being questioned. We are hoping you, as the populace, will vote to keep us as a viable part of the Celestial Kingdom, so we can work for you.

We are sorry that some of you were unable to find us at Camp Finlayson and very disappointed that his Majesty was unable to make it to our event. The information was on the list about a week before. We will see that our mid-reign info goes out sooner.

We are now taking bids for our mid-reign, which will be held the same weekend as Clan (giving those unable to attend Clan someplace to play). Please send your bids to Prince Azkar (sirazkar@hotmail.com).

We would also like to thank Sir Arion, Sir Ariel, and our Kingdom Guildmaster of Warriors, Feyd from Annihalus, who braved the horrors of the North to visit us. We enjoyed your company.

Hoping to continue serving the Celestial Kingdom,
Tir a Sol, and the Dream,
Prince Sir Azkar Raintree Darkjester
Regent Countess Dame Morganna Darkjester
General Minister Lady Fiona Rose, esq.



The Wetlands story thus far....

Greeting people of the Celestial Kingdom from the monarchy of the Kingdom of the Wetlands.

I have decided to write a letter to you to explain our side in the difficulties with the Kingdom of the Burning Lands. I will endeavor to be impartial, and give a full view of the Wetlands view of this crisis.

Back in the fall of 2002, at the Midreign of King Chewie Lightgaurd, several Knights were to get awarded their second belts. There were a total of six Knights who were scheduled to get these additional belts. However since the Knight Circle had also planned on awarding a new Knight their honor at the same event, these six Knights made the decision to not have a ceremony. They all felt that it would take away from the Knight who was getting his first belt. Two of the Knights asked that they have a ceremony at another time. The rest asked to be recognized in court, but to not have any fanfare at court. Their ceremony would be held at their respective camps after Court.

Due to an oversight by the Guildmaster of Knights, the names of the six people were given to our newsletter for editor for posting. The Guildmaster thought that the newsletter would be published and handed out after midreign. That did not happen. The newsletter was printed and circulated at midreign. To compound the problem, the Guildmaster did not make certain that the King knew to make the necessary arrangements to acknowledge these six individuals during court. Since the Guildmaster was not present at the midreign, these six did not get acknowledged.

The reason that I am relating this story is because this is what began the problems with the Burning Lands. They were outraged that we had Knighted six people via our newsletter. They also had not realized that we had a system of Knighting that they did not agree with. The Burning Lands demanded that we change our corpora to reflect theirs exactly or suffer the consequences. Those being that we would have our contract revoked.

Well, you can imagine the outcry that ensue from the Wetlands. We have always made Knights by committee and have never left the decision with the King alone. He has always been allowed to speak and give advice on potential Knights, but he was never allowed to make the decision on his own.

So the Burning Lands claimed that they had no idea that we were doing this, and we were told to stop immediately. We told them NO.

Now that brings us to the nuts and bolts of the issue. The Burning Lands claim that we violated our contract by changing our corpora to the Knighting system that we have today. They claim that our corpora should read exactly like theirs, and that they should have approved any and all changes of our corpora. We here in the Wetlands claim that the contract that we signed told us to use their corpora, which we did. In that corpora it gives the Althing the power to change the corpora. No where does it state which all thing we are supposed to use. Nor does the contract cover things of this nature.

The Burning Lands claims that only their Althing can change a corpora, and that ALL the Kingdoms that have signed a contract have in fact violated their contract because All the Kingdoms have used their own Althing to change their corpora.

The Burning Lands agreed to let us change our corpora to a different knighting practice, and if we did we would be allowed to stay in the Kingdom. Even though many of us felt that giving the King a veto power of the selections of our Knight Circle, would be a great idea, this did not solve the problem that we were having with the Burning Lands.

The Wetlands feel that if there is a governing group over us, and they have the power to tell us to change the way we govern ourselves. Then we should have representation on that board or in that government. The only way we were ever going to get that was to fight the Burning Lands for this right. We did not recognize their power to stop us from playing this game. So we told them No. We are not changing our corpora, we will continue to play Amtgard, and we will continue to abide by the rulebook, and we will continue to respect the other Kingdoms of this game.

So, now here we are. The Burning Lands has cancelled our contract. They have decreed that we are not a Kingdom of Amtgard. Well, they can say what ever they want. We are still here. We are not going anywhere. The only thing that the Kingdom of the Wetlands asks of its brother Kingdoms, is to respect us as a Kingdom. We have worked too hard to have a group of seven people in El Paso, Tx tell us that we can no longer play this game.

In closing I would like to thank each of you for your support and good wishes that I have received both times that I have visited your Kingdom. I would also like to thank you for your time. For allowing me to tell you our side of the issue with the Burning Lands.

Thanks
King Sir Crom Ironwolf
The Kingdom of the Wetlands.

Minutes of the Board of Directors
The Celestial Kingdom, Amtgard Inc.
April 10, 2002

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Jason Peters

Vicki Fife

Terri Peters *non-voting BOD Secretary

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J.D. Wade

Jean Smith

Mistie Brown-

Motion: We, the Celestial Kingdom Board of Directors, do hereby recognize the Kingdom Status of the Wetlands, whose contract was declared null and void on or about March 30th, 2002, by the Burning Lands Board of Directors. We will continue to honor all awards given and received by the Kingdom of the Wetlands, and all of their populace, as well as recognizing the Kingdom of the Wetlands as a whole and complete entity within the realm of Amtgard, a registered non-profit organization.

Vote taken at CK Spring Quads, April 7, 2002

- with 5 members present for quorum

Votes of BOD members, who were not in attendance, were contacted on April 10, 2002, by Mistie Brown, Celestial Kingdom BOD president, via phone and email for their decision on the proposed motion.

-Motion Passes 6/1-

Kezla's Adventures in the Otherworld

Chapter 1: The Beginning

Kezla's days were simple, yet never simple. Others, who did not understand, thought she only flew around the outer reaches of the kingdom. Kezla, however, knew better. Her job was to patrol the borders and keep the unsavory types out of the fairy kingdom. It was a job she gave herself, something she had to do. The Queen, herself, did not know or understand that Kezla had convinced an army of ants to change direction. An impressive feat considering that the army cared for nothing but destroying everything in its path. She still did not know how she had done it, but the General Ant had moved his army to the South. Then Kezla had to spend her days repairing the damage to the borderlands. You would have no idea how exhausting that is for a person only four inches tall.

Her parents even thought she was a little strange, but, every day she flew from her village with her spear and every day she turned away something. Sometimes big, sometimes small, but dangerous to her beloved homeland nonetheless. Moths that would eat the trees, a baby boar who would have carelessly trampled villages, locusts who would have eaten everything, and on one occasion and injured and terrified deer. All were diverted with a minimum of damage, all things considered. She even helped two lost bees with directions, which was good because they thought the palace was the perfect place to gather pollen and the last thing the fairies needed was a war with the bees.

Nothing had prepared her for today, nothing could have. For, trudging through the brush comes a giant. Kezla had heard stories of such things but never thought to see one. It did not appear injured, however, it was headed right for her village. She flew

in front of his face, her gossamer wings giving the appearance of a glowing flight path, and politely asked him to leave. The giant (actually human, as the case turned out to be) hearing only the chirps and squeaks of the fairy language, did not understand. He only saw a creature of myth in front of him, the very creature he and his daughter were hunting for. He reached up to grab her, keeping his movements slow and steady.

Keela thought nothing of this, the General Ant had to touch her with his fingers before he would listen to her. But, as the giant's hand closed around her legs, she realized the truth. It was if she had flown into the spiders web. She stabbed the hand with her spear, scoring five good hits before the man yanked it out of her grasp. The cruel man put her in the cage he had brought with him, smiling, for he had never thought he would return home with a fairy in the cage. Keela made a break for it, as soon as he removed his hand. Flying recklessly towards the opening of the cage only to crash into the door as he slammed it shut.

He called out for his daughter, Mala, to head home. He turned and made his way back to his cottage, fairy firmly trapped in the cage. She would make a fine gift for his daughter. He marvelled at her tears, for when they struck the cage, music could be heard...

Tipani Akara of Keinplatz
Regent of the Celestial Kingdom
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From The Spring War X Committee

Greetings! I am Thun Dayne of the Circle of Greenfire, co-chairperson of the Spring War X Committee and co-autocrat for the event. My co-chairperson and fellow autocrat is Tipani Akara of Keinplatz. The Spring War X Committee is open to all individuals for the early planning stages of the event. We will be meeting at least once every other month to budget, discuss and vote on ideas and plans for this immense occasion. Most of the sub-crat positions are starting to be filled. We currently have: Galen for gate, Squire Warlock for kids' quest, Lady Kerna for feast set-up/decorations, Esnom for medical, Aylia for zoo-keeping, Diego for favors, Colonel and Scarlet for war and battle events, Nightshade Rose for an inter-kingdom collegium and Wilhelm, as a webmaster. We are still in need of a feast crat and security crat.. In the case of the feast crat position, bids from those wishing to crat this position are to be submitted to the autocrats no later than Summer Midreign and should include: a proposed menu, means of cooking and sewing, feast budget, and a possible list of volunteers.

We are also currently looking at the possibilities for an alternative site for Spring War. This is not to say that we are dismissing the use of Quiet Valley Ranch or the possibilities regarding its use, but with this time on our hands and the wish to create a reasonable budget for the event, we feel that it is important to keep our options open. So far we have a list of several sites that we are in the process of volunteering to check out, though we should make a final decision no later than Fall Coronation 2002. If anyone has locations for a possible site(s), please contact us.

The theme for Spring War X is *War of the Dragons*. Lt. Squire Colonel and Page Scarlet of Traitor's Gate are now in the process of planning exciting, battle-hard elements for the

ar. We will be conducting a competition for a drawing that shall be used for Spring War X T-shirts, possibly for the gate favors and fliers/advertisements. The deadline for submissions will be Summer Midreign and the announcement of the winner will be during court at Fall Coronation 2002. The prize for winning this contest will be a free Spring War X T-shirt and free admission to the Event. For all those wishing to enter, please look for the flier in this Star for more information regarding this contest.

Lastly due to the low funding from the Kingdom for Spring War X, we will need additional monies for start up costs, thus we are planning to hold of series of fund-raisers. Among these may include: sausage wrap sales, auctions, and raffles, etc. or whatever ideas any of you may be able to bring to the table. We hope for wide support for these fundraisers and may also be focusing our fundraising attempts at the mundane population, as well as those within the game.

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LAST FUTURE

A Thousand lives and a thousand more fates,
One shines brightly for me.

Tempting.

What is it?

The fate of the world, The love of my life.

My soul or the other Half of me,

My fate of the fates of others,

My life or the lives of millions,

I hear a call from miles away

a call I can never answer

a life I can never lead

A fate that is never meant to be

Because I am in Love,

with you.

-Tipani Akara of Keinplatz

Spring War X

War of the Dragons

DRAGON ART COMPETITION

THE SPRING WAR COMMITTEE IS LOOKING
FOR TWO DESIGNS. ONE FOR THE FRONT AND
ONE FOR THE BACK OF A T-SHIRT.

SUBMISSIONS MAY BE NO LARGER THAN
STANDARD LETTER SIZE (8 1/2 x 11). ONLY
BLACK AND WHITE DRAWINGS WILL BE
ACCEPTED. ORIGINALS ONLY. THE

WINNING ENTRY WILL BECOME PROPERTY
OF THE CELESTIAL KINGDOM. THE DESIGN
MAY BE USED ON FLYERS, T-SHIRTS, GATE
FAVORS...ETC, ETC. THE WINNER WILL

RECEIVE ONE
FREE ADMISSION
VOUCHER TO SPRING WAR X AND A
FREE SPRING WAR T-SHIRT



**Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting
The Celestial Kingdom, Amtgard Inc.
Sunday, April, 21, 2002**

BOD Members Present: (5 members present for quorum)

Carlos de la Garza
Christi Nolen
William Winnie
Mistie Brown
Jason Peters
Terri Peters *non-voting BOD Secretary

BOD Members not present:

Mark Pickett
Jean Smith

(Starts cassette recording of the meeting)

M. Brown: Calls meeting to Order
First Order of Business
Motion for the election of the BOD President
Nominates for M. Brown for BOD President

C. Nolen: Motions for C. de la Garza for BOD President

-Floor opens to discussion-

M. Brown: Motion for a vote

-Motion dies-

W. Winnie: Motions for a secret ballot

M. Brown: Seconds the motion

-Call to vote for the election of the BOD president-

T. Peters opens ballots and reads votes into the record

Vote passes 4/1: For Mistie Brown as BOD president-

M. Brown: Discussion of old business
Informs new BOD members of the BOD Meeting held at quals on April 7, 2002 in regards to the BOD vote to recognize the kingdom status of the Wetlands, which vote had passed (6/1).
Opens the floor to new business

-Floor opens to discussion of the Celestial Kingdom Checking Account-

W. Winnie: Motions for the BOD to appoint W. Winnie as Treasurer of the Celestial

Kingdom as a new permanent position, not with sole right, but with co-rights to sign checks at the end of his term as Prime Minister.

-Call to question-

-Discussion of the motion-

M. Brown: Motions to table the above motion of appointing W. Winnie as Treasurer of the Celestial Kingdom until

the next BOD meeting for further discussion and to see further written information from W. Winnie, regarding the responsibilities and obligations of the office.

-Call to vote-
Vote passes 5/0
M. Brown:

Motions for the next BOD meeting to be held on Friday, May 24, 2002 at 7:00pm in South Austin at the Golden Corral Restaurant on South Lamar.
Seconds the motion

C. Nolen:
-Call to vote-
Vote passes 5/0
C. Nolen:

Motions to ask for the BOD to request that the next BOD meeting's time and location be printed into The Star and that this information also be presented to the populace online via the CK List.
Seconds the motion

M. Brown:
-call to vote-
Vote passes 5/0

-Meeting called to 15-minute recess (Cassette recording paused)-
(Cassette recording re-starts)

M. Brown: Calls meeting to Order- noting that the same members are still present
Motions for T. Peters to be elected as a non-voting BOD secretary.

Seconds the motion

W. Winnie:
-call to vote-
Vote passes 5/0

C. de la Garza: Motions for the Monarch, Regent, and Prime Minister to obtain monthly funds prior to kingdom expenditures then provide receipts accordingly each month.

-call to question-
Floor opens to discussion

-motion dies-

M. Brown: Motions for the Monarch, Regent, and Prime Minister to receive as per Corpora a monthly budget of \$150.00 or 5% of the Celestial Kingdom funds or less and upon time of them returning their receipts then the funds will be reissued to them.

Seconds the motion

C. Nolen:
-call to vote-
Vote passes 5/0
W. Winnie:

Motions to amend above motion with Monarch, Regent, Prime Minister to each receive \$100.00 monthly which is to be replenished upon presentation of receipts to be given to the Prime Minister, in lieu of the \$150.00 or 5% of the Celestial Kingdom funds.

Seconds the motion

M. Brown:
-call to vote-

Vote passes 5/0

C. de la Garza: Motions to discuss a contract of renting a portion of land from T. Peters for the purpose of a permanent kingdom storage facility for the kingdom.

C. Nolen: Seconds the motion

-call to question-
floor opens to discussion

M. Brown: Requests that C. de la Garza to bring construction bids to the next BOD meeting for further discussion. Also, the Celestial Kingdom should look into a trailer purchase or the possibilities of bids for making a trailer for transportation of the kingdom supplies and to bring this for discussion to the next BOD meeting.

W. Winnie: States that the rumor that the Burnet County Fairgrounds may be available for use is found to be false after discussion with Jan Parker, representative of the fairgrounds.

C. de la Garza: States that the populace will be voting their support/ disapproval of the Celestial Kingdom dual principalities.

M. Brown: States that the BOD is not for the management of the game, but for making contracts.

C. de la Garza: States that the BOD has a contract with the principality of Tir a Sol and asks T. Peters to produce the copies of the unsigned contracts she obtained from Sharron Larrison.

-BOD members silently review the copies of the unsigned contract-

C. Nolen: Requests that the signed copies of the contract be presented to the BOD.

W. Winnie: States that he will find/search for the signed copies of the Tir a Sol principality contract and that under the section labeled "Termination of Agreement", it notes that the BOD is required to make the decision on the principality contract.

T. Peters: States that during the time that T. Peters was monarch, she did not receive, nor sign a copy of the principality contract for Tir a Sol. Further stating that in her discussion with Sharron Larrison that she also did not receive, nor sign a copy of the principality contract for Tir a Sol, during her reign as monarch; noting the fact that S. Larrison is responsible for writing the contract. T. Peters then asks if M. Brown had signed or received a signed copy of the contract during her reign as monarch.

M. Brown: States that she did not receive nor sign a copy of the principality contract, but that if the contract is not found, we could confirm the signed contract through witnesses who were present at the signing.

-Sidebar discussion of the principality leadership of the Grand Duchy of the

South-

M. Brown: **Motions for the BOD to request that the Pro-tem officers of the South run an election for their offices of the Grand Duchy of the South as per Corpora.**

W. Winnie: **Seconds the motion**

-call to vote-

Vote passes 5/0

J. Peters: Reads into record the section of the Tir a Sol principality contract labeled "Termination of Agreement", paragraph 3.

"The Celestial Kingdom may choose to terminate this Agreement, if for any reason, the Province fails to comply with any terms of this Agreement, thereby constituting a material breach of contract. A letter detailing the reasons for termination must be sent by registered mail to the highest officer of an unincorporated group, or the highest officer and the BOD President of an incorporated group. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of such letter, copies of all records including a full accounting of the distribution of assets must be forwarded to the Celestial Kingdom BOD President and Treasurer and Celestial Kingdom Monarch and Prime Minister."

-Discussion of Principalities dies-

W. Winnie: States that the Spring War IX autocrat did not make favors for gate. Outside individuals made favors that were not in the Spring War IX autocrat's budget and would take up the cost if the Celestial Kingdom did not repay the expenditure. Should these individuals receive reimbursement?

M. Brown: Asks W. Winnie if the favors were approved by the monarch or regent.

W. Winnie: States that then current monarch, Josh Green, did not approve nor disapprove the use of the favors and that W. Winnie, as one of the individual who made the favors, then discussed the issue with M. Brown, the former regent.

C. Nolen: So could this be reimbursed by the Regent's budget?

M. Brown: That could be done.

-floor opens to discussion in further regards to this issue-

W. Winnie: **Motions that the BOD specifically approves the expenditure to W. Winnie in the amount of the receipt which was spent to produce the belt favors for Spring War IX upon presentation of the receipts. However, in the future, all such expenditures, not included in an event budget must be approved in writing by two kingdom elected officers not involved with the expenditure.**

C. Nolen: Seconds the motion
 -call to vote-
 Vote passes 4/ 1 Abstention (W. Winnie)
 M. Brown: Motions for the meeting to adjourn
 J. Peters: Seconds the motion
 -Meeting Adjourned (Cassette recording of meeting is stopped)-

From The Prime Minister

Oh, where to begin – that was the first question I faced when tackling the task of preparing financial reports for publication. After numerous attempts to obtain documents from various sources, it became apparent that the approach would have to be dictated by what I had to work with – that being totally inadequate records. It appears that records for the Kingdom have been being kept in the “shoebox” style – that is, “just throw everything in a box, and we will dig through it if we need to”. So far as I am able to determine, the actual handling of the money has been done well – proper receipts required for the most part, and lots of folks watching what is going on. The weakness is that no one has kept records beyond sometimes doing an event summary. That being determined, and not having a detailed record of petty cash flow to work with, I decided to begin as of summer midreign 2001 – when I took office – and work forward from there. The statements I have prepared are also published in this issue, and I will limit the remainder of my letter this time to commenting on and explaining them.

The financial reports show what we have now (as of April 30), and where the money came from and where it went since Summer Midreign 2001. These statements are summaries of what has happened. I have detailed listings of all transactions both for the bank account, and for petty cash, if anyone would like to inspect them. Some of the expenditures have been lumped under the Miscellaneous category, mostly because there was one payment made for a number of expenses and no detail was provided. Rather than track down the receipts and work through them to properly allocate them out to the various categories, I just put them in Miscellaneous. Considering the people involved

on both sides of the transactions I was reasonably certain that the expenses claimed were bona fide Amtgard related and the payments therefore proper. There is one item in the statements that I know is not totally correct – the accounting for dues. What the statements show is the Kingdom side of dues records only – the other half of the picture is the Provincial side, for which I have not received ANY records. I have ONE Province that turned in a share of dues. I am pretty sure the Kingdom is owed money from some other provinces as well, and will be pursuing that. Other than that, the statements are complete as best I can make them, given what I had to work with. I will be available to answer any questions anyone may have regarding them. I would much prefer to have questions sent by email to kaderianck@aol.com, because that way I can post both the question as it was received, and the answer I gave, for everyone's benefit. It will also enable me to be where the records are when I answer, instead of either guessing or having to call someone back. I encourage everyone to look over the statements and ask questions.

That's all for now.

Kaderian
 Prime Minister
 of the Celestial Kingdom



CASH ASSETS	
Frost Bank	2,627.58
Petty Cash	143.83
Total Cash	2,771.41
OTHER ASSETS	
Estimated Value	
8' Tables	380.00
Assorted Consumable Supplies	125.00
Kingdom Radios	120.00
Pots, Pans, etc.	800.00
Prepaid site fees (\$50.00 refund pending for SW site change)	820.00
Prepaid Feast advance for MidReign	500.00
Total OTHER ASSETS	
	2,725.00
Total Assets	
	5,496.41
LIABILITIES	
Planned Advance for Spring War	2,000.00
Loan to Petty Cash from Kaderian for MR & SW site reservation fee	180.00
Loan to Petty Cash from Kaderian for MR Feast advance	500.00
Loan to Petty Cash from Kaderian for MR Gate Fund	100.00
Owed to Gavin for Star printing costs	284.24
Total Liabilities	
	3,024.24
Net Celestial Kingdom Assets	

Coronation: Bresil

Receipts		
Gate Receipts	\$422.00	
Other Receipts (auction)	\$104.26	
Total Receipts	\$526.26	
Expenses		
Site Fee	\$50.00	
Feast	\$396.02	
Other Expenses	-	
Total Expenses	\$446.02	
Net	\$80.24	

Midreign: Bresil

Receipts		
Gate Receipts	\$1,008.00	
Other Receipts	-	
Total Receipts	\$1,008.00	
Expenses		
Site Fee	\$270.00	
Feast	\$500.00	
Other Expenses	-	
Total Expenses	\$770.00	
Net	\$238.00	

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Receipts		
Gate Receipts	\$7,815.00	
Other Receipts	-	
Total Receipts	\$7,815.00	
Expenses		
Site Fee	\$4,841.00	
Feast	\$1,008.36	
Other Expenses	\$753.00	
Total Expenses	\$6,603.36	
Net	\$1,211.64	

Coronation: Diego

Receipts		
Gate Receipts	\$928.00	
Other Receipts	-	
Total Receipts	\$928.00	
Expenses		
Site Fee	\$180.00	
Feast	\$525.00	
Other Expenses	-	
Total Expenses	\$705.00	
Net	\$223.00	

Crown Qualification Results

Passive

Arion	4.90
Galen	4.66
Nightlynx	4.66

Jewelry

Clalibus	4.30
Persephone	4.10
Galen	4.00

Accessory

Diego	5.00
Omdine	4.60
Wolfbane	4.60
Nightlynx	4.50

Court Garb

Nightlynx	4.90
Omdine	3.60

Field Garb

Clalibus	4.75
Athisdane	4.25
Omdine	4.16

Active

Diego	4.60
Diego	4.41

1st Place: Diego

2nd Place: Galen

3rd Place: Nightlynx and Akara

*Note: The scores given are only for the first three places of each category.

Rose

Clalibus	4.50
Akara	4.00

Weapons

Diego	4.41
Clalibus	4.00
Brenna	3.91

2-D Art

Nightlynx	4.91
Aloona	4.50
Clalibus	4.25

3-D Art

Akara	3.91
Galen	3.83
Akara	3.58

Writing

Galen	4.66
Galen	4.25
Akara	4.25
Galen	4.25
Akara	4.00
Galen	4.00

Performance

Galen	3.60
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From The Editor

I would like to take this time and thank all the individuals who took time out of their busy schedules to help with this issue of The Star. All of whom have been noted in their respective articles and to Squire Seyer Caasi and Don Diego Velazquez for their artwork and photography contributions. It was a rather lengthy process to reach this newsletter's completion, so I truly do appreciate the patience of all those involved and to the populace in their anticipation of this newsletter. I honestly believe that The Star should be the voice of our Kingdom. We are divided in so many different circles, but are able to at least come together in some form with this venture. I would like to continue to be of better future service with this publication and hope that many of you will add your most welcome contributions to this endeavor as well.

In Service,
Duchess Lady Dame Aylia Greenfire
Editor-in-Chief of The Star

Art/Photography Credits

Front page-	<i>Angel</i> by Seyer Caasi
page 7-	<i>Skeletal Samurai</i> by Seyer Caasi
page 13-	<i>Celestial Dragon</i> by Diego
page 16-	Azkar & Morganna by Diego
page 22-	<i>Fairy</i> by Diego
page 25-	<i>Dragons</i> by Seyer Caasi
page 31-	<i>Kaderian</i> by Diego
	<i>Spiked Helmet</i> by Seyer Caasi

On A Final Note

By order of the Prime Minister with support from the Monarch, future issues of The Star will be distributed to parks based on their current number of dues paid members. Additional issues of The Star must be solicited by the provincial record keeper from the Prime Minister.