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Candidates for the Crown

Kingdom Crown Qualifications are set for October 6, 2002 at Drakenroc in Round Rock, Texas. The Celestial Kingdom is currently accepting intents for the offices of Monarch, Regent, and Champion. Please send intents to Scarlett at illili@swbell.net. The deadline for intents is September 29 (Quest weekend). Qualifications will be the following week.

Candidates for Monarch shall be required to enter:

At least 5 A&S entries in at least 2 categories with an average score of 3.0, AND

At least 5 Warriors' Tourney events.

Candidates for Regent shall be required to enter:

At least 7 A&S entries in at least 4 categories with an average score of 3.5, AND

At least 3 Warriors' Tourney events.

Candidates for Champion shall be required to enter:

At least 3 A&S entries, two of which must be in two of the following three categories: Weapon Construction, Shield Construction, and Armor with an average score of 3.0, AND

At least 7 Warriors' Tourney events.

All candidates must pass both the current Kingdom Reeves Test and the Kingdom Corpora Test (closed book), which will be administered by the Autocrat, with a 70% or better score on the day of Qualifications. Candidates are allowed one retake on each test.

Celestial Kingdom Quest

Sunday September 29 @ Traitor's Gate, San Antonio, TX Noon
Autocrats: Grifterr & Scarecrow

(Everyone please try and arrive by 11:30 so we can get the teams organized and get started)
...and remember the more people, the more relics, monsters and FUN...

It's been several dark years for the Celestial Kingdom and in all the turmoil and chaos, the populous of Traitor's Gate have grown restless looking for a way to find peace in the kingdom.

Unfortunately this righteous quest was rudely interrupted when the world mysteriously spewed forth an orifice into it's crust. The populous forced (at sword point I might add), two of the younger populous members to go explore this mysterious opening into the earth. Once inside the pair discovered lots of mold and what appeared to be just another hole in the world until they read the writing on the walls...

(loosely translated from an ancient language)

"You asked for a solution to the turmoil, a way to bring everyone together. Your prayers have been answered, the kingdom shall be brought together...against all of you...."

Suddenly there was a surging rush of cold air folloed by screeching spirits pulling themselves from the core of the earth and possessing the bodies of the pair and screeching into the wilderness. As the pair stumbled back to town the saw citizens writhing and transforming as they too became possessed...dark wizards came from the skies and imbued some items with untold ancient power...the world has been challenged to come and claim some of these "relics" for other lands....

Questing teams will be made of 4 or 5 people, limit 2 magic users, 24 levels or less per team. There will also be Monster Questing teams, if your company or household wishes to sponsor one please arrive EARLY to discuss this with one of the autocrats and be worked into the quest. There will be items given to questers only, some to monsters only, and more that are open to either side to claim.

We need Reeves, lots of Reeves, so please volunteer, bring your gold sash with you if interested, there will be a relic or two reserved to give away to the Reeves.

Everyone is invited, we're doing this to have some fun, so please bring a good attitude and spirit of the game with you to share with everyone.



Celestial Kingdom
Fall 2002 Kingdom
Qualification Tourneys



When: October 6th, 2002.

Where: Shire of Drakenroc (Lake Creek Park, Round Rock, TX).

<http://www.spearweasel.com/amtgard/drakmain.htm>

The park can be approached from two directions. The easiest is to exit IH-35 on the 620 exit, and head east. 620 turns into Main Avenue, and runs directly through downtown Round Rock. Turn right (south) on Burnet St, and go across the tracks. Turn left (east) on Lake Creek Rd, which runs along the tracks for a short distance. Eventually the road turns sharply to the right in front of the park pool. You should see Amtgards by this point, either at the clubhouse or across the small creek that bisects the park. Or, if approaching from the south, turn right (east) on Logan St, and then left on Deerfoot Path. Follow this down and around, and you will quickly see the park.

Autocrat: Squire Kirche (warpie38@hotmail.com)
Co-Autocrat: Shirohuma Vidar (zspivey74@yahoo.com)

Sign up starts at 11:30am
Sign up Ends at 1:00pm
Fighting Tourney starts at 1:30pm

Categories for the war tourney are:

- Single Sword (shortsword, 36" or less in length)
- Sword and Shield (shortsword, 36" or less in length)
- Florentine (shortsword, 36" or less in length)
- Open Weapon
- Great Weapons (no spears or polearms longer than 8' in length)
- Up to two others as corpore requires and time permits

A&S categories are:

- Art – may be further divided into 2D and 3D.
- Writing – may be further divided into Fiction, Non-Fiction, and Poetry.
- Bardic – may be further divided into Singing, Dancing, Dramatic Reading, Storytelling, etc.
- Construction – may be further divided into Active (for use on the battlefield) and Passive (not for use on the battlefield).
- Weapon Construction
- Shield Construction
- Armor Construction
- Garb – may be further divided into Court, Fighting, and Monster.
- Accessory – may be further divided to include Jewelry, Court Accessory, and Field Accessory
- Smith – those works that are informational/instructional in nature.

Coronation

Hear Ye Hear Ye Come One Come All to the
Celestial Kingdom Coronation
Fall 2002

(last weekend before Halloween fun for all)

His Majesty, Diego El Rey, bids you to join him in celebrating the end of the Summer reign and welcoming the Winter Monarch to the Throne. Festivities will be hosted by The House of Darkness and Evil, and friends.

Site — Camp Finlayson, Ft Hood, Killeen, Tx,
Date — Oct 25 – 27, 2002

Price \$8.00 age 14 and over — \$3.00 age 13 and under

Autocrat Giggletoy — doc_psycho@juno.com

Co-autocrat Lorelei — Loreleigypsy@hotmail.com

Friday-

3:00 pm - Gate opens — Open Ditching — Vampire Hunt begins

Saturday-

9:00am — Amazon Breakfast
9:00 am-10:00 am — A&S Tourney Sign up
9:30ish am — 10:45 am Warrior Tourney Sign in and weapon check
10:00 am — Circle of Knights meeting (breakfast provided)
10:00 am-12:30 pm — A&S Tourney judging
11:00 am till finished — Kid's Workshop, Tourney, and Quest
11:00 am-12:30 pm — Warrior Tourney
1:30 pm — Weapon check for War
2:00 pm-4:00ish pm — WARJ
6:00 pm — Feast Staff and Security served
6:30 pm — Seating for Feast
7:00 pm-10:00 pm — Feast and Court
11:00 pm — Bardic

Sunday-

10:00 am — Provincial Leaden meeting (breakfast provided)
11:00 am — Board of Directors meeting (breakfast provided)
** Anyone onsite after 2:00 pm Sunday will be asked to assist in clean-up**

And so it came to pass in the Celestial Kingdom under the Reign of Queen Aylin that a Champion of the Light was needed to combat the mounting forces of Evil. 'Twas during the SPRING of her reign that Darkness and Light did come to WAR. The Honorable Don Diego was called upon to take on the guise of the Champion of Light. And lo, though he did muster a mighty force to halt the advance of Darkness upon the land, and waged a mighty toll upon the minions of the vile Darklord, still did Father Thomas von Drakken persevere that day and refuse to be driven from the land.

Later that eve, 'tis said by some, the vile Darklord arranged for Her Majesty to be either poisoned or bespelled, for it was but a short time later that the Celestial Kingdom found itself under the iron rule of another of the Darklord's cohorts, Esoum Aph'med. But that is another story.

Now, more than a year has passed and Diego resides upon the throne. Darkness has had wind of this and thinks once again to extend it's foul reach. Believing Diego thoroughly bound by his duties and unable to don the Mask of Light again, Evil has chosen a new Champion for the Dark. Those foul drinkers of blood and leeches of life have been encountered throughout the land in the darkest forests and deepest reaches. They have been wrecking havoc, fear, destruction and mayhem. They strike in small bands or alone, usually, and are very powerful and loathsome creatures. Commoners beware, for to venture out after dark, or into the shadowed

places is sure to invite certain death, or in some cases, un-life. For evil has unleashed the darkness of the Sons of Cain, that oldest and most foul Lord of the Vampires.

Are you BAD enough?

World Banner Wars III

Hosted by the Knights of the Emerald Hills

October 10 - 13th, 2002

Tanglewood Forest, Silver City, Texas

Champion shall hold the World Title, all banners and bragging rights!

Come take the Title, if you can, if you're BAD enough,

from last year's Winners, The Justicars/Green Dragons.

Event fee is \$10.00 at the gate to include feast and all activities.

Bring your *Banners. Bring your Arrogance. Bring your Deadliest.

Cause you're gonna need them!

CHECK IT OUT AND PRE-REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW!

www.worldbannerwars.com

*Banners need to be a minimum of 2ft x 3ft with a pocket to fit on a 1 inch pole. Banners must either have your company/household colors, company/household name OR company/household symbol.

Eclipse

Are You BAD ENOUGH?

Kingdom of the Emerald Hills World Banner Wars III

Oct. 10-13, 2002 - Check out the event and Pre-register your team @

<http://www.worldbannerwars.com/>

July 26 3:00 PM Monarch's Meeting at Archon Camp at Clan

Present were:

Eclipse (PM EH), Aramithris (Monarch BL), Diego (Monarch CK), Bone (Monarch EH), Stormie (Consort EH), Randall (Acting Monarch DS), Amren (Monarch GV), Verana (Consort BL), Phocion, Belgarion (Monarch IM), Feral (BOD Pres DS), Kurse (Champion BL), Raphael (Captain of Guards BL), Bjorn (Monarch NW), Denavis (PM DS), Michael (BOD Pres IM), Euric (Monarch GP), Jacobi (Consort GP), Nikita (PM GP), Vinall (PM BL), Brennan (Champion EH)

The voting representatives from each kingdom were:

BL: King Aramithris
EH: King Bone
CK: King Diego
IM: Emperor Belgarion
GP: King Euric
DS: Prince Randall, representing King Phywren
GV: King Amren
NW: King Bjorn

King Aramithris of the Burning Lands chaired the meeting.

Aramithris began the meeting and said the 6.1 meeting was held earlier. He stated that 6.1 is in progress and copies would be given to the kingdoms for testing.

He then said we'd discuss Rising Winds and vote on them and that the BL BOD would vote tomorrow.

Bjorn said Rising Winds wouldn't assume Kingdom powers until their next event.

Aramithris said this gathering of monarchs is informal and we're only here to vote on Rising Winds.

We went around the circle and introduced ourselves.

Aramithris said the BOD presidents were invited to the meeting, and he considered them to be observers only. Michael said he would agree to whatever the monarchs wanted. Aramithris said only the three who can make law should be able to speak.

Aramithris began a discussion of Rising Winds. Belgarion asked for a vote. Euric asked for records on the Rising Winds.

Bjorn and Verana both said that the Rising Winds corpora is acceptable regarding knighthood.

Diego asked for compilations of Rising Winds sign-ins.

Aramithris said that average attendance throughout the last eleven major Rising Winds events was 75.8. Aramithris then left the meeting briefly.

Michael asked about rules concerning noble titles, which was missing from the Rising Winds corpora. Verana explained that Rising Winds presented a Kingdom corpora. Bjorn said it was merely an oversight and explained that the corpora contained ways to fix it.

Aramithris returned with Rising Winds sign-in sheets. Aramithris also showed Althing results and said a hypothetical 108 to 13 vote seemed illegitimate while the Rising Winds Althing results of 28 to 10 or so seemed legitimate.

Bjorn and Diego asked about how Rising Winds Allthings rules changes worked, and asked why a quorum wasn't needed.

Aramithris asked if other kingdoms had similar rules regarding quorums. The consensus was yes, or that their system worked despite a lack of a quorum.

Aramithris and Eclipse said that most issues with the Corpora were mere fine-tuning problems, and Aramithris said the BLBOD would probably vote yes on Rising Winds.

Aramithris said the Rising Winds corpora is a hodgepodge from different corporas.

Amren asked when the next Rising Winds event would be, and was told it would be next September.

Bjorn said the Rising Winds corpora seemed good.

Diego asked how many shires Rising Winds had, and Vinall looked it up, saying six.

Aramithris asked when Rising Winds wanted to become a kingdom. Bone said they wanted to become a kingdom at Clan. Bjorn asked for a vote of when the monarchs thought it should be. Bjorn said the Rising Winds wanted to become a kingdom at their next event. Kurse fetched Duke Hobbit to answer, and Hobbit said he preferred Clan and that the Rising Winds preferred Clan. Bjorn repeated what Hobbit said for clarification. Aramithris said the BLBOD would be more thorough since it was more urgent that the Rising Winds corpora be good, and Hobbit said he still preferred Clan.

The Monarchs voted on September or Clan:

NW:	September	BL:	Abstain
EH:	Now	CK:	Now
DS:	Now	IM:	Now
GP:	Now	GV:	Now

The monarchs voted on whether to grant Rising Winds kingdom status.

NW:	Aye	BL:	Aye
EH:	Aye	CK:	Aye
DS:	Aye	IM:	Aye
GP:	Aye	GV:	Aye

Aramithris invited the monarchs to attend the BLBOD meeting as observers.

Aramithris asked if the circle was finished with Rising Winds discussion. The consensus was yes.

Aramithris asked the kingdoms for topics of discussion to speed up the meeting.

The Burning Lands requested 6.1 discussion.
The Emerald Hills requested Wetlands discussion.
The Celestial Kingdom and Dragonspine passed.

The Iron Mountains requested discussion of the next monarch's meeting.
The Golden Plains requested Shadowvale discussion.
Neverwinter said they wished to discuss Amtgard government.
Goldenvale said they wished to discuss Olympiad.

Aramithris asked if anyone wished to discuss the Mystic Seas controversy. The consensus was that the Mystic Seas controversy is internal to the Mystic Seas.

Aramithris opened Wetlands discussion. He said the BLBOD view was that contracts and the rule of law were important, and that the Wetlands broke their word. He said they were not willing to make amends and that the BLBOD reluctantly yanked the Wetlands contract after nine months of discussion. He said the BLBOD decision is legal.

Bjorn asked what the Burning Lands populace thought of the decision, and Aramithris said the Althing was unanimous in support of the BLBOD.

Discussion on the Wetlands began by going around the circle for discussion.

Bone passed.

Eclipse said that the Wetlands would be agreeable to a request from the Monarch's Circle.

Stormy asked if any solutions have been sought. Aramithris said the BLBOD would be willing to see how a request from the Circle would work out.

Diego said the Celestial Kingdom is friends with the Wetlands and that all kingdoms change their Corpora. Aramithris said the BLBOD doesn't mind small corpora changes, and said the Wetlands refused to discuss fixing their corpora. Aramithris said knighthood wasn't the problem the BLBOD had with the Wetlands corpora.

Randall passed.

Belgarion said the Wetlands leaders said if the monarchs asked them to changed their Corpora to give their king a veto, they would, and we should see about doing that.

Euric said we should look for a compromise and that the issue was handled wrong by both sides, and that the Golden Plains disagreed with the Wetlands not being a kingdom.

Verana said that both sides handled the issue wrong, but said she spoke to former Wetlands King Crom and he refused to do anything unless his Althing wanted it. Verana said the BLBOD suggested many compromises but Crom refused unless his Althing approved.

Vinall said a monarchial veto was suggested to the Wetlands but they refused. Belgarion interjected that if the Monarchs Circle suggested it, as peer kingdoms, the Wetlands would be more agreeable.

Bjorn said he could promise anything to the Circle but would still need Althing approval, just like the Wetlands. He said that the Wetlands Althing viewed the BLBOD actions as hostile and that's why they reacted they way they did.

Denavis passed.

Amren said there was a poll on the Goldenvale list asking if Goldenvale supported the Wetlands. He disagreed with whoever started the poll and said an Althing in Goldenvale proper agreed with the BLBOD but disagreed with how the Wetlands crisis was solved.

Bone suggested making the awards structure the same for all kingdoms as a way to fix the problem. Aramithris asked to postpone discussion of the awards structure as it fit under the Amtgard government category.

Aramithris asked if there was a consensus for compromise. The monarchs said yes.

Aramithris asked if a document should be drafted asking the Wetlands to fix their corpora. Verana asked what would happen if the Wetlands rejected the letter. Stormie said the monarchs needed to find a middle ground. Diego said the Wetlands have support from the kingdoms, but those kingdoms and Wetlands are represented by monarchs.

Aramithris said the BLBOD feels put upon and that the monarchs should have stepped in earlier. Aramithris said he suggested earlier to send a letter asking the Wetlands to change but got no support. Belgarion said the Iron Mountains did in fact ask for clarification on the letter but got no reply.

Diego asked if, hypothetically, was there a possibility that the Wetlands could work with the circle but keep their policy on knighthood intact. Aramithris answered no.

Aramithris said the Wetlands was already asked to give their king a veto. Verana said the Wetlands was also offered the compromise of making their Guildmaster of Knights elected by the entire populace.

Randall asked who the Guildmaster of Knights in the Wetlands is, and was told Corbin. Randall asked if he was at the event, because he could assure the Monarchs that he would adhere to any decision on knighthood until an Althing could approve it.

Eclipse said we can get this all cleared up. Bjorn asked what risk there was in the monarchs presenting a compromise.

Feral was given the floor by consensus. He said the Wetlands would support giving their king a veto, and that the ball would be back in their court if the monarchs ask them to do so.

Aramithris said he would take up and support reinstatement of the Wetlands contract with the BLBOD if the Wetlands gives their king a veto. Aramithris said the 2001 Monarch's Meeting said that knighthood should be inviolate.

Aramithris asked for clarification, which was provided by consensus:

The Circle of Monarchs would propose that the Wetlands give their king a veto over knighthood. Bjorn suggested a deadline of six weeks to effect the change.

Aramithris said he would go to the BLBOD if that happens and push for reinstatement of the Wetlands contract.

Bone said that no Corpora said knighthood can't be changed, and we need to put that in the contract.

A vote was taken of the monarchs on whether to put together a letter to the Wetlands.

GV:	Aye	BL:	Aye
EH:	Aye	NW:	Aye
CK:	Aye	DS:	Aye
IM:	Aye	GP:	Aye

Aramithris asked King Diego to get onto the AmtgardInc list.

Belgarion inquired if six weeks was a good deadline. Randall asked how long it took the Iron Mountains, a similarly sized kingdom, to handle Althings. Discussion of the deadline arrived at a September 20th deadline, shortly after the next Wetlands event. Monarch attempted to research the Wetlands corpora at that time to make sure a legal althing decision could be made in that time frame.

Much informal discussion ensued.

Eclipse volunteered to write the document on behalf of the monarchs.

Verana asked what would happen to Wetlands titles, since they had acted as a kingdom and given titles since the BLBOD terminated their contract. Aramithris said that, as long as the current Wetlands monarch approved all the titles, it didn't matter, so it was a moot point. Verana then asked if the kings wanted the Wetlands at interkingdom court. The kings said they had no intentions of disrupting the Burning Lands event and that it was up to the Burning Lands who would attend the court.

Stormie asked the letter to be read during court, but it was agreed by consensus to merely deliver it to the Wetlands.

Jacobia said the letter should ask the Wetlands to agree to good relations with the other kingdoms. Consensus said that both the letter and the contract already implied this.

Aramithris asked if the current BLBOD members at the meeting would vote yes to reinstate the Wetlands contract. The monarchs said this wasn't necessary at this time and said they trust the BLBOD to act properly when the Wetlands changes their contract.

Belgarion asked the BLBOD to give themselves a deadline to vote on the Wetlands, since the monarchs were giving the Wetlands a deadline. Aramithris said the issue would be voted on at the September BLBOD meeting if the Wetlands fixed their corpora.

The following points were arrived at by consensus of the circle:

1. Eclipse would write the proposal, which would then be approved by the BLBOD.
2. The Wetlands would have eight weeks from receipt of the letter to make changes to their Corpora. This deadline was set as September 20th, 2002.
3. The Wetlands would be asked in the letter to give their king a veto, and would be asked to not take that veto away at any during their contract with Amtgard Inc.
4. The BLBOD would agree to consider reinstatement of the Wetlands contract at their September meeting after such changes were made.

The monarchs voted on whether to approve the letter.

GV:	Aye	BL:	Aye
NW:	Aye	EH:	Aye
CK:	Aye	DS:	Aye
IM:	Aye	GP:	Aye

Belgarion asked for discussion of the next monarch's meeting. Banner Wars, Harvest War, and other events were suggested, but most monarchs said they would be unable to attend. Aramithris suggested using the AmtgardInc list. Belgarion said Garik told the monarchs that the AmtgardInc list was not a monarch's list. Aramithris said he would clarify the list's purpose with Garik. The consensus was that the list was still valid and useful, and that it could be used to discuss interkingdom issues and to hold monarch's meetings online.

The monarchs agreed to discuss Amtgard government on the AmtgardInc list, and the meeting was adjourned.

Calendar of Events

September

- 21 Sausage Wrap sale at Sam's Club South
Contact: Diego highdancer78747@austin.rr.com
- 22 Talonfield Duchy Officer Intents Due/Champion
Tourney and Elections
Contact: Warlock warlock45@hotmail.com
- 29 Kingdom Quest at Traitors' Gate
Contact: Scarecrow and Grifter ripcord_42@hotmail.com

October

- 6 CK Quals, hosted by Drakenroc at Lake Creek Park
Contact: Akara regent@celestialkingdom.net
- 10-13 Banner Wars in Emerald Hills at Tanglewood Forest
Contact: <http://www.worldbannerwars.com/>
- 19 Official CK sponsorship of Texas Renaissance Festival
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- 19-20 Crown Elections
- 25-27 Endreign/Coronation at Camp Finlayson in Killeen
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The Celestial Kingdom will be recognizing an official day to "invade" the Texas Renaissance Festival. Ticket purchasing information is enclosed in this issue of the Star. Anyone who goes to TRF on Saturday will receive a class credit. I'll be out and about and looking for as many CKer's as possible.

Don Diego Velazquez



The King and Queen invite you to order your special discount ticket to the



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Opening Weekend

(Ticket good Oct. 3-6 only)

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Plantersville, Texas 77463

Opening Weekend

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