

To the Point

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"When they turn the pages of history, when these days have passed long ago, will they read of us with sadness for the seeds that we let grow" Rush A Farwell to Kings

BARON **The Sheriff Speaks**

Well here we are at the first newsletter of the new reign; I have a lot of ideas for King's Point. All of them require help from you, the populace of KP. I would like our park to keep growing in members who want the thrill of stalking foul beast and brigands through our wild lands. I want our group to set an example of what a day of Amtgard can be, I want most of all for everyone to leave and be able to say "I had a blast, I can't wait till next week."

We will be organizing fund raisers for our park and for various charitable organizations in our community. I want the City of Hurst to be happy to see us in the area, I want to get the community involved in our game, even if it's just because we are doing something in garb to help the community.

We as a group can do a lot if we decide to, look back at the Amtgard food fight. King's Point was the largest contributor that posted totals to the



Kingdom Forums. During the Kingdom fund raiser that Lady Aidan Darklighter held King's Point was one of the highest contributing parks. The people of KP have made it a place I am proud to call home. There have been troubles without doubt, but no group can claim to have never had issues arise. I want to see this year be the year King's Point grows even more than it has since its founding. I also want to stress that the Rules of Play are going to be adhered to. Garb is a requirement to gain credit, if you cannot get garb for whatever reason ask me for some help, between the people at park we can work out something to get our populace in at least the minimum of a tabard and class sash. I have more ideas that I am looking into making happen in the next few

months.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Baron,
Garm Battlecraze

REGENT'S RANT

As the new Regent of the Barony of King's Point I am going to focus on the cultural side of the game. I'll let our Baron Garm the Unbathed work with our Champion to give you exciting battle games. As for the cultural aspects we will have monthly workshops on topics such as sewing, leather working, and weapons construction. Hopefully this will give aspiring artisans the information they need to start producing their dream items. If you have any workshop suggestions let me know and I'll see if I can get them arranged. The first one will be hosted by Sir Thorin Bane on January 23 (see schedule for more details). We will also have bardics to allow

singers, storytellers, magicians and other entertainers show off their talents. You can think of these workshops and bardics as warm ups for another big Cultural Tournament that we will have later in the Reign. Also mark your calendar for April 3rd We will have a feast commemorating the founding of King's Point. We will have more details on this as the date gets closer. The real goal is to have fun this reign. If we aren't having fun we are doing something wrong. In closing I would like to share with everyone the wisdom of a great wise man, "Ph'nglui mglw'nafh Cthulhu R'lyeh wgah'nagl fhtagn*".

I think those are words we can all live by.

Best regards,

Lord Magnus Thera

*Please do NOT chant this repeatedly while sacrificing a virgin. The Barony of King's Point cannot be held responsible for anything that is summoned.

Prime Minister Speaks

First, I want to thank the populace of King's Point for their support while I considered accepting the request that I run for Regent. I would not have done this without your approval while I am your Chancellor, also.

Second, I want to welcome you all to the Barony of King's Point! Tzar Dark Tigger made the announcement Saturday during the Cornation Court... Huzzah!!

Dues. Yes, money. People's dues are starting to expire. If you want to have a voting voice in the running of the Barony and the Kingdom, including Althings, you must keep those dues up to date. Dues are never required to play Amtgard, but they are always required to vote.

Now it is time to start thinking about how we want this Barony to function, this means Althings, with proposals, write-ups of those proposals, votes, etc...

Does someone feel that we should officially recognize the Kingdom Corpora as our method of function? Propose that we make it official! Do we want clarifications to the corpora? Propose them! Do we want the proposed Park Guard to become a standard so that there are people with most of the powers of the officers available when the officers are off on official Kingdom business or out sick? Write it up!

The Populace has as much power in the running of a park as it takes hold of. You have the power to propose anything from an officer removal on down to the park spending to create belt favors with the park's heraldry for dues paid members to wear. The Barony is yours, not the officers, always remember this. Every odd month, or even in the event of emergency, an Althing can be held with two weeks notice of what is to be voted on. Just be sure to get your proposals to the Baron the week before these proposals need to be presented to the populace.

*Now... Garb up, gear up,
and have fun!*

*Just make sure to get
signed in.*

Orchid Nior

Champion's Corner

*It's your Champion
again. Soon we, as a
park shall be on the
warpath. There are
many things to be done
and you all shall do
them. So let's get to
work! Emissaries from
the Kingdom have
brought news of emptied
graves, terrors, and
blackened skies. We are
to defend ourselves and
those around us from
these creatures while we
uncover the cause.*

Myth



Moving On Up

Orchid Noir, King's Point Prime Minister, has been elected to the position of Kingdom Regent. As Regent she will be responsible to bring the arts and cultural activities to the populace of our Kingdom. While she is away Lady Fenris has agreed to help with the Prime Minister responsibilities. Let's all congratulate Orchid on her new position and thank Fenris for her willingness to help us out.

Be it known to all,

The cult of the mighty Old Ones is among you to prepare for their impending return. Or, as it will soon be known, change year one.

It is never too early to begin the decline into despair.

In accordance with the prophecy,

Nobody

Santa Attacked

Santa's sleigh was shot down as he flew over King's Point, and the evil villains lurking in the woods took advantage of the opportunity to try and destroy Christmas! Mr. Scrooge and his underpaid minions journeyed out to steal all the presents scattered though the forest. Unfortunately the Grinch and his underlings had the same idea. As the groups set out they found that Santa was still alive, and he was quite upset at the situation. When the two forces of evil met up the usual chaos ensued. In the end Mr. Scrooge was able to steal the presents and banish the Grinch. The good news is that Santa was not killed and was rescued by a group of elves. Sources at the North Pole say that this incident will not affect Santa's usual delivery of gifts. Christmas will go on as usual. VIVAT SANTA!

Perception is Reality even in our Fantasy

I told a coworker that I had started playing Amtgard again and explained the game to him to see if he was interested in playing. He declined saying that he had seen some guys at a park in Denton playing and the fighting looked like fun but he wouldn't want to do it in a public park. Hoping to change his mind I showed him my weapons and gear and described my garb to him. He responded with "you wear a costume? None of the guys I saw were wearing any kind of costume. They just looked like idiots fighting in the park with foam weapons. The way you describe it sounds like it would be more fun."

Just thought I'd share the public perception.

OK OK It only takes one barbarian to screw in a lightbulb



Ask Uncle Thorin



Dear Uncle Thorin:

You're the smartest person I know, why don't you try to get into politics?

Hello and thank you for your question. I admire your keen observation and infallible logic.

That being said, I think you answered your own question. Why would anyone smarter than a fifth grader go into politics? I was not always the pillar of Dwarfey wisdom you see now. I was in high office for six months and learned a lot.

The top positions in Amtgard are the easiest jobs in the game. Also, the top positions in Amtgard are the hardest jobs in the game. What makes them one or the other? A lot of it is the support you get, a lot of it is the situation you inherit; a lot of it is how prone you are to drinking. Almost all of it is whether or not you care. Kind of like college, you can stress yourself out and make an effort to do well, or you can relax and risk failure.

A monarch that does not care and is simply taking over because it is something to do, or they like the benefits (such as they are) is readily evident and has an easy time of it while everyone else suffers and speaks ill of them, like the people who are paying for you to

fail college. A monarch that has lame ideas, has horrible luck, or even is a little overbearing in a group that places such a high value on freedom and fun can pull it off if the populace sees that they care and are trying. This is not easy, and the more you care the more stressful things become for you. Just keep in mind that it is a six month sentence, not a lifetime of servitude to your people (that's what Knighthood is for).

Anyone should be able to stick it out in high office for six months, I did, and I was admittedly way too young to be the Thane of a kingdom as great as The Emerald Hills. This place did not exactly run itself, and my lack of experience was evident. I had an awesome support staff, and with effort we were able to keep from going

bankrupt or being taken over by neighboring kingdoms. Ok, maybe some innocent people were executed, I apologized for all of that ages ago, and really, the stew was not that great. I'm just saying...

This time around I have reason to be hopeful. We seem to have landed some pidgins that actually care and are going to try to do a good job. But remember, this place does not exactly run itself, they will need support and we should try to step up when they ask. When things work right it is because of someone's sacrifice and effort. The king is the sacrifice to their people, but they don't need to go alone.

Sir Thorin Bane



We have a lot of good things
planned in the Emerald Hills
so mark your calendar...

| What | When | Where |
|--|----------|------------|
| Workshop Get your weapons back in order/ Althing | 01/30/11 | KP |
| Workshop Making Arrows | 02/06/11 | AP |
| Workshop Basic Sewing | 02/13/11 | KP |
| Dragon Master/ Weapon Master | 02/19/11 | Red Storm |
| Dragon Master/ Weapon Master | 02/20/11 | Eagleshire |
| Prime Minister Elections | 03/06/11 | |
| Midreign/ Birthday bash | 03/12/11 | Tanglewood |
| Workshop Leather Working | 03/27/11 | KP |
| King's Point Celebration Feast | 04/03/11 | KP |
| Workshop Making a Tabard | 04/03/11 | AP |
| Workshop 4 in 1 chainmaille | 05/15/11 | AP |