

Curia Regis Minutes
January 7, 2012
Canton of Ealdnordwuda – Kingdom 12th Night

- I. Approval of the Agenda:
Quorum was attained. Agenda was approved.
- II. Approval of Minutes: October 16, 2011 minutes approved.
- III. Present:
- His RM Eikbrandr
 - Her RM Runa
 - His RH Savaric
 - Her RH Julianna
 - KSen Thorvald Redhair
 - KSen (incoming) Midair MacCormaic
 - KHer Kriemhilt von Ebersberg
 - KExch (incoming) Briana of Morgan
 - KChron Siobhan O'Neill
 - KChron (incoming) Richard von Utrecht
 - KMOAS Llewellyn ap Teirmon
 - KChir Camilla de la Reynarde
 - KEM Angus Gordon of Darkmoon
 - CSec Mary Buchanan
- IV. Reports
- A. Crown: thanked everyone present for coming to the Curia Meeting. We hope not to need another meeting, but We may call one more brief Curia before De-Coronation if issues need to be discussed. There will be a Pentamere commander's meeting immediately to follow this Curia Meeting today. If there are more decisions than We have time to cover this morning, We could re-adjourn the Curia Meeting this afternoon, following the Landed Barons and Baronesses meeting. Today's Curia Agenda is long, but a lot of it is basically just for disseminating information, and for officers to have the opportunity to give brief comments.
1. Royal Pavilion: update on the status of travel pavilion, as it requires lots of lumber to assemble, however it is good that it has the Dragon & Pale Kingdom heraldry on it. Reportedly it was torn during Arch & Runa's reign. Previous discussions were about possibly retiring this pavilion. We were attempting to determine if repair is possible, cost for such repair, or whether ordering a new pavilion would be more economical. Need report on condition of pavilion today, so We can speak to Barons and Baronesses about funding a new one if needed this reign. Bethany and Lothair stated that the travel pavilion is not usable. The canvas is very thin, and it tears easily, although it is not currently torn. The canvas is no longer holding off the rain, and the quantity of lumber required makes it cumbersome to transport. Perhaps a rental tent is needed? New Panther pavilion is also a possibility. We do need a presence tent available at regular events. Usually the local group can provide something, but this travel tent with the Kingdom heraldry is nicer for Royals. We do need a field presence for larger events, especially for Gulf Wars, TRH noted. Since tent is leaking and its canvas is thin, we should start action to get a new one in place before someone is setting it up and it shreds.

HRM Runa recommends we talk about replacing the pavilion now, and propose this expenditure to the Barons and Baronesses later today, asking for their assistance. The new travel pavilion should be engineered differently, so as not to require 50 pounds of wood. If we can get this funded, we should put the process in motion as soon as possible. Kreimhilt suggests that if we are unable to garner enough support from the Baronies, we could also open this proposal up to non-baronial groups for donations. This course of action was acceptable and approved. We will look for a style of pavilion supported by a few poles and many ropes instead of all wood for structural support. HRM Runa noted that the A-frame style of tent can be lifted up on one side to become a lean-to shade or shelter, and it can be let down if the weather becomes inclement.

2. Approval of law change VI-102: this change is to identify a new special deputy of the Kingdom Seneschal, who will be called the Kingdom Event Coordinator. This requires changing law VI-102 as it stands – to include the assistance of this special deputy to solicit bids for upcoming coronations and crown tourney. The selected individual will be listed on the Kingdom Seneschal's deputy page on MK website. The wording change has already been drafted. If acceptable, it could be read into court today. TRM approved this change to be read in today. TRM reminded TRH that it can be very time consuming for new royals to phone and/or email groups in their attempts to find bids to get a site arranged in time. Coronation must be balanced between acquiring an adequate site in time to secure it and publish it, versus choosing a site that is convenient and meets TRH's approval. The span between Fall Crown and Spring Coronation is especially short, and it provides barely enough time to get a bid put together.
3. QE2: since Pennsic last summer, there has been a lot of discussion about the QE2 structure not lasting much longer. The request for proposal was announced in the December 2011 Pale, in the MK Announcements section, and was given a ½ page ad. At this point, decisions regarding a new QE2 will fall to Heirs and Their successors. Discussion and actions that can be taken have been taken to this point.
4. Kingdom Officer Slush Funds: Additional funds are held in a different financial budget for some kingdom officers. Will have Elayne let us know what additional funds are being held for which offices. She can send TRM an email with these details. Briana has some of the info: most of the additional funds are in the KSen fund.
5. Calf to Codex: at the last Curia meeting we discussed extending the Great Booke project to create another book as a continuation of the Order of Precedence. We talked about Master Johannes von Narrenstein's group project on making a medieval book calf-to-codex. TRM propose we speak to them and see if we can extend their project to use the vellum making and/or the completed book to continue with an addendum book which updates the lists of royalty and awards. The Great Booke is kept safely in a library, while this new addendum book could be circulated out and about. Master Ranthulfr (also involved in the calf-to-codex project) noted that the quality of parchment produced may not be smooth or thin enough, or it may be difficult for some to write and paint upon. This being a group learning project, and understanding that some participants are beginners at making the parchment, we may want to consider starting a separate project using professional quality parchment for the addendum book. Could suggest this new project to the scribal community and see what kind of response it gets.
6. New Crown Bags and Boxes: there has been a delay on creation of these, per Siobhan. Double storage is best, with a soft bag inside a hard box. Embroiderer Baroness Elaina Blackram is having carpal tunnel issues. Production is not moving forward for now. Could we get some plain bags to put the Crowns into for now? Siobhan will see what she can do to get plain, soft storage bags. Sir Angus suggested we could get some grocery bags from Piggly Wiggly.
7. New Prince's sword scabbard: formerly the Tanist's sword scabbard was mounted onto

a white belt. HRH Savaric's Squire brother Cecil made a new black belt & scabbard, with metal buckles and tip. Cecil could gift this to TRH directly and not have it become Kingdom regalia if he wishes. Then TRH could loan it out to other non-chivalry Princes as needed. For items that Their Highnesses will want to add to regalia, They will be sure to contact Briana so she can add to regalia list. TRH are having some mugs made for both sets of royals. During first transport of regalia after Crown, one of the amber glass goblets was shattered. Since we can't match just one, TRH have asked a potter to make mugs for all four Royals. HRM Runa suggests making them each slightly different so we can tell them apart. Discussed the difference between gifts to the Royal person versus gifts to the Royalty which then become part of Kingdom regalia. On a related note, the Prince's Crown has not yet been fixed. HRH Julianna talked to the jeweler last week about fixing the gemstones that fell out of their settings prior to delivery. Mistress Laelin made these new plaque crowns for Coronation, and she has already fixed Her Highness's gems. His Highness's will be fixed soon. Von Drachenstein Treasures has already fixed and reinforced the fleur-de-lis on Their Highnesses' "training" coronets.

8. Retiring Territorial Baronage: TRM desire to slightly modify the recognitions given for territorial B/B's stepping down, so as to make it more special for them. Years of hard work and continual service to the MK deserve more distinction for a Landed B/B to distinguish them from a Court B/B. Discussed potential ideas to set them apart with a bigger thank-you. Thorvald, Midair, and Kreimhilt will be present at this afternoon's B/B meeting when TRM discuss it then.
 1. Precedence: could change level of precedence for territorial B/B.
 2. Sumptuary Law ideas: could add some visible item for territorial B/B to wear.
9. Grand Council open spot: The Grand Council consists of a group of people who are very vocal at their Kingdom level, so the SCA can run ideas past them before deciding SCA policy. This group functions as a kind of think tank, churning over the details and potential eventualities of new policies. Although Grand Council has no authority to change or create policy, it can function very well if used appropriately. Issues such as the proposal to allow same-gender crowns were discussed at Grand Council. Since this group is Society-wide, usually there is one rep from each Kingdom. Thus the advice passed along ideally is non-biased. However, the MK currently does not have a member on the Council. Could ask either Sir Vitus or Duke Alen Elegil (he is an environmental lawyer). MK subject Adam Culross is on the Council, but he is not participating as the MK rep. His role is as the moderator/administrator. If Vitus or Duke Alen are not interested, the KSen could offer it up as an open position to be filled. Or, we could leave it unfilled, and continue as it currently stands. This is the option that TRM would choose if not Vitus or Alen.
10. KEM Update:
 - a. Earl Sir Lutr will be the successor to Sir Angus, with the switch to take place at ToC/ValDay event. Sir Angus was going to hand over the officer trappings today, but Lutr was unable to attend today's event. Therefore we will continue with the plan to hand this office over at ToC instead. The only remaining piece was to discuss the successor choice with TRH, which has been accomplished.
11. Bids for Fall Crown: the Shire of Greyhope has submitted a bid for Fall Crown thus far. The Barony of Cleftlands couldn't make it work for this Fall, so will try for next year's bid. The Special Deputy will be able to help with this process also, once one is appointed.
12. Bids for Spring Coronation: Thorvald was assured that a bid would be put together by the Barony of Ayreton, which would be at the same site where 12th Night will be held next week. Mistress Sarafina will strive to make this happen. We should know for sure on Monday if this is good to go. A site in Chicago, northern Indiana, or southern

Michigan would be preferred by TRH. The Carbondale group which was nearest to TRH current residence is now defunct. TRH are moving to a new house in Casey, Illinois soon. This is closer to St. Carol on the Moor. So the Barony of Ayreton will be an excellent bid if they can do it.

13. A new Bardic non-armigerous award TRM are thinking about: HRM Runa received a letter recently, promoting the bardic arts in which Tzes Sofia suggested a new award for proficiency in the performing arts. Some other kingdoms recognize their performers in this fashion. Arts awards are fairly well covered, but performance is such an intangible art with no lasting product to show for it. The suggested award would convey no precedence, just recognition for the oral tradition and MK history to be passed along. Request Curia feedback and questions regarding this idea. The proposal suggests that the recognition could be given more than once if established as an Award. Thorvald countered that the same thing could be accomplished by bestowing an Award of the Sapphire. Midair says it sounds the same as giving separate awards for fencers and archers within the combat arts. There is much hesitation to endorse such a specific award. Llewellyn suggests he could create a survey on the Survey Monkey to encourage feedback from the populace. TRM would rather not survey the populace if Curia cannot come to a quorum here, then probably the issue is not well supported enough to take to the populace. Llewellyn said that there are other areas of fleeting permanency, such as cooking arts, which would then be in line to request a separate recognition for their specific group of artists/artisans. Would like to toss it out to the Laurel list for ideas on how we could continue to increase recognition for performing arts. TRH says we have a lot of performers out there who are not lifted up and encouraged like other Kingdoms do. Lady Verena Entenwirth told TRM that in Calontir they don't have specialty awards for bardic. The entire Calontir culture is very singing-oriented, but they don't create performance awards because their Laurels in the bardic arts take it very seriously and promote it actively. Designating a Poet Laureate of the Kingdom could be considered again, per Siobhan. Could continue by selecting a Kingdom Bard/Bardic champion each reign. Further contemplation and discussion ensued, and Kriemhilt suggested to set some bards up as examples. These are people who would be known across the Kingdom, which would give incentive and a point of contact for up and coming bards to consult. Midair noted that the MK attitude toward promoting the bardic arts is improving, with more laurels being made in the performance arts. It is important and desirable to encourage performance arts. New songs and poems would gain wider recognition if submitted to The Pale for publication.

B. Heirs: nothing at this time

C. Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences

1. Known World Academy of Rapier Event: Llewellyn thanked all for the comments on Curianet regarding the bid. They then took the proposal to Society to look at. Society said the bid looks good, and they had just a few questions. Then the local group decided to rework the bid from square one and resubmit all over again. So now we continue from here. Requested that Thorvald please put a letter in The Pale that any group submitting a Known World bid of any kind must contact their Kingdom Officer in that category before putting forth the bid.
2. Server issue on midrealm dot org: the A&S program is no longer taking down the Midrealm server. This temporarily presented some severe issues, but is currently not a problem. The A&S program will remain on midrealm dot org, but we have a backup plan

in case we continue to have issues. We will take the program over to survey monkey as a temporary measure if needed. "Kernel panic" was the term used. The addition of the A&S program took the MK server down four times in three days.

- D. Kingdom Earl Marshal – successor has already been covered.
- E. Kingdom Chronicler:
 - 1. Server hardware issue – already discussed.
 - 2. Pale Exchequer: Heirusalem realizes she needs to step down from The Pale Exchequer position. The pending unpaid bills are being addressed. Elayne Gwennlian is taking care of these as quickly as possible, and she is interested in taking the position as successor. Countess Takaya is also helping to get the office in order, to effectuate a smooth transition.
 - 3. Electronic Newsletters: The move to electronic newsletters has been published out to the internet. If any questions arise, please let Siobhan know. You can currently opt out of receiving the paper copy of The Pale. Access to all kingdom newsletters is now available online (except Lochac), plus one article from TI is available every month. Membership fees are going up to \$45 on January 1st, 2012. To receive a paper issue of The Pale it will be \$30 in addition to regular membership fee. Selecting First Class delivery is highly recommended. Please take this information back to your groups for discussion.
 - 4. Officer Changeovers: Meisterin Katerina Helena von Schoenborn is not reporting regularly. Constellation Regional Chronicler office change will therefore need to take place soon. Oaken Regional Chronicler will also need a replacement. The Kingdom Webminister Fionnseach "Finch" is also stepping down. Need someone who can program to target the lowest common denominator of users. Will need to understand server hardware. This person would also need a backup. We will be stepping up this move so we can get it going.

Meeting Pause – the 1-hour time limit is up. Either the Seneschal can continue the meeting discussions, or we could re-convene Curia meeting later this afternoon. The Heirs can make decisions related to any items that will be happening during their reign, such as the Tomcat topic. Decided to meet here again at 3:30 pm (or to follow the B/B meeting). Siobhan has one more item to discuss. Thorvald has about 5 minutes of items needing to be included in the meeting records.

3:30 pm – meeting re-convened.

- F. Dragon Herald. Nothing new to report.
- G. Kingdom Chirurgeon: nothing to report.
- H. RUM Chancellor: not present at meeting.
- I. Kingdom Seneschal:
 - 1. Deputies: skip
 - 2. Groups:
 - a.

- b. .
 - 3. Law Changes:
 - a. .
 - b. .
 - 4. Kingdom Events:
 - a. .
 - b. .
- 1. Deputies: skip
- 2. Groups:
 - a. Update on Shire of Swordcliff: this group wishes to divide into two separate groups. The Seneschal of Swordcliff has stepped down, and Regional Seneschal Caitriona MacDonnachaidh is serving temporarily as their Seneschal, in an attempt to bring their group to a cohesive unity. This will be a 6-month position and project.
 - b. Disbanding Shire of Gleann Iaruin: this group in Ohio has currently 3 members, is a canton to Middle Marches. Financial balance will be sent to Middle Marches.
- 3. Law changes: .
 - a. VI-102 Events Coordinator position (see agenda). Will read this law change into court this evening.
 - b. Discussed proposed changes with Baronies at meeting earlier today. Will read this law change into court this evening.
- 4. Kingdom events:
 - a. Spring Coronation.
 - b. Spring Crown –.
 - c. Fall Coronation –.
 - d. Fall Crown: Fall Crown: already discussed bid from Greyhope. TRM suggest may wish to wait until May Crown to make this decision with new heirs. This group is located in NW Constellation region (Indiana). We gave a deadline as 12th night for bids, however the decision can be made later. Okay to wait until Crown Tourney Curia meeting. Midair will send out one more missive to populace asking for bids
 - e. New Law 16-1111: Using the Kingdom name in an event title. New law drafted to address this clarification.

J. Kingdom Exchequer

V. Curianet

- A. Great Booke Satchel Repair:
 - 1. Quorum is present. \$110 for repairs is approved.
- B. Responsibility for new user access: responsibility for this should be the event person, who then gives the information about the new user to the web minister.
- C. Guilds: done.

VI. Old business: None

VII. New business:

- A. Next curia meeting – not currently planning to hold a Curia meeting at Val Day event.
- B. Unicorn Event – proposed for March 31st, which is the same time as Estrella War. Will evaluate the calendar options and consider, then bring to CuriaNet later.

VIII. Committee of the whole:

- A. Law 3-109 restricts Kingdom Seneschal to serve maximum of three years in office. TRM have requested that Thorvald serve until the end of their reign. Approved to suspend this law for the duration of the current reign, per TRM Eikbrandr and Runa.
- B. Changeovers happening soon:
 - a. Kingdom Seneschal at Coronation – Midair to replace Thorvald
 - b. Kingdom Earl Marshal at TOC/Val Day – Lutr to replace Angus
 - c. Kingdom Exchequer at TOC/Val Day – Briana to replace Elayne
 - d. Kingdom Minister of Arts & Sciences at Kingdom A&S/Crown – Philippe to replace Llewellyn
 - e. Curia Secretary at Coronation – Claire to replace Mary

IX. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mistress Mary Buchanan