

# Curia Regis Agenda

October 18, 2009

Barony of Illiton

I. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved**

II. Approval of Minutes

A. May 25, 2009 **Approved**

B. August 1, 2009 **Approved w/ comments on CuriaNet**

III. Attending:

HisRM Dag Thorgrimson, KSCA, OP

HerRM Anne Marie

HisRH Radagaisus Vidigoia Balthi

Her RH Ceinwen ferch Elidir O'Denbigh

KSen Baron Thorvald Redhair, OP

KEM Count Alaric LeFevre, KSCA

OUTGOING KExch Baron Aidan Blackstone, OP

INCOMING KExch Lady Elayne

KHer Baron Daffyd Blaidd, OP

RUMC Baroness Sarafina Sinclair, OL

CSec Maestra Gwenhwyvar Nocturnal, OP OL

IV. Reports

A. Crown

1. Deputies of the Crown:

a) Houndmaster: No report

b) Midrealm Army General: **Earl Lutr is transitioning to Sir Gunnar, probably at 12th night. Pending confirmation**

c) The Secretary of the Baronage: **No report**

d) Grand Council: **No report**

e) Pennsic Castellan: HisRM held this position and to date nobody has offered to take over. He is still available and feels he can continue in this job. Castellan job is easier as now we own much of the property. **Pending**

2. QE2 Disposition

a) The QE2 is approaching the end of its life in current state. It is still usable, but parts are starting to fail (e.g. Interior roof has come out, horizontal struts are rusting out). These things can be replaced or repaired. Projected life was projected for 10 years and this Pennsic 39 will mark that 10 years. What do we do with it? Recommend keep front dais and repair? KEM: Pale letter for assistance to repair? KHer: Suggests a packing diagram. HisRM: Parts are already numbered. Also, the large white pavilion in Midrealm Royal: Unbelts or camp staff put it up.

Cheaper than buying to repair the one we have, but we need to tighten it up (e.g., when it rains, someone needs to stay with it to prop it up)

b) Permanent gate for Gulf Wars item KEM: Has reached out for info on setting up, when, where, who.

3. AoA Scrolls

a) Revisit the idea of the mass production of AoA's.

b) Privately he floats idea to regional: May be time for mass production of AOA, the scroll that almost everyone gets. Propose:

(1) Period reproduction.

(2) Etched plate.

(3) Different designs?

(4) Very nice subdued, 2 sided illumination

(5) Nice calligraphy that can be finished by a local scribe.

(6) Fill in illumination and date, persons name would be hand callig'd.

(7) High quality archival process.

(8) Letterpress. Period style, period scroll.

(9) Using a press instead of a pen.

(10) Won't all be identical.

c) Argument: It is still a copy. Suggested that HisRM speak to Royal Peers since they will be giving them out. **Pend to CuriaNet for further discussion.**

4. New Prince/ess Regalia (Coronets?)

a) Plaque crowns: would like more options for TRHs. The only other serviceable coronets are the leather ones, floppy and "death ray" crowns. Plaque style service a broad period range. Suggesting pursuing getting bids. **Decision: Bid from Master Sylard and Midrealm artisan. Bid to go through Minister of Regalia office with it delegated to someone.**

5. Royal Sceptre, Creation of

a) TRM's would like a Scepter. Envisions something copper w/ etched oath. Nice to have bag. Mace style. **Decision: Idea stage, still researching.**

B. Heirs:

1. Welcome Their Highnesses:

a) Radagaisus Vidigoia Balthi

b) Ceinwen ferch Elidir O'Denbigh

2. Proof of membership that extends to the end of the reign. Society wide policy.

*UPDATE: Done*

C. Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences

1. Not present, no agenda items submitted.

D. Earl Marshal

1. Has a successor. No date has been set for transition, but probably Val Day, before Gulf Wars. This Pennsic is East's.

#### E. Kingdom Chronicler

1. Not present, no agenda items sent.
2. New Website status:
  - a) Midrealm.org still under development. KChron not present to give status. Completion of new web site was scheduled to deploy right after Pennsic. Question posed: What is the delay? Ans: There is not a full complement of content to transition to as yet. KSen: Has not asked him yet. Linking externally for intel. **Decision: Set deadline (TRMs): We want it done by xxx date? Proposed: First of the year 1/1/2010**
3. Cooking Illustrated/Artes Draconis – Chronicler (**Discussed**)

#### F. Dragon Herald.

1. MK Heraldic Symposium coming up.
2. Law Changes - Order of the Rose Discussion - When the Rose was a patent order, we had to poll. Then they changed that and it is now non armigerous and we do not poll. Displays as Rose and Rose 2. In the OP the Non-Patent level is OR2, is still non-armigerous. In the order of March, you are up with County or Ducal. If you give up your County or Ducal, then what would happen? Gulf Wars does it in Order of Precedence of the Rose, but if our Rose had no patent, they fall to the end of the line.
3. List of officers all transitioning at the same time, this (incoming) Royal family is the one that will be most affected.
4. Extension: Would like to extend; to date Dragon has not completed any of his goals for the office. HisRM in favor of any officer looking to extend is approved. Earl Marshal validating. Dafydd looking to extend 1 year. **Decision: Approved**

#### G. Kingdom Chirurgeon –

1. Not present, no agenda items sent.
2. KChir: Probationary period is up (6 months). **Decision: Term Approved**

#### H. Chancellor of RUM

1. RUM improvement ideas
2. Upcoming RUM February 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - a) Idea: would like to set up Facebook page to get word out.
  - b) Found a bursar to be exchequer for RUM.
  - c) Original RUM Charter was created by Duke Eliahu. Never put in place, but it was a good idea that had a recognition program, points per achievement. It is goal oriented. It likely won't happen for another year, as there is a complete curriculum, and multiple rums to get achievement, but would like to pursue. Current copy was taken from Calontir RUMC. Envisions Royal University accreditation.
  - d) Transcripts; looking for registrar. Goal is to start by next rum, then fall of 2010.

#### I. Kingdom Seneschal

1. Probation period up. **Decision: Term approved**

2. Deputies:

a) Chatelaine

(1) Chatelaine's Handbook: **Still pending: flushing out with Society Chatelaine and Editor.**

b) Minister of Youth – Changed at Crown: **Zsof new MoY**

(1) Nightmare with warrants and background checks. Short version: Currently there is no background check necessary to hold (non-combat) youth activities, just 2 warranted adults, non-related. There are currently no warranted local MOY. However, there is concern that if something happens at an event, then the responsibility falls to the Regional or Kingdom MoY. KSen: has a problem with the responsibility landing on someone who is not present at, or approved, the event. The reality is that if anything happens, then someone needs to be blamed. One advantage of being warranted is that you then have the resources of the SCA behind you. If something happens to the kids, law may go after the person in charge of the kid, not Zsof. HisM: Believes that the reality is that everybody gets blamed, from the person who touched the child to the Society. Everyone peripherally involved becomes named. **Decision: Pending. KSen will take this up with Society Seneschal as there is more research needed to clarify vagueness at the Society level.**

c) Midlands Regional Seneschal wants to step down

(1) Had it for 3 years, will be taking applications. HisRH: who is it? Ans: Barun Rory

d) Replaced Deputies

(1) First Deputy:

(2) Charter Compliance

(3) Cartographer: **Bjarki** is the only one that applied. Old Cartographer has too much on his plate. His wife called and stated he was too busy. KSen will be sending new Cartographer the zip codes.

(4) Law Clerk:

(5) New Groups: Sudden drop. **New incoming: Gareth Ostwestly**

3. Group changes:

a) Group Transition: Lochmorrow – Shire to Canton **Smooth transition**

b) Group Transition: Winged Hills – Canton to College: Request from Seneschal, however, not so cut and dry. KHer: Until this moment, nobody in Winged Hills knew that this petition was being submitted. Members did not know Seneschal was looking to do this. KSen: There is a process of polling, so people will be informed. KHer: Currently most of the active portion of WH, are held at Wright State (University). KSen: thought this was a good solid base, but did not understand issue. Might be money involved. KHer: was put on list of groups with money more than what they needed. Barony was low on funds, shell barony has little money, bought loaner armour. They do have enough money to hold an event that

completely fails and hold it again. We are good with finances now. Erin may be misunderstanding the situation. KHer: He lives in the greater Dayton area, where College of St. Joan is located. Dayton would then be diminished. Erin, Seneschal is new. HisRH: what is the order of Seneschal succession? Ans: Current Seneschal selects. KSen: Continue investigating and take more information. KHer: Risk of college students as officers: too few college students may not fill all positions. **Decision: Pending KSen: Continue investigating.**

#### 4. Law Changes

- a) IV-200 – Lesser Officer of State – The Keeper of the Archives: Basically, nobody applied. Old position, not really used. KSen in favor of disposing of the office. **Approved**
- b) IV-500 – Lesser Officer of State - The Information Officer: Done away with in 2006. Take off books. **Approved**
- c) IV-### - Lesser Officer of State – The Minister of Youth: Office w/ warranted officers under them, elevate to Greater Officer: KEM: potential of conflict w/ marshalling. KHer: Person, who has problems, can play the MOY against them. KEM: Marshallate and the MOY office have potential conflicts resolved before put to vote. HerRH: suggested alternate title: MOY Marshal? HRM: Minister of Youth Combat? Then are they deputy of the Earl Marshal? Still would like to discuss potential of conflict. Who gets background check? KSen: no, it comes to him. He needs clarification from Society. **Decision Approved**
- d) Renumbering Lesser Officers of State: **Approved**
- e) VII-100 – Authorizations for Combat Activities:
  - (1) Alaric: need to get him some text and get back to KSen
- f) IX-101 Non-precedence Awards and Orders: missing silver acorn, baton and Rose. **Add back in.**
- g) IX-103 Placement in the Order of Precedence: Previously discussed, but not actually completed. Proposes it to be in the order that the Barony was created. **Approved**
- h) XI-600 Oath of Fealty for Territorial Barons and Baronesses: Not written. HisRM: Society law that stated people cannot have their right to enjoy the SCA restricted on Religion. E.g. Horde becoming a baroness. For religious reasons she did not swear fealty. How can we make this mandatory? HisRM: did not have a choice. KSen: Affirm service? KEM: why did this happen, why did they want to do the job? If both laws exist, then we don't need to refer back through law. KSen: All territorial B&B will swear fealty. If you are unable, then you are unable to hold the office. Those who cannot swear for religious reasons, are then not eligible. Knights: Enjoying the rewards is the wording. HisRM taking an office is not a reward, it is a responsibility. HerRH: read from law for clarification. HisRM is in favor, just wants to make sure no ambiguity. **Approved**
- i) XIV-200 – Required Group Officers
  - (1) This law was changed and the Pursuivant was dropped from law. Going thru laws, the law is still on the books. Do TRMs

want to uphold law or discuss issue? Rationale? Discussion: Current, (and former dragon herald :): Pursuivant is voice of the crown and appropriate required officer. Everyone should have a name/title. Not necessarily everyone fights as a representative of the game. KEM: 1. Pursuivant is no or more less equivalent. 2. a lot of groups that have low numbers and those groups end up having multiple officers per group in order to be compliant. Personal opinion, Pursuivant was more a voice of the crown, same thing as Marshall 25% of groups don't have a Marshal. Main point is to make it easier to maintain status without having to rotate and hold multiple offices. KHer: anyone should be able to find someone local. KEM: don't need that person as much. KHer: Availability of bad information far outweighs good; Pursuivant necessary and wanted. HisRM: As a fighter, I see it. HisRH: Devils advocate we require Seneschal and Herald to conduct court. From baronial and above they need to conduct court. Any less than that, do we need to have this position? He defers to HisRM. Canton or equivalent. KSen: shires have to have the positions, cantons are exempt. KEM: At the small group level, we force them to have more officers. HisRM: this part of the game is important at every level. KEM: He can buy into this. KSen: potential fourth officer. Seneschal, Exchequer, Pursuivant ~~xxxxx~~? Double up on Pursuivant. KEM: if you have 7 people and all 5 of them want to do is fight, then why make it required? HerRH: do you lose that group if you cannot make that requirement? HisRM: If they are that small then they should not be a group. KSen: used to require Pursuivant. They were a resource to help with a name submissions. HisRM: This is sending a message. Not too much to require another officer. As long as they do not fight, they do not need a marshal, but as long as they have people that have names, they need a Pursuivant. KEM: there is a kingdom law to mitigate groups within groups without being numbers based. HerRM: not as vested. TRH: cannot disagree with argument. Does prefer the non avenue of don't change for the sake of changing. Carry on.

**Decision: Drop 4<sup>th</sup> option.**

- j) XIV-202 Groups and Money:
  - (1) "If moneys are held by group and exchequer is required..." redundant sentence Thorvald wants to pull out: **Approved**
- k) XIV-700 The Region Law:
  - (1) Thorvald would like to get rid of this law. We have been in violation of this. Long outlived its desired effect since we have had 2 principalities exist. HisRM: should have been removed long ago. **Approved**
- l) XV-303 Baronial Polling
  - (1) Mention of a rotation, since this rotation is removed with Crown Tourney law, would like to approve removal: **Approved**

m) XV-304 Leaving the Barony

(1) First sentence contradicts the law: recommend adding phrase “for the duration of their term”: Old law, not updated or enforced. They do not have to live in Barony, but have to be active. If they move across the immediate area, then they need to resign. HisRM: is adding “upon leaving their Barony” too specific? While we are looking at the law, we should clean it up. If they can no longer be active in their Barony, then they should resign their territorial status. KHer: Suggests: “For the duration of their term or active participation of their barony”. Or crown could decide to poll and approve. Crown is there to serve the people. **Pending CuriaNet discussion. Close for now.**

n) XV-500 – Baronial Court

(1) Baron and Baroness cannot hold court at Pennsic: There are a lot of baronies that hold joint courts. HisRH: at the discretion of the hosting Baron? What about a shire? HisRM: does not want to imply that anyone can go to another barony and hold a court. KEM: limit with permission in another barony. His RM: Interkingdom wars: Cannot hold baronial court without express permission with the exception of a major war: **Pending: CuriaNet**

o) Multiple Laws – Award of the Dragon’s Tooth

(1) Catch all for changing order to award.  
(2) Or alternatively, change all laws. Say the order precedence as outlined in kingdom law x-x so that you do not have to change all the laws. Option 2 **Approved.**  
(3) Do we want to do this with all the award laws? Order of precedence with 9-100 mutually referencing numbers is clunky. KSen: we publish laws every 2 years. KSen do this as “cleaning house”. **Approved**

5. Kingdom Events:

a) Spring Coronation – Need bids

(1) Do you have a dream? Last falls tournament: Is Flaming Gryphon site available for Coronation? KHer: we have people, we might need to be flexible on date. Hall may be booked. Let KSen know if we need to get bids. KEM: Should we offer locally first to allay hurt feelings? HerRH: They have polled and several have said no. They had added 3 events to schedule and locals are fried. She would like to give them the right to first refusal. KHer: will look into the possibility w/ deadline response within 2 weeks (November 1).

b) Fall Crown Tourney – Accepting bids

(1) 9 months out, up to 12<sup>th</sup> night. No bids at this time.

J. Kingdom Exchequer

1. Welcome to new officer Lady Elayne

a) Countess Fern donated 200 patches. Suggested fundraiser at \$5/each.



- b) She has checks and local can co-sign.
    - c) Still learning the ropes
  - 2. SCA incorporation in Illinois
    - a) Meeting scheduled for 11/14/2009 at Crystal Ball.
  - 3. Midlands to become subsidiary corporation starting Jan 1st 2010
    - a) SCA is incorporating the state of IL due to tax laws. Pilot state, with other 50 to follow. This will be in place for Jan 1, 2010. New York to follow. Officer structure remains the same.

#### V. CuriaNet:

##### A. Possible movement of Midrealm websites:

- 1. Chronicler is pushing behind this. Wants to move Midrealm.org to a publicly hosted site. KHer: Currently we host for free on servers that were purchased by the kingdom. Pending Chronicler providing argument. **Decision: Currently, those present are satisfied with current state.**

#### VI. Old Business

##### A. Replacing the Plaque Crowns:

- 1. Gwenhwyvar Nocturnal has reached out to Master Sylard via Mastr Brand Thorvaldson. Status is that Master Sylard is interested in giving bids for both repair and new. **Decision: Continue to seek bids: 3 bids, Master Sylard, get a bid from mundane professional that Bethany has, + 1 Midrealm artisan.**

B. Great Officer Medallions: Sarafina: Christiana does not have them. 40 year is now over, she can start working on this. Locate and fix what is there. **Decision: Sarafina to confer with Gwenhwyvar.**

#### VII. New Business: N/A

#### VIII. Committee of the Whole: N/A

#### IX. Adjournment

#### Title Abbreviation Chart:

His Royal Majesty (HisRM)  
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 His Royal Highness (HisRH)  
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 Kingdom Seneschal (KSen)  
 Kingdom Exchequer (KExch)  
 Kingdom (Dragon) Herald (KHer)  
 Kingdom Earl Marshal (KEM)  
 Kingdom Chronicler (KChron)  
 Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (KMoAS)  
 Kingdom Chirurgeon (KChir)  
 Minister of Regalia (MoR)  
 Minister of Youth (MoY)  
 RUM Chancellor (RUMC)  
 Pale Editor (PaleEd)



Curia Secretary (CSec)