

Meeting of the Curia of the Middle Kingdom: Monday, 30 May 2016 (AS 51), upon the occasion of Crown Tournament/Kingdom A&S Faire, in the Shire of Mynydd Seren

Kingdom Officers in attendance:

- Their Majesties Cameron and Amalie
- Their Highnesses Edmund and Kateryn
- Dame Catriona MacDhonnachaidh, Seneschal (Kat Dyer)
- Sir Gregoire de Lyon, KEM (Greg Less)
- Mistress Halla of Mugmort, KMOAS (Halle Snyder)
- THL Ælfric Greensword, outgoing Exchequer (Charles Shefferly)
- THL Kateline Eliot, incoming Exchequer (Erin Potter)
- Meister Konrad Mailander, Dragon Herald (Dale Niederhauser)
- By invitation: Mistress Giovanna Adimari, Chatelaine (Anne Stevenson)
- By phone: Master Gunnar Sigurdsson, Chronicler (Tom Cherry)

Minutes submitted by Dame Marie la Fauconniere, Curia Secretary (Nita Lewis)

Officer Reports

Marshallate:

- Count Savaric to take over as KEM after Pennsic
- Armored Combat handbook has been revised

Chatelaine:

- Recruitment continues to be slow
- Would like to do regional-level demos with participation from multiple groups
- Need to update media presence:
 - YouTube channel
 - Possibly paid advertising - Facebook ads, etc
 - Outreach to other media outlets

A&S:

- Very successful Faire season - all 92 regional entries eligible to advance to Kingdom, over 70 did so
- Much 50-Year activity
- Pennsic will have an A&S War Point
- Would like to name a "criteria deputy" (possibly Mme. Crespine) to update Faire criteria by next Faire season and on ongoing basis
 - Initial focus on revising brewing and vintning scoring, performing-arts criteria
- HRH Edmund requested a competitive competition (not display) during next reign, a "bring out your best head-to-head"

Exchequer:

- We have money:
 - \$42K in checking
 - \$115K in savings
 - \$39K in Pale account, mostly from event ads; questioned whether charging for Pale ads is still necessary, given that there are no longer any expenses being paid
 - Shift funds to website development?
 - Split funds back out to groups?
 - Issue discussion

- Regalia:
 - Requested permission to put out an RFP for replacing both sets of “everyday” thrones
 - HRM Cameron stated that new banner poles and box for Oathbinder have been sourced; other thrones also need work
 - There’s a lot of outdated/ damaged stuff to get rid of – auction off? Donate to SCA Special Collection in CA?

Herald:

- New Boke of Ceremonies uploaded to Midrealm website, revisions to other handbooks coming
- Laurel King of Arms has increased the submission fee to register heraldry, so Kingdom fee has gone up as well
- HRM Cameron asked whether there is any way to improve the submission process – make it “friendlier”

Chronicler:

- Everything submitted to the Pale should be forwarded on to the Midrealm Gazette
- Will stop charging groups for event ads; suggested using funds on server/web costs
- “clean-up” of e-mail addresses on website underway; setting up a consistent “seneschal@(groupname)” mail forward to reduce the need for constant updates of contact lists/info
- Kingdom History page going live by 50-Year, led by Marissa von Atzinger
- HRH Cameron reported on website rebuild
 - Graphics development currently underway
 - Refined structure down to 4 specific use cases: newcomer, officer, history/culture/activity information, specific item/ document
 - Linked documents (PDFs) to be collected into a single library, removing multiplicity of links from other pages
 - Unified reporting system with standardized common elements – maintaining continuity of data
 - Individual officer sign-ins with necessary privileges for their areas
 - Court reports will synchronize with award recommendations
 - Actual buildout will be done by professionals; looking at a couple of companies in Indy area, expecting \$5K-\$10K

Seneschal:

- Looking to update and simplify Kingdom law documents
 - Remove administrivia to separate handbook
 - Set up FAQ document
- Will be posting a call for replacement soon, with intent to step down after Spring Crown 2017
- Proposed that Chatelaine be made a Great Office; will put out for commentary

TRH:

- Looking forward to the next year.

TRM:

- Query: should combat archery/siege weapons have separate awards?
 - Consensus of Curia in attendance not in favor
 - Will be discussed again later