

## Curia Regis Minutes (corrected)

Date of Meeting: Sunday, January 18, 2004

Location: After Kingdom Twelfth Night, Delaware, OH

Attending:

HisRM Alasdair MacFhearghuis

HerRM Guenievre du Dragon Vert

KSen Charles Oakley

KHer Rory mac Feidhlimidh

KExch Artemesia Grimaldi

KEM Palymar of the Two Baronies

CSec Catherine Oakley

KMOAS Edmund of Hertford

KChron Milica of Varna

KChir Tatiana Marana Melville

KMoR Tamara di Firenze

PaleEd Brice le Corbet

New Groups Dep Iustinos Tekton

Meeting called to order at: 09:15

I. Approval of the Agenda: Approved.

II. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting as corrected: Approved.

III. Reports: (including any reports of activity by or about direct deputies)

A. Their Royal Majesties

1. Deputies of the Crown

a. Houndmaster – A few hounds were lost this year, but the good news is: they coursed at Pennsic XXXII, it was a success, and they have permission to do it again this summer. They don't have a web page now, but the Houndmistress wants to get one created for them and linked to the A&S page.

i. TRM have received a request for a new award related to activities of the Hunt, but are not inclined to create one. A&S awards are appropriate and TRM do not want to proliferate more awards.

b. Chief of Staff of the Army – Sir Ivar has reported re: Pennsic. TSH and Their Heirs have asked Northshielders to fight under Midrealm colors this year at both Gulf and Pennsic Wars, as this will be the last time they will fight as a part of the Midrealm.

c. Royal University of the MidRealm (RUM) Chancellor – *HerRM reported and Viscountess Therica (RUMC) sent a written report, here summarized:*

i. There were two RUMs this year, in White Waters (Feb 22) and Swordcliffe (Nov 22). There have been some missed communications, but not affecting the quality of the events. Stellar University of Northshield (SUN) was held December 13 in Tor Aerie. RUMC is looking for a site in Ohio or Michigan for the Spring RUM session.

ii. The current Chancellor will be a Northshielder in October and needs to transition out all RUM officers from Northshield. Her primary deputy is Sir Garth of the Crag, who is training to replace her and has several deputies in mind. HerRM wishes to start a process of selecting a new RUMC such that the transition occurs this summer; she will discuss this more on CuriaNet.

*The written report will be available on file from CSec.*

- d. The Secretary of the Baronage – needs to follow up on a few Barons and Baronesses who have not yet reported.
  - e. Grand Council – There are four representatives from Midrealm. We may nominate another. Our appointed representative is Katriona, who is from Northshield. We will need to place a new person in this position, as well, before Northshield is no longer part of the MidRealm.
2. Possible Website addition: Deputies of the Crown are listed in the Pale; HerRM wants to put this information on the web as well.
  3. Kingdom Law Changes
    - a. Postponing of Pale Laws Issue until summer/Northshield exit? TRM suggest this Pale issue be published after October 16, 2004 so that the Northshield specific laws can be dropped with no need to publish twice. KSen says there is no rule requiring laws to be published every two years, so waiting is ok.
    - b. HisRM wishes to review the law permitting all Knights to be accepted into Crown Tourneys, by right, without applying (Item 6-200/201). The reasons for this provision seem not to apply any more, and Corpora actually requires that all Crown Tournament contestants be acceptable to the Crown. He will discuss this at the Chivalry retreat, but is inclined to remove the law.
  4. Gulf Wars: The MidRealm will divide application of our forces this year: the Army will fight with Ansteorra and the Rapier and other communities will side with Trimaris. The war is supposed to be fun, and HisRM wants both the warring Kingdoms to feel they're getting support from us.
  5. Tournament of Chivalry: will be at Red Spears, April 3, 2004.
- B. Their Royal Highnesses
1. Extension of reign to October 23, 2004: TRH wish to preside over the installation of Northshield on October 16. Curia voted to make the extension. KSen will get the word out to potential bidding groups for Coronation and Crown that the dates are restricted, and why. Unfortunately, the second Northshield Crown Tournament is on October 23, so most Northshielders will be unlikely to come to Midrealm Coronation.
- C. Their Stellar Highnesses: Nothing reported.
- D. Their Stellar Heirs (reported by TRM)
1. Northshield's First Crown Tournament: Variance was requested for Baroness Asa, who lives in Calontir, to be fought for by Viscount Raito in Northshield's first Crown Tournament. This will require a treaty between Calontir and the Kingdom of Northshild (which does not yet exist). KMOAS suggested a treaty be prepared, and, should Raito win, signed between the King's and the Queen's crownings.
  2. KSen asked if anyone is working on a Northshield/Middle treaty regarding citizenship. There was general agreement that such treaties should be negotiated ahead of time, to be effective as of certain dates as required. Of course, the Crown could make a variance. We also need to take a look at the wording of the Midrealm law to make sure it requires "Citizenship" rather than "residency" to fight or be fought for in Crown Tourneys.
- E. The Kingdom Seneschal

1. State of the office: he has realized there is a lot of housekeeping to do. Names and addresses in the Pale need correction; files need updating. He can't find copies of treaties with Ealdormere, Meridies, and Calontir. TRM are not sure They have copies of these treaties either.
2. Domesday status is underway. Most reports have been received for the groups below Barony level [Barony reports were not due yet as of this meeting].
3. Seneschal's Manual is about twelve years old; KSen will undertake rewriting it during his term. Each deputy will write a section on what their office does. Policies will be listed, document/record retention guidelines will be instituted.
4. Regionals
  - a. Constellation replacement (requested replacement by 12/15): Caelan says he has some applicants.
5. Calendar: No report.
6. Publications Office – has a floating fund with no Exchequer reporting requirement, nor two-signature checks; this is in violation of Corporate and Kingdom laws and needs fixing.
  - a. Positioning – Mightn't this office be better as a deputy of the Chronicler, who has the ability to handle funds and is responsible for information and publishing? There was general agreement to this. Curia voted without dissent to move it to the KChron office.
  - b. Accounting practices – To be established by KChron working with KExch
7. Groups in Transition – KMOAS suggests the report be published on CuriaNet.
  - a. Flaming Gryphon – poll to go out this weekend, return deadline 2/10
  - b. Illiton – packet received by TRM on January 17.
  - c. Northwoods – Discussion.
  - d. Wurm Wald – No progress yet. KSen to suggest meeting on this at Maidens or thereafter.
  - e. White Waters – poll to be sent middle of the week, deadline approx 2/5 (two weeks, at group request), since they wish investiture at Val Day.
  - f. Brendoken (NE Ohio) – will happen Feb 21 in Alderford, with His Majesty attending. Their Excellencies Alexander and Catriona have been chosen and HisRM talked with them yesterday.
8. Disabled Services: No report
9. Cartographer. No report, but KMOAS said Middle Marches needs to get in touch with the Cartographer.
10. New Groups Deputy – Iustinos Tekton, New Groups Deputy (NGD) was invited into the meeting to report:
  - a: Iron Gate – now proto-incipient, established 1999, have had an event and helped at several White Waters events. The group reports regularly. It has been trying to become Incipient for a year and a half. Their packet is in hand and appears to be in good order. The NGD recommended they be advanced to incipiency and fast-tracked thereafter. TRM concurred.
  - b. Sponsorship of incipient and proto-groups: KSen is considering a new Seneschallate policy that says a designated sponsoring group is a requirement for all new groups, so that their officers have specific people they are deputies to and are mentored by. There is now a financial and event sponsoring requirement, but not a requirement for a mentoring relationship. Further, if the new group is taking land from an existing group, they will be required to be sponsored by that group. Several questions and a discussion ensued. KSen and NGD will draft a policy, and float it on CuriaNet.

11. Chatelaine – No report
12. Waivers Deputy – No report
13. Minister of Youth
  - a. Kingdom Youth Policy – The Society Seneschal is proposing a new policy requiring all Kingdoms to have Kingdom policies addressing requirements for children’s activities at events. KSen solicits ideas; he will place the Atenveldt model up on CuriaNet and will form a working draft for the next Curia meeting. HerRM says Northshield is also looking into this, and wants to require continual presence of two adults, and no activities in private homes.
14. Kingdom Events
  - a. Spring Coronation 2004 – Grey Gargoyles, Ida Noyes Hall
  - b. Spring Crown Tourney / Kingdom A&S 2004 – Roaring Wastes
  - c. Fall Coronation 2004 (extension) – will publish requirements and work on bid
  - d. Fall Crown 2004 (extension?)
15. New thrones (for Prince & Princess, proposed by Master Jean-Paul Devereaux). KSen reports that there is no movement yet; TRM’s position is not to sign anything without a formal proposal. The consensus is to let it drop and request proposals elsewhere. There is only one set of Prince/Princess thrones and another is needed. (There are three sets of King/Queen thrones, one of which is not currently serviceable.) KSen suggests Countess Tamara be asked to draft a request for proposals, listing specifications and a price range. HerRM suggests that it be phrased “Midrealm will spend \$X; any over-run must be funded by or for the artisan.”
16. New filing cabinets to replace the old broken cabinets (Fix instead?) – KSen will buy new racks; problem over and item will be stricken. KMOAS noted this item had been on the agenda since his first reign! There was great rejoicing.
17. The Law Clerk – New Law Clerk is Arthen, and transition is underway.
18. Law changes - The law change to revise the Kingdom events rotation needs to be published in the Pale and read into a Court.
19. Warrant procedures (from October meeting) – length of warrant, new officers in mid-reign? – nothing new. As officer changes come in, KSen will implement individual warrant end dates.
20. Pennsic
  - a. Pennsic 34 – Nothing reported.
21. The Northshield Seneschal – HerRM reports: work proceeds on handbooks; 100% of shire level domesdays are in.
22. Listing Barons/Baronesses on website –
  - a. Hard to find them. For some reason they are under the Seneschalorum section of the Pale under the Chronicler’s section. Brice le Corbet (PaleEd) said he is revamping the database with Iustinos’ help (as Database deputy). PaleEd thinks all deputies should be accessible from the page of the officer whose deputies they are. Iustinos wants to put the Barons and Baronesses on the page alongside their group seneschals. HerRM also would like to see this information added to her proposed “Deputies of the Crown” page.
  - b. Unknown if we have individual permissions from Barons and Baronesses to put their contact information on the website. KSen says they should sign some kind of permission as part of taking the office, as other officers do (it’s part of the change form). It was decided to have them sign a

change of office form when they are installed. TRM will have the Secretary of the Baronage make sure all sitting Barons/Baronesses sign one too.

- c. What about the other deputies to the Crown? Should they be listed in the Pale/database? Bryce suggests changes need to be sent to him as occurring.

F. The Kingdom Exchequer

1. Current Balances with major deposits and withdrawals – see attached; it should be added that the Northshield Prince and Princess have \$600/reign.
2. Balanced Statements
3. Non-Member Surcharges – KEsch is working to get all funds submitted and tightening the tracking of this process. There are still some funds out from early last year.
  - a. Do we need to have a rule requiring Gate Stewards to physically check membership cards (or Pales)? KSen suggests the Calendar Secretary have a standard “So you’re having an event” packet, including all required forms, which can be sent out to the group upon adding an event to the calendar, and also putting the same information and forms on the website. KExch and KSen will get together on drafting such a packet. KExch will pay for copying and mailing of packets.
4. Suspensions – No change.
5. Kingdom Event Proceeds – received checks for Spring Crown and for Coronation, plus division of the profits from Gulf Wars.
6. Fund Raising/Donations – No report.
7. Baronial Polls Office Checking Account – almost done.
8. Chirurgeonate Funds – Re: the item on the golf cart fund, taken for investigation at last meeting - money was lost on the fund-raiser and only partially offset by approximately \$900 in donations.
9. Northshield Exchequer – working with Castel Rouge to resolve problems with accounting on an event. Corrective measures are being taken.
10. The Kingdom Minister of Regalia and Properties (MoR)
  - a. Status of Regalia office – *handout provided and here summarized (the full handout will be archived by CSec)*: Report made by Countess Tamara de Firenze, MoR, assisted by Baron Matthew Christopher: A new scabbard for Oathbinder will be made by Sulla of Darkyard. The Plaque Crowns have been repaired by Master Jurgen. Kingdom Cloaks will be taken out of circulation at the end of this Reign and given to Baroness Iasmin for maintenance. Donation is being solicited for cloaks for the Heirs. The Regalia Website is being actively worked on, including a photo catalogue and regalia procedures and requests. MoR would like to establish a “Regalia Committee” to make decisions regarding acceptance or disposition of items.
  - d. Regalia Policies, including process on decommissioning items no longer used – Questions for Curia decision remain; KSen asked MoR for recommendations, to be posted on CuriaNet and discussed there. KEM suggested that the Regalia Committee have a backup review by Curia – this was revised to review by the Ducal Estate or a standing committee of five to six Dukes/Duchesses, the intent being that full use should be made of available historical information, not that there be any veto power implied.

- e. Creation of a Pennsic Quartermaster under the KExch to ensure proper care of Kingdom Pennsic property (most of which is kept at Cooper's Lake) and coordinating setup/teardown/storage – someone who knows how the meeting tent, reviewing stand, etc. go together, acquires or locates gates, etc. and coordinates the Midrealm camp/field presentation. The Pennsic locker would be under his/her control, and Pennsic property would be separated from Regalia and become “Kingdom property”. HerRM and KExch indicated agreement that such a person should be found by the MoR and proposed to Curia.

G. The Minister of Arts and Sciences

- 1. Deputies
  - a. North Oaken
  - b. South Oaken – wishes replacement
  - c. Pentamere – wishes replacement
  - d. Midlands
  - e. Constellation
  - f. Judges Coordinator – wishes replacement after A&S season
- 2. Masterwork Challenge – No report
- 3. Artes Draconis Newsletter – now has deputy
- 4. Change in reporting dates – nothing new reported
- 5. Kingdom A&S Faire
- 6. Regional A&S faires
  - a. Constellation – March 6
  - b. Midlands – February 21
  - c. Northshield – first weekend in May
  - d. NorthOaken – not set yet
  - e. South Oaken – not set yet
  - f. Pentamere – first weekend in May at Spring Faire
- 7. Updates to Kingdom A&S Faire Criteria and Rules – general rules have been updated and published, individual criteria were not completed in time, but will be up on the Website after A&S season and in effect for next year.
- 8. The children's A&S
- 9. Traveling Arts and Sciences Showcase – working on new coordinator
- 10. Northshield Principality Minister of Arts and Sciences: No report

H. The Kingdom Earl Marshal

Discussion: whether physical demonstrations of period combat (including slow work) showing maneuvers not allowed by Society standards can be done at events, including RUM/SUN. First take is: no.

- 1. Deputies
  - a. Archery - No report
  - b. Equestrian – new deputy took office recently. New handbook.
  - c. Rapier – officer changes in October.
  - d. Youth Armored Combat – nothing new. Recent seminar went well despite a low turnout. Another scheduled February 7 in Ravenslake.
  - e. Pentamere replacement – happened.
- 2. Updating on-line Marshal's Handbook – no progress yet.
- 3. Experimental Weapons – none
- 4. Northshield Principality Earl Marshal – changed last weekend. Drop-dead is Viscount Leif. Clerk of roster is printing authorization cards using Midrealm's

template. New Northshield cards don't have to be done immediately upon establishment of the Kingdom, since they will recognize Midrealm cards temporarily & vice versa.

5. Northshield Marshal's manual – out for review. Per HisRM, it is hard to delineate what is Northshield's additional content and what is identical to the Society rules. KEM hasn't read it yet.

#### I. The Kingdom Chronicler

1. Regionals – New deputy for Oaken chosen who will update the website and try to get the newsletter running again. New Pentamere deputy being solicited.
2. Editor of the Pale – PaleEd was present and reported:
  - a. Discussion of printing problems and solutions for the Pale. The old printer's new software was hard to use, and there had been two price increases in the last year. PaleEd solicited bids from new printers while using an interim source in North Ohio. The cost per issue dropped from +- \$2700 to +- \$1400. He now has a primary and a backup printer who can do the job to his satisfaction, and a separate mailing service, at a net decrease in cost.
  - b. Law issue template is set up for whenever Curia decides to publish it.
3. New Pale Policy – draft provided at October meeting and online.

KEM asks: Does an event ad actually have to be published in the Pale for any event at which a court or tournament is held in order for the business done there to be valid? Does inclusion on the calendar constitute publication? Is such an event covered by insurance? PaleEd asks if we can get a ruling on this? Society standards say: "publicized", which would include web sites, local newsletters, announcement at meetings, etc. It was moved and seconded to approve the new Pale policy, once it has been amended to resolve this. Approved by voice vote.
4. Web Minister – no report
  - a. HisRM expressed concern about the Laurel web site, which is difficult to navigate and is controlled by a non-Peer (a perception problem). He also thinks other sites need housekeeping. Royalty access codes don't seem to change often enough for Peerage and awards databases. This whole issue needs review. HerRM suggested that those responsible for such pages be made deputies to the Crown in the same sense as the order secretaries, so that changes must be approved by TRM.
5. Kingdom Historian.
  - a. Midrealm history project (Web based kingdom history book) - No report
6. Update Chronicler Handbook – no report (Daria Tayt to work on this)
7. Northshield Principality Chronicler – transition accomplished.

#### J. The Kingdom Herald

1. Minister of Protocol
  - a. Protocol Handbook – no progress
  - b. Traditions Guide for the Royalty - re-evaluating need for this document.
  - c. How the Kingdom and the Crown Works, a Guide for the Populace (To be worked on once the other books are completed) - re-evaluating need for this document.

2. Development of a Guide for the Royalty for Pennsic - Duke Dag is tweaking the document, plans to be done by this spring's Coronation or Crown.
3. Pending items
  - a. Order of the Evergreen – Badge has been registered, name to be resubmitted; KHer is waiting for his Drachenwald contact to return information showing historical context.
  - b. Prince/Princess arms – should be on the next letter to Laurel
  - c. Northshield Heirs' arms – a Northshield action
  - d. Signet's badge – Kingdom Signet is working on this
4. Northshield Polaris Herald – changed at Boar's Head. The new herald is “enthusiastically charging ahead”.
5. Most Domesdays are in, most Pursuivants-at-Large will be dropped for non-reporting.
6. New Oaken Signet: to be named within a few weeks.
7. Re-establishing Rouge Scarpe Herald for submissions.

K. The Kingdom Chirurgeon (taken out of order after KSen)

1. Replacement. (Position posted in November Pale, deadline revised to March 30.) No applicants yet. Posting will remain open, but this must be resolved by Northshield's coronation/investiture [KChir resides in Northshield].
2. Deputies
  - a. Kingdom Waterbearer Handbook (was reported ready for review then could not be found) – nothing new
  - b. Waterbearer – replacement called for – one applicant so far. KChir wishes to have more applicants.
  - c. KChir wants to remove the Waterbearer's website (it is severely out of date) but doesn't have the passwords; she will work with the Web Minister on this.
3. Chirurgeon Flyer/Brochure (flyer to hand out at demos and to new people) – nothing reported
4. Reported Injuries – no new ones.
5. Pennsic – Reports from Pennsic requested by December 1 (Domesday). Copy requested for this Curia meeting not yet received.
6. Northshield Principality Chirurgeon – has applied for Society post; if she doesn't get it, she wishes to extend.

IV. Curianet (any official business completed over Curianet between meetings): None

V. Committee of the Whole

The Next Meeting – Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2004 after Grand Tourney at Unicorn (Oxford, OH)

Meeting Adjournment: 15:00

**Title Abbreviation Key**

His Royal Majesty (HisRM)  
 Her Royal Majesty (HerRM)  
 His Royal Highness (HisRH)  
 Her Royal Highness (HerRH)  
 Kingdom Seneschal (KSen)  
 Dragon Herald (KHer)  
 Kingdom Earl Marshal (KEM)  
 Kingdom Chirurgeon (KChir)

Kingdom Minister of Arts and Sciences (KMOAS)  
 Kingdom Exchequer (KExch)  
 Kingdom Chronicler (KChron)  
 Curia Secretary (CSec)  
 Minister of Regalia (MoR)  
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