

Moot of King Edward The Red II & Queen Rylyn Buchanan II.

May 20th, 2012

Held at Fruits Of Our Labour in the Barony Of Ramshaven.

Forty-Two gentles present.

Lawspeaker: Muallim Al Karim, Rakkas Al Bassim, Ra'ee al Saleh, Sheikh Al Zubeyd Al Sharif
Valizan Ibn Fredeh al Pennjji
Countess Josephine of Ben Dunfirth acting as notetaker.

Sitting Royalty: Their Majesties Edward and Rylyn.

Lawspeaker greeted Their Majesties and all gentles present.

Lawspeaker stated there were two agenda items.

Lawspeaker read Article V, V101. Definition of Privy Council.

Article V - Councils of Ealdormere

V-101 The Privy Council of Ealdormere is neither a legislative nor an executive body, but an advisory committee to the Crown. The specific duty of the Privy Council is to advise the Crown on legislation, appointments to office, expenditure of Kingdom funds, contracts involving the Kingdom, and whatever other matters upon which the Crown may require counsel. The Crown shall be empowered to make and amend such laws of the Kingdom as They deem necessary only after consultation with a quorum of the Privy Council.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Twelve Pearls

His Excellency Baron Kolbjorn Skattkaupandi spoke of Midrealm Coronation and how they were now allowing a former Territorial Baroness who was also a Court Baroness to have 12 pearls on her baronial coronet, instead of the usual six, to show she had once held land.

— Lord Sigurd Leothsanga commented that he loved the recognition factor, but perhaps that recognition should be tied to the heraldry of the barony the gentle had served in.

— Baroness Mahault of Swynford said she liked the baronial emblem but thought that to other kingdoms 12 points would be easily recognized.

— Baron Percival de la Rocque, a former Trillium herald, mentioned that as a former Territorial baron for Septentria, he already has bears on his coronet. He also stated that there was no rule for or against recognizing 12 pearls. He mentioned that he had already seen coronets trimmed with gold bands. His personal opinion was that 12 pearls is kind of clunky, busy and would make for a heavy coronet.

— Mistress AElfwyn et Langanwuda said that brass-trim had been requested in her making coronets, but she finds it confusing.

— Baron Cynred Broccan said the brass trim was confused for other ranks.

— Baroness Mahault stated that other kingdoms have different laws on what people can

wear.

— Lady Yvette Sinclair said the "gaudier the better" in answer to Mistress AElfwyn who commented that in period coronets were gaudy.

— Viscount Bealdgar Thorbeornsson said there were no laws against 12 Pearls? That laws just state entitlement to six spheroids.

— Baroness Xristinia Viaceslavibna suggested changing how the Order of Precedence is written instead? Listing Territorial Barons/Baronesses just above Court Barons/Baronesses gives a nod towards their territorial service.

— Her Majesty Rylyn asked if people who were already eligible want to get another coronet made? Mandated change or an option?

— Kolbjorn responded to Her Majesty that this would be optional, not mandatory.

— Percival responded that in Ealdormere we have sumptuary laws, only traditions. Customs, not hard and fast rules.

— AElfwyn said she liked the changing to Order Of Precedence as the easiest suggestion.

— Baroness Eyrny Ormarrsdottir said in relation to the Order Of Precedence, most people won't really notice where Barons/Baronesses fall. She also asked what the goal of having 12 pearls would be?

— Xristinia replied that it was just a recognition. An "attaboy" for a job done.

— Cynred asked if the Order of Precedence didn't do this already?

— AElfwyn replied only when lining people up for the Grand March.

Lawspeaker stepping down

The Kingdom Lawspeaker announced that his term was soon coming to an end and he would be stepping down. This announcement will soon be posted in *The Tidings* if people were interested in applying for the position.

The Lawspeaker called for any questions from the people.

Grant Order Perception.

Mahault stated that there was a perception that the Grant-level awards in the kingdom were "detached and broken" and unavailable (all three.) She believes this needs to be changed.

— Cynred asked how hey were broken?

— Mahault said that after 10 years as a Kingdom, orders have no presence. There are no meetings except to consider new members. And they are slow to get new members. She thinks people are disenfranchised, so how do we get them in?

— A lady named Ellaire said she was one-year active. What are we talking about? She doesn't understand this thing about "orders."

— Xristinia said orders have expectations but what are they? What do the populace see?

— Her Majesty Rylyn asked about order members present. Three Crucibles present at the moot. Are they teaching? How many Wains present? A number of hands went up. Are they serving? Number of Hammers were present? Were they fighting?

— Kolbjorn stated that though this was not a fighting event, most of the Hammers were there.

— Yvette said that she had been playing 10 years and only knows the Hammers.

— THLord Bjarn Thorolfson said people are inducted in, but then what? Perhaps there should be a guide or an organizer should be appointed.

— Her Majesty Rylyn said it is a great idea if someone will do it. Everyone in the order should be doing it... no specific leader is needed.

— In responding to Bealldgar, Kolbjorn said Hammers are NOT over-represented because that includes fighters, archery, rapier, etc.

— His Excellency of Skraeling Althing, Baron Giovanni De Enzinas stated that at Coronation there was a tourney for the Fencing Hammers to teach others to fight, which is what GOA are supposed to be doing. He mentioned it was giving back to the community.

— His Majesty Edward wondered if it was simply an advertising issue. He then went over the awards structure for Ealdormere from AOA to Peerage.

— Eyrny explained that Corporations set goals. As a Hammer, she feels that this is their only objective (Also, His Majesty added that they should "lead by example.")

— THLord Albrecht Stampfer said that "hold the field" to teach was great. Our job is to get recognition for others. As to not knowing about the orders, he said most of that information is online... "look it up!" There are places to find the information.

— Her Majesty Rylyn again mentioned sending in letters of recommendation to the royalty. You do NOT need to have the award to recognize and recommend someone else. Ealdormere is one of only a few kingdoms that works that way. ANYONE can recommend anyone else for anything.

— The Lawspeaker Valizan, did comment that all the info about kingdom awards is readily available online for new people. But a simple situation is just to ask anyone who is around. People are friendly in Ealdormere... just ask and they will share information with you.

— Ellaire said that her info was from online, but are we asking if there should be more?

— His Majesty Edward said the populace should answer that question.

— Percival wondered if the GOAs were not the only broken orders. What about the peerages? Where are they? (It was pointed out that at least six were present at the moot: Edward, Rylyn, Valizan, AElfwyn, Bealdgar, Eyrny)

— THLord Gerrard Carpentarius stated that the Wains and The Hammers do actively promote new people and do nurture these people. He asked Their Majesties that if he sends in Award recommendations could he please get a response that they received it?

— Her Majesty replied, that yes, she will start replying when she gets Award recommendations.

— Mahault, in response to His Majesty Edward, said she disagreed respectfully. She believes we are sitting on hands. She wanted to know what the populace's response to this was? "Just ask anyone" is not a good option because many of the new people are shy. (Someone responded that was the job of chatelaines to help new people over this.)

— Her Majesty Rylyn asked why GOAs were waiting to implement plans? If you need Royal Permission, You've got it!

— Lady Orlaith asked how long Award Recommendations were good?

— Various people responded that they were good for longer than reign to reign and Award Recommendations were supposed to be passed along, but they were not always.

— Superficial. Someone said that Hammers are most likely to wear their badges. Others should wear theirs as well.

— AElfwyn stated that the Hammers were not meeting her expectations. She mentioned the Middle Kingdom's Red Company was also given for martial prowess, but there was an expectation of leadership in there as well. Because there is no teaching the Field Command structure in Ealdormere has collapsed. She proffered a challenge to the Hammers to "Step Up" into leadership roles between the Generals and the general populace.

— Lord Aiden Scoetend aet thaem Mistigum Merum asked if Archers have Hammers. (Was responded to, yes.) But he didn't know this. He could see where this perception would come from.

— THLady Lassarfhina inghean Uilleag, in response to His Majesty Edward's reply of "Why are we waiting?" was that many people who are journeymen feel they are not master teachers. They are on an exploring journey. She feels that doing a Crucible thing can be done in small groups, not just large groups (like at FOOL), but also throughout the year.

— Albrecht asked "Who here is wearing their badge?" in response to the suggestion that people should wear their symbols.

— Her Majesty added on that it wasn't just the orders who don't wear their stuff... as next to none present were wearing their regalia. She also added that she was award badges to give away if members wanted some.

— Lady Brigid Larkin said that as a populace member she was confused about who gets

into peerages and Grant orders. Are the differences muddled between the two? Can there be some promoting?

— Kolbjorn responded asking if entry standards can be defined? He explained that Their Majesties can do what the orders recommend, but orders do not NEED their Majesties to have meetings.

— Lord Dietrich von Sachsen said he was muddled by the GOA entry level information. Maybe if definitions were set clearer.

— A lady named Rosalene asked what the average life of an award recommendation was?

— Their Majesties responded that if there was no action after nine months, one should resubmit.

— Rosalene then asked how long, on average, it took to process an award recommendation?

— Her Majesty Rylyn responded by explaining the timeline of events for an Award recommendation in HER reign. They get the rec, She considers if she wants to do it. If yes, it is sent to the appropriate order list for commentary. Do you agree? She waits about a month for responses then decides. If they don't agree she won't move forward with it. Her Majesty stressed, however, that every reign is different.

— Her Majesty mentioned that the orders themselves usually bring people up and hold online discussions to promote new/existing candidates.

— It was asked how long it would take from recommendation to presentation of the award?

— Her Majesty Rylyn responded: "Anywhere from two weeks to ten years." The more information they can have about people the better... such as events they will be attending, type of persona, time period, etc. People should add this to the recommendation if possible.

— THLady Aurelia von Griein stated that no one was wearing their tokens ("I wasn't given one!") and that we should. She also commented that there should be some standards for awards.

— His Majesty Edward said the standards are written in Kingdom law, Please go look them up.

— Her Majesty Rylyn said she was against the idea of a checklist of standards.

— Lady Kathryn stated that she had seen only one Crucible made in 2 1/2 years. That looks wrong. Is it people or the order?

— Rosalie heard talk about Laurels and Knights as off-putting (She mentioned she has only been in the SCA one year.) She feels like you need to be a "slave" to be able to learn. She feels like she has to beg.

— Sigurd in responding to people wanting clearer definitions said not to worry about the rule book, Just ask around. Send Award letters to the crown once per reign. Keep going.

— Baroness Lucia di Enzinas in speaking of baronial awards and timelines spoke of

having four cantons with eight events a year and how they need their event to present to candidates. If candidates are not there, it adds to the award wait time. She further said to just tell people they are good, not just depending on awards and recommendations.

— Lord Penda Of Glyndmere reminded people that they could recommend people without having a specific award in mind. Just tell Their Majesties the specific activities noticed but not the award if one doesn't know which one to recommend.

— Eyrny, in response to Mahault, asked what the added expectations of the Orders be? Orders should give new members a badge.

— Xristinia asked to clear something up in relations to the Crucibles and the Wains, that being that the Orders decide who gets into the Order. NOT TRUE! They make recommendations only. They are consultation orders only.

— Her Majesty Rylyn asked how we should get the information out there?

— Responses included In The Tidings, Online.

— The Lawspeaker asked Percival (who is a former Trillium Herald) who was in charge of teaching, as he vaguely remembered there being a specific herald for that job.

— Percival responded that there were several people who could write letters as a monthly feature.

— Albrecht wondered about what the differences were between Laurels and Crucibles. "Journeyman" level is used to describe GOA-level work.

— AEflwyn explained: Orion level work = Cool. GOA-level work = Cool and period. Peerage level work is cool, researched and period. That is how SHE judges the difference.

— Baroness Margaret Of The Erainn asked if decisions on A&S candidates were up to the Laurels?

— AEflwyn said not necessarily, but peerages should do round tables on how to judge and what to judge. A+S is subjective and it is difficult to judge different levels.

— Lady Myoll talked about the perception issue. Closed/Dead orders? No. Four years in, and doesn't know the details of the O.P. stuff. Her understanding is, standards are high, and raising the bar is why awards are not being given out??? And its awesome!!

— Yvette asked if the bar was perhaps going too high?

— The Lawspeaker spoke of the amount of time it took to go from an Award Of Arms to Pelican, and that Knowne-world wide, Ealdormere at one point was second in the amount of time it took at 14 years. The bar is high, and the wait too long!! He said that people's lives can take over after some years and we should be rewarding people before they burn out.

— Her Majesty Rylyn offered some perspective: Having recently attended Ice Dragon in AEthelmarc, she noted that they had been a kingdom one year longer than Ealdormere. They have made 94 pelicans compared to us who only have 50. And of that, we made 25.

— Xristinia spoke of a database of artisans, NOT just Crucibles, put out for people to contact and find out information from, etc.

— Her Majesty Rylyn says "Good idea... do it" Piero is the one working on it and

should be the one contacted.

- Mahault asked where are all the people that have been recommended?
 - Their Majesties reminded people that they need recommendations.

— Alaria asked if Awards are recognition or is there a service component to give back AFTER award? If so, what is it?

— Their Majesties expressed that it is up to individual opinions, but it is hoped/encouraged that you will go forth after being awarded.

— Albrecht said that orders can talk all they want, but when recommendations hit the royalty is there a standard there? He has no personal opinion about the peerages, but the GOA level is very grey on definition. He also stated that Royalty has the right to give or deny awards.

— Cynred gave an explanation about how giving back is important in cultures. And that we need to get new people involved.

— Giovanni stated that he thought GOA's were awesome. He spoke of how he can give baronial awards to recognize good gentles, but he cannot control the "after" for that person. He can encourage trajectory though... People can choose their way up or way down.

— A gentle named Lisa (member since February) queried about apprenticeships. "What's that? Sounds good!"

— Aelfwyn responded by explaining what apprentices, proteges and squires were. She suggested NOT entering into the apprentice relationship right away. That it is better to look around and see what you can learn without it.

— The Lawspeaker responded that one could ask someone who is already an apprentice for help or for some teaching. Gentles should talk to many people.

— Her Majesty Rylyn said "Here (Fruits Of Our Labours) is a good environment. Talk to people and ask.

— Lassarfina wondered if one had to have a university degree in order to get a GOA? She doesn't consider herself necessarily a teacher, but the knowledge we learn goes with us into the future. Most people will find a way to share knowledge. She suggested more collaboration and brain-storming.

— The Lawspeaker said that many people are shy and don't want to be the "go to" person.

— In speaking about the concepts of Apprentice/Squire/Proteges, Dietrich (saver of babies!) had never seen the process. It seems to be "just done." Is it a private thing? (He was told often yes, it was.) He said it seems secretive.

— The Lawspeaker explained that it is just another thing to learn about in the SCA. It is different every time and between every person. Some do it to be seen in court, others do it in private.

— Albrecht said the relationships are individual between peers and Apprentice/Protege/Squires, and it is not official.

Mahault said thank you for the discussion (which was her original point) and let us all move forward and table this for now.

His Majesty Edward bid everyone thanks as He found the moot happy and productive.

Her Majesty Rylyn reminded everyone that the Lawspeaker was stepping down. We are unique in the Knowne World in having a lawspeaker. It is a privilege for Ealdormere. Send in recommendations for this position.

Moot closed.