

Moot of Their Majesties Roak & Elizabeth – SVDM – February 16, 2013, AS XXXXVIII(?)

- welcoming statement from His Majesty
- welcoming statement from the Lawspeaker

- Law V-101, 102
- Law VI – 600

Social Media

- introduction by Media Relations Deputy (Avelyn Wexcombe) of social media w/respect to how to use in the SCA
- Society wants each Kingdom to be compliant with Society policy
- policy tenants: meant to provide guidance, not meant to hinder functions, protect SCA legally
- official officer representing a canton or barony or kingdom being covered by policy
- personal people not governed in same way
- wants an inventory of social media presences (by end of March) in Ealdormere – official (would be interested in unofficial as well)
- **question** – banners on facebook – photos – can we use for demos? Ownership?
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- **question** – March of sT. Martin – official or unofficial business – not created by seneschal
 - what constitutes official business – nothing currently on social media is considered official
 - excellent avenue for distributing official and unofficial information

- hope to have plans available by April
- Questions for consideration:
 - What kind of SM are we using in Ealdormere already?
 - What do we want to accomplish as Kingdom or local groups (outreach/marketing/information flow/dialogue ?)
 - If we were to have an official ongoing media deputy where would they sit in the organization chart?

- comment – caution all groups – if you're using twitter or facebook page as a marketing tool – use real world terms rather than SCA jargon – so it prompts people to see us in a 'real world' light – if the post is meaningless to anyone outside the SCA – it will have no impact
- response from media deputy – make a good part of policy for official communications
- comment – don't want to change Elist
- comment – rules of list for elist – extend that?
- **Question** – event page – official? -
 - yes if done by seneschal or other officer
 - guilds and other pages recommended to follow guidelines and policies
- comment – want official Facebook page – like other kingdoms
- **question** – can I use unofficial?
 - Yes if you make it clear that you are not official
- **question** – ownership of lists and pages

- some of this addressed by new web policy
- comment – concern about complying with policy and being too 'lazy' to use policies and instead being 'unofficial'
 - make sure using common courtesy
 - ask for administration by two (or more) officers
 - include a disclaimer – generic text in policy – makes it covered legally
 - be nice – remember public will judge us on what they see
- comment – event pages – someone enthusiastically created a 2nd webpage for the event without necessarily telling the autocrats – please communicate with autocrats in order to better disseminate information
- please speak to SM deputy if you wish clarification of what constitutes official or unofficial.

Lawsuit

- monies coming back to Kingdoms who donated – Kingdom is offering 2/3's back to the groups who donated

Length of Reigns

- winter's 7, summer's 5 months
- small kingdom – travel lot
 - concerns about deadlines
 - concerns about not having enough time to plan
 - how many events in the winter
 - moving of C & C to accommodate A&S in the spring
 - lot of “days” in the job
 - need only one A&S?
 - Trouble finding enough events in the winter to do what they wanted as K & Q
 - trend in some other kingdoms – saves money and gives TM's time to be on the throne on their own
 - trouble preparing for Pennsic
 - someone who's never been royalty before – learning curve of job?
 - People actually choose winter or summer depending on amount of work involved
- question** – moving kingdom A&S to spring? More than one A&S?
 - more of a roundtable discussion and show & tell
 - we have a scribal college – why not general A&S college
 - venue for competition – Break the Back of Winter – blind A&S competition
 - FOOL designed to be hands on but could be discussion groups
 - Middle kingdom dealt with this too – started crafts person fair – people can exhibit and get together to talk about items/work etc
 - potential of regional A&S's? - other kingdoms do do that
 - segregating topics to different events? - judges who judge multiple topics – complications
 - roundtables for different events
 - items entered in A&S prior to Kingdom?
 - No current policy exists to prevent that
 - Discussions happened in Keja's tenure – differences happened at that A&S.

Law change of b & b's swearing fealty

- HM explaining law change up for commentary – feels fealty is more than just words to K&Q
- is the law required to force B&B's to swear?
 - If job requires the oath – then say the oath – no grey area
 - respectfully disagree – TM's have enough teeth to be able to deal with B&B's if necessary
- first to impose the law – very disagreeable and unpleasant – feel tradition should be stronger
 - went through similar situation discussing if Knights should swear – oaths freely giving imply responsibility
 - no chain is as strong as my word
 - B&B's swear oath to hold lands from the crown – some personas want to reinforce oath each reign – matter of example – to reinforce the bond and commitment
 - issue of swearing – laws should give crown flexibility – too specific makes it too rigid
- old law forcing B&B's already gone – do we need anything at all or will Kingdom tradition be enough?
- This doesn't mean that there won't be consequences if you don't swear
 - terms? - fealty and support – define meaning & intent
 - fealty to post or individuals holding post
 - much laughter :)
- HM stated he didn't like the law because there are people participating in the SCA who have religious or other reasons that they simply cannot swear such an oath.
- Every time the law comes up it gets ugly
 - Adrielle – need to swear an oath of commitment – can affirm rather than swear – no religious connotations
 - part of swearing/affirming fealty to the crown – public ceremony – part of what we're here for – for your people to know that they belong
 - wide difference between swearing and affirming.
 - Reaffirmations should be decided between TM's and B&Bs on individual basis
 - long standing traditions and laws are considered the same thing under Corpora
 - tradition – not law
 - main role of B&B's to represent people to Kingdom and Kingdom to people so needs that public reaffirmation and connection
 - many don't understand traditions as well as others – should be clear
- still be published in law – by tradition expected to swear fealty – must be done at Coronation
 - Kol – shouldn't be in law – anyone who stands for this position should be taking it seriously – spelling it out like they're children is insulting – specific dates to swear create trouble due to mundane conflicts which may happen due to family issues or happenstance
 - Jocea – should no requirement you must attend any particular event in order to maintain your office
 - Xristina – restating Kol's point – black and white expectations are unreasonable
 - important for people to see the reaffirmation – but mundane considerations are important
 - absolutely B&B should swear fealty – no benefit to 'this' law (*secretary note – what law is he referring to?)
 - why should we spend all this time worrying/discussing when the mechanism to deal with this is available

tidings available online

- being read as much?
- Emailed to recipient -
 - whole different process technologically
 - reminder of printing – noted already done
 - Nicolaa – don't use email push system – don't collect email addresses. - very difficult to maintain up to date list of email addresses.
 - Idea of kingdom newsletter will continue to evolve – social media policy – things changing – urge all to make any suggestions to Society level for newsletters going forward – changes will not happen without feedback.
 - Forums available at society level for input

Thanks to everyone for coming