

PARLIAMENT NOTES – 4TH DECEMBER 2010

12:50 – Parliament opened

Sigmundr: We will begin by discussing the issues in the order that we anticipate the least amount of discussion to the most amount of discussion.

1. Changes to laws to bring in line with decision by William & Eringunnar on ID level events.

NO COMMENTS

2. Update list of precedence.

NO COMMENTS

3. Proposal to create award for courteous behavior.

Sigmundr: We have spoken to people who have visited from other kingdoms and they state there is a lack of common courtesy here. We would like to create the award so the Prince and Princess will be watchful for extra efforts of courtesy on a personal scale.

Sagadis: The award is an ID award to encourage more courteous behaviour.

Alaric: At what level do you set to receive the award? How many times can the award be given out per reign?

Sigmundr: We envision giving the award several times a reign. It is based more on continuous activity. It is recognize daily on going behaviors.

Valeria: How is this distinguished from the service award?

Sigmundr: There is a certain amount of overlap – Service award is for exceptional service in the long run. This is service on much more of a personal level to any individual that needs it.

Mistress Korena(sp?): How are you going to determine what courtesy is given to individuals out of an act of fondness for that individual; such as a man helping a woman he is sweet on?

Sigmundr: The award will be based on random acts and will be flexible, but will focus on courteous behaviour.

Sagadis: Each ruling couple may award it differently. Every group has an individual who is always helping out and there every time someone needs something.

Queen: This gives another award for personal dedication to the SCA.

Duarte: Do not rule out personal thank yous.

Valeria: Do we need this award? It could be just a personal public thank you and it might be more important to the person to receive the thank you than an award anyone can get.

Queen: One small down side is the crown often only know people from recommendations that are given out and you do not receive award recommendations for personal services carried out.

Valeria: People can still write in for personal services.

Sigmundr: People will be more willing to write recommendations if there is a formal format.

Asbjourn: The award could be given quickly on the spot as well as a formal award in court.

Question: Will the award be given to children?

Sigmundr: The award will be for children as well as adults. We need to conclude this point and move on.

4. Should we have an heirship?

Sigmundr: We could have a stepping up of the new Prince and Princess at Protectors and University and not have to add any more events to the calendar. We think this would be a good thing.

Cedric of the Floppy Hat: What are we a Principality for? Our Prince and Princess are practicing to be Kings and Queens. Kingdoms have a turn over time to the next set.

Mistress Korena: Stepping up on the same day sounds terrifying.

Sigmundr: No matter what the decision, the winners in February will step up on the same day.

Genvieve: I don't see how this benefits anyone other than the Prince and Princess. We are managing what we have now. We do not need anymore events. I think we need more bodies in offices before going forward with a turnover period. Nordmark has done it the same day for 17 years and it works for them.

Sigmundr: There will not have to be additional events. William and Eringunnar gave us 4 events anyway. We might need to reconsider the 4 events at some point.

Robert of Canterbury: Are University and Protectors locked in place? This will add to the burden of events that have to happen. If Univ or Protectors doesn't happen, we do not lose anything. If you are putting your hat in the ring that means you must attend 4 events a year. We will stop contributing as much to the kingdom.

Valeria: Shires have problems bidding for University and Protectors because of a low attendance that doesn't cover the costs of the event. Adding an investiture could have an added incentive to bid for the events.

Vitus: What I hear is "perhaps" and "might". Are we prepared to put so much work into the Principality at this time? Is it not better to grow into it instead of force it. Nordmark has 9 month reigns – would this be better?

Duarte: 9 month reigns is an option.

Guy: Protectors and University schedules of event seem rushed already. What would the impact of adding investiture be?

Alaric: 3 months is the way to go in the future. Nothing happens if you do not go forward. If we do go forward with this write in a "sunset clause" that has a mandatory review date.

Sigmundr: I was going to suggest a trial period.

Sagadis: There are ways it could work and ways it will distract from the events.

Arianwen: There was a Baronial investiture at Kingdom University, how did it go?

Jahanara: It was a good event and the investiture was done at the end of the day and it was a nice system.

Queen: It could just as easily not worked.

Sigmundr: We need to move on – we will continue to evolve this.

5. Set up a form of merit based recognition rather than awards.

Sigmundr: This is separate from awards There is a huge amount of wiggle room in awards. This will have objectives clearly set out.

Kierel: Lochac has a similar award. I can see the value in an order. I am not sure it has in fact done anything for Lochac. It tends to build expectations of peerage awards.

Alaric: Should be run through guilds and not as an award or order.

Sigmundr: We envision this running as an academy.

Kiera: This is not a track award, it is an all around award.

Sigmundr: Sagadis and I have in mind qualifying in a track with general knowledge of SCA. Create a core of go to people.

Robert: I am more confused than I was before. What exactly is being proposed? One award or several?

Sigmundr: I will turn this over to Katherine as she has put it all down on paper.

Katherine: Drachenwald is a kingdom made up of travellers. We want to award recognition of knowledge without peerageship. One award approached via 3 paths, but also have all that other knowledge.

Queen: I have 2 concerns. 1st concern – at kingdom level no one wanted to enter Kingdom A&S because of the regimental requirements; will anyone want to do this? 2nd concern – will the awards be replaced with this system? Do I have to follow this?

Sigmundr: We do not want to replace the awards we have.

Isabella: What you are describing is others are coming in to Drachenwald and telling Drachenwald “how to do it”.

Katherine: There have been instances where you come in from somewhere and people assume you don't know anything. This would give you some credit.

Duarte: This is a cultural thing. It is the same if you go from London to Wales.

Katherine: We starting thinking this up when there was a discussion of Protectors changing.

Sigmundr: I did not see anything that would belittle our culture. (He reads and excerpt from the paper that was drawn up by Katherine)

Robert: Aren't we all supposed to be doing this anyway?

Jahanara: I see this as building on academy of Defence.

Isabella: Do you know the history and politics behind the academy?

Guy: What will this do for ID? It is like creating a consolation prize for the peerage orders.

Sigmundr: This is not a replacement for the orders.

Nerissa: ID is doing good works – if it ain't broke don't fix it.

Robert: It sounds like the order is for being a good member of the society. If someone doesn't have the award will people say to them “you are a bad member”.

Sigmundr: We are out of time. We should continue to communicate and discuss this. Katherine will publish the details, so everyone will understand more clearly.
Parliament closed 1:52pm.