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Lawspeaker Edition



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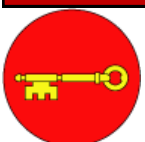


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Event Calendar

May 2024

- 1 Deadline for June Tidings
- 11 Lady Mary Memorial Tournament, Barony of Rising Waters (St. Catharines, ON)
- 17-20 Fruits of Our Labours, Canton of Byrniau Twynnog (Drumbo, ON)
- 25 Spring Crown Tournament, Canton of Monadh (Caledon, ON)

June 2024

- 1 Deadline for July Tidings
- 6 - 9 Murder Melee in the Meadow, Barony of Ben Dunfirth (Hamilton, ON)
- 21-23 Barons Brouhaha, Canton of Northgaethum (Tiverton, ON)

July 2024

- 1 Deadline for August Tidings
- 4-7 Knowne World Dance & Music Symposium, Middle Kingdom (Danville, IN)
- July 26- August 11 Pennsic War 51, Kingdom of Aethelmarc (Slippery Rock, PA)

August 2024

- 1 Deadline for September Tidings
- July 26- August 11 Pennsic War 51, Kingdom of Aethelmarc (Slippery Rock, PA)
- 2 - 4 Murder Muster, Shire of Champcorbeau (Merline, ON)
- Aug 29-Sept 2 Gwyl y Fflam - Autumn Flames, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Havelock, ON)

September 2024

- 1 Deadline for October Tidings
- Aug 29-Sept 2 Gwyl y Fflam - Autumn Flames, Shire of Bastille du Lac (Havelock, ON)
- 14 Stone the Crows, Shire of Champcorbeau (Merlin, ON)
- 21 Brawl in the Fall IV, Canton of Petrea Thule (Codrington, ON)

October 2024

- 1 Deadline for November Tidings
- 19 Crown Tournament, Canton of Bryniau Twynnog (Shakespeare, ON)
- 26 Step Spritely, Canton of Monadh (Missisauga, ON)

<https://ealdormere.ca/how-to-register-your-event-the-kingdom-of-ealdormere/>

Kingdom Event Rotation

2025

- 2025 Spring A&S: Shires
(assist from Ramshaven)
- 2025 Spring Coronation: Rising Waters
- 2025 Spring Crown: Ben Dunfirth
- 2025 Fall Coronation: Septentria
- 2024 Fall Crown: Skraeling Althing

2026

- 2026 Spring A&S: Ramshaven
- 2026 Spring Coronation: Shires
(assist from Skraeling Althing)
- 2026 Spring Crown: Rising Waters
- 2026 Fall Coronation: Ben Dunfirth
- 2026 Fall Crown: Septentria

Laws for the Lawspeaker

Meisterin Siglinde has indicated that her time as Lawspeaker is nearing its end. If you think this is something you'd like to do, or find out more about what being Lawspeaker entails, feel free to reach out to Siglinde at ealdormere.lawspeaker@gmail.com

Lawspeaker Selection Process and Timeline:

1. The Lawspeaker selection process will be published for two cycles of the Tidings, and the deadline for nominations is 31 January 2024.
 2. To be nominated to be Lawspeaker must be nominated by 12 armigerous subjects of Ealdormere. Those nominated must be confirmed as per Kingdom Law.
 3. Please forward nominations to the attention of the Kingdom Seneschal. Please send nominations electronically to ealdormere.kseneschal@gmail.com Any nominations received after 11:59PM on 31 January 2024 will not be taken into consideration.
 4. Confirmed nominees names will appear in the Tidings published in mid-March.
 5. Should there be more than one nominee, there will be a vote by the Seneschals of the Kingdom. The list of names shall be brought forward by the local Seneschals to discuss amongst the membership and the Seneschal will vote on behalf of their membership. They will act as a representative of their group.
 6. Should there be only one nominee, there shall be a vote of confidence. The name shall be brought forward by the local Seneschals to discuss amongst the membership and the Seneschal will vote on behalf of their membership which shall reflect the confidence of their branch in the nominee. The nominee must receive no less than a 50% vote of confidence. If a 50% vote of confidence is not met, the process will begin again.
 7. Voting by the Seneschals will open on 1 March 2024 and close at 11:59PM on 28 March 2024
 8. Results will be discussed with the Royal Family and then shared with the Candidate. The outgoing Lawspeaker will then publicize the successful candidate to the populace.
 9. The Office is anticipated to change over in April 2024.
- Please consider the importance of this position within the Kingdom. All nominees must be ready for the burden of the office.

ARTICLE IX – Lawspeaker of Ealdormere

IX-100 The Lawspeaker shall be an experienced member of the Society who commands the respect of the subjects of Ealdormere. This person shall possess the capacity to mediate, arbitrate and provide counsel. The Lawspeaker will act as a mediator and ombudsman and as a councilor to the Crown. The Lawspeaker will stand as a deputy to the Kingdom Seneschal and will be appointed, and removed from office, as detailed in these Laws.

IX-101 Due to the nature of the work required of the Lawspeaker, the position of Lawspeaker will be a warranted deputy of the Kingdom Seneschal, for the purposes of Legal and Insurance coverage. This warrant is to be enacted by the Crown, and Kingdom Seneschal when the Lawspeaker takes office, to be renewed for the entire term of office of the Lawspeaker. The only process by which this warrant can be revoked is outlined in section IX-600. It is hereby noted that while the Lawspeaker is a warranted deputy of the Kingdom Seneschal, the Lawspeaker is not a Seneschal and does not report to the Kingdom Seneschal, nor does the Kingdom Seneschal have any influence on the Office of Lawspeaker. The Lawspeaker stands outside the formal reporting structure of the Kingdom, the better to act as a mediator, ombudsman and councilor to the Crown and people of Ealdormere.

IX-200 No Sovereign, Consort, Heir to the Crown, Territorial Baron or Baroness, Kingdom Officer or member of the Seneschalate may be nominated for the position of Lawspeaker.

IX-300 The Lawspeaker will be selected in the following manner:

IX-301 Nominations for the position will be solicited in the Kingdom newsletter and submitted in writing to the Seneschal.

IX-302 Those people who receive nominations from 12 armigerous subjects of Ealdormere and are confirmed by either the outgoing Lawspeaker, the Sovereign, the Consort, the Crown Princess, or the Crown Prince will be approached privately by the Seneschal and asked if they accept the nomination. Upon acceptance of the nomination, that person shall be declared a candidate for the position.

IX-303 If there is only one nominee, the Kingdom Seneschal shall call for a vote of confidence. All warranted branch Seneschals of Ealdormere shall be allowed one vote that shall reflect the confidence of their branch in the nominee. The nominee must receive no less than a 50% vote of confidence. If a 50% vote of confidence is not met, the process will begin again.

IX-304 In the event there are two or more candidates, the Kingdom Seneschal shall call an election and the names of the candidates shall be made public.

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- (i) The Kingdom Seneschal shall oversee and conduct the election.
- (ii) All warranted branch Seneschals of Ealdormere shall be allowed one vote that shall reflect the wishes of their branch.
- (iii) The candidate receiving the most votes shall be declared Lawspeaker.

IX-400 The term of office for the Lawspeaker shall be three years. The outgoing Lawspeaker may be considered an eligible candidate assuming he or she receives the required nominations and is confirmed by the Sovereign, Consort, Crown Prince, or Crown Princess.

IX-500 In the event the Lawspeaker is unable to fulfill his/her duties; he/she shall appoint an interim replacement subject to ratification by the Crown. The Crown may choose to allow the interim replacement to act for a stated period of time. At the end of this period, the Lawspeaker may resume their duties. The period of absence shall be included as part of the Lawspeaker's term in office. Or the Crown may choose to ask the Kingdom Seneschal to proceed with the selection process upon ratification of the interim replacement. The selection procedure as outlined in IX-300 shall be initiated immediately.

IX-600 In the event that the people of Ealdormere are dissatisfied with the performance of the Lawspeaker, a removal process may be initiated. A petition signed by 30% of the warranted branch seneschals of Ealdormere will be cause for the Kingdom Seneschal to call for a vote of confidence in the Lawspeaker. All warranted branch seneschals of Ealdormere will participate in this vote. The Kingdom Seneschal will initiate the selection procedure to select a new Lawspeaker only if directed to do so by a majority vote of the seneschals.

IX-700 Due to the nature of the position and the selection process, the Lawspeaker may not fight or be fought for in Crown Tournament.

IX-800 Duties of the Lawspeaker

IX-801 The Moot – In consultation with the Crown, the Lawspeaker shall ensure that a Moot is called at least once per reign.

- (i) The Lawspeaker shall ensure that the time and location of the Moot are published in advance in the Kingdom newsletter.
- (ii) The Lawspeaker shall ensure that one section of Kingdom Law is read at the beginning of each Moot so that the people may be familiar with their Laws.
- (iii) The Lawspeaker shall chair the Moot and ensure that records are maintained and published.

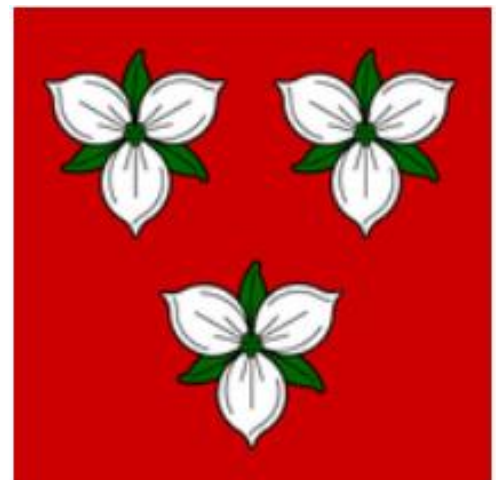
IX-802 The Lawspeaker shall investigate concerns brought before him/her and mediate disputes as required. In the event of a conflict of interest, the Lawspeaker may appoint a mutually acceptable mediator in his/her stead.

IX-803 The Lawspeaker shall administer and chair Courts of Inquiry following the guidelines detailed in the Kingdom Operating Policy, Section Four – Courts of Justice.

Note from Chronicler:

These letters are published here for your connivance when making a decision. Reach out to your local or the Kingdom seneschal with questions, concerns, or your vote.

*Joyfully yours
Lucia de Enzinas*



Petra of the Rozakii

Greetings to the Populace of Ealdormere,

This is my application to the position of Lawspeaker: why I see Lawspeaker as a vital role in the Kingdom of Ealdormere, and my qualifications for the office.

An unofficial Kingdom position, the Lawspeaker holds no power to set laws or make decrees. The Lawspeaker acts as an advisor and facilitates communication between the populace, Kingdom Officers, and Royalty. They act as a bridge, not restricted by the requirements of an official office, to help resolve conflicts and concerns.

To fulfill this role, the Lawspeaker must be familiar with the laws of the Kingdom, and they also need to be able to explain those laws to the populace clearly and concisely. In my past position as Kingdom Exchequer I gained a great deal of respect for the time and effort that has gone into the Kingdom laws. I had many opportunities to discuss and clarify the Kingdom financial policy, which must act within Kingdom law, with people who did not have time to commit to seeking out the answers. I enjoy that sort of research, and would be happy to delve into Kingdom laws on behalf of the Populace.

But research shouldn't be restricted to the written word. The Lawspeaker needs to be able to work well with others, and willing to approach others with questions. Based on my experience as Kingdom Exchequer, I am quite comfortable working with people from all levels of our Society.

Finally, I strongly believe in the purpose of the Lawspeaker. Our laws should change as society changes, and those in power need an informal forum for discussion with everyone to whom the laws apply. As much as we, in the SCA, are recreating a time that happened long ago, our understanding of societies in history is changing as much as the mundane society we live in now. The Ealdormerian tradition of the Moot provides Ealdormere's populace with the opportunity to learn about changes to the legal framework we operate within, and to propose changes to Kingdom Laws in an unofficial audience with the Crown. This unique access to the Crown is part of what shapes the community that makes up the Kingdom of Ealdormere.

I appreciate your consideration, and hope you consider me favourably.

In service,
Dame Petra of the Rozaki

Aibhilin fra Skye:

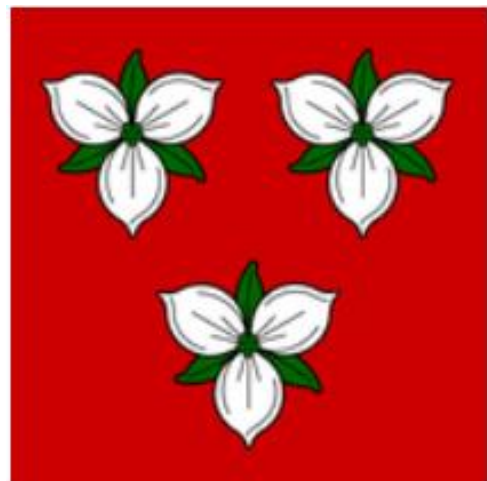
My name is Aibhilin fra Skye:

In my day job, I presently work as a staffing advisor for the Canadian Public Service. I advise managers on staffing policies and procedures as outlined by Treasury Board. I help managers identify current and prospective staffing requirements, prepare and post notices and advertisements, collect and screen applications. I evaluate assessment processes and ensure that they meet the needs of the manager. This work includes the promotion of diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

Previously I have worked as a Labour Relations officer for the same employer. I advised employers and employees on the interpretation of human resources policies, and collective agreements as well as the mediation of disputes and the administration of the grievance process. I was also involved in administrative investigations, which involved interviewing all parties involved and writing reports with recommendations.

I belong to the LGBTQ2+ community.

In the SCA, I have held many different positions at the local all the way up to the Society level. I teach in the SCA and I have worked with a diverse groups in my positions. I have been a member of the SCA for almost 40 years. I see this position of Lawspeaker for the Kingdom of Ealdormere as helping people within Ealdormere to work out issues and bring forth issues to the crown if needed. A sounding board for issue of conflict in the Kingdom. Work with their Majesties and the seneschal to come up with solutions to conflicts that meet with Kingdom, Society and Mundan laws. The Lawspeaker is a voice for the people of Ealdormere.





Cover Art

The photos in the borealis by various Barbarians and others of the populace. No one has issue with their images' use, nor those within the photos themselves.

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