

Clerk of the Privy

Summary

The **Clerk of the Privy** is the senior administrative officer within the [Kingdom of Skyss](#), serving as the chair and secretary of the [Small Council](#) (also known as the Keeper's Council). This office is responsible for the systematic coordination of state activities, managing the legislative and logistical agenda of the realm's highest civil servants. The Clerk acts as the bridge between the elective monarchy of [King Thirfinn](#) and the executive departments that manage the kingdom's resources, intelligence, and judicial records.

Description

Function and State Labour

The primary role of the Clerk of the Privy is to oversee the day-to-day administration of the Skyssian state. While the [Council of Electors](#) governs broad constitutional matters, the Clerk manages the "Keepers", the specialised department heads who maintain the kingdom's infrastructure. The Clerk's responsibilities include:

- **Agenda Management:** Organising the sessions of the Small Council to address immediate crises, such as the Cottalemnese expansionist threat in 774 AM.
- **Inter-departmental Coordination:** Facilitating the exchange of data between the [Board of Trade](#) (regarding international intelligence) and the [Keeper of the Rolls](#) (regarding domestic legal trends).
- **Diplomatic Oversight:** Ensuring that ceremonial protocols and diplomatic gifts, such as those selected from the King's Treasures for foreign royal weddings, align with the state's goals of soft power and [standardisation](#).
- **Secretarial Service:** Acting as the senior secretary to the council, recording the minutes of meetings held in the presence of the King.

Chamber and Protocol

The office operates from the [King's Palace](#) in [Kronstadt](#). Formal council sessions are conducted in the birch-panelled Small Council room, where the Clerk occupies one of the nine ornately carved, high-backed chairs. The Clerk uses his authority to recognise speakers, as demonstrated during the 774 AM briefing where the Secretary of the Board of Trade provided intelligence on the Dael Riatan royal succession, and to ensure that all state business is conducted with appropriate honour and efficiency.

Political Significance

As the chair of the Keeper's Council, the Clerk of the Privy is one of the few individuals with a comprehensive overview of the kingdom's entire administrative apparatus. This office ensures that

[standardisation](#) is applied not just to industry and naval patterns, but to the very mechanisms of governance. The Clerk must balance the demands of the merchant classes with the strategic needs of the [Heroes](#) who serve the Crown, ensuring that neither group destabilises the economic health of the realm.

Current Incumbent

As of the Ripening Moon in 774 AM, the office is held by [Harald Bjornson](#). He is noted for his professional and methodical approach to chairing the council, often using his position to steer deliberations toward practical outcomes for the Crown.

Relationships

People

- [Harald Bjornson](#): The current Clerk of the Privy.
- [King Thirfinn](#): The elective monarch to whom the Clerk reports.
- [Olaf Olafsson](#): The Secretary to the Board of Trade, a primate colleague on the council.
- [Ingrid Kemisdottir](#): The Keeper of the Keys and Principal Secretary to the King.
- [Hilda Helgasdottir](#): The Keeper of the Rolls and senior officer of the House of Justice.
- [Captain Freya Ingridsdottir](#): The Keeper of the Dockyard and senior naval advisor to the council.

Places

- [King's Palace](#): The seat of the Clerk's administrative **honour**.
- [Kronstadt](#): The primate city containing the administrative heart of the kingdom.
- [House of Justice](#): The department whose records are monitored by the council under the Clerk's oversight.

Concepts

- [Small Council](#): The body which the Clerk of the Privy chairs.

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