

# Small Council

## Summary

The **Small Council of Skyss**, also known as the **Keeper's Council**, is the primate administrative body responsible for the day-to-day governance and executive oversight of the [Kingdom of Skyss](#). Composed of senior civil servants and high-ranking officials, the council manages the realm's logistics, intelligence, and resources, providing essential support to [King Thirfinn](#). While the [Council of Electors](#) handles broad constitutional matters such as succession, the Small Council focuses on the detailed administration required to maintain the kingdom's peace and prosperity.

## Description

### Chamber and Protocol

The council convenes within the [King's Palace](#) in [Kronstadt](#), specifically in the birch-panelled Small Council room. Members are seated in nine ornately carved, high-backed chairs arranged around a polished wood table. The sessions are typically chaired by the [Clerk of the Privy](#), who manages the agenda and coordinates the various departments represented at the table .

### Function and State Labour

The council's remit encompasses several critical domains:

- **Intelligence Gathering:** The Secretary of the [Board of Trade](#) provides the council with high-level briefings on international trade flows and geopolitical shifts, such as the Cottalemnese crisis of 774 AM.
- **Judicial Record-Keeping:** Through the [Keeper of the Rolls](#), the council monitors sentencing trends and maintains the legal precedents established by the [King's Justices](#).
- **Logistics and Infrastructure:** The [Keeper of the Dockyard](#) ensures that the Skyssian naval patterns and shipbuilding schedules are maintained to support maritime hegemony.
- **Exchequer and Treasury:** Financial oversight and the management of the royal archives are handled by the [Keeper of the Cloth](#) and the [Keeper of the Treasures](#).

### Diplomatic Responsibilities

The council is frequently tasked with selecting and preparing ceremonial items for foreign dignitaries, a process that reflects the state's interest in [standardisation](#) and soft power. In 774 AM, the council deliberated on gifts for the wedding of King Alasdair V of Dael Riata, considering rare items from the King's Treasures such as:

- **The Travel Bureau:** A fine example of travel furniture with secret compartments, captured by the Navy from the Queen of Bernicia.

- **Bjorn Arneson's State Sword:** A naval masterpiece featuring a mother of pearl handle and gold inlays.
- **Queen Flora's Crown:** A sapphire-set circlet containing "Jorunn's eye," an [amulet](#) used for scrying.

## Members and Offices

The following table lists the main offices of the Small Council and the individuals holding these posts as of 774 AM:

Office	Known Member	Primary Role
<a href="#">Clerk of the Privy</a>	<a href="#">Harald Bjornson</a>	Council Chair and Secretary
<a href="#">Secretary of the Board of Trade</a>	<a href="#">Olaf Olafsson</a>	International Intelligence
<a href="#">Keeper of the Keys</a>	<a href="#">Ingrid Kemisdottir</a>	Principal Secretary to the King
<a href="#">Keeper of the Cloth</a>	<a href="#">Birgitte Elfrunsdottir</a>	Senior Exchequer Officer
<a href="#">Keeper of the Dockyard</a>	<a href="#">Captain Freya Ingridsdottir</a>	Senior Naval Operations
<a href="#">Keeper of the Treasures</a>	<a href="#">Henrik Johansson</a>	King's Art and Relic Collection
<a href="#">Keeper of the Rolls</a>	<a href="#">Hilda Helgasdottir</a>	Senior Officer, House of Justice

## Relationships

### People

- [King Thirfinn](#): The elective monarch who oversees the council.

### Places

- [King's Palace](#): The seat of the council's authority.
- [Kronstadt](#): The administrative heart of the kingdom.
- [House of Justice](#): The department recorded and overseen by the Keeper of the Rolls.

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