

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
Clerk of the Privy	Harald Bjornson	Council Chair and Secretary
Secretary of the Board of Trade	Olaf Olafsson	International Intelligence
Keeper of the Keys	Ingrid Kemisdottir	Principal Secretary to the King
Keeper of the Cloth	Birgitte Elfrunsdottir	Senior Exchequer Officer
Keeper of the Dockyard	Captain Freya Ingridsdottir	Senior Naval Operations
Keeper of the Treasures	Henrik Johansson	King's Art and Relic Collection
Keeper of the Rolls	Hilda Helgasdottir	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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