

Procedure: Running an Althing

The following Ceremonies are the Basic Procedures for each Ceremony. They are expected to be altered to some degree for each instance of Ceremony. As long as the basic formula is kept fairly close then things may be changed due to preference or structure as things are altered to fit circumstance.

Althing Procedure

The day of Althing is set up with Chief staffs on either side and behind the High Chieftain's bench. Chiefs sit in Seniority order Eldest closest to the High Chieftains left. Lawspeaker sits on the HC right. The remaining Chiefs sit left and right of HC.

The High Chieftain bring court to order and the remaining officer changes, awards, business, etc are dealt with. Not to go over 10-15 minutes.

Stating that "It is time for Althing" the High Chieftain then goes (taking off the Medallion) and sits down in the circle.

The Eldest Chief stands, goes and stands before the empty High Chieftain seat, "Until the Althing closes no one has authority except the People and the Lawspeaker. Will the Lawspeaker please step forward?" The Eldest Chief goes back to their chair and sits.

The Lawspeaker steps forward throughout the proceedings may stand in front of the HC Bench or may sit on it. The Lawspeaker –

- 1) Goes down the list of 1/3 of the Laws. Reading just the name of the Law asks if there is any question if not goes onto the next.
- 2) Is there any business that would change any of these Laws?
- 3) Is there any other business that needs to be brought before this assembly?
If there is business then the Lawspeaker writes down the item and sponsor. Once having gone around the circle the Lawspeaker will start at the top of the list. The Lawspeaker will go around the circle three times for each topic and then call for a vote.

Once all business has been discussed, been voted on, been forwarded to the next Althing the Lawspeaker will state "I hereby declare this Althing closed." The Lawspeaker goes and sits while the High Chieftain resumes his place on the bench or chair.

The High Chieftain asks "Is there any business that needs to be brought before The Chiefs and Myself?" If not then everyone is dismissed.