

STATE OPENING OF THE KONINKLIKE VERGADERING SPEECH FROM THE THRONE 2018

Lord High Chancellor, Lord Speaker and members of the Koninklike Vergadering,

This past year has been one of change for the Kingdom of Natal. 2017 began with a stagnated Natal, crippled by government inactivity. The Natalian experience had hit a low point, with seldom activity within the Realm in any regards, save for the updating and maintenance of records. On the 16th of August 2017 - a few days after we celebrated the third anniversary of Natalian independence and began the fourth year of Our reign – We enacted the Decree of Koningswyk in the hopes of revitalizing Our Kingdom. One of the provisions of that decree was the establishment of the Koninklike Vergadering, the assembly which We are pleased to address today.

In the months following the Decree of Koningswyk, We began work with Our Lord High Chancellor to compose a constitutional statute for Natal, to codify the way in which the Kingdom was governed. This work culminated on the 17th of December 2017, when We enacted the Fundamental Law of the Kingdom of Natal by Royal Proclamation. Since the enactment of that statute, We have begun work to reinvigorate the government and culture of Our Realm.

On the 7th of January 2018, We commissioned the Duke van Dullahan, Lord High Chancellor, in the rank of Major General in Our Royal Natalian Corps, and granted him the position of Aide-de-Camp to the Sovereign in Our role as Commander-in-Chief.

On the 9th of January 2018, We were appointed Viceroy of Bohemia by His Royal and Imperial Majesty the Holy Roman Emperor, a position We were pleased to accept. The Emperor also graciously granted the title of Duchess of Moravia to Her Apostolic Highness Princess Consort Victoria, and the right to use all of Our courtesy titles from the Empire at large.

On the 22nd of January 2018, We established by decree the Chancery Office for Foreign and Imperial Affairs, to facilitate diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Natal, other sovereign nations, and fellow members of the Holy Roman Empire. We appointed by royal proclamation Major Sir Eren Scott KOW to serve as Secretary of the Chancery for Foreign and Imperial Affairs, the chief diplomatic official of Our Realm. Furthermore, we issued a decree establishing national holidays for the Kingdom of Natal.

On the 26th of January 2018, We appointed Major The Right Honourable Sir Eren Scott KOW to serve as Lord Speaker of the Koninklike Vergadering.

On the 27th of January 2018, We enacted the First Amendment to the Fundamental Law by means of Royal Proclamation, elevating the Province of Oxford to the status of a Principality, and codifying the title Prince of Oxford as belonging to the eldest son of the Sovereign.

As the Kingdom of Natal progress into this year, We shall collaborate with Our Royal and Apostolic Majesty's Government to accomplish a number of goals.

Our Government will work to establish Our Royal and Apostolic Majesty's Treasury and design banknotes for the Natalian guilder, the official currency of the Realm as mandated by the Fundamental Law.

Our Government will work to create a uniform for the Royal Natalian Corps and to design badges for the Regiment and Battalions of the Corps.

Our Government will seek observational membership in the Grand Unified Micronational in accordance with the Decree of Koningswyk.

Our Government will work to recognize various national symbols in addition to the ones presently recognized by tradition and law.

Our Government will ensure that the Koninklike Vergadering enacts no fewer than four Acts in the following calendar year.

I pray that the blessings of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.