

## ROYAL PALACE AT DAM SQUARE



The Royal Palace is located in the most famous and recognizable square in the Netherlands: Dam Square. At one end is the National Memorial erected in 1956 to memorialize the victims of WW2. Above is the square looking from the steps of the Royal Palace. Below is the National Memorial.





At the other end of Dam Square is the Royal Palace and the “Nieuwe Kirk” or “New Church”.



The Royal Palace is one of three palaces used by the Royal House. This is where His Majesty the King receives visiting heads of state and hosts symposiums, award ceremonies, dinners and receptions. At other times the Palace is open to the public. There are no flash photos allowed in the Palace. All the following photos in the Palace were without flash.



The Central Hall of the Royal Palace includes maps of the world in mosaic on the floor.



This room illustrates the elaborate crystal chandeliers that are present in nearly every room in the Palace.



On April 30, 2013 Queen Beatrix and Prince Willem-Alexandar signed the Instrument of Abdication making the Prince the King. This room is called the Council Chamber.



Typical gold plated furnishings in the Palace.



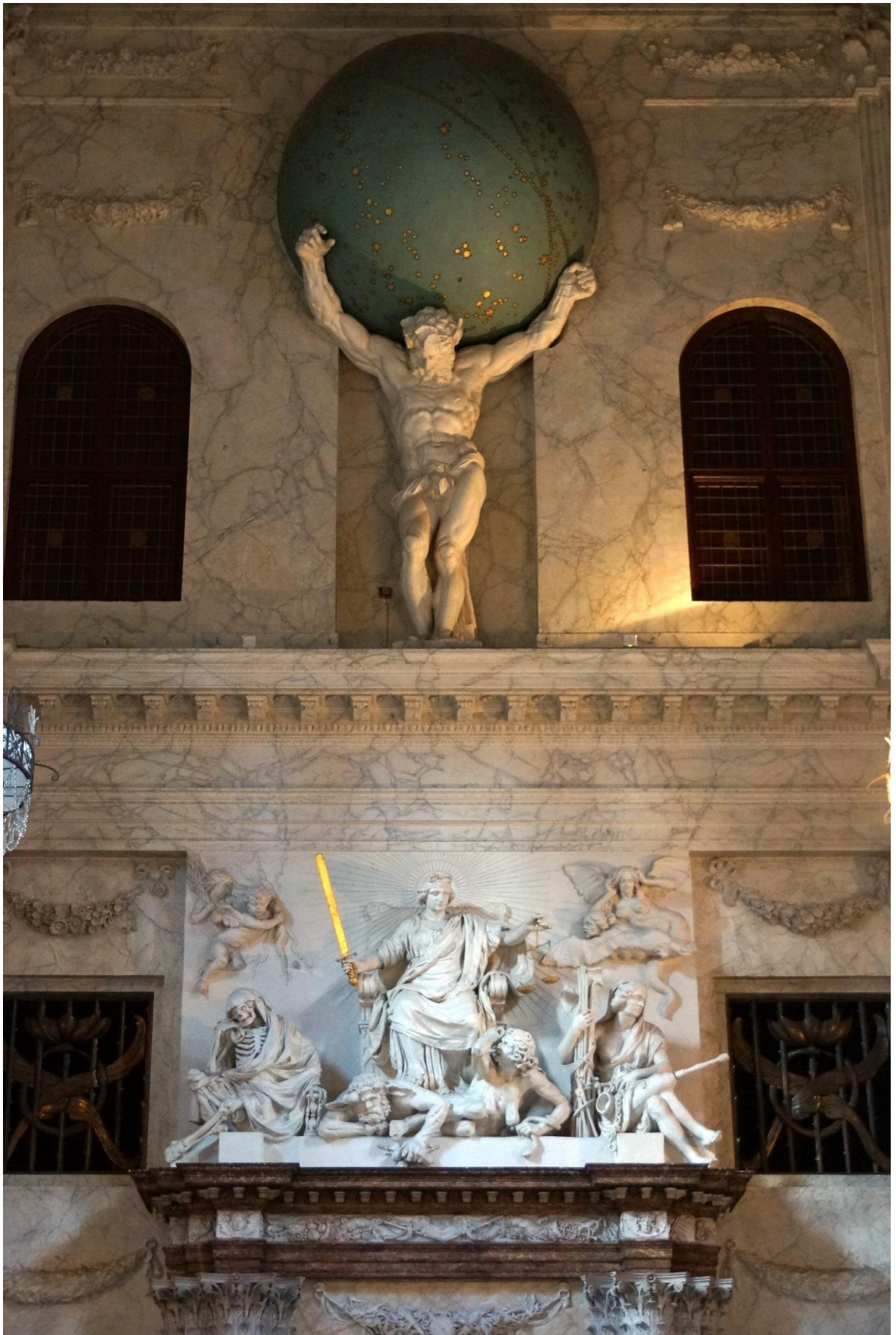
Reception room for meeting heads of state.



Palace Dining Room



One of two Grand Halls in the Palace.



We leave the Palace where we entered. These are above the door to the Central Hall.



Above: The New Church is to the right of the Royal Palace in Dam Square. It is used only by the royalty for coronations and weddings of the Royal Family and for organ recitals. Below: The back of the New Church. The building cost 15 Euro's per person to tour. No photos are allowed.





Dam Square is full of busters and pigeons. In the background is a famous department store DeBuekorfs where everything starts at \$100.

