



SILENT HERALD'S NEWSLETTER

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Unto the Royals, Principal and Silent Heralds, and the DEI Officers of the Known World does Maestra Suzanne de la Ferté, Society Silent Herald Deputy send Greetings!

My EYE is my EAR. My HAND is my MOUTH
Through my HANDS flow the WORDS of the CROWN.

Announcement

Welcome to the first issue of the Monthly Silent Herald Newsletter!

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Introduction

For those who do not know me, I am Maestra Suzanne de la Ferté, and I reside in Atlantia, in the Canton of Charlesbury Crossing which is within the Barony of Sacred Stone (Marshville, North Carolina - just southeast of Charlotte). I moved to Atlantia in November of 2019 to join a wonderful local IT consulting firm. As a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), I have been signing all my life, over 50 years, and was a professional interpreter for the deaf for several years after graduating from school. My grandparents, parents, and siblings are all Deaf. My husband, HL Angus de Botha, lost his hearing due to his military service. I have been doing sign heraldry and heraldic art for my entire SCA career (just shy of 25 years). I started out as Ansteorra 's first Silent Herald, then went on to be Calontir's first GoodHand Herald (kingdom sign herald). I continued silent heralding when we moved to Northshield and am now a sign/silent herald for the Kingdom of Atlantia. I am easiest to reach by email or Facebook messenger.

I am excited by this opportunity to further knowledge of Sign/Silent Heraldry and how we can support the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities around the world. I look forward to serving in the College of Heraldry and to meeting more of you in person (soon, I hope) or at virtual online events. If you are interested, please join us at our ASL Zoom practice session every Thursday evening.

A Challenge!

I would love to see more Sign/Silent Heraldry articles on the Society College of Heraldry website! We have articles discussing American Sign Language (ASL) and, although more ASL-related articles are always welcome, the other sign languages of the world are under-represented.

How about some appendices to the Silent Herald's Handbook for sign languages other than ASL?

Does your kingdom have a Silent Herald's Handbook? Let us post it (or a link to it) on the Society Sign Herald's page.

Sign Languages Used in the SCA

There are three varieties of sign language used by English speaking members of the SCA:

- American Sign Language (ASL)
- British Sign Language (BSL)
- Australian (and New Zealand) Sign Language (Auslan)

For those non-English speaking members of the SCA, there are many other varieties of sign language:

- West Kingdom
 - Japan
 - Japanese Sign Language / Nihon Shuwa (JSL)
 - Korea
 - Korean Sign Language / suhwa (KSL)
 - Thailand
 - Thai Sign Language (TSL)



- Pacific Rim
 - Fiji
 - Fiji Sign Language (FJSL)
 - Mariana Islands
 - American Sign Language (ASL)
 - Micronesia
 - American Sign Language (ASL)
 - Guam
 - Guam Sign Language (strongly influenced by ASL)
 - Republic of Palau
 - American Sign Language (ASL)
 - Republic of the Marshall Islands
 - American Sign Language (ASL)
- Drachenwald
 - Aarnimetsä (Finland)
 - Finnish Sign Language (derived from Swedish Sign Language)
 - Central
 - Austria,
 - Austrian Sign Language (ÖGS)
 - Belgium,
 - Flemish Sign Language – Dutch Variant (VGT)
 - Flemish Sign Language – French Variant (LSFB)
 - Denmark,
 - Danish Sign Language (DTS)
 - France,
 - French Sign Language (LSF)
 - Netherlands,
 - Dutch Sign Language (NGT)
 - Poland,
 - Polish Sign Language (PJM)
 - Romania,
 - Romanian Sign Language (LSR)
 - Russian Federation and
 - Russian Sign Language (RSL)
 - Switzerland
 - Swiss German Sign Language (DSGS)
 - French Sign Language (LSF)
 - Italian Sign Language (LIS)
 - Insulae Draconis
 - United Kingdom,
 - British Sign Language (BSL)
 - Ireland
 - Irish Sign Language (ISL)
 - Separate Gender Languages Male/Female
 - Iceland
 - Icelandic Sign Language (ITM)
 - Based on Danish Sign Language (DTS)
 - Knights Crossing
 - Germany
 - German Sign Language (DGS)



- Nordmark
 - Sweden
 - Swedish Sign Language (SSL)
- Southern
 - Bulgaria,
 - Bulgarian Sign Language
 - Italy,
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 - South Africa
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 - Israel
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