

For the November 2002 meetings, printed January 31, 2003

To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from François Laurel, Zenobia Wreath, and Mari Pelican, greetings.

The following is a table showing the status of Letters of Intent, Laurel Letters of Pend and Discussion, and Letters of Intent to Protect. The header rows are the dates of the meetings that will consider them, the dates when primary commentary is due, and the dates when responses to primary commentary are due. The key follows.

<b>Wreath meeting</b>	<b>Nov 23</b>	<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>Jan 18&amp;19</b>	<b>Feb 08</b>	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Apr 19?</b>
<b>Pelican meeting</b>	<b>Nov 16</b>	<b>Dec 21</b>	<b>Jan 18&amp;19</b>	<b>Feb 08</b>	<b>Mar 29? &amp; ?</b>	<b>Apr 26?</b>
<b>Comment by</b>				<b>too late</b>	<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Feb 28</b>
<b>Reply/Respond by</b>				<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Mar 31</b>
<b>LoIs being considered:</b>						
Æthelmarc	Jul 17	Aug 17	Sep 17	Oct 22 [P Oct 30]	Nov 23	(Dec 19)
An Tir	Jul 30	Aug 30	Sep 30	Oct 30	Nov 29	Dec 27
Ansteorra	Jul 14 [P Jul 22]	Aug 17	Sep 15	Oct 20 [P Oct 30]	-	(Dec 18)
Artemisia	Jul 30	-	Sep 30	-	Nov 30	-
Atenveldt	Jul 15 [P Jul 25]	Aug 20	Sep 15	-	(Oct 20)	(Dec 20)
Atlantia	Jul 18	Aug 20	Aug 30 [P Sep 30]	Oct 26 & Oct 27	(Nov 24)	(Dec 20)
Caid	-	-	Sep 10	Oct 01 & Oct 25	-	Nov 10 [P Dec 03]
Calontir	-	-	Sep 03	Oct 16	Nov 13	-
Drachenwald	Jul 16	Aug 22	Sep 19	-	Oct 25 Nov 23	(Dec 23)
Ealdormere	-	Aug 19	-	-	(Nov 22)	-
East	-	-	Sep 01 & Sep 22	Oct 27	(Nov 24)	(Dec 15)
Lochac	-	Aug 20	-	-	-	-
Meridies	Jul 31	Aug 31	Sep 30	-	Nov 30	Dec 31
Middle	Jul 12	Aug 19	Sep 16	Oct 14	Nov 11	(Dec 14)
Outlands	Jun 17 & Jul 17	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23
Trimaris	Jun 28 & Jul 30	-	Sep 30	Oct 15	Nov 15	(Dec 14)
West	-	Jul 24 [P Aug 01]	Sep 25	Oct 29	Nov 27	-
Kraken LoftP	Jul 16	-	-	-	-	-
Laurel LoPaD [LoAR date]	Jul 20 [May LoItP]	Aug 31 [Jun LoAR]	Sep 19 [Jul LoAR]	-	Nov 14 [Aug LoAR]	Dec 18 [Sep LoAR]

*Month day*: the date on the Letter of Intent, Letter of Pend and Discussion, or Letter of Intent to Protect.

*(Month day)*: for administrative reasons, this LoI has not yet been scheduled.

*[P Month day]*: postmarked on that bracketed date, so the LoI is redated or postponed.

"-": no LoI is scheduled for that meeting from that kingdom.

?: tentative.

Mar: Wreath's main meeting will be on March 22, with a road show meeting on March 30 at the Outlands' Heraldic Symposium. Pelican's meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 29, with a road show meeting at Gulf Wars.

Apr: Wreath's meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 19, with a road show meeting on April 13 at An Tir's Heraldic Symposium. Pelican's meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 26.

May: Wreath's meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 17.

*Not all letters of intent may be considered when they are originally scheduled on this cover letter. The date of mailing of the LoI, date of receipt of the Laurel packet, or other factors may delay consideration of certain letters of intent. Additionally, some letters of intent received may not have been scheduled because the administrative requirements (receipt of the forms packet, receipt of the necessary fees, et cetera) have not yet been met.*

REMINDER: Until all administrative requirements are met, the letter may not be scheduled.

### **From Laurel: Known World Heraldic Symposium for 2004**

Bids are now being accepted for Known World Heraldic Symposium for 2004. Any group who wishes to host the 2004 symposium should mail bids to Laurel and the other members of the College of Arms by May 15, 2003. The May deadline allows discussion of the bids before the choice is made and announced at the 2003 KWHS in Saint Louis, Missouri.

### **From Laurel: Enough, or More Than Enough?**

The CoA Administrative Handbook, in defining limits on the number of items that may be registered, specifically states that, "Kingdoms, principalities, baronies, provinces, and equivalent branches are subject to no limit on the number of items they may register". (AH IA) In the March 1986 LoAR, Baldwin Laurel returned the five badges, identical save the color of the field, submitted by the Barony of Westermark, saying:

No formal restriction is placed on the number of badges a branch may be submit because it is assumed that branches may have good and constructive reasons for more than one badge. This is an abuse of the privilege. Please advise them to pick one.

Since June 2002, we have been asked to consider nineteen badges from Trimarís (not counting duplicate submissions that were withdrawn by the kingdom). Of these nineteen badges, ten were addressed in June and nine are being considered for registration this month. The Letter of Intent did not explain the intended purpose of any of these badges.

The large number of badges submitted in a short time has raised concerns of abuse of the privilege of unlimited registrations allowed for kingdoms. All the submissions have been for fieldless badges using azure charges, most of nautical origin. On conferring with the submitting kingdom, it appears that they have been registering badges against future need.

The large number of undesignated badges submitted in such a short time, especially when a number of the badges are intended for future use, appears to be an attempt to "corner the market" on azure nautical badges. We consider this to be an "abuse of the privilege" of the unlimited number of registered items allowed by the Administrative Handbook. We believe that badges should only be registered for current or identified need. Therefore, the nine badge submissions from Trimarís are being returned to allow Trimarís to reconsider the need for the registration of these badges at this time.

Laurel wishes to make it clear that, if the kingdom or any branch "subject to no limit on the number of items they may register" has a legitimate need for these badges, it should certainly be able to register them without forcing the kingdom to provide a designation - or worse, an unnecessary associated name registration - to "explain" the need for the badges. Reference to a generic identifier in an armory submission may assist Laurel when considering significant numbers of submissions at a single time.

### **Send What to Whom**

For all Letters of Intent, Comment, Response, Correction, et cetera, send one paper copy to each of Laurel PKoA and Wreath QoA at their mailing addresses as shown on the College of Arms Mailing List.

Send Laurel office copies of all submissions-related paper, including

- Letters of Intent, Comment, Response, Correction, et cetera (note: such paper copies are *in addition to* the personal copies for Laurel and Wreath mentioned above)
- Submission packets (**one** copy of each name form plus documentation, including petitions; **two** colored copies of each armory form plus **two** copies of any associated documentation, including petitions)
- Cheques or money orders for submissions, payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms"

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Send Laurel office copies of all submissions-related electronic files to submissions@sca.org. In particular, the Laurel Clerk would very much appreciate e-mailed copies of all LoIs, LoCs, LoRs, et cetera.

Send roster changes and corrections to Lord Symond Bayard le Gris, Bruce R. Nevins, 2527 E. 3rd St., Tucson, AZ, 85716-4114, 520-795-6000, 520-795-0158 (fax), symond@tirysgithr.org. College of Arms members can also request a copy of the current roster from Symond.

For subscriptions to the paper copy of the LoAR, please contact Symond, above. The cost for an LoAR subscription is \$25 a year. Please make all checks or money orders payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms". For subscriptions to the electronic copy of the LoAR, please contact Laurel at [herald@sca.org](mailto:herald@sca.org). The electronic copy is available free of charge.

For all administrative matters, or for questions about whom to send to, please contact Laurel Principal King of Arms, whose contact information heads this letter.

Pray know that I remain

In service

François la Flamme  
Laurel Principal King of Arms