

For the April 2003 meetings, printed June 30, 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.

| Wreath meeting | Apr 19 & 13 | May 17 | Jun 14 & 08 | Jul 12 | Aug 16 | Sep 13 |
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| Pelican meeting | Apr 26 | May 17 | Jun 21 & 08 | Jul 19 | Aug 23?&Pens. | Sep 26? |
| Comment by | | | | too late | Jun 30 | Jul 31 |
| Respond by | | | | Jun 30 | Jul 31 | Aug 31 |
| Letters of Intent being considered: | | | | | | |
| AEthelmearc | Dec 19 | - | Feb 24 | (Mar 24) | Apr 26 | (May 28) |
| An Tir | Dec 27 | Jan 27 | Feb 25 | (Mar 28) | (Apr 29) | (May 28) |
| Ansteorra | Dec 18 | Jan 19 [P Jan 27] | Feb 20 | Mar 20 | (Apr 21) | (May 21 [P May 29]) |
| Artemisia | - | Jan 31 | - | Mar 30 | (Apr 30) | - |
| Atenveldt | Dec 20 | Jan 20 | Feb 15 [P Feb 26] | Mar 15 | Apr 25 | - |
| Atlantia | Nov 24 & Dec 20 | Jan 26 | - | Mar 25 | (Apr 26) | (May 29) |
| Caid | Nov 10 [P Dec 03] | - | Feb 21 | (Mar 01) | (Apr 20) & (Apr 30) | (May 28) |
| Calontir | - | - | - | Mar 19 | Apr 24 | - |
| Drachenwald | Dec 23 | Jan 23 | Feb 24 | (Mar 25) | (Apr 25) | (May 29) |
| Ealdormere | - | Jan 31 | Feb 19 | - | (Apr 20 [P Apr 28]) | (May 20 [P May 29]) |
| East | Nov 24 & Dec 15 | Jan 07 & Jan 23 | Feb 23 | - | Apr 06 | (May 17) |
| Lochac | - | - | - | (Mar 25) | (Apr 15 [P Apr 28]) | - |
| Meridies | Dec 31 | Jan 31 | Feb 28 | Mar 31 | Apr 30 | (May 31) |
| Middle | Dec 14 | Jan 15 | Feb 17 | Mar 24 | Apr 07 | (May 12) |
| Outlands | Dec 23 | Jan 23 | - | Feb 23 & Mar 23 | (Apr 28) | (May 30) |
| Trimaris | Dec 14 | - | Feb 15 | - | - | (May 26) |
| West | - | Jan 21 | Feb 26 | Mar 26 | (Apr 22) | - |
| Laurel LoPaD [LoAR date] | Dec 18 [Sep LoAR] | Jan 31 [Nov LoAR] | Feb 27 [Dec LoAR] | - | Apr 21 [Jan LoAR] | May 27 [Feb 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.

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April: Wreath's meeting occurred April 19, with a road-show meeting on April 13 at An Tir's Heraldic Symposium.

June: On June 8, there was the usual Sunday-morning road-show meeting at Known World Heraldic Symposium, Saint Louis, Missouri, with all the sovereigns of arms.

August: Pelican's regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 23, and she will have a road-show meeting at Pennsic War.

September: Pelican's meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 27.

October: Wreath's meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 18. Pelican's meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 11.

November: Pelican's meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 15.

December: Pelican's meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 20.

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: Thanks for the Memories, KWHS 2003

We would like to thank Lady Shariya and the Barony of Three Rivers for hosting a wonderful Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium in St. Louis. There were many interesting classes and much was learned by all. Thank you for a wonderful symposium.

From Laurel: Announcing KWHS 2004

The Shire of Owl's Reste (East Kingdom) will be the host for the Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium 2004 to be held June 25-27, 2004. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center outside of New Cumberland, PA. Details are being finalized but we know that Doctor Gerard Brault, Penn State Professor of Medieval Studies and author of several books on medieval heraldry, will be a teacher. Also anticipated is a speaker from the Walters Museum in Baltimore from their manuscript collection. The event Web site is under construction and will be available soon.

From Laurel: Change to Applications for Next Laurel

Baron Modar Neznanich has withdrawn his team's application for the Laurel Sovereign of Arms office. The Board of Directors will consider the remaining application at their July meeting. Comments are due to the Board by July 1, 2003.

From Laurel: Laurel Does Not Know It All

We have all seen instances when a submission was returned that was documented from a previously accepted submission - the old standard phrase is "Past registration does not ensure future registration." We are hopefully continuing to learn and this moving target can sometimes cause a name or device to be returned even just a month after a similar submission was accepted. A few weeks ago there was a discussion concerning the reply to a "But Laurel said ..." argument. The best summary of the situation comes from Tangwystyl verch Morgant Glasvryn:

One should always read any decision by Laurel as being prefixed by "Based on the available knowledge, research, and analysis available to us at this time, it is our understanding that ..."

Many heralds (on all levels of the hierarchy) often forget this and word statements of current knowledge as if they were Absolute Truth, but there's still an onus on the listener as well to insert the disclaimer.

We require your help to know "the truth". The current knowledge is extended by the research of the College of Arms, the College of Heraldry, and the submitters. Any documentation provided on a submission, whether it is from the submitter, the Kingdom College of Heraldry, or the College of Arms commenters, goes a long way to helping us all learn. If you provide "the truth" in your commentary and submissions work, that leads to better recreation and we all benefit from the latest best attempt at determining "the truth".

Roster Changes

It's time to catch up with roster changes for the Principalities in the Kingdom of the West. We have updates for the Principalities of Cynagua, Oertha, and the Mists.

For the Principality of the Cynagua, the new Sable Swan Herald (West), Berengaria de Montfort of Carcasson ..., e-mail: sableswanherald@aol.com, is added to the roster. The previous Sable Swan, Zaid al-fallah hajji ..., is no longer on the roster.

For the Principality of the Mists, the new Seawolf Herald (West), Marguerite du Royon ..., is added to the roster. The previous Seawolf Herald, Kiriana Michaelson ..., is no longer on the roster.

For the Principality of Oertha, the new Stellanordica Herald (West), Clare Elena de Montfort of Strathclyde ..., is added to the roster. The previous Stellanordica Herald, Bjarni Edwardsson ..., is no longer on the roster.

Mereswin Herald (Laurel staff), Sionyn Muirgen ni Dhonnall ..., is no longer on the roster or mailing list.

From Laurel Clerk: Society Pages

LoAR cover letters over the years have occasionally included short social notices of possible interest to the College of Arms, including major awards, marriages, births, and such. Anyone can send social notices to submissions@sca.org. I tend not to notice such announcements in LoIs and LoCs. I can make no promises about printing them, though; they may be printed as space and time permit.

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"

to Pelican QoA at her roster address:

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), bnevins@nexiliscom.com. 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. 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