

For the January 2008 meetings, printed May 26, 2008

To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Elisabeth Laurel, Jeanne Marie Wreath, and Margaret Pelican, greetings.

Items listed below in square brackets have not been scheduled yet. For information about future scheduling, please review the status table located on the Web at <http://oscar.sca.org/index.php?action=137>

The January Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, January 19, 2008 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, January 12 2008. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Atenveldt (01 Sep, 2007), East (06 Sep, 2007), Caid (20 Sep, 2007), Gleann Abhann (20 Sep, 2007), Drachenwald (24 Sep, 2007), Northshield (27 Sep, 2007), West (27 Sep, 2007), Ansteorra (29 Sep, 2007), Calontir (29 Sep, 2007), Outlands (29 Sep, 2007), An Tir (30 Sep, 2007), Atlantia (30 Sep, 2007), Æthelmearc (30 Sep, 2007), Calontir (30 Sep, 2007), Meridies (30 Sep, 2007), and Siren LoITP (30 Sep, 2007). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Monday, December 31, 2007.**

The February Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting on Saturday, February 16, 2008 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, March 9, 2008. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Laurel LoPaD (08 Oct, 2007), Middle (14 Oct, 2007), Atenveldt (15 Oct, 2007), Drachenwald (20 Oct, 2007), Caid (26 Oct, 2007), Laurel LoPaD (28 Oct, 2007), Atlantia (29 Oct, 2007), An Tir (30 Oct, 2007), Ansteorra (30 Oct, 2007), Lochac (30 Oct, 2007), Meridies (30 Oct, 2007), Artemisia (31 Oct, 2007), Caid (31 Oct, 2007), Calontir (31 Oct, 2007), East (31 Oct, 2007), Northshield (31 Oct, 2007), Outlands (31 Oct, 2007), and West (31 Oct, 2007). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Thursday, January 31, 2008.**

The March Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, March 22, 2008 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, March 30, 2008. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Trimaris (31 Oct, 2007) (delayed for administrative reasons), Atenveldt (20 Nov, 2007), Outlands (21 Nov, 2007), East (23 Nov, 2007), An Tir (26 Nov, 2007), Northshield (26 Nov, 2007), Atlantia (27 Nov, 2007), Ansteorra (28 Nov, 2007), Lochac (28 Nov, 2007), Meridies (29 Nov, 2007), West (29 Nov, 2007), Artemisia (30 Nov, 2007), Æthelmearc (30 Nov, 2007), and Trimaris (30 Nov, 2007). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Friday, February 29, 2008.**

The April Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, April 13, 2008. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Gleann Abhann (03 Dec, 2007), [Ealdormere (12 Dec, 2007)], East (16 Dec, 2007), Lochac (17 Dec, 2007), An Tir (22 Dec, 2007), Drachenwald (23 Dec, 2007), Ansteorra (24 Dec, 2007), Outlands (24 Dec, 2007), Atlantia (29 Dec, 2007), Calontir (30 Dec, 2007), Meridies (30 Dec, 2007), Artemisia (31 Dec, 2007), Atenveldt (31 Dec, 2007), Caid (31 Dec, 2007), Northshield (31 Dec, 2007), and the Palimpsest Rules Letter (31 Dec, 2007). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Monday, March 31, 2008.**

The May Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meetings held on May 10, 2008 and May 11, 2008, and Wreath meeting held on Sunday, May 18, 2008. These meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: Laurel LoPaD (03 Jan, 2008), [Ealdormere (10 Jan, 2008)], East (19 Jan, 2008), Drachenwald (20 Jan, 2008), An Tir (26 Jan, 2008), Calontir (26 Jan, 2008), Artemisia (29 Jan, 2008), Atlantia (29 Jan, 2008), Lochac (29 Jan, 2008), Atenveldt (30 Jan, 2008), [Caid (30 Jan, 2008)], Gleann Abhann (30 Jan, 2008), Meridies (30 Jan, 2008), Trimaris (30 Jan, 2008), Palimpsest Rules Letter (31 Jan, 2008), and West (31 Jan, 2008). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Wednesday, April 30, 2008.**

The June Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meetings on June 7, 2008 and June 28, 2008, and Wreath meetings held on Sunday, June 29, 2008 and at Lilies War. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Laurel LoPaD (02 Feb, 2008), Outlands (02 Feb, 2008) (Redated from 31 January based on OSCAR posting date), East (18 Feb, 2008), Drachenwald (20 Feb, 2008), An Tir (22 Feb, 2008), Calontir (23 Feb, 2008), Atenveldt (25 Feb, 2008), Æthelmearc (25 Feb, 2008), Atlantia (26 Feb, 2008), Lochac (28 Feb, 2008), [Ansteorra (29 Feb, 2008)], Outlands (29 Feb, 2008), and West (29 Feb, 2008). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Saturday, May 31, 2008.**

The July Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held July 5, 2008 and Wreath meeting held on Sunday, July 13, 2008. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: [Caid (01 Mar, 2008)], Laurel LoPaD (19 Mar, 2008), Albion (20 Mar, 2008), Atenveldt (20 Mar, 2008), Drachenwald (21 Mar, 2008), Gleann Abhann (25 Mar, 2008), Lochac (25 Mar, 2008), Calontir (26 Mar, 2008), Æthelmearc (28 Mar, 2008), [An Tir (30 Mar, 2008)], [Ansteorra (30 Mar, 2008)], Atlantia (30 Mar, 2008), [Meridies (30 Mar, 2008)], Artemisia (31 Mar, 2008), and [Outlands (31 Mar, 2008)]. **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Monday, June 30, 2008.**

The August Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held in August 2008. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: [Northshield (02 Apr, 2008)], East (05 Apr, 2008), Gleann Abhann (09 Apr, 2008), Middle (12 Apr, 2008), [Ealdormere (15 Apr, 2008)], Laurel LoPaD (15 Apr, 2008), Lochac (17 Apr, 2008), [An Tir (20 Apr, 2008)], Batonvert LoITP (20 Apr, 2008), [Atenveldt (21 Apr, 2008)], Drachenwald (21 Apr, 2008), [Atlantia (28 Apr, 2008)], [Calontir (29 Apr, 2008)], [Ansteorra (30 Apr, 2008)], Meridies (30 Apr, 2008), [Northshield (30 Apr, 2008)], [Outlands (30 Apr, 2008)], [Trimaris (30 Apr, 2008)], and [West (30 Apr, 2008)]. **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Thursday, July 31, 2008.**

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: Welcome Aboard

I am very pleased to announce that my successor as Laurel will be Mistress Olwynn ni Chinnéidigh, of the Kingdom of Atlantia. She will be working with Tanczos Istvan as Wreath and Aryanhwy merch Catmael as Pelican.

My warrant has been extended through the end of the July 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors, at which time Mistress Olwynn will officially take over as Laurel. Wreath and Pelican are working out the details of transition with their respective successors as well, and I have every reason to believe that the process will be hardly noticeable.

The ceremonial transfer of the Laurel office will take place at the Known World Herald's Party at Pennsic. If you are going to be attending this year please make it a point to come by, meet and greet the new team and felicitate Mistress Margaret, Baroness Jeanne Marie and me on our hard-won obsolescence.

From Laurel: On Resubmissions

The question has recently been raised on how to handle resubmissions when the submitter changes kingdoms between submissions. The Administrative Handbook states that no fees may be charged "resubmissions made within a year of the most recent notification of return." This applies whether the prior return was from Laurel or from an individual kingdom. Just because a submitter moves, they do not lose the right to resubmit without charge. Resubmissions made more than a year after the most recent notification are subject to the fees (if any) charged by the current kingdom of residence.

The new kingdom should handle the fees associated with this, even in the case where the former return was at kingdom. It is anticipated that this burden should be both minimal and will be offset by other submissions, over time.

From Wreath: The Red Hand of Ulster

One of this month's submissions (Éamonn mac Alaxandair, Æthelmearc LoI of September 2007) raised a question about the Red Hand of Ulster, which the College's Glossary of Terms reserves to "British Baronets". This isn't strictly accurate: the augmentation reserved for Baronets and the Red Hand of Ulster are two different armories... mirror images, in fact. The Baronet augmentation is a sinister hand *apaumy gules*; the Red Hand of Ulster is a dexter hand *apaumy gules*. (In our defense, we aren't the only ones who have confused these two: a number of authors, some of them very well known, have made the same mistake. For instance, Boutell's *Heraldry*, 1970 edition, pp. 62-3, gives a *dexter hand apaumy gules* as the badge of Ulster, and a *canton or inescutcheon argent charged with a sinister hand apaumy gules* as the distinguishing badge of Baronets... and then on p. 201 explicitly calls the latter the hand of Ulster. So we're in good company, you see.)

Both the Red Hand of Ulster and the augmentation for Baronets are armories of the United Kingdom, so both should be protected against conflict. The Baronet augmentation remains presumptuous; and given that the Red Hand of Ulster is used on an inescutcheon in Ulster's arms, its use on an inescutcheon should likewise be seen as presumptuous. But the two armories are not the same, and we will take greater care in the future to avoid conflating them.

The Glossary of Terms and the Online Armorial will be updated to separate these two armories and protect them under their proper names.

From Pelican: Ghostwriter Thanks

Many thanks for Aryanhwy merch Catmael, Albion Herald, who was the ghostwriter for some sections of this LoAR.

Send What to Whom

Letters of Intent, Comment, Response, Correction, et cetera are to be posted to the OSCAR online system. No paper copies need be sent.

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) to the SCA College of Arms, PO Box 31755, Billings, MT 59107-1755.

Cheques or money orders for submissions, payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms" are to: Laurel Chancellor of Exchequer, 4N400 Church Rd, Bensenville, IL 60106-2928.

Send roster changes and corrections to Laurel. College of Arms members may also request a copy of the current roster from Laurel.

For a paper copy of a LoAR, please contact Laurel, at the address above. The cost for one LoAR is \$3. 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, please contact Laurel.

Pray know that I remain,

In service,

Elisabeth de Rossignol
Laurel Principal Queen of Arms