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To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Olwyn Laurel, Istvan Wreath, and Aryanhwy 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 October Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held Saturday, October 11, 2008 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 and at the roadshow at Great Western War on Saturday, October 11, 2008. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Artemisia (31 May, 2008) (pushed from September due to lack of payment), Middle (05 Jun, 2008), Æthelmearc (15 Jun, 2008), Ealdormere (22 Jun, 2008), Lochac (24 Jun, 2008), Atenveldt (25 Jun, 2008), Caid (27 Jun, 2008), Atlantia (29 Jun, 2008), Drachenwald (29 Jun, 2008), East (29 Jun, 2008), An Tir (30 Jun, 2008), Ansteorra (30 Jun, 2008), Calontir (30 Jun, 2008), Laurel (30 Jun, 2008), Meridies (30 Jun, 2008), Outlands (30 Jun, 2008), and Trimaris (30 Jun, 2008). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Tuesday, September 30, 2008.**

The November Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held Saturday, November 1, 2008 and at the University roadshow on Saturday, November 8, 2008 and at the Wreath meeting held Sunday, November 9, 2008. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: West (23 Jun, 2008) (pushed from October due to lack of payment and packet), Laurel LoPaD (05 Jul, 2008), East (15 Jul, 2008), Middle (15 Jul, 2008), Northshield (15 Jul, 2008), Calontir (19 Jul, 2008), Gleann Abhann (22 Jul, 2008), Atlantia (23 Jul, 2008), Drachenwald (26 Jul, 2008), Artemisia (30 Jul, 2008), Atenveldt (30 Jul, 2008), Ansteorra (31 Jul, 2008), An Tir (31 Jul, 2008), Outlands (31 Jul, 2008), and Siren LoITP (31 Jul, 2008). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Friday, October 31, 2008.**

The December Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held Saturday, December 6, 2008 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, December 27, 2008. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Caid (31 Jul, 2008) (pushed from November due to lack of packet), Siren LoITP (13 Aug, 2008), Æthelmearc (26 Aug, 2008), Northshield (26 Aug, 2008), Atlantia (27 Aug, 2008), Meridies (27 Aug, 2008), Trimaris (29 Aug, 2008), Ansteorra (30 Aug, 2008), Drachenwald (30 Aug, 2008), Atenveldt (31 Aug, 2008), Calontir (31 Aug, 2008), East (31 Aug, 2008), Laurel LoPaD (31 Aug, 2008), Lochac (31 Aug, 2008), and Middle (31 Aug, 2008). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Sunday, November 30, 2008.**

The January Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, January 10, 2009 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, January 17, 2009. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Ansteorra (22 Sep, 2008), East (22 Sep, 2008), Atenveldt (25 Sep, 2008), Drachenwald (28 Sep, 2008), Middle (28 Sep, 2008), An Tir (29 Sep, 2008), Atlantia (29 Sep, 2008), Trimaris (29 Sep, 2008), Caid (30 Sep, 2008), Calontir (30 Sep, 2008), Gleann Abhann (30 Sep, 2008), Lochac (30 Sep, 2008), Meridies (30 Sep, 2008), Northshield (30 Sep, 2008), and Outlands (30 Sep, 2008). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Wednesday, December 31, 2008.**

The February Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held on Saturday, February 7, 2009 and at the Meridies Heraldic Symposium Pelican Roadshow on Saturday, February 14, 2009. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: An Tir (29 Aug, 2008) (pushed due to lost packet), Laurel LoPaD (07 Oct, 2008), An Tir (20 Oct, 2008), Ansteorra (20 Oct, 2008), [Atenveldt (20 Oct, 2008)], Northshield (20 Oct, 2008), Meridies (30 Oct, 2008), Outlands (30 Oct, 2008), Atlantia (31 Oct, 2008), Calontir (31 Oct, 2008), East (31 Oct, 2008), Lochac (31 Oct, 2008), Middle (31 Oct, 2008), Siren LoITP (31 Oct, 2008), and Trimaris (31 Oct, 2008). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Saturday, January 31, 2009.**

The March Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held on Saturday, March 7, 2009. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: [Artemisia (30 Sep, 2008)] (pushed due to lack of packet), West (06 Oct, 2008) (pushed due to late receipt of packet), Caid (31 Oct, 2008) (pushed due to late receipt of packet), [Northshield (09 Nov, 2008)], Ansteorra (18 Nov, 2008), Drachenwald (20 Nov, 2008), Laurel LoPaD (20 Nov, 2008), [Ealdormere (23 Nov, 2008)], Laurel LoPaD (24 Nov, 2008), [An Tir (26 Nov, 2008)], [Meridies (28 Nov, 2008)], [Outlands (28 Nov, 2008)], Atlantia (29 Nov, 2008), Siren LoITP (29 Nov, 2008), Æthelmearc (30 Nov, 2008), [Artemisia (30 Nov, 2008)], [Atenveldt (30 Nov, 2008)], [Lochac (30 Nov, 2008)], [Middle (30 Nov, 2008)], [Trimaris (30 Nov, 2008)], [West (30 Nov, 2008)]. **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Saturday, February 28, 2009.**

The April Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held in April 2009. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Laurel LoPaD (11 Dec, 2008), [Ansteorra (17 Dec, 2008)], [East (22 Dec, 2008)], [Calontir (24 Dec, 2008)], [Atlantia (29 Dec, 2008)], [Atenveldt (30 Dec, 2008)], [Lochac (30 Dec, 2008)], [Outlands (30 Dec, 2008)], [Caid (31 Dec, 2008)], Laurel LoPaD (31 Dec, 2008), [Meridies (31 Dec, 2008)]. **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Tuesday, March 31, 2009.**

*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 Pelican: Changes to Da'ud notation**

On the February 1996 Cover Letter, Laurel adopted a proposal of "a simple scheme for representing non-ASCII characters". This notation has since come to be known as "Da'ud notation", and additions are made to it as needed.

One non-ASCII character that was defined was a vowel with an umlaut or diaeresis. On the February 1996 Cover Letter, the symbol for the umlaut or diaeresis was given as "̈", that is, {o"} was used to represent ö. This has been a source of confusion, because at the time of

adoption and afterwards, many people used : for the umlaut or diaeresis, e.g. {o:} for ö. The choice of " instead of : was made because "[Laurel himself has been convinced that {o"} is the more widely used convention.]" However, it appears that this definition has been pretty much continuously ignored in favor of : to represent the umlaut or diaeresis.

We hereby redefine the use of " in Da'ud notation. We formally define the colon as the symbol to be used to indicate an umlaut or diaeresis. The double-quote will henceforth be used to indicate two acute accents when following a letter, and two grave accents when preceding a letter. The double acute accent is found in various Hungarian words, and indeed the use of " to represent the double acute accent has already been used in previous LoARs.

We also extend Da'ud notation to cover some Turkish letters whose transliteration into the Roman alphabet present problems. Turkish has both an <i> with a dot (both in the capital and the lower-case versions) and an <i> without a dot (again, both in the capital and the lower-case versions). It is difficult to come up with a uniform way of representing these letters in plain ASCII given that in the Roman alphabet, lower-case <i> has a dot but capital <I> does not. On the November 2007 LoAR, Laurel defined {I.} to stand for the upper-case I-with-dot. We now define the Da'ud notation for the lower-case i-without-dot to be {i}. Thus, the four Turkish *is* are indicated as follows:

- i: lower-case i-with-dot
- {I.}: upper-case I-with-dot
- {i}: lower-case i-without-dot
- I: upper-case I-without-dot

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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". The electronic copy of the LoAR is available free of charge. To subscribe to the mailings of the electronic copy, please see the bottom of <http://heraldry.sca.org/heraldry/lists.html#lists> for more instructions.

For all administrative matters, please contact Laurel.

Pray know that I remain,

In service,

Olwynn ni Chinnedigh  
Laurel Principal Queen of Arms