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To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Andrewe Laurel, Lillia Pelican, and Brunissende Wreath, 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 November Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, November 9, 2014 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, November 22, 2014. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Middle (11 Aug, 2014), Northshield (15 Aug, 2014), East (16 Aug, 2014), Calontir (17 Aug, 2014), Laurel LoPaD (18 Aug, 2014), Gleann Abhann (22 Aug, 2014), Atenveldt (25 Aug, 2014), An Tir (28 Aug, 2014), Artemisia (29 Aug, 2014), Caid (29 Aug, 2014), West (29 Aug, 2014), Ansteorra (30 Aug, 2014), Ealdormere (30 Aug, 2014), Æthelmearc (31 Aug, 2014), Atlantia (31 Aug, 2014), Drachenwald (31 Aug, 2014), Meridies (31 Aug, 2014), Outlands (31 Aug, 2014), Trimaris (31 Aug, 2014). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Friday, October 31, 2014.**

The December Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, December 7, 2014 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, December 6, 2014. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Lochac (31 Aug, 2014) (pushed due to lack of upload) , Middle (03 Sep, 2014), East (08 Sep, 2014), Northshield (11 Sep, 2014), Laurel LoPaD (12 Sep, 2014), Gleann Abhann (15 Sep, 2014), Atenveldt (20 Sep, 2014), Ealdormere (24 Sep, 2014), Atlantia (25 Sep, 2014), Outlands (25 Sep, 2014), Calontir (26 Sep, 2014), Caid (27 Sep, 2014), An Tir (30 Sep, 2014), Ansteorra (30 Sep, 2014), Artemisia (30 Sep, 2014), Atenveldt (30 Sep, 2014), Meridies (30 Sep, 2014), Middle (30 Sep, 2014), West (30 Sep, 2014). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Sunday, November 30, 2014.**

The January Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, January 18, 2015 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, January 24, 2015. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: East (06 Oct, 2014), Northshield Other Letter (12 Oct, 2014), Laurel LoPaD (13 Oct, 2014), Northshield (13 Oct, 2014), Atlantia (16 Oct, 2014), Gleann Abhann (22 Oct, 2014), Middle (24 Oct, 2014), Ealdormere (26 Oct, 2014), Outlands (28 Oct, 2014), Æthelmearc (30 Oct, 2014), Trimaris (30 Oct, 2014), An Tir (31 Oct, 2014), Ansteorra (31 Oct, 2014), Caid (31 Oct, 2014), Calontir (31 Oct, 2014), Drachenwald (31 Oct, 2014), Lochac (31 Oct, 2014), Meridies (31 Oct, 2014). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Wednesday, December 31, 2014.**

The February Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, February 15, 2015 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, February 21, 2015. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Atenveldt (20 Oct, 2014) (pushed due to lack of upload) , Gleann Abhann (03 Nov, 2014), Laurel LoPaD (05 Nov, 2014), [East (13 Nov, 2014)], Northshield (13 Nov, 2014), [Ansteorra Other Letter (23 Nov, 2014)], Drachenwald (26 Nov, 2014), [Ealdormere (26 Nov, 2014)], [Middle (26 Nov, 2014)], [West (26 Nov, 2014)], [Atlantia (28 Nov, 2014)], [Caid (28 Nov, 2014)], [Æthelmearc (30 Nov, 2014)], An Tir (30 Nov, 2014), [Ansteorra (30 Nov, 2014)], [Artemisia (30 Nov, 2014)], [Atenveldt (30 Nov, 2014)], [Lochac (30 Nov, 2014)], Meridies (30 Nov, 2014), [Outlands (30 Nov, 2014)], [Trimaris (30 Nov, 2014)]. **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Saturday, January 31, 2015.**

*Not all letters of intent may be considered when they are originally scheduled on this cover letter. The date of posting 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: On the Designators *Fellowship* and *Free Company***

We have had recent submissions with forms of *Fellowship* as a designator for both an order name and a household name.

Blue Tyger documented *fellowship* as the lingua Anglica form of the Middle English *felau-rede*, which is glossed as "A group of associates or companions bound by leadership or kind; a company, band, crew; specif., a body of soldiers or knights" (Middle English Dictionary). In addition, Green Staff found *fellowship* in the Oxford English Dictionary (s.v. fellowship) as a term referring to a ship's crew (e.g., *felschepe of the Kervel*) and in guild or company names (e.g., *fellowship of the stationers* and *fellowship of the Merchants Adventurers of England*). Lastly, Siren documented the use of *fellowship* in order names (e.g., *Felship of the Garter*). Therefore, *Fellowship* is a reasonable designator for both order and household names.

For another submission, Green Staff documented the designator *Free Company* in pre-1650 records from Ireland and England and its colonies in the Americas. For example, a petition to establish a *free company of adventurers* is dated to 1648 [*Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England: 1642-1649* (<http://books.google.com/books?id=Ei40AQAAMAAJ>, p. 138)]. The creation of a *free companie* in the colony of Virginia is mentioned in 1622 [*The Records of the Virginia Company of London* (<http://books.google.com/books?id=eqQ8AQAAIAAJ>, p. 605)].

Just as with the designator *Company* (see the May 2013 Cover Letter), *Fellowship* and its cognates can now be used as a designator for any suitable non-personal name. *Free Company* can be used as a designator for household names. The use of each designator must be appropriate for the type of non-personal name being submitted.

We are therefore directing Palimpsest to develop new wording for the relevant sections of SENA, particularly Appendix E.

### **From Wreath: the end of the Russian firebird**

This month a submission prompted us to revisit the question of Russian firebirds as a charge. Not only is there no clearly defined depiction for a Russian firebird in Society armory, but it appears that the charge itself is post-period with the earliest descriptions dating only to the 1800s. Therefore, pending period documentation, we will not register Russian firebirds after the July 2015 meeting.

### **Society Pages**

On November 29, 2014, at the Insulae Draconis Coronet Tourney and Yuletide University, Constanza of Thamesreach, Albion Herald, was made a member of the Orden des Lindqustringes by TRM Lief and Morrigan of Drachenwald. The Orden des Lindqustringes is Drachenwald's award given for long and extraordinary service to the kingdom.

On December 13, 2014, at Wiesenfeuer Yule, Reis ap Tudor ap Wyn, Codex Herald, was offered membership in the Order of the Pelican by TRM Lochlan and Michelle of Ansteorra. His vigil and elevation will take place at Kingdom Arts and Sciences and Provincial Games in the Province of Mooneschadowe, February 14, 2015.

Also on December 13, at Bergental/BBM Yule, Alys Mackyntoich, Blue Tyger Herald, was offered membership in the Order of the Laurel for her research on heraldic naming practices and adaptation of medieval texts for SCA awards documents by TRM Edward and Thyra of the East. Her elevation will take place at King's and Queen's Bardic Champions in the Incipient Shire of Nordenfjord, January 31, 2015.

And also on December 13, at Solstice Court in the Barony of Loch Salann, Artemisia, Baron Dunkr Ormstunga, Golden Wing Principal Herald was admitted to the Order of the Pelican.

And at the same event, Don Conchobhar mac Michil Golden Pillar Herald, was admitted to the Order of the Golden Sun in Splendour (Artemisia's Grant level award for service).

Finally, we are saddened to report the passing of Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh, Ardent Herald Extraordinary of the Outlands, on December 29th. The Outlands mourns her greatly.

Please send information about happenings to major heralds and major happenings to all heralds to Laurel, so that it can be published here.

### **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. All submission forms plus documentation, including petitions, must be posted to the OSCAR online system.

Cheques or money orders for submissions, payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms" are to be sent to David Duggar, 1705 Holiday Place, Bossier City, LA 71112.

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

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Pray know that I remain,

In service,

Andrewe Bawldwyn  
Laurel Principal King of Arms