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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 June Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, June 26, 2016 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, June 19, 2016. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Æthelmearc (03 Mar, 2016), Æthelmearc (03 Mar, 2016), East (03 Mar, 2016), West (10 Mar, 2016), Outlands (19 Mar, 2016), Middle (25 Mar, 2016), Laurel LoPaD (26 Mar, 2016), Atlantia (27 Mar, 2016), Ealdormere (27 Mar, 2016), Artemisia (29 Mar, 2016), Caid (29 Mar, 2016), Meridies (29 Mar, 2016), Northshield (29 Mar, 2016), Atenveldt (30 Mar, 2016), Calontir (30 Mar, 2016), An Tir (31 Mar, 2016), Avacal (31 Mar, 2016), Drachenwald (31 Mar, 2016), East (31 Mar, 2016), Lochac (31 Mar, 2016), Northshield (31 Mar, 2016), and Trimaris (31 Mar, 2016). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Tuesday, May 31, 2016.**

The July Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, July 10, 2016 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, July 24, 2016. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Æthelmearc (11 Apr, 2016), Gleann Abhann (11 Apr, 2016), Ansteorra (18 Apr, 2016), Atenveldt (20 Apr, 2016), Ealdormere (25 Apr, 2016), Artemisia (26 Apr, 2016), Laurel LoPaD (26 Apr, 2016), Caid (27 Apr, 2016), Laurel LoPaD (27 Apr, 2016), Northshield (27 Apr, 2016), An Tir (28 Apr, 2016), Atlantia (28 Apr, 2016), Lochac (29 Apr, 2016), Middle (29 Apr, 2016), Outlands (29 Apr, 2016), Ansteorra (30 Apr, 2016), Avacal (30 Apr, 2016), Calontir (30 Apr, 2016), Drachenwald (30 Apr, 2016), East (30 Apr, 2016), Gleann Abhann (30 Apr, 2016), and Meridies (30 Apr, 2016). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Thursday, June 30, 2016.**

The August Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, August 21, 2016 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, August 28, 2016. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Atenveldt (21 May, 2016), Middle (25 May, 2016), Artemisia (27 May, 2016), East (27 May, 2016), Laurel LoPaD (28 May, 2016), Ealdormere (29 May, 2016), Ansteorra (30 May, 2016), Atlantia (30 May, 2016), Calontir (30 May, 2016), West (30 May, 2016), An Tir (31 May, 2016), Avacal (31 May, 2016), Caid (31 May, 2016), Lochac (31 May, 2016), Meridies (31 May, 2016), Northshield (31 May, 2016), Outlands (31 May, 2016), and Trimaris (31 May, 2016). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Sunday, July 31, 2016.**

The September Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, September 18, 2016. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Gleann Abhann (03 Jun, 2016), West (03 Jun, 2016), Æthelmearc (10 Jun, 2016), Laurel LoPaD (18 Jun, 2016), Atenveldt (20 Jun, 2016), Caid (26 Jun, 2016), Artemisia (29 Jun, 2016), Ealdormere (29 Jun, 2016), Meridies (29 Jun, 2016), Northshield (29 Jun, 2016), Outlands (29 Jun, 2016), An Tir (30 Jun, 2016), Ansteorra (30 Jun, 2016), Atlantia (30 Jun, 2016), Avacal (30 Jun, 2016), Calontir (30 Jun, 2016), Drachenwald (30 Jun, 2016), East (30 Jun, 2016), Lochac (30 Jun, 2016), and Middle (30 Jun, 2016). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Wednesday, August 31, 2016.**

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 Wreath: More on Held Charges

This month we considered the question of how we count difference for changes to held charges, in the case of Déirdre inghean Eithne (Meridies). The question was raised of whether the position on the field of the held charge could be counted as a DC. In this case, the bird in the protected device was holding the charge in its beak, while in the submission, the bird was holding the charge in its claw. The way in which the bird holds a charge is considered an artistic detail that does not provide a DC. Similarly, the way in which the bird holds the secondary charge dictates its position and thus the location on the field does not provide a DC either.

From Wreath: Twinkle Twinkle Little Spark

This month, once again, a submission came up for discussion with an estencelly field where the sparks were grouped in two and one configuration rather than one and two.

Commenters cited the precedent from March 2013:

"Please advise the submitter to draw the sparks as groupings of roundels one and two, not two and one. This depiction of sparks two and one may not be registerable without period evidence in the future."
[Jan Langhe ten Wald, A-Æthelmearc]

They also noted that in November 2015 that warning wasn't repeated, as the decision simply stated:

"Please advise the submitter to draw the sparks as groupings of roundels one and two, not two and one."
[Evangeline Bajelet, November 2015 ,A-Calontir].

Gerard Brault's "Early Blazon" defines "Estencelé" as "*powdered with sparks, i.e. clusters of three or four small dots*". Although the modern depiction he gives has the estencelly as the generally accepted one and two depiction, he goes on further to cite "*Medieval practice tolerated considerable diversity in verbal as well as pictorial blazon*". Thus it seems difficult to consider it as a firm endorsement of a single possible depiction for estencelly fields. Although both he and the cited "*Scintillatum Auro: The Spark in Armory*" by H. Stanford London mention that it might have been in some cases a form of diapering it was also in cases specifically blazoned and can't be considered accidental. Of note, the figure 2 in "*Scintillatum Auro: The Spark in Armory*" has the sparks in various orientations.

Furthermore, we can see in a period armorial that period heraldic artists were not necessarily particular about maintaining a constant orientation for sparks as can be seen on the folio 144r of the Armorial de Gilles le Bouvier, dit Berry. (<http://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/btv1b85285803/f295.item.zoom>).

Based on the variability of period depiction, we are declaring the two and one depiction of sparks registerable, with a note that the one and two arrangement of sparks would appear more likely. No difference will be granted for the orientation of the sparks and that orientation will not be blazoned.

Society Pages

On December 5, 2015, at Queen's Rapier Championship, Elsbeth Ann Roth was granted an augmentation of arms by Their Majesties Magnus and Etain of Æthelmearc due to her long service to the kingdom College of Heralds and the Society College of Arms.

On April 9, 2016, at the Coronation of Byron and Ariella of Æthelmearc, Elsbeth Ann Roth and Alaric MacConnal were created a baroness and baron of Their Majesties' court in part due to their heraldic service.

On July 16, 2016 at Their Final Court, Their Caidan Majesties Conrad and A'isha admitted Estrith Rasmusdatter, Dolphin Herald, to the Order of the Crescent. This is Caid's grant-level service order.

On August 10, 2016 at Pennsic War, Sólveig Þrónardóttir was placed on vigil and elevated to the Order of the Laurel by Their Majesties Byron and Ariella of Æthelmearc.

On August 10, 2016 at Pennsic War, Brunissende Dragonette, Wreath Queen of Arms, was elevated to the Order of the Laurel by Their Eastern Majesties Kenric and Avelina.

On August 13, 2016 at Darach Anniversay/Pirate Tourney, Their Caidan Majesties Oz and Marisa admitted Paul fitz Denis, Crescent Principal Herald, to the Order of the Crescent.

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. While black-and-white emblazons must be included in the Letter of Intent, only colored armory forms need to be posted in the forms area.

Cheques or money orders for submissions, payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms" are to be sent to Stephanie Ray-Solum, Blue Bug Bookkeeping, 2144 Westlake Ave. North Suite F Seattle, WA 98109.

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,

Andrewe Bawldwyn
Laurel Principal King of Arms