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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 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, as well as the Pennsic Roadshow held on August 8, 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 were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, September 17, 2016. These meetings considered 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.**

The October Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, October 16, 2016 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, October 23, 2016. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: West (15 Jul, 2016), Laurel LoPaD (18 Jul, 2016), Æthelmearc (19 Jul, 2016), Atenveldt (20 Jul, 2016), Artemisia (27 Jul, 2016), Atlantia (27 Jul, 2016), Northshield (27 Jul, 2016), Outlands (27 Jul, 2016), Calontir (30 Jul, 2016), Ealdormere (30 Jul, 2016), East (30 Jul, 2016), An Tir (31 Jul, 2016), Avacal (31 Jul, 2016), Caid (31 Jul, 2016), Lochac (31 Jul, 2016), Meridies (31 Jul, 2016), Middle (31 Jul, 2016), and Trimaris (31 Jul, 2016). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Friday, September 30, 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 Laurel: New Palimpsest**

At KWHSS the Sovereigns met with Marie, outgoing Palimpsest, and selected Ursula Georges to fill the position of Palimpsest Herald. We are very thankful for the service of Marie in this office, and we know that Ursula will do an outstanding job in the office. Please direct all correspondence for Palimpsest to Ursula at [rules@heraldry.sca.org](mailto:rules@heraldry.sca.org).

### **From Pelican: Saint's Names (Constructed or Otherwise) in Non-Personal Names**

Recently, we've had a number of order name submissions where the substantive element has consisted of a saint's full name, often using the English surname as given name precedent. Saint's names and devotional names in period are modified in various ways, but these modifiers and bynames are generally locative or descriptive. Such "full" saint's names tend to appear in the names of churches and religious institutions, or other place names.

Examples include the church *Seint Marie at Hille* and the festival of *Seint Peter called th'Advincle* (referring to *S. Petrus ad vincula*, "Saint Peter in chains"), both found in the Middle English Dictionary. The church *Sainte Pancrace in the ffelde* is found in a 1495 will ['Appendices', in *Survey of London: Volume 17, the Parish of St Pancras Part 1: the Village of Highgate*, <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/survey-london/vol17/pt1/pp138-148>]. The sign name *a lymage Sainct Jehan l'evangeliste* ("at the image [of] Saint John the Evangelist") is part of the publishing location for Raoul Le Fèvre's *Les proesses et vaillances du preux Hercule* from 1500 (<http://gallica.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/btv1b86001264/f215.image>). Additional examples found by Siren include *Ordre Monsieur Saint Michel Archange* ("Order of my lord Saint Michael archangel") and *nostra Religione di Santo Stefano Papa* ("our religious-order of Saint Stephen, pope").

In July 2006 we ruled:

Several commenters noted that the College cannot canonize new saints. However, we feel that registering a name that uses the descriptive *Saint* does not do this, but rather follows a well documented medieval tradition of local shrines and saints who may or may not be recognized by the hierarchy in Rome. In addition, this would not be the first such registration; the *College of St. Bunstable*, a group name formed from a fictional saint's name, was registered in August 1981, and in August 1990, the *College of Saint Joan* was registered although *Joan of Arc* was not canonized until 1920. While philosophically, it is certainly better recreation to use a real-life saint's name when using this model to create an order name, there is no reason why these sorts of construction should not be allowed the same latitude allowed by our rules for other constructed names. The name *William the Cooper* is a well-formed English name whose elements can all be documented to period, therefore *Saint William the Cooper* is an expected construction. [Caer Galen, Barony of. Order name Order of Saint William the Cooper, July 2006, A-Outlands]

Further, NPN3D of SENA states, "*The Order of Saint William the Cooper* is registerable, even though this is a constructed saint's name, as long as there is no registered *William the Cooper*."

In December 2015, we ruled the following:

Submitted as *Order of the Noble Touch*, the Letter of Intent documented this order name using the pattern of naming an order after a founder or saint, and documented *Noble Touch* as a late period English name. However, no evidence was presented to show that orders were named after the full names of such individuals, rather than just a given name (or *Saint [given name]*), or that such an order would include a definite article before the name. Without such documentation, this name cannot be registered as an order name. [Wintermist, Barony of, Company of Noble Touch, December 2015, A-Caid]

A submission this month, *Order of Blood of the Wood*, follows the pattern of *[constructed saint's name] of [place name]*. Examples of this pattern are found in Juliana de Luna's article "Medieval Secular Order Names"

(<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/order/new/>). Examples include *Les Chevaliers de Nostre Dame de la Noble Maison* ("the knights of Our Lady of the Noble House"), *Saint George of Rougemont*, and *Our Lady of Gelders*. Therefore, the pattern of using a saint from a specific place is registerable in order names, although we note that this pattern is not common compared to just using the saint's given name.

Although we have examples of saints who bore inherited surnames, particularly in the 16th and 17th centuries, we do not have evidence that such surnames and full names were used in order names. We will continue to register orders named after saints with literal locative or descriptive bynames, as these patterns are attested or can be derived from other types of non-personal names found in period. Therefore, patterns such as *Order of [given name] of [place name]* and *Order of [given name] the [descriptive term]* are registerable. We will not register orders named after the full names of saints when the surnames are inherited forms, unless documentation is found to show that this pattern follows period practice, but we will allow this pattern in other types of non-personal names as appropriate (e.g., household names).

### **From Pelican: Turkish Alternate Titles**

In November 2014, Green Staff pointed out that some of our current alternate titles in Turkish were not used in period, and suggested period forms as alternatives where possible. (The current List of Alternate Titles is found at <http://heraldry.sca.org/titles.html>.) However, the resolution of this proposal was inadvertently not posted in a Cover Letter.

The following titles are removed from the List of Alternate Titles because they are modern Turkish titles borrowed from English terms, or are constructed titles: *Barones* ("Baroness"), *Dü es* ("Duchess"), *Hanımefendi* ("Lady"), *Kontess* ("Countess"), and *Vikontess* ("Viscountess").

The following title is added to the List of Alternate Titles: *Hatun*. This is appropriate for all titles from "Lady" through royal peers, and is a Turkish transliteration using the rules of the modern Turkish alphabet.

### **From Wreath: correction for the June Cover Letter**

Last month the Cover Letter had a section with the title *on Held Charges*. A word was missing in the first published version and the sentence "*The way in which the bird holds a charge is considered an artistic detail that does provide a DC*" should have read "*The way in which the bird holds a charge is considered an artistic detail that does not provide a DC*"

The online archive contains the corrected text.

### **Society Pages**

On September 10th, 2016, Yehudah ben Yitzhak, former Polaris Herald of the Kingdom of Northshield, was crowned Khagan, co-ruler of Northshield.

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.

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Pray know that I remain,

In service,

Andrewe Bawldwyn  
Laurel Principal King of Arms