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To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Juliana Laurel, Alys Pelican, and Cormac Wreath, greetings.

From Laurel: Some Useful Stuff

A few weeks ago, I was talking with some relatively new heralds on Facebook about SENA and how to use it as a new(ish) herald. SENA wasn't really intended to be read straight through; instead, it's a great reference for any detail you need.

I want to remind everyone that there's more out there than just SENA itself; there are some great materials that help to interpret it. If I'm trying to review all the ideas in SENA, I usually don't go to the main text of SENA. Instead, I start with one of the shorter simpler treatments that the Laurel office created during the rollout of SENA (all these are linked from the Heraldry Rules page at <http://heraldry.sca.org/regs.html>):

- The Submissions Checklist for Standards for Evaluation of Names and Armory (at http://heraldry.sca.org/sena_checklist.html)
- The various class handouts and PowerPoints about SENA that Marie Clarion developed as we were introducing SENA (at <http://heraldry.sca.org/training.html>)
- And then you can go to the text of SENA itself to check the details on how the specifics of that rule apply at <http://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html>.

From Pelican: Some Name Resources (An Ongoing Series)

In this month's installment, I would like to call attention to the online articles in the Proceedings from the Known World Heraldry and Scribes Symposium, which can be found here: <http://heraldry.sca.org/kwhss/>. The Proceedings from 2013-2017 are currently available online.

The articles available include a wide variety of onomastic topics, as well as articles covering the heraldic process. The following process articles may be of particular help to name heralds:

- Simple Guide to Summarizing Name Documentation by Alys Mackyntoich (KWHSS 2015)
- Commenting On Letters of Intent by Brunissende Dragonette (KWHSS 2014)
- Intermediate Heraldic Research by Lillia de Vaux (KWHSS 2014)
- Using The Name Pattern Search Form by Tanczos Istvan (KWHSS 2014)
- Documenting a Name (not quite within an inch of its life) by Juliana de Luna (KWHSS 2013)

Unsurprisingly, the advice in my article on summarizing name documentation is a good guide for how I would like to see documentation formatted for me as Pelican.

The Proceedings also include numerous articles on names from specific cultures and time periods. I highly recommend name heralds taking time to peruse the available articles. Many of them contain names that are not documentable from other sources.

Articles from KWHSS Proceedings are considered no-photocopy sources under Appendix H.

From Morsulus: On Branch Designators

The O&A calls us the Shire of Mumble, but we're a Barony now. What should we do?

First, SENA NPN1B1, Branch Designators, says in part:

In general, changes of status for a branch, such as changing from shire to barony, do not need to be submitted. The Laurel office does not track those changes in status (that being a duty of the Seneschal and Board of Directors). However, it will acknowledge them when a new submission is made.

Branch names in the Armorial reflect the status on the most recent submission from the branch. If the status has changed on a new submission, the designator gets updated as a consequence. It has no bearing on the official status of the branch. That is a question for the seneschalate, and they do not notify the heralds when things change.

That is mostly a good thing. We mind our business; they mind theirs.

So, what is a branch to do if their status has changed? Make an heraldic submission. It all works out in the end. No need to even mention it in the submission, or in commentary on the item. Morsulus' process will note that the name is not registered in the new form, which leads to seeing the new designator, and it gets updated. No extra work for anyone. And, the new status appears on the Letter of Acceptances and Returns, so there is something of a paper trail.

Or, just let it lie. Please.

Society Pages

On November 4, at Crown Tournament, their Majesties of the East inducted Þórý Veðardóttir, Golden Gryphon Pursuivant for the Barony of Carolingia, into the Order of the Silver Wheel (the East's AoA-level service award). Þórý is a constant presence at Pennsic Herald's Point and one of the people working on updating the Pennsic Traceable Art Project.

On November 18, at Artemisia's Kingdom Arts & Sciences Collegium and Competition, The Majesties Artemisia elevated Conchobhar mac Michil, Golden Wing Principal Herald, to the Order of the Pelican.

On December 2, at Flintheath Yule Ball in the Kingdom of Drachenwald, Lyonet de Coverham, Schwarzdrachen Principal Herald, was elevated to the Order of the Laurel.

On December 9, at Yule Revel in Renaissance Germany, Lillia de Vaux, Crampette Herault and Pelican Emerita, was inducted into the Order of the Silver Rapier (the East's AoA-level rapier award).

And in sad news, on December 8, Stefan d' Gascon (Stephen Gardner) passed away Friday morning. Stefan was a former Pennon (external submissions) and Lambent (commenting) Herald for the Kingdom of Meridies. He was a dear friend to many and will certainly be missed.

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.

Scheduling

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 on Sunday, October 8, 2017 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, October 15, 2017. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Ansteorra (06 Jul, 2017), Gleann Abhann (09 Jul, 2017), Atenveldt (11 Jul, 2017), Æthelmarc (17 Jul, 2017), An Tir (17 Jul, 2017), West (18 Jul, 2017), Laurel LoPaD (19 Jul, 2017), Ealdormere (24 Jul, 2017), Lochac (26 Jul, 2017), Middle (28 Jul, 2017), Atlantia (29 Jul, 2017), Caid (29 Jul, 2017), Calontir (29 Jul, 2017), East (29 Jul, 2017), Outlands (29 Jul, 2017), Artemisia (30 Jul, 2017), Atenveldt (30 Jul, 2017), Drachenwald (30 Jul, 2017), Avacal (31 Jul, 2017), Drachenwald (31 Jul, 2017), Meridies (31 Jul, 2017), Northshield (31 Jul, 2017), and Trimaris (31 Jul, 2017). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Saturday, September 30, 2017.**

The November Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, November 12, 2017 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, November 12, 2017. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Gleann Abhann (03 Aug, 2017), Gleann Abhann (07 Aug, 2017), Avacal (16 Aug, 2017), An Tir (17 Aug, 2017), Middle (22 Aug, 2017), Ealdormere (24 Aug, 2017), Æthelmarc (25 Aug, 2017), Laurel LoPaD (25 Aug, 2017), Lochac (25 Aug, 2017), Artemisia (27 Aug, 2017), Atenveldt (30 Aug, 2017), Atlantia (30 Aug, 2017), Calontir (30 Aug, 2017), Northshield (30 Aug, 2017), Artemisia (31 Aug, 2017), Caid (31 Aug, 2017), Drachenwald (31 Aug, 2017), Meridies (31 Aug, 2017), Middle (31 Aug, 2017), and Outlands (31 Aug, 2017). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Tuesday, October 31, 2017.**

The December Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, December 10, 2017. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Ansteorra (05 Sep, 2017), Gleann Abhann (09 Sep, 2017), An Tir (10 Sep, 2017), Caid (20 Sep, 2017), Æthelmarc (22 Sep, 2017), Middle (22 Sep, 2017), Lochac (24 Sep, 2017), Middle (24 Sep, 2017), Ansteorra (25 Sep, 2017), Atenveldt (25 Sep, 2017), Ealdormere (25 Sep, 2017), East (25 Sep, 2017), Avacal (26 Sep, 2017), West (26 Sep, 2017), Outlands (27 Sep, 2017), Ealdormere (28 Sep, 2017), Artemisia (29 Sep, 2017), Atlantia (29 Sep, 2017), Trimaris (29 Sep, 2017), Atenveldt (30 Sep, 2017), Caid (30 Sep, 2017), Calontir (30 Sep, 2017), Drachenwald (30 Sep, 2017), Meridies (30 Sep, 2017), and Northshield (30 Sep, 2017). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Thursday, November 30, 2017.**

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.

Pray know that I remain,

In service,

Juliana de Luna
Laurel Queen of Arms