

For the January 2011 meetings, printed Thursday, March 10, 2011

To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Olwyn Laurel, Istvan Wreath, and Juliana 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 January Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, January 16, 2010 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, January 17, 2010. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Artemisia (30 Sep 2010) (pushed due to lack of packet), Meridies (30 Sep, 2010) (pushed due to lack of packet), Æthelmearc (02 Oct, 2010), Caid (05 Oct, 2010), Laurel LoPaD (06 Oct, 2010), Atenveldt (15 Oct, 2010), Ansteorra (18 Oct, 2010), Calontir (23 Oct, 2010), Lochac (25 Oct, 2010), Gleann Abhann (26 Oct, 2010), Meridies (28 Oct, 2010), An Tir (29 Oct, 2010), Northshield (30 Oct, 2010), Atlantia (31 Oct, 2010), Drachenwald (31 Oct, 2010), East (31 Oct, 2010), Laurel LoPaD (31 Oct, 2010), Middle (31 Oct, 2010), and Outlands (31 Oct, 2010). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Friday, December 31, 2010.**

The February Laurel decisions were made at the Wreath meeting on Saturday, February 6, 2011 and the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, February 13, 2011. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Middle (12 Nov, 2010), Æthelmearc (16 Nov, 2010), Laurel LoPaD (16 Nov, 2010), West (17 Nov, 2010), Atenveldt (20 Nov, 2010), Ansteorra (21 Nov, 2010), Caid (21 Nov, 2010), Artemisia (25 Nov, 2010), Outlands (27 Nov, 2010), Lochac (28 Nov, 2010), Atlantia (29 Nov, 2010), Gleann Abhann (29 Nov, 2010), Meridies (29 Nov, 2010), Northshield (29 Nov, 2010), Trimaris (29 Nov, 2010), Drachenwald (30 Nov, 2010), East (30 Nov, 2010), and the Laurel LoPaD (30 Nov, 2010). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Monday, January 31, 2011.**

The March Laurel decisions will be made at the Wreath meeting on Sunday, March 5, 2011, the Pelican meeting on Sunday, March 13, 2011, and the Gulf Wars Road Show. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: An Tir (30 Nov, 2010) (pushed due to date finalized), Calontir (02 Dec, 2010), Æthelmearc (15 Dec, 2010), Atenveldt (15 Dec, 2010), An Tir (18 Dec, 2010), Ansteorra (19 Dec, 2010), Gleann Abhann (19 Dec, 2010), Lochac (19 Dec, 2010), Æthelmearc (21 Dec, 2010), West (21 Dec, 2010), Middle (22 Dec, 2010), Caid (26 Dec, 2010), Meridies (30 Dec, 2010), Atlantia (31 Dec, 2010), Drachenwald (31 Dec, 2010), East (30 Nov, 2010), and the Laurel LoPaD (31 Dec, 2010), Lochac (31 Dec, 2010), Outlands (31 Dec, 2010), and Trimaris (31 Dec, 2010). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Monday, February 28, 2011.**

The April Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held in April 2011. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Middle (16 Jan, 2011), Middle (17 Jan, 2011), Æthelmearc (19 Jan, 2011), Atenveldt (20 Jan, 2011), Calontir (21 Jan, 2011), Æthelmearc (27 Jan, 2011), Ansteorra (28 Jan, 2011), Drachenwald (28 Jan, 2011), Lochac (28 Jan, 2011), An Tir (31 Jan, 2011), Artemisia (31 Jan, 2011), Ealdormere (31 Jan, 2011), Gleann Abhann (31 Jan, 2011), Meridies (31 Jan, 2011), Northshield (31 Jan, 2011), and West (31 Jan, 2011). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Thursday, March 31, 2011.**

The May Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held in May 2011. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: [Caid (27 Jan, 2011)] (pushed due to lack of packet), Laurel LoPaD (08 Feb, 2011), East (09 Feb, 2011), [Atenveldt (15 Feb, 2011)], [Middle (22 Feb, 2011)], [Caid (27 Feb, 2011)], [Lochac (27 Feb, 2011)], [An Tir (28 Feb, 2011)], [Ansteorra (28 Feb, 2011)], [Drachenwald (28 Feb, 2011)], Gleann Abhann (28 Feb, 2011), [Meridies (28 Feb, 2011)], [Outlands (28 Feb, 2011)], [Trimaris (28 Feb, 2011)], West (28 Feb, 2011). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Saturday, April 30, 2011.**

*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: Applications for The Sovereign Positions**

We would like to remind all interested parties that the deadline for applications for the position of Laurel, Pelican, and Wreath Sovereigns of Arms was March 1, 2011. The August 2010 Cover Letter gave details on the requirements for the positions.

We would also like to remind everyone that Laurel is accepting applications for a replacement Ragged Staff Herald. Details are also on the August 2010 Cover Letter.

As of this writing, we have received the following applications electronically:

- Alexander Ravenscroft: Laurel
- Gabriel andvaka Kjotvason: Laurel
- Emma de Fetherstan: Wreath
- Juliana de Luna: Pelican

We urge all members of the College of Arms and the kingdom Colleges of Heralds to provide their feedback to the Board of Directors on these applications.

#### **From Laurel: KWHSS 2012 Bids Requested**

For those considering bidding on the 2012 Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium, the deadline to have your bid entered into OSCAR is May 15, 2011. This will give the College of Arms time for consideration so that we can announce the bid's award at this year's KWHSS in Atlantia, as is our preferred practice.

Please remember that bids posted to OSCAR are publicly readable. Because of this, all personal information, such as legal names, addresses, phone numbers, and email, should not be included in these bids without signed, written permission. Such information as is necessary should be posted as a comment after the bid is finalized, so that only the College of Arms can read it. Please send a courtesy copy of the full bid to Laurel at [laurel@heraldry.sca.org](mailto:laurel@heraldry.sca.org).

As a reminder, there is a KWHSS domain and web hosting space available on the SCA's servers; you need not register your own.

Please see <http://heraldry.sca.org/heraldry/laurel/kwhs/> or contact Laurel if you have any questions.

### **From Laurel: A Gentle Reminder Regarding Petitions**

There have been a few issues lately regarding petitions for branch names and armory, in some cases rendering the petitions invalid. We would like to remind everyone of what is required for a valid petition and when petitions are required.

As is described in the Administrative Handbook IV.C.5. Evidence of support, a valid petition must include on every page of the petition, both a clear description of the item(s) being submitted and the date. For armory, either the emblazon or blazon is acceptable, though including both is preferable.

Petitions are required by the Administrative Handbook for the branch name and the branch arms alone. They are not required by Laurel for award and order names, badges, or other items.

### **From Pelican: Some Name Resources (A Series)**

We've talked about online dictionaries for English, Old Norse, and French. Unfortunately, there is not an equivalent online dictionary for Spanish. What there is, however, is almost as useful (if you can read a little Spanish). The Real Academia Española has a collection of historical documents, which form a database of historical usage. It's called CORDE (Corpus Diacrónico del Español) and is found at <http://corpus.rae.es/cordenet.html>.

The word that you want to find goes in the search box labeled *Consulta*. Put 1600 (or 1650) in the second space in the second of the two boxes labeled *Cronológico* (which limits the citations to before that date). Click *Buscar*. That will bring up a group of cases (the number is listed as *casos* under *Resultado*). To get the actual examples (for context), click on the button labeled *Recuperar*. If the number is under 1,000 or so, the system defaults to giving the sentence from the original document, listed as *Concordancias*.

If there are too many examples, you can't get to the *Concordancias* directly. Instead, the system will bring up a list of documents. You have to select documents (you can select several at a time), then change the drop-down box from *Documentos* to *Concordancias* and click *Recuperar* to get the citations.

You'll need to include the information you get here with any submission, as the search doesn't generate a permanent URL. For example, a search on *Leonor* gives 253 cases in 27 documents before 1650. A 1553 document describes *los dichos licenciado Çerbantes e doña leonor de torreblanca* ('the said licenciado Cervantes and Doña Leonor de Torreblanca').

### **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.

Submission packets (one copy of each name form plus documentation, including petitions; two colored copies of each armory form plus two copies of any associated documentation, including petitions) to the SCA College of Arms, PO Box 31755, Billings, MT 59107-1755.

Cheques or money orders for submissions, payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms" are to be sent to David Duggar, Attn: Laurel Chancellor of Exchequer, 1705 Holiday Pl, Bossier City, LA 71112-3706.

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