

For the August 2011 meetings, printed Saturday, October 8, 2011

To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Gabriel Laurel, Emma 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 August Laurel decisions were made at the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, August 20, 2011 and the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, August 28, 2011. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Caid (30 Apr, 2011) (pushed due to lack of packet), Northshield (09 May, 2011), An Tir (11 May, 2011), Æthelmearc (12 May, 2011), West (15 May, 2011), Atenveldt (20 May, 2011), East (21 May, 2011), Middle (23 May, 2011), An Tir (27 May, 2011), Meridies (27 May, 2011), Ansteorra (28 May, 2011), Lochac (29 May, 2011), Outlands (29 May, 2011), Artemisia (30 May, 2011), Gleann Abhann (30 May, 2011), Atlantia (31 May, 2011), Drachenwald (31 May, 2011), and Ealdormere (31 May, 2011). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Sunday, July 31, 2011.**

The September Laurel decisions were made at the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, September 10, 2011 and the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, September 17, 2011. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Middle (05 Jun, 2011), Laurel LoPaD (07 Jun, 2011), Æthelmearc (08 Jun, 2011), East (16 Jun, 2011), Atenveldt (20 Jun, 2011), Caid (22 Jun, 2011), Drachenwald (28 Jun, 2011), Meridies (28 Jun, 2011), Caid (29 Jun, 2011), Lochac (29 Jun, 2011), Trimarís (29 Jun, 2011), An Tir (30 Jun, 2011), Ansteorra (30 Jun, 2011), Calontir (30 Jun, 2011), Gleann Abhann (30 Jun, 2011), Laurel (30 Jun, 2011), and Outlands (30 Jun, 2011). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Wednesday, August 31, 2011.**

The October Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, October 9, 2011 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, October 15, 2011. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Gleann Abhann (10 Jul, 2011), East (13 Jul, 2011), Laurel LoPaD (13 Jul, 2011), West (13 Jul, 2011), Atenveldt (15 Jul, 2011), Middle (17 Jul, 2011), Æthelmearc (18 Jul, 2011), Calontir (26 Jul, 2011), Drachenwald (27 Jul, 2011), Meridies (29 Jul, 2011), Ansteorra (30 Jul, 2011), Artemisia (31 Jul, 2011), Atlantia (31 Jul, 2011), Caid (31 Jul, 2011), and Lochac (31 Jul, 2011). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Friday, September 30, 2011.**

The November Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, November 13, 2011 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, November 19, 2011. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: An Tir (05 Aug, 2011), Æthelmearc (19 Aug, 2011), Calontir (19 Aug, 2011), Atenveldt (20 Aug, 2011), Calontir (25 Aug, 2011), Middle (27 Aug, 2011), [Trimaris (27 Aug, 2011)], Caid (28 Aug, 2011), Middle (28 Aug, 2011), An Tir (30 Aug, 2011), Gleann Abhann (30 Aug, 2011), Lochac (30 Aug, 2011), Meridies (30 Aug, 2011), Ansteorra (31 Aug, 2011), Artemisia (31 Aug, 2011), Atlantia (31 Aug, 2011), East (31 Aug, 2011), Laurel LoPaD (31 Aug, 2011), and Outlands (31 Aug, 2011). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Monday, October 31, 2011.**

The December Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held in December 2011. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: [Northshield (06 Aug, 2011)] (pushed due to lack of packet and scans), West (02 Sep, 2011), Laurel LoPaD (15 Sep, 2011), Caid (18 Sep, 2011), Atenveldt (25 Sep, 2011), [Ealdormere (25 Sep, 2011)], Calontir (26 Sep, 2011), [Ealdormere (26 Sep, 2011)], Middle (26 Sep, 2011), [An Tir (27 Sep, 2011)], [Drachenwald (27 Sep, 2011)], [Ealdormere (27 Sep, 2011)], Ansteorra (29 Sep, 2011), [Lochac (29 Sep, 2011)], [Meridies (29 Sep, 2011)], Outlands (29 Sep, 2011), [Artemisia (30 Sep, 2011)], [Atlantia (30 Sep, 2011)], [Caid (30 Sep, 2011)], and West (30 Sep, 2011). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Wednesday, November 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: Scanning Policy Penalties

The Cover Letter for the May 2011 Meetings, printed July 13, 2011, contained a section instructing submissions heralds that they needed to scan all paperwork as of August 1, and contained directions for naming and the like. One thing it did not detail was the penalty should a kingdom fail to provide these scans.

Since the scans are requested to reduce file processing times before the decision meeting, not providing the scans means that decisions will be delayed. Therefore, if scans for a packet are not received by the deadline for receiving that packet, unless arrangements have been made and agreed upon in advance, decisions on that Letter of Intent will be postponed one month, as is currently done for packets and/or payments not received by their stated deadlines.

From Laurel: KWHSS

I know it is early still, but I wanted to give everyone a heads up on thinking about bidding for KWHSS 2013. We will be calling for bids in December, they will be due on March 31, 2011, and must be entered into OSCAR by the March 31, 2011 due date.

From Pelican: Some Name Resources (a series)

This month, we're turning our attention to other languages and naming pools in the British Isles. In Scotland, there are a variety of languages spoken across time and space. For the later Middle Ages and Renaissance, the two major languages are Gaelic and Scots.

Scots is a close relative of English, spoken in Scotland. The first Scots texts appear in the mid-14th century. The lack of earlier vernacular writing means that the exact relationship between ancestral forms of English and 14th-century Scots is a little unclear. But some form of English or Scots was spoken throughout this period. Most names that are written in ways that look familiar, like *William Abernethy* or *Duncan Makneill* are Scots (as opposed to the Gaelic *Donnchadh mac Néill*). Of course, some of the names recorded in Scots are not the names of individuals who were Scots speakers; some were Gaelic speakers.

Names in Scots are generally even simpler than English names. We have no evidence that anyone had two given names in Scots, and second bynames are exceedingly rare as well. When a second byname is added, it's usually a literal description, like *of Glasgow* or *elder*. There are also examples of Gaelic names written in Scots with two bynames (two generations of patronymic or a descriptive byname followed by a *Mac* name).

The main source for Scots names is a print book: George Black's *Surnames of Scotland*. Not surprisingly, many masculine given names are used to create surnames, so that men's given names are reasonably well indexed. Feminine given names are found in Talan Gwynek's "A List of Feminine Personal Names Found in Scottish Records" (<http://heraldry.sca.org/laurel/names/scottishfem.html>), which indexes women's names from that book.

In addition, there are a group of articles that give lists of Scots names. The one I find myself using the most is Aryanhwych merch Catmael's "Index of Scots names found in *Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue*" (<http://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/scots/dost/>). Other articles are found at the Academy of Saint Gabriel's section on Scottish names (<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/scottish.shtml>), the section "Scoto-Norman, Scots-Language, and Lowland Names" is what you want).

From Wreath: On Demons

A submission this month included a demon. We have only registered *a demon* nine times, most recently in July 2000. Further research has not shown any instances of a demon as a period heraldic charge. Depictions of demons in period medieval art vary wildly: generally shaggy, but occasionally more dragon-like, feet usually cloven but occasionally clawed like a dragon, sometimes with wings, sometimes without, sometimes with horns, sometimes without, sometimes with a very bestial face, sometimes with a more human face. Demons do not appear to have a standard depiction.

Barring evidence for the use of demons as a period charge, we will cease to register demons after the February 2012 Laurel meeting. This explicitly overturns the precedent set in September 1992: "The demon is a period heraldic charge, as found in the arms of the city of Brussels (*Gules, the archangel Michael Or vanquishing a demon underfoot sable*). [Asher Truefriend, Sep 1992, A-West]". It has since been determined that the arms of the city of Brussels are post-period.

This does not affect the registerability of demon heads, which have a far more standard depiction.

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,

Gabriel Kjotvason
Laurel Principal King of Arms