

For the October 2013 meetings, printed December 5, 2013

To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Gabriel Laurel, Juliana Pelican, and Emma 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 October Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, October 20, 2013 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, October 19, 2013. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Laurel LoPaD (09 Jul, 2013), Northshield (09 Jul, 2013), Atlantia (12 Jul, 2013), Middle (13 Jul, 2013), Ealdormere (21 Jul, 2013), Drachenwald (22 Jul, 2013), East (27 Jul, 2013), Artemisia (28 Jul, 2013), Caid (29 Jul, 2013), An Tir (31 Jul, 2013), Ansteorra (31 Jul, 2013), Atenveldt (31 Jul, 2013), Gleann Abhann (31 Jul, 2013), Outlands (31 Jul, 2013), and West (31 Jul, 2013). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Monday, September 30, 2013.**

The November Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, November 10, 2013 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, November 16, 2013. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Meridies (31 Jul, 2013) (pushed due to lack of posting date), Calontir (06 Aug, 2013), Atlantia (13 Aug, 2013), Drachenwald Other Letter (13 Aug, 2013), Palimpsest Rules Letter (18 Aug, 2013), Laurel LoPaD (19 Aug, 2013), Outlands (19 Aug, 2013), Middle (23 Aug, 2013), Atenveldt (25 Aug, 2013), Caid (25 Aug, 2013), Ealdormere (25 Aug, 2013), Æthelmearc (27 Aug, 2013), East (28 Aug, 2013), An Tir (30 Aug, 2013), Atenveldt (30 Aug, 2013), Ansteorra (31 Aug, 2013), Meridies (31 Aug, 2013), and Palimpsest Rules Letter (31 Aug, 2013). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Thursday, October 31, 2013.**

The December Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, December 8, 2013 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, December 14, 2013. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: [Lochac (14 Aug, 2013)] (pushed due to lack of no packet or scan), [Gleann Abhann (03 Sep, 2013)], [Trimaris (03 Sep, 2013)], Artemisia (07 Sep, 2013), Atlantia (17 Sep, 2013), Laurel LoPaD (17 Sep, 2013), Middle (20 Sep, 2013), Northshield (20 Sep, 2013), Outlands (21 Sep, 2013), Æthelmearc (22 Sep, 2013), Middle (23 Sep, 2013), [Drachenwald (24 Sep, 2013)], [Drachenwald (25 Sep, 2013)], Atenveldt (26 Sep, 2013), Ealdormere (27 Sep, 2013), [Calontir (28 Sep, 2013)], East (28 Sep, 2013), [Caid (29 Sep, 2013)], [An Tir (30 Sep, 2013)], Ansteorra (30 Sep, 2013), [Caid (30 Sep, 2013)], [Lochac (30 Sep, 2013)], Meridies (30 Sep, 2013), and [West (30 Sep, 2013)]. **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Saturday, November 30, 2013.**

The January Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held in January 2014. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: [Laurel LoIP (10 Oct, 2013)], Laurel LoPaD (13 Oct, 2013), [Northshield (14 Oct, 2013)], [Atenveldt (15 Oct, 2013)], [Outlands (20 Oct, 2013)], [Middle (21 Oct, 2013)], [East (22 Oct, 2013)], [Drachenwald (23 Oct, 2013)], [Atlantia (26 Oct, 2013)], [Caid (29 Oct, 2013)], [Calontir (30 Oct, 2013)], [Æthelmearc (31 Oct, 2013)], [An Tir (31 Oct, 2013)], [Ansteorra (31 Oct, 2013)], [Ealdormere (31 Oct, 2013)], [Meridies (31 Oct, 2013)], and [Trimaris (31 Oct, 2013)]. **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Tuesday, December 31, 2013.**

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: Habemus Pelicanum (Juliana has a successor)

At their October meeting, the Board of Directors approved Laurel's appointment of Lillia de Vaux as Pelican Queen of Arms, effective January 2014. Juliana and Lillia will split the decision-making for December 2013 and January 2014, with Lillia taking over all duties for February. Lillia lives in the East Kingdom, where she has served as Eastern Crown and as Diademe Herald. She's been an active commenter and leader in the College of Arms since 2009. We look forward to working with her and to letting Juliana take at least a brief break before she finds another project to keep her busy.

From Pelican: Some Name Resources (an ongoing series)

This week I was asked why we can't mix and match household name patterns: that is, combine designators from one pattern and substantive elements from another.

Let's start with the rules. SENA says:

The designators for household names must be documented as a form describing a group of people in a particular culture. It must be compatible with the substantive element in terms of content and style. There is no standard designator which is considered compatible with all types of names for groups of people.

Several kinds of groups of people have served as models for household names. They include a noble household, a military unit, a guild, a group of people associated with an inn or tenement house, a university or school (noting that the word college is reserved for branches), clans, and an organized group of musicians or actors. Designators may be registered in the original language or may take the lingua Anglica form. Suitable substantive elements (like simple descriptions) may take the lingua Anglica form as well.

So, essentially what this says is that a household name can follow pretty much any pattern for a group of people or for patterns for places that hold a group of people, like an inn, dormitory, or abbey. But each of these kinds of household names follows different models, and the entire household name has to follow a single model.

The reason we allow multiple designators for household names, instead of requiring all to use a single designator like *house*, is to allow for better recreation. Thus, submitters can create household groups that follow models of religious groups, groups of scholars, or military groups, as well as a group of people associated with a noble house. However, that same logic demands that we require the names of households to be internally consistent. You cannot name a household X *Abbey* but use a model from a brothel to create the rest of the name (no, I don't know models for the names of period brothels). You cannot name a household using a designator for a military company but use a model from a college to create the rest of the name.

Now, we do allow household names, both the designator and the substantive element, to be translated into English using the lingua Anglica allowance: the French *l'ostel du B{oe}uf couronné* may be registered as *House of the Crowned Bull* or the German *Gesellschaft im Fisch und Falckhen* may be registered as the *Society of the Fish and Falcon*. As with other uses of the lingua Anglica allowance, names may be translated to make them as comprehensible to English speakers as they would be to the speakers of the original language (French, Italian, Old Norse, and the like). Remember that this does not allow the translation of the meanings of personal names or place names; personal names must stay in their original forms, while place names may use their standard modern English form.

Branch names follow a slightly different rule, in part because we require branches to use specific designators which can change as a branch's status changes. We allow any type of branch to use the name of a place of essentially any size, from a small village to a large city or region. Alternately, we allow branches to use a model suitable to their particular designator. This mostly affects colleges and other specialized branches that are unlikely to change type; however, we allow them to change type of branch as well.

From Wreath: No More Elongated Mullets and Modern Drop Spindles

We had two submissions this month that featured a mullet *elongated palewise*. We have no evidence that such artistic treatment of a mullet was ever done in period armory at all, and we grant no difference between a mullet and a mullet elongated palewise.

However, we do have period evidence of mullets *elongated to base* (i.e., only the basemost ray is stretched out), but those appear to be a variant of a comet, not normal mullet. An example of such a comet can be seen in the 16th century Italian armorial Insignia Nobilium Patavinorum, BSB Cod.icon. 275, on f.65r (found at http://daten.digitale-sammlungen.de/~db/bsb00001422/image_137).

Therefore, as we would like to avoid confusion between comets and mullets, mullets *elongated palewise* will no longer be registerable after the April 2014 decision meetings.

As for modern drop spindles, that charge with its wide whorl, triangular cop, and often a hook at the upper end was declared to be a step from period practice in November 2007. It will likewise no longer be allowed after the April 2014 decision meetings. Submitters should instead use a period drop spindle instead, which has a much smaller whorl, an ovoid cop, and no pronounced hook. An example can be seen in Virgil Raber's Wappenbuch, 1548 (found at http://bilderserver.at/wappenbuecher/VirgilRaberEXAv2_52z2/, page 118/119).

Society Pages

On November 9, at Gleann Abhann's Crown Tourney, Brigit Olesdottir of Loch Ree retired abruptly from the office of Ruby Herald, as she has been invested as the newest Crown Princess of the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann. Congratulations to her Highness!

On November 16, Damien and Issabell, Their Majesties Calontir, announced that Gabriel Kjotvason, current Laurel King of Arms, will be invested as the next Baron of the Barony of the Lonely Tower at 12th Night on January 4.

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.

Cheques or money orders for submissions, payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms" are to be sent to John C. Sandstrom, New Mexico State University, PO Box 30006/MSC 3475, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

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