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To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Gabriel Laurel, Lillia 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 April Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, April 27, 2014 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, April 12, 2014. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Laurel LoPaD (02 Jan, 2014), Lochac (06 Jan, 2014), Caid (19 Jan, 2014), Atlantia (20 Jan, 2014), Outlands (22 Jan, 2014), East (25 Jan, 2014), Trimaris (26 Jan, 2014), Drachenwald (27 Jan, 2014), Ealdormere (28 Jan, 2014), Calontir (29 Jan, 2014), Gleann Abhann (29 Jan, 2014), Atenveldt (30 Jan, 2014), Northshield (30 Jan, 2014), An Tir (31 Jan, 2014), Meridies (31 Jan, 2014). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Monday, March 31, 2014.**

The May Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, May 18, 2014 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, May 10, 2014. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: West (30 Jan, 2014) (pushed due to lack of packet overdue) , Laurel LoPaD (05 Feb, 2014), Caid (07 Feb, 2014), Northshield (08 Feb, 2014), Lochac (12 Feb, 2014), Ansteorra (20 Feb, 2014), Atenveldt (20 Feb, 2014), Atlantia (20 Feb, 2014), Artemisia (23 Feb, 2014), East (23 Feb, 2014), Middle (23 Feb, 2014), Ealdormere (26 Feb, 2014), Drachenwald (27 Feb, 2014), Æthelmearc (28 Feb, 2014), Gleann Abhann (28 Feb, 2014), Meridies (28 Feb, 2014), Outlands (28 Feb, 2014). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Wednesday, April 30, 2014.**

The June Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, June 8, 2014 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 and Laurel Roadshow June 15. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Trimaris (28 Feb, 2014) (pushed due to lack of packet overdue) , Calontir (02 Mar, 2014), An Tir (04 Mar, 2014), Northshield (04 Mar, 2014), Lochac (16 Mar, 2014), Outlands (21 Mar, 2014), Ealdormere (23 Mar, 2014), Atenveldt (25 Mar, 2014), Drachenwald (26 Mar, 2014), East (27 Mar, 2014), Laurel Other Letter (27 Mar, 2014), Middle (29 Mar, 2014), Ansteorra (30 Mar, 2014), West (30 Mar, 2014), [Atenveldt (31 Mar, 2014)], Atlantia (31 Mar, 2014), Caid (31 Mar, 2014), Laurel LoPaD (31 Mar, 2014), Meridies (31 Mar, 2014). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Saturday, May 31, 2014.**

The July Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, July 13, 2014 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, July 19, 2014. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: [Calontir (04 Apr, 2014)], [Northshield (05 Apr, 2014)], [Northshield (06 Apr, 2014)], [Laurel LoPaD (07 Apr, 2014)], [Middle (12 Apr, 2014)], [An Tir Other Letter (15 Apr, 2014)], [Atlantia (24 Apr, 2014)], Drachenwald (24 Apr, 2014), [Ealdormere Other Letter (27 Apr, 2014)], [Ealdormere (27 Apr, 2014)], [East (28 Apr, 2014)], [Æthelmearc (30 Apr, 2014)], Ansteorra (30 Apr, 2014), [Atenveldt (30 Apr, 2014)], [Caid (30 Apr, 2014)], [Lochac (30 Apr, 2014)], [Meridies (30 Apr, 2014)], [Meridies Other Letter (30 Apr, 2014)], [Outlands (30 Apr, 2014)]. **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Monday, June 30, 2014.**

*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: Laurel Candidates**

Applications for the office of Laurel have been received from:

- Alexander Ravenscroft
- Andrewe Bawldwyn
- Brianna Je Nell Aislynn of Blue Shadows
- Gisela vom Kreuzbach

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

### **From Laurel: A New Wreath Appears on the Horizon**

At their April meeting, the Board of Directors approved Laurel's appointment of Brunissende Dragonette as Wreath Queen of Arms, effective June, 2014. Emma and Brunissende will split the decision-making for June 2014, with Brunissende taking over all duties for July. Brunissende lives in the East Kingdom, where she has served as Blue Tyger herald. She's been an active commenter and leader in the College of Arms for many years. We look forward to working with her. As for Emma, I'm pretty sure we'll find another project to keep her active and busy as well.

### **From Laurel Staff: Silent Herald Deputy Chosen**

The Laurel, Wreath, and Pelican Sovereigns of Arms, in combination with Clarion Herald, have reviewed the applications for the recently created position, Silent Herald Deputy. We received applications from several highly qualified candidates, making this a difficult decision. We would like to thank all those who applied - though we could only choose one candidate, we are pleased to see such a strong pool of heralds dedicated to furthering silent heraldry in the SCA. After careful consideration, we have chosen Nesscia inghean Chearnaigh to take on this job.

We will be working with Nesscia to get her established in this role, and we know she will be asking for help from silent heralds around the known world to work on integrating silent heraldry to become more of a part of the SCA. Please welcome her in this (very) new office.

### **From the Silent Heraldry Deputy**

Greetings! I'm Lady Nesscia inghean Chearnaigh, the new Silent Heraldry Deputy, and I'm excited to join the Laurel staff in this newly created role. I currently live in Calontir, and have traveled other kingdoms promoting Silent Heraldry through one on one discussion, teaching classes, and heralding ceremonies and courts. I enjoy working with the range of customs and norms within and between the kingdoms found in the SCA.

I've been a silent herald in the SCA for several years; outside of the SCA, I am a nationally certified sign language interpreter. I understand the range of hearing loss within the populace of our Society, as well as the difference between the roles of modern interpreter and silent herald. I look forward to using my professional experience to work with heralds, both vocal and signing, throughout the SCA to educate, mentor, and build community. I also look forward to doing the same with royalty to help us all bridge communication gaps.

Let's continue the groundwork others have laid before us: that of making Silent Heraldry an integral part of the SCA Heraldic Community. If you have any questions, comments, or want to share information, I can be reached at [silentheraldry@heraldry.sca.org](mailto:silentheraldry@heraldry.sca.org).

### **From Pelican: Some Name Resources**

This month, I am discussing *Diplomatarium Danicum*, which compiles medieval records from and about Denmark. This source is compiled by the Society for Danish Language and Literature, mostly from primary sources housed in the Danish State Archives in Copenhagen. At this time, *Diplomatarium Danicum* contains almost 20,000 records written, for the most part, in Latin, Danish, and Low German between 789 and 1412. Unfortunately, only the 15th century data and some supplements are available online (English version: [http://diplomatarium.dk/index\\_en.html](http://diplomatarium.dk/index_en.html)), although future volumes will be published online. The rest of the volumes are in print only, with some available at Google Books.

To search using the English version of the site, click on "Records" on the far left. If you click on the link to a particular volume/range of dates, a listing of the records comes up, including a modern Danish abstract. You can then open a particular record by clicking the link with the date in the left column of the results. Alternatively, you can search all volumes by using the text field on the search page. It is important to note that the top portion of the individual record repeats the modern Danish abstract. Do not use these spellings as documentation, as they are normalized. For example, an abstract from 1401 includes the names *Henneke Hemmingsen*, *Katrine Barnimsdatters*, and *Abraham Brodersen*, but the attested names are actually *He[nne]ke Hæmingxson*, *Katrin Barnams dottir*, and *Abraham Brodherson*, respectively.

I'd also like to note that the Danish State Archives website includes links to genealogical aids, such as samples of handwriting from c.1600, and a glossary/translation aid for common terms found in the records (e.g., wife, smallholder, burial). It can be found at <http://www.sa.dk/content/us>.

### **From Wreath: Tierces and Steps from Period Practice**

A submission this month had us reexamining the existing precedent of a step from period practice for the use of a tierce with any other charge. Orle has found two examples of apparent tierces, both used with other charges: one the arms of Canella in an Italian armorial, and one the attributed arms of Barbary in a German armorial. While compelling, this is not sufficient to overturn the step from period practice; of the two examples we have so far, both are of nebuly tierces, not with plain lines or any other complex lines, and we have no reason to think these are not clouds instead of tierces with complex lines. Without further evidence that the charges in the two examples are indeed tierces we will continue to consider tierces used with other charges a step from period practice.

### **Society Pages**

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.

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/MSU 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