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To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Andrewe Laurel, Alys Pelican, and Brunissende 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 November Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, November 13, 2016 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, November 20, 2016. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Atenveldt (16 Aug, 2016), Artemisia (28 Aug, 2016), Ealdormere (28 Aug, 2016), Lochac (28 Aug, 2016), Caid (30 Aug, 2016), Northshield (30 Aug, 2016), An Tir (31 Aug, 2016), Ansteorra (31 Aug, 2016), Atlantia (31 Aug, 2016), Avacal (31 Aug, 2016), Calontir (31 Aug, 2016), East (31 Aug, 2016), Meridies (31 Aug, 2016), Middle (31 Aug, 2016), and Outlands (31 Aug, 2016). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Monday, October 31, 2016.**

The December Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, December 11, 2016 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, December 18, 2016. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Lochac (05 Sep, 2016), Laurel LoPaD (07 Sep, 2016), Drachenwald (10 Sep, 2016), Gleann Abhann (12 Sep, 2016), Drachenwald (15 Sep, 2016), West (19 Sep, 2016), Atenveldt (20 Sep, 2016), Æthelmearc (21 Sep, 2016), Caid (25 Sep, 2016), Laurel LoPaD (25 Sep, 2016), Ealdormere (26 Sep, 2016), Artemisia (27 Sep, 2016), An Tir (30 Sep, 2016), Atlantia (30 Sep, 2016), Avacal (30 Sep, 2016), Calontir (30 Sep, 2016), Drachenwald (30 Sep, 2016), East (30 Sep, 2016), Lochac (30 Sep, 2016), Meridies (30 Sep, 2016), Middle (30 Sep, 2016), Middle (30 Sep, 2016), Northshield (30 Sep, 2016), Outlands (30 Sep, 2016), and Trimaris (30 Sep, 2016). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Wednesday, November 30, 2016.**

The January Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, January 15, 2017 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, January 22, 2017. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Gleann Abhann (04 Oct, 2016), Ansteorra (13 Oct, 2016), Ansteorra (14 Oct, 2016), Palimpsest Rules Letter (16 Oct, 2016), Ansteorra (19 Oct, 2016), Atenveldt (25 Oct, 2016), Artemisia (26 Oct, 2016), Ealdormere (26 Oct, 2016), Laurel LoPaD (28 Oct, 2016), Lochac (28 Oct, 2016), Outlands (28 Oct, 2016), Middle (29 Oct, 2016), An Tir (31 Oct, 2016), Atlantia (31 Oct, 2016), Avacal (31 Oct, 2016), Caid (31 Oct, 2016), Calontir (31 Oct, 2016), Drachenwald (31 Oct, 2016), East (31 Oct, 2016), Meridies (31 Oct, 2016), and Northshield (31 Oct, 2016). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Saturday, December 31, 2016.**

The February Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, February 19, 2017. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: West (16 Nov, 2016), Ansteorra (25 Nov, 2016), Ealdormere (27 Nov, 2016), Laurel LoPaD (27 Nov, 2016), Atlantia (29 Nov, 2016), Middle (29 Nov, 2016), Outlands (29 Nov, 2016), Æthelmearc (30 Nov, 2016), An Tir (30 Nov, 2016), Avacal (30 Nov, 2016), Caid (30 Nov, 2016), Calontir (30 Nov, 2016), Drachenwald (30 Nov, 2016), East (30 Nov, 2016), Lochac (30 Nov, 2016), Meridies (30 Nov, 2016), Middle (30 Nov, 2016), Northshield (30 Nov, 2016), and Trimaris (30 Nov, 2016). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Tuesday, January 31, 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.

From Laurel: A New Wreath!

The time nears when Dame Brunissende's tenure as Wreath will end. Accordingly, after a careful review of the applicants, we have selected Master Cormac Mor of Caid as the next Wreath King of Arms. Cormac is no stranger to heraldry, and will be an excellent asset to the College of Arms as Wreath. Dame Brunissende has my gratitude for her long service. The office will transition formally at KWHSS in June. A more complete transition schedule will be published when finalized.

From Pelican: *inghean mhic* and *ingen meic* in Gaelic

Over the last several months, there has been some confusion about the pattern *inghean mhic B* in Gaelic. Although it does not appear in Appendix A, it is a registerable pattern for female Gaelic bynames because it is found throughout the various pre-1650 Gaelic Annals. This pattern is used either in simple patronymic bynames when the father's name starts with *Mac-* or to state a grandparent relationship. Thus, *Sorcha inghean Mhic Beatha* denotes *Sorcha*, daughter of a man with the given name *Mac Beatha*. *Sorcha inghean Mhic Cuinn* could be either the grand-daughter of a man named *Conn* or the daughter of a man named *Mac Cuinn*.

The standard post-1200 form is *inghean mhic B*, where *B* represents the male ancestor's name. The pre-1200 form is found in the Annals as either *ingen meic B* or *ingean mic B*.

From Ragged Staff: Call for Applicants

The time has come to seek a replacement deputy for Ragged Staff Herald. I must say that this has been the most challenging but rewarding experience of my SCA career. Please review the Ragged Staff job description and requirements. Do you have an administrative bent? Know how to make the trains run on time and enjoy doing it? Then this is the perfect job to learn more about the inner workings of the College of Arms. This is an unpaid position requiring around 15 hours of work a month. Letters of intent should be sent to ragged-staff@heraldry.sca.org and copy laurel@heraldry.sca.org before Friday, March 17th. If you have any questions at all about the position, please do not hesitate to ask. I will be happy to answer. Think you're not qualified? I bet you are!

Thank you for your time and consideration. It has been the greatest pleasure working with the College of Arms. In Service, THL Wu Yun, Ragged Staff

Job Description: Ragged Staff Herald (Ragged Staff) is the file clerk for the Laurel office. Ragged Staff ensures that all submission paperwork from each kingdom's submissions herald is present in OSCAR, follows up with kingdom submissions heralds for omissions or discrepancies, checks forms for consistency with LoIs, assists with uploading additional material, summarizes forms for Pelican and Wreath meetings (at the behest of Pelican or Wreath as needed).

Job Requirements: Computer with reliable internet access, reliable phone.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualities:

- Organized, with the ability to recall detail.
- Understanding of the publishing timetable for LoARs.
- Understanding of the administrative rules for the CoA.
- Be able to devote about 15 hours a month to the position.

Society Pages

Mistress Moraig Anne Drummond, Holly Herald, passed away on January 8, 2017. She was a founding member and mentor of the Kingdom of Northshield's College of Heraldry.

Rheinwyllydd verch Einion Llanaelhaearn, Lions Blood Herald, was inducted into the Order of the Pelican at An Tir Twelfth Night on 14 January, 2017

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.

Pray know that I remain,

In service,

Andrewe Bawldwyn
Laurel Principal King of Arms