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To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Emma Laurel, Alys Pelican, Bruni outgoing-Wreath, and Cormac incoming-Wreath, greetings.

From Laurel and Postmeeting Clerk: Cover Letter Format

After some feedback at KWHSS, we are experimenting with reordering the items on the Cover Letter. Specifically, we are moving the scheduling information to the end of the letter, so it doesn't block the actually interesting bits. Also, the scheduling info will be limited to the current month and the two following months.

From Laurel: KWHSS News

Over the weekend of June 23-25, 2017, the Barony of Thor's Mountain and the Shire of Nant y Derwyddon hosted this year's Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium. It was well attended and well run, with plenty of excellent classes. We wish to thank the staff of the event for a grand time!

The 2018 KWHSS will be held on June 8-10, 2018, in the Shire of Sunderoak with the Barony-Marche of the Debateable Lands in the Kingdom of Æthelmearc (Greater Pittsburgh area).

From Wreath(s): Last month of split decisions

This month, for the last time for this transition, the decisions were split between Cormac Mór and Brunissende Dragonette. Starting in June, Cormac will make all decisions. The decisions were split as follows:

Brunissende made the armory decisions for the kingdoms of An Tir and Lochac. Cormac made the armory decisions for everything else.

From Outgoing Wreath: Merci! Thank you!

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude"
(A.A. Milne)

As this letter sees my last decisions I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Andrew Bawldwyn for initially trusting me and Emma de Fetherstan for renewing this trust as Laurel regent. I also want to thank all the people who have helped me during my tenure.

Many who read these letters do not realize that behind the Sovereigns there are many other people who make our job possible. They are awesome!

We could hardly make decisions without commenters. So I want to thank all those who spend the time to check for conflicts or other issues, month after month after month. I know that it is endless ungrateful work, but it is oh so necessary.

I want to thank Tanczos Istvan and Emma de Fetherstan as my go to people to bounce ideas and get a heraldic sanity check. Also many thanks to the people who in those years have attended my meetings.

I want to thank Saint Emma de Fetherstan and Reis ap Tudor, for their work as postmeeting clerks, and the proofreaders. These are the people who make the LoARs possible.

There is a quote attributed to the Buddha that somewhat applies here: *"Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn't learn a lot today, at least we learned a little, and if we didn't learn a little, at least we didn't get sick, and*

if we got sick, at least we didn't die; so, let us all be thankful." I am glad that not only I did survive these years as Wreath but I did learn a lot. So I have a lot to be thankful.

Tag Cormac. You're it!

From Laurel: Thank you, Bruni!

The College of Arms has a rank of Herald Extraordinary that has a long and honored history. The rank was formally created and defined in the July 1981 cover letter by Wilhelm Laurel. The intent of the rank is to recognize and reward "... those heralds who have greatly served the College of Heraldry and/or the College of Arms and have achieved the highest level of competence in heraldry."

Brunissende Dragonette has offered considerable effort and service throughout her tenure as Wreath Queen of Arms. I therefore confer upon her the rank and style of Herald Extraordinary, and charge her to register a title of her choosing with the College of Arms.

We are all no doubt grateful for Bruni's service, but perhaps none so much as me, who was quite happy she succeeded me as Wreath. Enjoy your retirement, Bruni, but not too much!

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On June 3, 2017, Rowen Clotworthy, Red Lozenge Herald, and Jamila of Bhakail (known as Jamilia al-Suba al-Hadid min Bhakail), Troubadour Herald, were invested as the Baron and Baroness of Bhakail in the East Kingdom.

On June 17, 2017, at Ansteorra's Heraldic and Scribal Symposium, Their Majesties Gabriel and Sonja awarded the Sable Thistle of Ansteorra to Modius von Mergentheim for court heraldry, to Ivo Blackhawk for vocal heraldry, and to Gunnvor silfrahárr for heraldic research. The Sable Thistle is Ansteorra's AoA level award for arts and sciences.

Also at AHSS, Eirik Halfdanarson, Star Principal Herald, named Gunnvor a Herald Extraordinary and charged her to register a personal heraldic title.

And finally at AHSS, Their Majesties Gabriel and Sonja made Eirik Star a Baron of their Court.

On June 24, 2017, at the Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium, Flannait inghean uí hEighnigh, Beacon Principal Herald of Meridies, advanced Wu Yun, former Ragged Staff, to the rank of Herald Extraordinary, charging her to register a personal heraldic title.

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.

Scheduling

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 May Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 and the Wreath meetings held on Sunday, May 14, 2017 and Sunday, May 21, 2017. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Middle (30 Jan, 2017) (pushed due to lack of packet), Gleann Abhann (01 Feb, 2017), Outlands (23 Feb, 2017), Ealdormere (25 Feb, 2017), Æthelmearc (27 Feb, 2017), Artemisia (27 Feb, 2017), An Tir (28 Feb, 2017), Atlantia (28 Feb, 2017), Avacal (28 Feb, 2017), Calontir (28 Feb, 2017), Drachenwald (28 Feb, 2017), East (28 Feb, 2017), Gleann Abhann (28 Feb, 2017), Lochac (28 Feb, 2017), Meridies (28 Feb, 2017), and Northshield (28 Feb, 2017). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Sunday, April 30, 2017.**

The June Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, June 18, 2017, the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, June 18, 2017, and the Roadshow meeting at KWHSS on Sunday, June 25, 2017. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Laurel LoPaD (11 Mar, 2017), Palimpsest Rules Letter (12 Mar, 2017), Æthelmearc (13 Mar, 2017), Caid (20 Mar, 2017), Atenveldt (25 Mar, 2017), Artemisia (27 Mar, 2017), Ealdormere (27 Mar, 2017), Lochac (28 Mar, 2017), Atlantia (29 Mar, 2017), Laurel LoPaD (29 Mar, 2017), An Tir (31 Mar, 2017), Ansteorra (31 Mar, 2017), Avacal (31 Mar, 2017), Calontir (31 Mar, 2017), Drachenwald (31 Mar, 2017), East (31 Mar, 2017), Meridies (31 Mar, 2017), Middle (31 Mar, 2017), Northshield (31 Mar, 2017), Outlands (31 Mar, 2017), and Trimaris (31 Mar, 2017). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Wednesday, May 31, 2017.**

The July Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, July 9, 2017 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, July 16, 2017. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: West (03 Apr, 2017), Æthelmearc (17 Apr, 2017), Caid (19 Apr, 2017), Laurel LoPaD (23 Apr, 2017), West (24 Apr, 2017), Ealdormere (25 Apr, 2017), Artemisia (26 Apr, 2017), Atenveldt (26 Apr, 2017), Lochac (26 Apr, 2017), An Tir (30 Apr, 2017), Artemisia (30 Apr, 2017), Atenveldt (30 Apr, 2017), Atlantia (30 Apr, 2017), Caid (30 Apr, 2017), Calontir (30 Apr, 2017), Drachenwald (30 Apr, 2017), East (30 Apr, 2017), Meridies (30 Apr, 2017), Middle (30 Apr, 2017), Northshield (30 Apr, 2017), Outlands (30 Apr, 2017), and Trimaris (30 Apr, 2017). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Friday, June 30, 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.

Pray know that I remain,

In service,

Emma de Fetherstan
Laurel Queen of Arms