

For the August 2006 meetings, printed November 13, 2006

To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Elisabeth Laurel, Jeanne Marie Wreath, and Margaret Pelican, greetings.

For information about future scheduling, please review the status table located on the Web at <http://www.sca.org/heraldry/status.html>.

The August Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held at Pennsic, and the Laurel Roadshow at Pennsic on Tuesday, August 15, 2006. The meetings considered the following Letters of Intent: Caid (19 Apr 2006), Drachenwald (19 Apr 2006), Gleann Abhann (19 Apr 2006), West (19 Apr 2006), Ansteorra (20 Apr 2006), Atlantia (20 Apr 2006), Æthelmearc (20 Apr 2006), East (24 Apr 2006), Meridies (25 Apr 2006), Middle (25 Apr 2006), Lochac (27 Apr 2006), Outlands (27 Apr 2006), Atenveldt (28 Apr 2006), Laurel LoPaD (28 Apr 2006), Northshield (29 Apr 2006), An Tir (30 Apr 2006), and Trimaris (30 Apr 2006).

The September Laurel decisions were made at the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, September 17, 2006 and the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, September 24, 2006. The meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: Middle (11 May 2006), East (22 May 2006), Ansteorra (24 May 2006), Artemisia (24 May 2006), Caid (24 May 2006), Drachenwald (24 May 2006), West (24 May 2006), Atlantia (25 May 2006), [Æthelmearc (25 May 2006)], Meridies (25 May 2006), Ealdormere (26 May 2006), Outlands (27 May 2006), Lochac (28 May 2006), Calontir (30 May 2006), An Tir (31 May 2006), Atenveldt (31 May 2006), Laurel LoPaD (31 May 2006), and Trimaris (31 May 2006).

The October Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, October 7, 2006 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, October 15, 2006. The meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: Gleann Abhann (12 Jun 2006), Middle (12 Jun 2006), Ansteorra (21 Jun 2006), Drachenwald (21 Jun 2006), West (21 Jun 2006), Atlantia (22 Jun 2006), East (24 Jun 2006), Meridies (26 Jun 2006), Siren LoItUP (26 Jun 2006), [Lochac (27 Jun 2006)], Outlands (27 Jun 2006), Palimpsest (27 Jun 2006), Atenveldt (28 Jun 2006), and [An Tir (30 Jun 2006)].

The November Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meetings held on Saturday, November 11, 2006 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, November 5, 2006. The meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: Laurel (8 Jul 2006), Middle (12 Jul 2006), Artemisia (15 Jul 2006), Ansteorra (19 Jul 2006), Atlantia (20 Jul 2006), [Æthelmearc (20 Jul 2006)], East (20 Jul 2006), Drachenwald (23 Jul 2006), Gleann Abhann (26 Jul 2006), Caid (26 Jul 2006), West (26 Jul 2006), Northshield (27 Jul 2006), Outlands (27 Jul 2006), [An Tir (28 Jul 2006)], [Ealdormere (28 Jul 2006)], Palimpsest LoItUP (29 Jul 2006), Atenveldt (30 Jul 2006), Meridies (30 Jul 2006), and Trimaris (31 Jul 2006). **Original commentary on these letters should have been in the College's hands no later than September 30, 2006. Responses and rebuttals to commentary should have been in the College's hands no later than October 31, 2006.**

The December Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, December 9, 2006, and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday December 10, 2006. The meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: Laurel LoPaD (12 Aug 2006), [Artemisia (22 Aug 2006)], Drachenwald (22 Aug 2006), Gleann Abhann (22 Aug 2006), [Caid (23 Aug 2006)], [Ansteorra (25 Aug 2006)], Atenveldt (25 Aug 2006), Outlands (27 Aug 2006), East (28 Aug 2006), Meridies (28 Aug 2006), [An Tir (29 Aug 2006)], East (29 Aug 2006), and Atlantia (30 Aug 2006). **Original commentary on these letters should have been in the College's hands no later than October 31, 2006. Responses and rebuttals to commentary must be in the College's hands no later than November 30, 2006.**

The January Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held in January 2007. The meetings will consider the following Letters of Intent: [Middle (11 Sep 2006)], [Lochac (12 Sep 2006)], East (18 Sep 2006), [Drachenwald (19 Sep 2006)], [Artemisia (20 Sep 2006)], [Caid (20 Sep 2006)], West (20 Sep 2006), [Æthelmearc (21 Sep 2006)], [Ansteorra (21 Sep 2006)], Loyall (21 Sep 2006), Trimaris (23 Sep 2006), [An Tir (27 Sep 2006)], [Outlands (27 Sep 2006)], Atlantia (28 Sep 2006), [Atenveldt (30 Sep 2006)], Palimpsest (30 Sep 2006), Siren (30 Sep 2006). **Original commentary on these letters must be in the College's hands no later than November 30, 2006. Responses and rebuttals to commentary must be in the College's hands no later than December 31, 2006.**

Not all letters of intent may be considered when they are originally scheduled on this cover letter. The date of mailing 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. Letters which are currently unscheduled appear inside square brackets in the lists, above.

REMINDER: Until all administrative requirements are met, the letter may not be scheduled.

FROM LAUREL - A Clarification

Regalia for the Order of Knighthood includes (*Tinctureless*) *A circular chain*. This means a circular chain of any tincture, not just gold. It was so designated by Laurel in 1998, so there is nothing new here.

Wreath tells me that some have interpreted this to mean that any necklace, whether or not it is unadorned, should be restricted. That is not the case. A necklace with a pendant is not the same as a knight's chain and there should be no question of improper use of a restricted charge in such a submission.

FROM LAUREL - New Education Deputy

I am pleased to announce that Herrin Gisela vom Kreuzbach, of Atlantia, has accepted the position of Laurel Education Deputy. Her contact information will appear on the roster, but for now she may be reached at scribe0002@aol.com. I appreciate her willingness to help this important work go forward and know that she will do a fine job of it.

FROM LAUREL - Changes at the Web Site

I would encourage everyone to regularly check the Laurel web site for changes. Dame Zenobia's article "Period Rolls of Arms and Armorial (and how to find them)" has been expanded to include 20 rolls and armorials (the previous version had 12), and been reorganized by nationality of the heraldry and by time within each nationality, as well as with revised links and contact information. Watch this space for more updates.

FROM LAUREL - New Forms Implementation

As each Kingdom now has an approved version of the new version of the submission forms in place, it is time to officially implement their use.

As of the May 2007 Letter of Intent, each Kingdom's name and armory submissions must appear on the new forms, or be subject to administrative return.

FROM LAUREL - Regarding Notification

When the office of Principal Herald changes hands, or that of an external submissions herald, this is of considerable interest outside the Kingdom in question, and particularly to Laurel and staff. I find that I am increasingly discovering these things by reading Kingdom newsletters, or by requests for OSCAR accounts by persons unknown to me stating they are the new Bonacon Herald. This is not how I prefer to receive such news.

Principal Heralds, when you are turning over your office, please do remember to tell me about it directly, and even an electronic introduction to your designated successor would be appreciated. I would also point out that the Administrative Handbook V.B.1. states that "Prior written notice must be provided to the Laurel Office for any change of authorized preparer", i.e. of the Letter of Intent. This should come from the Principal Herald, not the outgoing or incoming external submissions herald themselves.

FROM LAUREL - OSCAR updates

The changes on OSCAR this month have been for the most part minor. For example, rules letters are now a letter type, only the filing name stays around when you enter a submission so you do not have to type it again, you can entirely turn off display of comments, and there are new preferences for display of names or armory only.

Thanks to those commenters and submission heralds who have had problems with using OSCAR, or suggestions for improvement, who have talked to Istvan Blue Tyger about it and thus become part of the solution. Please continue as you have begun.

Roster Changes

Laurel's new education deputy is Gisela vom Kreuzbach (Kate Rauhauser-Smith). She is on the roster but not the mailing list. She can be reached at ... scribe0002@aol.com

Martinus Draco Byzantios has retired as Saker Herald (Submissions, Calontir). He is removed from the roster and mailing list.

The new Saker Herald is Lady Ines Alfón (Sheryl Niemann). She can be reached at ...email: slniemann@gmail.com. She is on the Roster and the Mailing List. Preferences: LoI: e-list. LoC: e-list.

Send What to Whom

For all Letters of Intent, Comment, Response, Correction, et cetera, send one paper copy directly to each of the Sovereigns of Arms, Laurel, Pelican and Wreath at their mailing addresses as shown on the College of Arms Roster.

Send Laurel office copies of all submissions-related paper, including

- Letters of Intent, Comment, Response, Correction, et cetera (note: such paper copies are *in addition to* the personal copies for Laurel, Pelican and Wreath mentioned above)
- 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.

Send the required electronic copies of all submissions-related files to submissions@sca.org. This applies to all LoIs, LoCs, LoRs, et cetera.

Cheques or money orders for submissions, payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms" are to be sent directly to the CoA Chancellor of the Exchequer, at Laurel Chancellor of Exchequer, 4N400 Church Rd, Bensenville, IL 60106-2928.

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". For subscriptions to the electronic copy of the LoAR, please contact Laurel at herald@sca.org. The electronic copy is available free of charge.

For all administrative matters, or for questions about whom to send to, please contact Laurel.

Pray know that I remain,

In service,

Elisabeth de Rossignol
Laurel Principal Queen of Arms