

For the April 2010 meetings, printed July 30, 2010

To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Olwyn Laurel, Istvan Wreath, and Mari Pelican, 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 and Wreath meetings held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 and the Rowany Festival Roadshow held on Sunday, April 4, 2010. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: West (30 Nov, 2009) (pushed due to lack of packet) , East (13 Dec, 2009), Atenveldt (20 Dec, 2009), Drachenwald (21 Dec, 2009), Drachenwald (27 Dec, 2009), Gleann Abhann (27 Dec, 2009), An Tir (29 Dec, 2009), Atlantia (29 Dec, 2009), Ansteorra (30 Dec, 2009), Outlands (31 Dec, 2009), Æthelmearc (02 Jan, 2010), Atenveldt (20 Jan, 2010), Ansteorra (27 Jan, 2010), Meridies (29 Jan, 2010), Gleann Abhann (30 Jan, 2010), Middle (30 Jan, 2010), Atlantia (31 Jan, 2010), East (31 Jan, 2010), Gleann Abhann (31 Jan, 2010), Outlands (31 Jan, 2010), Trimaris (31 Jan, 2010). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Wednesday, March 31, 2010.**

The May Laurel decisions were made at the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 and the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, May 22, 2010. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Caid (31 Dec, 2009) (pushed due to lack of packet) , An Tir (27 Jan, 2010) (pushed due to lack of payment) , Caid (31 Jan, 2010) (pushed due to lack of packet) , Ealdormere (31 Jan, 2010) (pushed due to lack of packet) , Calontir (07 Feb, 2010), Laurel LoPaD (14 Feb, 2010), Calontir (15 Feb, 2010), Æthelmearc (23 Feb, 2010), Atenveldt (23 Feb, 2010), Atlantia (25 Feb, 2010), Ansteorra (26 Feb, 2010), Meridies (26 Feb, 2010), Drachenwald (27 Feb, 2010), An Tir (28 Feb, 2010), Lochac (28 Feb, 2010), Outlands (28 Feb, 2010), Palimpsest Rules Letter (28 Feb, 2010). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Friday, April 30, 2010.**

The June Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, June 26, 2010, the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, June 6, 2010, and at the KWHSS Roadshow on Sunday, June 13, 2010. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: West (31 Jan, 2010) (pushed due to lack of payment and packet) , Laurel (05 Mar, 2010), Artemisia (15 Mar, 2010), Atenveldt (15 Mar, 2010), East (20 Mar, 2010), An Tir (22 Mar, 2010), Drachenwald (29 Mar, 2010), Gleann Abhann (29 Mar, 2010), Caid (30 Mar, 2010), Trimaris (30 Mar, 2010), Ansteorra (31 Mar, 2010), Atlantia (31 Mar, 2010), Lochac (31 Mar, 2010), Middle (31 Mar, 2010), and Outlands (31 Mar, 2010). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Monday, May 31, 2010.**

The July Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, July 3, 2010 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, July 10, 2010. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Northshield (26 Mar, 2010) (pushed due to lack of packet) , Ealdormere (31 Mar, 2010) (pushed due to lack of packet), West (31 Mar, 2010) (pushed due to lack of packet), Æthelmearc (06 Apr, 2010), Ansteorra (12 Apr, 2010), Atenveldt (15 Apr, 2010), Laurel LoPaD (19 Apr, 2010), Calontir (20 Apr, 2010), [An Tir (29 Apr, 2010)], Atlantia (29 Apr, 2010), Caid (30 Apr, 2010), East (30 Apr, 2010), Gleann Abhann (30 Apr, 2010), Lochac (30 Apr, 2010), Meridies (30 Apr, 2010), and Outlands (30 Apr, 2010). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Wednesday, June 30, 2010.**

The August Laurel decisions will be made at the Wreath meeting held on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, the Pelican meeting held on Saturday, August 21, 2010, and the Pennsic Roadshow held on Monday, August 9, 2010. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Æthelmearc (01 May, 2010), [An Tir (12 May, 2010)], East (14 May, 2010), Northshield (16 May, 2010), [Atenveldt (20 May, 2010)], [Ansteorra (26 May, 2010)], Atlantia (28 May, 2010), [Æthelmearc (31 May, 2010)], Caid (31 May, 2010), Drachenwald (31 May, 2010), Gleann Abhann (31 May, 2010), Meridies (31 May, 2010), Middle (31 May, 2010), Outlands (31 May, 2010), [Trimaris (31 May, 2010)], [West (31 May, 2010)], [West (31 May, 2010)]. **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Saturday, July 31, 2010.**

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: New Palimpsest

As Juliana de Luna is obviously no longer available to perform the duties of Palimpsest Herald, we must replace her. We thank her for her many years of service to the College of Arms.

The new Palimpsest Herald is Marie de Blois. She will be continuing the discussion of the rules revision that Juliana started. She can be reached at rules@heraldry.sca.org.

From Wreath: Drinking Horns

Last month, there were a number of reblazons of pairs of drinking horns to match the newly defined default. Unfortunately, the new default was only stated in the acceptance for Óláfr Starkaðsson. We repeat and expand it here so that it is not overlooked.

There has been no consistency in which part of the horn is the 'back', so 'horns addorsed' are not well defined. We have decided to define the longer, outer part of the curve as the back. The horns in Óláfr's submission are back-to-back, which makes them addorsed. Horns with the points facing towards each other are respectant; a "pair of drinking horns" is assumed to be respectant (it need not be blazoned). "Two drinking horns" will have both inner curves (fronts) pointed to sinister. All drinking horns will open to chief by default.

From Wreath: Divided Fields, Tinctures, and Strewn Charges

A submission this month asked for clarification on the subject of strewn charges on only part of a plain field. The LoI quoted the following precedents:

[Per bend sinister argent and argent semy-de-lys sable, on a bend sinister gules a sword inverted Or, in chief an elephant head cabossed sable] Current precedent disallows strewn charges on only part of a plain field, even when the field has a "natural" division such as an ordinary (see July 1998 LoAR, Mirel MacGregor), barring evidence that such fields were used in period armory. [Bohémond le Sinistre, 01/2001, Outlands]

and

[Per chevron pean and sable, on a chevron Or ...] It was the consensus of the College that a divided field in which the two parts are tinctures that share the same background is allowable if there is an ordinary to aid in the separation of the two parts, though the practice is not documented. [Thorgrimr inn kyrri, 02/2001, Atlantia]

The difference between the two is that an ordinary or other natural division is allowed to correct the style problem for tinctures, but not for strewn charges. Tinctures, even the ermined furs, are considered a single entity, not a field with charges strewn upon them. Charges may not be strewn on only one half of a divided field, even in the presence of an ordinary dividing the halves, when the halves share the same background tincture.

From Palimpsest: Rules Revision

Last year, the Laurel team put out a survey to the entire Known World regarding submissions of both names and devices to see if a rewrite of the Rules for Submission was needed. Over the last several months, my predecessor and her working group discussed the results of that survey and drafted a proposal for a new Rules for Submission. That draft, plus an addendum, are posted to OSCAR as four separate Palimpsest Rules Letters and also posted as a single PDF (at: <http://heraldry.sca.org/rules2010/rules-2010-draft.pdf>). There was a roundtable discussion of this proposal at KWHSS and there is another one scheduled for Pennsic on Wednesday the 11th at 9am, at Herald's Point. Everyone, herald or not, is invited to join Laurel and company for this discussion. Additionally, everyone, herald or not, is invited to comment on the proposed draft Rules for Submission, either by commenting on OSCAR or by sending email to rules@heraldry.sca.org. Commentary is due by the end of August; please allow time for discussion of commentary.

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.

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.

Cheques or money orders for submissions, payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms" are to be sent to David Duggar, Attn: Laurel Chancellor of Exchequer, 1705 Holiday Pl, Bossier City, LA 71112-3706.

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,

Olwynn ni Chinnedigh
Laurel Principal Queen of Arms