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To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Andrewe Laurel, Lillia 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 April Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at the joint Roadshow held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Noisemakers Schola, and at the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, April 26, 2015. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: East (08 Jan, 2015), West (08 Jan, 2015), Northshield (13 Jan, 2015), Laurel LoPaD (15 Jan, 2015), Gleann Abhann (19 Jan, 2015), Ealdormere (21 Jan, 2015), Outlands (23 Jan, 2015), Calontir (25 Jan, 2015), Atenveldt (27 Jan, 2015), Atlantia (28 Jan, 2015), Middle (28 Jan, 2015), Trimaris (30 Jan, 2015), An Tir (31 Jan, 2015), An Tir (31 Jan, 2015), Ansteorra (31 Jan, 2015), Artemisia (31 Jan, 2015), Drachenwald (31 Jan, 2015), and Meridies (31 Jan, 2015). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Tuesday, March 31, 2015.**

The May Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, May 3, 2015 and the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, May 10, 2015. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Ansteorra Other Letter (23 Nov, 2014) (pushed due to delayed decision per Feb CL), Ansteorra Other Letter (23 Jan, 2015) (pushed due to delayed decision per Feb CL), Ansteorra Other Letter (04 Feb, 2015), Laurel LoPaD (15 Feb, 2015), Northshield (15 Feb, 2015), East (16 Feb, 2015), Middle (18 Feb, 2015), Atenveldt (21 Feb, 2015), Calontir (21 Feb, 2015), Atlantia (22 Feb, 2015), Ealdormere (22 Feb, 2015), Ansteorra (23 Feb, 2015), Artemisia (27 Feb, 2015), Æthelmearc (28 Feb, 2015), An Tir (28 Feb, 2015), An Tir (28 Feb, 2015), Ansteorra Other Letter (28 Feb, 2015), Caid (28 Feb, 2015), Drachenwald (28 Feb, 2015), Meridies (28 Feb, 2015), Outlands (28 Feb, 2015), and Trimaris (28 Feb, 2015). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Thursday, April 30, 2015.**

The June Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, June 7, 2015, at the Wreath meeting held on Sunday, June 14, 2015, and at the joint Roadshow on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at KWHSS. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Lochac (14 Mar, 2015), Northshield (15 Mar, 2015), Outlands (17 Mar, 2015), Middle (20 Mar, 2015), East (22 Mar, 2015), An Tir (23 Mar, 2015), West (25 Mar, 2015), Ealdormere (26 Mar, 2015), Atenveldt (30 Mar, 2015), Calontir (30 Mar, 2015), Æthelmearc (31 Mar, 2015), An Tir (31 Mar, 2015), Ansteorra (31 Mar, 2015), Artemisia (31 Mar, 2015), Atlantia (31 Mar, 2015), Caid (31 Mar, 2015), Drachenwald (31 Mar, 2015), Gleann Abhann (31 Mar, 2015), and Meridies (31 Mar, 2015). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Sunday, May 31, 2015.**

The July Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican and Wreath meetings held in July 2015. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: Gleann Abhann (02 Apr, 2015), Laurel LoPaD (06 Apr, 2015), East (07 Apr, 2015), Laurel LoPaD (07 Apr, 2015), Laurel LoPaD (23 Apr, 2015), Ealdormere (24 Apr, 2015), Atenveldt (25 Apr, 2015), Middle (26 Apr, 2015), Northshield (26 Apr, 2015), Outlands (28 Apr, 2015), Atlantia (29 Apr, 2015), Caid (29 Apr, 2015), An Tir (30 Apr, 2015), Artemisia (30 Apr, 2015), Avacal (30 Apr, 2015), Lochac (30 Apr, 2015), Meridies (30 Apr, 2015), and [Trimaris (30 Apr, 2015)]. **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should be entered into OSCAR by Tuesday, June 30, 2015.**

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 Call for Proofreaders

We have recently had a shortage of proofreading comments for the drafts of the Letters of Acceptances and Returns. Less proofreading makes the process slower and introduces more chances for error. Proofreaders help identify heraldic consistency, grammar, and spelling issues. They are an integral part of our getting the LoAR out on schedule.

We need relatively senior heralds conversant with SENA, the Admin Handbook, the commentary process, and who have some knowledge of precedents and how the decision process works. In addition, we also need people highly skilled with written English, who can provide comments on grammar, spelling, where commas go, etc.

Proofreaders are expected to maintain confidentiality of all draft material, as decisions can change between proof passes and press time. If you have an interested in serving as a LoAR proofreader, please contact Laurel for more information.

From Wreath: On Augmentations of Arms

A return this month prompted us to give a few reminders about augmentations of arms. The Administrative Handbook covers the topic in section IID3 and SENA in section A3A3. An augmentation is an addition to the registered device given as an honor. Thus the base coat for the augmentation must be the correct blazon of the registered device, not a badge, not a variant of the device. We recommend heralds working on augmentations to check the registered emblazon of the registered device to ensure that the blazon is correct. Also, although the *right* to an augmentation is given by the kingdom, its suitability for use and registration with a specific device must be approved by the College of Arms. An augmentation adds complexity and augmented devices are often allowed to violate certain style rules, such as allowing charges on tertiary charges or a complexity count of greater than eight, as long as the identifiability of the design is maintained. However, augmentations may not violate the rules on contrast.

From Wreath: Badge Submissions for Groups

We want to remind groups that the Admin Handbook, section IA, says "submissions [for groups] should be limited to meet current or identified need; excessive submissions with no clearly identified purposes may be returned." Thus, we recommend groups to register only the armorial designs they plan to use rather than trying to block heraldic space by registering designs that they might need some day in the future.

Society Pages

On May 1, 2015, at Coastal Grand Baronial Championships in Ansteorra, Robin of Gilwell, Herald Extraordinary and former Oakenwald Pursuivant, was elevated to the Order of Defense by Their Majesties Sven and Antigone.

On May 2, 2015, also at the same event, Tostig Logiosophia, Actuarius Pursuivant and former Star Principal Herald was elevated to the Order of the Pelican by Their Majesties Sven and Antigone.

On May 2, 2015, Donovan Shinnock, Golden Rapier Herald of the East, was elevated to the Order of Defense by Their Majesties Darius and Etheldreda, at their Crown Tournament.

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 David Duggar, 1705 Holiday Place, Bossier City, LA 71112.

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