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To all the College of Arms and all others who may read this missive, from Birgitta Laurel, Sara Pelican, and Iago Wreath, greetings.

From Laurel: January 2026 KWHSS

The Late AS 60 / Early CE 2026 Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium will be, as usual, a virtual event. The event will be organised by the Kingdom of Outlands on January 23-25; further information will be forthcoming.

From Laurel: We Got a Sign

As announced in the March Cover Letter, Maestra Magdalena Lucia Ramberti has finished her term as the Society Sign Herald. She is being succeeded by Mistress Tegan de Moreton, lately Alcyon Herald / Sign Herald for the Kingdom of Atlantia, with her term beginning on August 1.

From Wreath: More Updates to Glossary of Terms Table 5

Palimpsest's March 29th Rules Letter looked at charges beginning with the letters G and H. A number of these charges have been blazoned as if there were a default posture or orientation even if that orientation wasn't specified in the Glossary of Terms. Other defaults were specified but no precedent actually ruled that those were the defaults. Finally, we are modifying the defaults for some charges. All of these charges will cite this Cover Letter as the reference for the default. The affected charges are:

- Gauntlet - Dexter gauntlet, appaumpy. A pair of gauntlets, whether appaumpy or aversant, defaults to thumbs to center.
- Glove - Dexter glove, appaumpy. When fesswise reversed the fingers point to sinister with the thumb to base. A pair of gloves, whether appaumpy or aversant, defaults to thumbs to center.
- Glove Puppet - Palewise affronty with the arms spread.
- Goad - Palewise, point to chief.
- Golf Club - Palewise, head to base.
- Griffin - Segreant (rampant, wings addorsed) to dexter.
- Hand - Dexter hand, appaumpy and couped. When fesswise reversed the fingers point to sinister with the thumb to base. A pair of hands, whether appaumpy or aversant, defaults to thumbs to center.
- Harp - Forepillar to dexter; soundbox to sinister. Orientation is an optionally blazonable detail not worth difference. NOTE: The details of the forepillar are considered artistic details, which often aren't blazoned.
- Head, Beast - Facing to dexter.
- Head, Bird's - Facing to dexter (except an owl's head which is affronty).
- Head, Demon's - Couped and facing to dexter

- Head, Human and Humanoid - If feminine or child, couped affronty (guardant); if masculine, couped and facing dexter. When blazoned as a face, the head is affronty.
- Head, Owl's - Guardant/Affronty
- Hippogriff - None, must be specified.
- Horn (animal or monster) - Palewise, point to chief or point to dexter.
- Horn (drinking) - Palewise, opening to chief and the outer part of the curve (the back) to dexter. Horns with the points facing towards each other are respectant. A *pair of drinking horns* are respectant while two drinking horns both have their backs to dexter. A drinking horn *fesswise* has its point to sinister and its back to base. No difference is granted between a *drinking horn fesswise* (point to sinister) and a *drinking horn fesswise reversed* (point to dexter).
- Horn (hunting) - Fesswise, bell to dexter and chief. No difference is granted between a *hunting horn* (bell to dexter) and a *hunting horn reversed* (horn to sinister). The strings, if any, are an optionally blazonable artistic detail.
- Horn (trumpet) - Bell to chief, mouthpiece to base for straight-type trumpets and to sinister for curved trumpets (such as spiral trumpets and bucinas).
- Horseshoe - Opening to base.
- Hourglass - Palewise.
- Humanoid monsters - These are monsters whose forms are basically human. They are generally affronty but see specific types of monsters (e.g., *angel*, *harpy*, etc.).
- Cornetto - Palewise, mouthpiece to chief; when fesswise, mouthpiece to dexter. Whether the bell is on the dexter or sinister side of the instrument is an unblazonable, artistic detail.
- Jew's Harp - Palewise, trigger to chief.
- Mandrake - Affronty.
- Sackbut - Palewise, mouthpiece to chief; when fesswise, mouthpiece to dexter. Whether the bell is on the dexter or sinister side of the instrument is an unblazonable, artistic detail.
- Satyr - Affronty, may be shown in a slightly trian aspect so its tail is visible. When passant, the default is to dexter.
- Shofar - Fesswise, bell to dexter and chief.
- Troll - Trolls don't have a head; their face is embedded in the torso. The default is passant to dexter but with the body turned slightly so the face is in full view and one hand grasping its tail.
- Wind - Facing to dexter. This applies to all types of winds including *aeolus*, *boreas*, *zephyr*, and *mistral*.

Based on existing precedent, a few charges are added to the table (with the relevant reference). In addition to these changes, a number of cross-references are added. For other charges, references to existing precedents are added as proposed by Palimpsest. The updated table will be available at <https://heraldry.sca.org/coagloss.html#default> within a few days. Armory will be reblazoned as necessary over the next few months.

From Wreath and Pelican: Full Size, Not Fun Size

Occasionally we see submissions where the full-size emblazon in OSCAR is the same size as the thumbnail on the Letter of Intent. The Administrative Handbook VB2f says, "Submissions heralds are encouraged to use full-size scans of the emblazons, so that enlarged details may be examined by the entire College of Arms."

The most common cause is when new artwork is provided during internal commentary, and the submissions herald preparing the Letter of Intent copies the thumbnail from the comment rather than clicking through to the full-size image provided. Submissions heralds are urged to take care when changing artwork; small emblazons are not an automatic reason for return, but if the size and resolution obscures details or hinders identifiability it could lead to a return or pend for redraw.

We see a similar issue with documentation images attached to submissions. Particularly when transferring information from an internal letter to an external letter, please ensure that the images being attached are the full size images, not thumbnails.

From Laurel: Heraldic Wills

As proposed on Palimpsest's March 27th Rules Letter, Administrative Handbook Appendix D, Suggested Standard Form Letters, is updated. The standard form letter for heraldic wills is modified to include blanket permission to conflict as an option. The revised form letter will be available at <https://heraldry.sca.org/admin.html#APPENDIXD> within a few days.

From Laurel: Requests for Reconsideration

As proposed on Palimpsest's March 27th Rules Letter, The Administrative Handbook section IV.F, Requests for Reconsideration, is revised to clarify that a request for reconsideration to a form recommended by Laurel when the name was registered is allowed. This change was approved by the Board of Directors at the July 12th and 13th meeting and the revised wording will be available at <https://heraldry.sca.org/admin.html#IV.F> within a few days.

From Pelican: SENA and Generic Order/Award Patterns

As proposed on Palimpsest's March 27th Rules Letter, with minor modifications, SENA Appendix E2b, Generic Order/Award Patterns, is updated to add the generic pattern *Order of <Someone> with <a heraldic charge>*. In this case "Someone" can be used in one of two attested ways. Firstly, if the "someone" would stand as an order name on its own: for example *The Order of Saint Stephen with a Bell* is acceptable as *The Order of Saint Stephen* is an acceptable order name. Secondly, if "Someone" refers to a specific group of people, e.g. the Knights Templar, or uses a word that can be used as a heraldic charge: for example *The Order of Couriers with Spears* is acceptable, as a *Courier* is an attested heraldic charge (as are friars, fools, etc.). The revised wording will be available at <https://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#AppendixE2b> within a few days.

From Pelican: Updates SENA PN2C - Name Requirements

Palimpsest's March 27th Rules Letter proposed a revision to SENA PN2C, Name Requirements, that would allow name elements registered under the Existing Registration Allowance (ERA) to be considered gender-neutral in the same manner that we treat names submitted under the Legal Name Allowance (LNA). We wish to thank everyone who took the time to comment on this proposal. After a review of those comments, and discussions at the Roadshows during June's Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium, we have decided to accept this proposal with a few minor changes to the examples. The revised wording will be available at <https://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#PN2C> within a few days.

From Pelican: Protected Non-SCA Names and the O&A

There has been recent discussion around the protection of non-SCA names and where to list names that we have protected. The Glossary of Terms states that protected armory is entered into the O&A, but does not mention protected names. We are opening an LoPaD to discuss whether protected names should be added to the O&A, or listed elsewhere. Additionally, if members of the College feel that a list of protected names should exist outside the O&A, we welcome suggestions as to where such a list should live.

From Wreath: A Glossary of Terms Update

Under the definition of *Tincture* the Glossary of Terms currently states "Furs include the ermined furs and *vair*, *potent*, *scaly*, *papellony*, and their variations." However, as is made clear under the definitions of *Furs* and *Field*

Treatment, we don't always consider *scaly* and *papellony* as a tincture. To clarify this, we direct Palimpsest to update definition under to *Tincture* to "Furs include the ermined furs, *vair*, *potent*, and their variants. The furs also include the variants of *scaly* and *papellony* that consist of solid-tinctured scales of two alternating tinctures."

Society Pages

On May 3, 2025 at the East Kingdom Crown Tourney, Kirsya Oyutai, Brigantia Principal Herald, created Thyra Eriksdottir a Herald Extraordinary.

On Saturday June 14 at Myrkfaelinn War Practice and Queen's Rapier Championship, Helena Mutzhasen, Silver Buccle Principal Herald, named Gytha Oddsdottir, Aethelmearc's Sign Herald, a Herald Extraordinary.

Effective July 1, Durham University has promoted Aryanhwy merch Catmael, Sans Repose Herald Extraordinary and Pelican Queen of Arms Emerita, in her mundane persona to Professor in the Department of Philosophy.

On July 4, 2025, at Battlemoor, Þorvaldr Þórólfsson á Vaksfjall, longtime Wimble Herald (Precedence) for the Kingdom of the Outlands, was elevated to the Order of the Pelican.

On July 9, Squirrel máni, commonly known as Baroness Squirrel or her Squirrelency of Atlantia, passed away. This was a great loss to the sign herald community.

On July 12, 2025, at An Tir July Coronation in the Barony of Wastekeep, Their Majesties Octamasades and Achaxe elevated Þorkell Þalsson, Ducat Herald, to the Order of Defense in a surprise ceremony.

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 uploaded to the OSCAR packet for that letter. For armory, only colored forms are required.

Cheques or money orders for submissions, payable to "SCA Inc.-College of Arms" are to be sent to Trent Le Clair, 928 Frazier Dr, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

Send roster changes and corrections to Laurel. College of Arms members may also request a copy of the current roster from Laurel.

To subscribe to the mailings of the LoAR, please see the bottom of <https://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 <https://oscar.sca.org/index.php?action=137>.

The June Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, June 22, 2025 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, June 21, 2025. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Calontir (03 Mar, 2025), Atlantia (04 Mar, 2025), Caid (10 Mar, 2025), Meridies (10 Mar, 2025), An Tir (17 Mar, 2025), An Tir (23 Mar, 2025), West (25 Mar, 2025), Artemisia (26 Mar, 2025), Ealdormere (26 Mar, 2025), Lochac (27 Mar, 2025), Palimpsest Rules Letter (27 Mar, 2025), Palimpsest Rules Letter (29 Mar, 2025), Atenveldt (30 Mar, 2025), Caid (30 Mar, 2025), East (30 Mar, 2025), Northshield (30 Mar, 2025), Ansteorra (31 Mar, 2025), Atlantia (31 Mar, 2025), Drachenwald (31 Mar, 2025), Middle (31 Mar, 2025), Northshield (31 Mar, 2025),

Laurel LoPFR (29 Apr, 2025). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Saturday, May 31, 2025.**

The July Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, July 13, 2025 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, July 12, 2025. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Calontir (02 Apr, 2025), Gleann Abhann (06 Apr, 2025), Laurel LoPaD (08 Apr, 2025), Meridies (10 Apr, 2025), Artemisia (13 Apr, 2025), Ealdormere (26 Apr, 2025), Laurel LoPaD (26 Apr, 2025), Outlands (26 Apr, 2025), Caid (29 Apr, 2025), Drachenwald (29 Apr, 2025), East (29 Apr, 2025), Atenveldt (30 Apr, 2025), Drachenwald (30 Apr, 2025), Laurel LoPaD (30 Apr, 2025), Lochac (30 Apr, 2025), Middle (30 Apr, 2025), Northshield (30 Apr, 2025), Palimpsest Rules Letter (30 Apr, 2025), Trimaris (30 Apr, 2025), Laurel LoPFR (05 Jun, 2025). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Monday, June 30, 2025.**

The August Laurel decisions will be made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, August 17, 2025 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, August 16, 2025. These meetings will consider the following letters of intent: An Tir (01 May, 2025), Ansteorra (02 May, 2025), Calontir (04 May, 2025), Avacal (05 May, 2025), An Tir (06 May, 2025), Atlantia (06 May, 2025), Meridies (09 May, 2025), Æthelmearc (21 May, 2025), Laurel (25 May, 2025), Lochac (26 May, 2025), Avacal (27 May, 2025), Ealdormere (27 May, 2025), Artemisia (30 May, 2025), East (30 May, 2025), Outlands (30 May, 2025), Ansteorra (31 May, 2025), Atenveldt (31 May, 2025), Drachenwald (31 May, 2025), Middle (31 May, 2025), West (31 May, 2025), Laurel LoPFR (29 Jun, 2025). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Thursday, July 31, 2025.**

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.

Be assured that I remain

In service

Birgitta Lulli
Laurel Queen of Arms