

For the February 2026 meetings, printed April 14, 2026

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

From Wreath: Office Transition

This month marks the final of a three-month transition in Wreath decisions. This month's armory decisions for the kingdoms of Gleann Abhann, Lochac, the Middle, the Outlands and the West were made by Iago. Decisions for other kingdoms were made by Ollivier.

From Outgoing Wreath: Goodnight, everybody!

This month marks my last decisions as Wreath. I can honestly say that this has been a pleasure. My time holding this office has provided me with many treasured memories and some hard-earned wisdom.

So many people contributed to making this easier and more fun. I'd like to thank my fellow Sovereigns of Arms - Emma, Elisabetta, Birgitta, and Sara - for being an excellent team. And to the Laurel staff, particularly Palimpsest, Quarterstaff, Ragged Staff, and Silver Staple, this job would have been completely impossible without you.

Thanks also to my unofficial heraldic support team. Malyss, Nest, Anézka, and Ollivier, there wasn't a single day on this job where at least one of you didn't make things a little easier.

To the commenters, without your collective knowledge and wisdom I could not have made the decisions I did. Thank you.

And huge thanks to my wife, Æbbe æt Uuluic, for all her support. I absolutely could not have done this without you in my corner.

Thank you all. Because of you the only truly difficult part of being Wreath was taking a hiatus from consulting and commenting, and I look forward to diving back into both of those things in my retirement.

From Wreath: Birds Affronty

On the November 11 Letter of Pends and Discussion, we asked for feedback about birds in affronty postures. After considering the evidence provided by commenters, we are disallowing the use of birds affronty, with the following exceptions:

- Birds in the *displayed* posture.
- Peacocks *in their pride*. It may be drawn affronty, but this is considered an unblazonable artistic variant of the *close* version of *in its pride*.
- Doves *striking affronty*. The only examples of this posture found in period heraldry so far are for doves symbolizing the Holy Spirit, so it is not allowed for other types of bird.

Without documentation, no other affronty postures for birds will be registered in armory appearing on Letters of Intent dated June 1, 2026 or later.

Thank you to everyone who commented.

We direct Palimpsest to add this information to SENA Appendix M.

From Wreath: Pend for Redraw Periods

Recently we've had a number of items that were pended for redraw where the submitter asked for further changes on too short a time frame to allow sufficient commentary. Thus, we will now ensure that Letters of Pends and Redraws will be published to allow at least four weeks of commentary, and any changes that submitters wish to make to proposed redraws will only be accepted as long as there are at least two weeks of commentary remaining.

From Pelican: On Greek Naming Patterns

We have recently seen several Greek names being submitted using the name pattern [given name]+[given name]. This name pattern is only documented in Hellenistic and Imperial-Era Egypt. As such, both names must be documented to that time and place to be used in this manner. If they are not, other Greek naming patterns should be used.

From Laurel: AH IV.C.2 Changes

Palimpsest's September 23rd Rules Letter proposed to modify section IV.C.2 of the Administrative Handbook, Legal Name Attestations, to reduce the amount of personally identifiable information (PII) collected. This proposal is accepted pending Board approval; the revised text will be available in the online version of the Administrative Handbook about a week after the July 2026 Board of Directors meeting.

From Pelican: SENA PN4D1 Changes

Palimpsest's September 23rd Rules Letter proposed a modification to PN4D1, Non-SCA People Protected from Presumption, to allow protection only of a person's well-known name(s) rather than all names they are known by. This change is approved and allows, for example, the protection of Benjamin Franklin but not his pseudonym Alice Addertongue, the protection of Agatha Christie but not her maiden name Agatha Miller, and the protection of the pen name George Elliot but not the author's real name Mary Ann Evans. The revised wording will be available at <https://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#PN4D1> within a few days.

Society Pages

On December 13 at Kris Kinder Market, Dyrfinna Tonnudottir, Gold Falcon Principal Herald, named Zaneta Baseggio a Herald Extraordinary.

On December 20 at al-Barran Midwinter, Andreas von Meißen, White Stag Principal Herald, named Magister Æðeluulf munuc, White Stag Emeritus and longstanding stalwart of the Outlands College of Heraldry, a Herald Extraordinary.

On the same date at Kingdom A&S Collegium, Simon and Aria, Roi and Reine of the Outlands, inducted Gráinne Shocair, current Blue Iris Herald (the Crown's court herald) and long time kingdom Silent Herald, into the Order of the Stag, the Outlands' Grant-level service order.

On January 10 at Caid Coronation, Their Majesties Bjorn and Roisin elevated Brig inghean Uaetir, Bellows Herald, to the Order of the Pelican.

On February 7 at Grey Niche Candlemas, the Crown of Gleann Abhann created Neave inghean ui Fhathaigh, Thunder Pursuivant, a Companion of the Diamond Chalice, the kingdom's highest non-peerage service order.

On March 28 at Mists Coronet Tournament, Kolskeggr and Katelinen, King and Queen of the West, admitted Kean de Lacy, Argent Fox Herald, to the Order of the Mark.

At the same event, Prince Zhigmun' and Princess Lia created Moss of Little Marsden, former Seawolf Herald, a Companion of the Corolla Vitae, a non-armigerous recognition given for Arts and Sciences.

Also at the same event, the same Coronet created Hirsch von Henford, Golem Herald, a Companion of the Beacon of the Mists, given for "continued enrichment of the Principality through unfailing, extraordinary service that surpasses general expectations over an extended period of time".

On April 4 at A Not-So Regular Event in the Barony of the Cleftlands, Their Majesties of the Midrealm Sascha and Kemma inducted Katherine Coscombe, Buckler Herald, into the Order of the Dragon's Heart. The Dragon's Heart is the grant-of-arms level service award for the Kingdom of the Middle.

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 February Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, February 22, 2026 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, February 7, 2026. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Ansteorra (31 Oct, 2025) (pushed due to incomplete packet), Calontir (03 Nov, 2025), Atlantia (09 Nov, 2025), Gleann Abhann (09 Nov, 2025), An Tir (11 Nov, 2025), Caid (11 Nov, 2025), Laurel LoPaD (19 Nov, 2025), Artemisia (23 Nov, 2025), Avacal (23 Nov, 2025), Palimpsest Rules Letter (24 Nov, 2025), An Tir LoItUP (25 Nov, 2025), Outlands (25 Nov, 2025), Laurel LoPaD (27 Nov, 2025), Ansteorra (30 Nov, 2025), Atenveldt (30 Nov, 2025), Caid (30 Nov, 2025), Drachenwald (30 Nov, 2025), Ealdormere (30 Nov, 2025), East (30 Nov, 2025), Gleann Abhann (30 Nov, 2025), Lochac (30 Nov, 2025), Middle (30 Nov, 2025), West (30 Nov, 2025), Laurel LoPFR (30 Dec, 2025). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Saturday, January 31, 2026.**

The March Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, March 29, 2026 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, March 7, 2026. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Calontir (04 Dec, 2025), Atlantia (09 Dec, 2025), Avacal (15 Dec, 2025), Northshield (17 Dec, 2025), An Tir (23 Dec, 2025), Lochac (26 Dec, 2025), Outlands (27 Dec, 2025), Meridies (28 Dec, 2025), An Tir (29 Dec, 2025), Artemisia (30 Dec, 2025), Ealdormere (30 Dec, 2025), East (30 Dec, 2025), Atenveldt (31 Dec, 2025), Drachenwald

(31 Dec, 2025), Middle (31 Dec, 2025), Northshield (31 Dec, 2025), Middle Other Letter (18 Feb, 2026). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Saturday, February 28, 2026.**

The April Laurel decisions were made at the Pelican meeting held on Sunday, April 12, 2026 and the Wreath meeting held on Saturday, April 11, 2026. These meetings considered the following letters of intent: Caid (02 Jan, 2026), Palimpsest Rules Letter (02 Jan, 2026), Trimaris (03 Jan, 2026), Calontir (04 Jan, 2026), Atlantia (09 Jan, 2026), Meridies (22 Jan, 2026), Avacal (23 Jan, 2026), Æthelmearc (26 Jan, 2026), Drachenwald (29 Jan, 2026), Outlands (30 Jan, 2026), West (30 Jan, 2026), Atenveldt (31 Jan, 2026), Ealdormere (31 Jan, 2026), East (31 Jan, 2026), Laurel LoPaD (31 Jan, 2026), Lochac (31 Jan, 2026), Middle (31 Jan, 2026), Meridies (01 Feb, 2026), Laurel LoPFR (12 Feb, 2026) (pushed due to lack of extra time for redraws), Laurel LoPFR (23 Feb, 2026). **All commentary, responses, and rebuttals should have been entered into OSCAR by Tuesday, March 31, 2026.**

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