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UNTO THE COLLEGE OF HERALDS of the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac, and unto all others who might read this missive, does Gereint Scholar, Crux Australis Herald, send warm greetings. This is my Crux Australis Monthly Letter for February A.S. XXIV.

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#### Many Many Roster Changes

We have at least two new groups in Lochac, and lots of other roster changes this month.

The Shire of Ynys Fawr [Hobart] has spawned the College of Saint Gildas the Wise at the University of Tasmania. The new PE is Lord Julian du Bois [Dougal Montgomery], 210 Nelson Road, Mount Nelson TAS 7007, formerly PE for Ynys Fawr. His telephone number is (002) 25-3842.

And the Barony of Aneala [Perth] has the Canton of Dragon's Keep, located some distance to the north-east of the central Barony. Its new herald, rostered as a Cornet, is Slaine MacKeelta [Ronald Birch], 58 Cobb Street, Scarborough WA 6019, and again there doesn't seem to be a telephone.

Speaking of Aneala, there's been a change in Baronial Pursuivant. Sir Kane Greymane is stepping down as Black Wing Pursuivant to become a Pursuivant At Large. Thank you, Sir Kane, for keeping Anealan heraldry running so smoothly. His successor is Lord David de Saxby [David Ferstat], formerly the Acting PE for the Canton of Abertridwr. His address is P.O. Box 8266, Stirling Street, Perth WA 6000, and you can call him on (09) 458-8251. Lord David has been recommended for promotion to Pursuivant Extraordinary.

In the Shire of Llyn Arian [Lake Macquarie NSW], Lord Conachar MacAlpin is retiring to become a Pursuivant At Large. After two years as Llyn Arian's herald, and some time as Mordenvale's herald before that, he probably deserves a rest. Succeeding him as PE for Llyn Arian will be Lady Melloney de Charteris [Gayle Charter], 21/135 City Road, Merewether NSW 2291. Telephone (049) 63-4129.

And in the College of Saint Bartholomew [University of Melbourne], the new herald, also rostered as a Cornet, is Valintine de la Promontoire [Vanessa Judd], 24 Strathaird Street, Strathmore VIC 3041.

After all these changes, it's time to distribute another complete Roster of Heralds, but there isn't room this month. There'll be a complete Roster in the next Camel.

## On the Eventual Succession of the Crux Australis Herald

In just two month's time, it will be April — which marks the end of my second year in office as Crux Australis Herald. Whilst in this Kingdom at least, heralds are usually rostered for an open-ended term, there's a strong tradition that people consider their term of office to be of two years' duration. My thoughts are therefore turning to the question of whether I'll be Crux Australis Herald for another two years. Having thought about this at some length, the answer is a very definite "no".

Two years is about the right time in office because, as I've found, and as many others have found in other offices, you spend the first year figuring out how to do the job, and the second year actually doing it to your own satisfaction. However, I believe that a second two-year term would *not* be a good idea, for a number of reasons. For a start, I think it's healthy for Lochac to experience a variety of styles in heraldic administration. After four years, people start to assume that there's only one way of doing things. A new person in the office means new ideas. In addition, there's a few other things I'd like to do with my time, both within the SCA and elsewhere. I don't have time for everything, and I don't want to be type-cast solely as a herald, or solely as an SCAer. The SCA is only one of my interests, after all.

So what will happen? I'd be perfectly willing to give up the office tomorrow, or in April at the Rowany Festival, but I realize that two months is far too short a time to tie up all the loose ends and properly train a successor. However, I think that it *could* be possible to hand over at Midwinter in June, provided a suitable successor was available now, and was willing to start training immediately. But maybe that's too soon too. In any event, I have no intention of holding the office for more than another year — that is, at the *very* latest, I wish to hand over to my successor at the Rowany Festival at Easter A.S. XXV (1991).

To this end, I hereby call for expressions of interest in the position of Crux Australis Herald. If you're interested, please write and let me know. "Write"? Well, stay with me and you'll find out why, as I give you more of my thoughts about the office. (Those who attended Lochac Heraldic Symposium II have already heard some of this.)

Over the last few years, through my tenture and that of Master Thorsinn Hrolfsson, Lochac has grown. Every new member is another potential name and device submission, and every new group brings with it more administrative duties. We now have almost sixty rostered heralds around the Principality — the greatest concentration of rostered heralds per unit population of anywhere in the Known World. These days, submissions from a dozen people a month is normal. As a growing Principality, we have more need for ceremonial duties, including the writing of ceremonies. Eventually, Lochac will become a Kingdom — maybe before, maybe after becoming two Principalities, depending on who you ask — and will have more independence. Translated, this means that we won't have the senior heralds of the West Kingdom to do many of the high-level activities for us. Even already, the Crux Australis Herald has more independence, and therefore more duties, than the other Principality Heralds in the West. The time has come when all these duties can no longer comfortably be handled by one individual. Indeed, the last two months demonstrated that an increase in my mundane workload of only a few hours a week puts enough strain on the office that correspondence falls weeks behind schedule. I don't think this is acceptable, and I think something should be done before it becomes a major problem, while it can still be done in a calm and rational manner.

As one of my last major projects, therefore, I intend dividing and delegating a good deal of the duties of Crux Australis Herald. I've already started this project by appointing a Field Deputy to handle field and duty heraldry and training therein. I have a number of other duties or projects that could be

delegated, and I now call for expressions of interest for those positions as well.

As counterpart to the Field Deputy position, I'd like to appoint a Court Deputy. This person would be responsible for organizing Their Highnesses' Courts at Investitures, and perhaps at Coronet Tourneys as well. He or she would also provide training in Court heraldry, advise Their Highnesses on ceremony and protocol, draft new ceremonies and so on. Lord Peter the Uncertain asked whether this position would therefore require a commitment to attend all Principality events. My reply was "no, this wouldn't be necessary, although if you couldn't make it to a particular event, you would be required to appoint a stand-in you can trust to get the job done". His translation was that my answer did mean "yes" after all — but I disagree. After all, I've missed the last two Coronet Investitures, and the Principality still stands intact.

At the moment, I keep details of everyone's awards, names and armory in a computer database, so I can automatically generate armorials, award lists and orders of precedence for Lochac or for subgroups within Lochac. When I resign as Crux Australis, I'd like to retain this particular heraldic duty. It's much the same as the West Kingdom's Golem Pursuivant, it occupies little of my time — and as anyone who works with computers will tell you, if the system works, don't alter it.

Another position still could be that of consulting herald. This person would be the first port of call for submittors and local heralds who needed advice on names and devices. They'd coordinate an heraldic consultation table at as many events as possible, and perhaps provide training in the art of preparing heraldic submissions. There could also be another position taking care of general heraldic training.

Other duties could doubtless be delegated as well, although this would certainly be more than enough for a start. Obviously, any of these positions could be filled by someone in any group, since their direct contact with Crux Australis would be minimal.

Let me now outline some of the other duties of Crux Australis. The core duties that can't be delgated are these: communication with the Vesper Principal Herald; supervision of people on the roster, including keeping titles, names and addresses up to date, recommending people for promotion, recommending people for awards and, where necessary, removing people from office and replacing them; ruling on heraldic submissions from Lochac and sending the acceptable ones to Vesper [actually, I personally think that this could be delegated, as in some other Kingdoms, but Vesper disagrees]; keeping the submissions files for Lochac; reporting annually on the state of Crux Australis' finances [in case you didn't know, the turnover of this office in 1989 approached \$2000 — obviously proper financial reporting is vital]; signing and sealing award scrolls; overseeing forms of ceremony; and swearing fealty to your Prince and Princess.

Duties that could be delegated include: running Courts at events; running field and duty heraldry; writing and preparing the *Camel* (although all content would still have to be approved by Crux Australis); maintaining the files; writing letters of return to submittors whose submissions have failed; keeping the financial books; keeping the Order of Precedence; writing ceremonies (although Crux Australis must approve their final form before use); and other special projects as needed. Other duties still that perhaps *should* be delegated include training exercises; conflict checking at consultation tables and heralds' meetings\*; filing; field heraldry\*; duty heraldry\*; some Courts\*; teaching basic heraldry classes\*—indeed those marked with an asterisk \* are already largely delegated.

Quite a lot, really, isn't it! So what sort of person would I be looking for in a successor? For a start, a well-organized communicator, both in writing and verbally. You don't need a word processor, but you definitely need a typewriter, or a good secretary who has one — there's far too much correspondence to write by hand. In fact, you should enjoy writing. You need to be able to do the account books, or have someone reliable close at hand who can. You need to have the inter-personal skills to supervise sixty heralds scattered across a continent, all with different skill levels and backgrounds. You need to

be open-minded and friendly enough to make as few enemies as possible, while still being strong enough to make the occasional tough decision, such as saying "no" to an heraldic submittor, or sacking a subordinate who still isn't performing the duties despite your previous warnings. Obviously, you need a good understanding of as many aspects of SCA heraldry as possible, although you certainly don't need to be an expert in everything. And because the *Camel* has become such an important communications link between the far-flung corners of this Principality, and because we now charge money for it, you need to be able to keep it coming out every month. (It doesn't need to be laser typeset like this one, and you needn't do it all yourself, but it must be reliable.) Above all, the job does *not* require a scholarly book herald, nor an impressive Court herald — it needs an *administrator*. (I'm certainly not saying that I possess all these attributes. Far from it! This is more a description of the *ideal* candidate, not a set of absolute requirements.)

On the positive side, being Crux Australis Herald is incredibly enjoyable. You sixty-odd heralds [or should that be "you sixty odd heralds"?] are a wonderful bunch of people, and I get a great deal of pleasure out of working with you. And over the past two years I've learnt a lot of heraldry. (Just because you see me writing something confidently in the Camel, you shouldn't assume that I've known the fact for anything more than an hour before I wrote it down.)

If all that hasn't put you off totally, I'd be happy to hear from you — but in writing please. As I think I've stressed sufficiently, a Crux Australis Herald must be literate. If you can't write even one little letter of introduction, you've failed your first job test.

## The Next Laurel King of Arms

At the January meeting of the Board of Directors, the next Laurel Soveriegn of Arms was chosen. He will be Master Da'ud ibn Auda, a herald of some standing within the College of Arms. He has previously been Star Principal Herald of the Kingdom of Ansteorra, and as Obelisk Herald has been an active and scholarly commenter within the College of Arms. He will become Laurel King of Arms, succeeding Mistress Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane as Laurel Queen of Arms, some time later this mundane year.

## Administrative Guidelines Approved

Also at the January Board meeting, the latest draft of the Administrative Guidelines was approved, with some minor alterations. This is the draft dated January 1990. As far as I know, the only significant alteration concerned the number of items that might be registered to an individual. While I'm not sure what the restrictions are for SCA groups, I believe the limit for individual submittors has now has been set at one primary SCA name and one primary piece of armory (your "device"), and three other pieces of armory ("badges"), each of which may be associated with another name or designation ("household name", "alternate persona name" or "unit designation") — in other words, pretty much what we have now.

As mentioned recently, a complete copy of the new Rules for Submissions and Administrative Guidelines will be distributed to every SCA group in the Known World as soon as the final edition has been prepared. If you can't wait that long, please send \$2.50 to cover copying and postage, and I'll send you a copy of the final drafts. As usual, make cheques and money orders payable to "SCA College of Heralds".

## Memberships versus Registered Names

Because there seems to be some confusion about this issue once more, let me clarify the relationship between the College of Heralds and the Registry when it comes to society names. In short, there is no link whatsoever.

The Registry is in charge of memberships, membership cards and magazine subscriptions and dis-

tribution. The Registrar, and in Lochac the Deputy Registrar for Australia, will put whatever SCA name on your membership card that you put on your application form. If you put Jesus H Christ on your membership form, that's what'll be on your card. The Deputy Registrar, who also happens to be a Baronial Pursuivant, will probably grimace greatly, but she isn't empowered to change what you put on your forms. On the other hand, the society name on your membership card has no standing whatsoever within the Society. It's merely a cross-check, to help track you down and get your newsletters to you if you move house without notifying the Registry. This is its only purpose, and it's ignored for all other purposes.

The College of Heralds, on the other hand, deals with "official" society names — the names that appear on all legal documents such as award scrolls, treaties, charters and oaths, and by which you'll be announced at Court. Your "official" society name must therefore conform to the rules for names as described in the heraldic *Rules for Submissions*. This is the name that "counts" for all purposes within the Society.

The College of Heralds does not ever check names with the Registry, nor vice versa. The Registry uses what you put on your membership forms, the College of Heralds uses what you put on your submission forms. In fact, there is only one time that the College of Heralds will even look at the Registry's membership lists, and that's to check that someone is a paid-up member before rostering them as a local herald for an SCA group. Yes, this means that we register names and devices for anyone, financial member or not — hey, we'll accept anyone's submission fees!

#### **Meeting Schedule**

My regular monthly meetings are usually held on Sunday afternoons at The Scriptorium IIA, 2A Te Anau Avenue, Prospect SA 5082, starting at 2.00pm. The next regular meeting is at The Scriptorium IIA on Sunday 18th March 1990 — NOTE THAT THIS IS A DIFFERENT DATE FROM THAT MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY. After that, they're on 29th April, 30th May and 17th June.

The Hund Pursuivant, Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson [Stephen Roylance], holds weekly meetings to provide comments on submissions from other kingdoms. There's a meeting at 8.00pm every Monday night at the home of Lord Thrainn Járngrímsson [Stefan Akerblom], "Fjordhalla", 7 Glenlea Close, Rowville VIC 3178. There's often an additional meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, at a different venue. Regular commentary is also taking place in Aneala [Perth], Innilgard [Adelaide], Llyn Arian [Lake Macquarie NSW], River Haven [Brisbane] and Ynys Fawr [Hobart]. Contact the relevant local herald for details.

## This Month's Submissions

The February meeting of the College of Heralds of the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac was held on Sunday 11th February at The Scriptorium IIA. Present were Master Gereint Scholar, Crux Australis Herald; Mistress Aislinn de Valence, Frette Rouge Pursuivant; PE At Large Lord Robert Furness of Southwood; Cornets and Visitors Lord Dubhghlas MacAilean, Kenelm de la Dale, Learbhean ni Séigníne, Lady Maeva Torfadottir and Lord René du Bon Bois; and The Cat.

Back in September 1989, we set a record for the largest number of submissions in a single month in Lochac, with 21 transactions from 16 different submittors around Lochac. This month, we blow that record into oblivion with 44 transactions from 26 submittors. This would probably be considered a busy month at the Vesper office if this many submissions arrived from the entire West Kingdom, not just one Principality. Indeed, it's more submissions that you'd see in *three* months from some of the smaller Kingdoms. It's a credit to the abilities of those at the meeting that we managed to process all these submissions in just  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

1. Alisaundre de Kilmaron (new name and device; name SUBMITTED, device RETURNED) [Innilgard, HID501]

Ermine, on a bend sinister purpure, three thistles, slipped and leaved, Or.

Withycombe dates Alisaundre to the early 14th century, a variant of Alexandra (p.14). The surname de Kilmaron dates from the early 1200s, as cited in G F Black's The Surnames of Scotland (p.398).

The device is in technical conflict with the mundane arms of Cosway: Ermine, on a bend sinister (unknown tincture), a rose argent between two bezants (Papworth p.240). Assuming the bend sinister in Cosway isn't purpure, which it probably isn't, we can count one clear visual difference for the tincture of that charge (Rules for Submissions X.4.d, "Tincture Changes"). However, the only other differences are all in the charges upon the bend sinister, and RfS X.4.j, "Changes to Charges on Charges", allows us to count a clear difference only if there are "two or more visually significant change to the same group of charges". Here, we are changing the type of all the members of the group of charges (one device has a set of three thistles, the other has a rose between to bezants); that's one change. But we are changing the tincture of only some of the charge group. RfS X.4.j goes on to say that "generally, such changes must affect the whole group of charges to be considered visually significant, since the size of these elements and their visual impact are considerably diminished" [since they're placed upon other charges].

Consulting herald: Gerald Swinford.

[A Note on "Charge Groups": In the Glossary to the Rules for Submissions, a "charge group" is defined as "A set of charges used together in a design as a single unit. The charges in groups in heraldry usually fall into standard arrangements depending on their number and what other items are involved in the design. A collection of charges that are arranged in such a standard arrangement are considered a single group, even if they are of different types." A classic example would be three charges around a chevron: even if they were two of one thing in chief and one of another thing in base, they are still considered to be a single group of three charges.]

2. Anton d'Estoc (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Ynys Fawr, HID420] Azure, a sea-wolf sejant erect and a chief argent.

According to Withycombe, Anton is a common Germanic and Slavic variant of Anthony, a name which dated back to Latin times (p.28). The epithet d'Estoc is supposed to be the French for "of the point of the sword", which the submittor documented in the Collins Gem Dictionary Francais—Anglais (p.136) — possibly a degenerate or shortened version of de l'Estoc. The submittor will accept changes or corrections that preserve the sound of the name.

The device came drawn with a narrow white band at the top of the shield, which was blazoned as a bar in chief. However, a bar in chief would be drawn as a narrow fess at the top of the shield, with a little of the azure field showing above the white object. I've therefore blazoned it as a chief — albeit a narow one.

Consulting heralds: Melisaunde Gwyllt ferch Gwion and Hrolf Herjolfssen.

3. Bartholomew Ratcliffe (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard, HID503] Sable, a rat sejant erect between in cross four mullets of six points argent.

Bartholomew is a Biblical name, and according to Withycombe it was "very common from the 12th century onwards" (p.43). The surname Ratcliffe is a later variant of Radcliff. Reaney has a Henry Rattcliffe in AD1636, and lists forms such as de Radecliua as early as AD1182 (p.288). Although we can't completely document this particular variant as being used in period, it's very close, and it's certainly compatible with the Society ambience.

The device appears free of problems.

Consulting herald: Aislinn de Valence.

4. Bran Emrys o Garnhedryn (device resubmission to Vesper; SUBMITTED) [Saint Aldhelm, HID434]

Argent, three bedlets enhanced gules, overall a reremouse displayed within an orle azure.

This gentle's name was submitted on the Letter of Intent for September 1989, and will have been considered by the Laurel Queen of Arms at her December meeting. The submittor's first design for a device was Argent, an orle debruised by three bendlets enhanced, and in dexter base, within the orle, a bat displayed, all azure. It was returned by Vesper in September 1989 for stylistic reasons: "The design is badly unbalanced. One expects the bat to be centred within the orle, rather than being forced into base. However it cannot properly balance the enhance bendlets because it is confined within the orle. As a result, the bat, which by rights should be the primary charge, is greatly diminished in size and importance."

This new design solves the balance problems by making the bendlets gules, allowing the bat to be properly centred within the orle.

Consulting herald: Morag Ameredith.

[Note on Blazon: A reremouse is the mediæval heraldic term for a bat. Although the submission forms use the more modern term, I've changed it to the mediæval term, on the grounds that it's what Lady Laurel has done lately. (See, for instance, the device registered to Aelfric of Dorcestre, as shown in last month's Camel, page L-3).]

5. Carl Van Hope (new name and device; PENDED) [Innilgard, HID502] Vert, two scarpes Or, each charged with an arrow sable.

The name is intended to be a Dutch version of the submittor's mundane name, *Charles Wannop*. Carl certainly needs little documentation. However we have nothing to support the submittor's confident assertion that *Van Hope* is the original Dutch version of *Wannop*. I have therefore pended this avaiting documentation for the name.

I've blazoned the device as shown above, rather than Vert, on two scarpes Or, two arrows sable, to remove any possible ambiguity over the number of arrows in the design.

Consulting heralds: Tovye Woolmongere and Robert Furness of Southwood.

6. Corin Anderson (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Stormhold, HID67] Argent, a sword inverted gules, a chief embattled sable and a base azure.

The name is Welsh/English. Bartrum's Early Welsh Genealogical Tracts lists Corun (p.179), and the submittor hopes that Corin is a legitimate spelling variant. It has been registered before, to Corin du Soliel, although that was way back in August 1979, at the infamous Heraldicon, when our name rules were, um, less stringent. The submittor will accept the documentable version if we cannot support Corin. Reaney dates the surname Anderson in this form to AD1471, and the original Androsoun to around AD1443 (p.79).

The device would be far better style with the sword *fesswise*, horizontally. This would allow it to be drawn much larger. In this design, however, it's restricted in size by the *chief* and the *base*. Nevertheless it's legal, and appears free of problems.

Consulting herald: Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw.

Cynon Yscolan ap Myrddin (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Stormhold, HID495]
Vert, three ermine tails conjoined in pall inverted, heads to centre.

The given names Cynon and Yscolan are both found in The Four Ancient Books of Wales, translated by William Forbes Skene (p.310 and p.518 respectively). (This is a collection in one volume of The Black Book of Carmarthen, The Book of Aneurin, The Book of Taliesin and The Red Book of Hergest. The publisher is uncertain, although the colophon says that this volume is "reprinted from an original in the collections of the Ohio State University Libraries, edition of 1868, Edinburgh"). The word ap is the usual Welsh "son of".

The unusual device appears free of problems. Given that one can have a cross of four

(somethings), it seems not unreasonable to have a pall of three (somethings) — although I've blazoned as shown to make the design clearer for heraldic artists.

Consulting herald: the submittor.

8. Filippa Ginevra Francesca de Lucignano (name and device resubmission to Crux Australis; SUBMITTED) [Rowany, HID233]

Argent, in pale two cross crosslets gules, in fess two frets couped azure.

For the previous history of this submission, please read last month's Camel.

The three given names are all suitable for use within the SCA, as noted in last month's Camel. Lucignano is a town in Italy approximately 15 miles south of Arezza, the subject of much warfare between Siena and Arezza during the 15th century, as documented in Gene Brucker's Renaissance Florence (University of California Press, Berkley) (p.163). A photocopy of the relevant material has now been provided.

The device is a complete redesign, and appears free of problems.

Consulting herald: none listed.

9. Francis of Hexham (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Ynys Fawr, HID506]

Per bend sinister argent and sable, a six-foil counterchanged.

Francis was used in England as early as AD1490, according to the already-overworked Withycombe (p.120–121). Hexham is a town in Northumberland, 54°58'N 2°7'W, in existence before the War of the Roses, as shown in Muir's Atlas of Medieval and Modern History (p.27).

The device, a wonderful piece of heraldic design, just sneaks clear of the mundane arms of Bralforth of Derby and others: Argent, a cinquefoil pierced sable (Papworth p.868). Even if you count no difference between a six-foil and a cinquefoil, you can count one clear visual difference for the change in tincture of the field, and another for the change in ticnture of the device. (Yes, this implies that taking any design and counterchanging it across a line of division of some sort will automatically clear it from that particular conflict.)

Consulting herald: Julian du Bois.

10. Gabriella della Santa Croce (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Stormhold, HID112] Per pale sable and azure, a maltese cross throughout, between in base two lions rampant addorsed, queue-forché, each maintaining a rose argent.

The name is Italian, intended to mean "Gabriella of the Holy Cross". Gabriella may be found in Withycombe (p.124). Our smattering of Italian tells us that the byname is correct.

The device appears free of problems.

Consulting herald: Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw.

11. Gareth Deufreuddwyd ap Rhys (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard, HID498] Or, a wyvern erect gules, a bordure per bend sinister sable and gules.

The given name Gareth, despite its ancient sound, is actually dated by Withycombe only to AD1593 (p.125). As an aside, Withycombe says the name Gareth first appears in Malory's Morte d'Arthur, and in his original French source it's Gahariet. She suggests he probably mis-read or mis-heard some other Welsh name. That first documented real person called Gareth in AD1593 was a child baptized at Wigan in that year. The name "has been used from time to time since Tennyson made it generally known in his Gareth and Lynnet (1872). It is now moderately common in Wales. The relatively modern name Garth is presumably a form of Gareth, and its use may derive from the hero of Florence Barclay's immensely popular novel The Rosary (1909)." Bartrum tells us that Deufreuddwyd is a Welsh epithet meaning "two dreams" (p.226), and Rhys is a good Welsh name (p.211), while ap is the usual Welsh word meaning "son of".

The device should be clear of the registered device of Zachariah von Marksburg: Per bend Or and sable, a dragon rampant gules within a bordure counterchanged (SCA device, Feb 85). Even assuming that the wyvern is no different from the dragon, you can still count two clear

visual differences. You get one for the change to the field, because *Rules for Submissions* X.4.a, "Field Difference", allows a difference for "changing the... division... of the field". You should get the other difference for the change in tincture of the *bordure*, because *RfS* X.4.d "Tincture Changes" allows a clear visual difference for "changing the tinctures or division of any group of charges".

Consulting herald: Robert Furness of Southwood.

## 12. Guimora Peverel of Scopasheall (new device; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard, HID484]

Or, a cross of four lozenges within a mascle gules.

This gentle's name was submitted by Crux Australis in December.

According to Bruce Draconarius' Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry, a cross of lozenges must explicitly blazon the number of lozenges (p.27), so we have with this device.

Consulting herald: Lochac Heraldic Symposium II.

## 13. Ine na Coille Ghlusa (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Stormhold, HID497]

Azure, in chief a serpent involved argent, between flaunches Or.

The name is a mixture of Anglo-Saxon and Scots Gaelic. *Ine* was the twelfth Anglo-Saxon King of Wessex, as documented in R F Tapsell's *Monarchs, Rulers, Dynasties and Kingdoms of the World* (Thames & Hudson, London 1983) (p.173). The byname *na Coille Ghlusa* is intended to be the Scots Gaelic for "of the Grey Forest", and the submittor has included his argument for the correctness of this construction, including documentation from R MacKinnon's *Teach Yourself Gaelic* (New York 1977). Photocopies have been provided.

Consulting heralds: Eleanor Littelhailes and Selwyn Searobyrig.

[A Note on Blazon: The heraldic term "involved" applies to serpents and other similar creatures, and it means "in annulo, biting its tail".]

# 14. James the Unknown (device resubmission to Vesper; RETURNED) [Stormhold, HID141] Barry embattled of four and per pale argent and gules, a chief sable.

Lord James' name was registered in January 1989. His previous device submission was Barry of four gules and argent, four piles inverted in point throughout counterchanged. This design was returned by Lady Vesper in December 1988 for two reasons. It was illegal under long-standing precedent banning "op art" designs, and it was also in technical conflict with the mundane arms of Prospect: Barry paley in prospect argent and sable (Papworth, p.51).

Unfortunately, this new design, while fixing the stylistic problems, is in conflict with the mundane arms of Airth of Scotland: Argent, a chief sable (Papworth, p.555). To understand fully why this is so, please remember that this new design from Lord James is just a field — albeit a complicated one — and a single charge, the chief, just like the arms of Airth. It isn't different under RfS X.1, "Addition of Primary Charge", because no charge has been added. Nor does it come clear under X.2, "Difference of Primary Charge", since the primary charge is the same in both cases: a chief sable. Therefore, we must find two clear visual differences between the devices using the many provisions of X.4, "Significant Armorial Differences". Because the chief is the same in both cases, the only way that we can count difference is from the field. Alas, under X.4.a, "Field Differences", which applies when charges are present, "changes to the field may not be counted separately". Thus, even with the complex division and counterchanging of the field, we still only have one clear difference between two devices. The submittor's only permitted design change, changing the barry part of the complex field to barry of six, does not affect this decision.

The volume of work at this month's meeting didn't allow us enough time to explore many design options for this submittor. We thought of simply removing the *chief*, leaving us simply with *Barry embattled of four and per pale argent and gules*. Any device that consists solely of a field (no charges), has a couple of advantages. First, it's automatically clear of any device that has any charges whatsoever, since *RfS* X.1, "Addition of Primary Charges", says that "armory

does not conflict with any protected armory that adds or removes the primary charge group". So you'd only have to consider conflict against other field-only designs. You'd then come under the provisions of RfS X.4.a.ii, "Field Only Difference", which says "if neither of two pieces of armory being compared has charges, changes to the tincture, division, line of partition and treatment of the field may be counted separately". (Yes, this is the exception to the rule that says you can count only one difference for differences in the field.) However, this simpler field-only design would then be in conflict with the mundane arms of Barrett and others: Barry of four and per pale argent and gules (Papworth p.51), because we've only changed one thing about the field, the line of partition of the barry division. So that doesn't work. But we thought there must be a field-only geometric design that works somehow. We also thought that using a complex line of division on the chief might work, because from Airth we could then count one clear visual difference for the field, the other for the line of division on the sole charge, the chief.

Consulting herald: Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw.

# 15. Jennet of Amberley (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard, HID505] Per pale sable and argent, a crescent counterchanged, a chief vert.

Withycombe says that Jennet is a diminutive of Janet "found as late as AD1660 (p.172). The new Rules for Submissions now specifically allow diminutive forms of names to be registered (see RfS II.1, "Documented Names"). Amberley is a town in West Sussex, with a partly-Norman church and a 14th century castle, as cited in On Route in Britain (map 4 and p.28). Although we don't have phootocopies of the map, Crux Australis can confirm that he's seen it and the town exists. Furthermore, Kenelm de la Dale has actually been to the town in question, and he can confirm its existence as well.

Consulting herald: Aislinn de Valence.

# 16. Joab Cohen (device resubmission to Crux Australis; SUBMITTED) [Ynys Fawr, HID463] Argent, a pall inverted vert, in dexter chief a panther rampant guardant sable.

The submittor's name was on the West Kingdom's Letter of Intent of October 1989, and will by now have been decided upon at the Laurel office. This device submission was previously returned by Crux Australis in September 1989 for conflict with Fergus Callahan: Argent, a pall inverted between two pinecones inverted and an acorn vert (SCA device, Jan 87). Under the previous Rules for Submissions you could count at most a major and a minor point of difference for changes to secondary charges.

However, under the new RfS, this is now clear. X.4.f, "Number Changes", allows us to count one clear visual difference for the difference between three secondary charges on one device and one on the other; and X.4.e, "Type Changes", allows us to count the other clear visual difference for the difference between a panther and either a pinecone or an acorn — take your pick. There appear to be no other conflicts.

Consulting herald: Julian du Bois.

[Note on Blazon: An heraldic panther is always drawn with flames issuing from its mouth and ears — that's what makes it a panther. Although it isn't mentioned in the blazon, these flames are usually tincured gules.]

#### 17. Julian du Bois (new device; SUBMITTED) [Ynys Fawr, 378]

Per bend sinister argent and sable, a tree stump eradicated vert.

Lord Julian's name was submitted in the Letter of Intent for October 1989, and will by now have been considered at the Laurel office. This brand new device appears fee of problems.

Consulting herald: the submittor, of course.

[Note on Blazon: The term eradicated means "uprooted", and anyone familiar with Latin will tell you this derives from the Latin word radix, meaning "root". In heraldry, the term eradicated

applies to trees and other plants when they're depicted with their roots exposed.]

18. Kattrin die Wißbegierige Reisende von Tübingen (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Dubh-Thruin, HID170]

Azure, a lion sejant erect affronté, queue forchée argent, armed and langed gules, maintaining in each forepaw a torch Or, flamed proper.

Kattrin is said to be a German form of Cathrine. Yonge lists many variant spellings, although not this one. The phrase die Wißbegierige Reisende is meant to mean "the curious traveller", while Tübingen is a town in Germany. Yes, this is a TSCA name in German. For those without access to the characters ' $\beta$ ' and ' $\ddot{u}$ ', this name would be spelt Kattrin die Wissbegierige Reisende von Tuebingen.

The device is possibly in technical conflict with the mundane arms of Allye and many others: Azure, a lion rampant argent (Papworth, p.70). It certainly is not a case of "Difference of Primary Charge" (RfS X.2), because the charges are not different — they're both lions. X.4.h, "Posture Changes", allows us to count one clear visual difference between a lion rampant and a lion sejant erect affronty, but that's all. As for the flaming torches, well, X.4.j, "Changes to Charges on Charges", says that "Charges maintained by other charges are generally too insignificant to count towards difference at all." However, Aislinn de Valence points to that word "generally" in the sentence I've just quoted. She argues that in this case the "charges maintained by other charges", the torches, are visually significant. They're quite large relative to the lion, and as drawn they take up at least as much space on the device as, say, the thistles on the bend in our very first submission of this month. If adding those thistles would count as a difference (which they would under X.4.i), then adding these torches should too.

Consulting herald: the submittor.

19. Learbhean ni Séigíne (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard, HID507]

Argent, a peregrine falcon volant proper, belled and jessed Or, between three cinquefoils pierced azure, within a bordure embattled sable.

Both Learbhean and Séigíne may be found in O'Corrain & Maguire's Gaelic Personal Names (p.122 and p.164 respectively), and ni is the usual "daughter of".

The device appears free of problems. Although the use of *proper* is discouraged in SCA heraldry, this is not excessive usage.

Consulting herald: Aislinn de Valence.

20. Madelaine de la Fôret (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard, HID504] Argent, a pale nebuly between two oak leaves vert.

The submittor wants the French equivalent to Madelaine of the Forest, and says "please fix the grammar".

This device is the submittor's second choice. The original was Argent, a pale between two oak leaves vert, but this would be in technical conflict with Faedagh Glendhalyn: Argent, a pale between two needles in saltire and a tower vert (SCA device, May 83). One could count a clear visual difference for the change in type of the charge group around the pale, but that's all. Changing the line of partition on the pale generates the second difference.

Consulting herald: Aislinn de Valence.

21. Marko Alighieri (device resubmission to Crux Australis; SUBMITTED) [Ynys Fawr, HID473] Gules, on a chevron between two winged amphorae and a lymphad Or, two lions of St Mark respectant gules.

The submittor's name was on the Letter of Intent for November 1989. His original device was: Gules, a chevron between two winged amphorae and a lymphad Or, its sail charged with a lion of St Mark gules. This was returned by Crux Australis for two reasons. One was technical conflict under the old rules with the mundane arms of Chambernoun: Gules, a chevron Or (Pap-

worth, p.375), because under the old rules, the addition of secondary charges wasn't sufficient to clear an SCA device from mundane conflict. In addition, the sails of a ship may not bear any charges. (There's one exception: the arms of a local branch of the SCA may carry a laurel wreath on the sail of a ship.) The reason for this is that the sail of a ship is one place heralds put what are called *augmentations of arms*. Other places are on a canton, and on a small *escutcheon* (shield shape) somewhere on your device. In this case, bearing a *lion of St Mark* on the sail implies that you're the Doge of Venice himself, or have been specially honoured by him in some way.

This new design fizes the problem.

Consulting herald: Hrolf Heriolfssen.

### 22. Miriam d'Aurigny (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [River Haven, HID499]

Per pale Or and vert, a shamrock charged with three stars of David, all counterchanged.

Miriam is a Biblical name, as cited in Withycombe (p.221). The phrase d'Aurigny means "of Aurigny", where Aurigny is the French name for the island Alderney the northernmost of the four main Channel Islands. (This last fact we cannot document; it is simply asserted by the submittor, who lived there for some time.)

The device appears free of problems.

Consulting heralds: Giles Leabrook and Gereint Scholar.

### 23. Niell MacCormican (new name; SUBMITTED) [Dubh-Thruin, HID496]

Niell is a variant spelling of the name found variously as Niall, Neil, Nigel and so so. Withycombe says that name was common in England amongst the Danes and the Norsemen before the Norman Conquest, and the usual forms were Nel, Nele and Neel. It gave rise to the surnames Neil, Neild, Neal, Nell, Nelson and Nielson (p.228). Note that last variant in particular, which implies the existance of a root form Niel — and doubling the final 'l' is common enough in English names to be considered a legitimate spelling variant. Reaney's Dictionary of British Surnames dates a Roger Niel to AD1319 and mentions but does not date Niell (p.248). The surname MacCormican is found in MacLysaght's The Surnames of Ireland (p.59).

Consulting herald: none listed.

## 24. Owen ap Dafydd (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard, HID508]

Per fess potent argent and sable, a lion passant guardant sable and in saltire two battleaxes argent.

Withycombe says that Owen is "a common Welsh name" dating from AD1200 (p.237), while Dafydd may be found in Bartrum's Early Welsh Genealogical Tracts (p.182)

The device appears free of problems.

Consulting herald: René du Bon Bois.

## 25. Parvus Portus, Canton of (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Parvus Portus, HID500]

Ermine, a tower sable, within a laurel wreath gules, within a bordure embattled grady sable.

Parvus Portus is meant to be the Latin for "little haven", although no documentation whatsoever was enclosed to support this claim. However, what little Latin the meeting could muster leads us to believe that it's probably right.

The device came with the *bordure* emblazoned as *dancetty embattled*. I've substituted the generally accepted heraldic term for an ordinary *embattled* in several steps.

A petition of support from the populace has been included.

Consulting heralds: Jessica of Fearn Abbey and Wulfstan of Broxton.

## 26. Robert Furness of Southwood (device resubmission to Laurel; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard, HID7]

Vert, a horseshoe, and on a chief Or, a demi-sun gules.

Lord Robert's name was registered in September 1988. His device submitted at that time

was Vert, a horseshoe within an orle Or, which was returned for technical conflict with Ceara ni Sirona: Vert, a gryphon dormant within an orle Or. Attempts to contact Ceara and obtain permission to conflict proved fruitless, and the technical conflict still stands under the new Rules for Submissions.

This new design appears free of problems.

Consulting herald: the submittor, of course.

Those submissions not returned have been forwarded to the Vesper Principal Herald, and should be considered at her March meeting. You can find drawings of the devices on pages C-1 and C-2.

#### **News of Previous Submissions**

It's entirely my fault, but... The submissions I considered at my January meeting will in fact be considered at Vesper's *March* meeting, not her February meeting. I stupidly relied upon my memory of her meeting dates, rather than looking them up. Please pass on my apologies to the submittors for this delay.

The West Kingdom College of Herald's *Minutes* for January has not yet arrived. Similarly, the Laurel Queen of Arms' *Letters of Acceptance and Return (LoAR)* for her December and January meetings haven't arrived either. However, because of the many significant heraldic decisions that were made in January, Lady Laurel issued a special letter to the College of Arms. The main part of this letter is reproduced in its entirety on pages L-1 to L-3.

#### Errata

For those of you who were wondering, yes, there were indeed two significant errors in Lady Laurel's *LoAR* for November, as reproduced in last month's *Camel*. (I'd intended to draw your attention to them then, but I forgot.)

The blazon for Eleanor Terrington's device is wrong. The charges on the bordure should be millet heads, not mullet heads. A millet head is, of course, the seed head of the millet plant. I haven't the faintest idea of what a mullet head might be — unless I make some joke best understood by fishmongers.

In addition, the blazon for *Elizabeth Saint Clair's* device is seriously mangled. It should read: *Vert, in fess two goblets between three mullets of eight points Or*, which then matches the illustration. What you get if you draw the printed blazon is left as an exercise for the reader.

A letter of correction has been sent to Lady Laurel, and we will see the results, eventually, in a future LoAR.

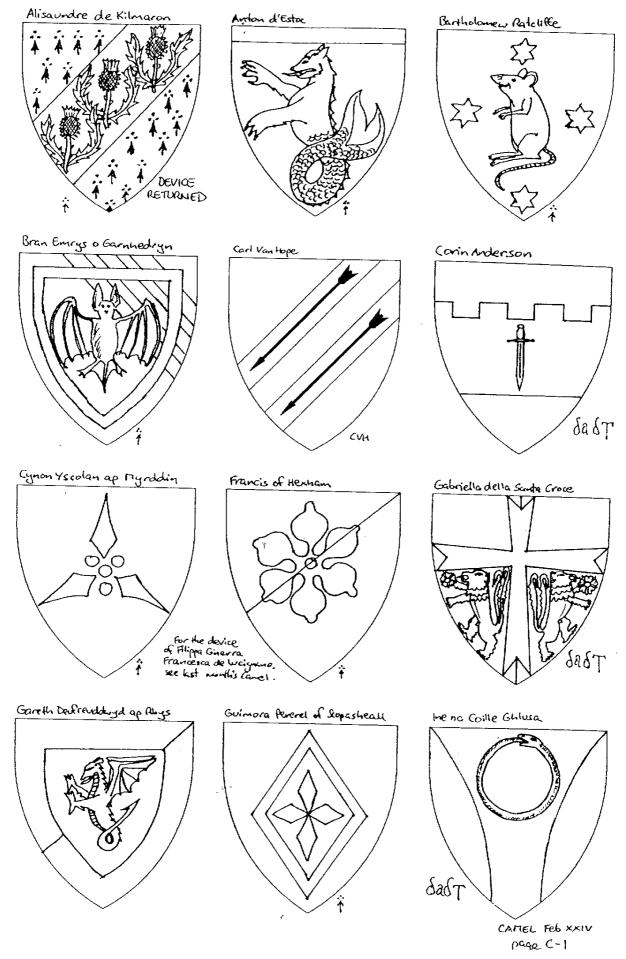
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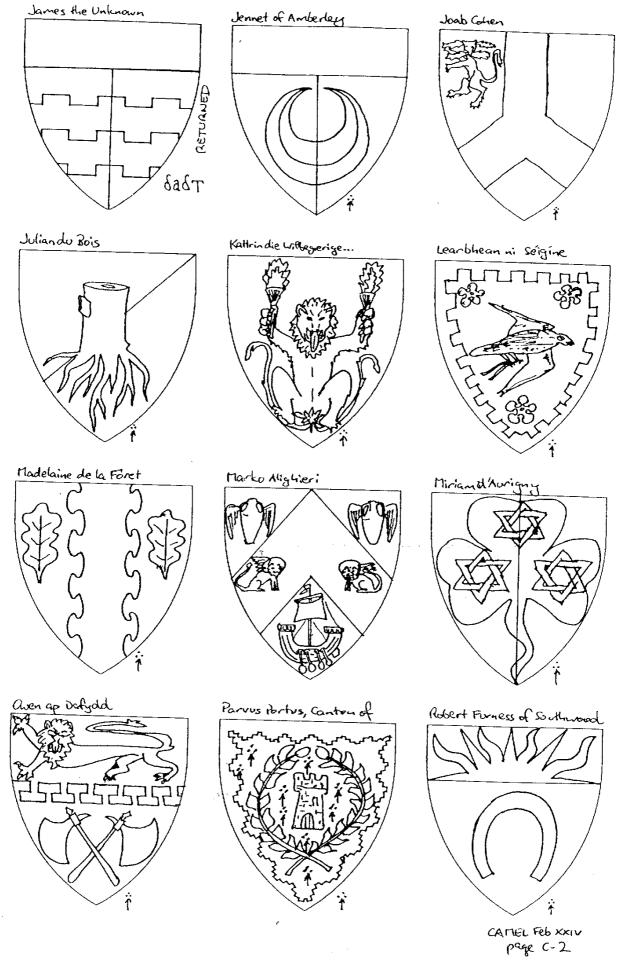
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Box 522 Mount Pleasant, SC 29465 3 February, 1990

Unto the members of the College of Arms and any others who may read this missive, greetings from Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Laurel Queen of Arms!

So significant for heraldry in the Society were the actions of the Board at the first quarter Board Meeting held in California last weekend that it seems appropriate to have a special letter dedicated to those developments alone, rather than waiting until processing of the January submissions can be completed.

At the Board's invitation, Laurel attended the proceedings and so can summarise the more important developments. Formal proclamation as usual will be made in the Board Minutes, but you may act on the following information immediately, where appropriate.

#### **NEW LAUREL**

For the first time in some years, Laurel and the Board had an almost embarrassing variety of qualified applicants to choose from in selecting a successor to the Laurel Office. With long-term service in the College of Arms including active commentary and experience as a Principal Herald, Alison von Markheim, Bruce Draconarius of Mistholme and Frederick of Holland all had much to recommend them.

However, the Board with Laurel's full support has selected as Laurel's successor in office Da'ud ibn Auda, formerly Star Principal Herald of Ansteorra and for some time now collator of the present Laurel's precedents. As Laurel was present at the meeting, he could be (and was) immediately warranted officially as Laurel's deputy and drop-dead successor.

The actual change of office will occur this summer, either at the Symposium or at some point in July (we have not yet had time to work out the details). However, Laurel will be passing a number of administrative duties and diplomatic tasks to her deputy prior to that time. We will keep you all posted.

For those who do not have a roster handy and wish to congratulate (or commiserate with) Da'ud, his mundane address is c/o David Appleton, 1610 Vinecrest Circle, Garland, TX 75042 (214-276-2129).

#### **NEW RULES**

The Board also authorised Laurel to put the new rules into full effect, i.e., lifted the requirement for pending any submissions that would be conflict-free under the new rules and not under the old rules.

Since the number of meetings held under the "pend" ruling was so few in number, we were able to keep a more or less accurate tally of the submissions that would have caused conflict. In point of fact, the only real problem would have been with pended items from November which could have conflicted with items from the December meeting. To the best of our knowledge none did (we pinned up those items from the November meeting and did visual checks).

Therefore, we feel that we are justified in taking the approach most favourable to the submittors and registering these pended submissions without the need for further commentary. A special letter of acceptance and returns covering these items is appended to this letter.

Additionally, since there has been so much confusion concerning the precise parameters of the "grace period" and the circumstances of the partial have prevented full publication of the new rules in many areas, Laurel feels that it is only fair to the submittors that the grace period originally suggested under which submissions would be considered under the rules most favourable to the submittor be extended.

CAMEC Feb XXIV page L-1 Thus, any submission which is considered at a Laurel meeting held in the year of the Society XXIV, i.e., before May 1, 1990, will be considered under the rules which most favour the submittor. Any submissions considered after that date will be subject to the full impact of the new rules.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK

The Board also approved implementation of the January draft of the Administrative Handbook with a couple of modifications. Laurel will be inserting verbiage before the portions of the handbook which deal with the duties of heralds below kingdom level to reinforce the right of the Principal Herald to organise their Colleges in a different manner so long as the general requirements laid down for Principal Heralds are met, but which still preserve the verbiage for the lower levels as examples of guidelines that can be used for Kingdoms that wish them.

After some discussion of potential regional bias in the possible available options for treatment of badges, Laurel and the Board came up with a mutually agreeable compromise wording:

Individuals and Society branches without a ruling noble may register no more than eight items with the College of Arms. A maximum of four names and four pieces of armory may be registered. Each name or piece of armory shall be considered a separate item. When an individual or branch subject to this limitation has reached the maximum, one or more of the items must be released before further registrations may be submitted.

For the time being the appendices on standard references will be as published in the January draft, but we beg for feedback and solid input on suggestions for alternates, amplifications, deletions, etc. These need to reach us as soon as possible so that they can be included in the formal publication of the Handbook.

## PUBLICATION OF RULES AND ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK

The Board also authorised Laurel to proceed with the direct mailing of the Rules and Administrative Handbook to each Society branch which was previously outlined to the College and the Board and reiterated the Society's willingness to absorb the reasonable costs of such a mailing.

This mailing should include both the rules and handbook and the bibliographic material previously discussed. We also hope that the "Submissions Checklist for Consulting Heralds" which was outlined in correspondence some time ago can be completely modified in line with the new organisation and content of the rule in time for publication.

We are currently planning on mailing these packets about 1 April. In the meantime, Principal Heralds who wish to distribute the October draft of the rules to their local heralds may do so in the knowledge that they ar now officially in place. Within a week or so we should have the revised draft of the Administrative Handbook in place and will immediately distribute copies to each Principal Herald. If you wish to distribute copies of that. Obviously the same distribution permission applies to the Handbook.

Pending the general mailing of the rules and administrative handbook, you are all encouraged to hold educational seminars and workshops on the new material. While reports from the field have indicated that many heralds find the new material easier to comprehend and handle (design feature!), many will still feel at sea in this changing environment and this will be a perfect occasion to do some heavy educational pushes.

## RULES REVISION COMMITTEE

The Board having indicated that it agrees with the College that the trauma of the past years of Board-mandated total revision of the rules could best be avoided by ongoing examination of the rules for submission by the College of Arms itself, after consultation with her designated successor, Laurel will be setting up a Rules Revision Committee to conduct ongoing reviews of the rules and their effects with a view to fostering incremental change rather than cataclysmic modification as a result of calcinification of the rules structure.

CAMEL Feb XXIV page L-2 It is Laurel's intent, however, to run the rules as they stand for the remaining half-year of her tenure to allow the dust to settle and allow a reasonable base of heraldry which has been completely processed under the new rules, from initial consultation to final approval, to be available before any significant modifications of the rules take place. In that manner, Laurel's successor can feel more comfortable with any changes with which he will have to work since he will have had greater control over their content and implementation.

#### **NEW OMBUDSMAN**

After nearly ten years of constant effort on behalf of the College of Arms, as Regional Herald, Dragon Principal Herald, Laurel Deputy and most recently as Laurel Ombudsman, Cecelia Hughes (Graidhne ni Ruaidh) deserves a rest! At the Board Meeting, she passed over the burden of the Laurel Ombudsman's position to Elizabeth Johnson (Ysabeau Cameron). The new Ombudsman's address is Elizabeth Johnson, 7875 Wintercress Lane, Springield, VA 22152 (703-644-5767).

Your servant,

There then followed two pages of submissions now registered under the new Rules for Submissions. None of them were for submittors from Lochac.