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Unto The Lochac College of Heralds
From Thorfinn Hrolfsson , Crux Australis Herald

Greetings

The July meeting of the Lochac College of Heralds was held at the Arts and Sciences meeting of the Shire of Stormhold on the evening of Tuesday July 2, present were Thorfinn Hrolfsson, Crux Australis Herald, Reynardine of Tara, Pursuivant Extraordinary at large, John Bowman , Acting Pursuivant Extraordinary for Stormhold and several others. Next meeting on Tuesday the 6th of August, see the enclosed 'Storm Scroll'.

A PRICE REDUCTION IN SUBMISSION FEES

Due to a new financial arrangement with Lord Vesper the cost of submission can be reduced in terms of USdollars by 50¢ for name and device and device only submissions the new prices are and the exchange rate has kept constant for four whole weeks at 66¢US for \$A1:-

Name and device	\$US 8	\$A 12.10
Device or badge only	\$US 7	\$A 10.60
Name only	\$US 4.50	\$A 6.80

Enclosed are the guidelines for submission for the West Kingdom. Also for the Lochac College of Heralds I would like a written report of what has happened heraldically every three months, if nothing has happened then this will be a note of about three lines. This is a letter by or at each Viceregal event. This is to let me know what is going on and that someone is being the branch herald. Branch heralds need to hve access to 'Pegasus' and this is obtained by having a sustaining membership of the SCA, everyone else who is rostered as a herald has to have an associate membership, but a sustaining membership is preferrable. I shall be examining the membership list in a few months.

Enclosed is a set of submission forms these are the current set of forms and have been current for almost a year, if you have any copies of the previous information sheets unused destroy them. If any one needs a set of the rules of submission for the College of Heralds, either the full set at \$3 or the West Kingdom annotated set at \$2.50 including postage let me know, also available is the commentry on heraldic style by Hillary of Serendip at 50¢, all branch heralds should already have these documents.

A few administrative details for consideration by heralds in the
Kingdom of the West
(October XIX)

1) Local heralds in Lochac and Oertha must send submissions to the Principality heralds. The reason for this is that those Principalities are holding meetings to screen submissions and train book heralds. If the device or badge is rejected at the Principality level, then resubmission must be made to the Principality herald, since the Kingdom office won't know anything about it. Resubmissions to the Kingdom level may be sent direct to Kingdom or through the Principality. However, if they are sent to Kingdom a copy to the Principality herald would be a courtesy. The Principality herald's office must act on all submissions within 45 days of receipt, either returning them for cause or passing them on to Kingdom. This last is College of Arms policy. Local heralds receiving submissions must return them for cause or pass them on within 30 days of receipt.

2) The Kingdom office must receive the full amount (in U.S. dollars) of the submission fee from the Principality offices (Lochac, Oertha) or the submittor (Mists, Cynagua, Marches). The Principality heralds in Oertha and Lochac may establish additional fees (up to \$200 U.S.) to cover their costs for postage, Xerox, etc. Checks should be made out to "College of Heraldry". The current fees are \$6 US for submission of name+(device or badge), \$5 US for device or badge when the name is already registered or in process, and \$2.50 US for a name submission only. Changes of name, device or badge cost the same as original submissions. Resubmissions after rejection for cause are free.

3) All official branches must register at least a name. All branches at the baronial/provincial level or higher must register a device. Such submissions must be accompanied by a petition signed by a majority of the members of the branch, which petition must authorize the registration of the submission and any allowable changes therein. The first submission of a name and device for a branch is free. Changes, and submissions of badges must be paid for at the usual rates. Per Board ruling, only Baronies,* Principalities and Kingdoms may register official Orders and Awards and badges thereof. Any group may register general-use badges.
*PROVINCES

4) All heralds on the Roster must submit a name and device application within six months of their entry on the Roster, and must, per Corpora, maintain at least an Associate Membership in the SCA, Inc. The name and device submissions for heraldic officers should set a good example for the populace.

5) All heralds submitting forms for their people should keep a copy for safety. They should encourage their people to keep a copy as well. This generates a little extra paperwork, but the ability to find out where a submission got lost (and some of them always do) is worth it.

6) The College of Heraldry of the Kingdom of the West does not register household names or the names of alternate personae. People may use household names, but they are not registered. Similarly, people may have as many alternate personae as they wish, but we will not register them.

7) Emblazon sheets should be colored with paints or with marking pens. Please discourage the use of metallic colors on the submitted emblazons, and strongly discourage the use of crayon or pastel colored pencil.

8) When discussing allowable changes in a submission with your clients, be sure that such changes are specific. We cannot act on unspecified changes.

9) While anyone may register a name or device, discourage parents from registering names and devices for children who are not yet old enough to aid in the design process. This is a courtesy to the child.

MINUTES OF THE COLLEGE OF HERALDS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE WEST -- 16 JUNE XX

As you know from the postcard you received, Their Majesties have commanded that certain changes be made in Court procedure. The first change, that only one bow be made no matter how many sets of Royalty are present, is just common sense. Very few people are capable of doing multiple walking bows gracefully. The second change, which affects the cheering at the close of Court, will be more difficult to get people to follow. Heralds who are conducting Court should be very aware of their timing, and try not to allow a pause in which people will begin an echo of a cheer.

Another change in Courts is that the phrase "For the recipients" will no longer be used to introduce a cheer. The names of the people being given the award should be used instead, as "For Lord John and Lady Mary". If there are many awardees, a suitable phrase like "For the new armigers in Lochac" could be substituted. This will make the ceremony more personal. (This change was not ordered by Their Majesties, but it was agreed by the heralds at the meeting that the suggested phrasings were better.)

Consideration of submissions began at 1:00 and ran until 7:00.

The following names, devices, and badges were forwarded to Lord Laurel for final review and registration:

Arian of Shadowvale

New, name only, see Returns for device.

Arian is listed three times in the Armorial. Also listed are Ariana, Arianna, Arion, and Aryana.

Reynardine of Tara

Appeal of Laurel name change.

This name was last returned by Laurel in January XIX. Lord Laurel stated at that time that the use of the byname "of Tara" would no longer be acceptable for SCA use, and equated Tara with Avalon as a magical place. Reynardine was assigned the holding name "Reynardine of Lochac".

The submitter has sent a letter directly to Lord Laurel with much information on Tara in Ireland. The most important points are:

- 1) Tara is not the Irish equivalent to Avalon. In fact, the Irish equivalent of Avalon is Tir Na N'Og.
- 2) There is a Tara in Russia, a Tara River and Tara Mountains in Yugoslavia, and a place named Tarare in France. There are also many places named Tara in the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, and a Tara Island in the South Pacific. These were probably named post-period but show that there is no compunction about using the name. We feel, therefore, that Tara is not a unique place name.
- 3) Tara was abandoned by the O'Neills in the 6th century, and was not a royal seat after that time. Therefore, it was not a royal seat during most of the SCA period.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1984 edition, states: "In the middle of the 3rd century A.D. King Cormac Mac Art is said to have founded there schools of military science, law, and literature." This would argue that there were people resident there at that time who were not royal. The EB supports the assertion that Tara was abandoned as a royal residence, giving the date as 560. Also, there was a battle there in which the Danes were defeated in 980. This would seem to show that there were people living there at that time.

We have asked that Laurel reconsider his decision in the light of this information.

The following submissions were held for further work:

Arian of Shadowvale

New, name submitted, device returned.

Sable, a tree eradicated argent, a chief embattled sable, mullety and fimbriated argent.

This design is in conflict with the arms of Morewood: "Sable, a tree argent fructed Or" (P1114); and with the device of Valency Quicksilver: "Sable goutte d'eau, an apple tree eradicated argent fructed of five apples vert. Also, fimbriation of a chief has been disallowed in the SCA as poor practice. Using a fimbriated chief of the same color as the field is very poor practice.

Gwynfor y Llwyd Rhwy

New, name and device returned.

Azure, a bar gemel couped and fitched argent between two frets couped and a chess pawn Or.

The name as submitted is grammatically incorrect, and the submitter stated that no changes should be made to his name without consultation. A name must be formed with the correct grammar for its primary language, and in Welsh the adjective follows the noun. Therefore, the correct form for "the grey leader" would be *y Rhwy Llwyd*. Although we did not find *Gwynfor*, it is similar enough to several other Welsh names to be probably acceptable.

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Laurel approvals.

Kingdom of the West

Aislinn de Valence. Device (reblazon). Barry dancetty azure and argent, a mascle Or. [approved August 1984]

Henry William of Oxeneford. Name and device. Vert, on a bend sinister wavy between two ox heads erased affronty argent a scarpe wavy azure.

Robert Fletcher. Name and device. Or, in bend an arrow between two strung bows, all bendwise sinister, sable.

Sven the Stormdriven. Name and device. Per bend sinister vert and gyronny argent and gules, in dexter chief a griffin's head erased Or.

West, Kingdom of. Crux Australis Herald (name only).

SUBMISSIONS

Gwynfor the Grey, a resubmission to Kingdom, for the reasons for return by Vesper Principal Herald see the attached extract of the kingdom minutes.

Thorfinn Hrolfsson, a new submission for a badge.
A demi lion rampant issuant from the bottom half of a fleur-de-lys azure, maintaining a 'thorn rune' sable.

I remain my Lords and my Ladies yours in service to Lochac



Thorfinn Hrolfsson, Crux Australis Herald