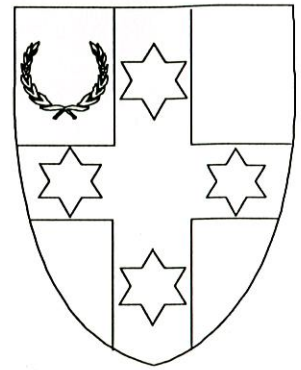


# Camel

## Crux Australis Monthly Letter

### May AS XXVII



**Meeting Date:** 16 May AS XXVII (1992)  
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**Transactions Considered:** 8 Names, 6 Devices, 1 Badge  
**Forwarded to Vesper:** 7 Names, 4 Devices, 1 Badge

Unto the College of Heraldry of the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac,  
and unto all others who may read this,

Greetings (and a belated Happy New Year) from Lord Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw, Crux Australis Herald!

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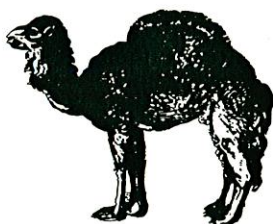
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### Roster Changes

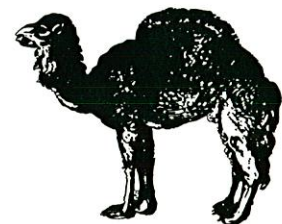
The College of Blessed Herman the Cripple has a new herald at last: Lady Leonie de Grey, [Annette Wilson], of 7/11 East Parade, Kingswood, SA 5062; telephone (08) 271 5723. As a new herald, Lady Leonie is initially rostered as acting P.E. for the College. Welcome aboard, my lady!

Viscountess Rhyllian of Starfire Retreat has a new postal address: 14/33 Sutherland Road, Armadale, VIC 3143; telephone (03) 509 4837.

As advised in the June issue of *Pegasus*, the incipient Canton of Dubh Thrian has been closed; so the fact that they didn't have a herald is no longer a problem! In addition, I have been contacted by people wishing to be rostered for all the other groups mentioned in last month's *Camel*, so hopefully by next month *every* group will have a rostered herald once more.



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## Submission Fees Will Rise!

As explained last month, I am raising the Lochac submission fees to **\$12.00 per transaction**, effective for the **July Crux Australis meeting onwards**. PLEASE REMEMBER TO INFORM YOUR SUBMITTERS - if the correct fees are not enclosed, the submissions will not be processed.

## New Submission Forms and Procedures

As explained last month, effective from June 1992 this office will require an additional copy of each submission form - i.e., *four* name forms and *five* coloured armory forms. An additional black-and-white armory form (to use for the mini-emblazons in the *Camel*) will also be appreciated, but is not essential.

## Mail Difficulties

I have unfortunately in recent weeks (late April - early May) been plagued with mailbox thieves. Whilst corrective action has now been taken, and the incidents seem to be under control, there was nevertheless a period of two or three weeks where I received very little mail. So, if you have sent me anything in the recent past - *especially* anything with money in it - and I don't seem to have responded in an appropriate manner, please give me a call and I'll check to see if I actually received the letter.

## News of Previous Submissions

The Laurel *Letter of Acceptances and Returns* for April 1992 arrived in Lochac on 15 May. No Western submissions were considered at that meeting. (The *May LoAR* will contain *plenty*, however - four months worth, in fact.)

## Laurel Precedents

The following are reproduced from the April *LoAR*. It is by examining decisions such as these that we gain a greater understanding of how the *RfS* are meant to work in practice.

- \* The general consensus of the commenters was that we should not check for conflict against the merit badges of the Boy Scouts. Several good reasons were given: they change many of them every so often; the list of them changes periodically; the Boy Scout organisation considers even tiny artistic changes to be sufficiently different.
- \* Lemprière shows Amalthea as the daughter of Melissus, King of Crete. Given this documentation (of a human bearing the name), we believe Amalthea to be registrable in the SCA.
- \* The only evidence of Cherie as a given is undated and appears to be post-Period, while there is dated evidence for its use as a surname.
- \* There is more than sufficient documentation for the *kleestengeln*, which are representations of the wing bones found in German armory. They are blazonable, though they should probably not count for difference.
- \* The division of the *bordure* (per saltire) of two colours makes it very hard to recognise what is going on with the *bordure*. We would prefer some documentation that *bordures* were divided this way in Period before we register it in the SCA.
- \* While most of the College, and Laurel himself, has no problem with the use of an *escutcheon* as a vehicle for an augmentation, mundane and Society precedent reserve *inescutcheons* of actual arms to those legitimately claiming the right to those arms. . . .

A second issue is the use of a laurel wreath on arms registered to an individual. Laurel wreaths have always been reserved in the Society to branches of the Society, and may not be registered to an individual. It is Laurel's belief . . . that this restriction applies to augmentations as well as to devices . . . .



As has been noted by prior Laurel precedent, no Crown may specify the form an augmentation (or arms, for that matter) may take.

- \* Although all three "points" are mentioned in heraldic tracts, in practice only the base one appears to have been used; and even in the tracts, the dexter and sinister points are described as abatements of honour, to be used separately, and not in conjunction. [*The "points" referred to here are the triangular "corners" of the shield; see the PicDic, p.85. Note that the notation there that "all three points may be used on a shield" is here being overturned. It is also worthwhile to point out to submitters that the use of an **abatement** of honour, that is, a mark of shame, is probably not the best use of heraldry.*]
- \* A Barony does not have a "sovereign" and "consort". (We ignore, for the moment, Palatine Baronies - which are another matter altogether.) A Baroness holds her lands from the Crown, just as a Baron does. If a Barony has both a Baron and Baroness they jointly hold it from the Crown with equal rights and responsibilities. . . . To assign arms to a territorial Baroness that are different from the arms of the Barony is to say that she is not a "real" ruler of the Barony but merely an appurtenance to the Baron. . . . There is no reason for, and appear to be compelling reasons against, registration of separate arms for the Baron and Baroness of a Barony.
- \* Butterfly-winged creatures have been disallowed since the LoAR of 26 May 1983, when Laurel returned a butterfly-winged Bengal tiger.
- \* [*A return was made for a submission that was the proposed name of a Kingdom fighting Order that is restricted to women. Whilst too lengthy to repeat here, the gist of the return is that (a) Laurel will **not** register anything that can be seen to be supportive of discriminatory policy, (b) any such Order is in violation of **Corpora** and SCA, Inc. policy, and (c) the BoD almost certainly will, if necessary, intervene in such a case to force the Kingdom to disband any such Order. Just something to keep in mind . . . .*]

## Subscriptions, Publications, etc.

The *Camel* is available from the Crux Australis Herald at an annual rate of \$20. Make cheques payable to "S.C.A. College of Heraldry."

For those interested, subscriptions to the West Kingdom College of Heraldry Minutes are available for US\$15. Send a foreign draft to **West Kingdom College of Heraldry, PO Box 1735, West Sacramento, CA 95691, U.S.A.**, made payable to "S.C.A. College of Heraldry." These are sent airmail. Note, however, that everything of relevance to Lochac is reprinted in the *Camel*.

And for those *really* keen, subscriptions to the *Laurel Letter of Acceptance and Return* are also available through the Crux Australis Herald. This costs \$20 per annum. Again, everything that is of relevance to Lochac is reprinted in the *Camel* anyway.

The following publications are all available through Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson: the *West Kingdom Heraldry Handbook*, the *S.C.A. Ordinary and Armorial* (plus *Updates* to same), the *Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry as used in the S.C.A.*, and the *Combined Ordinary*. Master Thorfinn can be contacted c/- Steve Roylance, 1592 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, VIC 3146. 'Phone (03) 885 6348.

## Meeting Schedule

Every month, the Crux Australis Herald holds a meeting to consider the heraldic submissions from around the Principality. These meetings are usually held at 11/58 Edgar Street, Glen Iris, VIC 3146, on Saturday afternoons, beginning at 2.00pm and continuing until we're done. The next meeting will be June 13; after that the scheduled dates are July 25, August 15, September 12, October 17, November 14, and December 12.

The Hund meetings are held weekly, to comment on submissions from around the Known World. These meetings are almost invariably held Monday nights beginning at 8.00pm at the home of the



Crux Australis Herald (address above). Regular commentary is also taking place in Ynys Fawr [Hobart, TAS]. Contact the local herald for details.

## This Month's Submissions

The May meeting of the College of Heraldry in the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac was held on the afternoon of 16 May at the home of the Crux Australis Herald. Present were: Lord Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw, Crux Australis Herald; Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson, Hund Herald; Lord Pedair na Cluaine Bige, acting Goutte d'Eau Pursuivant; Lord Thomas Flamanc of Kelsale, P.E. for St. Monica; Lady Adrienne de Fylding Faux, Cornet; and Baron Alain Bartholomieu Lorenz and Lady Saraid na Stoirme, visitors.

The following conventions are used: *CD* means a "Clear Difference", as defined in the *Rules for Submissions*, or *RfS*; books cited without further details are in the Bibliography (see p.8).

### 1. Aneala, Barony of - Order of the Golden Wings of Aneala

(Name and Badge Resubmission to Kingdom; Name RETURNED, Badge SUBMITTED)

[Aneala]

[fieldless] A bicapitate swan naiant affronty, heads respectant, wings displayed Or.

The Barony of Aneala's name was registered in June 1987. This Order name was originally submitted in November 1987, and again in November 1988, as the *Order of the Golden Swans of Aneala*. This was returned because of conflict with the medieval *Order of the Swan*, a Flemish order of Knights. The badge, essentially identical to this one, was returned in November 1987 for a number of visual conflicts under the *RfS* then in use.



The new Order name is free of its original problems, but unfortunately now runs into another: Ansett's *Golden Wing Club*. Although one might query what relevance this has to the S.C.A., unfortunately the Rules are clear: in the Admin. Handbook, "Protected Items", part H. specifies that we protect copyrighted names and trademarks. The *RfS* state in Part V, "Conflicting Names", that "The change from one required identifying designation to another is not considered significantly different" (V.4.d). Here, the required designators are *Order of the ...* and *Club*. There is obviously no significant difference between *Golden Wings* and *Golden Wing*. And previous Laurel rulings have specified that adding a "territorial designator" (of *Aneala*) is not sufficient difference in itself.

The second choice of name, *Order of the Golden Swans of Aneala*, simply takes us right back to the original problem with the *Order of the Swan*. *RfS* V.1 specifies that addition of an adjectival phrase (*Golden*) is not a sufficient difference. (If you're beginning to suspect that getting an Order name clear of conflict is a lot more difficult than getting a personal name clear, you're quite correct. This particular section of the Rules is scheduled for revision Real Soon Now, due to popular demand of most of the heralds of the Known Worlde. However, until that revision is finalised, we're stuck with what we've got.) There were no other alternates, so the name must be returned. Would the Barony care to consider something like *Order of the Swan's Wings*? Changing an adjective is sufficient difference, so this should be clear of Ansett and anything else that we were able to find.

None of this impacts on the badge, as a group may register a badge without needing to associate it with an Order name. The original badge, blazoned as *a two-headed demi-swan displayed, heads respectant, Or* was originally returned for a number of visual conflicts such as Colling, *Azure two wings displayed Or*, Bowles, *Gules two wings displayed Or*, and Bresingham, *Sable two eagle's wings elevated conjoined Or* (all in Papworth), and a couple of similar SCA conflicts. Frankly, we're dubious that any of these visual conflicts were valid under the Rules in use at the time, and have no doubts at all that they are not valid under the current Rules. To compare a two-headed bird with a pair of wings is equivalent to comparing *any* bird displayed with a pair of wings; and there seems little doubt that medieval heralds could easily tell the difference between, say, an *eagle displayed* and a *pair of eagle's wings conjoined displayed*. With this in mind, we were unable to find anything similar to this design. We have reblazoned the bird as above, which seems to be a more accurate (and reproducible) description of what is going on in the design.



[**Note to Baronial heralds:** please, when submitting items like this, get the Baron and Baroness to sign a letter indicating that they approve of the submission, and give a brief description of what the Order is *for*. This is not strictly necessary but is very helpful in keeping the paperwork straight. I only knew that this was a *re-submission* because I had a copy of the original in my files - which is unusual for a submission of this age, especially from Aneala (up until a few years ago all Anealan submissions went directly to the West).]

Consulting Herald: Craig Eideard MacGhille Aindrais.

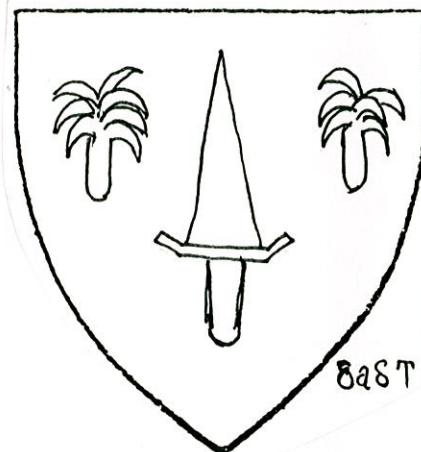
**2. Caslin an Kernow**

(New Name and Device; Name SUBMITTED, Device RETURNED)

[River Haven]

*Argent, a sword palewise gules, hilt sable, between two leeks vert.*

Well, this name kept us busy for a while. Submitted as "Cashlin an Kernow", it came without any documentation other than that a similar sounding name was Welsh. We did, eventually, have luck, and the name is actually Gaelic. *Caslin* can be found in MacLysaght, p.40, under (O) *Caslin, Cashlane*; it is an anglicisation of the Irish *Ó Caisealáin*. We're not sure what it means but it seems very probable that it is derived from a given name. (It would be pronounced "Cash-lin", incidentally.) *an* is a standard Gaelic preposition meaning "of" or "from". And in H&H Surnames, p.124, under "Cornwell", it says that *Kernow* is the ancient Cornish term for their homeland (Cornwall).



The device is simple enough but unfortunately in conflict with Dymock, *Argent a sword in pale gules* (Papworth, p.1102). Changing the tincture of the hilt is an artistic change only, and there is but a single CD for adding the vegetables. The only alternates provided were very helpful options such as "change colour to anything". As I have pointed out several times previously, and obviously must continue to point out, if the submitter doesn't know what he or she wants, then I certainly don't, and I'm not going to waste my time guessing. (See Rant later.)

Consulting Herald: Eric of Stormwind.

**3. Emlyn y Llonydd**

(New Name; SUBMITTED)

[Parvus Portus]

The name is Welsh. *Emlyn* can be found in M&M, p.96, as a Welsh given name dating to 1357. The submitter asserts that *y Llonydd* is Welsh for "the Quiet"; we were unable to confirm that but felt that it could be easily verified, corrected or disproved at Kingdom level, so we are passing it on anyway.

Consulting Herald: the submitter.

**4. Gregory of Loch Swan**

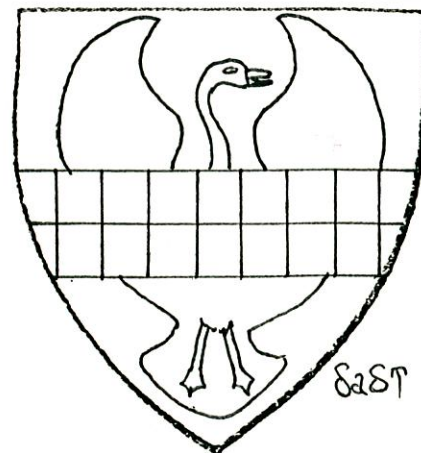
(Resubmission of Device to Kingdom; SUBMITTED)

[Arx Draconis]

*Argent, a swan displayed contourny sable debruised by a fess counter-compony azure and Or.*

Lord Gregory's name was registered in June 1987. His previous device submission, *Per fess engrailed argent and barry engrailed azure and argent, issuant from the line of division a demi-swan, wings displayed, sable*, was returned by Vesper in March 1987 for various conflicts. This is a complete redesign.

This is the submitter's second choice. The first had the bird as a *black swan proper*. What's the difference, you ask? The answer is that the undersides of a black swan's wings are white. This has two problems: one is that it gave the bird the appearance of





having "wings voided", but more importantly, the black swan is native to Western Australia, and falls under the ban of creatures not known to Western Europeans in our Period (R/S VII.4, Period Flora and Fauna). There appear to be no other problems.

Consulting Herald: Oláfr Thordarson.

**5. Ian the Upstanding**  
(New Name and Device; both SUBMITTED)

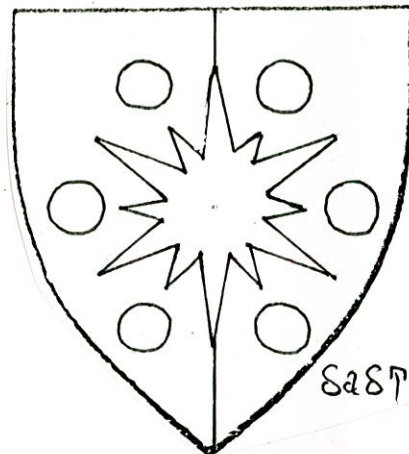
[Innilgard]

*Per pale azure and vert, a sun argent between six bezants in annulo.*

The name is English. *Ian* is the anglicisation of the Scots Gaelic *Iain*, "John" (Withycombe, pp.178-9) and was very common in Period. *the Upstanding* refers to someone who is honest or straight-forward, and according to the AOD is of Middle English origins.

The device came blazoned as a "mullet of six greater and six lesser points" but when a mullet gets this pointy it is indistinguishable from a heraldic sun, so we have reblazoned it accordingly. There appear to be no problems.

Consulting Herald: René du Bon Bois.

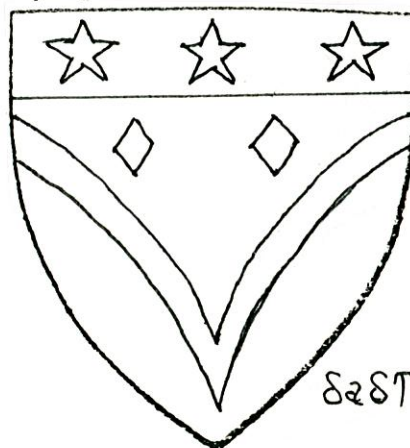


**6. Kaspar von Tyrol**  
(New Name and Device; both SUBMITTED)

[Parvus Portus]

*Sable, a chevron inverted embowed, in chief two lozenges, and on a chief argent three mullets sable.*

The name is German. On p.476 of Fox-Davies' Art it describes the memorial slab of one *Kaspar von Thurn*, who died in Tyrol in 1510. We don't feel that this is in any way presumptuous of the dead noble, as people are rarely (if ever) known by the place of their death. Although this would be sufficient documentation in itself, we also note that *Kaspar* can be found in H&H First Names p.57, as the principle medieval German form of *Caspar*, reputedly the name of one of the three Magi who brought gifts at the birth of Christ. *von* is the standard German preposition "from", and the *Tyrol* (or Tirol) is the name of western Austria, originally it was a "family name derived from a castle near Merano, now in Italy" (Brittanica, Vol.11 p.795).



The device is not great style but it is legal. Naturally, everything could have been drawn much larger.

Consulting Heralds: Jacques du Bar sur le Loup and the submitter.

**7. Marion of Sherebrook**  
(New Name; SUBMITTED)

[Stormhold]

The name is English. *Marion* is found in Withycombe, p.209, originally a diminutive of *Mary* and "common in the Middle Ages". It's dated to 1379. *Sherebrook* is a constructed place-name formed in the pattern of names such as Sherborne and Shereford. Ekwall, p.416, derives the first element in these names from OE *scr*, an adjective meaning "bright, pure"; *brook* is from the OE *brōc*, "brook" (*ibid.*, p.69). (This is essentially the same name as "Sherborne", which means "bright stream".)

And just in case anyone's wondering, this is *not* a "joke name". The submitter's mundane name is Marion and she lives in the Melbourne Shire of Sherbrook. Any resemblance to a certain Archer Of Repute's Best Girl is entirely coincidental. (Honest!) [Trivial note: *Sherwood* is derived by Ekwall (p.417) as meaning "wood belonging to the Shire", not "bright wood", although that would presumably also be a reasonable derivation.]



Consulting Herald: Pedair na Cluaine Bige.

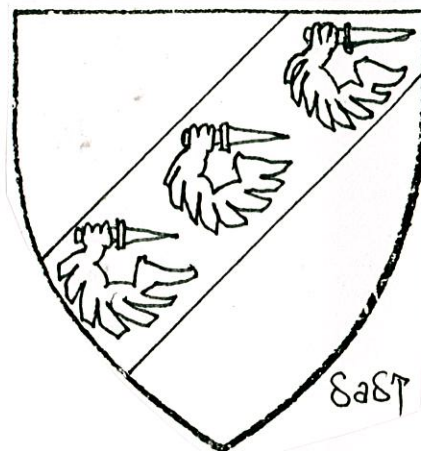
**8. Sebastian of Ventbarré**  
(New Name and Device; both SUBMITTED)

[River Haven]

*Gules, on a bend sinister Or three sinister eagle's wings palewise, each terminating in a hand holding a sword fesswise reversed sable.*

*Sebastian* can be found in Withycombe, pp.264-5, from the Latin *Sebastianus*, "man of Sebastia", a city of Pontus. "St. Sebastian was a Roman legionary martyred under Diocletian. His martyrdom, by being shot with arrows, was a favourite subject of medieval art." *Ventbarré* is a constructed place-name, justified by then-Laurel Queen of Arms Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane as a combination of the French *vent*, "wind", and

... the perfect passive participle form of the French verb "barrer" which means to stop or to bar ... so that name would be appropriate for a place typified by a "stopped wind", i.e., a location where wind is diverted or blocked by geographic features.



when she registered the name of the Shire of Ventbarré in June 1987. Although that Shire is now disbanded and the name released, the construction of the name should still be valid.

The device seems free of problems.

Consulting Herald: Elfarch Myddfai.

**9. Serena of the Lion's Paw**  
(New Name and Device; Name SUBMITTED, Device RETURNED)

[River Haven]

*Sable, a winged lion passant guardant, maintaining below the front dexter paw a dagger inverted argent.*

*Serena* can be found in Withycombe on p.266, from the Latin *serenus*, "calm". Apparently it was used once in the 13th Century, and not again until after our Period. Still, once should be enough. *of the Lion's Paw* is documented by the submitter as being "TSCA" which is precisely what it is. It is, alas, quite legal.

The device is in conflict with the arms of Stormy, *Sable a lion passant guardant argent* (Papworth, p.93), with only a single CD for adding the wings (the dagger is insignificant, indeed, in the full-size emblazon it's barely visible); and the badge of Aethelthritha of Whitby, *Sable, a winged lion passant guardant to sinister argent* (July 1984), with only a single CD for reversing the lion. The only alternates provided were the usual explicit descriptions I've come to know and love, like "change field to some other colour", etc.



[RANT: As I've mentioned above, and many times previously, I will not pay any attention to descriptions that do not specify the precise nature of the changes to be made. That means specifying the tincture, the type and number of charges, and position on the field if that's not already defined. Examples of good alternates are:

"Add a bordure argent"; "replace the mullets with estoiles"; "change the tincture of the chief to Or"; etc.

Examples of bad alternates are:

"Add a bordure, any colour"; "replace the mullets with something else"; "do something to the chief"; etc.

*If there's any room for doubt at all, include some thumbnail sketches! End of Rant.]*

Consulting Herald: Harald of Sigtuna.

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Another month draws to a close . . . and this issue of the *Camel* is almost timely. My goodness! I may even get the next one out in good time!

Until next time, know as always that I remain

Yours in Service

DECION

Lord Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw  
Crux Australis Herald



**The following information is reproduced from the Cover Letter to the April 1992 LoAR:**

### **ANOTHER VOLUNTEER! (or, More Resource People)**

Lord Stephan Calvert deGrey has volunteered his services to the College to help with Arabic and Arabic names. Please add his name and address to the list of volunteer consultants given in the February 12, 1992 Cover Letter.

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