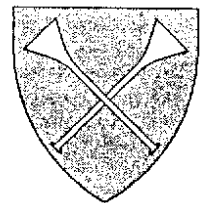
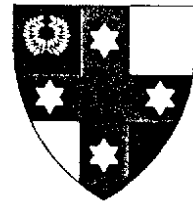


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UNTO THE COLLEGE OF HERALDS of the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac, and unto all others who might read this missive, does Gereint Scholar, Crux Australis Herald, send warm greetings. This is my *Crux Australis Monthly Letter* for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

Guess what? This *Camel* is late. Even later is much of my individual correspondence with you, the heralds of Lochac. But I think I've got a pretty good excuse. I've been suffering from *either* infectious mononucleosis, better known as glandular fever, caused by a non-standard virus that failed to indicate on the usual blood test, *or* tonsillitis caused by a bacterium resistant to penicillin, *or* something else. Either way, doctors described the condition of my throat as "spectacular". Modern medicine, being what it is, proclaimed that it didn't know *what* was wrong with me — but since I was getting better it didn't matter, did it? Whatever it was, I've been taking it easy. Fear not, I'll reply to all your letters "in due course". As a result, though, I haven't been able to work upon my planned guide to starting your own research library, nor have I quite finished compiling your comments on Court. These should both appear next month, as should another installment of "Jargon Explained".

This Month's Highlights

- Aneala Returns to Lochac. (see page 1)
- My New Field Deputy and many other roster changes. (see page 2)
- Be Prepared! (see page 3)
- Quarterly Reports: The Axe Droppeth. (see page 3)
- New News on New Rules. (see page 4)
- Altered Meeting Schedule. (see page 4)
- This Month's Submissions. (see pages 5-7)

Welcome Back Aneala

The Barony of Aneala in Western Australia is once more part of the Principality of Lochac. The proposed change in Lochac's borders was approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on 23rd April, and the Crown of the West chose to proclaim the change at the earliest opportunity thereafter: Beltane Court on 29th April.

Welcome, therefore, to our "new" colleagues in the western parts of Lochac, especially Black Wing Pursuivant, Sir Kane Greymane [Chris Colyer], "The Bastion", 17 Stainer Street, Willagee WA 6156. (09) 337-6268. Welcome also to Lord David de Saxby, Acting PE for the Canton of Abertridwr; Lord Otto von Besenberg, PE for the Canton of Mac Tire Lochac; Lord Sterm Stormdriven, Acting PE for the Canton of Odin's Wood; Viscount Sir Reynardine de Clifford, Pursuivant At Large, and PEs At Large Master Peter du Gant Noir and Baron Snorri Ottarson.

Administratively, there'll be few changes. The fine details will be worked out between Sir Kane and me very soon.

New Appointment: Field Deputy

As you may know, I've been concerned that while armory ("book heraldry") has been running smoothly in Lochac, field and duty heraldry have been comparatively neglected. I have therefore appointed a "Field Deputy to the Crux Australis Herald": Master Gwynfor Lwyd, who's a Pursuivant At Large within the West Kingdom College of Heraldry. Master Gwynfor lives in the Canton of East Ridge, in the eastern parts of the Barony of Stormhold.

Master Gwynfor's main task will be to schedule and supervise the field and duty heralds at the four Principality events during the year — especially the Coronet Tournaments. In addition, he'll take on the training and encouragement field heralds throughout Lochac, and will be the main communications link between the heralds, marshalls and lists at the Coronet Tournaments and elsewhere. He will also keep me informed of the skill and ability of the field and duty heralds around Lochac, and recommend people for formal rostering or promotion.

From now on, if you have any question regarding field or duty heraldry, please direct it to the Field Deputy to the Crux Australis Herald, Master Gwynfor Lwyd [Peter Ryan], 2 Sherwood Road, Mount Waverley VIC 3149. Telephone (03) 277-2472.

Master Gwynfor will doubtless be writing to you frequently. Indeed, his first missive is included with this *Camel*.

Other Roster Changes

The best way of initiating changes in the College of Heraldry seems to be printing and distributing a "current" Roster. Here are this month's extensive alterations.

The Barony of Rowany has spawned a new Canton in its north-west: Hawksreach is the proposed name. The new group's herald is Lord Alexios Thrakeses [Peter Bismire], 4/16 Jamieson Street, Granville NSW 2142. Telephone (02) 637-3898. The Barony of Innilgard has also spawned a new group: the College of Saint Christina the Astounding is the proposed name for a new group at Flinders University. Their herald is Elasaïd Mairie McGhilleshathenaic [Nicole Lowrey], P.O. Box 259, Goodwood SA 5034. Welcome to our ranks both of you. Lord Alexios and Elasaïd will initially be rostered as a Cornets.

Following the demise of the Incipient Shire of Ventbarré, Lord Colin de Charteris [Adam Charter] becomes a PE At Large. For the time being, his address is C/- Mrs J Parsons, Lot 17 Dungog Road, Hilldale NSW 2420. His good lady wife, Lady Melloney de Charteris [Gayle Charter], is also promoted to PE At Large. Congratulations.

Congratulations also to Lord Louis de la Terre [Trevor Nottle], formerly Acting PE for the Shire of Darkskies. Following the demise of that group, he has moved to Stormhold, and is re-rostered as a PE At Large. His new address is Farrer Hall, Normanby Street, Clayton VIC 3168. Telephone (03) 544-8133 extension 345.

And congratulations to Lord Kilic ibn Sungar ibn al-Kazganci al-Turhani [Steve Baker], PE for Dismal Fogs; Lord Thraïnn Járngrímsson [Stefan Akerblom], PE for East Ridge; and Lady Jessica of Fearn Abbey [Jan Andrews], Acting Aquarius Pursuivant, all of whom are also promoted to PE.

Lord Thraïnn Járngrímsson [Stefan Akerblom], PE for East Ridge, has also moved. His new address is "Fjordhalla", 7 Glenlea Close, Rowville VIC 3178. Telephone (03) 752-8458.

Lord Conachar MacAlpin [Andrew Procailo], Pursuivant for Llyn Arian, has moved too. His new ad-

dress is 21 Tathra Road, Lambton NSW 2299. Telephone (049) 57-2609.

Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson, Hund Pursuivant, hasn't moved, but he does have a new telephone number: (03) 885-6348.

Vesper Health Bulletin

As some of you will know, Mistress Alison von Markheim, Vesper Principal Herald, is undergoing medical treatment. In the interests of suppressing some of the more alarmist rumours, here's what's *really* happening, courtesy of Alison's words in the *Minutes*:

I have been diagnosed as having Hodgkin's Disease (Hodgkin's Lymphoma), a form of cancer of the lymph nodes which is both relatively mild and, when caught early, has an almost 100% cure rate... The good news is that it's curable. The bad news is that the cure is lots worse than the disease (at least at this stage). However, the good doctors are going to start systematically and therapeutically poisoning me (read: chemotherapy), and I guarantee that I am *not* going to be at my shining best for a few months. Here are the answers to the standard questions: yes, I will lose my hair; no, I will not be taking a leave of absence; yes, the answering machine will be on; yes, the meetings will continue to be held at Haus Markheim; yes, I appreciate your sympathy and concern, but my health becomes a *very* boring subject very quickly. I will endeavour to be at the Kingdom meetings and the major Kingdom events, but there is no way that I will be able to tell in advance if/when I will not be available. I *do* expect to be able to continue to perform the functions of the Vesper office — although much more will be delegated.

To that end, I have appointed Master Caoimhin o Fiodhabhra, Banner Herald, to be my "chief deputy". If I am unable to attend a Kingdom event, he will direct the heraldic activities.

Again, thank you all (particularly the family bears) for your love and support. If good wishes alone could do it, I would be cured already.

After speaking with Mistress Alison on 20th May, I can pass on the news that the first week of chemotherapy proved much less of a strain that she imagined, and all looks well.

At Events, Be Prepared!

If you're going to be the herald-in-charge at an event, or one of the duty or field heralds, or even if you're "just" rostered At Large and are turning up, then you should be prepared to be of some use. Specifically, remember to bring pen or pencil, writing paper, a timepiece (suitably concealed) and your herald's tabard or baldric. I feel bloody stupid having to remind you, but there have been a few too many cases where these essential items have been forgotten. If you're the herald for a group, then it's your *job* to make sure these items are present.

In addition, as His Highness reminds me, you should bring your *West Kingdom Herald's Handbook* to each event. Sometimes you may not need it. But if you do need it, you'll need it *bad*, and it had better be there.

Quarterly Reports: The Axe Droppeth

Yes, Gentle Ones, Midwinter rapidly approaches. Local heralds, your Quarterly Reports are due by the Midwinter Investiture. Local heralds in subsidiary groups, you should report either directly to me, or through your local "superior", according to the procedure established in your group. For more information on reports and my requirements, please see the February *Camel*.

Despite my warnings and encouragement, some groups have *still* not come up with their Quarterly

Reports due at Autumn Coronet. I'm sorry, but where appropriate the procedures described in the February *Camel* will now be put into motion.

New Rules: The Latest News

The much-awaited second draft of the new *Rules for Submission* arrived in Lochac by International Express Mail on 8th May, with copies going directly to Hund and myself. Other copies have already been sent to selected heralds around Lochac. Unfortunately the draft is a bit big to include with the *Camel*. If you'd like a copy, and a copy of my comments on the draft New Rules, please let me know. Comments on this second draft must be with the Laurel Queen of Arms by 15th June. After that, the projected timetable is:

1st July	Third draft mailed to College of Arms and Board of Directors
15th September	Deadline for comments on third draft
1st October	Final draft to Board of Directors
October Board meeting	Final approval

A timetable for *implementation* of the new Rules will presumably be set once they're approved. Certainly nothing will change until you've all been sent your own copies.

As I warned several months ago, little time has been allowed for comments. Those who asked to be included in the commenting process have already been notified of my special meeting on 28th May. (Yes, I know that by the time most of you read this, the date will have passed. I did warn you.) Lord Hund will doubtless hold his own commenting session, as may other heralds around Lochac. My comments, which will include those from people at my meeting and any others sent to me, will be mailed to Laurel on Monday 5th June. If you want your comments to be included you *must* get them to me by Thursday 1st June. You are, of course, free to send your comments directly to Laurel — but if you do so then I ask that you also send me a copy of your letter.

New Submission Fees and Forms

The new fee structure for heraldic submissions is now definitely in force: \$8 for every new "heraldic transaction", whatever it might be. Any new submissions *must* be accompanied by the correct fee. Submissions with the wrong amount of money will not be processed, although a note will be written to the submitter asking for the correct fees. As always, make your cheques payable to "SCA College of Heraldry". If you haven't got your new submission forms, tell me *now*. If you haven't made copies of the new forms and thrown away the old ones, do so *now*. This will be your last nag for a while.

Meeting Schedule

At my regular monthly meetings we look at the latest heraldic submissions from around Lochac, forwarding some to the Vesper Principal Herald, returning others to the submitter for reworking. The meetings are usually held on Sunday afternoons at The New Scriptorium, 25 Blackburn Street, Adelaide, starting at 2.00pm — although they can move so it pays to phone and check before coming. The next regular meetings are Sunday 11th June at The New Scriptorium; 16th July at the Midwinter Investiture in Stormhold (tentative, to be negotiated with the autocrats), with an overflow meeting in Innigard on Sunday 23rd July; and 13th August at The New Scriptorium (tentative).

The Hund Pursuivant, Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson [Stephen Roylance], holds weekly meetings to provide Lochac's comments on the submissions from other kingdoms. They're an excellent opportunity to learn about conflict research, and to look at examples of heraldry from around the Known World. Due to the increased number of submissions from around the Known World, THE SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED. There's a meeting at 8.00pm every Monday night somewhere in Stormhold [Melbourne]. Often, it'll be at the home of Lord Thrainn Járgrímsson [Stefan Akerblom], but please check with Master Thorfinn on (03) 885-6348 for the location. In addition, there is now an

extra meeting on the first Tuesday of every month, at 80 Wattle Valley Road, Camberwell VIC. Regular commentary is also taking place in River Haven [Brisbane], Llyn Arian [Lake Macquarie NSW], Ynnis Mawr [Hobart] and Aneala [Perth]. Contact the relevant local herald for details. If anyone else is interested in getting involved, please contact Master Thorfinn directly.

Books and Merchandise

For heraldic publications in Lochac, see Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson [Stephen Roylance], 1592 Malvern Road, Glen Iris VIC 3146. Phone (03) 885-6348. Make cheques payable to "S Roylance".

The *Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry* is \$11 (\$13.10 posted). Bulk discounts are available. The first *Update* to the *Armorial and Ordinary* is \$4.00 (\$5.20 posted). The second *Update* is \$4.20 (\$5.40 posted). THE THIRD UPDATE IS NOW AVAILABLE: contact Master Thorfinn for details. Complete copies of the *Armorial and Ordinary* and the *West Kingdom Herald's Handbook* are available on special order; contact Master Thorfinn for the current prices.

This Month's Submissions

The May meeting of the College of Herald's of the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac, intended for the Innigard Green Event on Sunday 14th May, was cancelled due to my aforementioned illness. This month's submissions were therefore considered over the period 15th–21st May. During this time I was assisted on various occasions by PEs At Large Mistress Aislinn de Valence, Robert Furness of Southwood and Baron Tovy Woolmongere, The Cat, and by various pharmaceutical products. Thanks.

1. **Aelfric of Dorcestre** (new name and device; name SUBMITTED, device PENDED) [Llyn Arian, HID437]

Per fess Or and argent, a fess embattled sable, between three bats gules and a tower sable.

This gentle has previously been known as Roland of Llyn Arian.

Charlotte Yonge's *History of English Christian Names* lists *Aelfric* as one of the many Old English "elf" names, this one meaning 'elf king' (pp.380–82). This does *not* cause a problem by implying non-human birth, however, because this was a common naming custom in the period. *Dorcestre* is the spelling used at the time of the Domesday Survey for the town today known as *Dorchester* — a fact confirmed by Muir's *Atlas of Medieval and Modern History* (p.13). The submitter will accept minor changes to correct the grammar. Indeed, this name would be even more elegant still if the 'of' were also changed to the appropriate Old English form — but I'll leave that to linguists more skilled than me.

The device came blazoned as *Per fess sable and argent, in base a tower sable, on a chief embattled Or, three bats gules*. However, my initial reaction, and the reaction of others looking at the drawing, was to blazon it as shown above. Certainly this is a far more likely piece of heraldic design. Given that the College of Herald's registers and protects the *emblazon*, not the *blazon*, and reserves the right alter blazons, I could have changed the blazon to my version and submitted this device — even though the submitter marked the "make no changes" box on his forms. However, I felt it'd be worth making sure this didn't conflict with the submitter's views. I've therefore put the device submission in the pending file until the submitter approves of the blazon change. The design appears free of conflict, however you blazon it.

By the way, the bats are *displayed*. According to Bruce Draconarius of Mistholme's *Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry as used in the SCA*, this is the default position for bats, so it needn't be specified.

Consulting herald: Decion of Trefriw Wold.

2. **Maeva Torfadottir** (new device; SUBMITTED) [Innigard, HID195]
Potent, a crescent inverted Or.

Lady Maeva's name was registered in May 1988. This brand-new and extremely simple device appears free of conflict. From Delabyne: *Azure, a crescent Or*, Delaluna: *Azure, a decrescent Or*, and Balswill: *Azure, an increscent Or* (Papworth p.594) we can count a major point of difference for the field and another major for the orientation of the crescent. From Blaen or Blam: *Vair, a crescent gules*, and from Dowbiggin: *Vairy Or and azure, a crescent gules* (also Papworth p.594) we can count a major and a minor for the colour and orientation of the crescent, even if the difference between the furs *potent* and *vair* is worth nothing. Similar nice point counts take it just clear of all registered SCA armory.

Consulting herald: Robert Furness of Southwood.

3. **Martin de Mont Blanc** (name and device resubmission to Crux Australis; SUBMITTED) [Ynys Mawr, HID426]

Azure, four bendlets enhanced and in base a mullet argent.

This gentle's name was submitted last month as *Martin du Mont Blanc*. However, as explained in the last *Camel*, the name should actually be *Martin de Mont Blanc*. Because the submitter marked the box "make no changes", the name had to be returned. The submitter has now approved that correction, and all appears well.

Martin was the name of the last Pope to suffer martyrdom, in AD656. The name is also given in Withycombe's *Oxford Dictionary of English Christian Names* (p.210). *Mont Blanc* is a mountain on what is now the border between France and Italy. The whole is intended to be the French for "Martin of Mont Blanc".

The submitter's original design, *Azure, three bendlets enhanced and in dexter base a mullet argent*, was returned by me last month for conflict with Aylwin Graham the Flame-haired: *Azure, in bend an estoile between two roses, in sinister chief three bendlets enhanced, all argent* (SCA device, Feb 88). Changing the number of bendlets to four clears this conflict.

Consulting heralds: Julian de Bois and Hrolf Herjolfssen.

4. **Richard de la Croix** (new badge; SUBMITTED) [Rowany, HID5]

Argent, a unicorn rampant sable within a bordure dovetailed gules.

This new badge appears free of conflict and other problems.

Consulting herald: the submitter.

5. **Simeon ben Jabez** (name and device resubmission to Laurel; SUBMITTED) [Llyn Arian, HID331]

Or, on a bend between two stars of David azure, a sword Or, a bordure azure.

This history of this poor gentle's submissions and resubmissions is a long one. I'll only tell of the most recent submissions were returned by Laurel in October 1988. The name, *Simeon ben Jacob*, was judged to be in conflict with the Biblical *Simeon ben Jacob*, founder of the Tribe of Simeon, one of the famous Twelve Tribes of Israel. The device submitted at that time, *Or, on a bend between two stars of David azure, a sword Or*, was judged in technical conflict with Diana de Lyon: *Or, on a bend between a lion rampant and a scorpion passant to sinister azure, three crescents Or*. (Under the current rules, you can get a major point of difference for differences in the type of the secondary charges: stars of David compared with a mixed pair of beasts. To get any more difference, you'd have to change their tincture or number. And you can only get a major point for different tertiary charges if they differ in their tincture, number *and* type. In this case, one sword differs from three crescents in number and type, but both sets of tertiaries are still *Or*.)

Simeon and *Jabez* are Biblical male given names, and of course *ben* is the appropriate Hebrew "son of" connective.

The new design for the device clears the conflict with Diana de Lyon, using that popular (perhaps even over-popular) SCA conflict-avoidance technique of adding a bordure. It appears

free of other conflict problems.

Consulting herald: Conachar MacAlpin.

6. **Yvonne Yvette de Plumetôt** (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [East Ridge, HID410]
Gules, in chief two harps within an orle Or.

The Anglo-Norman name *Yvonne* and its variant *Yvette* are both found in Withycombe, with the earliest form *Ivetta* dating from AD1167 (p.295). *Plumetot*, without the accent, is a town in France, listed in A Dauzat & C Rostaing's *Dictionnaire étymologique des noms de lieux en France* ("Etymological Dictionary of French Placenames" is as good a translation as any) as dating from AD1224 (p.537). The addition of the circumflex accent is, apparently, due to the missing 'p' from the original Scandinavian spelling *-topt*, or so says the submitter. The argument sounds reasonable to this non-French speaker, so the name has been submitted. The submitter will accept spelling corrections that preserve the sound and meaning.

The device appears free of conflict and other problems.

Consulting herald: Thrainn Járgrímsson.

Those submissions not returned have been forwarded to the Vesper Principal Herald, and will be considered at her June meeting. You can find drawings of all the submitted devices and badges on page C-1.

News of Previous Submissions

The West Kingdom College of Herald's *Minutes* for April arrived on 18th May, the delay being caused by the start of Lady Vesper's medical treatment. You'll find the relevant extracts for Lochac attached as pages V-1 to V-4.

In the March *Minutes*, extracted in last month's *Camel*, there is a mistake. The name shown submitted as *Margaret of Trobrigge* should be *Margaret de Trobrigge*. (This was originally submitted as *Greth de Trobrigge*. However, we could find no documentation for *Greth* so, as permitted by the submitter's forms, we substituted the documentable name *Margaret*. Doubtless she'll continue to use *Greth* as a nickname.)

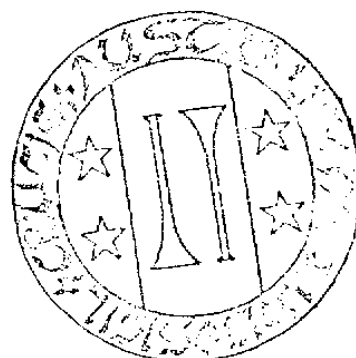
The Laurel Queen of Arms' *Letter of Acceptance and Return (LoAR)* for the January meeting was received on 18th April, and the relevant extracts were included in a *Stop Press* section of last month's *Camel*, at the bottom of page V-4. I hope you managed to find them. Note that the blazon recorded for Rowanna Nachteule's device seems to be wrong. My files have it as: *Sable, a sword bendwise argent between two owls close Or*. We should have an official correction soon.

The February *LoAR* arrived on 23rd May. Appropriate extracts are on page L-1. In addition, Lady Laurel included a discussion on the title "Don" (used in some places as a Spanish equivalent to "Sir"), and the first results from the heraldic poll in a recent *Tournaments Illuminated*. These appear on the pages marked "M-1" onwards. I hope you find them interesting.

Your Servant,

gerantius scholaris †

Baron Master Gereint Scholar
Crux Australis Herald



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The following submissions were REGISTERED by the Laurel Queen of Arms on 26th February XXIII (1989):

Aneala, Barony of. Name for Hearthtroop of Aneala.

Aneala, Barony of. Name for Order of the Demi-Sun of Aneala.

Anita Beaumaris. Holding name and device. Azure, a fess inverted between five natural seahorses two, two and one, argent. Check on name.

The submission was made under the name of *Auryn* Beaumaris, which had previously been returned.

Beornoth of Filey. Device. Argent, a horned helmet affronty, within a bordure sable.

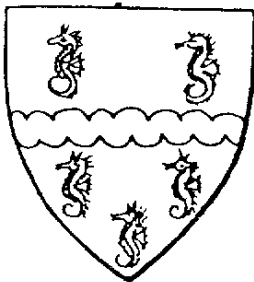
David de Saxby. Blazon correction. Gyronny argent and *azure*, a monster statant consisting of the body and head of a lion, issuant from its back a goat's head guardant, tailed of a serpent, Or within a bordure counterchanged.

When this was registered in December, 1988, this was rather disastrously misblazoned. Our thanks to Crux Australis for pointing out the error.

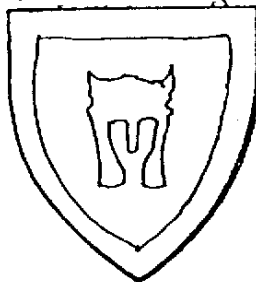
Hector MacDougall. Name and device. Per saltire Or and azure, in pale two thistles, slipped and leaved, and in fess two wolf's heads, erased and sinister-facing, all counterchanged.

Peter du Gant Noir. Badge. On a cross formy per pale Or and gules, a goblet sable.

Anita Beaumaris



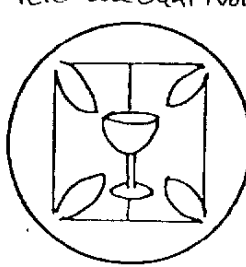
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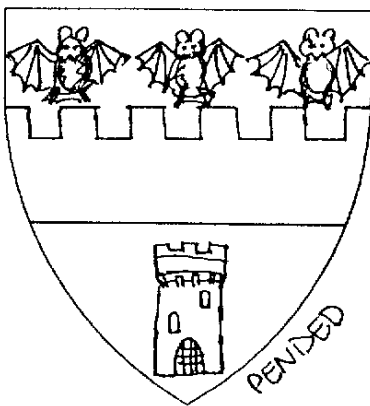
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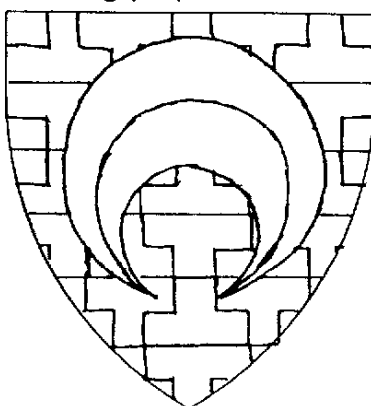
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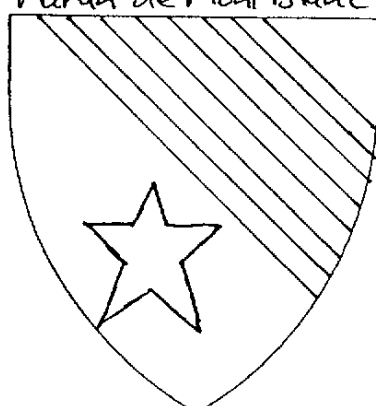
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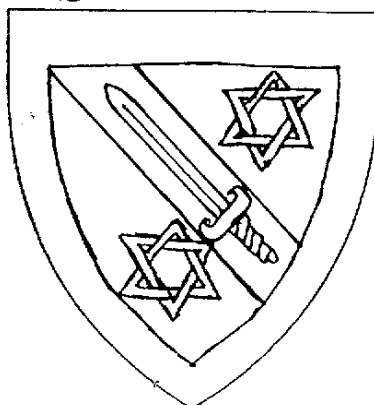


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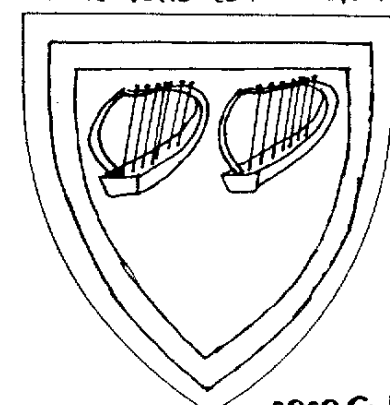


Richard de la Croix

Simon ben Jabez



Yvonne Yette de Plumetot



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The following submissions were considered by the Vesper Principal Herald of the Kingdom of the West on 16th April XXIV (1989) and were SUBMITTED to the Laurel Queen of Arms:

1. Aaron of Lichgreen (St. Cecilia) new name and device

Argent, an acorn inverted, slipped and leaved proper, on a chief azure three estoilles Or.

"Aaron" is a Old Testament name and was recorded in England on the Curia Rolls of 1199. (Withycombe, p. 1). To the best of our knowledge, "Lichgreen" is a locative constructed by the submitter along the lines of the existing names "Litchfield", "Litchbarrow", etc. The prefix "Li(t)ch" means "grave" or "burial ground" and is found in the OED. The suffix "-green" means "an open field" so the combination would seem to refer to a grazing area near a cemetery. The device is close to, but not in conflict with, that registered to Tanya of the Oak, "Argent, a sprouting acorn slipped and singly leaved proper within a bordure gules". We see a point and a minor for replacing a gules bordure with a charged chief and an additional minor for the orientation of the acorn. Consulting herald: none listed.

2. Antonia Ambrosia Illirica (Llyn Arian) change of holding name

Mistress Antonia's name was registered as "Antonia Ambrosia" on the LoAR of April 1987. The submitted placename "l'Illiria" was removed by Lady Laurel as the grammar was incorrect and the submitter allowed no changes. She is now changing it as Laurel suggested to "Illirica", the Italian for "the Illirian". She wishes no changes to her armory. Consulting herald: the submitter and several "Aliso(u)ns".

3. Arianwen ferch Einion (Innilgard) change of holding name
device resubmission to Laurel

Vert, a comet triply tailed in pall argent.

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4. Bran of Lochiel (Aneala) new badge

Argent, in pale a tyger passant and a cross formy fitchy vert.

His name was registered on the LoAR of February 1986. Consulting herald: Kane Greymane.

7. Evelynne van der Haagen (Aneala) device resubmission to Vesper

Per bend sinister argent and purpure, a bend sinister lozengy sable between a mulberry leaf vert and a sewing needle bendwise sinister argent.

Her name was on our LoI of 24 January. The emblazon shows seven lozenges in the bend sinister, but we feel that the precise number should be up to the discretion of the artist and have simply blazoned it as "lozengy". Consulting herald: Kane Greymane (with some protest.)

8. Ezzo von Schwarzwald (Dark Skies) new device only

Per chevron inverted argent and sable, three pine trees eradicated, one and two, counterchanged.

His name was approved on the LoAR of September 1986. Consulting heralds: Louis de la Terre and the Crux Australis staff.

The following submissions were considered by the Vesper Principal Herald of the Kingdom of the West on 16th April XXIV (1989) and were SUBMITTED to the Laurel Queen of Arms:

1. Aaron of Lichgreen (St. Cecilia) new name and device

Argent, an acorn inverted, slipped and leaved proper, on a chief azure three estoilles Or.

"Aaron" is a Old Testament name and was recorded in England on the Curia Rolls of 1199. (Withycombe, p. 1). To the best of our knowledge, "Lichgreen" is a locative constructed by the submitter along the lines of the existing names "Litchfield", "Litchbarrow", etc. The prefix "Li(t)ch" means "grave" or "burial ground" and is found in the OED. The suffix "-green" means "an open field" so the combination would seem to refer to a grazing area near a cemetery. The device is close to, but not in conflict with, that registered to Tanya of the Oak, "Argent, a sprouting acorn slipped and singly leaved proper within a bordure gules". We see a point and a minor for replacing a gules bordure with a charged chief and an additional minor for the orientation of the acorn. Consulting herald: none listed.

2. Antonia Ambrosia Illirica (Llyn Arian) change of holding name

Mistress Antonia's name was registered as "Antonia Ambrosia" on the LoAR of April 1987. The submitted placename "l'Illiria" was removed by Lady Laurel as the grammar was incorrect and the submitter allowed no changes. She is now changing it as Laurel suggested to "Illirica", the Italian for "the Illirian". She wishes no changes to her armory. Consulting herald: the submitter and several "Aliso(u)ns".

3. Arianwen ferch Einion (Innilgard) change of holding name
device resubmission to Laurel

Vert, a comet triply tailed in pall argent.

Her name was originally submitted as "Arian ferch Einion" and the holding name "Ariane ferch Einion" was registered on the June 1988 LoAR. She is changing the given name to the documented "Arianwen" - listed on page 11 of Gruffudd as the name of an early (5th C.) Welsh saint. We feel that the device is both technically and visually clear of the registered arms of Rondallyn of Golgotha, "Vert, three holly leaves conjoined in pall between three skulls argent, on the point of conjunction a bezant." The addition of the skulls is worth a major point of difference, and the difference between three holly leaves charged with a bezant and a triply tailed comet ought to be worth a second major point of difference. Consulting herald: none listed.

4. Bran of Lochiel (Aneala) new badge

Argent, in pale a tyger passant and a cross formy fitchy vert.

His name was registered on the LoAR of February 1986. Consulting herald: Kane Greymane.

7. Evelynne van der Haagen (Aneala) device resubmission to Vesper

Per bend sinister argent and purpure, a bend sinister lozengy sable between a mulberry leaf vert and a sewing needle bendwise sinister argent.

Her name was on our LoI of 24 January. The emblazon shows seven lozenges in the bend sinister, but we feel that the precise number should be up to the discretion of the artist and have simply blazoned it as "lozengy". Consulting herald: Kane Greymane (with some protest.)

8. Ezzo von Schwarzwald (Dark Skies) new device only

Per chevron inverted argent and sable, three pine trees eradicated, one and two, counterchanged.

His name was approved on the LoAR of September 1986. Consulting heralds: Louis de la Terre and the Crux Australis staff.

The following submissions were considered by the Vesper Principal Herald of the Kingdom of the West on 16th April XXIV (1989) and were SUBMITTED to the Laurel Queen of Arms: (continued)

12. Haos Windchaser (Innilgard) change of holding name

The submitter first submitted the given name as "coined" (which it is) and the West Kingdom Letter of Intent of 12 March XVIII (1984) called it "probably Saxon or Norse in intent". It was returned by Laurel in June 1984 because the name did "not appear to be a valid English/Saxon/Norse male name", and his armory was registered under his mundane name of "Daniel". Since that time, the submitter has devoted some years and research to attempt to justify "Haos". The closest name he has found in his search was "Khaos", in Yonge's History of Christian Names, on page 87 of the Glossary, (1884 edition.) There "Khaos" is cited as a Persian male name meaning "beautiful eyed", but nothing further about it appears in the text. Further attempts to find out more about the name "Khaos" have not been successful. Even though our sources on Arabic names are reasonably good, neither the West Kingdom nor Master Da'ud ibn Auda, Star Principal Herald of Ansteorra, (the recognized SCA expert on Arabic names and naming practices) have much on Persian names. However, Master Da'ud has said the Persians use the same transliteration system as do the Arabs, and that the name "Khaos" could be transliterated into English as "Haos" using one of the common systems of transliteration. Although we have no sources to cite other than Yonge for the existence of the name "Khaos", I see no reason to question her as a source. Copies of the correspondence with Master Da'ud are appended for Laurel. An additional issue was brought up by Master Wilhelm in his initial return of this name. Sir Haos' registered arms are, "Or, a pall sable, surmounted by a sun gules", and Master Wilhelm felt that the "combination of the similarity of the device to the mundane arms of Hays {"Or, a sun gules"}, the name Haos to the mundane name Hays, and the dubiousness of Haos itself is too much." We do not consider the "audial" similarity of a coined given name and a mundane surname to be a valid issue. Sir Haos' arms ARE registered and are NOT in conflict with Hays under even the stricter current Rules for Submission and ought not to bear on the acceptability of his name. (Covered by AR18a under most interpretations - see the comment on p. 70 Precedents of Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Sept. 1986 - August 1987 under "Primary Charge" for a discussion of the ordinary as the primary charge.) Needless to say, the submitter wishes no changes to his armory. Consulting heralds: Haos, Gereint, Da'ud, Alison, and most of the books in the Vesper Library.

16. Kane Greynane (Aneala) badge resubmission to Vesper

Per fess embattled sable and Or, masoned sable.

A previous badge, "(fieldless) An escutcheon per fess embattled sable and Or", was returned by Vesper in June 1988 (after much discussion!) for making the entire assembled College of Heraldry very uncomfortable. (See the Minutes for that meeting for a complete discussion of the return.) It also turns out that the submitted badge was in conflict by the current interpretation of AR19 (Field to Field Requirement). AR19 says that ALL field-only submissions must differ from ALL other field-only armory (whether SCA device, SCA badge, mundane device or whatever) by two different changes from the following list: complex line of partition, division of field, tinctures, change or addition or removal of a treatment of the field. With the addition of the masoning, this badge is now clear of everything we could find, SCA and mundane. I still won't pass the household name. Consulting herald: the submitter and various others.

20. Leonie de Grey (Aneala) new name and device

Vert, seme of acorns slipped and leaved Or, on a chevron argent a raven close preying sable.

"Leonie" is the French feminine form of the given name "Leon". Withycombe (p. 194) notes the forms "Leonia" and "Leonina" found in England in the 13th C., which argues that the French form is very likely to be just as period. Reaney DBS (p. 154-155) cite the surname "de Grey" to 1196. We chose to blazon the raven as "close preying" because it is so very much more elegant than "close, head lowered", which would describe the same position. The term "preying" is found in Parker's, Glossary p. 247 in the blazon "Sable, a falcon or preying on a duck argent; on a chief of the second a cross bottonny gules" for Madan. We have added the term "close" to indicate that while the bird's head is lowered in the same position as the bird shown in the drawing, the wings are close. (The terms "preying" and "trussing" are discussed as being equivalent on p. 625, under "Wings".) Boutell and Friar concur with this, but Franklyn and Tanner add that "When blazoned as 'trussing' it is depicted standing upon another bird, its victim.... An alternate term is 'preying upon'". As we have included no "upon", this seems to be a very logical blazon for "close, head lowered" using existing heraldic terms. (And I haven't any objections if someone has a better blazon!) Consulting herald: Angharad of Chester.

The following submissions were considered by the Vesper Principal Herald of the Kingdom of the West on 16th April XXIV (1989) and were SUBMITTED to the Laurel Queen of Arms: (continued)

25. Missyen ap Howell (Llyn Arian) change of holding name

When his device was registered on the LoAR of October 1986, it was registered to the holding name of "Kenneth ap Howell". He had originally submitted "Missyen ap Howell". At that time, to the best of our knowledge, "Missyen" was a name unique to one of the heros/demi-gods of the Mabinogion. It was returned as being unsuitable for use in the Society and his mundane given name was used to register his armory. Just a few weeks ago, while researching something completely different, Mistress Keridwen o'r Mynydd Gwyrdd, Brachet Herald, happened upon a commentary, in Welsh, on the Mabinogion, which refers to a "St. Nisien". (The citation is in Pedeir Keinc Y Mabinogi, edited by Ifor Williams, published by Gwasg Prifysgol Cymru, Caerdydd, 1982, page 163.) This St. Nisien is referred to in Lives of the British Saints and there was at least one church (as well as a boundry line and a house) named after him. The citation in Williams also includes a statement that "Nisien" and "Missyen" are the same name. The College of Arms has always accepted the existance of a saint sharing a deity name to be evidence that the name was used by mortals in period, as the custom of naming children after saints is both ancient and universal. Copies of both the original citation and Mistress Keridwen's translation are included for Laurel. The submittor wishes no changes to his armory. Consulting herald: Keridwen o'r Mynydd Gwyrdd.

26. Otto von Besenburg (Aneala) name at Laurel
device resubmission to Vesper

Sable, an eagle displayed, head to sinister argent, charged with an escarbuncle sable, a chief indented argent.

The submittor's name was on our LoI of 24 January, 1989, and awaiting final approval by Laurel. This device is very much like the one we returned at the Kingdom level in January for conflict. Adding the escarbuncle seems to be all that was needed to clear the various conflicts, SCA and mundane. Consulting herald: the submittor.

27. Peter the Sinister (Llyn Arian) device resubmission to Vesper

Gules, on a bend sinister sable fimbriated between a sun and an increscent, three broad arrows inverted argent.

His name was approved on the LoAR of October 1988. This is the second redesign of his device and is finally both not in conflict and simple enough to be registered. Consulting heralds: Conachar MacAlpin, Alison von Markheim.

28. René du Bon Bois (Innilgard) new name only

"René" was a common French name in the Middle Ages (Withycombe, p. 251) and "du Bon Bois" is the correct French for "of the Good Wood(s)". Consulting herald: Thorfinn Hrolfsson.

29. Roland Ironbeard (Stormhold) new name and device

Or, a pickaxe and a double-bitted battle axe in saltire, in base a crane in its vigilance vert.

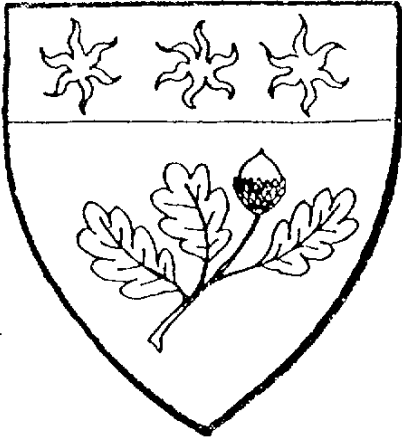
"Roland" is another one of those really common and popular names from the Middle Ages, (Withycombe p. 256). "Ironbeard" is a very reasonable and period sort of epithet. Cranes "in their vigilance" are usually depicted holding a stone in this manner. Consulting herald: Thorfinn Hrolfsson.

31. Ventbarré, Shire of release of name and arms

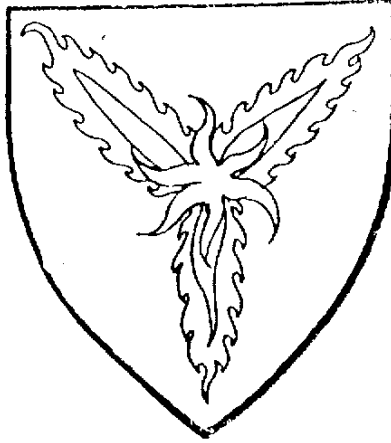
Per bend sinister Or and gules, a laurel wreath vert and a pomegranate slipped and leaved Or, seeded sable, within a bordure counterchanged.

The Shire of Ventbarré is no more, as everyone has moved elsewhere and the remaining person is going to play with the Barony of River Haven. The remains of the populace of the Shire have petitioned to have the Shire's name and device released. We see no problems with their request. A copy of the petition is enclosed for Laurel.

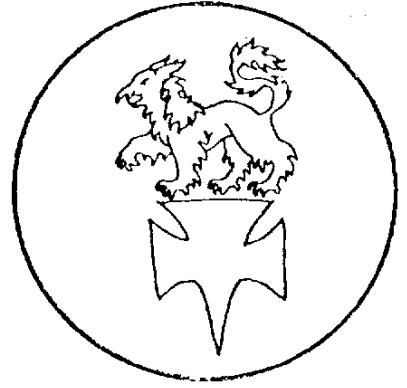
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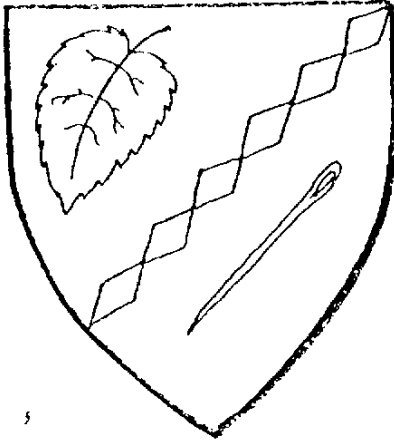
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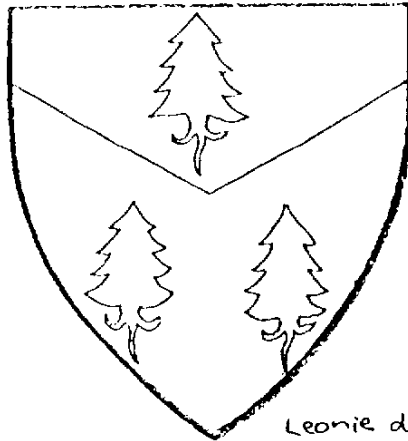
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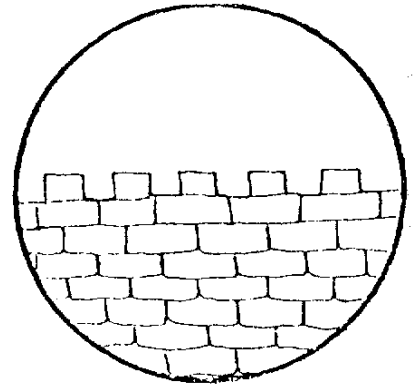
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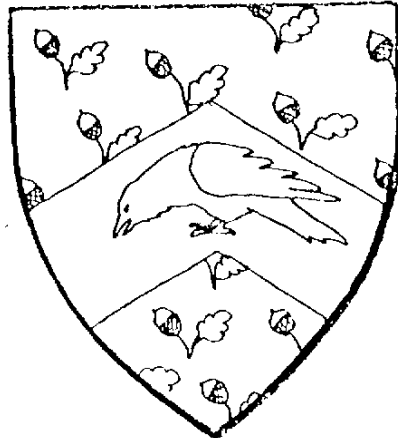
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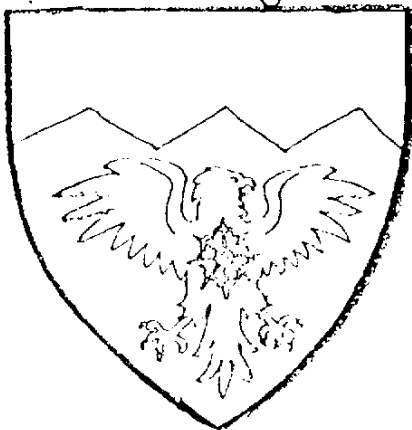
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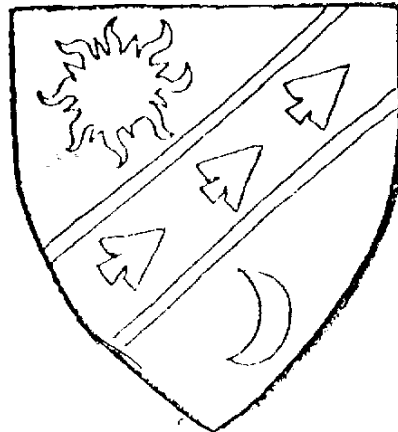
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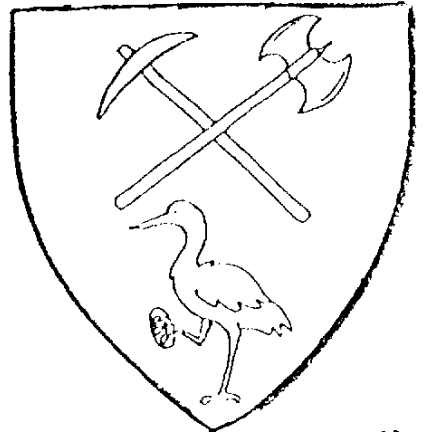
Otto von Besenburg



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Roland Ironbeard



The following material is extracted from the covering letter to the Laurel Queen of Arms' February Letter of Acceptance and Return, which was dated 7th May XXIV (1989).

ON THE TITLE OF DON

As the College well knows, it had been Laurel's hope to place reconsideration of the restrictions on the use of the title "Don" in the context of a general reevaluation of the manner in which the Society has generated its alternate titles. However, as the College (and the Board) seems eager for an imminent decision and the second group of individuals to whom collation of the materials for this general reevaluation was delegated have just "undelegated" themselves, it seems appropriate to issue an immediate decision based on current evidence with a promise that the title, like all other non-English titles, will be considered again as part of the general consideration of titles later in the year.

A number of commentators have provided evidence that the title "Don" is not limited to members of the nobility in modern Spanish and was not limited to the peerage in older times. While much of the material provided to Laurel was undated, there is no doubt that at least some of the examples of non-peerage usage date to our period, if late in the period in most cases.

The issue then becomes whether the documented use of a title, however occasional, in a certain context in period can be considered in and of itself grounds for its acceptance in the Society (i.e., whether the level of "proof" is the same as for given names and other name elements). If it is, then "Don" should be permitted for use by any armiger. If it is not, then further limitations may be necessary on its usage in the Society.

Alternate titles in languages other than English were in most cases adopted to meet the needs of members with a non-English persona. This is clear from most of the early Laurel rulings involving alternate titles and is implicit in the *Corpora* statements on the subject of alternate titles. For example, Revision 2 of *Corpora* (VII.B.5) notes "The Society recognizes that equivalent titles exist in many cultures, and may be more appropriate to individual members' personae." The current draft proposal for *Corpora* reflects the same motivation: "The Society recognizes that equivalent titles from other cultures may be more appropriate for individual members."

Clearly, the issue here is the definition of "equivalency". For most of the history of the Society, the definition of "equivalent" has generally meant "translation" with equivalents often being derived and documented from lexicographical material. This is in fact explicitly stated in Wilhelm von Schlusset's article on alternate titles in the *Proceedings of the Chivalric Heraldic Symposium* (pp.78-79) in referring to the requirements for gaining approval from Laurel for an alternate title: "Such a petition should enclose sufficient documentation to prove that the title is the correct and equivalent translation of one of the standard titles."

That this should be the case is not surprising. Many of our early heralds were somewhat lacking in historical and linguistic expertise. Additionally (or possibly as a result) the hierarchy of honours in the Society as expressed in the "standard" titles bore little relation to the historical western European system of honours. Knights are by definition peers in the Society, which they were not in period (although some peers were knights). The title Master/Mistress, which was a distinctly generic honorific with middle class overtones for a good part of our period, is also reserved to the peerage in the Society. Dukes and counts are all royal peers, which was certainly not the case in period (the concept of the title of Duke as a retirement title for a monarch arguably dates all the way back to 1936!).

To deal with this confusion, the Society early on adopted a policy of approximation by translation, preferably a similar-sounding cognate translation at that. Forms which were cognate to reserved titles were restricted to those who held the rank associated with the original title, even if the translated term had a broader use in the foreign language. For example, although "dux" in ancient and medieval Latin did not of itself contain any intimation of royal rank, meaning simply "one who leads", this title was reserved to those entitled to hold the Society title of "Duke". The fact that, although it was the source for the title of "Duke", the term continued in much wider use throughout our period in Latin sources was considered irrelevant. Similarly, the Old English noun "cwene", which could mean "woman" in general as well as the wife or lady of a king, has been for years restricted for the use of Society queens.

Using this process (and probably heavily influenced not only by Don Quixote but also by the Guy Williams Zorro series in which it was repeatedly stressed that the title "Don" was used only for *hidalgos*, defined in this context as nobles of high rank), in the early days of the Society several Kingdoms bit upon the use of "Don" as an appropriate equivalent title for members of the Chivalry of a Spanish term of persona. This was already a long-standing tradition in some areas by the time Laurel joined the Society in A.S. XII and appears in a number of lists of approved alternate titles going back a decade or so, the most accessible of which is probably the listing of alternate titles generated by Wilhelm von Schlusset, who was then Laurel, in the article alluded to above.

Considering the manner in which equivalent titles have traditionally been generated in the Society, the equation of "Don" and "Sir" is actually quite rational. In period English usage, "Sir" appears as a title for those of high rank (for example, the king), even though that individual may never have been knighted and did not belong, even as a lay member, to one of the military orders.

Additionally, it was not only used for non-military peers but also for others who were considered to be of a certain rank (which was distinctly below the peerage in most cases). For example, clerics were quite commonly afforded the title of "Sir", so much so that by the sixteenth century, the oversight of this phenomenon could be alluded to as a sign of the troubled state of the clergy: "The most ragged romagrate, and idle idiot among them, is no less than a syr, which is a Lord in the Latin, as syr John, syr Thomas, syr William" (Baile, as cited in the *OED*). Lest it be thought that this usage might refer to "debased" clerical members of the old religious orders, consider that the title was also afforded to John Knox by one of his opponents in a work published in 1573: *The Refutation of an Answer made by schir John Knox*.

Conspicuous examples from period historical and literary sources indicate that the title was also commonly used to indicate a Bachelor of Arts of one of the Universities (frequently with the surname, as stated in the *OED*), but almost as frequently with the given name and surname in university records.

Examination of the usage of "Don" in period English, let alone Spanish, shows a surprisingly similar pattern. It was clearly used commonly for those of very high rank as late as the sixteenth century and there is a fairly strong belief in early sources that this was its original usage. In 1724 Richers in a history of the royal genealogy of Spain said "This prince was the first to whom was given the title of Don, which till then they gave only to saints." Prescott, *Ferdinand and Isabella*. The title of Don, which had not then been degenerated into an appellation of mere courtesy." As the *OED* puts it, this is a title that was "Formerly confined to men of high rank, but now applied in courtesy to all of the better classes."

In considering whether "Don" is an appropriate equivalent for "Sir", it is useful to note that the former was commonly used in Spanish documents as a standard honorific for clerics of all ranks. Indeed, since all academics at the early English universities were in minor orders, this is probably the origin of the usage of the term "don" to denote a teacher at one of the older universities, a usage that has been documented by the 1660s in England.

In short, the usage of "Don" as a period title for those who were not of knightly rank parallels quite closely the usage for "Sir", which has been defined by the Board and long Society precedent as a title reserved to those of knightly rank. Moreover, "Don" was used as an alternate for the knightly title in a number of Kingdoms for a long period of time so that there is a considerable weight of Society tradition behind this equivalence.

This is not to ignore the fact that in more recent times the title has come to be used in several Kingdoms as the pre-emptive title for "swashers", whether this title is reserved to those who have received a certain rank or is applied as a universal distinction to all those who fence in the Society ("the dons").

Clearly, there are two competing traditions here and we must consider which of the two has the stronger claim, given the current methods of developing equivalencies. The primary argument in favour of the broader use of the title "Don" is that it was not limited to peers or to knights in period, i.e., the argument based on mundane history. No one denies that this is relevant, but precedent indicates that it is not an overriding consideration in the current system. If it were, "Master" would not be a form of address limited to peers; any warriear could call himself "dux" and the venest doxy-persona at the War could style herself "queen" since that is also a period usage. Indeed, "Sir" would not be restricted to knights, since there is considerable evidence of use of the title by non-knights and non-peers in period.

On the other hand, the parallelisms in the usage of "Sir" and "Don" in mundane usage are considerable. While both can be used as forms of address for those of extremely high rank (even royalty!), both can also be used for non-peers whose primary qualification for honour is a non-military occupation, most notably the clergy. They are used in many respects interchangeably in a number of late period translations and references and it is clear that in the latter part of the period at least, the two were used in the same contexts (examine Shakespeare's use of "Don" and "Sir", for example).

The question now comes down to the issue of whether the *de facto* usage of the title "Don" in some areas in a manner that was not formally sanctioned by the College of Arms or the Board should carry such weight that the existing restriction should be withdrawn. This is a difficult issue, since feelings on this run very high (and in some areas are tightly linked to the issue of sanction for a peerage in fencing, which is not within the domain of the College of Arms). The precedent on this issue is clear, however: the existence of unsanctioned usages may not be used as an argument in itself for sanction of those usages. Those who were about when the issue of the title of "marquis" as a royal title came up (as it was widely used in Merides and other kingdoms) will recall this clearly. That this is yet the case is indicated clearly by the Board's ruling last year that the College may not be compelled to register anything that is against its rules, a ruling made specifically in the context of titles and insignia that may be sanctioned by royalty or used widely in one or more Kingdoms.

The "bottom line" is that the current tradition of generation of alternate titles cannot support the extension of the title of "Don" to be a general title for armigers, as had been petitioned by several members of the College. The Laurel staff remains convinced that a general reevaluation of the manner in which the Society has generated its alternate titles is necessary. The current situation with regard to the restriction on the usage of the title will automatically be reviewed (as will a number of the current equivalents for other titles) as part of that reevaluation.

TI POLL RESULTS

Although the deadline for the TI poll was February 1, 1989, due to the late publication of that issue, we took into consideration any responses that arrived prior to March 1, 1989.

Although the poll was set up to allow anonymity, we were pleased to note that over half of the responses included the responder's name, either on the form or the envelope and a large minority included additional comments and/or a letter in addition to the basic response. As a result, we were able to determine that the responders came from as far afield as Drachenwald and Lochac. The spread of rank and experience ran from present and former royalty, national officers and Board members down to a couple of individuals who indicated that they had only been in the Society a couple of weeks. The numbers of those responding were not enormous, but large enough to be a statistically significant sample.

While there were a couple of attempts at "ballot box stuffing", these do not seem to have been successful enough to negate the usefulness of the poll. Indeed, the attempt that had the most destructive potential (involving the distribution of a modified poll with a rather inflammatory cover letter) seems to have had virtually no effect: examination of the responses on the modified form showed no clear pattern. Some geographic biases were noted, however. Responders from the West Kingdom, where the heraldic establishment has taken advantage of a license granted by a previous Laurel to refuse to pass on household names for registration, had a distinctly greater tendency to be against the registration of household names. Responders from Caird, where the Dolphin Herald reproduced the TI page on card board for use by other heralds as a "post card" reply, tended to favour protecting household names only against groups and other households, a stance for which the College of Arms representatives for Caird have been the strongest advocates.

Some results of the poll have been incorporated into the draft rules circulated earlier this month. Others will be covered more completely with the March letter. However, it seems appropriate to make a start here with the simplest of the issues considered, that of the use of "non-human names".

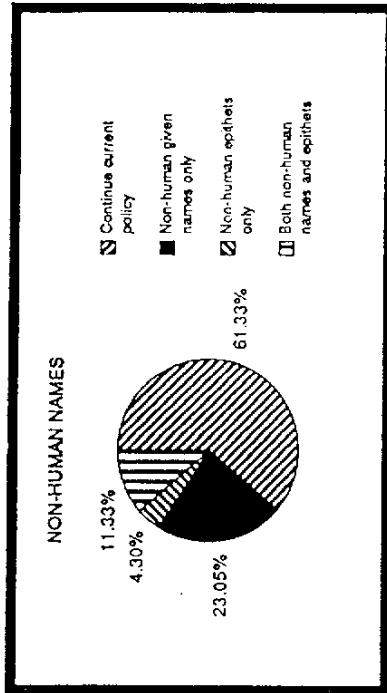
ON NON-HUMAN NAMES

As Badger has quite rightly noted, the portion of the poll dealing with non-human names ("Barb's Bombshell") was triggered by the number of names falling afoul of that portion of the rules that were submitted and passed through to the College of Arms. Given the screening processes, much of the Laurel staff felt that this might represent an iceberg's tip. The amount of heated correspondence on the issue every time a "Thor the Red" was returned by the College supported this view, the more so since the objections to such a return often appealed to the injunction of a previous Board to "ease up on names" and assertions that the College were a group of research snobs out of touch with the populace.

The poll was an attempt to gain some evidence, one way or another. The results were fairly conclusive, with over three-fifths of the sample supporting the current, fairly restrictive policy. Nearly a quarter of those responding favoured allowing non-human given names, but most of those limited the permissible names to a very small language pool, many of which in fact can be documented as being used in period by humans (and so being legitimate under the current rules).

As the graph on the previous page shows, the support for a radical change in the rules at this time is minimal. As a result, the current draft incorporates virtually no changes to the present policy, a stance which was favoured by the majority of the College of Arms as well. It should be noted, however, that those members of the College who are approached by an irate member of the populace who objects because the name "Odin Starfallower" or "Ermengard the Fairy" has been returned has ammunition to use when accused of elitism: the populace has spoken. (And, if a submitor indicates they did not "vote", one can always point out what has been said of many recent presidential elections: "If you don't bother to vote, then you lose your right to complain at the results.")

Your servant,

From the Field Deputy to the Crux Australis Herald

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UNTO THE MEMBERS OF LOCHAC'S HARD-WORKING HERALDIC STAFF greetings from Gwynfor Lwyd. As you are by now probably aware, Baron Master Gereint Scholar, Crux Australis Herald, has created a new position. This position is that of Deputy to Crux Australis in all matters pertaining to field and duty heraldry. In his wisdom, he has seen fit to appoint me as the first holder of this office. Having thought about the matter, and availed myself of the presence of our dearly beloved Vesper Principal Herald, Mistress Alison von Markheim, at the Rowany Festival to discuss the position I decided to accept. Now I'm it. It is a staff position, reporting directly to Crux Australis.

I have some ideas that I would like to see put into action, and I'm sure that many of you have ideas of your own. I'd like to hear them, and hopefully be able to oversee the implementation of some of them too. Please, if you have any thoughts, or would like help with any problems connected with field or duty heraldry, contact me. I am here to help, to train, to oversee and to advise Crux Australis of doings heraldic on the field and in duty. Talk to me at events, on the telephone or write to me.

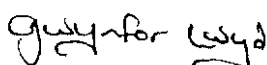
So, who are you taking to? Well, my full name and title is Master Gwynfor Lwyd, and I have been in the SCA for a bit over five years. I have been Constable, Marshall and *pro-tem* Seneschal of Stormhold, at various stages. I then became founding Seneschal of East Ridge, as well as its Chronicler and Reeve. At present I am the Marshall (warranted) of East Ridge. I received my Award of Arms in January A.S. XX, became a member of the Order of the Silver Cinquefoil (a Rowany service award) at the Rowany Festival A.S. XXI, and was made a member of the Order of the Leaf of Merit and a member of the Order of the Pelican at Midwinter A.S. XXII. I enjoy fighting, heraldry, brewing, drinking and long, serious discussions. Peter Ryan is a purchasing officer for Telecom Australia. He is engaged to Kate Zwygart (Lady Veronique le Gris), and will wed her in December 1990. He is mundanely interested in photography (and is going freelance professional), fantasy fiction and gaming, music, basketball, bushwalking/rock climbing and good wine.

Now, on to heraldic things. I believe that Lochac is already very strong in the skills of field and duty heraldry. I was impressed with the work I saw done at the Rowany Festival. I would like to see us get even better. Our task is to communicate information, primarily vocally. We are the Voice of the Crown (Coronet/Baronials), and we are charged with the duty of informing/alerting/instructing the populace about matters it is felt are important enough to have people run around announcing them. If the populace doesn't know about something we have been told to tell them, then we have failed our Heads of State. It falls to us to ensure that people know that they should be quiet when something is announced. It falls to us to ensure that people's fun is not ruined by having to continually shut up for announcements. It falls to us to ensure that all who we meet are helped, dealt with with the utmost courtesy and given the correct information. In various raves such as this I will deal with the common procedures, problems and tasks that a field/duty herald encounters. Stay tuned to this parchment for more enthralling installments.

By the way, there is a word to describe the painful way I treat our language. There is a self-contained seven-letter unit that adequately conveys the manner of my written and oral communicative devices. A word exists to describe the way in which I blatantly avoid the amelioration of simple communication through poly-syllabic meanderings through cruelly tortured clauses and sub-clauses. The word is *verbose*, but I enjoy it immensely.

Thought for the Day: "The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true." James Branch Cabell, *The Silver Stallion*, Book IV, Ch 26.

Yours in Service



Master Gwynfor Lwyd
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