



Christopher Thomas Black Lion Principal Herald

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Unto Elisabeth Laurel; Jeanne Marie Wreath; Margaret Pelican; Their Royal Majesties of An Tir, King Amalric and Queen Caia; Their Royal Highnesses of An Tir, Crown Prince Sven and Crown Princess Signy; Master Ljotr, Seneschal of An Tir; My Fellow Principal Heralds; and the An Tir College of Heralds does Christopher Black Lion send warmest greetings!

The college's financial state is somewhat improved. We have stopped printing internal letters in deference to an entirely online comment system within the Kingdom. As a result we have replaced some of our previous loss though we are not nearly back to where we were. I anticipate Laurel's move to the O.S.C.A.R. system could save the college another \$700-\$900 a year in postage and copy costs. I look forward to this change with eager anticipation. I expect this change will enable us to drop the price of submissions within two years of implementation.

This quarter Wenyeva atte grene, Blue Anchor, with assistance and support from Dexter Gauntlet Herald, Silver Yale Herald, and Pursestrings Herald moved the college's web site to a new hosting service. We had hoped to move it to www.antir.sca.org but had communication problems with the webteam and the necessary resources were not available before we ran out of time. I still have hopes of eventually moving the college's web site to An Tir's official web server but am informed that security restrictions on that server are such that the Order of Precedence keeper will not have sufficient access to do her job. Frederic Badger, Couronne Rouge Herald, continues to host the Online Roll of Arms for the Kingdom on his personal server. At my request he is working to convert it so

it can be hosted by our new web server or the Kingdom's web server in the future.

This quarter saw a marked improvement in reporting. Two of the three Principality Heralds (Summits Herald and Sanguinaris Herald [Avacal]) as well as Queue Forchéé Herald, my main reporting deputy, had their reports to me more than a week early. All branches who were required to report in those areas did so. However, the report from Tir Rígh was very late and somewhat incomplete - only one of the two baronies reported.

In an echo of His Majesty's words at September Crown, Laurel has asked me to remind all who read this that they should not go directly to her with questions. While An Tir is blessed with her presence she is not the right person to contact for intervention, assistance, or information about local or kingdom heraldic activities. She can not assist anyone with submissions or consultation because she must remain neutral to be able to properly do her job. If anyone needs to contact Laurel Queen at Arms please do not do so by walking up to her at events but use the proper channels that have been set up for this purpose. I will be repeating this request in several other forums.

At His Majesty request I am listing the current status of Kingdom heraldic submissions.

Ordre du Cheval et du Lion – Past equestrian champion – was registered by Laurel on the August, 2006 LoAR. No badge has been proposed for this order.

Ordre du Lion et de la Lance – Grant level equestrian order – was submitted to Laurel on An Tir's October, 2006 Letter of Intent. It should hopefully be ruled on next August. No badge has been proposed for this order.

The request for law changes needed for *Ordre du Cheval et du Lion* and *Ordre du Lion et de la Lance*, along with the request removing *Ordo Equis*, have been sent to the Kingdom Seneschal's office.

Black Talbot Herald, Demi-Lion Herald, Black Falcon Herald, and Black Antelope Herald - Kingdom staff Herald's titles - appeared on the October

Internal Letter. If all goes well they will be submitted to Laurel in December or January.

Loyal Pursuivant is working with the Kingdom Bardic Champion on a name and badge for the past Bardic Champions.

My SCA member number is 32281. My current membership expires 31 JUL, 2009.

The Principality of the Summits

Summits Principality Herald (Summits Principality)
Lord Tadhg O'Murchadha the Wanderer

I am thrilled to report that the Principality of the Summits has finally decided on a name to submit for their Principality Herald. Hopefully by this time next year I will be noting the report of the Bleu Grael Herald. *Hopefully.*

The Principality of Avacal

Sanguinaris Herald (Avacal Principality)
Lady Annys Bradwardyn

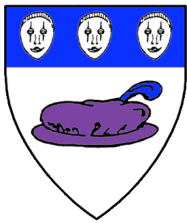
All is well in Avacal. Annys Sanguinaris is looking forward to creating a powerful and well organized college. I hope to meet with her and Laurel at Twelfth Night to discuss what needs to be done.

The Principality of Tir Rígh

Silver Yale Herald (Tir Rígh Principality)
Lord Quentin Martel

Quentin Silver Yale has relocated and is no longer residing within the geographic boundaries of the Principality. He has permission from the Prince & Princess as well as the Seneschal to continue as the Principality's Herald. I tentatively agree with this, as long as all reports are complete and on time from now on.

In Service to Kingdom and College,



Lord Christopher Thomas

Black Lion Principal Herald, An Tir

Argent, a flat cap purpure plumed and on a chief azure three commedia del'Arte masks argent.