



Christopher Thomas Black Lion Principal Herald

c/o Lee Damon

August 29, 2007

Unto Elisabeth Laurel; Jeanne Marie Wreath; Margaret Pelican; Their Royal Majesties of An Tir, King Tiernan and Queen Miranda; Viscountess Nadezhda, Seneschal of An Tir; My Fellow Principal Heralds; and the An Tir College of Heralds does Christopher Black Lion send warmest greetings!

The College continues forward. Consultations happen, submissions are processed, court is heralded. Many good, hard working people strive their best to provide heraldic services to the Kingdom. I applaud them all.

An Tir's version of O.S.C.A.R. (nicknamed OSCAR Jr.) is progressing very well in testing. So well that it is my intent to convert all internal submission processing over to it no later than the November Internal Letter of Intent. October is the current target date. Wenyeva atte grene, Blue Anchor Herald and Hugo Bugg have put in *tremendous* effort in making Jr. usable for the An Tir college and I wish to thank them publicly and heartily!

I note with sadness reports that Sir Jerald, Black Lion Emeritus and the designer of the Kingdom of An Tir device is gravely ill. His contribution to early An Tir is not well known but it was large and we would not be the Heraldic entity we are now without him.

Gwenlian Lions Blood will be stepping down at September Crown. Her successor is Lady Caitrina inghean Aindriasa, currently Sable Loat Herald (Lion's

Gate). The transition will likely take a few months. Gwenlian will continue as Lions Blood Clerk.

As noted in my previous report, submissions and questions about submissions should be sent to Lions Blood Clerk at:

An Tir College of Heralds
1001 Cooper Pt Rd SW #140, PMB-164
Olympia, WA 98502

This is a mail forwarding service which will forward submissions to Lions Blood Clerk no matter where they live in the future.

All of the expiring or expired heralds warrants noted in my previous report will have new office holders by the end of September. In addition to Lions Blood we will be investing a new Argent Scroll (education) and Æstel (consult) as well as confirming the Dexter Gauntlet at September Crown. The two principality heralds should be changing at their respective Coronet events. Roster updates will be sent to Laurel after the office holders have been installed in their offices.

The requested move of the Order of Precedence from Shittimwoode's web server to the antirheralds.org server has not happened yet. I had hoped to see it completed by September Crown but have been informed that the web service the previous Dexter Gauntlet had thought would support it does not, in fact, support it. Evidently the current database is written in a Microsoft database and will need to be ported to a different one to run on the antirheralds.org site. I will be meeting with Dexter Gauntlet and Quentin Martel, author of the current database, at September Crown. If he is unable to assist with the migration I will be looking into hiring a consultant to move the database for us. I expect this will cost a not-inconsiderable sum but feel it is important that we use web services that we pay for and have full and unimpeded access to as well as a database that can be maintained by more than one person. I consider this migration to be the most important task for the remainder of my tenure in office.

Laurel is reducing her price for submissions by \$1 in October. With our move to exclusively-online processing of submissions around the same time I anticipate further savings. I hope to be able to reduce our submissions charge by \$2 or more but I can not make any decision about it until I know if (and how much) the college will be paying for consultation on the OP database migration.

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

Black Talbot Herald, Demi-Lion Herald, Black Falcon Herald, and Black Antelope Herald - Kingdom staff Herald's titles - have been registered by Laurel.

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

Rivers Herald - Kingdom staff Herald's title - has been forwarded to Laurel in conjunction with a request to unprotect the (real-world) Herald's title that is currently registered.

My SCA member number is 32281. My current membership expires 31 JUL, 2009. My warrant expires in August, 2008.

The Principality of the Summits

Bleu Grael Herald (Summits Principality)
Lord Tadhg O'Murchadha the Wanderer
c/o Tadhg Simmons
(redacted)

Lord Tadhg's tenure ends at their September Coronet. His successor has been nominated and I await the paperwork. The update will be passed to Laurel once I have the warrant signed.

The Herald's name for Summits Principality Herald has been registered by Laurel. As of this writing all of the principalities have Named Heralds heading their colleges.

Áine Löwenmähne, Vanyev Glyn Dwfn, and Finngall Goutte de Sang have been working on a project to register order names and badges as well as herald's titles for the principality. At this time Summits only has its name, arms, populace badge, and principality herald's title registered. They are experiencing some resistance to the (corpora-required) registration. I am hoping some of this can be resolved by in-person meetings at September Crown. I will render them what assistance I am able.

The Principality of Avacal

Sanguinaris Herald (Avacal Principality)
Lady Annys Bradwardyn
c/o Suzanne Jacquest
(redacted)

All is well in Avacal. They are submitting most of their award and order names and badges to Laurel for registration. As is expected this is a torturous and painful process as long-held names and depictions need to be changed to be registrable. I commend Sanguinaris for her tenacity in seeing it done.

The Principality of Tir Rígh

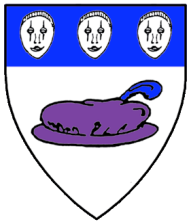
Silver Yale Herald (Tir Rígh Principality)
Lord Quentin Martel (Don Sowell)
(redacted)

Quentin Silver Yale's term ends in September. I await information on his successor. I hope to be able to find out the details of the transition soon as Quentin's warrant expires this month.

In past reports I had not been made very aware of how much structure the college in Tir Rígh has. Discussions with Silver Yale and TRH at May Crown have clarified this for me and I am pleased to note that there is a very active albeit small College forming there.

Silver Yale has given Names to three of his deputies. The other two await registration of suitable names. I am very pleased to see this public sign of an active and working college in Tir Rígh.

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.