

# An Tir College of Heralds

## New Herald Packet



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# The Herald's Oath of Arms

*Based on the An Tir Ceremonial*

## **I SWEAR**

that I will ever be true to the CROWN OF AN TIR  
and my LIEGE LORD AND LADY, the KING AND QUEEN OF AN TIR,  
and further, that I will honor all LORDS AND LADIES of this REALM.

## **I SWEAR**

that I will bear myself soberly and discreetly,  
keeping all secrets save only treason against the CROWN;  
that I will seek out and report worshipful deeds;  
that I will be ever ready to commend and loath to blame  
in all my dealings.

## **I SWEAR**

that I will preserve to the best of my ability  
the rights and privileges of the OFFICE OF ARMS,  
to make known to my fellows  
any deeds of arms, feasts, tournaments, jousts  
and other assemblies of honor at which they may be able  
to acquire thanks, honor and profit,  
sharing truly the goods and gifts coming from this noble  
OFFICE OF ARMS.

## **I SWEAR**

that I will faithfully participate in the activities of  
the AN TIR COLLEGE OF HERALDS, and continue diligent in  
the study and practice of the science of arms,  
pledging my knowledge to the service of  
the CROWN AND PEOPLE OF AN TIR.

# Welcome to the An Tir College of Heralds

The most important thing for you to know is that **YOU ARE NOT ALONE**. There are many, many heralds in An Tir, and every one of them is ready to help you with whatever you need. We are happy to have you in our company. You will have lots of opportunities to learn what this is all about, including classes offered at the annual **KINGDOM HERALDIC AND SCRIBAL SYMPOSIUM**. The College is your resource!

The next thing you should know is that **YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALL**. Having deputies is not just a good idea, *it's strongly recommended to avoid burnout* and to allow others to learn with you. At a minimum, you should have a contingency deputy who can step in should you have a personal emergency or be otherwise unable to perform your duties. You can have deputies for *any* part of your office.

## **WHERE TO START**

The first duty of every officer is to report to their Kingdom superior. For heralds, this is **BLACK LION PRINCIPAL HERALD**, at [blacklion@antir.org](mailto:blacklion@antir.org), with those in Summits and Tir Rígh reporting via Bleu Grael and Silver Yale Heralds, respectively. As part of reporting for duty, they will need your completed officer's warrant (see <http://www.antir.sca.org/Pubs/forms/>), and a scan of your membership card with number and expiration date. It's helpful to know how you prefer to be contacted, email (preferred), phone, or postal mail. No matter the medium, please be responsive: If you are contacted directly, there's business at hand.

Next, take a look at the property, books and other materials your predecessor passed on to you. Some groups have a dedicated box of supplies kept on hand for your office. If you are starting from scratch, **DO NOT DESPAIR**:

- Copy of the Administrative Handbook (see REQUIRED READING)
- Files: Heraldic submissions, quarterly reports, budgets
- Herald's tabard and baldrics: report state of repair to your exchequer
- Books: Catalog what the branch owns and report it to your exchequer.  
Consider an online catalog such as LibraryThing.
- Ceremonials: Kingdom, principality, and barony; glossary of group awards
- Notebook, 3x5 file cards, pens & pencils, throat lozenges

**PARTICIPATE WITH THE COLLEGE** – Attend Black Lion's meetings at Crown events.

## **REQUIRED READING**

<http://heraldry.sca.org/admin.html> – The Administrative Handbook of the SCA College of Arms, with Laurel policy and duties of officers.

<https://antirheralds.org/document/view/quarterly-reports> – Instructions for quarterly reports within the An Tir College of Heraldry.

## **SOME ONLINE RESOURCES** *(Many have links to further resources)*

<http://heraldry.sca.org/> – SCA College of Arms

<http://www.antirheralds.org/> – An Tir College of Heraldry, with staff listings, educational resources, submission forms, and policies

<http://op.antirheralds.org/> – An Tir Order of Precedence

<http://rollofarms.antirheralds.org/> – An Tir Roll of Arms

<http://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html> – The Standards for the Evaluation of Names and Armory (SENA), concerning style and conflict.

<http://heraldry.sca.org/coagloss.html> – The Glossary of Terms of the SCA College of Arms, with definitions of terms, default postures, “proper”

<http://oanda.sca.org/> – The Ordinary & Armorial of the SCA, a catalog of all heraldic registrations throughout the SCA.

<http://oscar.sca.org/> – One System for Commentary And Response, for commenting heralds. Contact Lions Blood Herald if interested.

## **SOCIAL NETWORKS** *(Join at least the An Tir Heraldry list)*

<http://www.antir.sca.org/Steps/index.php?show=19> – An Tir Heraldry e-list

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1466187777043480/> - An Tir Heraldry FB

<http://lists.andrew.cmu.edu/mailman/listinfo/sca-hrlds> – SCA Heraldry e-list