

AN TIR INTERNAL LETTER FOR APRIL AS XLII / 2008 CE



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Unto Christopher Black Lion and the esteemed members of the An Tir College of Heraldry to whom this missive comes, Caitrina inghean Aindriasa, Lions Blood Herald, sends greetings and felicitations.

COMMENTARY ON THE ITEMS IN APRIL'S INTERNAL LETTER IS DUE ON THE 10TH OF MAY, 2008.

The March Lions Blood meeting will be held on April 13th at 1:00pm at Caitrina Lions Blood's home (3174 Sechelt Dr., Coquitlam, BC).

Directions: Make your best way to Vancouver, BC. Get onto the Trans Canada Hwy (Hwy 1) if you're not already on it. Take the Lougheed Hwy exit (Exit 44). You should be going NE. Follow Lougheed Hwy until it turns into Pinetree Way. Follow Pinetree Way to Guildford Way. Turn right. Follow Guildford Way to Ozada Ave (Guildford Way turns into Ozada Ave.). Follow Ozada Ave. to Inlet St (first right). Turn right. Follow Inlet St. to Sechelt Dr. (first left). Turn left. Look for #3174.

Alternatively, follow the directions provided courtesy of Google Maps:
<http://maps.google.ca/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=3174+Sechelt+Dr,+Coquitlam,+BC,+Canada&sll=49.891235,-97.15369&sspn=33.029007,88.769531&ie=UTF8&z=16&iwloc=addr&om=1>

The April Lions Blood meeting will be held on May 11th at 1:00pm at Caitrina Lions Blood's home (3174 Sechelt Dr., Coquitlam, BC).

The May Lions Blood meeting will be held on June 22nd at 1:00pm at Caitrina Lions Blood's home (3174 Sechelt Dr., Coquitlam, BC).

LETTERS FROM KINGDOM HERALDIC STAFF

From Black Lion

Greetings An Tir,

I am seeking applications for my successor as Black Lion.

The position is almost entirely administrative so you do not need to be An Experienced Herald to apply. You do need good management skills (including time management) and the ability to encourage people to do their best. The An Tir College of Heraldry is a fairly large organization with anywhere from 40 to 80 active heralds at any given time. Black Lion's role is to encourage, to guide, to advise, and occasionally to say "no" - but hopefully in a polite way.

Black Lion is expected to be able to provide sound advice to Their Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses on matters heraldic. That does not mean Black Lion needs to know everything - just know who does know it.

If you wish to apply for the position please send your modern and SCA resume to Their Majesties (crown@antir.sca.org) and to me (black-lion@antir.sca.org). Include a cover letter saying why you would be a good Black Lion and what your goals for the position are.

Applications are due by 10 May, 2008. Their Majesties hope to name the new Black Lion just after May Crown so they can step up at by July Coronation.

We are still seeking applicants for the position of Lions Blood Clerk. This is the person who receives all paper submissions and processes them for Lions Blood. They also handle some minor records keeping for Black Lion. If you wish to know more about this position you can contact Gwenlian Lions Blood Clerk at lbc@antir.sca.org. To apply send a modern and SCA resume to lbc@antir.sca.org, lions-blood@antir.sca.org, and black-lion@antir.sca.org.

In service to Kingdom and College,
Lord Christopher Thomas
Black Lion Principal Herald, An Tir

From Lions Blood

Greetings unto the An Tir College of Heraldry from Caitrina Lions Blood!

I must talk today of Administrative Returns. Last month we conducted an experiment where we would eliminate Admin Returns and present a more personal touch with our Submitters. The result? Zero Admin Returns for last month... but at a high price.

In accordance with the Administrative Handbook Section IV. General Procedures for Submissions, paragraph A, "The submitter bears the

primary responsibility for meeting procedural requirements..." Also see paragraphs C, and D. These requirements are not being met and the reason for most Administrative returns.

The time it took to confirm contact information and get messages out to those Submitters or to their Branch Heralds to ensure they corrected the problems with their submissions before the ILoI deadline took an unacceptable amount of time away from the task of ensuring the Submissions that *were* complete and correct made it through the Submission process in a timely manner. The end tally is that it is not fair for me or anyone else to expect our College to do the work that should be done before a name or device is submitted and it's definitely not fair to those Submitters who have ensured their paperwork is complete and sent in correctly. All of the tools needed are well documented and easily accessible online but we need to advertise. I urge all Branch Heralds and Heralds everywhere. If you are attending an event, bring the information needed either in pamphlet form or a business card with the An Tir College of Heralds website address. Ensure your Branch has the information needed to save the Submitters the frustration of having their submissions delayed for administrative reasons. We can't be everywhere but we can do our best.

In Service to Kingdom and College,
Caitrina Lions Blood

LAUREL ACTIONS

The following is an excerpt from the cover letter of the November 2007 LoAR:

From Laurel: Final Applicants For Laurel Staff

The deadline for applications for upcoming vacancies on the Laurel staff was March 1, 2008. The following persons have applied for the positions of Laurel, Pelican, or Wreath:

- Olwynn ni Chinneidigh (Amy Kennedy-Butler) -- Laurel
- Tanzos Istvan (Lewis Tanzos) -- Wreath
- Aryanhwy merch Catmael (Sara Uckelman) -- Pelican
- Teceangl Bach (Brenda Klein) -- Wreath
- Rikharðr inn Vegandi Svansson (Richard W. Bohlman) -- Pelican
- Lyneya de Aston (Kathy Flowers) -- Laurel
- Jaelle of Armida (Judy Gerjuoy) -- Pelican

The new Laurel is due to be selected at the April 19, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors in Grapevine, Texas. I will be attending.

From Laurel: Society Chronicler Policy

In the President's Report of the January 2008 Board meeting there appeared an amended policy regarding publication of personal information on the Internet. This reads, in part, "Personal information will not be published on any SCA-recognized Internet site without first gaining permission from the individuals involved. The single exception for the use of the correlation of modern name to society name would be in the reporting of corporate documents, such as the board minutes. Permission must be received in writing - email is acceptable.

For the purposes of this policy, personal information includes the following. Permission to electronically publish the contact information of an individual is in effect until the same individual revokes permission.

Correlation of modern name to Society name

Home or work address

Phone numbers

Personal email address"

Since the submission process involves a lot of personal information appearing on web sites, I inquired of the President of the SCA how this (not new, but a restatement of existing policy) affects us. His response was, in part, "my interpretation is that use of the submission process constitutes permission to allow your name and personal information to be filed as all others are. Further, again, with OSCAR, use of the system can constitute permission."

However, occasionally modern names will appear in a Letter of Intent that are not the names of current submitters, especially (though not exclusively) in letters of permission to conflict. Unlike a submission dealing with a legal name allowance, someone granting permission to conflict is unlikely to assume that their legal name will be connected publicly with their SCA name. The roster and comments are password protected, but the LoIs are not. Submitters heralds should therefore make sure that such connections of legal and SCA names do not appear on LoIs. A reminder to this effect has already been posted on OSCAR.

Principal Heralds and others should be aware of this regarding any personal information displayed or referenced on their Kingdom College of Heralds web sites, and talk to their Kingdom Chronicler if any questions arise.

From Pelican - Turkish Alternative Titles

In November 2007, Ursula Georges, Loyall Herald, submitted Letters of Intent to change the Turkish alternative titles for Duke, Count, and Viscount.

In light of the arguments presented in these letters (which, in each case, are that the current title is either not found in period, or there is no evidence that it was used as a honorific with a given name -- the style in which most SCA titles are used), these titles are no longer approved alternative Turkish titles: *Duk*, *Serdar* (Duke), *Kont*, *Beylerbey* (Count), *Vikont* (Viscount).

Loyall argues that the title *Pasha* is used by men of rank across the spectrum we would equate with Dukes, Counts, and Viscounts. While in most languages, a separate title is approved for these ranks, there is no requirement that this be the case, especially if period practice suggests a single title is appropriate. For example, *Eorl* is the approved alternative Old English title for both Duke and Count. *Pasha* is now the approved Turkish title for Duke, Count, and Viscount. Loyall notes that the title *Pasha* typically follows the given name.

From Wreath: Wolf's Heads vs. Talbot's Heads

This month, commentary on the submission of Clarissima della Chiesa's device, *Azure, a talbot's head erased argent between three plates*, brought up the subject of whether we should grant difference between *wolf's* and *talbot's* heads. Please see the discussion on the LoPaD for further details. The submission has been pended, and we strongly encourage commentary on this issue.

From Wreath: Eyes Proper

Human eyes are period heraldic charges: they're found in armory, in the arms of di Belugi, mid-15th Century (*Stemmario Trivulziano*,

p.80), and in badges, the famous rebus of Islip being a well-known example (St. John-Hope, *Heraldry for Craftsmen and Designers*, p.189). The Society has gone so far as to define tinctures for an *eye proper* - which have not been widely understood or used. (In fact, the original definition of an *eye proper*, back in Jan 1973, used the wrong terminology for the ocular portions, mislabeling the iris as the pupil.) In the past, we've registered four armories with eyes proper - which didn't match one another, let alone the putative definition.

We hereby rule that that there is no proper tincture for eyes. We will no longer worry about tiny details such as the eyelashes (if present) or the pupil: those are considered unblazoned artistic details. The tinctures of the sclera (the "white" of the eye) and the iris may be specified in blazon; contrast against the field will be judged by the sclera's tincture.

The four prior registrations of *eyes proper* have been reblazoned in this LoAR.

The following items have been registered by Laurel

An Tir, Kingdom of. Release of order name Fellowship An Rose Dhu and badge. Or, a rose sable within a bordure vert.

An Tir, Kingdom of. Heraldic title Rivers Herald.

The non-SCA heraldic title, *Rivers Herald*, is released on this letter.

Iuliana de la Sara. Name.

José Cabrera de Castilla. Name and device. Argent, a chevron throughout vert and on a chief azure three falcons argent.

Katheryn de Gonneville. Reblazon of device. Gules, a heart voided Or between three Latin crosses fitchy and a gout, three and one argent.

This was registered in March 1988 with the blazon *Gules, on a heart Or between three crosses in fess, couped and fitched at the foot, argent, and a goutte d'eau, a heart gules*. However, these crosses are not *fitched at the foot*, which would have a spike issuant from the center of the bottom limb; they are simply *fitched* or *fitchy*, the lower limb replaced with a spike. The treatment of the crosses' other three limbs had also been omitted. Since the crosses had to be reblazoned in any case, we took the opportunity to simplify the blazon somewhat.

Ysane la Gaillarde. Name and device. Ermine, in pale two stoats passant sable.

The following items have been returned for further work

Aline Blakwode. Device. Argent, a cross of four lozenges vert.

This device is returned for conflict with the device for Ealhswith of Evesham, *Argent, four lozenges in cross purpure*. We don't distinguish in blazon between a *lozenge* and a *lozenge fesswise*, since lozenges will normally be drawn to fill their available space. (For instance, though they usually have a long and short axis, they might also be drawn with equal axes, equivalent to a delf set saltirewise.) As we don't blazon a lozenge's orientation, we cannot grant difference for it, either. Thus against Ealhswith's device we have a CD, for tincture of the lozenges; but even though two of Aline's lozenges are fesswise, to allow them to form a cross, we cannot grant difference for that change. The tincture is the only countable difference, making this a technical conflict.

This device is clear of the device for Keresztély Ilona, *Argent, a cross triparted and fretted fleury vert*. There is a substantial (X.2) difference between the crosses.

LIONS BLOOD ACTIONS

These items will be forwarded to Laurel, and are tentatively scheduled to be decided on in August 2008.

- **Alexandria Sophie Kessler.** Name, New. (See RETURNS for device.)
- **Aline de Seez.** Name & Device, New. *Per chevron azure and Or, a decrescent and an increscent argent and a tree blasted and eradicated sable.*
- **An Tir, Kingdom of.** Order Name, Resubmission to Kingdom. *Order of the Lion's Sword*
- **Arion the Wanderer.** Badge, Resubmission to Laurel. *(Fieldless) A trident sable.*
- **Elfreda atte Kingeswode.** Name, Resubmission to Laurel.
- **Gregor von Drachenstein.** Name Change, New.
- **Inga in hraustliga.** Name, Request for Reconsideration.
- **John Warrick Draker.** Name & Device, New. *Argent, a horse's head couped to sinister sable within a bordure dovetailed gules.*
- **Kaldor, Canton of.** Branch Name, Appeal.
- **Kara of Saint Davids.** Name & Device, New. *Sable a horse's head couped argent and on a chief Or three pheons inverted gules.*
- **Kathryn MacKim.** Name, Resubmission to Kingdom. (See RETURNS for device.)
- **Maderun verch Trahaern.** Device, Resubmission to Laurel. *Or, a fess dancetty vert, overall an urchin rampant gules.*
- **Myfanwy Golwynwraig Penmynydd.** Device Change, Resubmission to Kingdom. *Per bend sinister argent and vert, a triquetra azure and a tree eradicated argent.*
- **Ninian Mackraken.** Name & Device, New. *Argent, a kraken gules within a bordure wavy azure.*
- **Rúadhán Ó Fearáin.** Name & Device, New. *Vert, a crescent within a massacre argent.*
- **Steven Desjardins.** Name & Device, New. *Per fess sable and argent, a keystone and a ferret rampant counterchanged.*
- **Taisiia Brutova doch'.** Name & Device, Resubmission to Kingdom. *Argent, a frog tergiant gules spotted sable within a bordure sable.*

These items are being returned for further work

- **Alexandria Sophie Kessler.** Device, New. *Sable, a lion rampant argent transfixed by a spear in chief two swords fesswise points to center Or.*

This device is being returned for the following: There was much argument whether the spear would be considered to be maintained or sustained. The majority believe it to be maintained. In spite of the spear being as long as the lion, it is considerably less prominent, especially as it's almost intertwined with the lion. If this is the case then this would conflict with Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England: *Sable, a lion rampant argent* with only the one CD for the addition of the swords. If the spear were thicker and the spear head larger it would be considered a co-primary with the lion and the conflict would be cleared.

- **Althaia filia Lazari.** Device, Resubmission to Kingdom. *Azure, a common kingfisher, rising, argent; within a torse argent and Or.*

This device is returned for the following:

Wreathing of two tinctures within the same class is not considered good contrast. A wreathed ordinary must be of two tinctures with good contrast (Eliada of Thun, September, 1992, pg. 43)

While the precedent specifically addresses an ordinary, it's believed that in conjunction with this precedent it can be interpreted to indicate that a torse should be wreathed of tinctures with good contrast:

[A torse wreathed of sable, gules, and argent] While we have no examples of a torse of more than two tinctures as a heraldic charge, all the commentary agrees that such objects were known in period. The rules explicitly allow items known in period to be used as charges, and we also use charges that were only found in crests in period. Since there is good contrast between two of the three divisions of the torse, it does not violate the rules of tincture. [Serena Gethin, 05/00, A-Ansteorra].

However, no torse wreathed of two tinctures in the same class has been registered. The original problem was the purpure losing definition against the azure, the problem here is the Or and argent not having enough contrast. Vert would also have contrast problems with azure but sable could be acceptable. All argent might present a conflict problem with Meridies, Kingdom of - December of 1996 (via Meridies): *(Fieldless) A swan roussant within and conjoined to an annulet argent.* The defining instance of a kingfisher was registered in 1993 so please assure Althaia that the bird is fine.

- **Alyne of Kendal.** Device, Resubmission to Laurel. *Azure, a two-legged hind springing contourny and in chief an increscent argent.*

This submission is returned for the following: Still found to be in conflict with Silverhart, Shire of *Azure, a stag rampant contourny within a laurel wreath argent* with the only clear difference coming from changing the type of secondary charge.

- **Kathryn MacKim.** Device, Resubmission to Kingdom. *Sable, in pall a sun in glory Or between three birds rising to sinister within a bordure argent.*

This submission is returned for the following: The sun in glory is orange and not Or. Also found to be in conflict with Miyake Nobuhiro - October of 1985 (via the West): *Sable, five lozenges, points to center, and a bordure argent* and also with Karl the Meek and Mild - May of 1990 (via the West): *Sable, five tankards in saltire and a bordure argent.* There is one Clear Difference for changing the type of the charges, nothing for number between five and four and nothing for the change of tincture of one of four charges.

A suggestion is to make the sun significantly larger than the birds.

- **Runa Von Hesse.** Name, New.

This submission is returned for the following: In accordance with the Admin Handbook under General Procedures for Submissions, chapter IV.C.2 Documenting evidence must be included for all name elements. Such documentation must include references to specific pages and/or entries in the source material. Except for documentation from items in Appendix H, such documentation must include copies of cited source material.

The Lions Blood Herald sent an email request to the address on the submission forms to get the documentation sent in as soon as possible but the message was returned undeliverable. It was then forwarded to the Submitter's Branch Herald to get a message to her and a second to request confirmation of receipt of the request but no answer was ever received so there's no way to know if the message ever got through.

- **Thomas von Hesse.** Name & Device, New. *Purpure, two brocks combatant Or and on a chief triangular sable an ankh Or.*

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This device is returned for the following: Color on color problem with the sable on purpure, the ankh needs to be twice the size it is presently. A suggestion would be to make the chief Or and the ankh sable.

- **Wolfram Cordeau**. Device, Resubmission to Kingdom. *Azure, a wolf and a ram combatant argent maintaining between them a harp reversed Or and a chief argent.*

This device is returned for the following: In conflict with Robert de La Trinité - April of 1992 (via Calontir): Azure, a sword interleaving a triquetra and a chief argent. There is one Clear Difference for changing the type of charges in the primary group.

The following submissions received for the April Internal Letter are being returned for administrative reasons.

- **Appledore, Shire of**. Badge, New.

This item is being returned, as the required copies of the paperwork were not identical. There were significant differences in the size of the depiction of the badge submission form, which is required by policy to measure approximately 4.5 inches wide when printed.

- **Domhnall Wardrop**, Name and Device, New.

These two items are being returned, as the necessary funds were not enclosed with the submission.

- **Elewys Cuylder of Finchingfield**, Device, New.

This item is being returned, as there were insufficient copies of the paperwork for it to be processed.



Prepared by Lí Ban ingen Echtigeim.