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Newsletter of the Royal College & Confraternity of Scribes & Illuminators of the Kingdom of Lochac

1 Scribal Activity

1.1 General

The current standing of scrolls on record is as follows:

Scroll Status

Status	No
Available for Assignment	58
Assigned	113
Caidan Scrolls	11
Recently Completed	37
Given Out	876
On Hold	1145

Available & Assigned Scrolls

Award	No	Oldest
Pelican	28	07-1997
Knight	16	04-1994
Laurel	27	08-1994
Duchy	2	04-2007
County	5	01-2003
Viscounty	5	01-1995
Grant of Arms	24	07-2002
Award of Arms	64	06-1986

The focus of the College continues to be the completion of the Pelican scrolls and the assignment of the Knight and Laurel scrolls which total approximately 41.5% of the College's workload. The remaining scrolls are primarily AoAs (37.4%) and GoAs (14%) which have been increasing with the increase in registered heraldry.

1.2 Scribes' Handbook

The Scribes' Handbook has been completed by Mistress Branwen, under the direction of Mistress Cairistiona. This was one of the largest projects undertaken by the College in recent times and it is a huge accomplishment. I have requested that this document be uploaded onto the Scribes Website and I will compose an announcement on the Scribes mailing list when this final step had been completed.

1.3 AoA Writs

Their Highnesses have been contacted in regards to their preference for writs at November Crown. Her Highness has indicated that she and Felix largely prefer 15th century in their own recreation and I had directed Her Highness to the Scribes' website in order to examine a number of styles of AoA and GoA that could be applied to a writ.

Her Highness has subsequently indicated a preference for the "Gothic Bastarde" style, which I have passed onto the Scribes list, asking for applications to design the new writ. It is hoped that

the design and printing of the 40 writs required for the start of the reign can be completed during December.

1.4 Kingdom Officer Writs

A proposal to produce writs for past Kingdom Officers is currently under discussion between the Kingdom Seneschal and the Provost of Scribes.

1.5 Financial

Following discussions on the status of the Scribes' Bank Account it has been decided to close the account as a large part of the backlog has been cleared. The plan is to spend the majority of the remaining balance on re-stocking supplies for the beginners' kits as a large portion of the remaining balance was Fighter Auction Tourney money, which was donated for this purpose. Any remaining funds are to be transferred to the Kingdom.

1.6 Beginners' Kits

Stocks for the beginners' kits have been purchased recently although only a small number of kits have been requested by the Scribal Wardens.

1.7 Handover

The initial handover for the role of Provost was conducted at Cold War on 1st Sept 2012 and was overseen by the court of Their Excellencies, Loyola and Annora, Baron and Baroness of Rowany. The changeover of office has been affirmed by Their Majesties at November Crown on Saturday 10th November.

Both the hard copy and electronic files have been passed on and Cairistiona has been a constant source of advice.

2 Internet

The operation of the College is facilitated by a number of electronic means. Comments below.

2.1 Online Database

The Online Database continues to evolve. While it was hoped a recently planned update could take place Aeron Lasair will first need to put in place some system and security updates. Updates will be made as soon as is reasonably practical.

2.2 Scribes' Flickr Site

The Scribes' Flickr site was last updated on 4th July 2012. This site will be updated as more assignments are given out to the recipients.

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Provost of Scribes