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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	Now	Last
Available for Assignment	114	106
Assigned	166	176
Recently Imported	0	0
Caidan Scrolls	11	11
Recently Completed	23	38
Given Out	925	898
On Hold	1299	1287
Total	2538	2516

Available & Assigned Scrolls

Award	Now	Oldest	Last
Pelican	34	07-1997	36
Knight	28	04-1994	22
Laurel	36	03-1997	36
Duchy	0	N/A	0
County	5	01-2003	2
Viscounty	5	07-1989	5
Grant of Arms	75	07-2002	74
Award of Arms	97	06-1986	100

During the reporting period a number of records were imported from the Canon database, updating scribes assignments to the end of April 2014, increasing the overall number of assignments to be completed.

During May – 24 records – updated until the end of April

These scrolls were given the status “Recently Imported” until it could be established whether or not the recipients have registered armoury. These were then updated with “on hold” or “available” categories.

It should be noted that following the database updates that some of the overdue assignments returned to “available” pool, following greater ease of follow-up and administration.

1.2 Lochac Scroll Challenge

Following the announcement of the Lochac Scroll Challenge interest in scribing, particularly illumination, continues to be encouraging with a number of new and interested scribes requesting assignments. Typical requests involve the new scribe requesting the illumination only while existing / more experienced scribes take on the calligraphy.

The backlog of AoAs waiting for assignment has dropped dramatically (please see figures above) with several AoA assignments requested since the beginning of the Challenge. A final tally is to be completed over the next reporting period.

1.3 Postage of Scrolls

Following an increase in the cost of posting an A3 size cardboard envelope commonly used for most scrolls I have held off posting the scrolls currently in my possession until such time as quotes for postage via different carriers can be obtained and compared.

1.4 Recently Completed Scrolls

The following scrolls have been completed and / or given out over recent months:

Recipient	Award	Award Date	Calligraphy	Illumination	Status
Eva von Danzig	AA	21/05/05	Faelan Mac Flainn	Fionnabhair inghean ui Mheadhra	Given Out
Elena le Breustere	AA	13/10/2001	Faelan Mac Flainn	Fionnabhair inghean ui Mheadhra	Given Out
Emlyn Sadler	AA	2/11/13	Padraig Lowther	Padraig Lowther	Complete

Requires Signatures & Seals:

Angharat Benbras	AA	24/08/2013	Katherine Rischer	Ana Wandererin	Complete
Joan Sutton	OP	18/02/2006	Elinae of Whitby	Elinae of Whitby	Complete

2 Internet

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

2.1 Online Database

The reporting period has seen a “clean-up” of the scribes held in the database. This includes:

- removal of duplicate scribes where spelling errors have seen the same scribe represented more than once
- assignment of geography to over 100 scribes, leaving only two scribes of an unassigned location (who have no outstanding scrolls and have been inactive for many years)

2.2 Scribes' Flicker Site

The Scribes' Flicker site was last updated in August 2014. This site will be updated as more assignments are given out to the recipients.

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Provost of Scribes