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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 | 138 | 140 |
| Assigned | 126 | 123 |
| Recently Imported | 46 | 0 |
| Caidan Scrolls | 11 | 11 |
| Recently Completed | 42 | 43 |
| Given Out | 902 | 892 |
| On Hold | 1235 | 1229 |

Available & Assigned Scrolls

| Award | Now | Oldest | Last |
|---------------|-----|---------|------|
| Pelican | 36 | 07-1997 | 35 |
| Knight | 18 | 04-1994 | 17 |
| Laurel | 35 | 03-1997 | 34 |
| Duchy | 2 | 06-2012 | 2 |
| County | 3 | 01-2003 | 8 |
| Viscounty | 4 | 01-1995 | 6 |
| Grant of Arms | 156 | 04-1995 | 143 |
| Award of Arms | 101 | 06-1986 | 103 |

During December, 68 records were imported from the Canon database, updating scribes assignments to the end of November 2013, increasing the overall number of assignments to be completed. These scrolls were given the status “Recently Imported” until it could be established whether or not the recipients have registered armoury.

There are new Wardens in place in Polit, Stormhold and Innilgard, none of whom have been required to report due to only having recently stepped up.

1.2 Lochac Scroll Challenge

Following the announcement of the Scribes’ Online Database (please see below) a Challenge was issued to the populace of Lochac, pertaining to those “who had ever received a scroll or hoped to receive a scroll” to participate in the completion of at least one AoA scroll in order to reduce the backlog that has increased over recent reigns.

Interest has been encouraging with a number of new scribes coming forward volunteering to take part in this challenge, particularly the illumination component.

1.3 Beginners’ Kits

Stocks for the beginners’ kits are currently adequate. A number of kits were requested following the commencement of the Lochac Scroll Challenge.

1.4 Recently Completed Scrolls

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

| Recipient | Award | Date | Calligraphy | Illumination | Status |
|---|-------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Rowland Bridgeford | AA | 16/04/2005 | Tailtiu of Gortrua | Tailtiu of Gortrua | Given Out |
| Gui von Oberhausen | VIS | 08/12/2001 | Katherne Rischer | Katherne Rischer | Given Out |
| Ælfled æt Otreburne | VIS | 08/12/2001 | Katherne Rischer | Katherne Rischer | Given Out |
| Alfar of Attica | OP | 05/04/2010 | Tailtiu of Gortrua | Tailtiu of Gortrua | Given Out |
| Corin Anderson | OP | 08/06/2002 | Caristiona nic Beathain | Caristiona nic Beathain | Given Out |
| Muirghein ni Ghrainne | GA | 09/04/1995 | Katerina da Brescia | Katerina da Brescia | Given Out |
| Bryony Beehyrd | VIS | 19/06/1999 | Bryony Beehyrd | Bryony Beehyrd | Complete |
| Haos Windchaser | VIS | 19/06/1999 | Bryony Beehyrd | Bryony Beehyrd | Complete |
| Philippe du Lac | KSCA | 18/04/2003 | Caristiona nic Beathain | Caristiona nic Beathain | Given Out |
| Niáll inn Orkneyski / Liadan ingen Fheradaig | COUNT | | Muirghein ni Ghrainne | Muirghein ni Ghrainne | Given Out |

2 Internet

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

2.1 Online Database

Following testing by the Anealan & Mordenvalian Wardens, Warden access has been rolled out to all of the current Wardens, including those who have only recently been appointed. Feedback to date has been limited but positive.

An announcement was made on the Scribes' and Announce list in order to notify the populace that the online database was ready for public access. Interest has been encouraging with over 2,000 unique visitors and over 66,000 total visits in recent months. Given that Australia currently has 1269 current members and New Zealand has 165 current members, totalling 1434 current members, I find this is indicative of a great deal of passive interest in how the Kingdom's scrolls are progressing.

Following this announcement a number of mistakes in the data reported were reported by the populace, which have either been addressed or are in the process of being addressed. Unfortunately, some of these mistakes point to scrolls being lost at some point prior to reaching the recipient.

2.2 Scribes' Mailing List

The mailing list was experiencing problems in changing moderators and approving pending requests at the time of the previous report. This issue has been resolved with assistance Diego, of the Kingdom Masonry Team.

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