



# Ductus

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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	120	114
Assigned	150	166
Recently Imported	47	0
Caidan Scrolls	12	12
Completed	16	23
Given Out	955	925
Lost	3	N/A
On Hold	1291	1299
Total	2594	2539

Available & Assigned Scrolls

Award	Avail.	Assign.	Oldest	Last
Pelican	15	20	07-1997	34
Knight	10	19	04-1994	28
Laurel	22	15	03-1997	36
Duchy	0	0	N/A	0
County	3	3	01-2003	5
Visc.	2	3	07-1989	5
GoA	54	20	08-2002	75
AoA	14	70	06-1986	97
Caid	0	3	TBA	N/A

During the reporting period a number of records were imported from the Canon database, updating scribes assignments to the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014, increasing the overall number of assignments to be completed.

During Oct – 49 records – updated until the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014 inclusive

These scrolls were given the status “Recently Imported” until it can be established whether or not the recipients have registered armoury. These will then updated with “on hold” or “available” categories. A report from the Rocket Herald is expected shortly to this effect.

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

### 1.2 Successor to the Provost

After advertising the position of Provost throughout the Kingdom, I was able to announce that Mistress Branwen of Werchesvorde is to succeed me as the Provost of Scribes, when I step down as from the office at the Rowany Yule Feast. This appointment was followed by the two-week commentary period required by Kingdom law and I am looking forward to welcoming Mistress

Branwen to the position. Arrangements have been made to forward the scribal supplies to Mistress Branwen in preparation for her taking up this office.

### 1.3 Lochac Scroll Challenge

Following the announcement of the Lochac Scroll Challenge interest in scribing, has increased with a number of scroll assignments completed and given out over the course of the Challenge.

*Analysis of these figures number of indicate that over thirty scrolls have been completed / given out in the last quarter alone, which is a fantastic result, while the AoA backlog has been reduced to a mere 14 AoA scrolls available for assignment.*

The new scribes that have taken part in the Challenge include:

<b>SCA Group</b>	<b>Scribe</b>
College of St Malachy – 3 Assignments	Ruben / Bertrand
Barony of Aneala – 20 Assignments requested by new & established scribes	Lucia delli Fenice
	Anne of Gyllingeham
	Sorcha o'Ceollaigh
	Clothilde de Clairvaux
	Ragnarr of Ravenshold
	Illaria de Vale
College of St. Ursula – 10 Assignments requested by new scribes	Helen Jacobson
	Ana Wandererin
	Bastian of St Ursula
	Go Murasaki
	Padraig Lowther
	Sigvald Svifthanda
Barony of Krae Glas	Tatiana of St Ursula
	Elspeth Caerwent - returned scribe
Barony of Mordenvale – 9 Assignments requested by new & established scribes	Angelc Ocelfa of Angus
	Dominica de Zeragoza
	Isabella Lucretzia de Zeragoza
	Heilwich Gheerts
Barony of River Haven	Raelene Price
	Josseline de la Cour
	Merewen of Twynham
Barony of Rowany	Jon Dai of the Lane
	Loyola Juan Sanchez Mendoza
	Grisel Kincaid
Barony of Stormhold	Antoinette Travaille
	Honey of the Forest
	Gilli Feilan / Guillaume de Musgrave

The Anealan Scribal Group have made a gargantuan effort, requesting a huge 20 assignments not long after the start of the challenge and cultivating seven new scribes, whom I hope will continue to pursue calligraphy and illumination after the Challenge has concluded.

An honourable mention must be given to the College of St Ursula, who have six new scribes, and have created an "Ursulan Scribal Cell" as the result of one C&I workshop at the University of Sydney and have taken on a large number of assignments without the guidance of an experienced scribe from within the group.

Further recognition must also be paid to Bertrand (Ruben) of St Malachy who has recently started within the SCA and has completed three calligraphy assignments, to be illuminated by other scribes.

I feel it is only right that these scribes receive the appropriate recognition and I have procured award tokens in the form of tassels for these scribes, largely thanks to Baroness Ameline de Colwell.

#### ***1.4 Scribes' Award - Order of the Golden Poyntel***

Over the past several months work has been progressing to introduce a new award to Lochac specifically to recognise the unique role of scribes to the Kingdom, due to the dual nature of being both service to the Kingdom and also the level of artistic skill displayed in works that are created primarily so that they may be given away.

I am pleased to be able to report that permission has been granted by Their Majesties to progress the registration of the "Order of the Golden Poyntel", the production of brass scribes' medallions for use as the award token and the changing of the relevant laws of Lochac to reflect this new award.

The "Golden Poyntel" (pronounced point-elle) was discussed and settled upon as an appropriate name for both calligraphers and illuminators as it was used to write and to score lines for doing the writing, while it was also used to do the under drawing for illumination. They could be a straight wooden or metal implement or they could be a mixture of both. It was felt that this tool, having been used by period scribes, irrespective of their application of ink or paint was a most fitting name for the award.

#### ***1.5 Postage of Scrolls***

In my previous report the issue of postage of scrolls had been noted due to the sudden increase in the cost of the postage of A3 scrolls via Australia Post. A short-term solution has been found, with some Rowanites posting scrolls via their company mail and invoicing for the cost of this postage. This solution, while short term, was necessary in order to deliver the increased volume of scrolls received due to the Lochac Scroll Challenge. A longer term solution will need to be researched and established whereby scrolls can be mailed and the parcel tracked.

## 1.6 Caidan Scrolls

In light of the AoA backlog having been reduced over the course of the last year due to the Lochac Scroll Challenge attention has turned to completing the few remaining Caidan scrolls that have not yet been completed. Mistress Branwen has been in contact with my Caidan counter-part in order to liase regarding the completion of these scrolls.

## 1.7 Recently Completed Scrolls

The following scrolls have been given out over recent months:

Recipient	Award	Award Date	Calligraphy	Illumination	Status
Vittoria del Fiore	OP	06/12/1997	Celestria Ashwood	Celestria Ashwood	Given Out
Kilic ibn Sungur ibn al-Kazganci al-Turhani	OL	06/03/1999	Branwen of Werchesvorde	Branwen of Werchesvorde	Given Out
Leofric Willoughby de Broke	KSCA	03/08/2002	Aeron Lassair	Aeron Lassair	Given Out
Joan Sutton	OP	18/02/2006	Elinae of Whitby	Elinae of Whitby	Given Out
Catherine de Arc	OP	04/07/2008	Maidiu Ruadh	Branwen of Werchesvorde	Given Out
André de Montségur	OSP	07/01/2012	Ydeneya de Baillencourt	Branwen of Werchesvorde	Given Out
Axel van Rugen	AA	29/09/1990	Margarete Clare Engelhardt	Constanzia	Given Out
Karl Faustus von Aachen	AA	20/02/1993	Jehan de Benne	Jehan de Benne	Given Out
Steffan Glaube	AA	24/08/1997	Aeron Lassair	Lilya	Given Out No Photo
Gwyneth ferch Aeddan	AA	11/07/1999	Branwen of Werchesvorde	Branwen of Werchesvorde	Given Out
Thomasina Coke	AA	04/11/2000	Ruben Tabuteau	Jon Dai of the Lane	Given Out
Jean le Horner	AA	01/12/2001	Katherine Alicia of Sarum	Katherine Alicia of Sarum	Given Out
Catalin de Dalmatin	AA	11/09/2004	Katherine Alicia of Sarum	Katherine Alicia of Sarum	Given Out
Elinor Clifford	AA	06/11/2010	Slaine inghean mhic O'Ruadhain	Slaine inghean mhic O'Ruadhain	Given Out
Elena de Montague	AA	12/03/2011	TBA	Merewen of Twynham	Given Out
Ringwar Northwood	AA	12/03/2011	TBA	Merewen of Twynham	Given Out
Anne of Gyllingeham	AA	05/06/2011	Branwen of Werchesvorde	Branwen of Werchesvorde	Given Out
Robin of Twyford	AA	13/06/2011	Aeron Lassair	Peter Peterkin	Given Out
Clara Bone-Aventure	AA	25/06/2011	Branwen of Werchesvorde	Catherine de Arc	Given Out
Alain Quartier	AA	02/07/2011	Aeron Lassair	Gabriella Borromei	Given Out
Isabel de Beaumont of Belasis	AA	15/10/2011	Katherine Rischer	Sigvald Svithanda	Given Out
Osric gædeling	AA	26/11/2011	Anealan Scribes	Illaria de Vale	Given Out
Sophia van Dorne	AA	18/02/2012	Anealan Scribes	Ragnarr of Ravenshold	Given Out
Gunther Boese	AA	09/04/2012	Jon Dai of the Lane	Jon Dai of the Lane	Given Out
Ulfgeirr Refskegg	AA	10/06/2012	Kilic ibn Sungur	Kilic ibn Sungur	Given Out
Michael Deth	AA	28/07/2012	Branwen of Werchesvorde	Slaine inghean mhic O'Ruadhain	Given Out
Ceara Shionnach	OCt	17/08/2013	Catherine de Arc	Catherine de Arc	Given Out
Emlyn Sadler	AA	02/11/2013	Padraig Lowther	Padraig Lowther	Given Out

The following scrolls have been completed over recent months:

Angharat Benbras	AA	24/08/2013	Katherine Rischer	Ana Wandererin	Complete Scrolls to be given out at
Jadwiga Wojciedowa	AA	01/04/2013	Anealan Scribes	Anne of Gyllingeham	
Mathias vonn Massenbach	AA	26/11/2011	Catherine de Arc	Catherine de Arc	Rowany Yule
Dante Caldiera	AA	12/01/2013	Anealan Scribes	Sorcha O'Ceollaigh	Complete
Myrun Jjohansdottir	AA	29/01/2012	Anealan Scribes	Ydeneya de Baillencourt	Complete
James of Yale	AA	09/03/2013	Anealan Scribes	Clothilde de Clairvaux	Complete
Thyri skjaldmær	AA	09/04/2012	Anealan Scribes	Slaine inghean mhic O'Ruadhain	Complete
Paidin MacLorkan	AA	17/12/2011	Anealan Scribes	Slaine inghean mhic O'Ruadhain	Complete. Scrolls to be given out by
Elizabeth Saunders	AA	25/11/2012	Catherine de Arc	Catherine de Arc	
Rosamund Laiborn	AA	26/11/2011	Anealan Scribes	Ydeneya de Baillencourt	Polit
Oswyn Fitz Gibbon	AA	10/11/2012	Anealan Scribes	Helen Jacobson	B&B.

## 2 Internet

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

### 2.1 *Online Database*

This quarter has seen the new page relating to the “Wards”, relating to the way that Wardens can view potential assignments in their area & a list of all the scribes under their jurisdiction.

Future plans include the development of the “My Ward” page which will hopefully include an option to “show only current assignments” and / or a “overdue assignment notification” for ease of access to the most pertinent details for a Warden to allow these details to be easily viewed and retrieved.

Some changes have been made over the last quarter, particularly around the way the Wards have been divided up through the Kingdom.

### 2.2 *Scribes' Flicker Site*

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

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