

# How to be a Herald

# Names

- Personal and non-personal names (orders, households, groups, etc.)
- Dated Spelling (and source) of each element
- Documentation on how elements are combined, if necessary
- Consistent within time and culture  
(<http://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#AppendixC>)
- “Persona Stories” don’t matter
- SENA: <http://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#PN>
- Heraldry.sca.org name articles: <http://heraldry.sca.org/names.html>
- Appendix H book list: <http://heraldry.sca.org/admin.html#APPENDIXH>

# Arms

- Devices and Badges
- Proper Heraldic Style
- Contrast
- Charges/Charge Groups
- Blazonry
- Conflict
- SENA: <http://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#A>
- Heraldry.sca.org armory articles: [http://heraldry.sca.org/armory\\_articles.html](http://heraldry.sca.org/armory_articles.html)
- Appendix H book list: <http://heraldry.sca.org/admin.html#APPENDIXH>
- OSCAR
- PicDic: <http://misholme.com/pictorial-dictionary-of-heraldry/>

# Registration

- Use the forms (<http://rampart.outlandsheralds.org/>)
- Don't just take what the submitter gives you – work with them
- Follow directions on the forms
- Mail copies and payment to Castle Herald
- Email text copy of the documentation to Castle as well
- Review and Commentary (OSCAR)
  - 1 month at Kindom level
  - 2 months at Laurel level
  - Decision normally 1-2 months after that

# Heraldic Commentary

- OSCAR: <http://oscar.sca.org/>
- Kingdom level and Laurel level commentary
- Contact White Stag for permissions
- Conflict Checking: <http://oanda.sca.org/>
- Be helpful, and constructive – submitters can and will read comments
- Rampart Decision Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month

# Precedence

- Online database maintained by Wimble (<http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/>)
- Rank by award and date
- Levels:
  - Non-armigerous
  - Award of Arms
  - Award bearing an AoA
  - Grant of Arms
  - Award bearing a Grant
  - Viscounty
  - County
  - Duchy
  - Crown

# Protocol

- What to do when, and why
- Ordering of the chairs for court
  - CADUCFA
  - Visitors
- Order of March
- Regalia
- Titles and Forms of Address
  - Title Stacking

# Display

- Shields
- Tabards
- Flags
  - Banners
  - Standards
  - Other Flags
- What goes on what and why



# Processional

- Working for someone
- What to include
  - Names
  - Awards
  - Notable Deeds
  - Arms
- Length – walk the hall
- Organization\Order

# Field Heraldry

- Working with the MOL
- Calling the round
  - All fighters to the field, please! In the first fight, X faces Y. In the second fight...
  - Multiple fields (...In the first fight on this field...)
- Calling the fights
  - A and B please take the field. C and D make ready. E and F prepare
- Salutes
  - First round – In this combat, x faces y. Combatants, salute the Crown of the Outlands. Salute the one whose favor you bear... and salute your worth opponent. Pray heed the commands of the marshals
  - Later rounds (Abbreviated) – Combatants, please make all appropriate salutes, and heed the commands of the marshals
- Announce the winner
- Returning the cards: victor on top

# Ceremonies

- Office of Gimlet Herald (<http://gimlet.outlandsheralds.org/>)
- Copies of “standard” ceremonies online
- If you have advance notice, most things can be changed in the ceremonies, with the Crown’s approval
- What not to change: Sword oaths, investiture of Crown Prince and Princess, Coronation of King and Queen

# Court

- You are working for someone
- Preparation is key
- Calling for populace business
- Creating the court schedule
- Preparing the court report
  - Sca name, award, mundane name, membership number, scribe
  - Send to Wimble at a minimum, post on facebook/website/email list
- Projection
- Calling people forward and dismissing them
  - Names/titles/forms of address – be consistent
- Moving on
- Filling gaps
- Screwing up

# Ranks, Titles, and Identification

- Heraldic Ranks
  - Messenger at arms
  - Macer
  - Pursuivant
  - Herald
  - Herald Extraordinary
- Heraldic Titles
  - Kingdom and Baronial offices
  - Heralds Extraordinary
- Tabards
- Rods
- Weapons

# Resources

- <http://www.outlandsheralds.org/>
- <http://heraldry.sca.org/>
- <http://oscar.sca.org/>
- <http://oanda.sca.org/>
- <http://mistholme.com/pictorial-dictionary-of-heraldry/>
- <http://www.college-of-arms.gov.uk/>