

DOMESDAY REPORT
from the
ATEN PRINCIPAL HERALD
KINGDOM OF ATENVELDT
A.S. XXXVIII C.E. 2003

Unto François la Flamme, Laurel King of Arms; the College of Arms for the Society for Creative Anachronism; Jonathon and Deille, King and Queen of Atenveldt; Katerina O'Callaghan, Atenveldt Kingdom Seneschal; and all those before whom these present letters come, doth Magdalen Venturosa, Aten Principal Herald, send good Greetings this January 10, 2004, in the Common Reckoning, being Anno Societatus XXXVIII:

THE STATE OF HERALDRY
WITHIN THE KINGDOM OF ATENVELDT

The Tenure of Magdalen Venturosa Ends

After consultation with Laurel King and the Kingdom Seneschal, I elected to step down from the position of Aten Herald in the Fall of 2003 instead of continuing my warrant through to May of 2004. As of October 2003, advertisement for a replacement for the position of Aten Principal Herald was placed in the Atenveldt Kingdom newsletter, Southwind, in accordance with kingdom law that all officer positions be advertised for a period of three months before the Crown may select a successor. As of today's date, a new Aten Herald has not be chosen, however, it is anticipated the selection will be made by the end of January 2004.

Emergency Deputy Aten Herald

Lord Seamus McDaid continues as the emergency deputy to Aten. He has been of invaluable assistance to me as a supporting player to this office. Since October 2003, Lord Seamus has essentially prepared all the reports for this office as well as following up and maintaining communications with the local group heralds. When the Kingdom Seneschal noted there were several warrants not accounted for from heralds throughout the kingdom, Lord Seamus stepped in and assisted her where I did not. He has applied for the position of Aten Herald.

Submissions Herald

Mistress Marta remains as our Submissions Herald. As has been her custom, she provides a separate Domesday Report on the submissions and her office expenses.

Precedence Herald

Viscountess Hastini Chandra continues as our Abacus Herald. Lord Steffan continues to maintain the computer data for the OP. Due to personal family business, Her Excellency Hastini has been out-of-kingdom for the last three months, but she continues to work as Abacus through regular and e-mail.

Ceremonies Herald

Countess Elzbieta Rurikovskya, continues in her position as Fireball Herald assisting with, preparing and maintaining a database of the ceremonies most often used in the kingdom of Atenveldt. This position was created in A.S. 35 in order to have one individual assist the principal herald in the keeping and organizing of these files.

Atenveldt Heraldry Online

Our Kingdom Webpage continues to be an accessible communications tool for our populace and those in the Known World seeking information about heraldry in Atenveldt. The internet has facilitated communication for all and make the office and this officer more accessible. Since last year's Domesday report, no significant changes or additions to the webpage have been made. However, it is hoped that we will continue to make improvements and add features to make the webpage even more useful. It is available at <http://www.atenveldt.com> with the following links:

Kingdom of Atenveldt Submissions Page maintained by Mistress Marta

Archive of Letters of Acceptance and Returns maintained by Laurel

Kingdom Order of Precedence maintained by Lord Steffan of the Close for Abacus Herald Hastini Chandra.

Kingdom Award Charters maintained by Lord Steffan of the Close for
Abacus Herald Hastini Chandra.

Overview of Recognitions and Awards in the Kingdom of Atenveldt by
Duchess Katarina O'Callaghan

Groups of Atenveldt Heraldry maintained by Isabelle d'Avallon

Atenveldt_Heralds E-mail List

The Atenveldt Heralds list is still in existence. To date, it has not had heavy traffic, but it is utilized occasionally.

Knowne World Heraldic Symposium

In June 2003, no heralds from Atenveldt were able to attend the KWHS. This continues to be a subject that we hope to change for future symposia.

Consultation Tables

As with 2002, all major consultation tables held within Atenveldt in 2003 were initiated and run by Mistress Marta. Marta traveled and held consultation tables in a few of our smaller shires to encourage new heralds as well as provide those in the non-major population centers contact with a herald and hands-on opportunity to work with and submit their individual armory. In addition to her personal heraldic library, Mistress Marta maintains the Kingdom's library of heraldic material.

Commenting

At the present time, the Kingdom of Atenveldt has not contributed any commentors to the College of Arms. We still suffer from a lack of internal commenters within the kingdom, and therefore, as a result, have not been able to muster competent heralds for this task in a larger context. The potential does exist, as there are a number of young heralds throughout the kingdom who have expressed their desire to serve as book heralds, we just need to lead them in the right direction.

Teaching

Corona Herald, Seamus McDaid, taught several heraldry classes throughout the calendar year 2003. Viscountess Hastini also provided classes as well.

The Future of Heraldry in Atenveldt

Although not much forward progress has been made in improving the state of heraldry here in Atenveldt, the status quo has maintained since last year's Domesday report. Even though we have not made much progress, upon my stepping down, I anticipate new blood and a fresh outlook from a new Aten herald will energize the office as well as the remaining heralds in the kingdom.

THUS ENDS the 2003 Domesday Report of the Aten Principal Herald.

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