

# Dnys Fawr



## Greater Office of Dromond Herald

**Role:** Dromond is responsible for working, as well as overseeing others, in several areas.

Much of the work is co-coordinating other volunteers as required.

Areas of responsibility

- 1) Serving as a local contact for advice on devices and names. Help people prepare submissions.
- 2) Maintaining the local Order of Precedence.
- 3) Reporting locally and to Crux Australis on heraldic activity.
- 4) Writing the Baronial Ceremonies as required and maintaining them by updating wording.
- 5) In consultation with Their Excellencies, writing up and submitting any required Baronial heraldic registrations (order names, badges etc).
- 6) Holding the Heraldic resources of the Barony (tabards, books, records etc).
- 7) At the request of, and in consultation with, the Baron and Baroness and event Stewards, look after announcements particularly at courts and tourneys. Note that it is ultimately the Steward's responsibility to ensure that a herald is available for any event that needs one. This will include any event that will have the Baron or Baroness in attendance and any event with combat.
- 8) Keep records of all name and device submissions within the Barony and their progress. Help with any problems that may be encountered.
- 9) As required act as the voice of the Crown in making pronouncements and if Royalty comes visiting then you must be prepared to run their Court, or find someone how can if required.
- 10) Training and helping new heralds.

**Requirements:** Being an officer is not just fun, it is a service to your group in the SCA.

There are certain requirements and regulations that you must abide by, to keep our King & Queen / Baron & Baroness and the one up officers informed about what is occurring throughout Lochac.

As an officer, you are required to have a current SCAA membership, to be at least 18 years of age.

To be warranted (2 years, with a maximum of 4 years in exceptional circumstances).

To send QUARTERLY reports to the one up officer by the date required

Follow the proper process for appointing your replacement, and conduct a good handover.

If you do not comply with the above, you can be suspended from your Office.

In turn, this could put your group in abeyance, so as an Officer, you are responsible for ensuring you do the above.

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As a Local Officer, it is recommended you ask the Kingdom Officer for help if you need it. Advertise for a successor 18 months after you take over. This gives you six months to find one. Have other deputies as required to help you with your duties – preferably a drop-dead deputy too.

In addition the Dromond Herald should have people as a part of their team with a loud, clear speaking voice and no, or minimal, fear of public speaking. These are much less important as both clear and projected speech and a fear of public speaking can be worked on and developed.

**Workload:** Most work is done away from events, although Dromond is most visible to others during Court. An active Herald will spend more time helping people with submissions, writing courts, maintaining Orders of Precedence and doing reports etc than they will in public. Even when at an event most of the words that you will use are written down for you and merely need to be read out. Expect to spend time with Their Excellencies, particularly if they are new or if they wish to make changes in awards. Expect to spend (on average) 2 to 3 hours each week.

**Reporting Channel:** Quarterly reports are made to Crux Australis Herald (send a copy to the Seneschal). They are the person whom you are firstly responsible to under Kingdom law. As well monthly reports are made to the Baronial Council *prior* to the second Thursday of every month to ensure inclusion in the Baronial Agendum. Your quarterly reports are usually a compilation of these monthly reports, but must be made before the 15th of February, May, August, and November.

## Resources:

The Barony has several members with Heraldic resources available for general use. As well the office comes with some of its own books. In case of doubt you should contact Crux Australis. Support for you is a part of their job. Additionally there are several members of the Barony with a permanent Heraldic status. Part of the justification of this status is giving you help and support. Of lesser use are several online discussion lists. The web also has lots of information about book and voice heraldry. Some of it is right for our local circumstances.

Official society Herald site: <http://www.sca.org/heraldry/>

Lochac Heraldry site (includes submission forms): <http://www.sca.org.au/herald/>

It is important to note that the Baronial Herald should regard themselves as a coordinator of a team of heralds all working to achieve the required goals. Very few people will be able to do all of the tasks involved in this job and even less can do all of them on their own.