



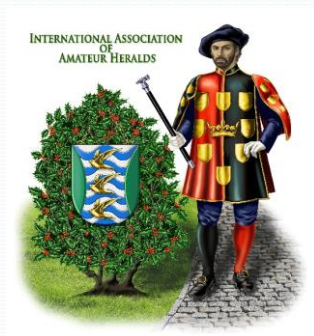
IAAH Newsletter

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New Year's greetings



Last year at this time I said that as the year began we could only pray that the vaccines work and that 2021 would prove to be a year when things got a lot better. Well the vaccines do work, and many lives have been saved as a result. But Covid is still proving to be a wily adversary and sadly 2022 is unlikely to prove a "normal" year.

Once again the IAAH is one of the few organisations world-wide that is unlikely to be directly affected, as it exists only in cyber-space. We can still enjoy our heraldry *via* Facebook and our Forum without even venturing outdoors. But I for one have missed the opportunities to sniff out some unusual heraldry in a church or historic building.

My situation is not helped either by choosing to live in a part of Sweden that attracted few armigers. Members like me rely a good deal on the pictures and the stories posted by the luckier and more adventurous members who have lots of heraldry within easy striking distance.

Please don't take it for granted that someone else will post an interesting article or link to a heraldic piece in a local paper. Make a New Year's resolution to be a more active member.

Here's a toast to the IAAH in 2022, and to heraldry wherever we may find it. And here's hoping that the end of this year will find us and our nearest and dearest free from the cares of Covid.

Chris Green
IAAH President
on behalf of the IAAH Board

Census 2022

It's time for our annual membership census. You will receive an e-mail from the IAAH Secretary, asking you to confirm your details by a certain date.

Please do so as soon as possible. The way it works is that, if you miss the cut-off date, your name will automatically be moved from our active membership list to the inactive list. To become active again, you'll then need to apply for reinstatement.

Bear in mind, too, that only members on the active list get to vote in the Board election, which is held in April.

So the easiest thing to do is respond as soon as you've received the census e-mail. The results will be published in our July newsletter.

Who's who

Advancements

The Board is pleased to announce that John Rafael passed the Basic Heraldic Knowledge examination, and was advanced to Associate Fellow in November.

New members

The following members have joined us since the previous newsletter was issued :

November

- Nathaniel Bendel
- Juan Clemente-Morino y Molina
- Jerricho Garcia
- Kryštof Huk
- Elliot Nesterman
- Kimberly Severson
- Joseph Taylor
- Ethan Trice.

Our new members live in Czechia, the Philippines, Spain and the United States of America.

We welcome them, and look forward to a long and happy association.

Designs for clients

Designing arms for clients has been one of the IAAH's key activities since the association's inception twenty-two years ago. In our last newsletter, we showcased some ecclesiastical arms from our archives. Continuing a corporate theme, here are arms which the IAAH has designed for some other organisations over the years.

To begin with, two family associations in the United States of America :



- **Elder Family Association** (Texas, USA) – by Geoff Kingman-Sugars (herald) and Sandy Turnbull (artist);

- **Scobee Family Association** (Iowa, USA) – by Geoff Kingman-Sugars (herald) and Sandy Turnbull (artist).

Moving northwards, the arms of two organisations in Canada :



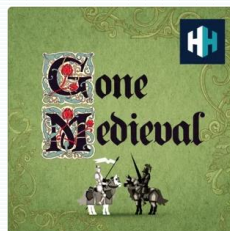
- **Calgary Academy** (Alberta, Canada) – by Geoff Kingman-Sugars (herald) and Barrie Burr (artist);
- **Scout Association of British Columbia** – by Geoff Kingman-Sugars (herald) and Sandy Turnbull (artist); note the use of dogwood flowers (British Columbia's provincial floral emblem) to difference the fleur de lis.

You'll find full-size images, blazons and further details, on the [Design Roll](#) on our website.

Online heraldry resources

You may be interested in these resources on heraldic topics, which are available online.

Podcast



[Gone Medieval](#) – a discussion of heralds and heraldry in medieval England by Peter O'Donoghue (York Herald at the College of Arms) (43 minutes)

Videos



[Lyon Court : Officers of Arms Installation 2021](#) – the swearing-in of the recently-appointed heralds and pursuivants mentioned in our previous newsletter; this is the first time that the ceremony has been filmed (39 minutes).



[New England Historic Genealogical Society Committee on Heraldry](#) (Nathaniel Lane Taylor / American Heraldry Society) – a talk on the committee and its heraldic publications (1 hour 5 minutes).

Books and journals

The number of heraldry (and genealogy and vexillology) books and journals that are available online seems to be increasing rapidly.

Besides the 'classic' works such as Boutell's *Manual of Heraldry*, Rietstap's *Armorial-général* and, Burke's *General Armory*, there are modern works such as Franklyn & Tanner's *Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Heraldry* (which has quite an international scope) and Brooke-Little's *Heraldic Alphabet*. The best sources are the following :

- [Archive.org](#) (some of the books are 'to borrow', for which you'll need to register a username and password);
- [Google Books](#);
- [Hathi Trust](#) (some of the books are restricted to viewers in the USA).

Note : The IAAH does not necessarily endorse any opinions or information presented in these resources.

International heraldry news

Canada

The [Canadian Heraldic Authority](#) has revamped its website. The search function has been improved, and instead of lists of results there are now thumbnail images to choose from.

Malta

The Maltese government has published the Heraldry & Genealogy Regulations 2021, which set out the powers and functions of the Office of the Chief Herald of Arms of Malta in great detail. The date on which they come into effect has not yet been announced. The regulations can be read on the [Legislazzjoni Malta](#) website.

South Africa

The Bureau of Heraldry has resumed activity after a lengthy closure due to the pandemic. It appears that they are still accepting applications only from South African residents.

IAAH Facebook group

Our Facebook discussion group is slowly gaining momentum, and eclipsing our forum. We now have 71 registered members. To join the group, simply go the [Facebook page](#), click on 'Join Group' and follow the steps that appear on the screen.

Contacts

Remember : you can get in touch with the IAAH Board members by e-mail, through the '[Contact us](#)' page on our website. The IAAH corporate e-mail addresses are automatically redirected to Board members' own email inboxes.

