



IAAH Newsletter

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Welcome!

To the sixth issue of the quarterly IAAH Newsletter. Once again, the past quarter has been very quiet here at the IAAH : no applications for membership, no design assistance requests, and very little activity on our forum and Facebook page.

Looking at the world of heraldry online, this seems to be a trend. There has been a distinct slowing down of activity on heraldry (and flag) discussion groups in general. While plenty of images are posted, they generally elicit only a few comments, and there is very little actual discussion.

So we appeal, once again, to IAAH members to help keep our forum and Facebook page going, by posting questions and starting discussions.

Designs for clients

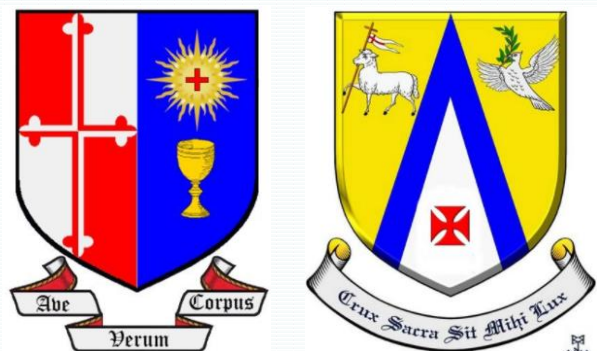
Designing arms for clients has been one of the IAAH's key activities since the association's inception twenty-two years ago. There are currently 287 emblazonments on our Design Roll. Satisfied clients can be found in a large number of countries.

While the majority of designs have been personal arms, there are also a number of impersonal arms, for clients as diverse as family associations, the Scout Association of British Columbia, and the Los Angeles Airport Police Department.

In the 2000s, our design team devised arms for some ecclesiastical clients in the United States of America. Here, from our archives, are four examples – two dioceses, a congregation and a monastery :



- Archdiocese of the Sacred Heart – by Melvyn Jeremiah (herald) and Clyde Webb (artist);
- Charismatic Diocese of the Holy Spirit (Wisconsin USA) – by Melvyn Jeremiah (herald) and Clyde Webb and Barrie Burr (artists);



- Church of the Blessed Sacrament (Tennessee USA) – by Geoff Kingman-Sugars (herald and artist);
- Cistercian Monastery of St Columba (Ohio USA) – by Melvyn Jeremiah (herald) and Barrie Burr (artist).

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

International news

While things have been quiet at the IAAH these past three months, there have been some interesting developments in the world of heraldry authorities.

England

In England, the College of Arms has new top leadership, following the retirement of two kings of arms. The three kings of arms are now : David White (Garter), Robert Noël (Clarenceux) and Timothy Duke (Norroy & Ulster). The resulting vacancies for heralds and pursuivants will no doubt be filled in due course.

Scotland

In Scotland, Lord Lyon has announced a string of promotions and appointments :

- a move from herald to herald extraordinary : Sir Crispin Agnew from Rothesay to Albany;
- two pursuivants promoted to heralds : Yvonne Holton from Dingwall to Islay, and Liam Devlin from Unicorn to Rothesay;
- two pursuivants extraordinary have been appointed pursuivants in ordinary : John Stirling from Linlithgow to Ormond, and Roderick MacPherson from Falkland to Unicorn;
- three new pursuivants extraordinary have been appointed : Prof Gillian Black (Linlithgow), Colin Russell (Falkland) and Philip Tibbetts (March);
- Ms Clare McCrory has been appointed as Herald Painter.

Malta

And in Malta, where a heraldry office has been in operation since 2019, legislation has now been passed to place it on a statutory basis. The law has been amended to allow the heritage authority "to set up and manage the Office of the Chief Herald of Arms of Malta", and we understand that regulations are being drawn up to set out the office's functions and powers in detail.

As you may know, Malta has taken these steps as a result of concerns raised by one of our Fel-

lows, Martin Goldstraw, as to the legal standing of the office and its grants and registrations.

Online heraldry resources

You may be interested in these videos on heraldic topics, which are available online. Two of the presenters are IAAH members :

[*The Story of Municipal Heraldry in the USA*](#) (Ralf Hartemink / American Heraldry Society) – (1 hour 8 minutes).

[*Clans and Conversations : Lord Lyon King of Arms*](#) (Ross M. McEwan / Clan McEwan Society) – a recent interview with Lord Lyon (45 minutes).

[*Unicorns and Eagles*](#) (Ethan MacDonald / American Heraldry Society) – Scottish heraldry in the USA (1 hour 2 minutes).

[*Infantry Brigades and their Infantry Battalions Combat Patches and Unit Crests*](#) (Veterans Medals Workshop) – a look at US Army insignia of the Vietnam War (19 minutes).

[*Crathes Castle – Heraldry Explained*](#) (Charles Burnett) – a 27-minute tour of Crathes Castle in Scotland, which is richly decorated with heraldry.

[*The Proud Symbolism of Heraldry*](#) (Laurent Ferri / Cornell University) – "Why it matters, why it is fun!" (47 minutes).

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