

Trimarian Heraldic Online Self-Study Program

How to be a Court Herald

Walk Through Syllabus

1. Introduction

Welcome to the Trimarian Heraldic Online Self-Study Program. These online self study classes are a way to learn how to serve your group as a local herald via correspondence in case you are unable to attend warranting classes at Kingdom events or don't want to wait until the next opportunity to attend a class in person. The classes provide the frame work for a self-guided study using the internet.

How to get started

Begin with reading the walk through syllabus and follow its instructions. At the end you will be asked to answer a few questions about the topics covered in this class. You will email your answers to the Trimarian Herald in charge of Education the Coracle Herald (coracle@trimaris.org). You can send the file as a txt, doc, or pdf. file or just type it into the body of an email. The Coracle Herald will check your answers and respond to your email. If you answered the questions correctly, they will inform you that you have successfully completed the course. In case of mistakes and/or missing answers, they will send you the correct answers and offer to correspond with you until you are both satisfied that you know the answers.

Learning Objectives

Know how to serve as a court herald and the basic duties and responsibilities of a baronial and royal herald in the Kingdom of Trimaris.

2. Heralds Warranting Part 1: How to be a Local Herald

In the SCA we recreate the courtly life of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. From Armorial heraldry over Name heraldry and Voice/Silent Heraldry, heraldry infuses every aspect of courtly life in the Current Middle Ages. This is no more evident than when Trimarian Royalty or Landed Nobility holds court with all the pomp and pageantry of the Middle Ages. The purpose of this class is to introduce you to the duties and responsibilities of a court herald within the SCA. It is not part of the official warranting classes but we highly recommend you take it if you have any interest in serving as a baronial or royal court herald.

The Trimarian Warranting Process

To be a warranted herald in the Kingdom of Trimaris and to receive the rank of pursuivant within the Kingdom's College of Heralds you are required to take three warranting classes: "Part 1: How to be a Local Herald," "Part 2: Armory Submissions, and " Part 3: Name Submissions." You do not have to take them in order, and you may take them in person, online, or a mixture of the two. These classes are designed to teach you the administrative side of heraldry, and after completing these classes, you should know where to find the heraldic information necessary to be a successful local herald. The class "How to be a Court Herald" is not part of the warranting process. It is optional but highly recommended as it continues your heraldic education.

Note: If you passed the old "Pursuivant Test" aka "The Baby Herald Test" you are considered grandfathered in as pursuivant herald within the Kingdom of Trimaris. We still encourage you to

audit the warranting classes in order to be up-to-date on the administrative side of heraldry, including more recent changes and additions.

How to be a Local Herald

This class consists of two parts: a text portion, and a resource portion. The text for this course is "How to Be a Local Herald" by Baroness Ilene Johnnestoune, OP. You can access the text on the Trimaris Herald Page under Coracle Herald. [Link]

Please read this article thoroughly. There will be several questions based on it in the evaluation section. If you have any questions about the primer or any of the following resources, please email the Trimarian Coracle Herald at coracle@trimaris.org.

Resources:

This section is a list of online resources. Please visit each one and take note of what is offered at each. There will be several questions based on these sites in the evaluation section.

- Familiarize yourself with your Kingdom's College of Heralds, its officers, and requirements for reports
Trimaris College of Heralds - <http://trimaris.org/Herald> – Kingdom Heralds page. List of Officers with descriptions, Kingdom specific Submissions forms, etc.
- Trimaris Herald Handbook
http://trimaris.org/files/herald/coracle/Trimaris_Herald_Handbook.pdf Compendium of Valuable information, a good tool for self information
- Trimaris Herald Handbook
http://trimaris.org/files/herald/coracle/Trimaris_Herald_Handbook.pdf Compendium of Valuable information, a good tool for self information, especially in regard to Court Heraldry: A Checklist for Success <https://heraldry.sca.org/voice/heraldrychecklist.html>
- Some Vocal Techniques as applied to field and court heraldry
<https://heraldry.sca.org/voice/vocaltech.html>

3. The Evaluation

Answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge without copying directly from the sources.

Create an answer file in .txt, .doc, or .pdf format OR type the answers into the body of an email. Email your answers to Coracle@trimaris.org

Make sure to include the following information:

Subject line: Trimarian Heraldic Online Self-Study Program "Court Heraldry"

Your SCA Name

Your Mundane Name

Your local group

(If you are delivering your answer sheet for evaluation in person, please make sure to include contact information such as name, email address and/or phone number)

- 1. What are the responsibilities of a court herald?**
- 2. In your own words, talk about what kind of supplies a court herald might need during court business meeting to prepare for royal/baronial court and who do they work with.**
- 3. Discuss what resources you found most useful from either the text or the resource section.**
- 4. What does being court herald mean from what you have read?**
- 5. How often do you report as court herald and when?**
- 6. How and when do you determine a recipient's eligibility for an award according to Trimaris Kingdom Law?**
- 7. What is "Court Business"?**
- 8. Explain in your own words what are desired qualities of a court herald?**
- 9. Why is it important to keep court cards in order?**

Please describe your experience. Feel free to ask questions or supply comments. Tell us what you learned. This is place for correspondence with the Coracle. This is an avenue for you to get what you could not get from reading the text.