

# **Trimarian Heraldic Online Self-Study Program**

## **Heralds Warranting Part 1: How to be a Local 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 become a warranted herald in the Kingdom of Trimaris  
and the basic duties of a local SCA herald.

Know your basic heraldic resources

## **2. Herald's 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. For that reason having a herald serve your local group is a valuable asset. The purpose of this class is to introduce you to the duties and responsibilities of a local herald within the SCA. It is a part of the three part warranting series offered in Trimaris.

### **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 Herald's 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://trimaris.org/files/herald/coracle/Trimaris_Herald_Handbook.pdf) Compendium of Valuable information, a good tool for self information
- Visit the Main SCA Heraldry Page. Pay particular attention to the FAQ section, and familiarize yourself with where to find information on rules, Letters of Acceptances and Returns, etc.  
Main SCA heraldry website <http://heraldry.sca.org/>
- SCA College of Arms - Rules and Regulations - <http://heraldry.sca.org/regs.html> – The Rules live here!
- Compare with your local office's toolbox and improve:  
Branch Herald's Toolbox: <http://heraldry.sca.org/htoolkit.html> –Start yours today! The tools of Heraldry.
- SCA Herald's Chat <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCAHeraldryChat/> - A Facebook group, it has become the fastest way to communicate with heralds across the world
- Modar's Heraldry Page- <http://www.modaruniversity.org/Heraldry.htm> – A good resource for all things heraldry. (esp. armory)
- The Academy of Saint Gabriel - <https://www.s-gabriel.org/> - The name resource gateway outside of sca.org.
- Sign up for an account so you can better assist your clients
- Online System for Commentary and Response aka OSCAR - <http://oscar.sca.org/index.php?action=137> – Go here to track submission and comment

### **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 "Warranting Class 1"

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 four main duties of a local herald?***
- 2. *In your own words discuss the role of deputies for a local herald***
- 3. *In your own words talk about what kind of supplies a local herald might need***
- 4. *Discuss what resources you found most useful from either the text or the resource section***
- 5. *Describe the role of education for a local herald***
- 6. *What does being local herald mean from what you have read?  
How often do you report at local herald and when?***
- 7. *Who is the Current Triskele Principal Herald?***
- 8. *What are the SCA rules for names and devices called, and where are they found?***
- 9. *List the two English name books from A Branch Herald's Toolbox.***
- 10. *What is OSCAR (Online System for Commentary and Response) used for?***
- 11. *Why would someone go to "The Academy of Saint Gabriel" website?***

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.