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foreword

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I am delighted to contribute this brief Foreword to the Heraldic Institute's annual calendar, which, after a very long gap, has taken up where its predecessor, the *Münchener Kalendar* founded by the artist and engraver Otto Hupp (1859-1949) in 1895, left off. Hupp was a graphic designer and artist who specialised in heraldry, creating more than 6,000 coats of arms during his lifetime. Many of these were issued in the early twentieth century as small stamps by Kaffee HAG to stick in an album issued by the company to encourage people to buy the decaffeinated coffee, invented in 1906, which the firm pioneered. The scheme proved a great success and was imitated in twelve other countries both before and after the First World War. Hupp was active in a number of other fields and devised a range of new typefaces, though these are not in use today. Among his creations was the logo used by Spatenbräu on its beer steins. Hupp issued the *Münchener Kalendar* annually from 1885, with his illustrations of the coats of arms of noble families, of municipalities and signs of the zodiac. Beginning with an edition of 5,000 copies, Hupp printed no fewer than 17,000 copies in 1914. In Kaiser Wilhelm II's Germany, noble titles and pedigrees, coats

of arms and noble ancestry counted a great deal. War, revolution, and the overthrow of the Kaiser and the princes, combined with the economic disaster of hyperinflation, badly affected the *Münchener Kalendar*, and the depression caused the print-run to fall to a mere 4,000 in 1932. Most of these remained unsold, and the publisher, J. G. Manz, found the printing unprofitable. Hupp was forced to self-publish the *Kalendar*, which he did in 1934 and 1935 after a short hiatus, but he was unable to recoup his losses, and the series ceased publication after the 1935 number. The pseudo-egalitarianism of the National Socialist dictatorship and its hostility to the traditional social dominance of the aristocracy may also have played a part: collecting noble insignia simply was not acceptable any more. Over the years, however, Hupp's colourful and meticulous heraldic paintings had made a significant contribution to familiarising people in Germany with heraldry, with the idea of the function of heraldry, and the Heraldic Institute's resumption of the *Münchener Kalendar* will, it is hoped, do the same in the twenty-first century.

Barkway, Hertfordshire, England



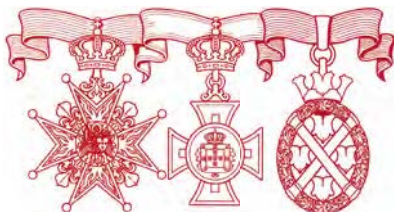
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On the Character of the Institute

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In the past year I have received correspondence both accusing the Institute of being a monarchist relic and, rather wonderfully, of being a disrespectful socialist nest of vipers. I hope this continues. It shows we are doing something right.

As the Institute continues to grow, both in its number of Fellows and in the roles we fulfil, I have increasingly been in receipt of — very well-meant — messages from friends and the more general public warning me off a person with whom we have begun associating (or even, dare I say, made a Fellow), or remonstrating with me for not fulfilling a perceived role that we should have. Whilst I am very glad that people take such a keen interest in the Institute, I feel that we have not been sufficiently prominent about how we see the world in relation to other organisations or to heraldically interested people more generally.

The Institute does not take “sides” in heraldic conversations. We are not here to lay down the law, nor to tell people what they ought to do. Rather, we occupy a ground that allows many different streams and aspects of heraldry to flow together: a broad church, for anyone familiar with the particular charism of the Church of England. Thus, whilst some may well dislike the way a particular person practises heraldry in their country, or wonder why we have not published a list

of all the Heraldry Societies we consider to be above board, or object to our having admitted a nefarious Fellow, these are not matters on which the Institute necessarily needs to take a position.

Heraldry is a fabulously multifaceted subject, stretching from the deeply academic to the whimsically decorative, and existing within monarchies, republics, dictatorships and socialist utopias alike. As a community of enthusiasts and professionals, Fellows of the Institute do well to lay down their weapons within the confines of our learned society, so that we might fully enjoy the arms of each other. Not in battle to lunge and scrape against a shield, but to be carried aloft by an Esquire and fully enjoyed is the magnificence of heraldry.

This is what I hope and pray the Institute will increasingly become: a campfire around which the best hardened, war-weary parties can warm themselves, share a drink, and tell stories of glories to come. There is plenty of room around the fire, and no requirement that everyone agree about everything to join.

And if you really need to fight each other, you can do so in the morning.

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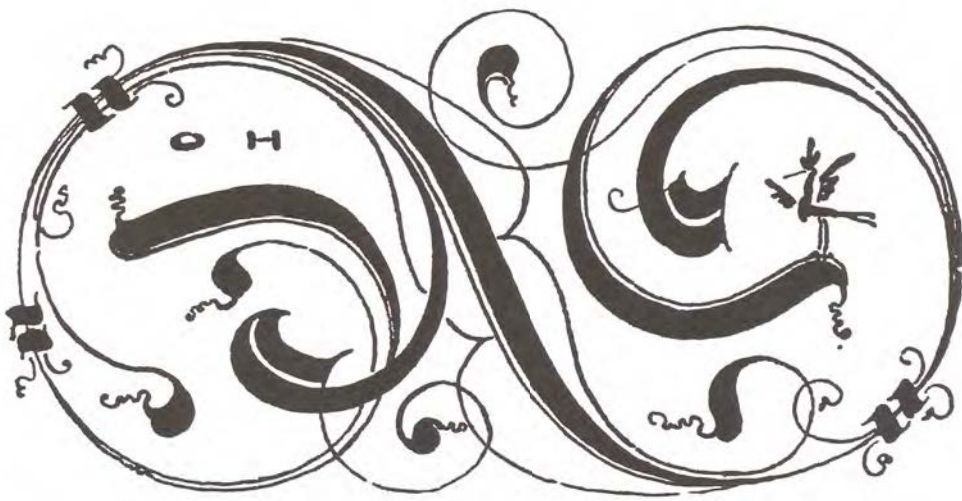


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January

1 Fri	Mary, Mother of God	
2 Sat	SS Basil & Gregory	
3 Sun	Most Holy Name of Jesus	
4 Mon	S Elizabeth Ann Seton	
5 Tue	S John Neumann, bish.	
6 Wed	Epiphany / Eve of the Nativity of Christ (Orthodox)	
7 Thu	S Raymond of Penyafort	
8 Fri	S Severin of Noricum	
9 Sat	S Adrian of Canterbury	
10 Sun	The Holy Family	
11 Mon	B William Carter	
12 Tue	Aelred of Hexham, abbot	
13 Wed	S Hilary of Poitiers	
14 Thu	S Felix of Nola	
15 Fri	S Paul the Hermit	
16 Sat	S Eusebius, abbot	
17 Sun	Charles Gore, bish.	
18 Mon	S Prisca / Martin Luther King Day (USA)	
19 Tues	S Wistan of	
20 Wed	S Sebastian	
21 Thu	S Agnes	
22 Fri	S Vincent	
23 Sat	S Marianne Cope	
24 Sun	S Francis de Sales	
25 Mon	Conversion of S Paul	
26 Tue	SS Timothy & Titus	
27 Wed	<i>Holocaust Remembrance Day</i>	
28 Thu	S Thomas Aquinas	
29 Fri	S Gildas the Wise	
30 Sat	Charles, king & martyr	
31 Sun	S John Bosco	

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February

1 Mon	S Ignatius / 1st Day of Black History Month (US & Canada)	
2 Tue	Candlemas	
3 Wed	S Blaise	
4 Thu	Intl Day of Human Fraternity	
5 Fri	S Agatha	
6 Sat	The Martyrs of Japan	 
7 Sun	S Romuald	
8 Mon	Beginning of Ramadan (M)	
9 Tue	S Apollonia	
10 Wed	Ash Wednesday	
11 Thu	Our Lady of Lourdes	
12 Fri	S Julian the Hospitaller	
13 Sat	S Catherine de Ricci	
14 Sun	S Valentine, martyr	
15 Mon	Presidents' Day (parts of USA)	
16 Tue	S Anselmus	
17 Wed	Janani L. Kum, archbish	
18 Thu	S Simeon	
19 Fri	S Conrad of	
20 Sat	Election of Pope Leo XIII / World Day of Social Justice	
21 Sun	S Peter Damian	
22 Mon	Chair of S Peter	
23 Tue	S Polycarp	
24 Wed	S Matthias, apostle	
25 Thu	B Sebastian of Aparicio	
26 Fri	Napoleon escaped from Elba 1815	
27 Sat	George Herbert, priest & poet	
28 Sun	S Oswald of Worcester, bish.	

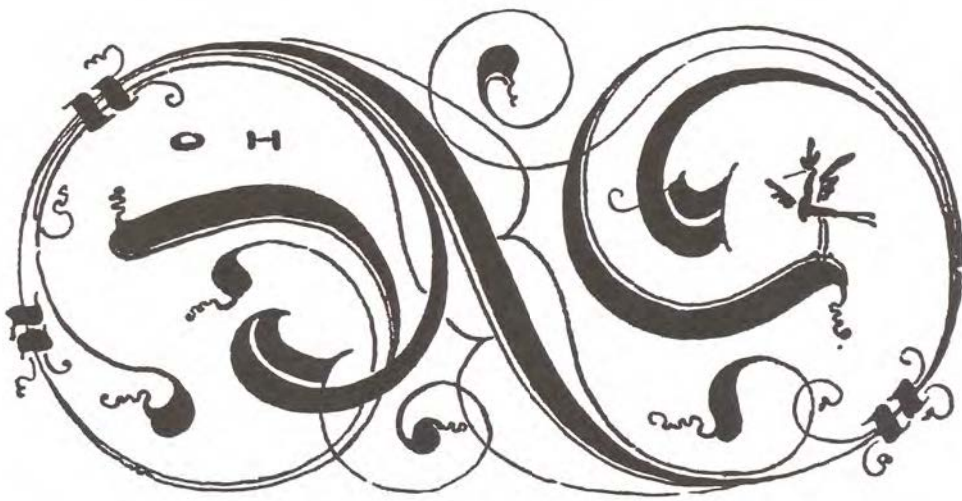
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March

1 Mon	S David of Wales / First day of Women's History Month	
2 Tues	S Agnes of Bohemia	
3 Wed	<i>World Wildlife Day</i>	
4 Thu	S Casimir	
5 Fri	Saint John Joseph of the Cross	
6 Sat	S Kyneburgha, abbess	
7 Sun	SS Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs	
8 Mon	<i>Intl Women's Day</i>	☺
9 Tue	S Frances of Rome / Last day of Ramadan (M)	
10 Wed	S John Ogilvie / Eid al-Fitr (M)	
11 Thu	S Constantine	
12 Fri	S Maximilian	
13 Sat	S Leander of Seville	
14 Sun	World π Day	
15 Mon	<i>1848 Revolution Memorial (Hungary)</i>	
16 Tue	<i>Holy Thursday / Eid al-Adha (M)</i>	☾
17 Wed	S Patricia	
18 Thu	S Cyril of Jerusalem	
19 Fri	S Joseph	
20 Sat	Spring Equinox	
21 Sun	Palm Sunday	☺
22 Mon	<i>World Water Day</i>	
23 Tue	Purim (J)	
24 Wed	S Oscar Romero, martyr	
25 Thu	Holy Thursday / <i>Independence Day (Greece)</i>	
26 Fri	Good Friday	
27 Sat	Easter Vigil	
28 Sun	Easter Sunday	☾
29 Mon	Palm Sunday	
30 Tue	S Peter Regalado	
31 Wed	<i>Eiffel Tower opened 1889</i>	

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April

1 Thu	Discovery of Pompeii 1748	
2 Fri	World Autism Awareness Day	
3 Sat	S Richard of Chichester	
4 Sun	S Isidore of Seville	
5 Mon	Annunciation of the Lord	
6 Tue	First Modern Olympics 1896	
7 Wed	S John Baptist de la Salle	
8 Thu	S Julie Billiart	
9 Fri	Dietrich Bonhoeffer, martyr	
10 Sat	S Magdalene of Canossa	
11 Sun	S Stanislaus	
12 Mon	Divine Mercy	
13 Tue	Last Day of the Kisses, Latin Countr	
14 Wed	B Peter Gonzalez	
15 Thu	B Caesar de Bus	
16 Fri	Therese Soubire	
17 Sat	S Simeon Arsabae, bishop	
18 Sun	B Savina Brilli	
19 Mon	Maurice Jay (1885-1955)	
20 Tue	S Agnes of Montepulciano	
21 Wed	First Day of Passover (J)	
22 Thu	SS Soter & Cajus, popes & martyrs	
23 Fri	S George	
24 Sat	S Fidelis of Sigmaringen	
25 Sun	Palm Sunday (O) / Freedom Day (Portugal)	
26 Mon	S Philip Neri	
27 Tue	King's Day (Netherlands)	
28 Wed	Last Day of Passover (J)	
29 Thu	S Peter, martyr	
30 Fri	Holy Friday (O) / S Catherine of Siena	

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The Coat of Arms of the Borth Family
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Map

1 Sat	<i>Day of the worker / S Joseph the worker</i>	
2 Sun	Easter Sunday (O) / S Athanasius, bish. & dr	
3 Mon	<i>World Press Freedom Day</i>	
4 Tue	English Martyrs	
5 Wed	<i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	
6 Thu	Ascension Day / Our Lady of Tewkesbury	☾
7 Fri	S Rose Venerini	
8 Sat	Mother Julian of Norwich	
9 Sun	S Isaiah, prophet	
10 Mon	S Damien de Veuster, priest	
11 Tue	SS Philip & James, apostles	
12 Wed	S Pancras	
13 Thu	Our Lady of Fatima	☾
14 Fri	<i>First vaccination against smallpox 1796</i>	
15 Sat	S Isidore the Farmer	
16 Sun	S John the Baptist	
17 Mon	<i>Constitution Day (Norway)</i>	
18 Tue	<i>Victoria Day (Canada)</i>	
19 Wed	S Urban I	
20 Thu	S Bernardine of Siena	☾
21 Fri	S Christopher Magallanes	
22 Sat	S Rita of Cassia	
23 Sun	The Most Holy Trinity	
24 Mon	<i>First telegraph message sent 1844</i>	
25 Tue	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	
26 Wed	S Philip Neri	
27 Thu	Corpus Christi	
28 Fri	S Augustine, bish.	☾
29 Sat	S Paul VI	
30 Sun	S Joan of Arc	
31 Mon	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	

Functional graphic design for the Royal Brotherhood of the Order of the Archangel St Michael in Canada. Since the reorganisation of the portugese dynastic Order of St Michael of the Wing, local prelates act as co-grand masters together with HRH the Duke of Braganza.

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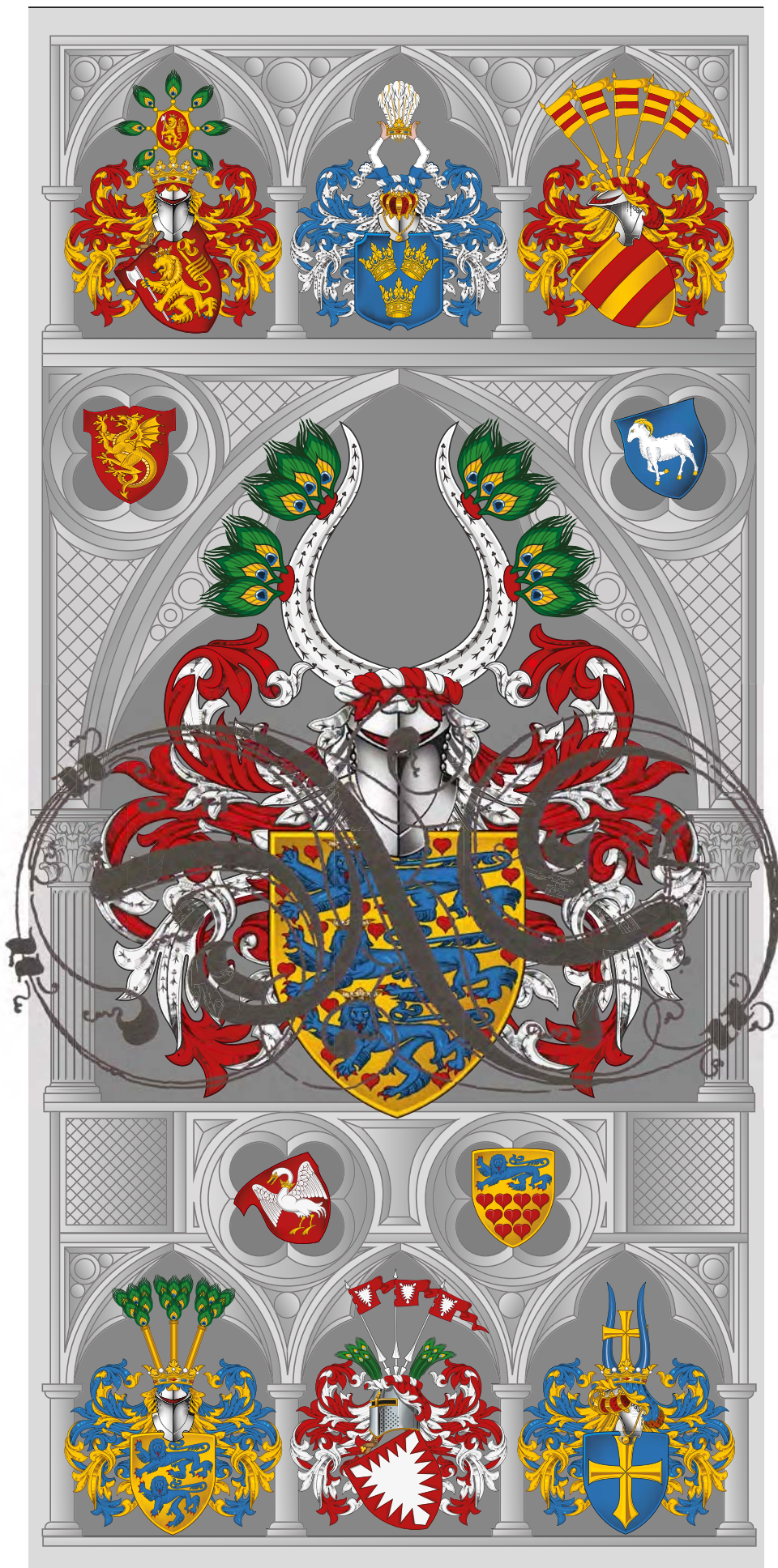
June

1 Tue	S Justin, Martyr / <i>First Day of Pride Month</i>	
2 Wed	SS Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs	
3 Thu	S Charles Lwanga	
4 Fri	Corpus Christi	
5 Sat	<i>Constitution Day (Denmark)</i>	
6 Sun	<i>National Day (Sweden) / New Year (M)</i>	
7 Mon	Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	
8 Tue	Thomas Ken, bish.	
9 Wed	S Columba	
10 Thu	Ascension Day (O) / <i>Intl Heraldry Day</i>	
11 Fri	S Barnabas the Apostle	
12 Sat	S John of San Facundo	
13 Sun	S Anthony of Padua	
14 Mon	S Methodius I / <i>Garter Day (UK)</i>	
15 Tue	S Vitus, martyr / <i>Ashura (M)</i>	
16 Wed	Edward, bish.	
17 Thu	<i>Construction of Taj Mahal begins 1631</i>	
18 Fri	S Gregory Barbarigo	
19 Sat	Sun Amar Singh, martyr, angelist	
20 Sun	<i>Pentecost (O) / World Refugee Day</i>	
21 Mon	<i>Summer Solstice</i>	
22 Tue	S Alban, martyr	
23 Wed	<i>Grand Duke's B'day (Luxembourg)</i>	
24 Thu	Birthday of S John the Baptist	
25 Fri	S William of Vercelli	
26 Sat	S Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer	
27 Sun	S Cyril of Alexandria	
28 Mon	<i>Assassination at Sarajevo 1914</i>	
29 Tue	SS Peter & Paul, apostles	
30 Wed	B Raymond Lull	

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July

1 Thu	S Oliver Plunkett	
2 Fri	S Swithun	
3 Sat	S Thomas the Apostle	
4 Sun	S Elizabeth of Portugal / Independence Day (USA)	
5 Mon	S Anthony Zaccaria, priest	
6 Tue	S Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr	
7 Wed	World Chocolate Day	
8 Thu	S Withburga of Dereham	
9 Fri	S Augustine Zhao Rong & companions	
10 Sat	S Veronica Giuliani	
11 Sun	S Benedict	
12 Mon	B David Gonson	
13 Tue	S Henry	
14 Wed	Bastille Day (France)	
15 Thu	B Bernhard of Baden	
16 Fri	S Mary of Mount Carmel	
17 Sat	S Charlotte of the Resurrection	
18 Sun	Elizabeth Ingham, first Anglican consecrated	
19 Mon	S Ambrose	
20 Tue	S Apollinaris of Ravenna	
21 Wed	National Day (Belgium)	
22 Thu	S Mary Magdalene	
23 Fri	S Bridget of Sweden	
24 Sat	S Kunigunde of Poland	
25 Sun	S James, apostle	
26 Mon	SS Joachim & Anna	
27 Tue	S Pantaleon	
28 Wed	S Innocent I	
29 Thu	S Martha	
30 Fri	World Day against Trafficking in Persons	
31 Sat	S Ignatius of Loyola	

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August

1 Sun	<i>Lammas Day</i>	
2 Mon	S Stephen, pope and martyr	
3 Tue	S Lydia Purpuraria	
4 Wed	S John Vianney	
5 Thu	S Oswald, King of Northumbria	
6 Fri	The Transfiguration of Our Lord	
7 Sat	S Cajetan	
8 Sun	<i>S Dominic, priest</i>	
9 Mon	Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mother's Union	
10 Tue	S Lawrence	
11 Wed	S John Henry Newman, tractarian	
12 Thu	<i>Glorious Twelfth</i>	
13 Fri	Florence Nightingale, nurse & reformer	
14 Sat	S Maximilian Mary Kolbe	
15 Sun	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
16 Mon	John of Hungary	
17 Tue	S Joan of the Cross	
18 Wed	S Helena/ <i>Geburtsdag Maria, traditional</i>	
19 Thu	S John Eudes	
20 Fri	S Bernard of Clairvaux	
21 Sat	S Pius X	
22 Sun	<i>Queenship of Mary</i>	
23 Mon	S Rose of Lima	
24 Tue	William Wilberforce, abolitionist	
25 Wed	S Louis of France	
26 Thu	<i>Birth of Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg & G. 1819</i>	
27 Fri	S Monica	
28 Sat	S Augustine of Hippo	
29 Sun	<i>Beheading of S John the Baptist</i>	
30 Mon	S Jeanne Jugan	
31 Tue	<i>Battle of Flores 1591</i>	

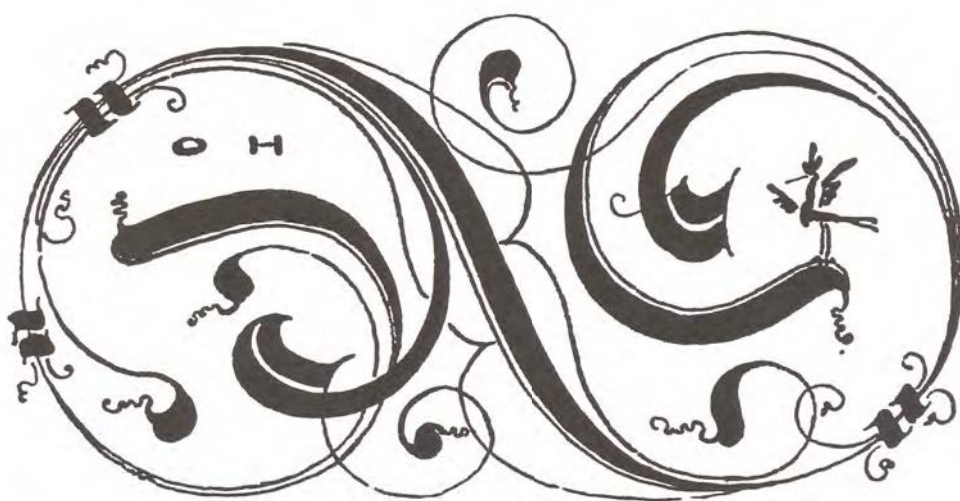
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September

1 Wed	S Giles	
2 Thu	The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea	
3 Fri	S Gregory the Great	
4 Sat	S Rose of Viterbo	
5 Sun	<i>Intl Day of Charity</i>	
6 Mon	<i>Labor Day (USA)</i>	
7 Tue	<i>Brazil declares independence 1822</i>	
8 Wed	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
9 Thu	S Peter Claver	
10 Fri	S Nicholas of Tolentino	
11 Sat	B Carlo Spinola	
12 Sun	<i>Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
13 Mon	S John Chrysostom	
14 Tue	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
15 Wed	<i>Intl Day of Democracy</i>	
16 Thu	S Ignace of Loyola	
17 Fri	S Hildegard of Bingen	
18 Sat	<i>Intl Equality Day</i>	
19 Sun	<i>S Januarius</i>	
20 Mon	S Eustace	
21 Tue	S Matthew	
22 Wed	S Maurice & Companions / <i>Independence Day (Bulgaria)</i>	
23 Thu	S Pio of Pietrelcina	
24 Fri	Our Lady of Walsingham	
25 Sat	First Day of Sukkot (J)	
26 Sun	<i>SS Cosmas & Damian</i>	
27 Mon	S Vincent de Paul	
28 Tue	S Wenceslaus	
29 Wed	S Michael & All Angels	
30 Thu	S Jerome	

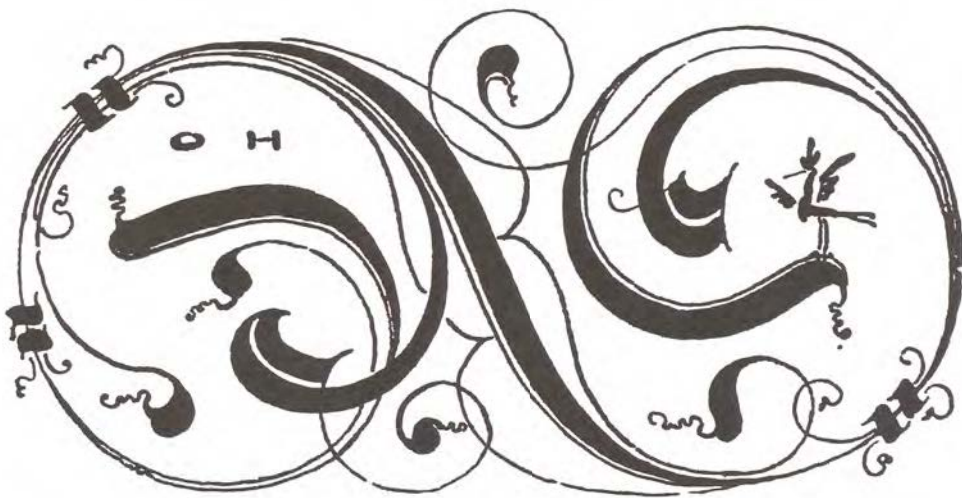
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October

1 Fri	<i>World Vexillology Day / First Day of Rosh Hashanah (J)</i>	
2 Sat	<i>Saladin captures Jerusalem 1187</i>	
3 Sun	<i>Day of Unity (Germany) / Last Day of Rosh Hashanah (J)</i>	
4 Mon	S Francis of Assisi	
5 Tue	B Francis Xavier Seelos	
6 Wed	S Bruno	
7 Thu	Our Lady of the Rosary	
8 Fri	S Pelagia	
9 Sat	S John Henry Newman	
10 Sun	<i>World Mental Health Day</i>	
11 Mon	Yom Kippur (J)	
12 Tue	<i>National Day (Spain)</i>	
13 Wed	S Edward the Confessor	
14 Thu	S Callistus I, pope & martyr	
15 Fri	S Teresa of Avila	
16 Sat	Thomas Ridley & Hugh Latimer	
17 Sun	<i>Intl Day for the Eradication of Poverty</i>	
18 Mon	S Luke the Evangelist	
19 Tue	S Paul of the Cross	
20 Wed	S Maria Bertilla Boscardin	
21 Thu	S Hilarion	
22 Fri	S John Paul II, pope	
23 Sat	<i>Autumn Equinox</i>	
24 Sun	<i>S Anthony Mary Claret, bish.</i>	
25 Mon	Our Lady, Queen of Palestine	
26 Tue	<i>Declaration of Neutrality (Austria)</i>	
27 Wed	S Frumentius	
28 Thu	S Simon & S Jude	
29 Fri	S Narcissus of Jerusalem	
30 Sat	S Alphonsus Rodriguez	
31 Su	<i>Reformation Day / Hallowe'en</i>	

These Arms are rendered in the style of an early 19th century Austrian patent of nobility. This page would be part of a bound book recording all the details of an ennoblement. In this post-1800 model the arms of Milan, Bohemia, Galicia & Lodomeria and Venice feature either side of the Austrian eagle. In letters of nobility before this period the decorative arms would have been those of the electors of the Holy Roman Empire. This change reflects the

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November

1 Mon	All Saint's Day	
2 Tue	All Souls' Day	
3 Wed	S Hubert of Liège	
4 Thu	S Charles Borromeo / <i>National Unity & Armed Forces Day (Italy)</i>	
5 Fri	S Donnino	
6 Sat	William Temple, archbish.	
7 Sun	S Didacus	
8 Mon	The Saints & Martyrs of England	
9 Tue	<i>Inventors' Day (German speaking countries)</i>	
10 Wed	S Leo the Great	
11 Thu	S Martin of Tours / <i>Remembrance Day (UK)</i>	
12 Fri	S Josaphat	
13 Sat	S Frances Xavier Cabrini	
14 Sun	S Samuel Seabury, bishop	
15 Mon	S Albert the Great	
16 Tue	Remembrance of Abingdon	
17 Wed	S Elizabeth of Hungary	
18 Thu	Day of Remembrance & Prayer (part of Germany)	
19 Fri	S Matilda	
20 Sat	S Edmund of East Anglia	
21 Sun	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
22 Mon	Christ the King	
23 Tue	S Columban, abbot	
24 Wed	S Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	
25 Thu	<i>Day against Violence to Women</i>	
26 Fri	S Leonard of Port Maurice	
27 Sat	<i>Thanksgiving (USA)</i>	
28 Sun	S James of the Marche	
29 Mon	First Sunday of Advent	
30 Tues	Andrew the Apostle	

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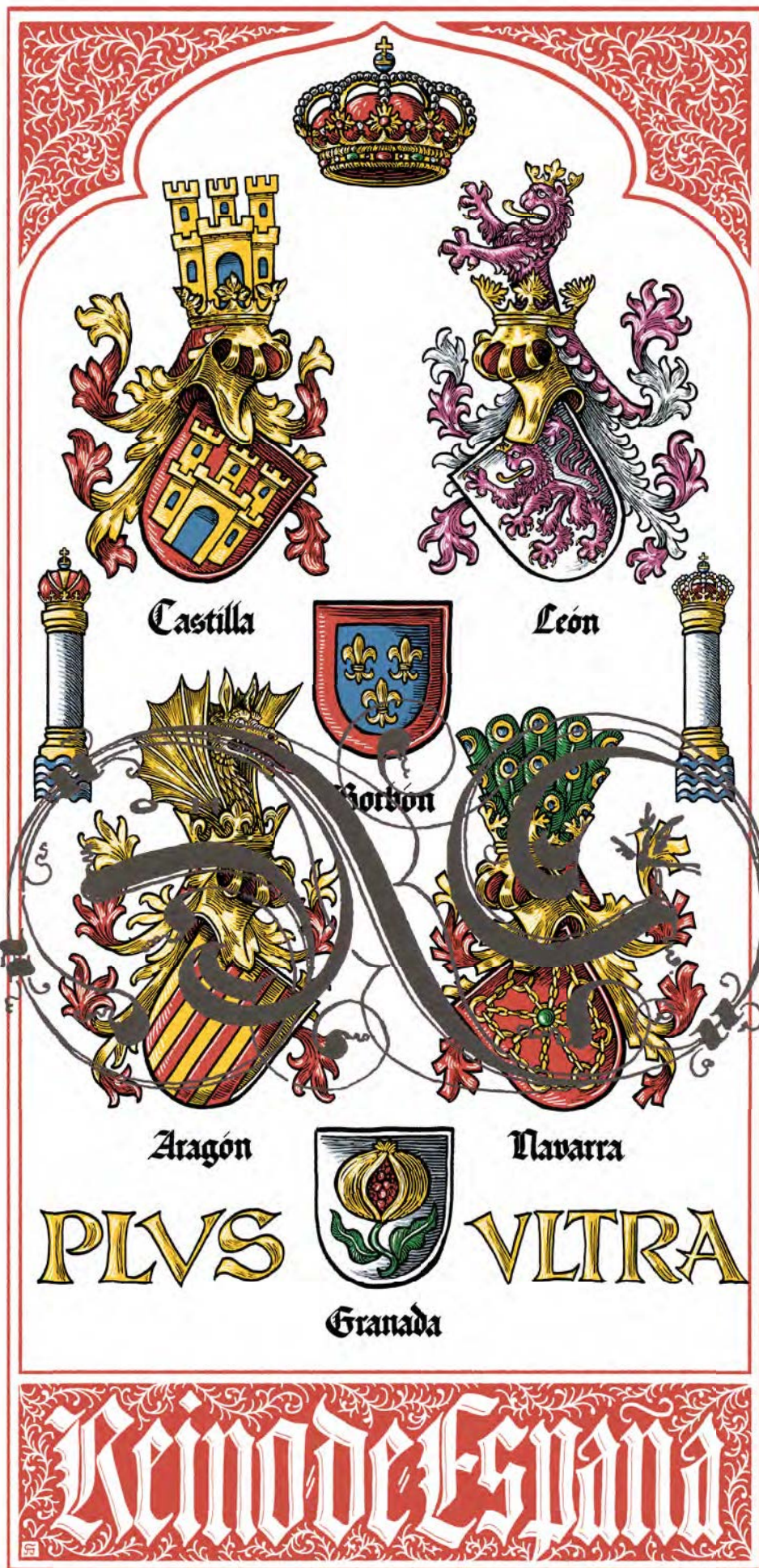
December

1 Wed	S Eligius	
2 Thu	S Andrew (Scotland) / <i>Intl Day for the Abolition of Slavery</i>	☸
3 Fri	S Francis Xavier / <i>Intl Day of Persons with Disabilities</i>	
4 Sat	<i>Treaty of Paris 1259</i>	
5 Sun	S Sabas	
6 Mon	S Nicholas / <i>Independence Day (Finland)</i>	☾
7 Tue	S Ambrose	
8 Wed	Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary	
9 Thu	S Juan Diego	
10 Fri	<i>Human Rights Day</i>	
11 Sat	S Damasus I, pope	
12 Sun	Gingerbread Day	
13 Mon	S Lucy	☺
14 Tue	S John of the Cross	
15 Wed	S Valerian, bishop	
16 Thu	S Wendel	
17 Fri	S Lazarus	☠
18 Sat	SS Rufus and Zosimus	
19 Sun	S Anastasius	
20 Mon	S Dominic of Silos	☾
21 Tue	<i>Birth of Leopold von Ranke 1795</i>	
22 Wed	<i>Winter Equinox</i>	
23 Wed	S John Kanty	
24 Thu	Heiligabend / First Day of Hanukkah (J)	
25 Fri	Nativity of Christ	
26 Sat	S Stephen	☠ ☠
27 Sun	S John the Apostle	☺ ☠
28 Mon	Holy Innocents	
29 Tue	S Thomas Becket	
30 Wed	S Felix	
31 Thu	S Sylvester I	

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Quartered Glory: Heraldry's Spanish Legacy

An Iberian invention in the 13th Century

by Dr Viscount of Ayala, Chronicler of Arms of Castile and Leon

Heraldry is the quintessential European symbol system. It emerged in the mid-12th century and can be defined as the systematic use of hereditary insignia on a person's coat of arms: initially a nobleman or a knight; later, its use extended to ladies, commoners, Jews, and communities (cities, monasteries), that is, to the entirety of society; or more succinctly, following Wagner, as the systematic use of a hereditary emblem within a coat of arms. In modern times, we generically refer to the study of these emblems and their uses as *heraldry*.

This use of heraldic emblems originated as a general fact of civilisation and immediately enjoyed extraordinary popularity, directly related to their social acceptance. This social acceptance is the cause, not the consequence, of many of their original applications. Thus, armorial emblems were immediately used in the military sphere, due to the need for combatants to recognise each other on the battlefield. It is worth remembering that the 11th century saw the emergence of a new social class throughout Europe: the Chivalry, composed of professional mounted warriors who underwent a rigorous training subject to rigorous standards of social conduct.

In the Iberian Peninsula, a peripheral region with respect to the classical area of heraldry - born between the Loire and the Rhine - the heraldry of the medieval period was characterised by a strong influence from the forms of the Anglo-French area. It was also at this time that the first series of Spanish armorials appeared in European armorials, first those of Aragon and Navarre (around 1380, in the rolls of arms of Gelre and Bellenville), and also those of Castile (around 1410, in the armorial of Urfé).

Although the peripheral location relative to Central Europe meant that heraldic usage arrived somewhat late in the ancient Hispanic kingdoms of Castile and Leon, they occupy a recognized position in the history of these emblems, not only because

of their enormous diffusion there but, above all, because it was here that a heraldic invention was born that spread throughout Europe: the 'perfect quartered', introduced by King Ferdinand III around 1230 to accommodate his two kingdoms of Leon and Castile, united in his own person, in his royal arms.

Ferdinand III the Saint inherited the kingdom of Castile from his mother, Queen Berenguela, in 1217. Upon the death of his father, King Alfonso IX of Leon, at the end of 1230, he succeeded to the throne of Leon. It was then necessary to reorganise the royal arms to include the emblems of both kingdoms, on equal or equilibrate surfaces. The heraldic solution was innovative: uniting the royal emblems of Castile and Leon in a single coat of arms, quartering them into four equal partitions, perfectly marking the political fusion of both kingdoms in terms of equality, through an exact balance of surfaces. Although the Kingdom of Castile predominated, its emblem occupied a prominent place.

Thus, the quartered coat of arms of Castile and Leon was born, then on the symbol of the Crown and the Kingdom. The great heraldic prestige this invention achieved somewhat illustrated the fact that, seven centuries later, these coats of arms were successively combined with those of Aragon, and later with those of Austria and Burgundy; those of Castile and Leon always remained in the preeminent place in the Royal Arms of Spain, as they still do today, and also in those of the Spanish State.

This successful Castilian-Leonese heraldic invention, combining two distinct coats of arms, spread rapidly throughout the Occidental world and enjoyed prodigious acceptance throughout Europe, even reaching the Slavic and Nordic countries.

The quartering has undoubtedly been the greatest contribution that the Iberian Peninsula has made to the heraldic system.

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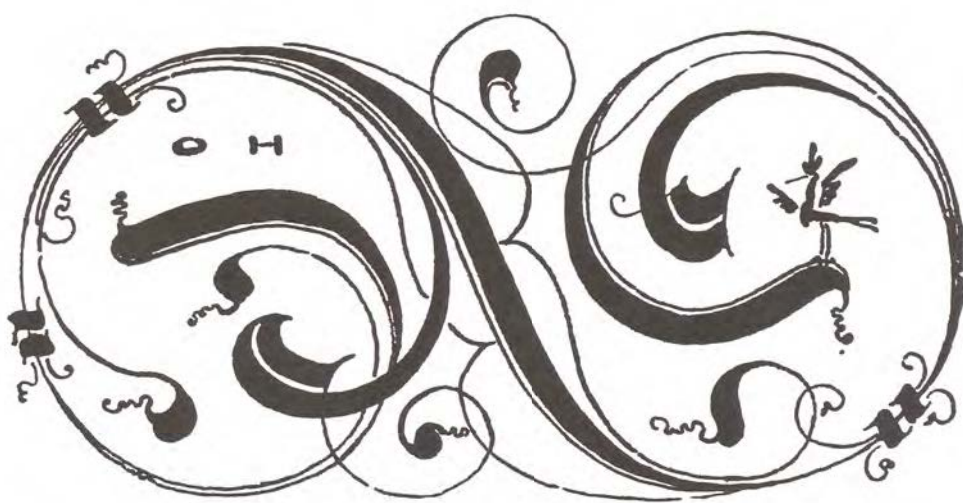
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