

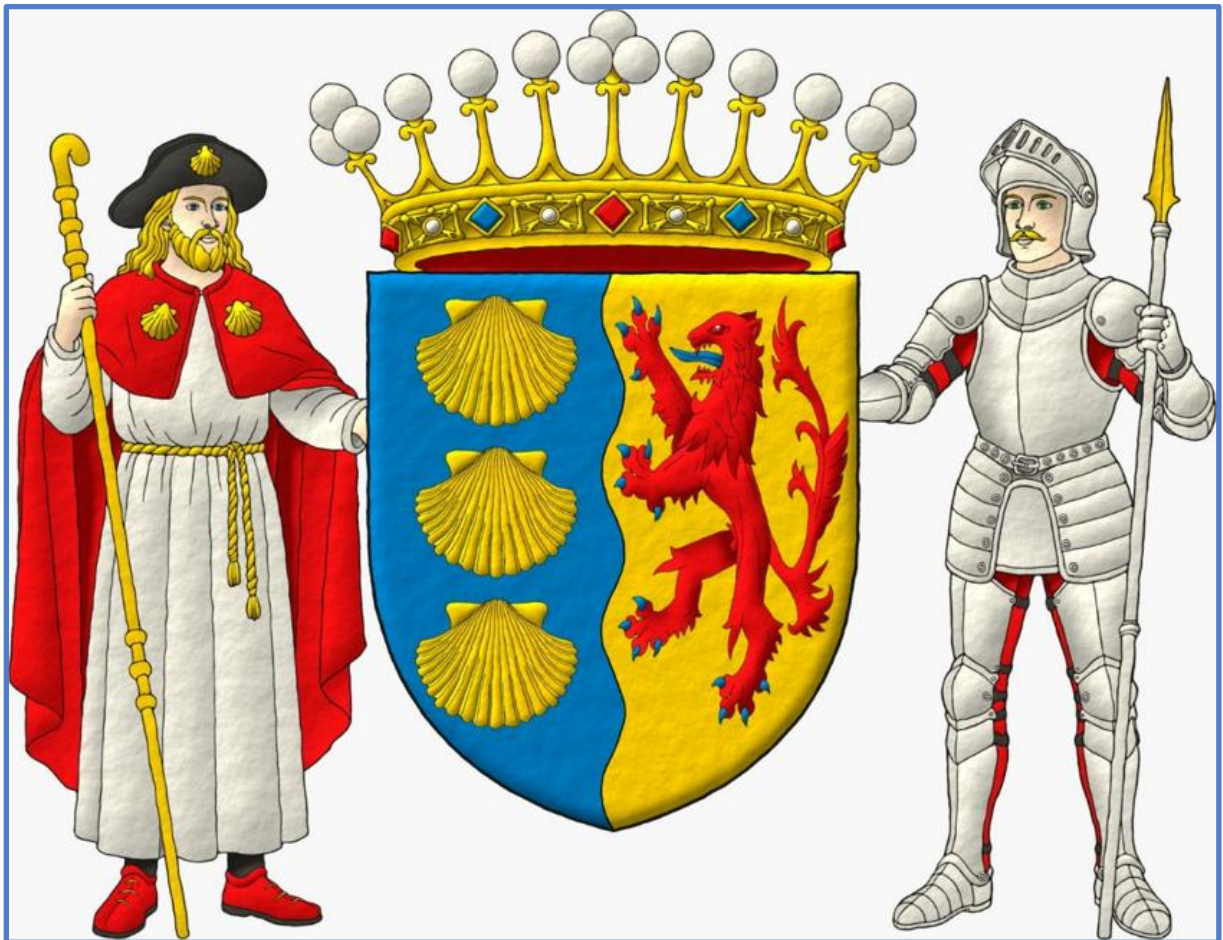


Accolade

*Newsletter of the Order of St. James in Holland
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Editorial

As an Order, we have had a turbulent period. As a result, there is a lot to report. We therefore keep the editorial introduction of this thick edition short and refer the reader to the various articles.



1. The great book of arms of the Order is ready

On August 20. the chancellor of the Order, on behalf of the chapter and the king of arms, wrote the following to all knights, ladies and friends.

The Chapter and the King of Arms are pleased to present to you the Great Book of Arms of the Order of St. James in Holland. The coats of arms included in this book of arms belong to current knights and ladies who have a personal coat of arms or family coat of arms, to deceased knights and ladies, to knights from past centuries and to the first knights who were included in what we now know as the Order of Saint James in Holland.

In addition, we have added a list of names that still need to be further historically investigated. If you have additional knowledge or relevant sources, we kindly ask you to let us know.

We hope that this coat of arms book will inspire those who do not yet have their own coat of arms, or have not yet shared their coat of arms with us, to have one designed or to make the existing coat of arms available to us. With your permission, we can then also include this in the coat of arms.

We hope that you will consider this work – with us – as a heraldic journey through the past 736 years, since the Order of St. James in Holland was founded in 1290 by Count Floris V in The Hague. We wish you a lot of reading and viewing pleasure on our site:

<https://ordevanstjacob.nl>. Note: stjacob and not sintjacob.

2. The Republic of Malta recognises and registers the coat of arms of the Order



We are particularly honored to inform you that Dr. Charles A. Gauci, Chief Herald of Arms of the Republic of Malta, has honored the request of our Grand Master, Drs. Albert de Bruijn KJH, MD, to officially register and thereby recognize the coat of arms of the Order of St. James in Holland – and thus the Order as such. This includes an extensive weapons diploma, which will soon also be on display on our site.

The coat of arms with the two bearers of the coat of arms (Saint James and a knight in armour) can be seen on page 1 of this Accolade. With this we say goodbye to the provisional unofficial coat of arms, which has adorned this newsletter in recent years. Instead of quartered, the new, now official coat of arms, has been cut in half wavy. This

of course refers to the voice of the water, which is always heard in Holland (Marsman). For the rest, the differences with the provisional weapon are not that big. The weapon diploma closes with the text:

And whereas the aforesaid authorities require that these Letters Patent and Pedigree be co-signed by the Chief Herald of Arms of Malta in the name of his Office and by the Registrar of the Office of the Chief Herald of Arms of Malta, who shall attest that such Letters Patent have been duly registered, we subscribe our names and titles and affix the Seals of our Offices, this 1st day of July Two Thousand and Twenty Six.

3. Termination of cooperation with Mr. Juchter van Bergen Quast and the Prinz zu Bentheim und Steinfurt

On June 15. the chapter of the Order addressed itself in a letter to the knights, ladies and friends of the Order, in which it was announced that the Order unfortunately had to end the cooperation with Mr. Bob Juchter van Bergen Quast. Later that month, the chapter also had to decide to terminate the membership of the Order of His Serene Highness Georg Victor Prinz zu Bentheim und Steinfurt and his son Alexander. These decisions were not taken lightly. The reasons and backgrounds have been explained in detail in the aforementioned letter and the communications that followed from our side. It is not useful to repeat in this Accolade everything that has been said and written in extenso. Anyone who has the impression that they have missed something in the reporting – we have opted for such an open and transparent form of communication with the supporters – can request the missing information from the editors.

It is clear that we deeply regret the course of events, all the more so since at the beginning of the cooperation there seemed to be so many positive opportunities for the Order. Despite a limited number of lasting positive developments, we now have to conclude that a lot of energy has leaked away, which would have been worth a better destination. And for the rest, we are and will remain a chivalrous order. So: we – freed from pointless and barren bickering – continue to work with renewed energy on an Order of integrity that the Netherlands can be proud of.

4. Excursion Saturday 25 July 2026 to Leiden



The National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden opens at 10:00 am. Some of the twelve participants in this excursion were waiting there a little earlier this Saturday, because the coffee corner of the museum was the place where we gathered this morning. That was not a punishment because the weather was lovely. We honour such a gathering with a cup of coffee, because it serves two purposes. First of all, it is nice for acquaintances to catch up and also to speak to "old-timers" such as Arie and Hetty Kleijn in this case. Secondly, there were also new faces this time, such as Benjamin Remique of the Medieval Study Association Leiden "Floris V" (<https://msvflorisv.wordpress.com/>), an association with which we share many interests. After coffee we walked to the Pieterskerkhof. All parts of this excursion day were a short distance from each other. For some of us, this was the highlight of the day, as we were given a

wonderfully fascinating tour of the Castle of the Counts. This former residence of our founder, Count Floris V, has had various functions, but in recent years the building has been hermetically sealed to visitors. Arthur Barendsen, the director of Heritage Leiden and

Environs, took us into the eventful history of the monument in a very fascinating way. Erfgoed Leiden is a regional knowledge and advice centre for Leiden and the surrounding area in the field of archives, monuments, archaeology and building history. Afterwards, we could walk to the Lokhorst Church in a few minutes, which is located on the Pieterskerkstraat. In the times of the Republic, the Leiden Mennonites met in this clandestine church. Nowadays they share the space with the Remonstrant Congregation. Where this church now stands, the birthplace of Floris V. Huib Hasselbach, chairman of the Mennonite Congregation of Leiden, showed us around, knew how to tell fascinating stories and allowed all participants a descent to the medieval cellar, the only remnant of the demolished count's residence.

Then we walked through a number of alleys to Grand Café and Restaurant Burcht, where we had lunch (see part of the company in the photo). Of course, most participants also took the opportunity to visit the Leidse Burcht itself and enjoy the unparalleled view. The last item on the program was the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Louis. This was once the chapel at the Jacobus Gasthuis. It no longer exists since the Reformation, but the name Sint Jacobusgracht still refers to it. In the last Accolade we have already paid attention to this lesser known but still very interesting building. Pastor Smith showed us around and told us, among other things, how the church got its patron saint, which is remarkable in the Netherlands. Recently the outer façade has been decorated with a statue of Saint James the Greater. We ended the day with a snack and a drink plus – for those who had chosen – a cozy dinner.



5. New website

The chapter thanks Jeroen Ooms, a new future knight, for his enormous effort to make the website a success. The new website of the Order of St. James in Holland Foundation, which focuses on the historical and organizational identity of our Order, is already online and is nearing completion. The website can be found under: ordevanstjacob.nl Order of Saint James in Holland – since 1290.

As soon as the Dutch version is fully completed, it will also be translated into English for the benefit of our international members. We are very satisfied with the results so far. The website contains the historically substantiated story of our Order, based on correct sources, correct data, chronology and genealogical data, without the addition of unproven assumptions or fantasies. We hope that all knights, ladies and supporters will enjoy this and that this website contributes to a better understanding of our rich history and tradition.

6. The first knights of the Order of St. James in Holland: Godfrey III von Bocholtz



This time, knight Godfried van Boecholt is in the spotlight. Godfrey, or Godevart, was lord of Boecholt, envoy of Westphalia and knight of St. James.

Around the year 1250, Godfrey III von Bocholtz, mentioned in the old charters as Godevart, lord of Boecholt, was born. He was the son of Godfrey II von Bocholtz and grandson of Godfrey I von Bocholtz.

A man of prestige and confidence, Godfrey served as an envoy to John II of Saxony, Duke of Westphalia. In this dignity he was charged with the conduct of embassies and the promotion of the interests of his sovereign, a task that was entrusted only to men of prestige and good name.

His name is also associated with the court of Count Floris V of Holland. According to tradition, Godfrey was admitted by the count to the Order of Saint James, the knightly order that was attached to the Dutch count's house. Thus he joined the circle of nobles who had pledged their sword and allegiance to the Count of Holland. Godfrey III von Bocholtz married Countess Aleid von Moers, scion of the distinguished Von Moers family. Their marriage united two noble families and contributed to the continuation of the Von Bocholtz family. From their marriage was born: Godfrey IV von Bocholtz, who would continue the lineage in the next generation.

John Ooms

Bronnen:

Studia Historica Hollandiae 2024 (pag. 27)

[Geni – Gottfried III von Bocholtz](#)

[Die Dynasten, Freiherren und jetzigen Grafen von Bocholtz Beitrag zur alten Geographie](#) (pag. 314)

[De dynasten, baronnen en graven van Bocholtz – Genealogy \(rambow.de\)](#)

[Buchholtz \(Koerland-Pruisische adellijke familie\) - Wikipedia](#)

7. 2026 edition of Studia Historica Hollandiae

Another edition in the Studia Historica Hollandiae series will also be published in 2026. Publication is expected to take place at the end of September this year. Usually the yearly Studia Historica Hollandiae is devoted to one subject. This year we take two items by the head. Our grandmaster, Albert de Bruijn, writes in part I about knights and their residences in the Rhineland. Els Ouweneel and Prof. Herbert H.T. Prins (OON, OGA, CBS, KJH) discuss the horoscope of Count Floris V in part II. These are surprising and original approaches, of which we heartily recommend the reading. On request, we will send this publication to you as a PDF, but you can also download it from the website.

8. Where do we meet Saint James?



The North-Holland village of Akersloot has an old Jacobus church, the foundation of which dates back to around 1100 as a daughter church of Limmen. Holland has five so-called mother churches, which are supposed to have been founded by Saint Willibrordus. This makes them the oldest parishes in the region. These five are: Vlaardingen, Oegstgeest (Kerkwerf), Velsen (Engelmunduskerk), Heiloo and Petten. Limmen and Akersloot are "around

the corner" from Heiloo.

The R.C. church of Akersloot is a modern building that has been there for about half a century now, after a neo-Gothic church on this site had to be demolished due to dilapidation. On the square in front of the church, a scallop shell can be seen in the pavement. More interesting is the white Protestant village church. This atmospheric old monument was built on the foundations of a Romanesque church in the 13th century. From these foundations a late Gothic church arose, dedicated to James the Greater. In the 14th century, a high tower with a stone spire was built that collapsed in 1652, destroying part of the church. In the same year, the construction of the new tower began. In 1836 this church and tower had also become so dilapidated that demolition was necessary. A new house of worship was built with the old material, which was put into use in 1837. In 1895 a consistory room was added. Restorations were carried out in the years 1963-65 and 1991.

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Appendix
Photos excursion Saturday 25 July 2026 to Leiden



