

V does not have Pseudo-Isidore's rubric, but it abounds with suspicious activity at precisely this point. In the right margin near the authentic rubric, someone has inscribed, in large module, a long-s. A large marginal s, distinct from the rest of the marginalia in V, likewise accompanies the incipit of each of the two other works that Pseudo-Isidore appropriates from Ennodius³⁵. Perhaps these letters represent "Symmachus," and were inscribed to indicate Pseudo-Isidore's selection of items for the Symmachian dossier in the False Decretals. The rubric in V has also been tagged with a line and a dot (/.), maybe to indicate that it was slated for interpolation.

Pseudo-Isidore had a fondness for embedding framing fictions in his rubrication³⁶, and the story he supplies for the Libellus rewards closer analysis. In the False Decretals, the Libellus is preceded by the authentic decrees of the Synodus Palmaris, which Pseudo-Isidore has lifted without modification from the Collectio Dionysio-Hadriana. The authentic rubric heading the Synodus Palmaris specifies that it was the fourth synod to address the disputes surrounding Symmachus. Pseudo-Isidore's invented rubric therefore casts the Libellus as a subsequent fifth synod, attended by 230 bishops in the Lateran consistory on 18 October, perhaps in 503³⁷. Very curiously, the False Decretals feature another "fifth synod" directly after the Libellus. This secondary Quinta Synodus, which Pseudo-Isidore has forged outright, opens with a rubric proclaiming that it was attended by 218 bishops, followed by a false protocol in which bishops convening under Symmachus request that Ennodius's Libellus be brought into their presence and read aloud for their confirmation. These bishops then order that the Libellus be included between the records of the fourth Synodus Palmaris and their own decrees, for posterity³⁸.

35) See items 19 and 20 in the table below (p. 30).

36) The entire framing narrative for the Capitula Angilramni is established by a rubric. See *Capitula Angilramni: Eine prozessrechtliche Fälschung Pseudoisidors*, ed. Karl-Georg SCHON (MGH Studien und Texte 39, 2006) p. 93. A further example is the rubric heading the so-called Additio 4 to the False Capitularies of Benedictus Levita, ed. PERTZ, *Capitularia* (as n. 20) p. 133.

37) Synodus Palmaris, ed. MOMMSEN (as n. 16) p. 426: *Quarta synodus habita Romae Palmaris*, a rubric carried over into the False Decretals, ed. Hinschius, *Decretales* (as n. 1) p. 662. See also the manuscript collations by Karl-Georg SCHON at <http://www.pseudoisidor.mgh.de/html/273.htm>.

38) Ed. HINSCHIUS, *Decretales* (as n. 1) p. 675: *Post consulatum Avieni cum in unum annuente domino ante confessionem beati Petri apostolorum principis resedissemus, sancta sinodus dixit: Libellus qui synodali auctoritate contra eos qui adversus*