

Kingdom of Atlantia Letter of Decision, October 2012

Unto her fellow heralds does Dame Hróðný Rognavaldsdóttir, Golden Dolphin Herald of Atlantia, send humble greetings. Please find here the items reaped from the busy Pennsic Herald's Point.

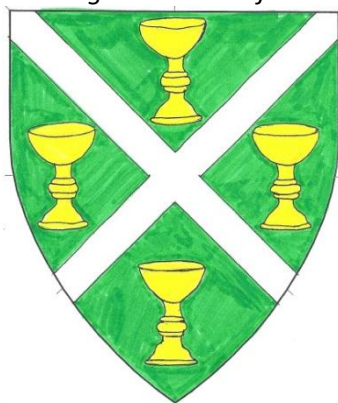
Golden Dolphin owes a debt of gratitude to Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane (Metron Ariston), Alys Mackyntoich (Eastern Crown), Andreas von Meißen (Nautilus), Apollonia Francesca Maria di Capua, Dreux d'Anjou, Elena Modarova vnuka, Eldrich Gaiman, Etienne Le Mons (Vexillum), Gisela vom Kreuzbach (Triton), Glynis Gwynedd, Gunnvor silfraharr (Orle), Mari ingen Briain meic Donnchada (Aldyrne), the Middlegate Commentary Consortium [Murienne l'aloiere (Kraken), Ealasaid MacDonald, Catherine Ambrose], the NE Calontir Commenting Group [Gawain of Miskbridge (Green Anchor), Rohese de Dinan (Shadowdale Pursuivant)], Niccolina the Wanderer, Odierna Lion (Red Hawk), Reginald de Beauchamp, Sabine Berard, Sovany Barcsi Janos (Black Raven), Tanczos Istvan (Wreath Emeritus), and Wynne ferch Rodhri Northern March) for their erudite and enthusiastic commentary, which was the only guide this Kingdom Submission Clerk could rely on, her own brain being totally fried from trying to finish this at the last possible minute.

As you can see, I am trying a new format for these letters. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. In light of previous suggestions, I have dropped inclusion of the line drawings of the devices and badges. Should you or a submitter need a full-sized copy of the line drawing or color emblazon, I will be happy to send one via email.

ACCEPTANCES

Alexander of Ayr - New Name & New Device

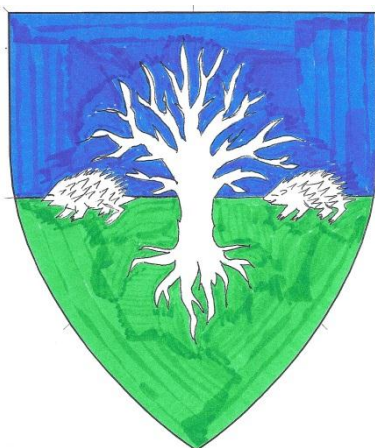
Vert, a saltire argent between four chalices Or.



It was noted that the width of the saltire could do with some beefing up, even if even if it meant making the chalices a bit smaller.

Amanda of the Hedgehog - New Name & New Device

Per fess azure and vert, a tree blasted and eradicated between in fess two hedgehogs argent.



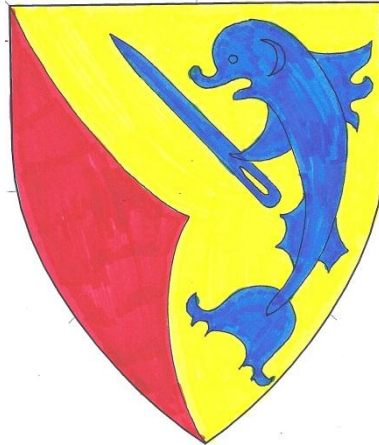
Commentors felt that while the tree is registerable as it is, they would like to see the trunk lengthened so that the tree extends the full length of the field, which may allow for the urchins to be drawn larger.

Amanda of the Hedgehog - New Household Name : Hedgehog House

(See "Returns" for Household badge)

Anastasiia Iosifova - New Name & New Device

Or, a dolphin hauriant sustaining a needle bendwise inverted azure and a gore gules.



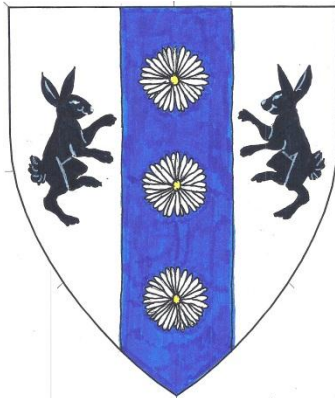
If it turns out that Laurel considers the needle to be maintained rather than sustained, this armory may well be considered in conflict with the protected arms of the Dauphin, Prince of France ("Or, a dolphin hauriant azure finned gules."). Given that the fins in the traditional depiction of the Dauphin's arms are less than half of the primary charge, this would mean that the two pieces of armory would differ by only the addition of the secondary gore.

Anlaith ingen Uí Thressaig - New Name

Lacking sufficient knowledge of the proper form, we have sought the College's aid in rendering the name into something proper for a ninth-tenth century Irish female.

Apollonia Francesca Maria di Capua - New Name & New Device

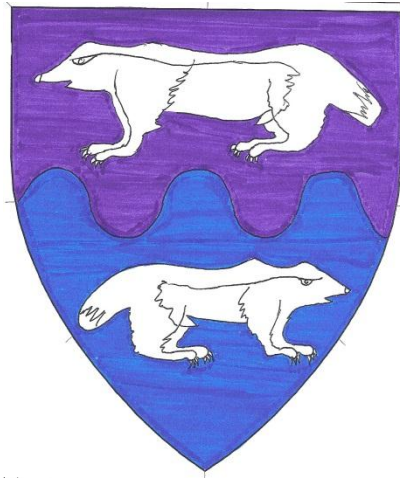
Argent, on a pale azure between two coney combattant sable three daisies proper.



Arianna Marechal - New Name

Béibhinn Mhodartha - New Name & New Device

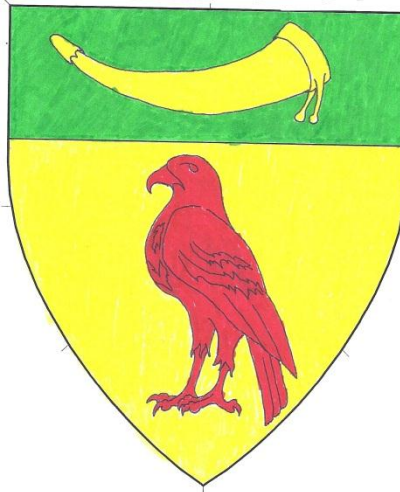
Per fess wavy purpure and azure, two brocks statant counter-statant



There was some question about the line of division of the field, with SENA A.3.b.3 and H appearing to conflict within itself, so we're kicking this up for clarification from CoA on this point. The submitter should be warned that the CoA may rule that there is insufficient contrast in the complex line between the azure & purple.

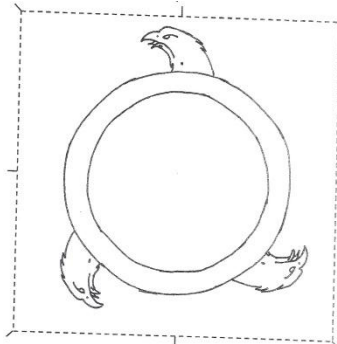
Beorhtmær Hornabryótr á Júzki - New Name & New Device

Or, a falcon close gules on a chief vert a drinking horn mouth to sinister Or.

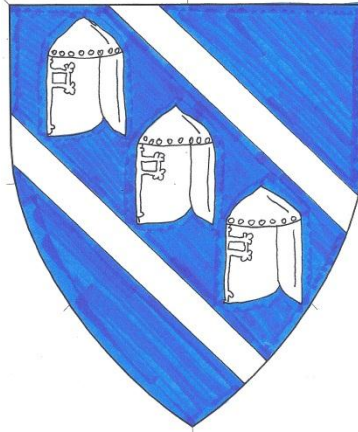


Beorhtmær Hornabryótr á Júzki - New Badge

(Fieldless) Issuant from an annulet three falcon's heads in pall argent.



Bonnie Thaynesdughter - New Name & New Device
Azure, on a bend azure fimbriated, three great helms (palewise) argent.



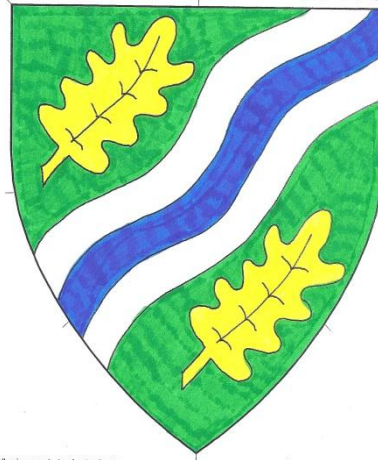
Brett of Georgia - New Name

Dimitrii Zhiteslav - New Name

Duncan Mac Guyver - New Name

Edana Dyrwente - New Name & New Device

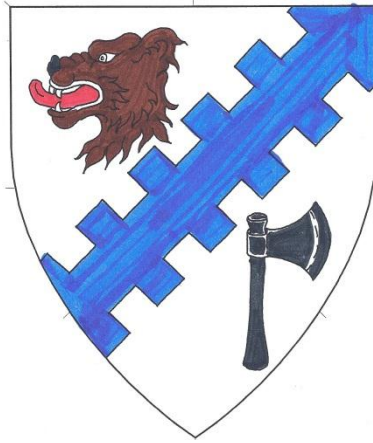
Vert, on a bend sinister wavy argent between two oak leaves bendwise sinister Or a bendlet sinister wavy azure.



As an artist's note, it is suggested that the wavy needs to have more pronounced peaks and valleys.

Eva de Campania - New Name & New Device

Argent, a bend sinister embattled azure between a brown bear's head erased proper and an axe blade to sinister sable.



During commentary, Alys Mackyntoich (Eastern Crown) complimented the name, saying, "With the 1249 date for <Eva> and the 1248 date for <de Campania> this is an excellent Latinized 13th cen. name."

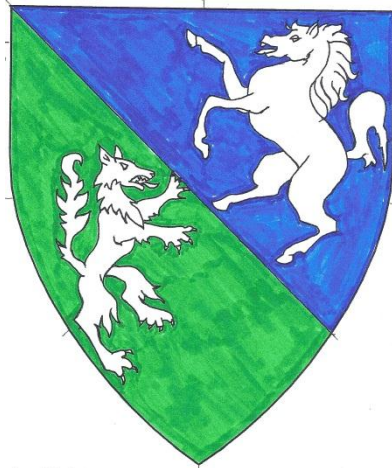
Giorgio Tartaglia - New Name

Gocha of Georgia - New Name

Grazia Morgano - New Name

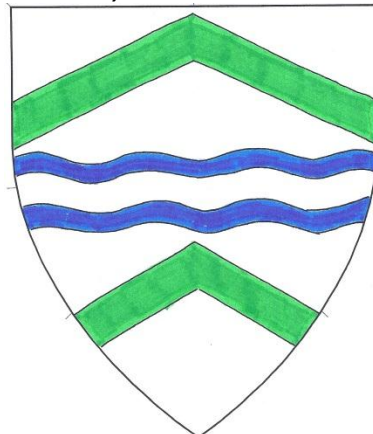
Gwenhwyvar Duin Lis - New Name & New Device

Per bend azure and vert, in bend sinister a horse and wolf combattant argent



Ignatz Walbach des Vosges - New Name & New Device

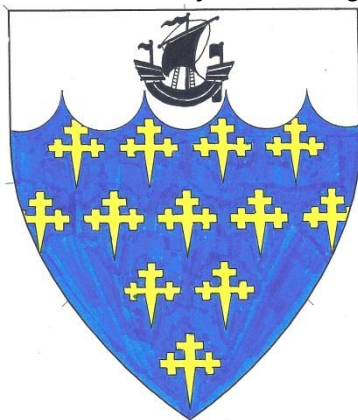
Argent, two bars wavy azure between two chevrons vert.



During Kingdom commentary it was recommended making the central ordinary bigger and thinning out the chevrons so it is clear that there is a central primary with secondary chevrons. If commentary on the LoI concurs, Golden Dolphin will contact the client for permission to redraw the emblazon.

John Biggeheved - New Device

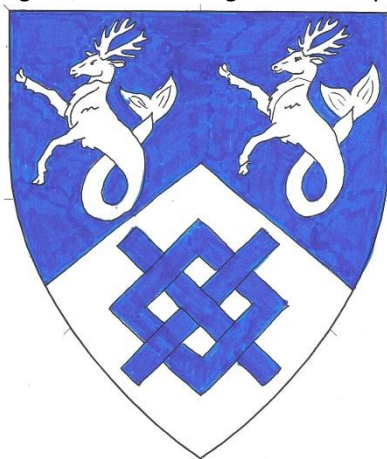
Azure, crusilly fitchy Or and on a chief inverted argent a lymphad sable.



John the Brewer of Stierbach - New Name

Juliana ad aquam - New Name & New Device

Per chevron azure and argent, two sea-stags and a couped fret counterchanged.



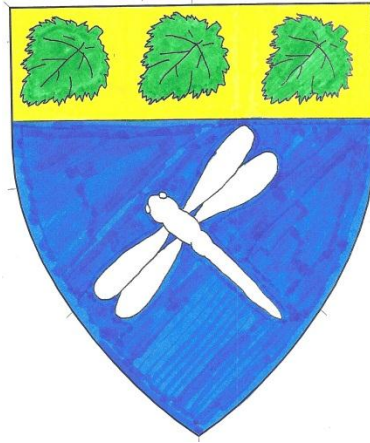
Leonardo Capriolo - New Name Change

Old Item: Lyon Filshenri, to be retained as an alternate name.

The accented o of the original submitted surname spelling (Capriólo) has been modified since De Felice includes accents as a pronunciation guide but they are not period orthography.

Lucena Libélula - New Name & New Device

Azure, a dragonfly bendwise argent and on a chief Or, three grape leaves bend-sinisterwise inverted vert



Lucena is the name the lady desires but we were unable to find the name as a given name in any culture during the Kingdom commentary process, nor were we able to document Libélula for her surname. Because the submitter approved changes to documentable "Lucía Romano", this was approved for advancing to Laurel, with the hope that assistance there may find support for the original name.

Margaret of Buckrode - New Name & New Device

Gyronny purple and argent, a sea-lion erect sable.



There was concern about the majority of the identifying features of the sea-lion falling on the purple field, but it was pointed out that other devices with that same feature had been accepted by Laurel, so it was felt wiser to send this up for decision than to return it out of hand. Also, we've asked for clarification about the difference between a sea-lion and a lion-dragon, re: Morgan Lyonel 1992 via the West, *(Fieldless) A lion-dragon erect sable maintaining a drinking horn Or.*

Meadhbh of Greenlion Bay - New Name

Nancy MacGuyver - New Name

In accordance with the submitter's wishes, the original name submission "Anne MacGuyver" has been changed to "Nancy MacGuyver" when supporting documentation for "Nancy" was given by commenters.

Nancy MacGuyver - New Household Name: "Company of Port Tortuga"

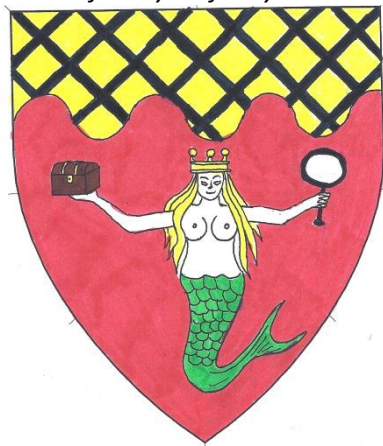
Joint submission with Duncan MacGuyver

Requested submission is for "Company of Port Tortuga". If that cannot be allowed then "Company of Tortuga" is acceptable.

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Oriana of Xylina - New Device Change

Gules, a blonde mermaid proper crowned with a pearled coronet Or maintaining a casket and mirror all proper, a chief wavy Or fretty sable.



Old Item: *Gules, a blonde mermaid maintaining a casket and mirror all proper, a chief wavy Or fretty sable*, to be retained as a badge. The submitter became a Court Baroness of Atlantia on March 29, 2003.

Ormwyn of Aclei - New Device

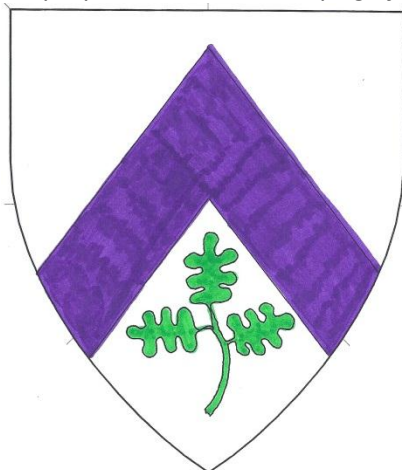
Per fess gules and sable, three furisons and a dragon passant Or.



A previous device submission was returned by Laurel at the same time as his name was registered in September, 2003 ("Per fess gules and sable, a fess dancetty fleury at the upper points between three tanner's bench ends and a dragon passant Or.")

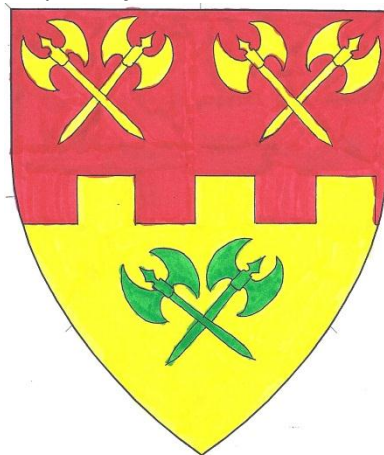
Osanna Vesperfeld - New Name & New Device

Argent, a chevron purpure and in base a sprig of oak leaves vert.



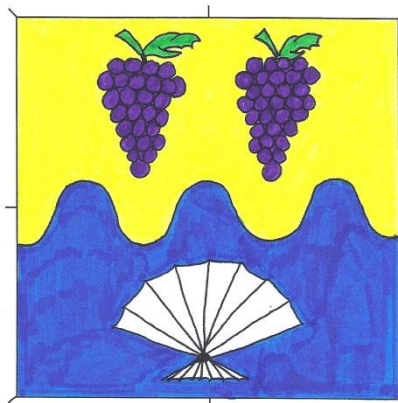
Oswin inn heimski - New Name & New Device

Per fess embattled gules and Or, three pairs of double-bitted axes in saltire counterchanged Or and vert



Ranulph de Nedham - New Alternate Name (Raol de la Cabana) & New Badge

Per fess wavy Or and azure, two bunches of grapes purpure slipped and leaved vert and a fan argent.



Sara van Eerde - New Alternate Name: Sara Nayl Bendare

Seamus Tuilide - Resub Name

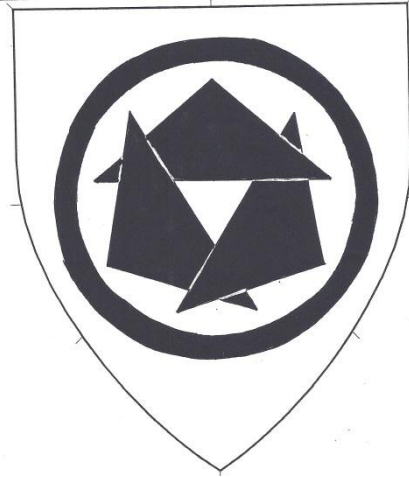
Tyrvi Stefnisson - New Name & New Device

Per chevron sable and vert, on a chevron between three lions rampant Or a Thor's hammer sable.



Unno Sueko - New Name & New Device

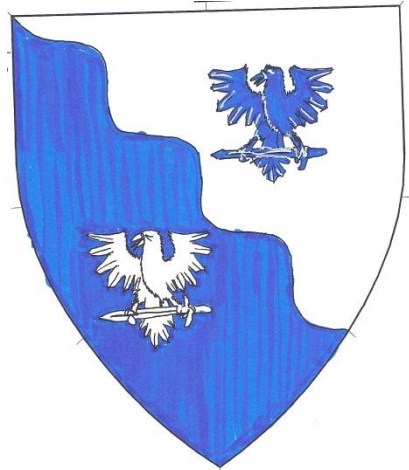
Argent, three triangles one and two bases to center and interlaced all within an annulet sable.



The client should be warned that there is every possibility of this device being unregistrable for lack of heraldic vocabulary to blazon it. Nonetheless, it has been forwarded to Laurel in the hopes that someone can provide a useable blazon.

Vilhjálmr Larensón - New Name & New Device

Per bend wavy argent and azure, two ravens displayed, each maintaining in its feet a sword, counterchanged.



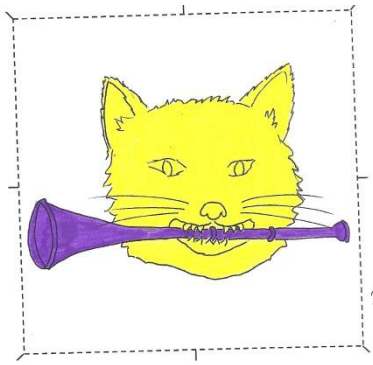
The table "Some birds and the postures in which they are found in period English heraldry" which was associated with the November, 2003, LoAR and may be found at <http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2003/11/03-11brd.html> suggests that this posture would be considered a period posture for corvids including ravens and that the wing position does not affect this: "They do not distinguish between rising wings addorsed, rising wings displayed, or rising without a specified wing posture." And the cover letter for November, 2003, specifically says "Ravens are sometimes found in the rising posture in period, although their default posture is close."

Wayne Dood of Isenfir - New Name

previous name, Gawain MacDonald, retained as an alternate name.

Wynne ferch Rhodri - Resub Badge

(Fieldless) A domestic cat's head cabossed Or sustaining in its mouth a straight trumpet purple.



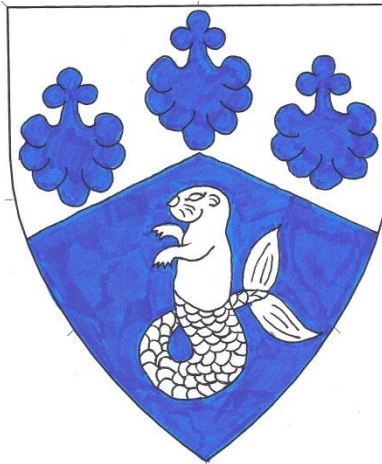
This is a resubmission after a return by Laurel in February, 2012:

"Badge. (Fieldless) A domestic cat sejant erect affronty forelegs displayed per pale purple and Or.

This device is returned for redraw, for violating section VII.7.a of the Rules for Submissions which requires that "Elements must be recognizable solely from their appearance." The odd sejant-like posture here, not seen in period heraldry, may be a step from period practice, if not entirely unregistrable. In this case, the posture prevents identification of the primary charge: some commenters confused the cat with a ferret or mink, or even a squirrel."

Ysabella Cacemoine - New Device Change

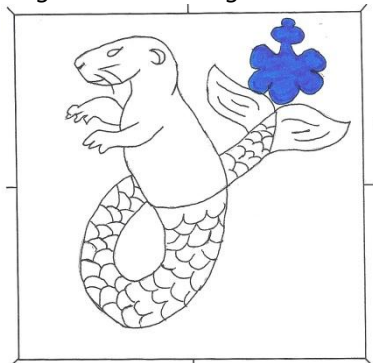
Per chevron argent and azure, three escallops one and two and a sea otter rampant counter-changed.



Old Item: Per fess wavy vert and azure, three escallops inverted and an otter sejant erect argent., to be released.

Ysabella Cacemoine - New Badge Change

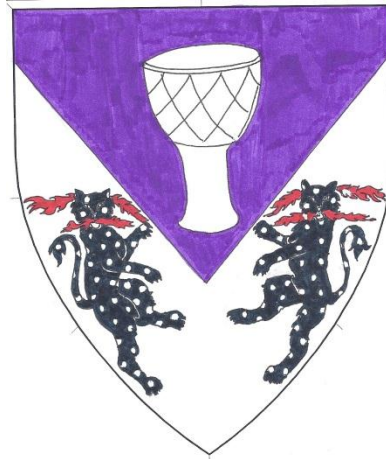
(Fieldless) A sea-otter argent maintaining with its tail-fin an escallop azure



Old Item: (Fieldless) On an otter sejant erect argent an escallop inverted azure, to be released.

Zafira bint Miriam - New Name & New Device

Per chevron inverted purpure and argent, a dombek argent and two panthers combatant sable spotted argent incensed gules



The submitter should be advised that the use of the metonymic may end up being problematic although in all probability it would still be considered registerable at the point that this is finally considered by Laurel.

Ziyad al-'Attar - New Device & New Name

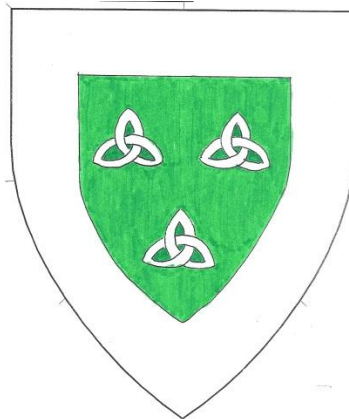
Sable, on a plate a bluejay migrant to dexter chief proper



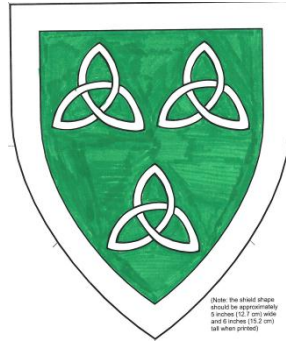
RETURNS

Adriana du Chesne - New Device

Vert, three triquetras within a bordure argent.



Unfortunately, in An Tir's ILoI dated August 16, 2012, James Sayer had a device submitted that looks like this:

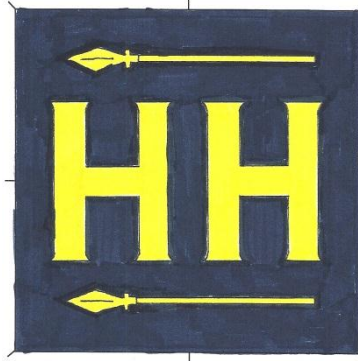


Yes – they are identical. And because James' predates Adriana's by one month, it is not possible that Adriana's will be accepted for registration. Either James' will be registered, rendering Adriana's unregistrable, or his will not due to a conflict that would also eliminate Adriana's. We recommend that any modification upon resubmission either be clear of James' submission by difference of number, etc. of the primary charge which would clear it completely or have at least two differences from James' armory. (Or possibly seek a permission to conflict from James. . .)

Amanda of the Hedgehog - New Badge

Sable, in fess two capital letters H between in pale two spears fesswise Or.

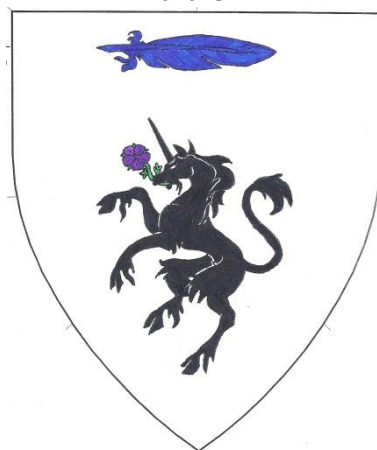
This badge is to be associated with House Hedgehog (household name submitted concurrently).



While the letters used in the badge are meant to be Roman letters, they do not actually match a period hand. As Metron Ariston pointed out, the serifs on Roman letters are not only much more pronounced but also distinctly triangular in shape (as opposed to the flat serifs at 90 degrees from the ascenders in an H, for instance), and that font generally has much more slender strokes for ascenders and descenders, allowing the serifs to be very clearly accentuated. We suggest copying the letters from a good calligraphy book or a copy of a Roman Carving – one of which was found by Triton Herald and may be useful: <http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/works-of-art/74.51.2393>.

Cáelfind of Shannon - New Device

Argent, a unicorn sable maintaining in its mouth a rose purple barbed, slipped and leaved vert, in chief a feather azure.



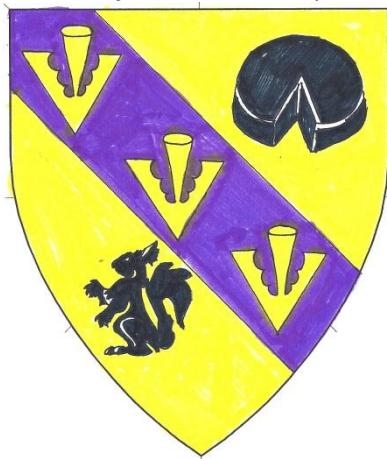
Unfortunately, this is being returned for a redrawing so the charges, specifically the unicorn and rose, can be enlarged. As currently drawn the tiny rose is overwhelmed by the unicorn's darker colour while the unicorn could fill more of the field (thus keeping the proportions the same).

Caitríona Irruis inghean Uí Bhraonáin - New Alternate Name: *Khiba' bint al-jabaliyya*

This name seems to lack the father's ism: "Khiba' bint X al-Jabali". Bint means "daughter of", so what follows is the father's name, which would not be feminized. "Khiba' al-jabaliyya **bint X**" would also be a reasonable pattern. "Khiba' al-jablaiyya" would also fit a period pattern (ism + nisba).

Cameron de Grey - Resub Name & New Device

Or, on a bend purpure between a wheel of cheese and a squirrel sable, three pheons palewise Or.



The April 2010 LoAR set the precedence that , *"Specifically, the surname must be documented as a 16th C English surname form. It will be evaluated for compatibility with the rest of the name in the same manner as a given name documented as a 16th C English given name."*

During the course of a long commentary period, no one could find an example of "Cameron" as a 16th century English name form although there were some close spellings. Should the submitter wish to pursue a form of "Cameron" as a given name, we suggest that the consulting herald read the commentary found in the Atlantian LoP dated 2012-09-09 within OSCAR for some starting points.

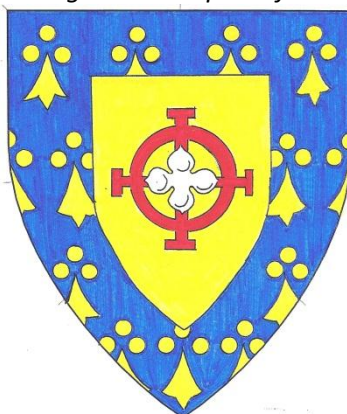
This was submitted as a "resubmission" but no information was provided about a previous submission of either name or device within this kingdom or any other – lacking any way to find out where and when the original submission happened, it will not be possible to accept a new set of submissions without payment – although, of course, if clues to the previous submissions are provided, Golden Dolphin will hunt down and capture the full information.

Elena Modarova vnuka - New Alternate Name: *Emine bint al-Jabaliyya*

This name seems to lack the father's ism: "Emine bint X al-Jabali". Bint means daughter of, so what follows is the father's name, which would not be feminized. "Emine al-jabaliyya bint X" would also be a reasonable pattern. "Emine al-jablaiyya" would also fit a period pattern (ism + nisba).

Katherine Tiernan - Resub Device

Or, an equal-armed Celtic cross gules charged with a quaterfoil argent and a bordure azure ermined Or.

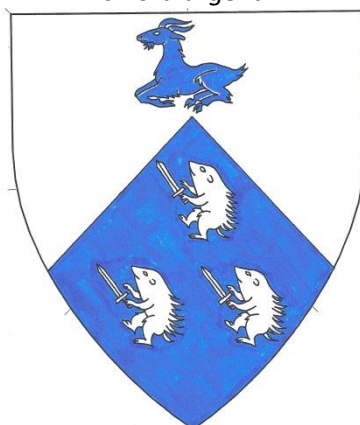


This is a resubmission of a device returned by Atlantia in December, 2011, "Or, an equal-armed celtic cross gules charged with a dogwood blossom argent, and a bordure azure", which had been returned as unblazonable. Previous to that was a submission returned by Laurel, "Purpure, three roses argent within a bordure Or" in August, 2010 for conflict with the with the device of Brian of Calafia ("*Per pall argent, gules and sable, a rose sable and two roses argent, all barbed and seeded proper, a bordure Or.*").

It is with true regret that we must return this once again for redrawing. The border is too wide, although the commentors were pleased to be able to see the so-clearly drawn ermine spots. However, as drawn it appears that the cross & quarterfoil are on an escutcheon, which creates too many layers within the device. It need only be reduced slightly, just enough to make it clear that there is a bordure rather than an ermined field. In addition, the cross is obscured enough by the quatrefoil that it appears to be a cross and annulet rather than a Celtic cross. Enlarging the field will give enough clear space to concurrently enlarge the cross.

Ludwig Brumser - Resub Device

Per chevron argent and azure, a goat couchant azure and three hedgehogs rampant one and two each maintaining a sword argent.



The previous device, "*Per chevron argent and azure, a goat couchant azure and three hedgehogs rampant one and two each maintaining a sword argent.*" was returned by Laurel in February, 2012, "This device is returned for a redraw, for violating the guidelines set forth on the May 2011 Cover Letter for a properly drawn per chevron field division; the field division here is too low. Please see that Cover Letter for further discussion and details of how to properly draw per chevron."

This is being returned for not following the Unity of Posture and Orientation rules in SENA, as both goats and hedgehogs are quadrupeds. By the definition, since they're on either side of the field, the goats and the urchins are co-primary. Perhaps when they re-submit, they might consider not putting a charge between the point of the chevron and the edge of the field.

Morwenna Trevethan - New Badge

Gules, on a bear statant erect argent maintaining a pitcher Or distilling three gouttes d'eau, a goutte d'eau.



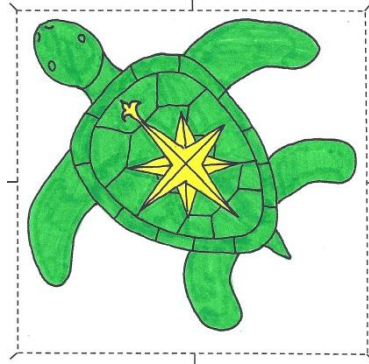
This is being returned for violating SENA A.3.B.2: "Good contrast between two tinctures means that they are not from the same classification." The azure gouttes may not be on a gules field. We suspect, by the blazon, that the three gouttes were meant to be argent ("gout d'eau") while the single one on the bear's shoulder was to be blue. Hopefully the client will be able to clarify their wishes for the resubmission. In addition, it would be advisable for a

modified drawing of the bear to be used, one which is more recognisably a heraldic or natural bear. The artist should (for example) attempt to shorten the legs to a more ursine proportion.

Nancy MacGuyver - New Badge

Joint submission with Duncan MacGuyver

to be associated with Household Name: **Company of Port Tortuga**
(Fieldless) On a natural sea turtle bendwise vert a compass star bendwise Or.



This is neither a compass star (which would not have the northmark), nor is it a compass rose (which would have an annulet). Being neither fish nor fowl, It has to be redrawn to be clearly one or the other. If the submitter chooses to redraw it as a compass star, then according to SENA App. G, the compass star is a SFPP (Step From Period Practise).

Osa the Archer - New Name & New Device

Per chevron embattled sable and gules, a fox courant and a sheaf of arrows argent



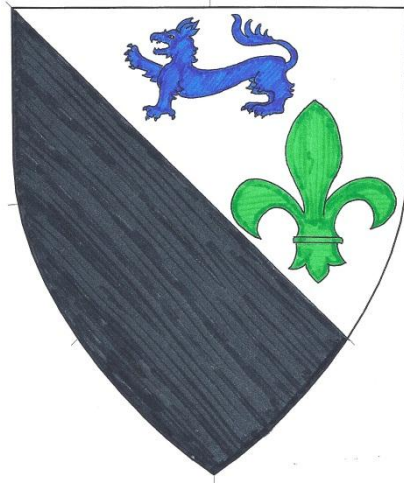
Sadly, while the name as submitted combines two languages which are allowed in combination, the client checked the box “culture most important”, which eliminates the registerability of the name. At the time of the writing of this letter, the client is already aware of the problem and is in the process of resubmitting her paperwork with a form allowing the combination of the two languages. As well, she has rerawn the chevron in her devise to be more recognisable.

Rat Bastard - New Name

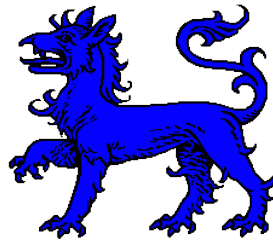
This name is being returned for being obtrusively modern. Comments were almost equally divided between those citing offensiveness and those finding it obtrusively modern – or both. The submitter is encouraged to consider challenging the return to send it to Laurel for a final ruling.

Rosalind Bennett - New Device

Per bend argent and sable, in sinister chief a fleur-de-lis vert and for augmentation in chief a tyger passant azure.

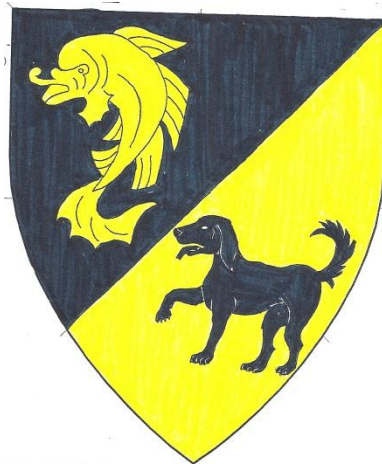


This is being returned for a redraw for style and for conflicting with section A.3.A.3 Augmentations of Honor. It may be possible to retain this design by making the tyger shorter in length and slightly smaller in the same location. If this is not an augmentation, then it must be registered as a change of device. If it is an augmentation it will be necessary to document the granting of the augmentation and, quite possibly, demonstrate permission from the Crown of the East to use the blue tyger as an augmentation even though its use as a populace badge was specified in 2011. Golden Dolphin was unable to find a record of the granting of the augmentation in the East Realm's Order of Precedence at http://op.eastkingdom.org/Alpha/Prec_r.htm or at <http://op.eastkingdom.org/Awards/Augment.htm> , but acknowledges that it may be recorded elsewhere. For artistic aid, this is the tyger from the East Kingdom's webpage at <http://chamberlain.eastkingdom.org/images/arms/tyger.gif> .



Séamus mac Cellach - New Name & New Device

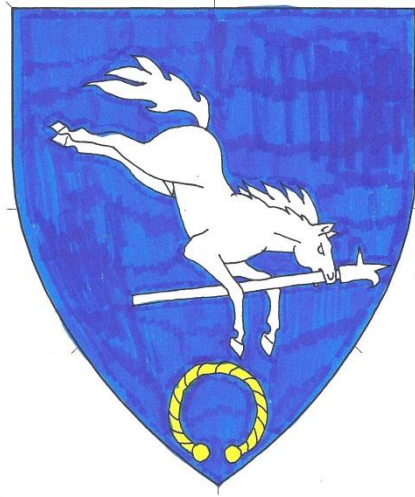
Per bend sinister sable and Or, a dolphin and a dog passant counterchanged.



The name is in conflict with Seumas MacCullach, registered in December of 2000. As Golden Dolphin cannot create a holding name, the device must be returned at the same time.

Seamus Tuilide - Resub Device

Azure, a mule courant bendwise contourney maintaining in the mouth a billhook argent and in base a torque Or.



This is a resubmission from a kingdom return of a device considered unblazonable which appeared on the 20 June, 2012, internal letter with the (returned) name Seamus an Tuilí.

The device is being returned for non period style. If the submitter wishes the animal to be a mule, it will need to be redrawn with long ears and a short, stiff mane. The posture has been considered unexplained by the blazon and all attempts to create a new blazon failed.

in service,
Hrothny
Golden Dolphin Herald