

Kingdom of Atlantia Letter of Decision, March, 2014

Unto Gabriel Laurel, Lillia Pelican, Emma Wreath, and the commenting Members of the College of Arms, does Hróðný Rognvaldsdóttir, Golden Dolphin Herald of Atlantia, send humble greetings. These are the names, devices, and badges that the heralds of Atlantia are hoping you will approve for registration.

I am extremely grateful to those who commented in our Kingdom Garden. Individual commenters were Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane (Metron Ariston), Alys Mackyntoich (Eastern Crown), Beatrice Shirwod (Northern March), Catguistl of Tintagol (Herring), Cian mac Ceallachain Ui Dubhlaich (Nereid), Etienne Le Mons (Vexillum), Evan da Collaureo (Sackbut), Gisela vom Kreuzbach (Triton), Gunnvor silfraharr (Orle), Isabella Delfino (Sable Trident), Madog Hir of Aire Faucon, Niccolina the Wanderer (Hippocampus), Ragnar Leifsson, Raoul la Savouree, Reginald de Beauchamp (Green Shark), Sabine Berard, and Wynne ferch Rodhri (Neried).

Adding to their expertise were these three (!) Commenting Groups:

The Atlantian Online Commentary Group consisting of Etienne Le Mon d'Anjou (Vexillum), Isabella Delfino (Opal), Raoul la Savouree, Gabriel Olken & Patricia of Trakai.

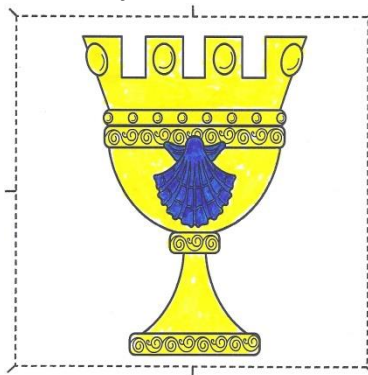
The Northern Atlantia Commentary Group: Alexandria Wright (Blue Shark), Beatrice Shirwod (Northern March), Deirdre O'Bardon, Patricia of Trakai, Sabine Berard, Winifred Carruthers, and Wynne ferch Rhodri.

The NE Calontir commenting group consisting this month of Dorcas Whitecap (Gold Falcon Herald), Brigida von München (Saker Herald), Einarr Grimsson (White Boar Herald), Konstantia Kaloethina, (Gold Falcon Herald Designate), Caoimhin McKee, Ximena Echeberria (Cabochard Herald), Sofya la Rus (Heralds Hill Pursuivant), Rohese de Dinan (Shadowdale Pursuivant), Esther bat Moshe, Jacqueline de Meux, and Gawain of Miskbridge (Green Anchor).

ACCEPTANCES

Amos the Pious - New Badge

(Fieldless) On a chalice crowned of an embattled coronet Or, an escallop azure.



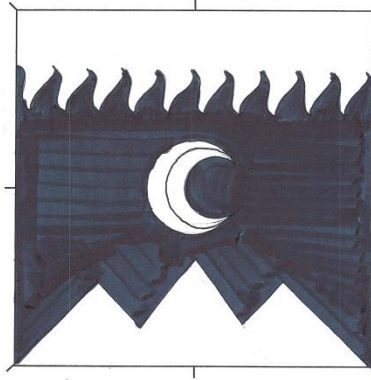
Submitter was awarded his County at Atlantian Coronation, October 5, 2013.

This is a resubmission following the December Atlantian return of "*(Fieldless) On a chalice crowned of an embattled coronet Or an escallop azure*" which was originally submitted at Pennsic and then held by Golden Dolphin until after the submitter was awarded his County. It was returned by Atlantia for reworking as the chalice appeared to be embattled rather than topped with a coronet. We are choosing to send this to Laurel although a few commenters felt that it still appeared too much like an embattled chalice. The internal detailing was retained since it does not significantly make a difference in the depiction – as the OSCAR 'copy' illustrates.

Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson, Caer Gelynniog Cornet

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Badge (see "Returns" for Order Name)

Sable, a decrescent and a base indented of three points, a chief rayonny argent.



Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell

Darius of Brockore Abbey - Resub Device

Per chevron purpure and sable, a scorpion sustaining in its claws a sword fesswise argent.



This is a resubmission after the Laurel return in March, 2012:

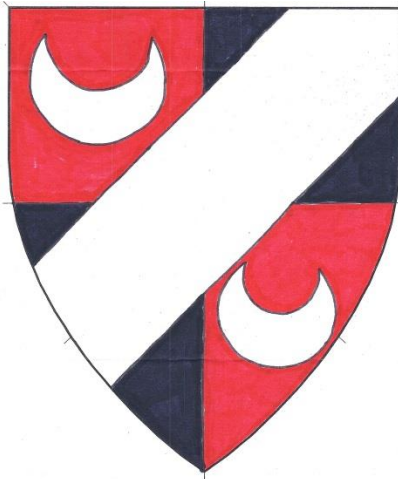
"Per chevron purpure and sable, a scorpion and sword argent." This device was returned for a redraw, for violating the guidelines set forth on the May 2011 Cover Letter for a properly drawn per chevron field division; the field division here is too low. Please see that Cover Letter for further discussion and details of how to properly draw per chevron lines of division."

That was followed by the December 2012 Atlantian return of *"Per chevron purpure and sable, a scorpion and a sword argent."* which had attempted to correct the problems cited by Laurel. There was then another in-kingdom return in December 2013 of *"Per chevron purpure and sable, a scorpion and a sword argent"*, unfortunately, as the chevron was not in accordance with Laurel's standard of depiction. We believe that this depiction correctly addresses the reason for Laurel's return.

Consulting Herald: Catguistl of Tintagol, Cydlla Downs Herald

Gwen verch Llywelyn - New Name & New Device

Quarterly gules and sable, a bend sinister between two crescents argent.



Consulting Herald: KASF Consult table

Isabella Delfino - New Heraldic Will

I, [], known in the Society for Creative Anachronism, Incorporated (SCA) as Isabella Delfino, wish to make the following determinations to my names and armory upon my death:

- Release the following name registered to me in the SCA: Isabella Delfino
- Release the following device registered to me in the SCA: *Per chevron ployé throughout purpure and vert, in base a natural dolphin haurient argent.*
- Release the following badge registered to me in the SCA: *(Fieldless) A natural dolphin haurient per fess purpure and vert.*

[NOTE: The badge included in the heraldic will is not actually registered and will not be considered until the April 2014 meetings.]

Kate Johnson - Resub Name

This is a resubmission after the November 2013 Laurel return of "Katerina Johnson" which stated, "This name conflicts with the registered Katherine Johnson. We must consider all likely pronunciations of the name. In Middle English, the name Katherine may be four syllables, with the final -e pronounced. Thus, only the consonant cluster which starts the second syllable (t vs. th) contributes to difference. We note that these names are different enough to be registered with a letter of permission to conflict."

Consulting Herald: Beatrice Shirwod

Maghnus Lamont - New Name

Consulting Herald: Isabella Delfino, Sable Trident Pursuivant

Marcus Domitius Magnus - New Name (see "Returns" for Device)

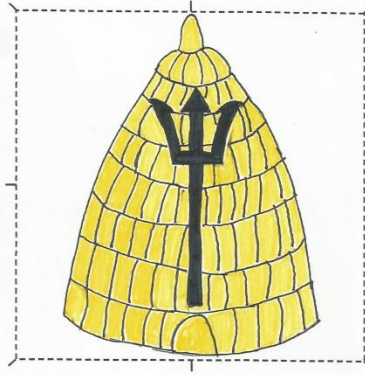
Consulting Herald: Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane (Metron Ariston)

Marinus, Barony of - New Order Name (Award of the Hammer of Saint Marinus) (see "Returns" for badge)

Consulting Herald: Isabella Delfino, Sable Trident Pursuivant

Marinus, Barony of - New Order Name (Award of the Skep) & New Badge

(Fieldless) a bee skep Or charged with a trident sable.



Consulting Herald: Isabella Delfino, Sable Trident Pursuivant

Morgan ap Rodri ap Rhys - New Name Change from Holding Name

Old Item: Morgan of Atlantia, to be released.

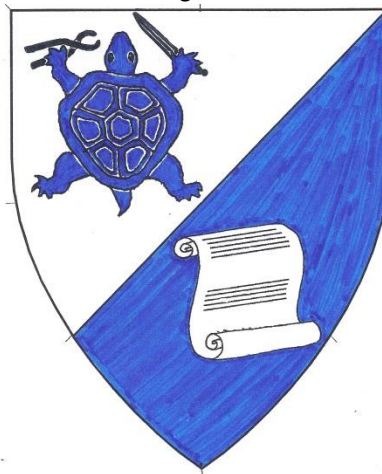
This is a resubmission after the formation of the holding name "Morgan of Atlantia" by Laurel in the January 2006 LoAR during the return of "Morgan ap Rhodri":

“Aural conflict with Morgana O’Ruaidhri, registered October, 1985. The only differences in pronunciation are the unstressed final vowel in the given name and the patronymic particle. This is not sufficient difference to clear these names. His armory has been accepted under the holding name Morgan of Atlantia.”

Consulting Herald: Evan da Collaureo

Naomi de Messina - New Name & New Device

Per bend sinister argent and azure, a tortoise azure maintaining a pair of tongs and a knife sable and an open scroll argent.



Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson, Caer Gelynniog Cornet Herald

Ríkarðr inn grái - New Name

This is a resubmission after the Atlantian December 2013 return of "RikR inn Grij" for incorrect construction form. Originally submitted as "Rikarór inn grái", permission to change the personal name's spelling to the proper form "Ríkarðr" was granted via email on March 30, 2014.

Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson, Caer Gelynniog Cornet Herald

Séamus Fletcher - New Name (see "Returns" for Device)

Seraphina Delfino - New Name Change

Old Item: Isabella Delfino, to be retained as an alternate name.

Consulting Herald: Isabella Delfino, Sable Trident Pursuivant

Winifred Carruthers - New Name (see "Returns" for Device)

Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell

RETURNS

Anneys von Köslin - New Name & New Device

Vert, a lion guardant passant Or langued gules and on a chief Or invected, two hearts Vert.



Withdrawn by submitter.

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Order Name: Order of the Northern Light

This name submission generated a lot of discussion on the Kingdom letter. With regret, we are returning it for further research and work, acknowledging that the barony itself has a tradition of using "Northern" in its registered titles - notably their herald's title of "Northern March" in 1999 - which hearkens to the barony's proud position of being the northernmost group in their kingdom.

While in *"Medieval Secular Order Names: Standard Forms of Order Names"*, Juliana de Luna (Julia Smith), the author lists four instances of the pattern "Other Adjective + Charge", we cannot find that this would support the formation "northern" (adjective) + "light" (charge) since a directional adjective has not yet been found in a Secular Order name, nor even in an institutional one (college, tavern, inn, household), nor is "Light" a definable charge. It may be possible that the "Order of the Northern Light of Bright Hills" would be acceptable, but that name would require further work in documentation.

Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell

Damien Carruthers - New Name & New Device

Or, two swords in saltire inverted gules, a falcon close argent perched on a helm sable.



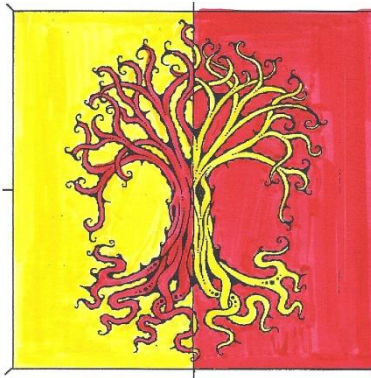
Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell

The client's intended spelling of the personal name cannot be attested in any English or Welsh sources. If it is changed to "Damian", (replacing the 'e' with an 'a') then the documentation provided would suffice... otherwise, for this spelling, we'd have to look to a German or Spanish source. Those cannot be combined with the desired "Carruthers" surname.

The device is being returned also, for reworking. The defined "proper" for a falcon is solidly brown rather than grey marked white as drawn, which here creates a metal-on-metal charge. (<http://heraldry.sca.org/coagloss.html#proper>). There are a few more issues with the drawing of the device; the swords are not properly drawn in saltire as they are not angled along the bend and bend sinister lines as they should be and are closer to being crossed at the tips rather than at the middle of the swords' length.

Dýrfinna Freviðardóttir - New Badge

Per pale Or and gules, a tree blasted and eradicated counter-changed.



Consulting Herald: Tankred Bras-de-Fer

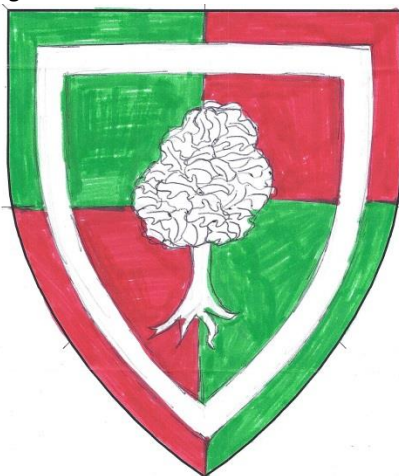
This is a resubmission after the March 2012 Atlantian return of "*Per pale gules and Or, a tree blasted and eradicated, counter-changed*", which was to be associated with the (also returned by Atlantia) household name "Yggdrasill Hof". It was returned for conflict with Perrin de Beaujeu (9/09 Ansteorra) "*Per pale gules and Or, a tree blasted and couped and a bordure embattled counterchanged.*" A later resubmission was returned by Atlantia in March, 2013 of "*Per pale Or and Gules, a tree blasted and eradicated counterchanged charged on its trunk with the futhark rune "t" sable.*" for having the futhark rune too small to be readily recognizable. It was to be associated with the (also returned) household name "Virðing Hof". This badge was to be registered simply to the submitter, without a household name association.

It is being returned for copyright violation of the tree's depiction (<http://images.fineartamerica.com/images-medium/tree-of-life-john-benko.jpg>) which had not been noticed during the previous submission times, under the rules set on in the Administrative Handbook, III.B.4.: "Copyrighted Images, Trademarks, and Other Legally Protected Insignia - Such items may be protected when covered by applicable laws and regulations in the country from which the material derives. These items will not be listed in the Society Armorial and Ordinary but are still protected."

We look forward to seeing the redrawn badge as soon as it may be completed. There has been no further cases of conflict with the blazon so we'd like to get the emblazon up to Laurel as soon as we can.

Francesca di Corso - New Device

Quarterly vert and gules and oak tree eradicated within an orle argent.



Consulting Herald: Maaline Renard

This is a resubmission following the Atlantian December 2012 return of "*Quarterly gules and vert, a tree eradicated argent*", "This is being returned for two items of correction. One is that the tree needs to be drawn larger, taking up more of the field. The other is a conflict with "*Vert, a tree eradicated argent*" [Joseph of Locksley, the Rhymer, LOAR 01/1973]. There is only one distinct change for changes to field. In addition to the device of Joseph, also consider the badge registered to the Middle Kingdom in July, 1983, for the Order of the Silver Oak, "*Purple, an oak tree blasted eradicated argent, fructed Or*". Under current precedent, we do not give difference for the blasting of the oak as we once did and the fructing is tantamount to a maintained charge so offers no difference, which leaves just one change by way of the field."

This is being returned again, as there is now a conflict with the device of Silvanus of Ciltern, registered in 10/1994, "*Gules, an oak tree eradicated within an orle argent.*" There is only one difference for changes of tincture to half the field.

Marcus Domitius Magnus - New Device

Sable, a thunderbolt within a bordure Or.

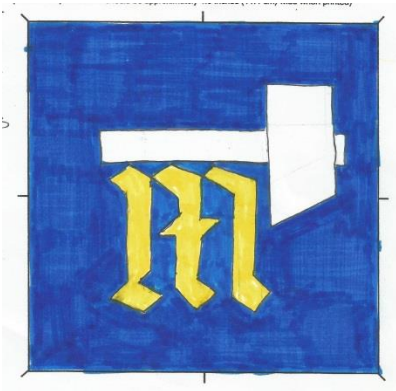


Consulting Herald: Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane (Metron Ariston)

This is being returned for conflict with "*Azure, a thunderbolt and a bordure Or*" registered to Josué Ezequiel Xavier de Navarra in the LOAR 03/1995. There's one difference for the color of the field.

Marinus, Barony of - New Badge (for the Award of the Hammer of Saint Marinus)

Azure, a majuscule blackletter "M" Or maintaining a mason's hammer argent

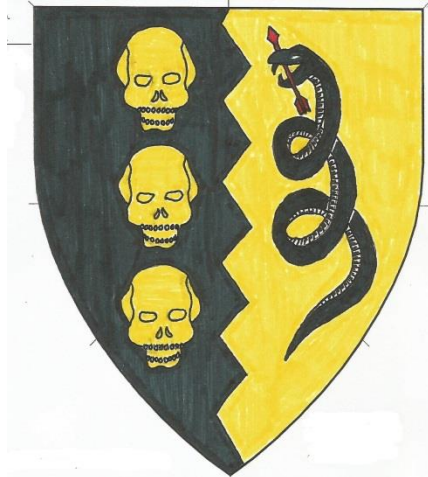


Consulting Herald: Isabella Delfino, Sable Trident Pursuivant

This is being returned for reworking as there is no reliable way to blazon the depiction of the hammer 'atop' the letter "M". The hammer is too large to be maintained and would be co-primary, yet it cannot be blazoned as 'conjoined'.

Séamus Fletcher - New Device

Per pale indented sable and Or, three skulls in pale Or and a snake sable maintaining in its mouth an arrow gules.



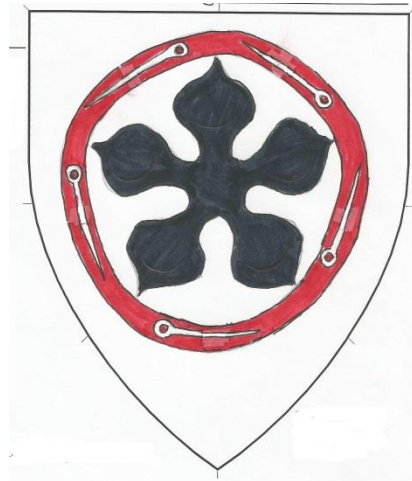
The device is a resubmission after in kingdom return in December 2013 because the name was listed as being returned for reworking by Atlantia in May, 2013, thus lacking a registerable name. But it would have had to been returned in any case for violation of our 'slot machine' rule. "The blazon has the snake and arrow co-primary. The arrow is big enough to be primary if the snake is not present, and likewise the snake so along with the arrangement of the skulls we have a charge group with more than two types of a "charge." Reducing the size of the snake or of the arrow to a 'maintained' size would alleviate this."

This depiction did reduce the size of the arrow but added a posture to the snake which cannot be blazoned. For that reason, we will have to return this for reworking again.

Consulting Herald: Eoin Mac Eideard

Póra Hrafnsdóttir - Resub Device

Argent, a cinquefoil sable within an annulet gules, on five needles in annulo argent.



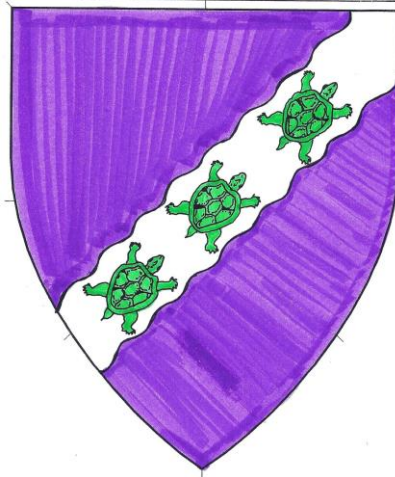
This has been withdrawn by the submitter. It is a resubmission after the Laurel return from July 2013 which stated;

"This device was returned for not being reliably blazonable, a violation of SENA A1C which requires an emblazon to be describable in heraldic terms, and for violating SENA A2C2 which states "Elements must be drawn to be identifiable." The needles on the annulet here are depicted as partly passing through the annulet, as though pinned there, roughly parallel to the edges. The heraldic term transfixed would be used if the needles were perpendicular to the edges, and only going through the annulet once, from front to back. While there is a period motif of the pin or tongue of a buckle or brooch passing through the field as if it were a piece of cloth, this is only done with a primary charge, not tertiary charges as we have here. We would have reblazoned the needles as fracted, but their size and placement makes them difficult to properly identify."

Consulting Herald: Eoin Mac Eideard

Winifred Carruthers - New Device

Purpure, on a bend sinister wavy argent three tortoises.



Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell

This is being returned for redrawing of the bend to increase the depth of the wavy edges.

I remain, in service to the SCA,
Hróðný
Golden Dolphin Herald of Atlantia