

# April 2014 Atlantian Letter of Decision

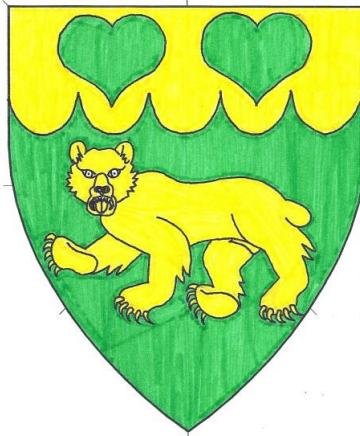
Unto the College of Heraldry of Atlantia, Hróðný Rognvaldsdóttir, Golden Dolphin Herald of Atlantia, sends greetings!

I would like to thank all those who commented in our OSCAR kingdom garden. Their assistance has been a great help in making the decisions for this letter. Those commenters were Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane (Metron Ariston), Alys Mackyntoich (Eastern Crown), Beatrice Shirwod (Northern March), Catguistl of Tintagol (Herring), Cian mac Ceallachain Uí Dubhlaich (Nereid), Ealasaid MacDonald (Finsterwald), Evan da Collaureo (Sackbut), Gawain of Miskbridge (Green Anchor), Gisela vom Kreuzbach (Triton), Gunnvor silfraharr (Orle), Isabella Delfino (Opal), Ragnar Leifsson (Caer Gelynniog Cornet), Tanczos Istvan (Non Scripta), Tankred Bras-de-Fer, the NE Calontir Commenting group : Rohese de Dinan (Shadowdale Pursuivant), Gawain of Miskbridge (Green Anchor), and the AOCG (Atlantian Online Commenting Group): Etienne Le Mons, Isabella Delfino, Wiglaf Sigeberhting, Catguistl de Tintagol & Gabriel Olken.

## ACCEPTANCES

### **Agnete Köslin - New Name & New Device**

*Vert, a bear passant guardant and on a chief invicted Or two hearts vert.*



This is a resubmission after the March 2014 in-kingdom withdrawal of "Anneys von Köslin". Originally submitted as "Agnete von Köslin", the submitter decided to change to this form after in-Kingdom commentary was unable to find a way to support "von Köslin" since the documentation did not fully justify the spelling of the city name.

This is also a resubmission of the device after the March 2014 in-kingdom withdrawal of *Vert, a lion guardant passant Or langued gules and on a chief Or invected, two hearts Vert.*

Name Consulting herald: Anais von Koeslin

Device Consulting Herald: Gunnvor silfraharr (Orle)

### **Allegranza Marcovaldi - Exchange of Device and Badge, and then badge release**

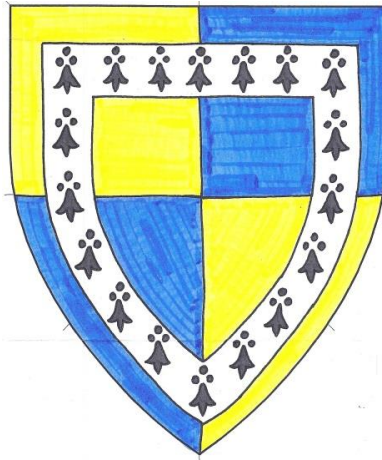
The device (now badge) to be released was registered in July of 2006 (via Atlantia): "*Sable, a bear's head erased argent charged on the neck with a crescent gules and on a chief argent three escallops gules*", and the badge to be converted into her device was registered in July of 2006 (via Atlantia): "*Purple, a bear's head couped and on a chief Or three escallops purple.*"

### **Annice Argent - New Name**

Consulting Herald: Etienne Le Mons (Vexillum)

### **Beatrice Shirwod - Resub Device Change**

*Quarterly Or and azure, an orle ermine.*



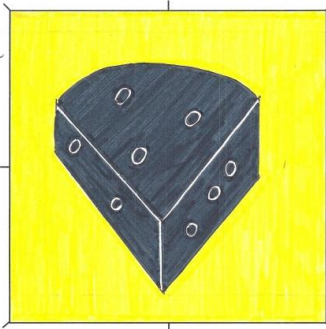
Old Item: *Per chevron azure mulletty argent and argent, a drop spindle azure.*, to be retained as a badge.

This is a resubmission after the withdrawal of the badge "*Argent, on a bend gules three nautilus shells Or*" from the January 20, 2014 Atlantian letter to Laurel. The submitter wishes for this new device to be registered as her device and her previous one to be retained as a badge.

**Brian Crawford and Timmeke Haakonson of Nordheim - New Household Name: Woodside Priory**  
 Consulting Herald: Isabella Delfino, Sable Trident Pursuivant

**Cameron de Grey - New Badge**

*Or, a wedge of Emmental cheese palewise inverted sable.*



The initial drawing of this badge had roundels in the cheese wedge to indicate what we'd modernly call 'Swiss cheese' but during in-kingdom commentary, the submitter indicated that he'd prefer single-line circles instead to reduce the resemblance to a die. This is an updated version of the initial badge submission.

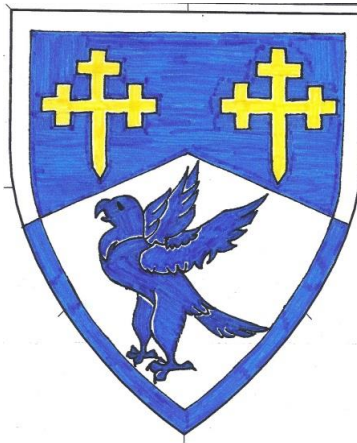
Consulting Herald: Patricia of Trakai, Drakkar/Manticore Pursuivant

**Dianora Cipriani - New Name (see "Returns" for device)**

Consulting Herald: Maaline Renard, Undine Pursuivant

**Éadaoin an Fheadha inghean Uí Shéghdha - New Device**

*Per chevron azure and argent, two cross crosslets fitchy Or and a hawk rising azure all within a bordure counterchanged.*

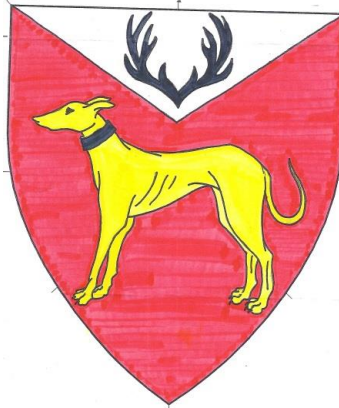


This is a resubmission of an Atlantian return in Jan., 2014, due to a conflict with Thorvinn blóðøx: reg. 7/13 via Caid: "*Argent, a falcon striking maintaining an axe bendwise, a tierce azure.*" There was one DC for changing the tierce to a label.

Consulting Herald: Anais von Koeslin

### **Faolán mac Raghnaill - New Device**

*Gules, a greyhound statant Or, on a chief triangular argent a stag's massacre sable.*



This is a resubmission after the Atlantian January, 2014 return of "*Gules, a greyhound statant Or, and on a chief pointed argent a stag's attire sable.*" for redrawing as it had neither a chief triangular nor a properly drawn field "per chevron inverted".

Consulting Herald: Beatrice Shirwod

### **Gelynn of Windmasters' Hill - New Name & New Device**

*Argent a one-legged bird close vert and on a chief wavy sable two barrulets wavy argent.*



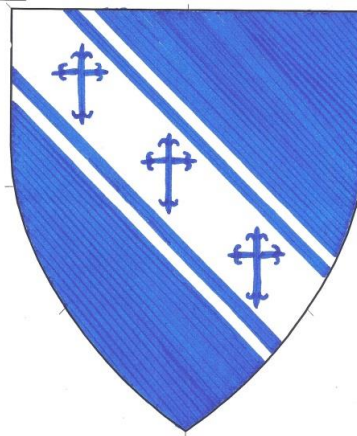
Consulting Herald: Tankred Bras-de-Fer, Pursuivant

**Gelynn of Windmasters' Hill - New Badge**  
*(Fieldless) A nightingale rising vert.*



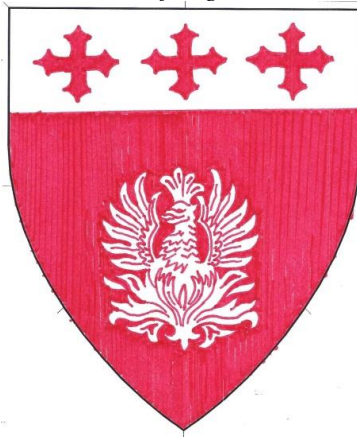
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**Helena Isabelle de Soleure - New Name & New Device**  
*Azure, on a bend cotised argent three Latin crosses fleury azure.*

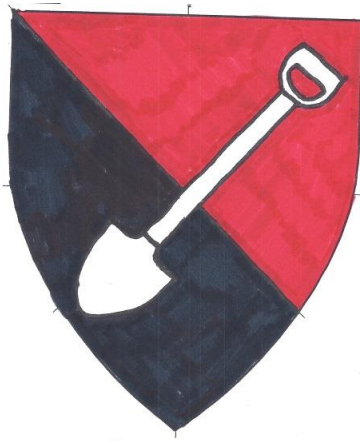


Consulting Herald: Gisela Triton

**Johann von Solothurn - New Name & New Device**  
*Gules, a phoenix and on a chief argent three crosses clechy gules.*



**Johannes Stümære - New Name & New Device**  
*Per bend gules and sable in bend sinister a shovel argent.*

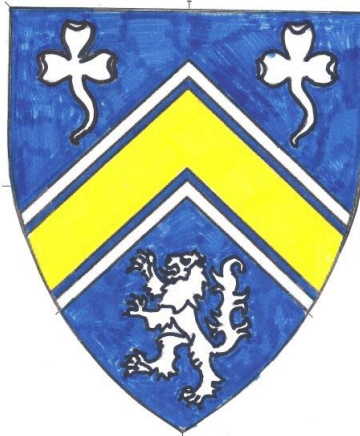


This was originally submitted as "Johannes Stümære", with the "r" in the surname accidentally omitted. The submitting herald made a correction via email on April 30, 2014, stating that the submitter had intended the current form of the name to be submitted.

Consulting Herald: Catalina Riquel de Luna

### **Josson Andri de Laben - Resub Device**

*Azure, a chevron Or cotised between two trefoils and a lion argent*



This device is a resubmission after the Laurel Sept 2013 return of "*Azure, a chevron argent between two trefoils slipped and a lion rampant Or*" for being in conflict with the device of Triston de Grey, "*Azure, a chevron argent between three dragon's heads couped those in chief addorsed, Or*". There was a DC for the change in type of secondary charges but nothing else.

Unfortunately a second device submission, "*Azure, a chevron Or between two trefoils slipped and a lion rampant argent*" was returned afterwards by Atlantia in February, 2014, this time for conflict with two devices: Margarete del Mare's (registered in December of 2003 via Meridies): "*Azure, a chevron Or between three towers argent*", which had only one distinct change for changing the type of secondary, and that of Timotheos of Alexandria's (registered in February of 1996 via the East): "*Azure, a chevron Or between two open books and a unicorn rampant regardant maintaining a quill pen argent*", which also only had one distinct change for changing the type of secondary.

Consulting Herald: Isabella Delfino, Sable Trident Pursuivant

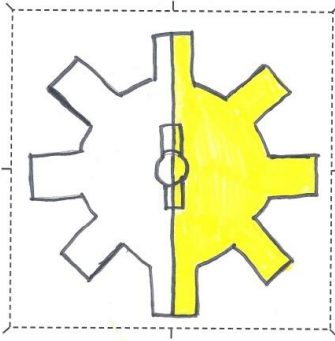
### **Kiriena Pevtsova - New Name**

Consulting Herald: Sándor Czygan

### **Marinus, Barony of - New Order Name & New Badge**

Award of the Capstan of Saint Marinus  
*(Fieldless) A cogwheel per pale argent and Or.*

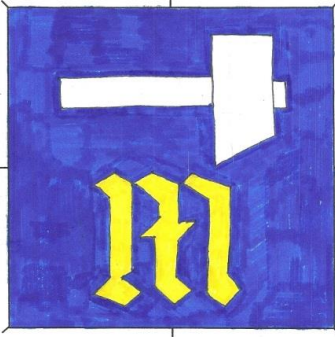




Consulting Herald: Isabella Delfino, Sable Trident Pursuivant

### **Marinus, Barony of - New Badge**

*Azure, in pale a mason's hammer fesswise head to sinister, striking surface to chief argent and a majuscule blackletter "M" Or.*

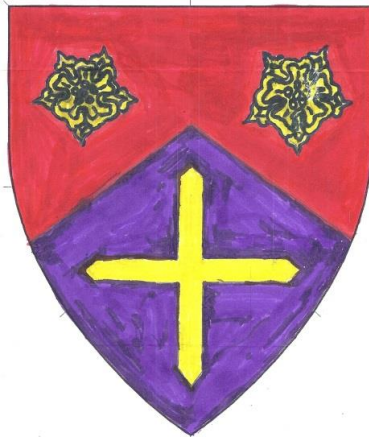


This is a resubmission after the March 2014 in-kingdom return of "*Azure, a majuscule blackletter "M" Or maintaining a mason's hammer argent*" for redrawing to create an emblazon which could be properly blazoned.

Consulting Herald: Isabella Delfino, Sable Trident Pursuivant

### **Raphael de la Rosa - New Device**

*Per chevron gules and purple, two roses and a cross pointed Or.*

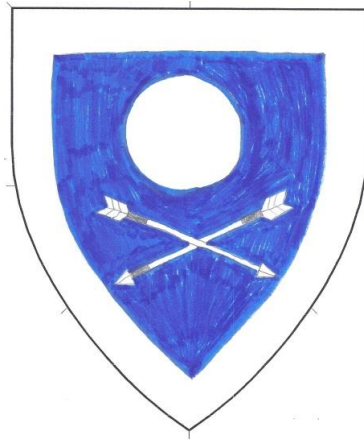


Consulting Herald: Reginald de Beauchamp, Green Shark Pursuivant Extraordinary

### **Robert of Isenfir - New Name**

### **Selene Henneberg - New Name & New Device**

*Azure, a plate and in base two arrows in saltire, all within a bordure argent.*



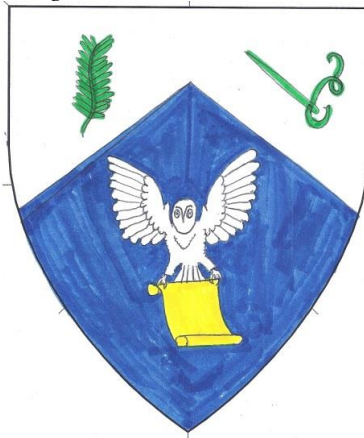
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### Taylor North of Cambridge - New Name

## RETURNS

### Dianora Cipriani - New Device

*Per chevron argent and azure an owl displayed argent maintaining in its talons a scroll Or, in chief dexter a rosemary sprig and in sinister a sewing needle bendwise inverted maintaining thread vert.*



Device Consulting Herald: Oliva Isabelle

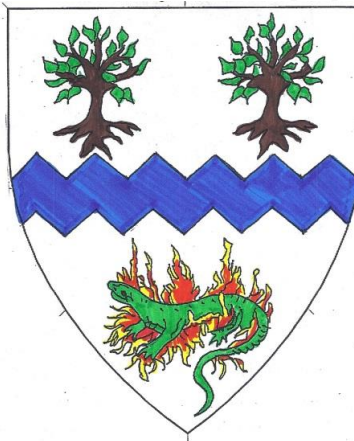
This is being returned for reworking. There are a few problems with the device which will most likely require a complete reworking by the submitter – sometimes such a thing happens and this return will be long and make difficult reading but will hopefully address the difficulties so they can be overcome in drafting a replacement design. In the first place, the chevron is too high. The May 2011 LoAR Cover Letter describes how to draw a proper per chevron (<http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2011/05/11-05cl.html>).

Period heraldry was not often ‘busy’, and reflecting that is the SCA guideline for complexity to reduce the number of separate points of difference in a device. This device has a complexity level which exceeds our usual threshold, having a count of nine (9); azure, argent, Or, vert, rosemary, needle, thread, owl and scroll. Along with that, because of the size of the scroll it blurs the line between “sustained” and “maintained”, which may put four, rather than three, items separate types of items in one charge group. SENA Appendix I "Charge Group Theory" (<http://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#AppendixI>), says that charges on either side of a field of division laying upon the field are all part of the primary charge group. We have rosemary, needle, thread (it's as prominent as the needle), owl, and the sustained scroll, which then becomes is slot machine, see SENA A.3.D.2.a (<http://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#A3D2a>). In addition, the needle and rosemary violate Unity of Orientation, see SENA A.3.D.2.c (<http://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#A3D2c>). One is palewise, the other bendwise. As a note to keep in mind during the redrafting of a device, any bird displayed that is not an eagle is a Step from Period Practice (SFPP).

And finally, although it is not shown in this letter, the line drawing (black and white) copy of this device does not match the color copy. Such a difference, especially as it affects the relative sizes of the charges, has been known to cause Laurel to reject a submission.

### Faye Trees - New Device

*Argent, a fess dancetty azure between two linden trees eradicated proper and a salamander vert enflamed proper.*



Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell, Herald

This has a very high (10) complexity count consisting of vert, azure, Or, argent, gules, brown, salamander, flames, tree and fess. It is possible that the enflamed salamander would count as one rather than two items on the complexity (which gave us 9 rather than 10), but a note must be made that “flames proper” are alternately red and yellow (or vice versa). The fess is the primary charge so it should take up more of the space. Typically a fess dancetty used as here should have fewer and bolder indentations (often as few as three) and take up enough of the field to let the edges dance rather than resemble rick-rack or shelf paper.

One commenter offered this suggestion: “If it were redrawn to make the fess a better fess dancetty and truly primary, you could probably get something close to this registered with plain (and properly drawn) gules flames. The blazon for that would look something like "Argent, a fess dancetty azure between two trees eradicated proper and a salamander vert enflamed Or.""

### Ihone Munro - New Badge

*(Fieldless) An owl contourny sustaining in pale a skull argent..*



Consulting Herald: Fionn MacKonnell, Hawkwood Pursuivant Extraordinary

This is absolutely gorgeous artwork. Unfortunately heraldic art is different. It is stylized, static, bold and exaggerated. SENA A.2.C. Standards for Heraldic Art: Elements must be drawn to meet the following requirements.

“1. Appropriate Drawing: Elements must be drawn in their period forms and in a period armorial style. In general, this means that charges should be drawn as a flat depiction with no perspective. A few special charges are drawn with perspective, such as dice and wedges of cheese, because they are depicted this way in period heraldry and are largely unidentifiable without perspective. Complex lines of division should be drawn with relatively few and deep repeats. Generally three to seven repeats are expected across an axis of the shield. . .



Animals and plants must be drawn in a stylized heraldic form, not in a naturalistic or photorealistic style. This does not mean that only heraldic forms of charges may be used, only that they must adhere to heraldic drawing style. Postures other than defined heraldic postures are not allowed. While depictions that are somewhat more naturalistic than the flat stylized depictions of heraldic charges will be registered, animals and plants may not be drawn in trian aspect (with perspective) ...”

The submitter should be told that know that the skull must be at least 1/2 the size of the owl to be sustained. Also, it needs that skull to be sustained to avoid conflict (one of many conflicts would be Rannveigr Haakonardottir: The following badge associated with this name was registered in June of 2001 (via the East): Azure, a falcon close contourny argent.) We look forward to seeing the resubmission, hopefully soon, so it can continue on to Laurel before it comes in conflict with any other badge or device.

### **Subetei of the Brush - New Name Change**

OSCAR NOTE: the old name (Lachlann McQuhollastar) was registered in February of 2004, via Atlantia.

Consulting Herald: Lachlann McQuhollastar

We lack documentation for support of the phrase “of the brush” as a lingua Anglica form of a period Mongolian name. It was suggested that since Kublai Khan was a Mongolian Emperor of the Chinese Court, it may be possible to find a period Chinese name dealing with calligraphy, writing, or painting which would give the submitter the opportunity to then use the lingua Anglica form. We suggest that the submitter (who is a herald) inquire on the SCA Herald’s list for someone with Chinese-language expertise.

In Service,  
Hróðný