

August 2014 Atlantian Letter of Decision

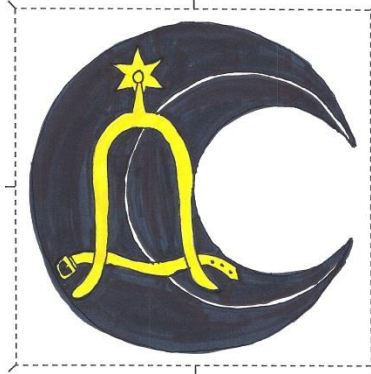
Unto the College of Atlantian Heraldry, does, Hróðný Rognvaldsdóttir, Golden Dolphin Herald of Atlantia, send greetings.

In a period which included Pennsic-tide, we still had a nice mix of commenting heralds, to wit; Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane (Metron Ariston), Æsa gylðir, Andreas von Meißen (Rowel), Beatrix MacBryd (Northern March), Cian mac Ceallachain Uí Dubhlaich (Nereid), Etienne Le Mons (Vexillum), ffride wlfssdotter (Goutte d'Eau), Gawain of Miskbridge (Green Anchor), Gunnvor silfraharr (Orle), Herveus d'Ormonde (Morsulus), Maaline Renard, Madog Hir of Aire Faucon, Ragnar Leifsson (Caer Mear Cornet), Sabine Berard. And Seraphina Delfino (Opal).

ACCEPTANCES

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Badge

(Fieldless) A decrescent sable, charged with a spur Or.



Consulting Herald: Beatrice MacByrd, Pursuivant Extraordinary

Catalina Riquel de Luna - Exchange of Device and Badge

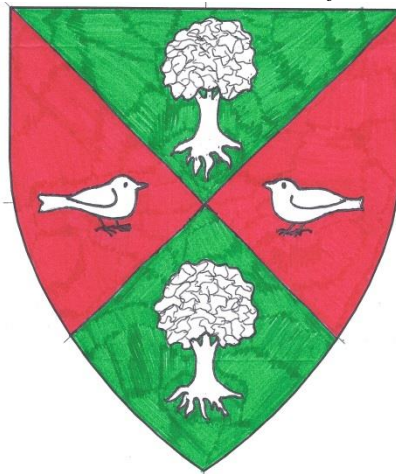
Submitted on a lined paper torn from a school tablet and written in red crayon;

I, Catalina Riquel de Luna, mka (redacted) wish to exchange my badge "*Or, four pallets gules and on a chief vert three melusines argent*" for my device "*Sable, a winged stag rampant contourny and in sinister chief a moon in its plenitude argent.*"

Consulting Herald: Isabella Delfino, Sable Trident Pursuivant

Francesca di Corso - Resub Device

Per saltire vert and gules, in pale two oak trees eradicated and in fess two goldfinches close respectant argent.

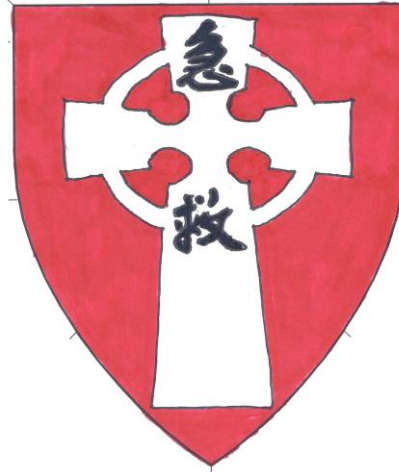


Consulting Herald: Maaline Renard, Undine Pursuivant

This is a resubmission following the Atlantian December 2012 return of "*Quarterly gules and vert, a tree eradicated argent*", which was returned for two items of correction. One was to draw the tree larger to take up more of the field and to correct a conflict with "*Vert, a tree eradicated argent*" [Joseph of Locksley, the Rhymer, LOAR 01/1973].

Iga Sai'nen - New Name & New Device

Gules, a Celtic cross argent charged in pale with two hanzi symbols meaning "First Aid"



Consulting Herald: Isabella Delfino, Sable Trident Pursuivant

We are uncomfortable sending this device submission forward on the basis of its possible conflict with other crosses, its modernity (the translation of the hanzi symbols into a modern phrase), and because of the precedence:

"While we're generally content to mix-and-match elements from different heraldic regimes, we draw the line at mixing oriental and occidental charges. The College of Arms has frequently restricted the use of charges from Japanese Mon to Mon-style submissions: e.g. the nami or Great Wave, restricted to Mon-style submissions on the LoAR of 25 Feb 83. The use of a Chinese ideogram with lozengy flaunches falls into the same restricted area. (Dallán Ó Fearchaidhe vom Kirschwald, July, 1992, pg. 21)".

Being unsure about all of these points, we're sending this up for Laurel's ruling.

Jdeke von Kolberg - New Device

Purpure, on a compass star argent a domestic cat couchant guardant sable.

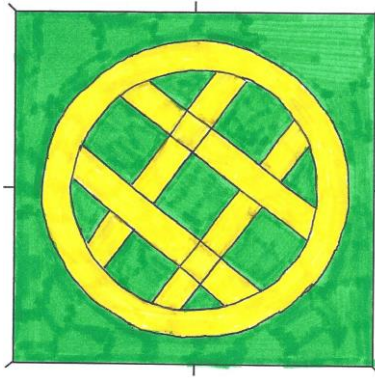


Consulting Herald: Gisela Triton

Marcus Vitellius Ursus - New Household Name & New Badge

Free Company of Anglesey

Vert, a saltire couped parted and fretted within and conjoined to an annulet Or.



Name Consulting Herald: Gisela vom Kreuzbach, Triton Herald

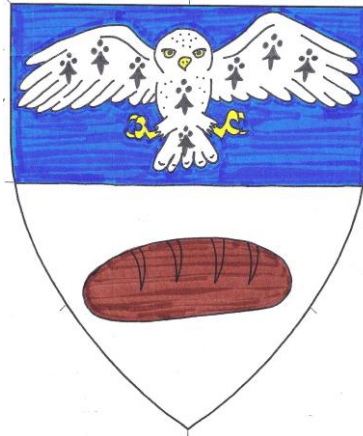
Device Consulting Herald: Seraphina Delfino

Nezetta Alberti - New Name

Consulting Herald: Eoin MacEadbhaird

Poline l'oubloiere - Resub Device

Per fess azure and argent, an owl displayed ermine and a loaf of bread proper.



Consulting Herald: Beatrix MacBryd, Pursuivant Extraordinary

This is a resubmission after the August 2013 Atlantian return of "*Azure, an owl displayed and a base indented of three points argent.*" for redrawing to correct the depiction of the displayed owl as well as the May 2014 Atlantian return of "*Per fess azure and argent, an owl displayed ermine and a loaf of bread proper*" for redrawing because the number and size of the ermine spots made it difficult to distinguish the features of the owl from afar.

Tristan di Lupo - Resub Device

Per chevron vert and sable, a chevron Or between two wolves combatant and a mullet of seven points argent.



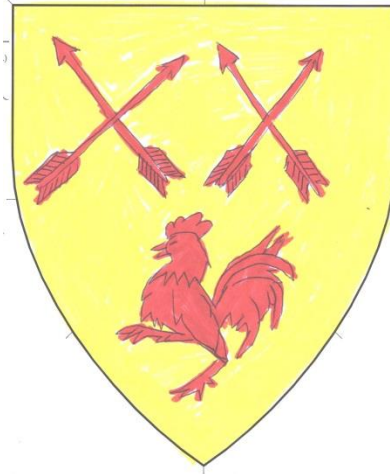
Consulting Herald: Estienne Le Mons de Anjou, Vexillum Pursuivant

This device is a re-submission after January 2014 Atlantian return of "*Per chevron vert and sable, a chevron Or between two wolves combatant and a mullet of seven point argent*" so the wolves can be re-colored (or rather, not colored) as the grey used is too dark against the green field.

RETURNS

Baggi Beytill - New Name & New Device

Or, two pairs of arrows inverted in saltire and a dunghill cock gules."



Consulting Herald:Maaline Renard, Undine Pursuivant

Unfortunately, there has already been a precedence set by Laurel to disallow registration of the byname “Beytill”, in three separate rulings: Finnur beytill, 1/2006 LoAR, R-Atlantia; Wolfgar beytill, 9/2009 LoAR, R-Atenveldt. The January 2006 return of Finnur beytill says:

“The byname, beytill--"horse-penis" or "banger/pounder"--is offensive per RfS IV.1 which says "Pornographic or scatological terms will not be registered. Obscene terminology, sexually explicit material, bathroom or toilet humor, etc. are considered inherently offensive by a large segment of the Society and general population." There is some merit to the argument that beytill is a species of plant that resembles a horse's member, including the definition in Richard Cleasby's, An Icelandic English Dictionary. However, two other reasonably scholarly sources give it the meanings listed above, Haraldsson, The Old Norse Name, and Finnur Jónsson: "Tilnavnene i den islandske Oldlitteratur" in Aarbøger for nordisk oldkyndighed og historie 1907_vol. 22. “

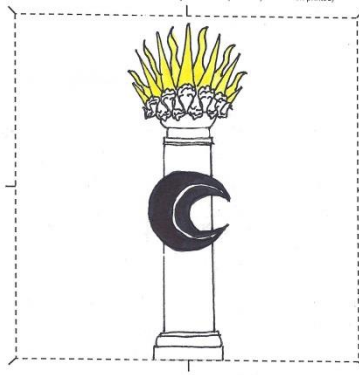
A similar-sounding byname with a totally different meaning is <bestill>, which Jónsson glosses as "bast" or "hemp" because the individual used bast cords. (http://www.heimskringla.no/wiki/Tilnavne:_Spredte_tilnavne)

Because the name has had to be returned, we are forced to also return the device at this time.

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Order Name & New Badge

Award of the Columna Lucis

(Fieldless) Issuant from the top of a column argent a sunburst Or clouded argent and overall a decrescent sable.



Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell

This order name is being returned because the submitted name is not supported by any pattern from Smith's article. The examples of the cited pattern are "Double Crown", "Crowned Ibex", "Pale Horse" and "Prisoner's Iron", none of which create a pattern which uses (a noun that can be a charge) + (an attributive noun in the genitive). This proposed Order name has more the meaning of a "pillar of light", i.e., a pillar or column which appears to be made of light, which would be the Latin meaning of the phrase.

So far as could be found during commentary, the only prior registration which uses "lucis" at all is the heraldic title "Adfero Lucernam Lucis Herald" recently registered to Meridies and that is derived from the motto pattern which is valid for heraldic titles but not for order names under current standards.

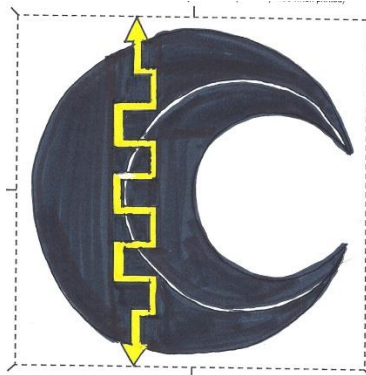
One commenter further wrote, "...something like Lux et Columna if one accepted lux as appropriate for a Latinate order name, but the last registrations for that (Lux Australis and Lux Caidis) were registered more than two decades ago and it is not at all certain that that would be acceptable under current standards . . . On the other hand, they could register "the Award of the Column of Bright Hills" as under the current standards adding the territorial designator would take it clear of the order name registered to the Barony of the Lonely Tower.

The badge must also be returned for reworking. There is no contrast between the cloud of the sunburst and the column, making a charge which is nearly identical to a beacon, while the crescent is barely overall. Making the crescent any larger would significantly modify the design.

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Order Name & New Badge

Award of the Crescent Bolt

(Fieldless) A decrescent sable, charged overall with a lightning bolt Or.



Consulting Herald: Beatrice MacByrd, Pursuivant Extraordinary

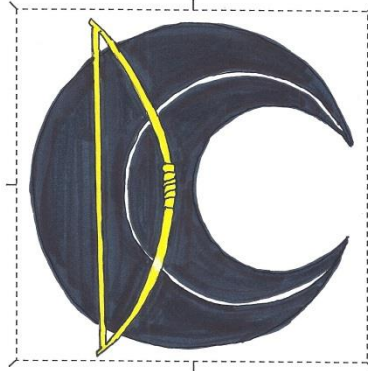
This award name is being returned for reworking since the OED has <creseent> as an adjective meaning "growing, waxing" and the sense of something crescent-shaped doesn't show up until after 1600. It is not really possible to use 'crescent' as an adjective to modify the word 'bolt'. However it may be possible to use "the Award of the Crescent and [Lightning] Bolt" since the SCA recognizes both 'crescent' and 'lightning bolt' as charges.

The badge is also being returned because as drawn, the lightning bolt is barely overall and requires redrawing to make it larger so it does not become lost in the decrescent. At this time, if the badge were to be redrawn and resubmitted, it appears that it would be free of conflict.

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Order Name & New Badge

Award of the Crescent Bow

(Fieldless), A decrescent sable, charged overall by a bow reversed Or.



Consulting Herald: Beatrice MacByrd, Pursuivant Extraordinary

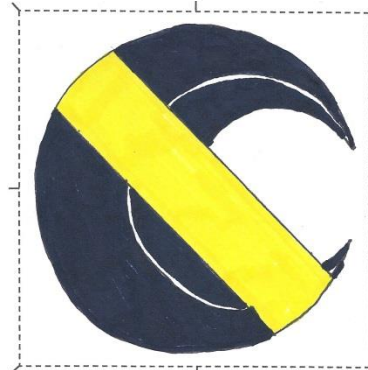
This award name is being returned for reworking since the OED has “crescent” as an adjective meaning “growing, waxing” and the sense of something crescent-shaped doesn’t show up until after 1600. One suggestion was to modify the award name to “The Award of the Crescent and Bow” since a crescent (or decrescent) is a charge, making the naming pattern into the documentable “charge + charge format.”

Unfortunately, this bow is barely overall and needs to be drawn larger and more distinctly from the crescent. Its position off-center from the crescent would be difficult to blazon and may cause problems – it would be safer to center them to each other, or to shrink the bow so it fits into the crescent (“A crescent sable charged with a bow reversed Or”).

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Order Name & New Badge

Award of the Crescent Scarf

(Fieldless) A decrescent sable, charged overall with a bend coupé Or.



Consulting Herald: Beatrice MacByrd: Pursuivant Extraordinary

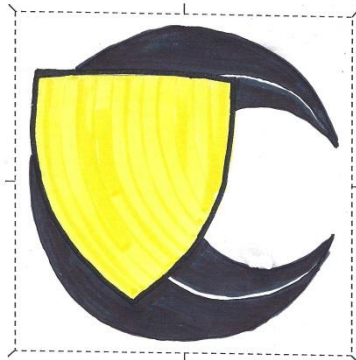
This is being returned for reworking because the order name does not follow one of the patterns from Smith’s article and rather suggests that the intent is to play upon the Order of the White Scarf and Artemisia’s similar Order of the Golden Scarf, but those use “normal” color + charge patterns. It is possible that “the Award of the Crescent and Scarf” or more appropriately given the appearance of the badge and period regalia order name patterns, “the Award of the Crescent and Band” might be easier constructions.

As for the badge, it too is being returned for redrawing, as the bend coupé is barely overall but besides that, you can't charge a crescent with a bend (coupé or not). On the other hand, extending the bend right to the bounding box should make it fine, and shrinking the crescent a bit will help.

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Order Name & New Badge

Award of the Crescent Shield

(Fieldless) A decrescent sable, overall an escutcheon Or.



Consulting Herald: Beatrice MacByrd, Pursuivant Extraordinary

This is being returned for reworking based on the medieval meaning of the word “crescent” since the construction here would mean “a waxing shield”. It could be, however, easily modified to “the Award of the Crescent and Shield”, making it follow the pattern of Charge (Crescent) + Charge (Shield), based on the patterns found in "Medieval Secular Order Names" by Juliana de Luna (<http://heraldry.sca.org/laurel/names/order/new/>).

Again, the badge is being returned for a redrawing as the escutcheon is barely overall. The nature of the shield is such that, if it were truly drawn overall, it would obscure the identity of the decrescent to an unacceptable degree. It may be possible to charge the crescent with an escutcheon.

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Order Name “Award of the Crescent Spur”

Consulting Herald: Beatrice MacByrd, Pursuivant Extraordinary

The award name is being returned as it does not follow the pattern stated but rather that of two charges. We recommend modification to the “Award of the Crescent (or Decrescent!) and Spur.”

In service,
Hróðný Rognvaldsdóttir