

Atlantian Letter of Decision, January 2015

Unto the College of Atlantian Heraldry, does Lady Seraphina Delfino, Golden Dolphin Herald of Atlantia, send greetings in this cold winter month. Here all the items intended for our January 2015 Laurel Letter of Intent.

I would also like to thank the following heralds for their assistance with commenting on the Internal letter, without their assistance writing this letter would be incredibly challenging: Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane (Metron Ariston), Alys Mackyntoich (Blue Tyger), Beatrice Domenici della Campana, Beatrice Shirwod (Opal), Cian mac Ceallachain Ui Dubhlaich (Triton), Christian Jorgensen af Hilsonger, Etienne Le Mons (Vexillum), ffride wlfssdotter (Goutte d'Eau), Gawain of Miskbridge (Green Anchor), Gunnvor silfraharr (Orle), Jeanne Marie Lacroix (Noir Licorne), Juetta Copin, Madog Hir of Aire Faucon (Kraken), Magnus von Lübeck, Ragnar Leifsson (Red Shark), Sabine Berard, Santiago Xavier.

Acceptances

Caer Mear, Barony of - New Order Name

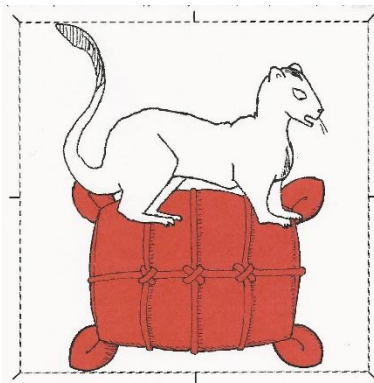
Order of the Portcullis of Caer Mear

The order name is a resubmission of the July 2014 Atlantian return of "Order of the Iron Keep." Unfortunately, this Order name does not fit any of the patterns for order or award names. While a tower is a heraldic charge, a "keep" is not. More importantly, there is a longstanding precedent against the use of "Iron" as a color term or descriptor in Order names.

Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson, Sea Castle Pursuivant

Dreux d'Anjou - Resub Badge

(Fieldless) An ermine statant contourny argent atop a bag of madder gules.



This badge is a resubmission of a badge returned by Laurel in November 2012. “(Fieldless) A billet sable surmounted by a caltrop argent.” This badge was returned for redraw, for having a "barely overall" charge. SENA Appendix I defines overall charges, and states "An overall charge must have a significant portion on the field; a design with a charge that has only a little bit sticking over the edges of an underlying charge is known as "barely overall" and is not registerable." This is a fieldless badge, but the

definition still holds: the caltrop here is largely on the billet, not on the field, and only sticks out a bit on two sides. Given that both charges are fairly compact, it may not be possible to have a depiction in which the caltrop is truly an overall charge.

Consulting Herald: Estienne Le Mons de Anjou, Vexillum Pursuivant

Emelyn Grenville of Devon - Resub Device

Azure, a goose volant bendwise sinister wings addorsed maintaining in its bill a nasturtium argent in sinister chief on a sun Or an annulet azure.



The device is a resubmission of the September 2014 Laurel return of "Azure, a goose volant bendwise sinister wings addorsed maintaining in its bill a flower slipped and leaved argent, in sinister chief on a sun Or an annulet azure." This device was returned for redraw, for violating SENA A2C2 which states "Elements must be drawn to be identifiable." Blazoned on the Letter of Intent as a nasturtium, the flower cannot be readily recognized as such. On resubmission, the submitter should consider omitting the leaves in order to draw a slightly bigger flower.

Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson, Sea Castle Pursuivant

Estienne Le Mons d'Anjou - New Badge

(Fieldless) A fleur-de-lys bendwise vert.



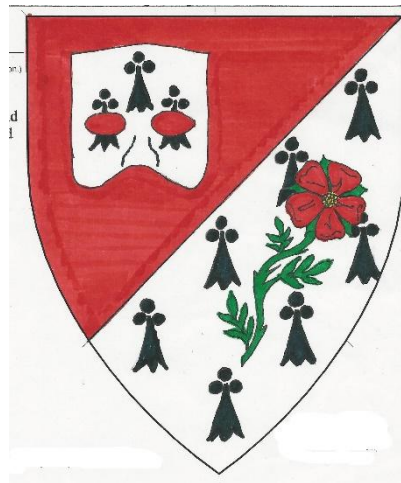
Consulting Herald: Estienne Le Mons de Anjou, Vexillum Pursuivant

Isabela Bouchier de Lovaine - New Name

Consulting Herald: Tankred Bras-de-Fer

Jacob Conrad Muni - New Device Change

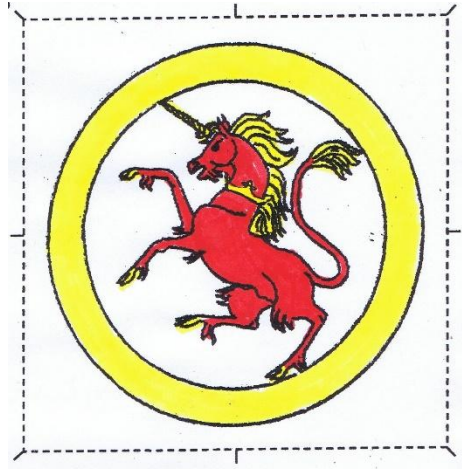
Per bend sinister gules and ermine, a Volto mask ermine and a rose proper.



Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell, Blue Shark Herald/ Bruce Draconarius of Mistholme, Batonvert.

Kalisa Aleksandrovna - New Badge Change

(Fieldless) A unicorn gules armed, crined and gorged of a ducal coronet within and conjoined to an annulet Or.



Old Item: (Fieldless) A unicorn gules armed and crined Or and gorged of a ducal coronet sable within and conjoined to an annulet Or, to be released.

Consulting Herald: Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Metron Ariston

Meadhbh Finglas - New Name & New Device

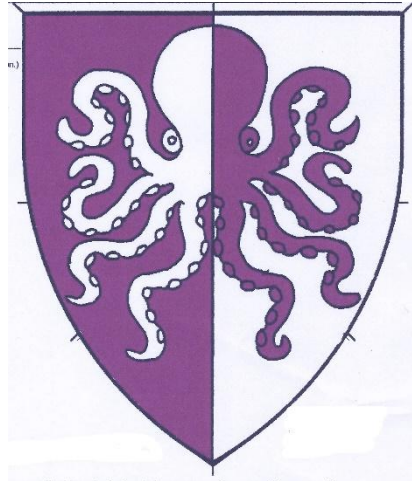
Sable, a horse courant in chief three mullets of four points argent and a ford proper.



Consulting Herald: Maaline Renard, Pursuivant Extraordinary

Niell Mac Nyven - Resub Device

Per pale purpure and argent, a polypus counterchanged.



The device is a resubmission of "Per pale purpure and argent, a polypus counterchanged" that was withdrawn during Laurel commentary from the 9/25/14 Atlantian LoI.

Consulting Herald: Estienne Le Mons de Anjou, Vexillum Pursuivant

Séamus Blaer de Maxwell - New Name (See Returns for Device and Badge)

Consulting Herald: Séamus Blaer de Maxwell

Seraphina Delfino - New Blanket Permission to Conflict

(Fieldless) A natural dolphin haurient per fess purpure and vert

Seraphina Delfino - New Blanket Permission to Conflict

Isabella Delfino

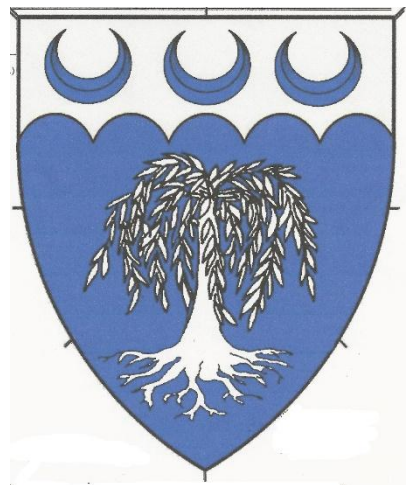
Sofron Corvinus - New Name & New Device

Per pale argent and gules, a chevron and in chief a dragon sable and winged lion combatant argent.



Willow Godfrey - New Device

Azure, a weeping willow eradicated argent and on a chief engrailed three crescents azure.



This device is a resubmission of the July 2014 Atlantian return of "Azure, a weeping willow eradicated argent, and on a chief engrailed three crescents azure." This was returned for redrawing to make the willow more recognizable. Commenters identified it as a mushroom, an umbrella, and a jellyfish - all of which are amusing but not terribly useful to the submitter.

Consulting Herald: Estienne Le Mons de Anjou, Vexillum Pursuivant

Returns

Failenn Chu ingen ui Fháeláin - New Device

Per pale vert and argent, two sea-wolves respectant counterchanged each maintaining a trident sable.



Unfortunately, this submission must be returned again for conflict with a device registered to Rhys ap Morgan, in November 2003 “Per pale vert and argent, two greyhounds combattant counterchanged”. There is one distinct change for greyhounds and seawolves, however there is no difference for the maintain tridents. It was suggested during in kingdom commentary that the submitter could add a complex line of division to clear the conflict. If the submitter wants to make the tridents larger to clear the conflict, others issues such as marshalling and the tridents being color on color could become a problem.

This is a resubmission of the September 2014 Atlantian return of "Per pale vert and argent, two seawolves combatant counterchanged each maintaining a trident sable." This was returned for redrawing of the seawolves and tridents, to have their sizes enlarged. We suggested slightly changing the depiction of the seawolves to make their tails clearly tails rather than wings.

Consulting Herald: Ii Saburou Katsumori, Cornet

Finn Kirkpatrick - New Name

Name withdrawn by submitter.

Rebekkah Samuel - New Badge

(Fieldless) A thistle proper, overall a Star of David azure



The badge submission is being returned for two reasons. First the Start of David is considered barley overall, overall charges must be mostly on the “field”. As per SENA “An overall charge must have a significant portion on the field; a design with a charge that has only a little bit sticking over the edges of an underlying charge is known as "barely overall" and is not registerable.” The second reason is because of contrast issues between green and blue, the Star of David is hard to identify at a distance. SENA states “when a primary charge and an overall charge that overlies it share a tincture or have poor contrast (which will generally be true), the identity of the primary charge and the overall charge must remain clear” Azure and Vert make for very poor contrast.

Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell, Blue Shark Herald

Séamus Blaer de Maxwell - New Device

Argent, on a saltire quadrate sable, a panther couchant guardant argent spotted of diverse tincture.



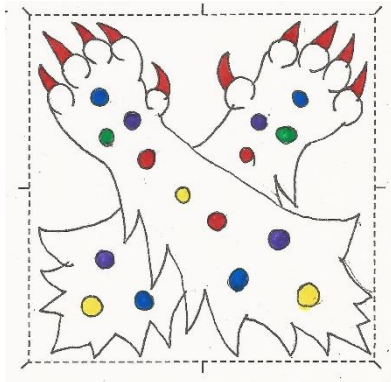
The device must be returned because the posture of the panther is ambiguous as the panther does not appear to be standing up or laying down. The posture could be couchant, statant or passant. SENA states elements must be drawn to be identifiable. While some allowance will be made for lack of artistic skill, the identity of elements must not be ambiguous. Ambiguity can be created when a depiction falls between two states that contribute to difference, such as tincture, posture, or type of charge. We sometimes say

that such a depiction blurs the distinction between the two states, and it may not be registered. Once the posture of the panther is fixed, the device is conflict free as of the decision letter.

Consulting Herald: Séamus Blaer de Maxwell

Séamus Blaer de Maxwell - New Badge

(Fieldless) In saltire, two panther's jambes argent spotted of diverse tinctures.



The badge is being returned for conflict with "*Gules, two dragon's jambes erased in saltire argent*" registered to Wolfgang Neuschel der Grau. There is a distinct change for the fieldless but there is no distinct change between Dragon's jambes and Panther's jambes.

As per the March 2010 LoAR, R- Justin de Leon. Badge. *(Fieldless) In fess a lion's jambe issuant from a sinister wing Or.* This badge is returned for conflict with the badge of Ragnarr ulfheðinn, reblazoned in August 2005 and associated with the name Gregor von Drachenstein, *(Fieldless) In fess a dragon's jambe inverted and conjoined to a dragon's sinister wing Or.* We do not grant difference between bat (dragon) wings and bird wings, nor do we grant difference between a lion's jambe and a dragon's.

Consulting Herald: Séamus Blaer de Maxwell

Somhairle MacCuilcein - New Name

Unfortunately, the name has to be returned because the documentation provided does not prove the name MacCuilcein was used prior to 1650. Surnames of Scotland by George Black suggests that the name is "borrowed into Gaelic with Mac prefixed it becomes Maccuilcein, in Anglicized spelling Macwilkin" Metron Ariston suggested that the name borrowing quite probably occurred as a post-period backformation. Commentors were able to find documentation for the names MacCulkyne and MacQuilkan.

Consulting Herald: Maaline Renard

