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Letter from Star Principal Herald

Greetings Ansteorra!

Happy Gregorian New Year to everyone! Now is the time of year when many of us make resolutions to do better than we did last year in various aspects of our lives. In SCA context, that usually means making it to more practices, displaying more of our arts, volunteering at more events – we all have areas we'd like to improve our efforts. Some of you might even say to yourself, "This year, I'm going to register my name and device." What a wonderful idea! It's certainly an achievable goal, and one you can knock out with help from your local herald.

If you're looking for something a little more service minded, the College of Heralds and Scribes has offices you can apply for. In fact, the office of Armillary Pursuivant is now open for applications. Armillary is responsible for the College of Heralds' library of reference books and traveling around the kingdom to assist with consultation tables – hey this could be just the officer to help you with your New Year's resolution (You bought into my previous paragraph, right?). Applications for Armillary should be sent to Tressure Herald (tressure@ansteorra.org) and Armillary Pursuivant (armillary@ansteorra.org) before the deadline of February 15. The new officer will be announced at the end of February, with the transition to occur in March.

This is also an excellent time of year to work on heraldic projects. Shields, bucklers, tabards, surcotes, banners, honor shields....all manner of things can be decorated with arms and badges. Or perhaps you might make some award insignia for the Crown – there's always a need for well made insignia. You can contact the Insignia Deputy for information on insignia information (see the back of the Black Star for contact information).

Finally, Gulf Wars is quickly approaching. Heralds and heraldic artists are always appreciated at Heralds' Point, and I understand Scribes' Point will be pretty active as well. See the Gulf Wars website for contact information.

Meum cerebrum nocet,

Alden, Star

Ansteorran Heraldry Website

<http://heraldry.ansteorra.org/>

Ansteorran Scribal Website

<http://scribe.ansteorra.org/>

Monthly Deadlines

15th Deadline for Submissions to Asterisk

20th Comments on ILoI of Previous Month due to Retiarius

25th Deadline for articles/letters to Obelisk

Decision Meetings

Jan 12:
Coronation

Feb 9:
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Laurel meeting October 2007

ILoI 2007-05: Comments 2007-08. LoI 2007-07
Laurel meeting November 2007

ILoI 2007-06: No ILoI. No LoI.

ILoI 2007-07: Comments 2007-10. LoI 2007-09
Laurel meeting January 2008

ILOI 2007-08: Comments 2007-11. LOI 2007-10
Laurel meeting February 2008

ILOI 2007-09: Comments 2007-12. LoI 2007-11
Laurel meeting March 2008

ILoI 2007-10: Comment this Gazette.
Decision meeting Dec.

ILoI 2007-11: Comments due next Gazette.
Decision meeting January 2008

ILOI 2007-12: Comments due Ret. 01/20/2008
Decision meeting Feb.

ILOI 2008-01: Comments due Ret. 02/20/2008
Decision meeting March.

Offices Open in the COH

There are several offices coming open for bid in the College of Heralds. The duties and responsibilities of each office can be found in the Administrative Handbook. If you are interested in one of these offices please send your application and a copy of your current membership card to Star and the officer listed.

Here are the offices coming up for bid:

- Armillary Pursuivant (application to Tressure & Armillary)
- Arbalest Pursuivant (application to Obelisk)
- Stellar Scroll Pursuivant (application to Zodiacus & Stellar Scroll)

These are being listed as per regulations listed in the Administrative Handbook.

Due to the turn over in the office of Asterisk and the technical difficulties that office suffered last month, there are no ILOI s in this issue. We will start including them in the February issue. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we work through these difficulties and growing pains!

Hedwig-Obelisk

Court reports are due within two weeks of an event.

ANSTEORRAN COLLEGE OF HERALDS
Annotated Internal Collated Commentary on ILOI 0710

Please find herein the results of the decision meeting held at Winterkingdom on December 8, 2007.
-Emma, Bordure

Unto the Ansteorran College of Heralds does Lady Meraud de Dun Carraig send Greetings.
We are in the process of beta testing a new online commentary system for the Ansteorra College of Heralds. So far we have had a great response. If you are interested in participating all you need to do is register at this web site: <http://hcs.randomcasts.com/>
You can still send commentary directly to me at Retiarius@ansteorra.org.
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Commenters for this issue:

Donnchadh Beag mac Griogair
Emma de Fetherstan (Bordure Herald)
Engenulf de Vienville (Herald to the Shire of Gate's Edge)
Magnus
Maridonna Benvenuti
Gawain of Miskbridge (Green Anchor Herald)
Tostig Logiosophia (Rosenfeld Pursuivant)

COLLATED COMMENTARY ON ILOI 0710

1. Adena Terricksdotter. (Namron) Resubmitted name and device. *Azure, a cameleopard with a bordire rayonny Or.*

Submission History: Name: Returned at kingdom in 3/07 for insufficient documentation/cultural weirdness. Device: *Azure, a camelleopard Or, an orle of flames proper*, returned at kingdom in 3/07 for redraw. The flames are not in orle, since they do not follow the shape of the shield, nor truly in annulo. Furthermore, they are not depicted in an acceptable form.

Maridonna

[Name] While the Adena is her legal name, the name sounds strange to my ears. FWIW, I did find names in Latin spellings that are similar: <Adenna> (a. 943), vol. I, p.19, <Terricus>, 9-11 C., vol I., p. 70, <Tericus>, 10th C., vol. I, p. 70. Morlet, Marie-Therese. Les Noms de Personne sur le Territoire de L'Ancienne Gaule du VI au XII Si.

Gawain

[Name] We found no evidence of "-dotter" being used in English names. As submitted it appears to violate RfS III.1.a. There are a num-

ber of documented suffixes to be found in Reaney's *The Origin of English Surnames*, p.83: "Ecregelesdocter" (1066), "le Revedouc-tur" (1335), "Nicolddoghter" (1381), and "Watdoughter" (1381). All of these forms would be pronounced pretty much the same.
[Device] As redrawn, this should now be registerable, but in the future we'd prefer to see fewer, more regularly drawn rayons. Blazon fu: "Azure, a cameleopard and a bordure rayonny Or."

Magnus

[Name] No conflicts found.

Withycombe s.n. Theodoric has Terricus from 1273 as a given name.

Reaney & Wilson s.n Daughters has Joan Tomdoutter 1379.

The construction is given name plus douter. From these examples Terrickdoutter is a better supported version.

The submission only allows minor changes so this correction may be a problem. Dotter is used in Norwegian and Swedish, not in English. The needed spelling correction can't be

made since a change of language is a major change. So this gets returned.

[Device] No conflicts found but the name problem is enough to return it if not fixed. Camelopard is the correct spelling. The camelopard doesn't have the usual internal details but that outline is unmistakable. This is a large, but acceptable, number of repeats for rayonny. "There was also commentary about whether this rayonny line was drawn with too many and small repeats to be acceptable. Rayonny, because of its design, needs smaller and more frequent repeats than most complex lines of partition. Fifteen repetitions of a complex line down the center of the shield (palewise, bendwise, or the side of a pile) would be marginal or unacceptable for engrailed, embattled, or wavy, but it is more acceptable for rayonny." [Augusto Giuseppe da San Donato, October 2003 LoAR, A-Æthelmearc]
So, are we having barbecued giraffe for feast?

Tostig

[Device] There's no SCA default posture for a cameleopard. Reblazon as "Azure, a cameleopard statant within a bordure rayonny Or." Simple per RfS X.2. No conflicts observed (Beast-Other, Bordure-Uncharged-Long)

College Action:

Name: The submitter has agreed to the language change (major change) and this will be forwarded to Laurel as <Adena Terrickdoutter>.

Device: Forwarded to Laurel reblazoned as "Azure, a camelopard statant within a bordure rayonny Or." The submitter has been advised to draw fewer rayons in the future.

2. Alexander Marcellius. (Glaslyn) New Device.

Name registered 10/03. Gyronny Sable and Or, a wolf rampant argent maintaining a key bendwise sinister within three keys palewise wards to chief reversed gules.

Tostig

[Device] 'Within' applies to orles, tressures and bordures. Reblazon as "Gyronny sable and Or, a wolf rampant maintaining a key bendwise sinister reversed between three keys palewise, wards to chief, reversed gules." With a primary, maintained and secondary

charges on the field, this is not simple armory under RfS X.2. No conflicts observed (Beast-Dog-1-Argent, Key).

Consider identifiability of the keys. It was noted on ANSHRLD in April that the wards, being mostly on the sable portions of the field, may not have sufficient contrast to be identifiable. Since the secondary group has identical charges, an argument could be made that they are identifiable when viewed as a charge group rather than each charge individually.

Magnus

[Device] The actual registered form of the name is Alexander Marcellus.

No conflicts found.

Blazon as: "Gyronny sable and Or, a wolf rampant argent maintaining a key bendwise sinister wards to chief reversed between three keys palewise wards to chief reversed gules."

College Action:

Device: Forwarded to Laurel, reblazoned as "Gyronny sable and Or, a wolf rampant argent maintaining a key bendwise sinister wards to chief reversed between three keys palewise wards to chief reversed gules."

3. Audri de Lyon. (Eldern Hills) New Name.

ASTERISK NOTE: There was no documentation provided for the last name of "de Lyon". I provided what I could find from the SCA and Saint Gabriel website. Please document the entire name and do not include documentation from baby name websites.

Gawain

[Name] Dauzat has an entry for "Lyon" and says it originates "de Lyon".

Magnus

[Name] No conflicts found.

The authenticity request makes no sense. If the submitter wants a Danish name then don't look in French sources.

de Lyon is a fairly common SCA name.

The full citation for report 2904 would be: Academy of St. Gabriel, report 2904, "Instead, we recommend <de Lion> found in the 1446 census, as the byname of a very rich, possibly noble, man. [4] The name of the city is also spelled <Lyon> in this source, so <de Lyon> is

also a reasonable byname."

[4] De/niau, Jean, Les Nomme/es des Habitants de Lyon en 1446 (Lyon: A. Rey, 1930).

College Action:

Name: Forwarded to Laurel, using additional documentation from Asterisk and Magnus.

4. Caitlin inghean Fheichin. (Stargate) New Device. Name registered 11/06. Per pale saltire azure and sable, a lozange argent charged with a horse passant sable.

Tostig

[Device] "...charged with.." applies to a tertiary charge being placed on at least one element of a charge group. Reblazon as "Per saltire azure and sable, on a lozange argent a horse passant sable."

Simple per RfS X.2. A lozange is so frequently voided it is blazoned a mascle, and it can be used like an escutcheon for heraldic display, so this meets the criteria of RfS X.4j(II) -- only a change of tertiary type is needed for a CD. No conflicts observed (Lozange-1, Beast-Horse-1-Sable). Multiple sable beast tertiaries in non-passant/statant postures for 2 CDs.

Gawain

[Device] No one had any idea what "pale" means here. We'd blazon this as "Per saltire azure and sable, on a lozange argent a horse passant sable." There's room to draw both the lozange and the horse a bit larger.

Emma

[Device] Someone remind me if there's a CD between a lozange and a lozange throughout, and how that relates to the field division vêtu? I know there's recent precedents somewhere -- homework!

Tostig

[Device] It's not a Precedent but ... "Vêtu (French for "vested") is a Continental partition of the field, formed by two lines from center chief and two lines from the base point, connecting at the sides of the shield. The partition thus strongly resembles a lozange throughout; and it will conflict with a lozange, all other things being the same. But vêtu differs from this in one respect; In normal usage, only the central part of the field is charged, the vested portions of the field remain uncharged..." (@heralds.westkingdom.org/

templates/fields)

Seems clear of "(Fieldless) A horse passant sable charged on the shoulder with a compass rose argent" (Kingdom of Northshield, Badge [Award of the Palfrey], January 2005). Assuming a vêtu field, there's 1 CD versus fieldless, and 1 CD for removal of the tertiary. No other conflicts observed.(Beast-Horse-Sable-1, Field Division-Vetu)

Magnus

[Device] There is no CD between a lozange and a lozange throughout.

This precedent sums it up:

[Argent vêtu ployé quarterly sable and gules, a cat passant guardant sable] This conflicts with Amber Lang, Vert, on a lozange argent, a cat sejant guardant sable. When comparing armory using a vêtu field with armory using a lozange, the comparison must be made in two ways: as if both pieces of armory used a vêtu field, and as if both pieces of armory used a lozange. If we consider Isabel's armory as the equivalent blazon Quarterly sable and gules, on a lozange ployé throughout argent a cat passant guardant sable, there is one CD from Amber's armory for changing the field, but no difference by RfS X.4.j for changing only the posture of the tertiary charge. There is no difference between a lozange and a lozange ployé, nor is there difference between a lozange and a lozange throughout. [Isabel Margarita de Sotomayor y Pérez de Gerena, November 2002 LoAR, R-Trimaris]

The registered form is Caitilín inghean Fheichín.

Laurel noted in registering this name:

"Submitted as Caitlín inghean Fheichín, the spelling Caitlín is modern and has been declared unregistrable We have changed the name to Caitilín inghean Fheichín in order to register it."

No conflicts found.

College Action:

Device: Forwarded to Laurel. My thanks to the commenters for the precedent searches!

5. Christopher Summerset. (Rosenfeld) Resubmitted Device. Name registered 1/07. Azure, in pale three mullets of four points, two and one, and a tower, all within a double tressure Or.

Submission History: Device: Azure, a bend sin-

ister between a crescent and a tower Or returned at kingdom in 10/06 for conflict with Blair Dubois, Azure, a bend sinister between a cat sejant guardant and a dove close Or.

ASTERISK NOTE: Letter of permission to conflict with Patrick Michael Gordonne, submitter's father, included with forms. Azure, in pale three mullets of four points, two and one, and a crescent, all within a double tressure Or.

Magnus

[Device] Patrick Michael Gordonne for permission to conflict
Name and Device registered December of 1989
No other conflicts found.

College Action:

Device: Forwarded to Laurel.

6. Dailfind inghean ui Ruairc. (Namron) New Name. New Device. *Azure, a cat sejant erect and on a chief engrailed three trefoils vert.*

Magnus

[Name] Dailfind is dated 1156 not 1151.
The source is Donnchadh Ó Corráin, Mavis Cournane, ed., "Annals of the Four Masters, Volume 2" (WWW: CELT: Corpus of Electronic Texts: a project of University College, Cork, Ireland, 1997) [URL: <http://www.ucc.ie/celt/published/G100005B/>]
M1156.24 Dailfhind inghen Bracáin, ben Con Uladh Uí Caoindealbhaín
Nasty typos!
Index of Names in Irish Annals: Ruarcc by Mari Elspeth nic Bryan
<http://www.medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/Masculine/Ruarcc.shtml>
Middle Irish Gaelic (c900-c1200) genitive form: Ruaircc
M907.7 Ruarc, mac Maol Fabhaill, tighearna Cairrge Brachaidhe
M913.5 Ruarc, mac Maoil Brighde, tighearna Muscraige Thíre
No conflicts found.

[Device] No conflicts found.

Emma (Note from Bordure) Both the cat and the chief are argent.

Gawain

[Device] Good to hear! We found no conflict with them either argent or Or.

Tostig

[Device] Reblazon as "Azure, a cat sejant erect, on a chief engrailed argent three trefoils vert."
Simple per RfS X.2. No conflicts observed (Beast-Cat-Sejant-Argent, Chief-Argent-Jagged-Charged)

College Action:

Name: Forwarded to Laurel.

Device: Forwarded to Laurel

7. Elizabeth Seale. (Steppes) New Name. New Device. *Per fess dovetail gules and azure, two wolve's heads erased and a lion couchant argent.*

Maridonna

[Name] Elizabeth – This spelling can be dated to 1571 (Brayshaw) in Talan Gwynek's "Feminine Given Names in A Dictionary of English Surnames" URL: <http://www.sca.org/heraldry/laurel/reaneyAG.html>

Magnus

[Name] No conflict found

[Device] No conflict found

Tostig

[Device] Reblazon as "Per fess dovetailed gules and azure, two wolve's heads erased and a lion couchant argent."
Clear of "Per fess embattled gules and azure, three hawks' heads erased to sinister argent." (Falan Silverhawk, Device, June of 1983 via the West). No CD for the changing the line of division from embattled to dovetailed. I see a CD for change of posture (default vs. contourney) and a second CD for changing type from one of the heads to a beast. X2 doesn't apply to changing types of heads does it?
No other conflicts observed (Beast-Cat-1-Argent-Couchant, Beast-Cat-3 or more, Head-Beast-Dog-Sole/Group Primary, "Per fess" and "gules and azure,"/"azure and gules")

Gawain

[Device] Correcting the spelling and grammar, we get "Per fess dovetailed gules and azure, two wolves' heads erased and a lion couchant argent."

College Action:

Name: Forwarded to Laurel.

Device: Forwarded to Laurel. The submitter is advised to draw the per fess line of division a touch lower in the future, which will likely mean shrinking the lion a bit.

8. Frederic de la Costas. (Gate's Edge) New Name. New Device. *Azure ermined Or a stag trippant argent.*

Gawain

[Name] Would prefer to see this as "Frédéric" like the documentation. The reference supports "la Costa", not "la Costas".

[Device] There needs to be a comma after "Or". Identifiably is improved by arranging the semy charges so they're separate from the deer.

Magnus

[Name] Dauzat, Noms de lieux, page 215 s.n. Costa has La Costa from 1427 as a French place-name. I don't see any support for the plural. Reaney & Wilson s.n. Frederick has Fredericus from 1221 as a given name in a Latinized form. "Since accents were frequently omitted from period French, the name Marie Jose de Champain is also appropriate." [Marie José de Champain, 11/01, A-East] No conflicts found.

[Device] Deer positions have strange names for blazon so conflicts are harder to spot.

Conflict with Colyn MacRuairidh of Rathlin February 2005 (via Atenveldt): "Per bend sinister rayonny purple and Or, a stag courant argent."

[Ingilborg Sigmundardóttir, August 2001 LoAR, R-Caid] "Unfortunately (because these are lovely arms) it appears that there should not be a CD between passant and courant, and thus these arms are in conflict."

Conflict with Gianni Arcieri May of 1998 (via Ansteorra): "Per fess azure and bendy sable and argent, a stag at gaze argent."

[September 2003 LoAR, Trimaris-R] "Chiere wreic Maredudd. Device. Gules chapé ployé vair, a stag statant head elevated argent. Conflict with Gianni Arcieri, Per fess azure and bendy sable and argent, a stag at gaze argent. There is one CD for changing the field. There is no difference between a stag statant head elevated and a stag at gaze (stantant guardant) per RfS X.4.h, which states in pertinent part "changes in the position of the head, for instance, are not significant." Per RfS X.4.g, "Changing the relative positions of

charges in any group placed directly on the field or overall is one clear difference, provided that change is not caused by other changes to the design." Because the argent stag in Gianni's device cannot lie on the bendy sable and argent portion of the field, it is forced to lie in chief. Thus, the change in relative positions of these charges is "caused by other changes to the design" (the change to the field) and thus is not worth difference."

[December 1999 LoAR, Caid-R] "Ciar inghean ui Mhaoldeirg. Device. Per chevron throughout argent and vert, a stag statant at gaze argent. Conflict with Gianni Arcieri, Per fess azure and bendy sable and argent, a stag at gaze argent. There is a single CD for the changes to the field."

Tostig

[Device] Changing from "Azure ermined Or, ..." to "Azure crucily/fleuretty/billey [etc] Or, ..." seems to be clear of conflict. (Tostig goes back to writing "'Ermined' is a 'fur' not a 'seme'" 100 times) Simple per RfS X.2. No conflicts observed (Beast-Deer-Argent/Multicolor/Or)

Consider identifiably. The horns get lost in the B&W rendition. (At first glance it looked like a deer wearing a crown.) Identifiably would improve if the primary charge was larger.

Maridonna

[Name] I found the patronym <Fredric> in <George Fredric> in Names Found in Commercial Documents from Bordeaux, 1470-1520, in the Academy Occitan section. Url: <http://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/french/bordeaux.html>

Also <Frédéric> in French Names from Two Thirteenth Century Chronicles. Url: <http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/arval/crusades/crusadesLieux.html>

It doesn't seem to be a common name in France.

College Action:

Name: Forwarded to Laurel as <Frederic de la Costa> to match the documentation.

Device: Returned for multiple conflicts (see Magnus). Tostig offers a good possible way for a resubmission to clear the current conflicts.

9. Hannibal Beman. (Brad Leah) New Name.

New Device. *Vert, a bee proper and on a chief argent a ship sails furred proper.*

Gawain

[Name] We can't find dated support for the "Bee-" spelling either. The temporal discontinuity between 1283 and 1619 creates a weirdness.

[Device] There seems to be no default coloring for a bee.

Magnus

[Name] Bardsley s.n. Beman has Beman from 1379.

F. K. & S. Hitching, References to English Surnames in 1601 and 1602 (Clearfield Publishing, Baltimore, Maryland, 1998) has page 22 has Beman from 1601 from Wedmore, Somersetshire.

The temporal discontinuity here does not exist and neither does the weirdness.

The Beeman spelling can probably be supported but such detailed research is suitable for consultation rather than the time constraints of commentary.

The OED and a Middle English Dictionary would first have to be consulted.

No conflict found.

[Device] Blazon as: "Vert, a bee proper and on a chief argent a caravel, sails furred, proper."

The ship proper is brown.

A bee proper is tinctured sable and Or, with argent wings.

It seems this definition is rather hard for some to find so here is the reference:

[September 1993 LoAR, A-Ansteorra] "Aideen the Audacious. Badge. (fieldless) A bumblebee fesswise proper. The bee in this submission is tinctured sable and Or, with argent wings. Bees are sometimes blazoned proper in mundane armory (Papworth, p.957), so there must be a defined tincture -- but none of my sources say what that might be. The coloration of this submission, however, is the SCA's most common attempt at "proper"; I shall henceforth adopt it as the Society's definition of a bee proper." No conflict found.

Maridonna

[Device] Hannibal - The London Subsidy Roll 1582 Raw Index at <http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~ahnelson/SUBSIDY/1582r.html> lists a Hanni-

bal Gamon. I don't know if this was the source for Withycombe's entry. I have been unable to find the spelling Beeman he wants.

Tostig

[Device] The bee and the ship are in SCA default postures, but Parker notes under 'Ships' "...When ships are named they should be most scrupulously blazoned, care being especially taken to state the number of masts and top-masts, whether there are any sails(fr. voiles), and if any, whether they are furred or not..." Reblazon as "Vert, a bee proper, on a chief argent a ship of three masts, sails furred, proper."

Despite a complexity of 8 (3 Charges and 5 Tinctures), this is simple per RfS X.2 with only 2 types of charges on the field. No conflicts observed (Arthropod-Bee/Insect-Bee&Wasp). Comments on tincture are under the badge below

College Action:

Name: Forwarded to Laurel.

Device: Forwarded to Laurel.

10. Hannibal Beman. (Brad Leah) New Badge.

(Fieldless) a bee proper.

Donnchadh

[Badge] No conflicts.

Clears the following with one CD for Fieldless, and one for position.

Catriona nic Theàrlaigh

* The following badge associated with this name was registered in December of 2002 (via An Tir):
(Fieldless) A bee statant proper.

Aideen the Audacious

* The following badge associated with this name was registered in September of 1993 (via Ansteorra):
(Fieldless) A bumblebee fesswise proper.

Otto von Schwartzkatz

* The following badge associated with this name was registered in February of 1992 (via the Middle):
(Fieldless) A bumblebee volant bendwise wings addorsed proper.

Tostig

[Badge] Lady Bordure related the tinctures to me

as the wings argent, the head sable, the thorax Or and the abdomen sable and Or.

Also seems clear versus "(Fieldless) A bee Or." (Elizabeth Braidwood, Badge, November of 1998 via An Tir) and "(Fieldless) A honeybee argent." (Sine ní Dheaghaidh, Badge, May of 1998 via Atlantia) with tincture changes for the field and at least half the primary. But ...

Consider versus "(Fieldless) A fly sable winged argent." (Alicia Vespasiana, Badge, August of 1995 via the East). Is there a second CD for either tincture or type change to the primary charge? The change of tincture to the body is about 1/3 the total area of the charge and "Fly" was in the same O&A category (Arthropod-Bee/Insect-Bee&Wasp) as "Bee".

There have been multiple registrations of a bee proper. They are on colored fields (or fieldless) with the exception of "Argent, a chalice Or, upon the dexter lip a honeybee proper." (Melisande de Belvoir, Badge, April of 1976) [Sic] and "Per pale urdy Or and gules, three hearts gules and a bee proper." (Melangell merch Mariot, Device, December of 2004 via Trimaris). The latter implies argent wings and a neutral body. On the other hand, unless the field is misblazoned, the first implies Or wings.

The wings make up 1/3 of the visual weight of the charge. Treating this like changing the tincture of one of three charges in a charge group, I gave a 2nd CD for change of tincture to the wings. Rereading RfS X.4d I was wrong to treat tincture changes like type changes. Consider treating this possible conflict like the "per saltire azure and Or" versus "chevronelly Or and azure" charges from item 2 of the September 07 ILol.

Gawain

[Badge] There seems to be no default coloring for a bee. Versus André Lessarde, reg. 6/80 via the West, "(Fieldless) A legless bee displayed barry sable and Or, winged Or", there's the virtual CD for fieldlessness, but we're not sure there's another for tincture, and also doubt that there's one for the wings: the PicDic says that "winged insects are volant en arriere by default; this posture may also be blazoned simply "volant", and in the SCA is sometimes blazoned "displayed" as well." Looks like this is going to need to have the emblazons compared.

Magnus

[Badge] A bee proper is tinctured sable and Or, with argent wings.

[September 1993 LoAR, A-Ansteorra] "Aideen the Audacious. Badge. (fieldless) A bumblebee fesswise proper. The bee in this submission is tinctured sable and Or, with argent wings. Bees are sometimes blazoned proper in mundane armory (Papworth, p.957), so there must be a defined tincture -- but none of my sources say what that might be. The coloration of this submission, however, is the SCA's most common attempt at "proper"; I shall henceforth adopt it as the Society's definition of a bee proper."

College Action:

Badge: Forwarded to Laurel. Amazingly clear of conflict!

11. Magdalena da Cadamasto.

(Moooneschadowe) New Alternate Name, Magdalena vanden de Heede. Name registered 6/03.

Gawain

[Name] The reference cited for the surname supports "vanden Heede", not the form submitted.

Magnus

[Name] The registered spelling is Magdalena da Cadamasto. No conflict found.

College Action:

Name: Forwarded to Laurel. (The <de> was indeed a typo, not on the form.)

12. William de Molay. (Rosenfeld) Resubmitted Device. Name registered 1/05. *Per bend grady, Or and Gules, in sinister chief a matlet sable.*

Submission History: *Per bend battled embattled gules and Or a martlet sable* returned at kingdom in 10/04 for redraw. The color is now a nice brown, not heraldic red, and the entire form (a printout of a scan of a color print) has faded already. The submission must be on the standard submission form, without changing the shield shape or size. Correct blazon would be *Per bend embattled grady Or and gules, a martlet sable*. Also note that the line of division must start in the exact corner.

Tostig

[Device] The proposed blazon was "Per bend embattled grady Or and gules, in sinister chief a

martlet sable." The placement/arrangement modifier was added to the suggested reblazon from 10/04. Even though it would hinder identifiably by (1) obscuring a complex line of division and (2) having its most notable feature upon a portion of the field with poor contrast, the default placement of a single charge on a neutral field is not forced to the portion of the field with good contrast. Such placement is voluntary.

Given the neutral field, the use of "in chief" in the Wall raven blazon implied the CoH in 98 felt the default placement was in honor point.

Engenulf

[Device] I was intrigued by the depiction of the embattled field division. Having found two such examples they were both blazoned as 'embattled stopped'. Pimbley's Heraldic Dictionary defines it as follows:

The notch in a parapet is called an embrasure, and the intermediate piece of masonry a merlon. When a second and smaller merlon is placed on the first the battlement is said to be stopped.

Gawain

[Device] We wondered why the client chose not to submit this with the blazon suggested in the previous return. (Whether more correct or not, at the very least that one is correctly spelled, punctuated, and capitalized.) We spent some time arguing whether the placing the bird in chief is a forced move. If it's not, there are a couple of possible conflicts.

Serlo of Litchfield, reg. 12/85 via Atenveldt: Gyronny gules and Or, a vulture close sable. Clearly we have a CD for the field, but probably not for martlet vs. vulture in the same posture. Dafydd Wallraven, reg. 6/98 via : Per fess argent and purple masoned argent, in chief a raven close sable. Same count as above.

Magnus

[Device] Blazon as: "Per bend embattled grady Or and gules, in sinister chief a martlet sable." No conflict found.

College Action:

Device: Forwarded to Laurel reblazoned as "Per bend embattled grady Or and gules, in sinister chief a martlet sable."

Fast Track Item for December 2007

The following item was fast-track accepted in December 2007:

1. Karl Thorgeirsson of Wolfstar (Northkeep). Re-submitted Name and Device.

Argent, on a bend sable between two doumbeks proper, four wolf paw prints Or.

Submitter desires a masculine name.

Authenticity NOT requested.

Language (Norse) most important.

<Karl> - Geirr Bassi, p. 12, lists this male given name in the Landnamabok 4 times.

<Thorgeirsson> - Geirr Bassi, p. 16, lists the male given name <Þorgeirr> in the Landnamabok 51 times. The correct patronymic construction would be <Þorgeirsson>. The submitter prefers the spelling with 'Th' instead of 'Þ', if possible.

<of Wolfstar> - House Wolfstar was registered by Laurel in 12/1986.

Previous name submission, <Karl Thorgeirsson>, was returned by Laurel in 12/2006 for aural conflict with <Karl Thorirsson>, registered 02/1988. Adding the phrase <of Wolfstar> should clear this conflict.

Previous device submission, *Argent, on a bend sable, between two wooden drums proper, four pawprints Or*, was returned by Laurel in 12/2006 "for lack of documentation of the style of drum depicted; they are not the standard drums in heraldry, which also led to many commenters being unable to identify them. The drums appear to be Mambo drums. Mambo drums may - or may not - be period, but no documentation was provided so that their acceptability as a charge could be evaluated."

This redesign should hopefully clear up the identifiability issue.

The use of pawprints is a step from period practice.



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