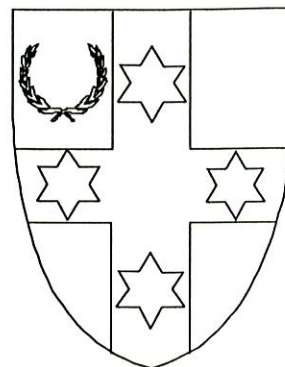


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Unto the College of Heraldry of the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac,
and unto all others who may read this,

Greetings from Lord Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw, Crux Australis Herald!

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Puppy Love

Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson, Hund Herald, has decided it's time he had a holiday. So he's left the country to go gallivanting around the Known World (and other places, too), until late December of this year. As no-one wished the Hund commenting to cease during his absence, I have volunteered to take over those duties in the interim. (Spare time? What's that?) The effect this will have on the Melbourne meetings is detailed under "Meeting Schedule" (p.5). For franchise commenting heralds in other states, please send your comments to me. I will be sending you a letter shortly giving you more information.

So what does this make me? *Crux-Hund*? Certainly not; Master Thorfinn may be absent but his place on the Roster does not change. *Deputy Dawg* has been suggested . . . but *Crux-Puppy* has a certain appeal (woof!).

Roster Changes

Lord Richard de Montfort of Hastings has resigned as P.E. for Mordenvale owing to his move to Rowany. He will remain on the Roster as a P.E. at large. His new address is c/- Michael Hitchens, 12 Mason Street, Parramatta, NSW 2150. A replacement herald for Mordenvale is being organised.

Master Gwynfor Lwyd, Pursuivant at Large, has changed his address: it is now c/- Peter Ryan, 27 Hansen Street, Mt Waverley, VIC 3149. His 'phone number remains as (03) 807 2472. And Lord René du Bon Bois, acting Frette Rouge Pursuivant, has a new residential address also: 4/23 Marlestone Avenue, Ashford, SA 5035. 'Phone (08) 297 2938. Note, however, that Seigneur René's *postal* address has not changed from GPO Box 2719, Adelaide, SA 5001.

Finally, my work telephone number has changed. It is now (03) 632 7299.

Lochac Heraldic Collegium 3

As you will have seen in the July *Pegasus*, Lochac's third Heraldic Collegium is to be held in River Haven on October 5-6. I encourage all heralds who can to attend. Even better, run a class! If you can help in this regard, please contact the Autocrat, Lord Peter the Uncertain, as soon as possible. His address is c/- Peter Volk, 12 Chorlton Street, East Brisbane, QLD 4169. 'Phone (07) 391 5625. Lord Peter advises that the non-heraldic classes are well-organised, and that most of the heraldic strand is covered as well. However, he reports that few, if any, interstate wayfarers have paid (to date).

And yet, there's more: we are hopeful that Master Caoimhin O'Fiodhabhra, Vesper Principal Herald, will be able to attend as well. To do so, however, we (as in Lochac) need to raise approximately one-third of his air-fare (the West is paying US\$300 and Master Caoimhin pays the difference). All donations gratefully accepted! If your local group wishes to contribute (or any individuals, for that matter) please send your cheques (payable to "SCA Inc. Lochac") to the Lochac Exchequer, Mistress Bryony of the Bees (her address is in *Pegasus*). Don't forget to include a cover note! The Crux office has donated \$100 for this purpose.

Laurel Precedents

The following are taken from Lord Laurel's *Letter of Acceptances and Returns* for May AS XXVI. It is by examining decisions such as these that we gain a greater understanding of how the *R/S* are meant to work in practice.

- * The "Bran Canutesson" Decision (or, How Complex is Simple?)

In the April 1991 LoAR, p.2, the badge of Bran Canutesson ([Fieldless] On a mullet of four points argent, a chevron gules) was held not to conflict with Elena des Nachts (Purpure, on a mullet of four points elongated to base argent, a sword inverted gules) with a CVD for fieldlessness and another for changing the type of tertiary per revised X.4.j.ii.(a). X.4.j.ii.(a) grants a CVD for changing the type only of a tertiary on armory consisting of "an ordinary or similarly simple geometric charge alone on the field". There were questions put to me regarding whether a mullet of four points is a "simple geometric charge" for purposes of X.4.j.ii. It has been, and remains, Lord Laurel's belief that mullets of four points, mullets of five points, and possibly mullets of six points, may be considered "simple geometric charges" for the purposes of this rule. (Mind you, I also consider mullets of four, five, and possibly six points to be the outer limit of acceptable complexity to be considered a "simple geometric charge".) Admittedly, this opinion is based on Laurel's early schooling, wherein stars were classified with other "geometric charges" like squares and circles (and parallelograms, oh, my!).

- * *[There is]* a CVD for haurient embowed versus haurient.
- * We have historically registered "'Name' of 'Kingdom'" so long as the given name was not identical to that of one of the rulers of "Kingdom". The only exception Laurel remembers offhand to this is the name Hohenstaufen which name was only used by the ruling family.

- * While there was some discussion . . . regarding the identifiability of the chequy bend sinister which shared a tincture with the field, Laurel believes that an adequate analogy may be found in the precedents permitting countercompony bordures which share a tincture with the field. The key is identifiability: a bend countercompony sharing a tincture with the field would lose its identifiability to an unacceptable degree. A bend chequy does not appear to do so.
- * The College has long granted difference between significantly different lines of division. (Some lines of division such as embattled/raguly/dovetailed, not being significantly different, are granted no difference.)
- * Although derived from the French "le Despencer", Reaney in his The Origin of English Surnames, page 158, notes a son of Hugh le Despencer was called Hugh de Spencer (thirteenth century). Thus, this form of the name should be fine. *[Note here that Lord Laurel is overturning his previous decision of January 1991 when he changed "Benedetta de Spenser" to "Benedetta Despencer" - see February's Camel for details.]*
- * It has been noted before . . . that piles are simple enough that they may be fimbriated. (Though such fimbriation is not encouraged.)
- * There appears to be some very strong feelings that birds should not be registered in quadruped's positions. As a consequence of this attitude (which Laurel has long shared): PRECEDENT: Henceforth, we will not accept rampant birds.
- * . . . we have dropped the epithet as no support was given for the use of a Latin phrase in English epithets.
- * *[There is no difference] between seme of roses and seme of cinquefoils.*

The following precedents are from the *LoAR* for June:

- * Mullets and Estoiles (or, Twinkle, Twinkle, Little "Star")

In the decision on the device of Anna Tuomaantytär von Urwald (East Kingdom), Gyronny sable and argent, a mullet counterchanged, . . . , there was some difference of opinion as to whether it was clear of Hieronymus Dernoma, Gyronny argent and sable, an estoile of seven points argent fimbriated sable. There is clearly one CVD for the tincture of the primary charge. No difference can be granted for merely reversing the tinctures on a gyronny field, so the issue of whether to register or return this proposal fell upon whether or not we are to grant difference between a mullet and an estoile. Lord Batonvert presented ample evidence that the two were considered equivalent throughout our period of study by all heraldic jurisdictions which used both.

While Lord Laurel (a secret sympathizer of the dreaded Authenticity Police) can see much educational and re-creative benefit to doing SCA heraldry in such a way as to most closely follow period heraldry, he honestly believes that there are very few heralds in the Known World who would be willing to look a person submitting a device in the face and tell them that a five pointed star and a six-rayed estoile are the same thing. (I am reminded of the line from "Young Frankenstein": "This could be dangerous. You go first.")

I believe that there are times when the visual reality (the "20th Century visual reality", if you will, but we are dealing with people untrained in any other century for the most part) is so strong as to overcome period heraldic practice, whether it be in granting difference or in permitting none. I also believe this to be one of those instances. Hence this submission is clear

- * Falcons versus Ravens (or, Difference is for the Birds)

In the device submission for Eleonora Vittoria Alberti di Calabria (East Kingdom), Per saltire paly Or and purple, and argent, in fess two falcons close sable, the LoI counted difference versus Corbet (Papworth, p.30), Or, two ravens in fess proper, for type of charge on the grounds that period heralds saw them as different charges. (Both devices have the birds in their default

position, close.) However, in the SCA, we have to take into account, as Lady Dolphin noted, not only "Clear Historical Differences" but "Clear VISUAL Differences". This issue is the flip-side, if you will, of the Estoile/Mullet question. . . . I would have a harder time explaining to a submitter that two birds which look almost exactly alike are really considered to be different heraldically than I would explaining to that same submitter that estoiles and mullets are really alike heraldically. Thank you, no.

- * Principal Herald's may give permission for submitted items to conflict with heraldic items registered to their kingdom, though it is strongly recommended that they consult with the Crown to obtain their consent (whether written or verbal) as well before doing this.
- * *[Name registered is "Olga Forgalwoman"]* Submitted as Olga Forgal's Woman, we have modified the name to follow period practice in forming this sort of byname, which appears not to use the possessive "X's" ("Tomwyf", "Smithwyf", both noted in the LoI). While a number of commenters noted that they would much prefer a form which smacked less of "property", Lord Lanner notes that the OED dates "woman" as meaning "wife" in 1450, so if "wife" is acceptable, so is "woman".
- * . . . sunbursts Or are now considered acceptable charges in SCA heraldry.
- * *[Name registered has form "X of Windsor"]* As the locative is that of a place in England from which a number of people could be, and only comparatively recently adopted as a dynastic name, it is not seen as presumptuous to the ruling family of England.
- * A single 10-year old instance of the prior registration of a "Celtic triquetrum brooch" is not sufficient precedent to demonstrate either its compatibility or reproducibility. *[The submission was returned.]*
- * . . . it is a sentence, not a name. *[It]* would make a nice motto but it is not the name for an order.
- * X.2 (Sufficient Difference) cannot apply between two types of trees.
- * Prior commentary and earlier Laurel precedents have favored limiting the use of fimbriation to ordinaries at the center of the field.
- * There is no heraldic monster called a Kirin. There is a similar Chinese charge called a Ch'ilin (Chinese unicorn), but it doesn't look all that similar to the submission.
- * Previous submissions of ordinaries of mail (a pall, a bend sinister) have been justified on the basis of period examples of ordinaries of chain (most notably Navarre, with a cross, saltire and orle of chain, all conjoined). That analogy does not apply here. One could have a chain fesswise in chief. One could not have a chief of chain.
- * Ship wheels are post-period, not coming into use before the mid-17th century.

Subscriptions, Publications, etc.

The *Camel* is available from the Crux Australis Herald at an annual rate of \$20. Make cheques payable to "S.C.A. College of Herald's."

For those interested, subscriptions to the West Kingdom College of Herald's Minutes are available for US\$15. Send a foreign draft to **West Kingdom College of Herald's, PO Box 1735, West Sacramento, CA 95691, U.S.A.**, made payable to "S.C.A. College of Herald's." These are sent airmail. Note, however, that everything of relevance to Lochac is reprinted in the *Camel*.

And for those *really* keen, subscriptions to the *Laurel Letter of Acceptance and Return* are also available through the Crux Australis Herald. This costs \$20 per annum. Again, everything that is of relevance to Lochac is reprinted in the *Camel* anyway.

The following publications are *normally* all available through Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson: the *West Kingdom Herald's Handbook*, the *S.C.A. Ordinary and Armorial* (plus *Updates* to same) and the *Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry as used in the S.C.A.* However, as Master Thorfinn has left for an extended holiday, these publications are unavailable until his return - in January of next year. If you are in desperate need, please contact me and I will see what we can arrange.

News of Previous Submissions

The *Minutes* of the West Kingdom College of Heraldry for the month of May arrived in Lochac on 11 July. The results pertinent to Lochac are reproduced on p.11. The *Minutes* for June arrived in Lochac on 12 July (!). The single result concerning Lochac submissions follows those of the May meeting.

The Laurel *LoAR* for May arrived in Lochac on 11 July as well. The results concerning Lochac submissions are reproduced on p.13. The Laurel *LoAR* for June arrived in Lochac on 29 July; the results from that letter are reproduced on p.15.

Meeting Schedule

Every month, the Crux Australis Herald holds a meeting to consider the heraldic submissions from around the Principality. These meetings are usually held at 11/58 Edgar Street, Glen Iris, VIC 3146, on Saturday afternoons, beginning at 2.00pm and continuing until we're done. The next meeting will be August 17; after that the scheduled dates are September 14, October 19 and November 16.

The Hund meetings are held weekly, to comment on submissions from around the Known World. These meetings are almost invariably held Monday nights beginning at 8.00pm at the home of the Crux Australis Herald (address above). Regular commentary may also be taking place in Innilgard [Adelaide], Llyn Arian [Lake Macquarie, NSW], River Haven [Brisbane], Ynys Fawr [Hobart], and Arx Draconis [Swan Valley WA]. Contact the relevant local herald for details.

This Month's Submissions

The July meeting of the College of Heraldry in the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac was held on the afternoon of 20 July at the home of the Crux Australis Herald. Present were: Lord Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw, Crux Australis Herald; Viscount Sir Steven Longshanks, Pursuivant at Large; Lord Selwyn Searobyryg, acting Goutte d'Eau Pursuivant; and Lord Pedair na Cluaine Bige, P.E. for Dubh-Thrian.

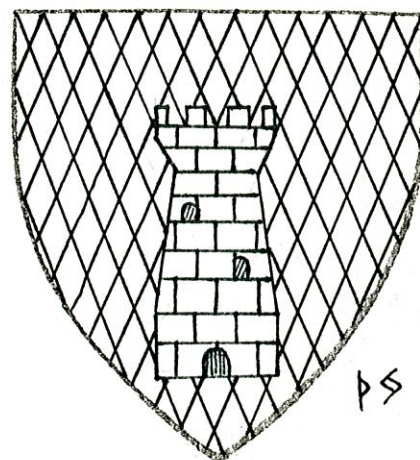
The following conventions are used: *CVD* means a "Clear Visual Difference", as defined in the *Rules for Submissions*, or *RfS*; books cited without further details are in the Bibliography (see p.10).

1. Adelbrecht of Stonekeep (Device "Resubmission"; RETURNED) [Aneala]

Lozengy Or and sable, a tower gules.

Lord Adelbrecht's name was registered in January 1991 - when he lived in the Kingdom of Ansteorra. His previous device submission was returned by the Ansteorran College of Heraldry for complexity. This new device is a complete redesign. Although new to the West Kingdom, we saw no reason why this resubmission should not be considered valid (i.e., we are not charging Lord Adelbrecht for this submission).

Unfortunately this submission, simple and elegant as it is, is in conflict with many devices that can be found in Papworth - for example, the arms of Kinsey, *Argent, a tower gules* (p.364). There is only one CVD for the change of field. His first alternate, changing the *lozengy* to *vair*, does not change the problem. His other alternates were too vague to act on. We will make suggestions to the submitter for what should be an acceptable design.



The lozenges should be drawn much bigger.

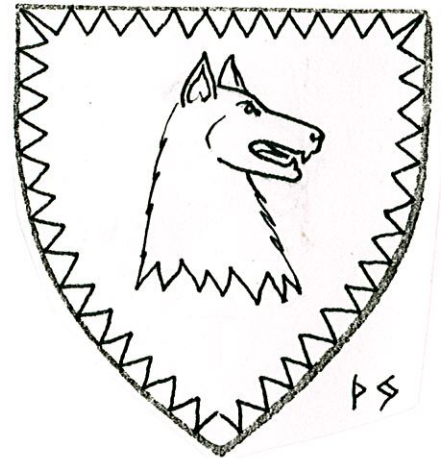
Consulting Herald: David de Saxby

2. Aldric of Wolfden (New Device; SUBMITTED) [Parvus Portus]

Sable, a wolf's head contourny erased within a bordure indented argent.

The submitter's name was registered in May 1991. This new device appears free of conflict. The bordure must be drawn *much* larger with far fewer indentations; the "pinking shears" style of heraldic art is very out-of-period.

Consulting Herald: None listed.



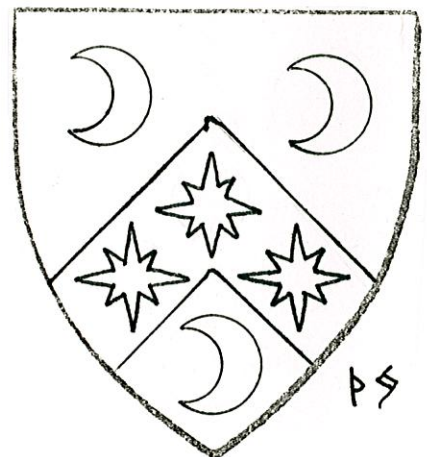
3. Aylwin Greymane (Device Resubmission to Laurel; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard]

Azure, on a chevron between three crescents argent, three compass stars azure.

Lord Aylwin's name was registered in July 1990. His most recent attempt at device registration was returned by Crux Australis in February 1991 for mundane conflict. This redesign finally seems clear of conflict; against the arms of Roberts, *Azure on a chevron argent three mullets azure* (Papworth p.488) there is a CVD for adding the crescents and there should be another for changing the type of the tertiaries (as per revised X.4.j.ii.(b) - go on, look it up!). Traditionally, compass stars are worth a point of difference from normal mullets of five points.

This design is in fact classic heraldic style and simply beautiful.

Consulting Herald: Gerald Swinford.



4. Crisiant Dreigben (New Name; SUBMITTED) [Aneala]

The name is Welsh. *Crisiant* is documented from *A Book of Welsh Names* by T.R. Davies (Sheppard Press, London), p.14, as meaning "crystal" and dated to the 12th Century. *Dreigben* is documented from *A National Dictionary of the Welsh Language* by W. Owen Pughe (3rd Ed., Thomas Gee, Denbigh, 1866), p.637, as meaning "the dragon's head". (Copies of all documentation were attached.) I'm willing to bet that the grammar of the epithet will need to be modified, Welsh being the language that it is, but those changes have been permitted.

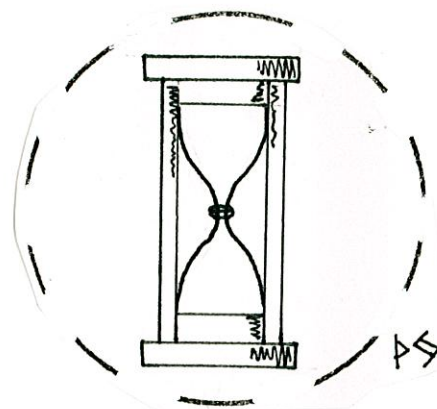
Consulting Herald: None listed.

5. Gareth Greystone (New Badge; SUBMITTED) [Dubh-Thrian]

[Fieldless] An hourglass, wooded proper, glassed argent.

Lord Gareth's name (and device) was registered in June 1990. Now he wants a badge as well. Sigh. Well, it seems free of conflict, and at least it is fairly classic badge style.

Consulting Herald: the submitter.



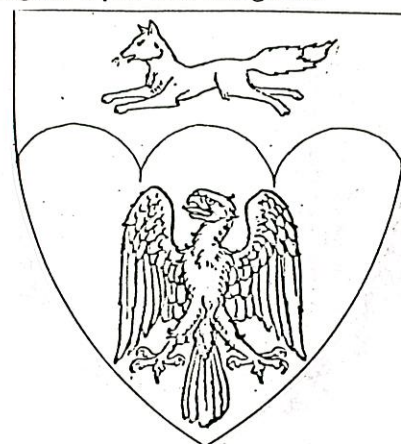
6. Geneivyeve des Champs (New Name and Device; both SUBMITTED) [Stormhold]

Azure, an eagle displayed, wings inverted, Or, and on a chief engrailed argent a fox courant gules.

The name is French. *Genevieve* can be found in Withycombe, p.127, as a name derived from Gaulish. "St. Geneviève, born c.422 at Nanterre, is the patron saint of Paris, and the name is a favourite one in France." The submitter's spelling is a bit doubtful; while the *i-y* swap is fairly common, adding the extra *i* is dubious. Still, it may be OK, and she has permitted corrections to normalise it if necessary. *des Champs* should be the correct French for "of the fields".

The device seems free of conflict.

Consulting Herald: Pedair na Cluaine Bige.

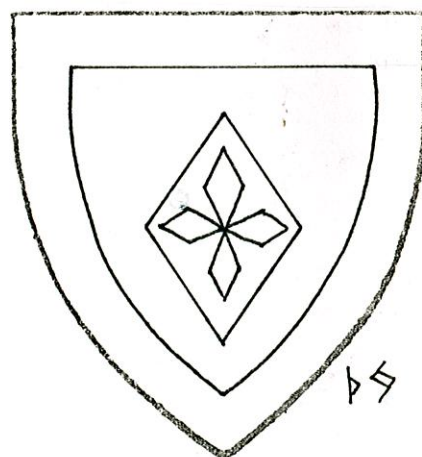


7. Guimora Peveral of Scopasheall (Device Resubmission to Laurel; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard]

Or, on a lozenge sable, a cross of four lozenges Or, a bordure sable.

This gentle's name was registered in June 1990. Her most recent device submission, the same as this one but without the bordure, was returned by Laurel in March 1991 for conflict with the arms of Custance: *Or, a rustre sable* (Papworth, p.973). There was only one CVD, for changing the "tertiaries" (a rustre can be legally blazoned as "a lozenge charged with a roundel of the field"; *rustre* is really just a short-hand way of saying this). Adding the bordure clears this conflict, and although similar to many other devices, it should be clear of all of them.

Consulting Herald: René du Bon Bois.



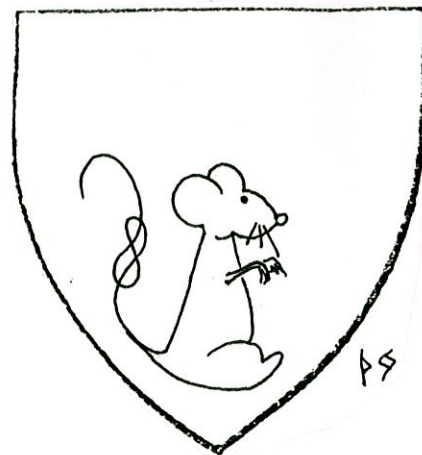
8. Keridwen the Mouse (Device Resubmission to Principality; SUBMITTED) [Parvus Portus]

Gules, in base a mouse sejant erect to sinister, its tail nowed, argent.

Viscountess Keridwen's name was registered in June 1991. Her previous device submission was returned by Crux Australis in September 1990 for non-period style. This design is a dramatic simplification and is quite elegant - or would be if the mouse weren't drawn so "cartoony". Whilst we

didn't feel that it was sufficient cause for return, the submitter is advised to use a more period model than Mickey. *Real* mice don't have round ears!

Consulting Herald: Gwynfor Lwyd.

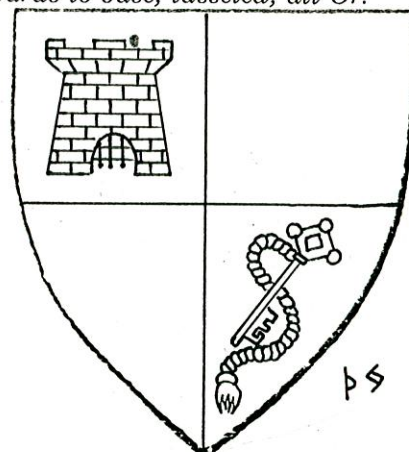


**9. Liduina de Kasteelen van Valkenburg
SUBMITTED) [Aneala]**

(New Name and Device; both

Quarterly vert and azure, in bend a tower and a key, bendwise-sinister, wards to base, tasseled, all Or.

The name is Dutch. *Liduina* dates back to the 14th Century, according to the documentation supplied by the submitter (*Woordenboek van Voornamen*, by Dr. J. van der Schaar; Uitgeverij Het Spectrum, Antwerpen, 1981; p.201) (this is another book you can add to my Christmas list) and means "friend of the folk". *de Kasteelen* is apparently the submitter's maiden name; although we couldn't document it, it's probably Spanish in origin, meaning "of the castle". *Valkenburg* is an 11th Century castle in Holland, near the border with Belgium. We believe *van* to be the correct Dutch for "from". We hope that it's all correct because the submitter has permitted no changes.



The device seems free of problems, although several people commented that "she must want to be seneschal". *Please* do not use metallic paints when colouring in device submissions - unless held to the light correctly, they generally appear black. And frankly, it's just not worth it - save it for the real scrolls, not these administrative requirements!

Consulting Herald: David de Saxby.

10. Little Brúsi of Dragon Vale

(New Device; SUBMITTED) [Stormhold]

Sable, three dragons volant in annulo Or.

Lord Brúsi's name was submitted to Vesper last month. The design of this device seems OK, and free of conflict, but the dragons have been portrayed in a very "naturalistic" way. Remember, heraldic charges are almost always "flat" and stylised. The submitter is strongly urged to depict the dragons in a more conventional manner in future.

Consulting Herald: none listed.

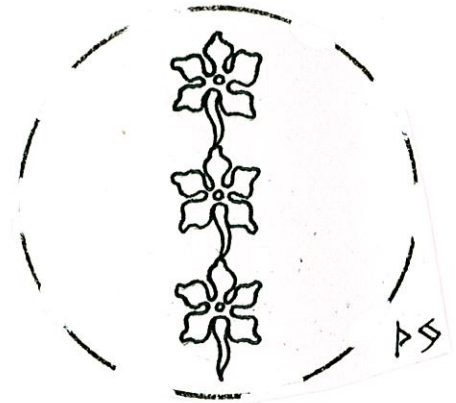


11. Lochac, Principality of (New Badge; SUBMITTED) [Lochac]

[Fieldless] Three cinquefoils conjoined in pale argent.

Their Highnesses, Reynardine and Éibhleann, have informed me that they are in the process of implementing a new award for the Principality. This badge will be the symbol of the new award; further details are not available at this time. It seems free of conflict.

Consulting Herald: Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw.



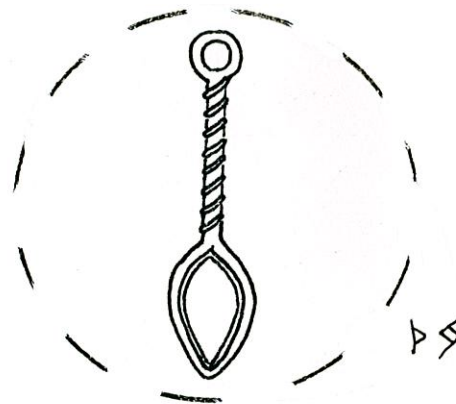
12. Lochac, Principality of - Order of the Iron Spoon Kingdom; SUBMITTED) [Lochac]

(Badge Resubmission to

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see p. 14
The name of the Principality cooking award was registered in March 1988. This badge was returned by Vesper in December 1987 for visual conflict with the registered device of Katheryn Lansbury: *Vert, on a lute sable, fimbriated, a Catherine wheel Or* (January 1974). Under the *RfS* in use at that time, there was no difference granted for fieldless badges. Under the current *RfS*, however, there is a CVD for removing the field and another for removing the tertiary.

There may be a visual conflict with [Fieldless] *A besom sable* (Emrys Eustance Boreyne, August 1989). A *besom* is a broom. We looked up the original emblazon of this badge, as submitted to Laurel, and felt that the differences were obvious enough so as not to be a problem.

Consulting Herald: Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw.



13. Lochac, Principality of (Lochac Order of Grace) (New Badge; SUBMITTED) [Lochac]

Gules, a hind courant Or between three mullets of six points argent.

This badge is worn by those in the Principality who have been awarded the Lochac Order of Grace. We are not attempting to register the name of the Order, as it is fairly generic and unlikely to be confused with other Order names.

The badge is very close to the arms of Davidson: *Gules, a stag trippant Or* (Papworth, p.59). There is a CVD for adding the mullets, but is changing the position of the legs from *trippant* to *courant* worth another? My belief is yes, mainly because in November 1989 Laurel registered the device of Deirdre O'Siodhachain: *Gules, a stag courant within a bordure embattled argent*. For this device to have been clear of the arms of Cor, *Gules a stag trippant argent* (Papworth, p.59), there must have been a CVD granted for the change in position. Although Laurel made no specific comment, it was noted as being granted clear under both the old and the new *RfS* being used at the time. In any case, *trippant* is very similar to *statant*, and there should normally be a CVD between *statant* and *courant*.

Similarly, it should be clear of the SCA badge *Gules, an ibex statant Or, its sinister foreleg raised and entangled in the slide of a sackbutt bendwise sinister, bell to base, argent* (Lysander Keislovitch, March 1980).



Consulting Heralds: Conachar MacAlpin and Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw.

14. Wolfgang of Transylvania (Change of Holding Name; SUBMITTED) [Aneala]

Lord Wolfgang is currently known as *Wolfgang of Aneala*. That holding name was assigned to him by Laurel in March 1991, as his submitted name, *Wolfgang Travaal*, could not be documented in any language known in period (or even out of period).

This new submission should be free of problems. No famous historical Wolfgangs were ever closely associated with Transylvania that we know of.

Consulting Heralds: David de Saxby and Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw.

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September Reports

Yes, it's that time of year again. Group heralds, your reports for the four months ending August AS XXVI (1991) are due now. If some of you are thinking "but I only just wrote a report" that's because there were many, many late May reports! What a good opportunity to catch up!

Trivia

I would like to reproduce a poem that Seigneur René du Bon Bois brought to my attention. I feel that it needs a wider audience than just those lucky few who receive the *Innilgard Irregular*:

Herald is my name of old,
From which my metier may be told.
Aneas Sylvius later on related
How the heralds were incorporated
Many years before to go on missions
Visiting Princes and men of high position,
And freely passing every frontier.
To the heralds one should reverence bear,
Give them gifts and jewels and courtly clothing,
Fortify them in their lordly living,
Guide them safely and defend them,
Strictly punish whoso'er offend them.

Hans Guldenmundt, c.1550

(*Aneas Sylvius* is better known today as Pope Pius II.)

Another monthly letter draws to a close. I must apologise for any current and future delays; with the assumption of the Hund duties, I have to balance my available time a bit more carefully. And September Coronet is coming up awful fast . . . [sigh].

As always, I remain yours in Service

DECION

Lord Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw



Deepest thanks as always to Thrainn ("Not more bleeding eagles"), Gareth ("How many do you need this time?"), and Cassandra ("I like putting things in envelopes - really")

The following submissions were considered by Lord Vesper at his meeting of 12 May AS XXVI (1991) and were SUBMITTED for registration:

1. Aidan of Sicily (St. Christina's)

new name and device

Vert, two daggers in saltire Or, a base of flame proper.

"Aidan" can be found in Withycombe, page 7, deriving from the Old Irish "aid", fire. It was the name of a seventh century monk of Lindisfarne. "Sicily" was called "Sicily" in period according to Webster's Geographical Dictionary, page 1041. The original submission was Vert, two daggers in saltire argent, a base of flame proper. This was found to be in conflict with the 17th Ghurka division: Vert, two Kukris in saltire argent., Military Ordinary, Entry #1255D. A Kukri is a type of dagger and does not receive difference from other types of daggers. One CVD was given for adding the base of flames. The first and second alternatives were turning the daggers proper and the flames Or. These changes did not clear it from the conflict. This submission is the third alternative. Consulting herald: Aidan of Sicily.

2. Alfar of Attica (Rowany)

new name and device

Per chevron sable and gules, three mullets one and two Or, and a sword proper.

"Alfar" is a variant of "Alfarr", found on page 13, or of "Alfr" on page 14, of Lind's Norsk-Islandska Dopnamn. "Attica" is the ancient Greek state of which Athens is the major city, according to Webster's Geographical Dictionary, page 80. The Varangian guard ranged all through Byzantium, so there is a significant contact between Norse and Greek cultures. The device appears to be free of conflict. Consulting heralds: Richard de la Croix and Gabriella Okehorn.

3. Austyn of Forrestgate (Blessed Herman the Cripple)

new name and device

Per chevron sable and gules, three crescents in pall inverted, horns outward Or.

"Austyn" is found on page 37 of Withycombe's Oxford Dictionary of English Christian Names. "Forrestgate" is a town in England on the edge of the Hanault forest according to the submitter. We could not find this town, but feel that this is a reasonably constructed placename. The device is close to the badge of Maurya Etain Sableswan: (Fieldless) Three crescents conjoined in pall horns outward Or. There is one CVD for fielded to fieldless, whether there is a second CVD for the 60° rotation is unclear by the rules and precedents, so it is being sent to Laurel for ruling. Consulting herald: René du Bon Bois.

6. Daniel the Willing (River Haven)

new name

"Daniel" was popular in the 12th and 13th centuries according to Withycombe, page 78. "The Willing" is common English, though willing for what remains unstated. Consulting herald: Giles Leabrook.

9. Eric Alard (Innilgard)

device resubmission to Laurel

Azure, on a bend argent, between a mullet of four points pierced Or, and three rustres argent, a sword azure.

His name was registered in November, 1990. At that time his device, essentially the same but without the sword, was returned for conflict with Benton: Azure, a bend argent. Only one CVD is given for the addition of secondaries. The addition of the sword has achieved the needed difference. Consulting herald: René du Bon Bois.

13. Hadassah bat Yisrael (Llyn Arian)

correction of name

Crux Australis was kind enough to point out to me that what I had sent on as Hassadah bat Yisrael was submitted as "Hadassah bat Yisrael". "Hadassah" is a variant of "Esther", found in Withycombe, page 107. "bat" is Hebrew for "daughter of". "Yisrael" is a variant spelling of the Hebrew name "Israel". As the submitter is from Lochac, she is probably as unaware of the American Jewish Womens Organization Hadassah, as I was, before this name was submitted.

14. Iain James MacLaren (Rowany)

new name and device

Azure, a sword inverted bendwise sinister between a decrescent and an increscent all within a bordure embattled argent.

"Iain" is one of the standard variants of "Ian" or "John"; it is listed under John on page 179 of Withycombe. "James" is a biblical name. "MacLaren" is a Gaelic surname derived from "son of Lawrence". Various period spellings include McLaran and McLaurent. The device seems to be heavily influenced by Caid, but seems free of conflicts. Consulting herald: Richard de la Croix.

17. Isaac of Damascus (St. Christina's)

new name and device

Purple, two swords in saltire argent, in base a cauldron Or.

"Isaac" is a biblical name, dated to 1207 in Withycombe, page 167. "Damascus" is a currently thought to be the oldest continuous city in the world. It is situated in the country currently known as Syria. While the pot is theoretically full of gold, only three coins were showing above the rim, so it is blazoned as a cauldron and the wealth is left to artistic license. Consulting herald: Aidan of Sicily.

19. Martin Chaucer (St. Christina's)

new name only

Martin is dated to 1253, Withycombe, page 210. Chaucer is the surname of the famous English writer/poet Geoffrey Chaucer who lived in the 14th century. Chaucer is not a protected name, in case anyone asks. Consulting herald: Robert the Innocent.

23. Riccardo della Torre d'Avorio (Adesse Draco)

new name only

"Riccardo" is one of the Italian versions of "Richard." The submitter has supplied a photocopy of page 489 from some unidentified book listing a short biography of "Riccardo di San Bonifazio." "della Torre d'Avorio" is supposed to translate to "of the Ivory Tower". While we will welcome help on the grammar of the name, we believe this to be correct. Consulting herald: Wulfstan of Broxton.

29. Susanna of Nottingham (Rowany)

new name, see RETURNS for device

I enjoyed Crux Australis's documentation of the name so much I chose to quote it as verbatim as my equipment will allow.

"Susanna" is Hebrew for "lily" and can be dated in use in England (with this spelling) to 1200 AD (Withycombe, p. 273.)

"Nottingham", famous for its forest full of anti-socials, is also an English city dating back to at least the 9th century. Originally named "Snotengaham", "the village of Snot's people" - Snot being a name in the Domesday Book, Anglo-Saxon for "wise". The dropping of the S- was apparently due to Norman influence, and one can hardly blame them. If you don't believe me, look it up in Ekwall, p.345, or Reaney's OoEPN, p.199. Consulting herald: Richard de la Croix.

30. William of Wakefield (Innilgard)

new name and device

Per pale Or and gules, on a chevron between three crosses formy, two crosses formy, all counterchanged.

"William" is, among other things, the name of the King who commissioned the Domesday Boke. "Wakefield" is a borough in North England, scene of a relatively famous battle during the War of the Roses, according to the Geographical Dictionary, page 1233. Consulting heralds: William of Wakefield and René du Bon Bois.

The following submission was considered by Lord Vesper at his meeting of 12 May AS XXVI (1991) and was RETURNED to the submitter for further consultation:

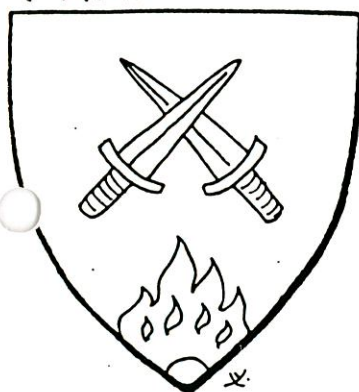
Susanna of Nottingham (Rowany)

new device, name sent to Laurel

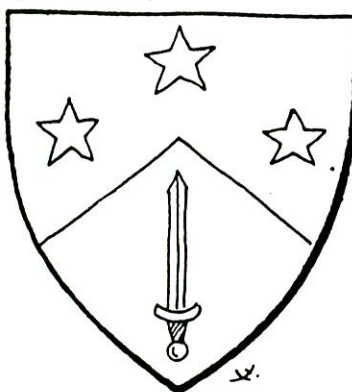
Sable, two eagles passant regardant addorsed, wings displayed inverted, and a rose argent.

This device was sent on with a question from Crux Australis as to whether or not these eagles were worth a CVD from a plain old eagle displayed. The answer is no, they are not. That being the case this submission is in conflict with Barantine: Sable, three eagles displayed argent. Papworth, page 326. You cannot get more than one CVD for changes to one-third of the charges. The three alternatives consisted of changing first the eagles, then the rose, then both to Or. These permutations conflicted with either the first called conflict or that of a related family, Dru de Barantine: Sable, three eagles displayed argent. Papworth, page 326. Consulting herald: Richard de la Croix.

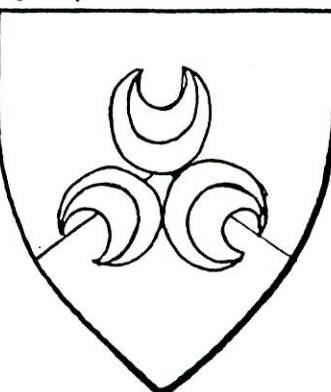
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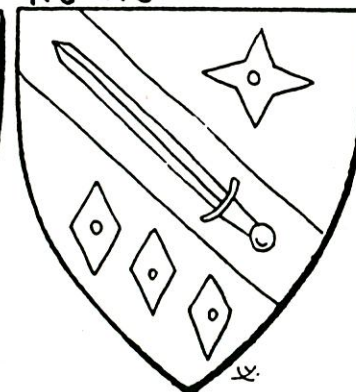
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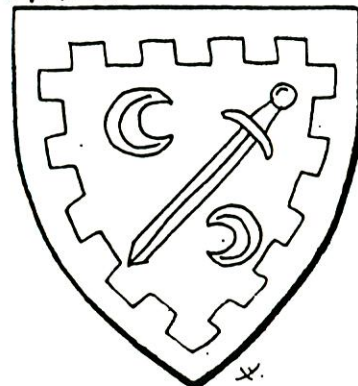
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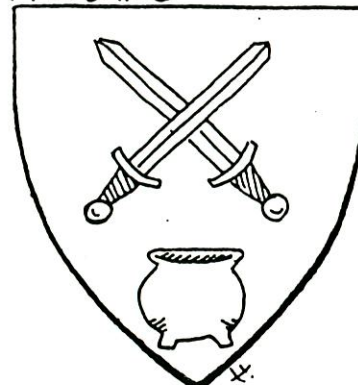
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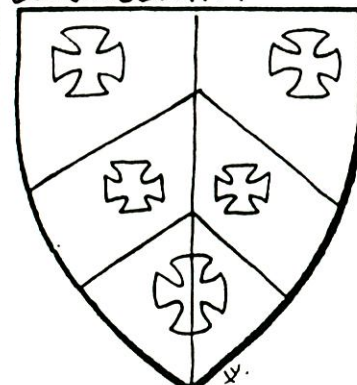
14. IAIN



17. ISAAC



30. WILLIAM



The following submission was HELD for further consultation with the submitter by Lord Vesper at his meeting of 2 June AS XXVI (1991):

Robert Robare the Rhos (River Haven)

name, device, and badge held
administrative hold

Those of you who were at the meeting may remember that we spent a great deal of time deciding if the letter of response to Latimer's letter of return was an appeal, and decided to send it on. The next day, while talking with Mistress Alison von Markheim, she mentioned that she had spoken with the submitter at great length, and that the letter was not an appeal. She has requested that we pull this submission until she has had a chance to finish consulting with the submitter. We happily accede to this request. Consulting herald: Alison von Markheim.

The following submissions were REGISTERED by Lord Laurel at his meeting of May 18 AS XXVI (1991):

Aldric of Wolfdan. Name.

Baldwin the Wanderer. Name.

Bess Haddon of York. Name and device. Gyronny azure and argent, on each gyron a quatrefoil counterchanged.

Clear of Melianne de Avignon (SCA), Gyronny argent and azure, crusilly counterchanged. There is a CVD for the type of charge and a CVD for their arrangement on the field. Melianne's is definitely a seme, with crosses overlying the lines of division and cut off by the edge of the shield. Versus Ragnar Kaupmadr, Gyronny, azure and argent, eight drinking horns in annulo, mouths to center, counterchanged, registered elsewhere in this LoAR, X.2. applies.

Juan de la Gard. Name and device. Argent, a chevron rompu purple between two fleurs-de-lys vert and a stag lodged sable.

Talbot of Oakdale. Name and device. Azure, four oak leaves conjoined in saltire argent within an orle Or charged in cross with four hurts.

This would have been better with twice as many hurts.

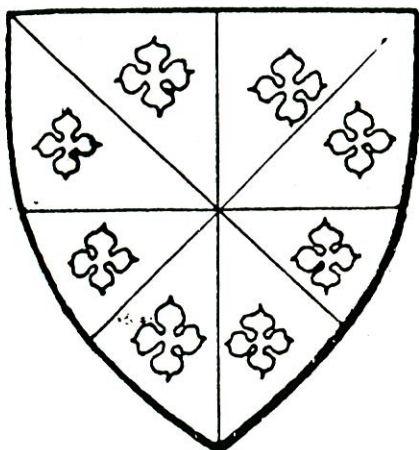
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The following submission was RETURNED by Lord Laurel at his meeting of May 18 AS XXVI (1991):

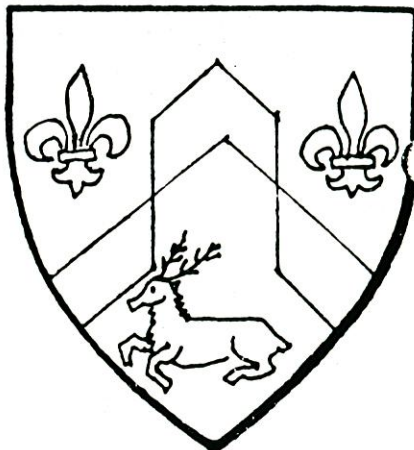
Elzbieta od Siedleccki. Name.

The form of locative submitted is masculine. The name should be either Elzbieta Siedleccka or Elzbieta a Siedlce. Since the submitter allowed no changes, we were forced to return the name.

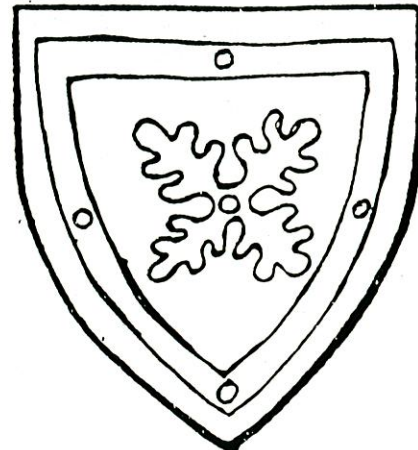
4. Bess



12. Juan



20. Talbot



The following corrections to previous registrations were issued by Lord Laurel in his Errata letter of June 14 AS XXVI (1991):

Alaine Bartholomieu Lorenz. Change of blazon.

While the text of the blazon needs no correction, the correction should have been listed under the client's new name, rather than the one he changed from, Alaine de Rue Vert of Dragon Vale.

Corrections to the Armorial and Ordinary

Andrew MacKay. Device. Sable, mulletty pierced, an eagle striking, wings elevated and addorsed, argent, armed Or, in chief a decrescent argent.

On the LoAR (11/89) the blazon had the tincture of the eagle before mentioning the wings.

Elizabeth Saint Clair. Device. Vert, two goblets in fess between three mullets of eight points Or.

The LoAR (11/89) had the three mullets in fess.

Fenwood Knoll, College of. Device. Vert, an annulet Or surmounted by a crane statant in its vigilance to sinister, wings displayed, argent, in chief two laurel wreaths Or.

On the LoAR (6/90), the position of the wings was accidentally left out of the blazon.

Gad Waldbär. Badge. Azure, a winged arrow fesswise, point to dexter, wings elevated and addorsed, argent.

The LoAR (11/89) left off the arrow's tincture.

Huette Aliza von und zu Ahrens un Mechthildberg. Device. Purpure, a dragon with the head and wings of an eagle couchant, wings addorsed, Or.

The LoAR (01/85) blazoned the wings as "displayed and addorsed", a good trick if you can do it. [Don't!]

* Order of the Iron Spoon: the blazon for this badge is "[Fieldless] A wrought iron spoon palewise, bowl to base, sable." So much for proof-reading.

A typesetter's life is not an easy one. Use this space to doodle in!

The following submissions were REGISTERED by Lord Laurel at his meeting of June 22 AS XXVI (1991):

Aoife ní Fhaoileáin. Name and device. Per pale sable and argent, two owls counterchanged.

Submitted as Aoife ní Faoileáin, we have modified the name to correct the grammar.

Ater of Sarum. Name and device. Per chevron gules and argent, two horses combattant and a tree eradicated counterchanged.

Submitted as Atar of Sarum, we have modified the name because Atar is the name of a Zoroastrian god, and is also Elvish for "father" (The Silmarillion, p. 356). We have therefore substituted the documented Biblical name as the submitter's forms allowed.

Craig Eideard MacGhille Aindraís. Device. Sable, on a saltire engrailed Or, a mullet sable, in base a lion dormant argent.

Versus Truwill (Papworth, p. 1082), Sable, on a saltire engrailed Or, a pellet, the substantial change to type of the tertiary on this device meets the conditions of X.4.j.ii.b. for granting a CVD.

Gerald Swinford. Name and device. Argent, in pale three seaboars naiant gules, a bordure wavy azure.

Gryffon du Lac. Name and device. Per pale Or and sable, two griffins combattant counterchanged, and a point pointed barry wavy azure and argent.

Gunnric Mac Alpin. Name.

Gytha Halfdan. Device. Argent, a dragon's head couped gules within a bordure indented vert.

Hadassah bat Yisrael. Name and device. Or, a Star of David gules between three eagles displayed sable.

Although submitted on the LoI as Hassadah bat Yisrael, the registered form is what was on the submission forms.

Helewise of Lewes. Name.

Henry of Yeovil. Name and device. Azure, on a bend sinister between two arrows bendwise sinister argent, three towers palewise sable.

Hieronymus de Hansworst. Device. Sable, a frog salient to sinister argent.

James Ericsson. Badge. [Fieldless] A stirrup Or, leathered azure.

Jean le Montebank. Device. Quarterly vert and gules, a goblet between four roundels Or.

Versus Myrod (Papworth, p. 1052), Vert, five bezants in saltire, there is one CVD for the field, and another for the primary charge, the goblet.

Louisa Lyppard de Cattone. Name and device. Per pale argent and sable, two unicorn's heads couped respectant counterchanged, on a point pointed gules a flame proper.

Melangell de Bretagne. Name.

Miriam Galbraith. Name change from Miriam Galbraith of the Green Flame.

Morag Ruadh. Name and device. Argent, a raven gules, on a chief azure two crescents argent.

Keridwen the Mouse. Name.

Ormr Ragnarsson. Name and device. Azure, mullety, two bars argent between three dragons couchant to sinister, wings elevated, Or.

Submitted as Ormr Ragnarsson af Stenen, no documentation was included for either the translation or the correctness of the grammar of the locative.

Owen Lloyd Hywel. Name change from Nygell y Baedd Gwylt.

Richard de la Croix. Badge. [Fieldless] A demi-unicorn rampant sable issuant from a Maltese cross gules.

Richard of Dunheved. Name and device. Per pale ermine and gules, a winged lion rampant regardant, wings displayed, within a bordure all counterchanged.

Particularly on such relatively simple armory as this, addition of wings, prominently emblazoned, to the primary charge should count for a Clear Visual Difference.

Roland Löfjählm. Name and device. Argent, on a tree proper, a phoenix Or, in chief a halberd fesswise reversed and inverted sable.

Romille de Mont Blanc. Name.

Saraid na Stoirme. Device change. Purpure, goutty d'eau, a chief invected argent.

Her currently registered device, Purpure, six gouttes and a chief invected argent, is released.

Sasha Vladimir Obolenskij. Name and device. Per bend sinister azure and sable, a mullet of four points bendwise, elongated to dexter chief argent.

Somharile Findlayson. Name.

Stafngrimr of Agaricus. Holding name and device (see RETURNS for name). Sable, on a demi-sun issuant from a base or, a phoenix issuant from base gules.

Submitted as Stafngrimmr Axdelve. Laurel would be happier if the edge of the sun were curved a little more pronouncedly, so that looks less like "per fess rayonny enarched".

Tegen Meanbh. Name.

This name was registered at the May 1991 Laurel meeting.

Thorfinn Hrolfsson. Release of badge. [Fieldless] A demi-lion issuant from the lower half of a fleur-de-lys azure, maintaining a thorn rune sable.

Yseult de Lacy. Name only (see RETURNS for device).

The following submissions were RETURNED by Lord Laurel at his meeting of June 22 AS XXVI (1991):

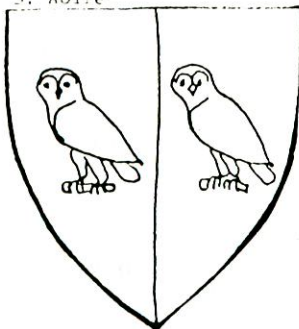
Stafngrimmr Axdelve. Name.

Stafngrimr should not have two "m"s; it does change the pronunciation. Axdelve as a constructed name is not formed according to a documented pattern and does not particularly make sense in this construction.

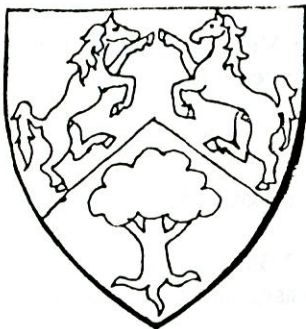
Yseult de Lacy. Device. Azure, two bottle-nosed dolphins urinant respectant tails crossed argent, environing an estoile Or.

Although the dolphins were blazoned as the primary charge, standard blazon practice would put the estoile first. (This is clearer if you think of adding an annulet argent instead of the two dolphins.) Thus this is in conflict with Duffin (Papworth, p. 694), Azure, an estoile Or, with only one CVD for the addition of the dolphins.

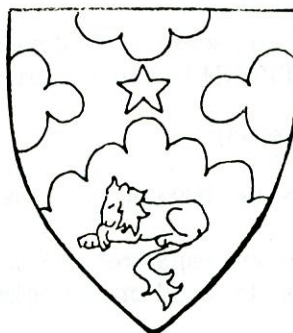
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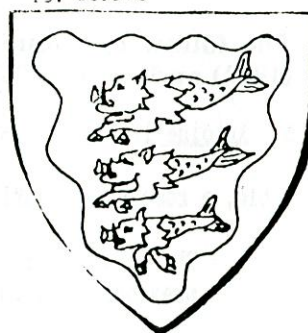
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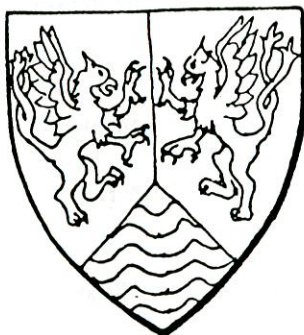
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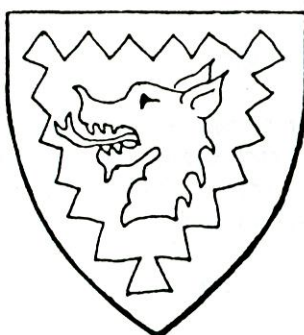
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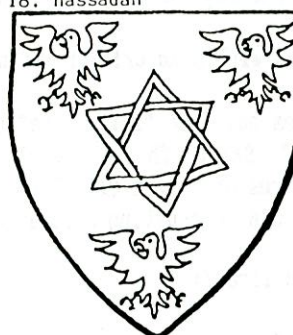
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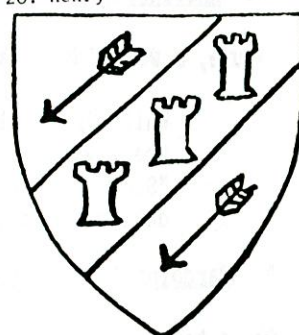
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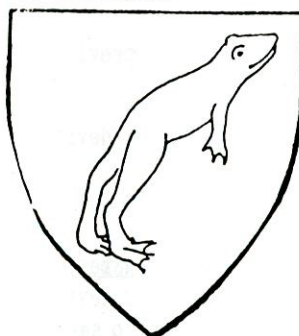
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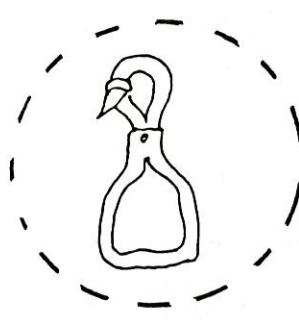
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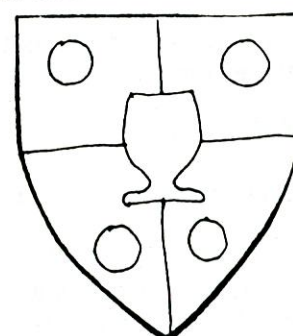
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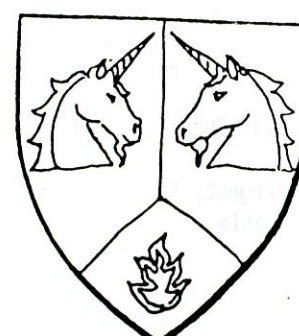
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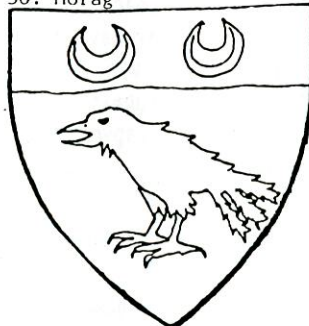
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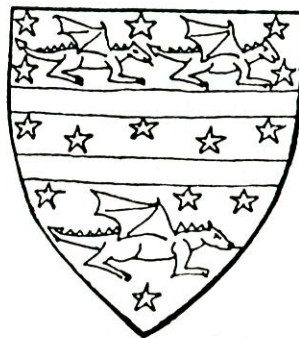
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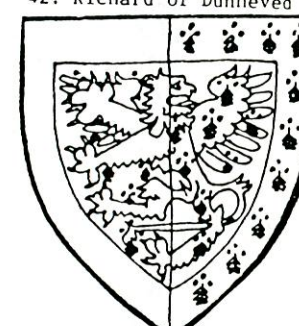
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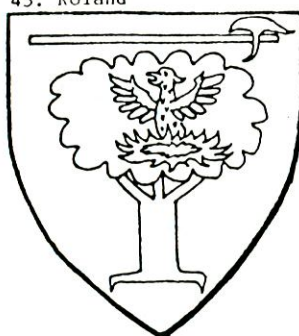
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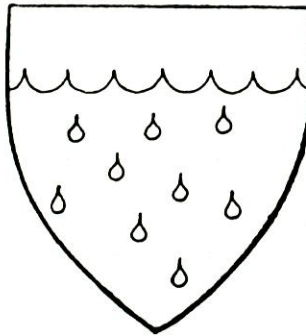
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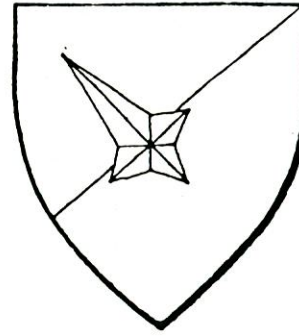
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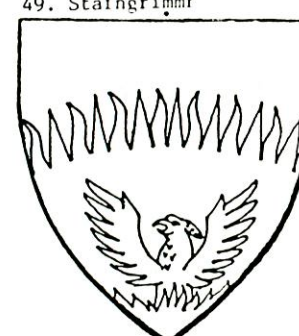
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The following corrections to previous registrations were issued by Lord Laurel in his Errata letter of July 16 AS XXVI (1991):

Corrections to the September 1989 LoAR

Kilic ibn Sungur ibn al-Kazganci al-Turhani. Device. Sable, a sheaf of five swords argent within an orle Or.

The LoAR called it a shief of arrows and accidentally turned the orle into a bordure.

Corrections to the Armorial and Ordinary

Antonia d'Alessandria. Badge. Azure, an owl close, holding in its talons a tuft of wool, pendant therefrom a drop spindle argent.

The blazoned "pendant from hangs a drop spindle" really didn't make much sense.

Arianna of Wyntrope. Device. Per saltire Or and vert, a masle counterchanged within a bordure sable.

These are her new arms, registered April 1989.

Brid nic Shéarlais. Badge. Azure, four deer's hoofprints in cross, heels to center, argent.

This entry accidentally dropped the "é" from the patronymic.

Morgan MacLain o Loch Cairlinn.

The entry listed as Morgan MacLain o Loch Cairlinn is in error -- the "I" should be an "L".