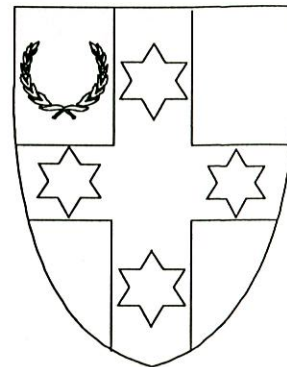


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Unto the College of Heraldry of the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac,
and unto all others who may read this,

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

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Roster Changes

The incipient Canton of Hawksreach, in Rowany, has been generously given a new chance at life. Their new herald is Lord Richard de Montfort of Hastings [Michael Hitchens], 12 Mason Street, Parramatta, NSW 2150. He is rostered as P.E. for the canton.

As many of you will be aware, we lately have an immigrant to Lochac: Mistress Berengaria de Montfort of Carcassonne, who comes to us from the Central West. She is also a herald, and has been (re)rostered as a Pursuivant at Large: [Jeanne Stapleton], GPO Box 3009, Canberra, ACT 2601. Mistress Berengaria intends to hold Hund franchise commenting meetings in Politarchopolis and Rowany; please contact her or the relevant local heralds for further details.

After putting it off for far too long, Lady Morag Freyser finally sat down and completed the P.E. test. As she passed by a comfortable margin, I have no hesitation in promoting her to Pursuivant Extraordinary at Large. She can be contacted c/- Helen Whitchurch, 22/18 Currie Crescent, Kingston, ACT 2604. Welcome at last, my lady!

September Reports

The following groups have yet to provide a report for the past trimester: Agaricus; Dismal Fogs; Mordenvale; Politarchopolis; River Haven; Rowany; Ynys Fawr. These reports are now very late; please correct this situation as soon as possible.

Vesper's Visit and Other Goodies

Well, Master Caiomhin o Fiodhabhra, Vesper Principal Herald, indicated that he enjoyed his trip immensely, and hopes to return if when Lochac hosts Purgatorio . . . generally, he says that he thinks highly of the Lochac heralds (and the non-heralds, too). And our beer isn't too bad either, apparently.

Lord Vesper gifted the Crux office with new research material: the latest edition of the *SCA Armorial and Ordinary*, current to April AS XXV (1991) (no updates!); and a copy of the *Combined Armorial Volume I*, a collection of small mundane armorials that are difficult to get individually, all formatted in the same way as the SCA Ordinaries. These works will make it much easier for us to catch conflicts at the local level, rather than have to wait until they get to Kingdom or even Laurel level.

Many of you may be wondering how you can lay your hands on these "little" gems. Well, Vesper indicated that I should distribute them as widely as possible, provided I only charge the basic production and postage costs. Well, I'd say about \$20 will cover that nicely; and if you can arrange to hand-collect them, you can have them for free ('cause the copying is free, thanks to the industriousness of Lord Gareth Greystone and his - err - generous employer). If the postage is substantially less than \$20 I'll refund the difference, and announce the revised rate in a future issue.

No doubt Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson will arrange to take over distribution when he returns from his travels; I also know that he will have copies of *Updates 7 & 8* of the *SCA A&O* available then as well. (In case you don't want to go "all the way" with the new updated edition.)

And in addition to all that, the Crux office has managed to get hold of facsimile copies of rare name research material: *Nombres Propios Españoles*, by Francisca Arana de Love (Editorial Vosgos, Barcelona, 1982): all about Spanish names, with an index and alphabetical section - unfortunately, in Spanish. But that's what dictionaries are for. And, *Romano Lavo-Lil, Word-Book of the Romany, or, English Gypsy Language*, by George Borrow (Alan Sutton, Gloucester, 1982) (originally published in 1874). More a general dictionary than a book on names, it also has articles on Gypsy life and the lyrics to some Gypsy songs.

News of Previous Submissions

The *Minutes* of the West Kingdom College of Heraldry for August 1991 were hand-delivered on 10 October. The results relevant to Lochac are reproduced beginning on p.8.

The Laurel *Letter of Acceptances and Returns* for August 1991 was received in Lochac on 7 October. No Western submissions were considered at that meeting, but Lord Laurel did issue some corrections to previous registrations, which are reproduced on p.10.

Laurel Precedents

The following are reproduced from the August *LoAR*. It is by examining decisions such as these that we gain a greater understanding of the *R/S* and how they are meant to work in practice.

- * It may be that not every name in Withycombe is documented as well as it should be as a given name in Period. . . . Lord Laurel is, however, extremely reluctant to start going through all of our standard names sources making lists of exceptions, which lists will never be as widely distributed as the source books are.
- * Lord Laurel still has serious doubts as to the propriety of registering a name this close to a well known book title, whether or not that title is actually copyrighted, but the weight of the commentary from the rest of the College overrides his feelings in this matter. [*The name in question was "Award of the Dragon's Flight".*]

- * ... Lord Laurel still believes that fangs, broken or otherwise, are not particularly identifiable.
- * It is Lord Laurel's considered opinion that an ermine spot should be considered a single charge, and so this does not fall under the ban on fieldless charges consisting of disconnected charges.
- * ... we have no evidence that multi-coloured diminutives of ordinaries were ever used in Period.
- * A couple of commenters questioned whether bison were known to Europeans in Period ... *[there is]* a Spanish book printed in 1560 which has a very large drawing of what is quite clearly an American bison.
- * ... submissions with annulets or orles of alternating charges have been returned in the past as not being Period style.
- * Under a precedent set by Master William von Schlüssel in the LOAR of March 22, 1988, charges may not be gyronny of more than eight.
- * Wavy crested as a line of division has not been allowed for years.
- * Kolatch, as has been said by so many so often for so long and, apparently, so fruitlessly, is not, repeat NOT, an acceptable source for names. *[Kolatch is the author of one or two books of name origins where his "research" is either seriously flawed or completely bogus.]*
- * Changing the tincture of the topmost of three charges one and two is insufficient for a CVD. *[Note that if the charges are **two and one**, changing the tincture of the **bottommost** of them is worth a CVD!]*
- * It should be noted that cotises follow the line of the ordinary they flank by default. When they do not (for example, a fess wavy cotised plain), it must be specifically blazoned.
- * Several commenters questioned whether there was any documentation for cotising multiple ordinaries. Without such documentation we are hesitant to introduce yet another post-Period practice into SCA Heraldry.

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 Heraldry."

For those interested, subscriptions to the West Kingdom College of Heraldry Minutes are available for US\$15. Send a foreign draft to **West Kingdom College of Heraldry, PO Box 1735, West Sacramento, CA 95691, U.S.A.**, made payable to "S.C.A. College of Heraldry." 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 Heraldry 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.

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 November 16; after that the scheduled dates are December 14, January 18 and February 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, SA], Llyn Arian [Lake Macquarie, NSW], River Haven [Brisbane, QLD], Ynys Fawr [Hobart, TAS], Arx Draconis [Swan Valley, WA], and now Politarchopolis [Canberra, ACT] and/or Rowany [Sydney, NSW]. Contact the relevant local herald for details.

This Month's Submissions

The October meeting of the College of Heraldry in the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac was held on the afternoon of 12 October at the home of the Crux Australis Herald. Present were: Master Caiomhin o Fiodhabhra, Vesper Herald; Lord Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw, Crux Australis Herald; Mistress Berengaria de Montfort of Carcassonne, Viscountess Rhyllian of Starfire Retreat and Viscount Sir Styvyn Longshanks, Pursuivants at Large; Lord Selwyn Searobyryg, acting Goutte d'Eau Pursuivant; Lord Pedair na Cluaine Bige, P.E. for Dubh-Thrian; Lady Morag Freyser, P.E. at Large; Thomas Flamanc of Kelsale, acting P.E. for St. Monica; and visitors Lord Duncan MacAlpin Shieldsbane and Baroness Viviana de Castelloza. A good time was had by all.

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.7).

1. Adelbrecht of Stonekeep (Device Resubmission to Kingdom; SUBMITTED) [Aneala]

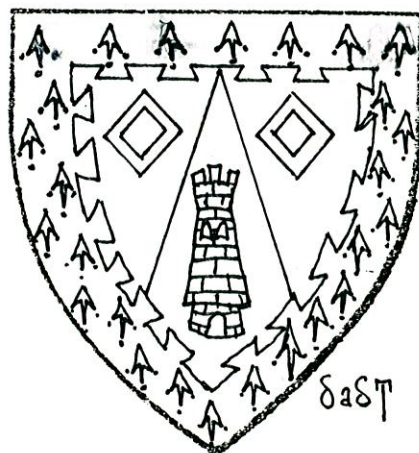
Or, on a pile inverted between in chief two mascles azure, a tower Or, all within a bordure dovetailed pean.

Lord Adelbrecht's name was registered in January 1991. His previous device submission was returned by Crux Australis in July 1991, for mundane conflict. This is a complete redesign.

This new device is very complex, with three tinctures and four charges (five if you count the ermine spots), but not illegally so. It would have been better if the bordure did not have the complex line (it didn't seem to need it to avoid conflict), or indeed no bordure at all.

The submitter is advised to not draw the ermine spots overlapping the edge of the bordure, as the outline is broken up by them (indeed, fewer ermine spots would not be a bad idea).

Consulting Herald: None listed.



2. Dana of the Green (New Name; SUBMITTED)

[Innilgard]

This was submitted as *Lyradana of the Green*. The submitter is quite willing to admit that the name is made up, and copious documentation was provided to show that the elements of the name were known in period. However, *Lyra* can only be documented as a *surname* in period (it was used as a *given* name in the 19th Century). *Dana* is Irish, as found in O'C&M, p.70; although not specifically documented as period, it derives from the name *Ana*, the Irish goddess of abundance. Although *Lyradana* certainly *sounds* like it ought to be a name, that is not documentation, and we could not justify the construction in even vague terms. The submitter did not permit any spelling or grammatical corrections, but did permit the alternate *Dana*. *of the Green* is of course an English epithet, presumably as in "from the (village) green".

Consulting Herald: René du Bon Bois.

3. Elisabeth Courtenay (New Name; SUBMITTED)

[Blessed Herman]

The name is English. *Elisabeth* is dated to 1483 with this spelling, in Withycombe, pp.99-100. It is from the Hebrew *Elisheba*, "My God (is) satisfaction"; it became immensely popular in England after

the reign of Elizabeth Tudor. *Courtenay* is found in Foster, p.56, dated to 1299; Reaney's DoBS dates it earlier still and notes it derives from a locative based on the French town of Courtenay. Although the Courtenays were a very influential French royal family, and had important relatives in England, the name doesn't seem to be exclusive to them, and none were named Elisabeth that we know of. The submitter is to be congratulated for choosing such a simple and elegant period name.

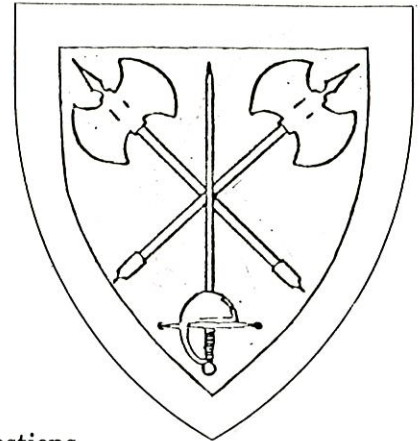
Consulting Herald: Tako Jiro.

4. Estaban de Villahermosa de Guzman de Talavera de la Reine
(New Name and Device; both SUBMITTED)

[Stormhold]

Or, two double-bitted axes in saltire, overall a rapier, all within a bordure gules.

The name is Spanish. Documentation was provided showing that both *Villahermosa* and *Talavera de la Reine* were Spanish towns in period, and that *de Guzmán* was a period Spanish family name. No documentation was provided, and we could not locate any ourselves, for *Estaban*, although we're pretty sure it's a Spanish form of *Stephen*.



Frankly, we haven't the foggiest idea whether this is a validly constructed Spanish name or not. It uses two locatives separated by a family name, and has a given name that we could not document at all. I was strongly tempted to return it, but Lord Vesper suggested that I forward it to Kingdom anyway, as they have access to much better sources on Spanish and Spanish names than we do. And far be it from me to lightly disregard his suggestions

The rather lovely device seems free of problems.

Consulting Herald: Pedair na Cluaine Bige.

5. Isabella di Montefeltro (New Name; SUBMITTED)

[St. Monica]

The name is Italian. *Isabella* is found in Withycombe, p.164, as a variant of *Elizabeth* that was used in many European countries; this spelling is dated to 1379 in England, was used in Spain and France and there's no reason to assume the Italians wouldn't have had it as well. *di Montefeltro* is a locative from the Italian place of the same name; the Montefeltri were made Counts of the area in 1154, according to the documentation supplied by the submitter. It could be argued that the name could be considered presumptive; however, we regularly register names in the form of *X of York*, for example, without worrying about presumptive claims, so I don't see why this should be a problem.

Consulting Herald: Selwyn Searobyrig.

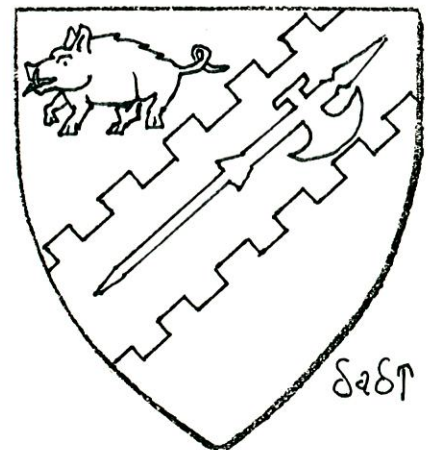
6. Ragnar Magnússon (New Name and Device; both SUBMITTED)

[Mordenvale]

Gules, on a bend sinister bretesse argent, a poleaxe sable, in chief a boar passant argent.

This gentle has often previously been known as *Ragnar Jotunson*. The name is Norse, of course; *Ragnarr* is found in Bassi, p.14; dropping the extra "r" is a common variant. *Magnús* is in Bassi, p.13, and adding the *-son* is the standard Norse patronymic formation (i.e., Ragnar, son of Magnús).

The device appears free of conflict. Although visually reminiscent of the device of Robert Gordon of Ravensbrook (*Purpure, on a bend sinister between two boar's heads argent, a cross-crosslet fitchy sable*), there are in fact 4 CVDs between the two designs (I'll leave it as an exercise for the reader to count them).



[Note: "bretesse" is the term used when a double-sided ordinary is embattled on both edges so that the "teeth" line up; if the "teeth" are "out-of-sync", the term used is "embattled counter-embattled".]

Consulting Herald: Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw.

7. Rhianwen ni Dhiarmada (Device Resubmission to Laurel; SUBMITTED) [Aneala]

Sable, a demi-unicorn rampant Or, crined argent.

Her Highness' name was registered in June 1988. Her previous device submission, *Sable, a unicorn rampant Or, armed and crined argent*, was returned by Vesper in October 1989 for conflict. She has decided to chop off half and throw it away, and the result appears to be free of conflict. It is in fact delightfully simple and elegant.

Consulting Herald: None listed.

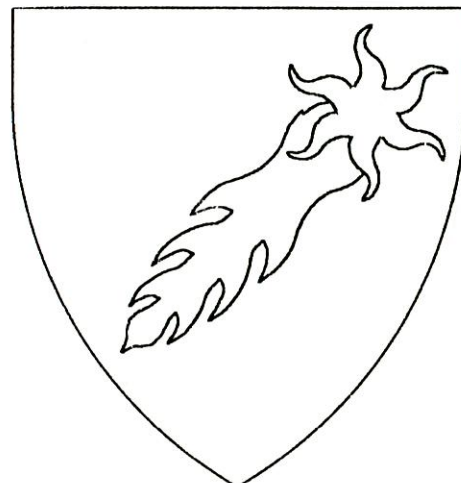


8. Styvyn Longshanks (Change of Holding Name and Change of Device; both SUBMITTED) [Stormhold]

Gules, a comet rising in bend sinister argent.

Viscount Sir Styvyn's current holding name ("Steven Longshanks") was given by Laurel in January 1988 to register his first device, as his submitted name, *Styvren*, could not be justified by the then-Queen of Arms as a valid variant of *Steven*.

Withycombe, p.273, documents *Stevyn* to 1450. Furthermore, the submitter has provided documentation from *The Story of English*, by McCrum, Cran & MacNeil (Faber & Faber, London 1986) showing that vowels in England mutated depending on where and when you were. For example, on pp.78-79 it states:



... the original vowel sound, short or long, represented by the Old English *y*, sounded different in different parts of the country. In the North and East ... the short vowel sound became roughly like that represented by modern English *i*, as in *kin*. In Kent ... it became the sound represented by *e*, as in *merry*. In the West Country, it became the sound represented by *oo* as in *mood*, but in those days spelt *u*. The same word at the same period in Middle English was therefore spelt differently in different parts of the country. Old English for "kin", *cyn*, for example, could be *kyn*, *ken*, or *kun*.

There seems no reason to assume that these spelling and pronunciation variants of *words* couldn't just as easily be applied to *names*. Hence the mutation of *Ste-* to *Sty-*.

And since he's gone to all this trouble, he's decided to change his device *again* (this is number four), despite his promise last time that he wouldn't. His excuse is that the *RfS*, Laurel, Vesper and Crux Australis have all changed in the meantime. He forgets that we have looong memories. The good thing is that they keep getting better. This one appears free of conflict; if registered, his current device, *Gules, a comet bendwise sinister and in dexter chief three scarpes argent*, will be released.

Consulting Herald: Styvyn Longshanks (as if you couldn't guess).

9. Taliesin O'Parc (New Name and Device; both SUBMITTED)

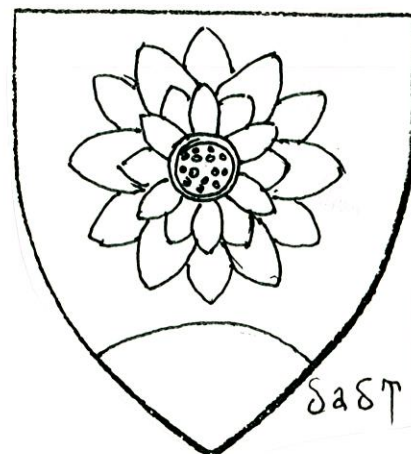
[Innilgard]

Azure, a lotus flower affronte and a base enarched argent.

The name is Welsh. *Taliesin* can be found in *First Names*, p.406, as a masculine Welsh name meaning "radiant brow" and was the name of a 6th Century Welsh poet. As the submitter is female, we hope that she is aware of the gender of her name. The submitter claims that *O'Parc* is Welsh for "of the park"; we are highly dubious that this is the case, but lack the resources to verify it. The submitter has given permission for the necessary grammatical fixes, however, so we are forwarding it on to Kingdom where the appropriate corrections can be made.

The device appears free of problems.

Consulting Herald: Kenelm de la Dale.



10. Thomas Flamanc of Kelsale

(Change of Registered Name; SUBMITTED)

[St. Monica]

This gentle's current name, *Thomas the Troubadour*, was registered in January 1991. *Flamanc* can be found in *Reaney's DoBS*, p.130, as a variant of *Fleming* dating to 1219. *Kelsale* is a town in Suffolk and is mentioned in the *Domesday Boke* (although not with this modernised spelling), according to the documentation provided by the submitter.

Consulting Herald: Thomas Flamanc of Kelsale.

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Miscellany

I'd like to close this month's issue with a "Little Saying" from *Romano Lavo-Lil*, "A Book of the Gypsy":

*If foky kek jins bute,
Mà sal at lende;
For sore mush jins chomany
That tute kek jins.*

*Whatever ignorance men may show,
From none disdainful turn;
For every one doth something know
Which you have yet to learn.*

I remain yours in Service,

Decion

Lord Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw
Crux Australis Herald



The usual thanks go to Gareth and Cassandra, for tea and biscuits

The following Lochac submissions were considered by Lord Vesper at his meeting of 11 August AS XXVI (1991) and were SUBMITTED to Lord Laurel for registration:

1) Aldric of Wolfden

name registered, device

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

His name was registered on the May 1991 LoAR.

9) Crisiant Dreigben (Aneala)

name

Crisiant can be found in Gruffudd, p. 25, dated to 1125. *Dreigben* is in Pughe's *National Dictionary*, Third Edition, p. 637. It is a Welsh name that means *dragon's head*. A similarly constructed name is *Pendragon*. Consulting herald: None listed.

13) Gareth Greystone (Dubh-Thrian)

name registered, badge

(fieldless) An hourglass argent, framed of wood proper.

His name was registered on the June 1990 LoAR. The blazon follows the form given in several mundane devices featuring hourglasses. Consulting herald: Gareth Greystone.

15) Genevieve des Champs (Stormhold)

name

Originally submitted as *Genevieve des Champs*, we could find no justification for the odd spelling of *Genevieve*. The submitter claimed the spelling to be in Withycombe, p. 127. We did not find *Genevieve* in the location cited, but we did find the *Genevieve* and *Geneviève*. She allowed the alternate *Genevieve*, claiming the *y* switch to be common in French. We find it common at the beginning of names i.e. *Isabeau***Ysabeau*, but do not find supporting evidence for an internal switch. She did allow minor changes to the grammar and spelling of her name, thus we submit the French version from Withycombe to match the surname. In our little Cassells French*English dictionary, *des Champs* translates to *of the fields*. Consulting herald: Pedair ni Cluaine Bige.

17) Guimora Peverel of Scopasheall (Innilgard)

name registered, device resubmission

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

Her name was registered on the June 1990 LoAR. Consulting herald: Rene du Bon Bois.

18) Liduina de Kasteelen van Valkenburg (Aneala)

name, see RETURNS for device

Liduina is dated to 1380 in Dr. J. van der Schaar's, *Wordenboek van Voornamen*, p. 201, and HHFN, p. 205. The submitters maiden name is *de Kasteelen*, and is allowed under RfS II.4, Legal Names, even if it does warp the grammar. The locative *van Valkenburg* means of *Valkenberg*. The name translates as *Liduina, the castles of Valkenburg*. We would prefer correct grammar, as the submitter cannot be a castle, but she allowed no changes. Consulting herald: David de Saxby.

19) Little Brúsi of Dragon Vale (Stormhold)

name in process, device

Sable, three dragons volant conjoined in annulo Or.

Little Brúsi submitted his name last month. We assume that these dragons are young, frolicking together as they do, we do not count difference between the adult and the young of a species, this seems to be a moot point. Consulting herald: Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefw.

21) Lochac, Principality of (Lochac)

badge

(fieldless) A wrought iron spoon palewise, bowl to base, sable.

This badge is for the Order of the Iron Spoon, the Principality cooking award. Spoons of various materials as cooking awards are a very Western tradition. We already have the wooden Spoon (Kingdom), the Silver Spoon (Mists) and the Copper Spoon (Cynagua). Consulting herald: Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefw.

22) Lochac, Principality of (Lochac)

badge

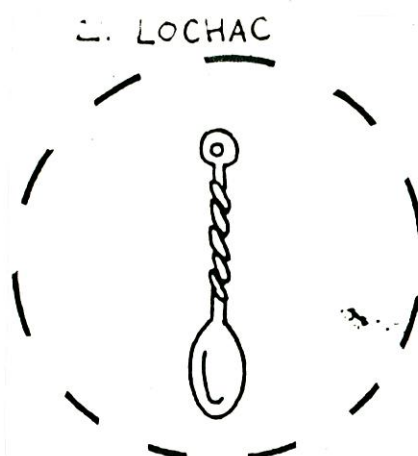
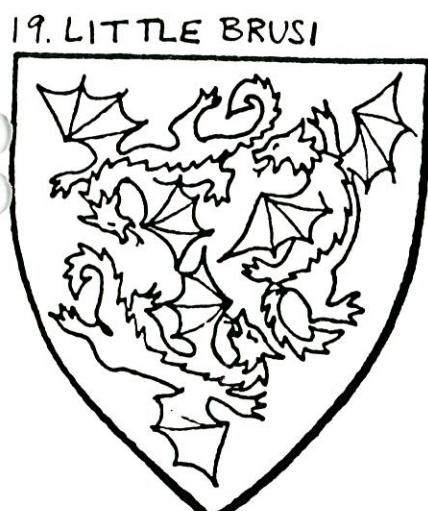
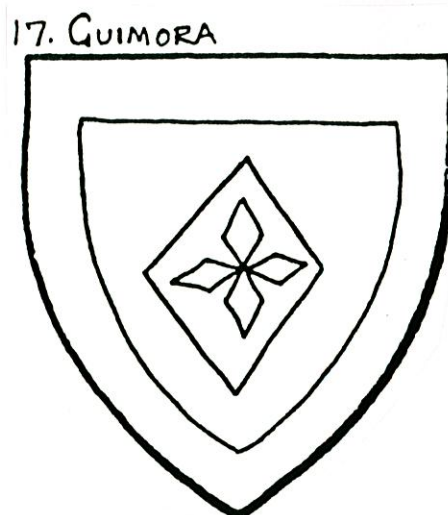
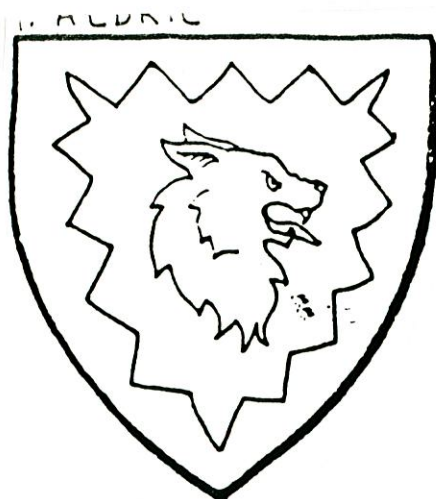
Gules, a hind courant Or, between three mullets of six argent.

This badge is for the Lochac Order of Grace. We believe this to be clear of Davidson: Gules, a stag trippant Or. Papworth, p. 59. We count one CVD for the mullets and the second CVD for the difference in position between courant and trippant. Consulting heralds: Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefw and Conachar MacAlpin.

33) Wolfgang of Transylvania (Aneala)

change of holding name

His name was originally submitted as *Wolfgang of Travaal* on the December, 1990 LoI, returned by Laurel for being made up. At that time the holding name *Wolfgang of Aneala* was formed to register his armory. He is changing his locative from *Aneala* to *Transylvania*. *Transylvania* is a famous region in *Romania*, once brutally ruled by *Vlad Tepes*, aka *Vlad the Impaler*, aka *Dracula*. Consulting Herald: David de Saxby and Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefw.



The following Lochac submissions were considered by Lord Vesper at his meeting of 11 August AS XXVI (1991) and were RETURNED for further consultation:

Aylwin Grevmane (Innilgard)

name registered, device resubmission

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

His name was registered on the July, 1990 LoAR. This classically designed device was found to be in conflict with Roberts: **Azure, on a chevron argent, three mullets azure.** One CVD is given for the addition of the crescents, we could not in good conscience give a CVD for changing the mullets to compass stars. As Crux points out in his argument for granting the CVD, compass stars are traditionally worth a point from normal mullets of five points. For primary or secondary charges, I agree with this statement. The Rules for Submission do allow for a CVD for a *significant* change to tertiaries. However, changing from one type of mullet to another is a call we would contest as not significant enough if it came from another Kingdom. We cannot hold a double standard between internal and external submissions and must regretfully return this. Consulting herald: Gerald Swinford.

Keridwen the Mouse (Parvus Portus)

name registered, device

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

Her name was registered on the June 1991 LoAR. This device is in conflict with Edgar the Unready, **Gules, a mouse rampant argent.** There is one CVD for the position of the mouse, nowing the tail is really artistic license. While putting the mouse in base is a valiant attempt to generate a second CVD, the RfS does not specifically state the guidelines of giving a CVD for position on the field. This is not a forced position change, as defined in RfS X.4.g. This position of the mouse makes it look too small and not properly centered. Normally, given an emblazon like this I would tell the submitter to draw the mouse larger and more centered. If the submitter wishes to resubmit this device I would look favorably on a logically argued appeal citing the RfS and Precedence. Consulting herald: Gwynfor Lwyd.

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

This device is in direct violation of the RfS, Section XI, Presumptuous Armory - 3. Marshalling. This section states that Divisions commonly used for marshalling, such as quarterly or per pale, may only be used in contexts that ensure marshalling is not suggested. This section then defines what may be used, identical charges over the entire field, or with complex lines of division or charges overall that were not used for marshalling in period heraldry. Consulting herald: David de Saxby.

Lochac, Principality of (Lochac)

badge

(fieldless) Three cinquefoils slipped and conjoined in pale argent.

This badge is for an unstated purpose. This submission is in conflict with Elfrida of Green Walls: Vert, three starflowers in pale proper. What you ask is a starflower, a more pointed cinquefoil argent, seeded Or, it's in the Great Book of Arms, the Little Book of Arms (both in my care and possession) in the Vesper files, maybe in the Laurel files, and on Mistress Elfrida's banner, and anything she chose to put it on. she has been inactive in the SCA for many years. It appears to be one of the SCA invented charges, invented by or for the lady who invented the name Society for Creative Anachronism so that a small group of friends could reserve a park for a medieval tourney.

The alternative of making the badge Or was listed, which would have cleared it of the conflict, however this submission is technically in violation of RfS VIII.5, the rule on fieldless style. Fieldless armory must form a self-contained design. The appearance of this badge is three cinquefoils in pale, not touching. Actually, the cinquefoils are barely connected by the slips which are so small as to be invisible at any distance. It is unusual to slip cinquefoils, unusual enough that several senior heralds at the meeting missed the slips entirely until they examined the emblazon closely.

There is also the problem of the badge specifically being submitted for an unstated purpose. There have been problems in the past, which I will not resurrect by naming them, with groups trying to pass badges for secret purposes (usually embarrassing, spiteful, or just plain stupid). They normally get stopped before reaching Kingdom level. I do not believe the Principality of Lochac is trying to slip one over on us, or do anything underhanded or spiteful, but I would have returned this without the stylistic problem for the manner of submission. A Principality, indeed any group, should be forthcoming with the reason they want a badge. Consulting herald: Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefw.

The following corrections to previous registrations were issued by Lord Laurel on 10 September AS XXVI (1991):

Roland Löfhjålm. Name.

The LoAR accidentally reversed the "h" and "j" in the byname.

Somhairle Findlayson. Name.

The LoAR accidentally reversed the "i" and "r" in the given.

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

The LoAR had the demi-sun "issuant from a base".