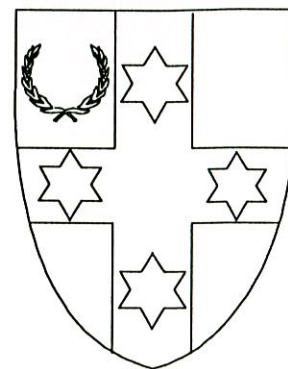


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Crux Australis Monthly Letter



February AS XXVI

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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!

Well, this one has been a little late too. I apologise, but I've had my share of troubles the last few weeks. If anyone is considering developing a cyst in the bone of the jaw, I'd strongly recommend against it

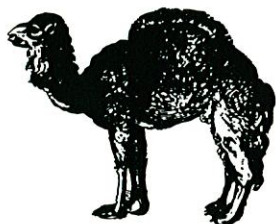
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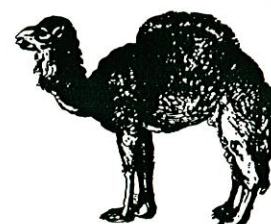
Roster Changes

A *lot* of changes this month (and a lot more to follow next month, so please note the following carefully:

The Crux Australis Deputy for Voice work (i.e., Field and Duty) has been appointed. It is Lord Telsor du Bois, of Stormhold, who incidentally has just been promoted to Pursuivant Extraordinary. (So his full title is actually *acting* Voice Deputy Pursuivant.) Lord Telsor has been active as a book herald for many years and has also had voice training for singing, so I consider him quite well qualified for the position. Hopefully I'll be able to get him to write some articles for the *Camel*. Lord Telsor will be endeavouring to make it to events around the country over the next couple of years so that he can



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carry out his prime duty, that of providing instruction on voice work to new and/or inexperienced heralds. Lord Telsor can be contacted c/- Robert Morieson, 3/11 Burns Avenue, Clayton, VIC 3168. 'Phone (03) 546 7915. Now all he has to do is come up with a title for his position!

In the Barony of Aneala, Baron David de Saxby has resigned as Black Wing Pursuivant and is re-rostered as a Pursuivant at Large. In his place steps up Lord Craig Eideard MacGhille Aindraais, former acting P.E. for the College of Mimir's Pool. Lord Craig has been rostered as acting Black Wing Pursuivant, which incorporates his promotion to P.E. Congratulations, and many thanks to Baron David for his previous service. However, the College is now without a herald. Also, in the Canton of Abertridwr, William du Rayntyn has been removed from office for unsatisfactory service (but a replacement is being lined up).

In the Shire of Dismal Fogs, Lord Frae Fitzalleyne has resigned as shire herald and is re-rostered as P.E. at large. His replacement is Táriq ibn Jelal ibn Ziyadatallah al-Naysábúrí [Richard Cullinan], who is rostered as acting P.E. Táriq may be contacted c/- 21A Lee Road, Winmalee, NSW 2777. Telephone (047) 54 1318. Welcome to the College of Heraldry, my lord!

In the Barony of Innilgard, the heralds of both the Colleges of Blessed Herman (Lord Kenelm de la Dale) and St. Christina (Aidan of Sicily) have been removed from office for failing to remain financial members of the Society. A replacement for Blessed Herman is being organised, but St. Christina currently remains a question mark.

In the Shire of Politarchopolis, Lady Shirin Gûl, of the College of St. Aldhelm, has resigned from her position of local herald. The College is therefore without a herald.

All of the groups now with no rostered heralds, especially those that are only incipient, are to be reminded that their status as an official group is in extreme jeopardy. I encourage them to act on this problem as quickly as possible.

New West Kingdom Heraldry's Handbook Available

The *West Kingdom Heraldry's Handbook* has been completely revised and typeset on a laser printer, so now it is (hopefully) up-to-date and spiffy-looking. I *strongly* recommend that all Lochac heralds purchase a copy. Group heralds, your group should pay for the office copy; I'd also recommend purchasing a personal copy for your use when you pass the office on.

To get your new *Handbook*, please send a cheque or money order to Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson (see "Subscriptions", below, for his address details) for the amount of **\$23.50**. ***This price is good only until 10 April 1992.*** After that date, the price rises to \$30.00. The reason for this is so that Master Thorfinn can save on postage rates for a bulk order; individual copies are more expensive to ship.

Submission Fees Will Rise!

Lord Laurel has announced that the fees for submission to his office will rise from US\$1.00 to US\$3.00 per action as of 1 July 1992. (This is the first increase in many years.) Lord Vesper has informed me that this increase will flow on down to the West Kingdom fees, which means in turn it will flow to us. I have yet to negotiate with Vesper what our new fee rate will be, but you may be assured that it *will* rise, probably in the order of about \$3.00 per action. This will take effect as of 1 July also. So, warn your submitters - it is probably in their interests to make their submissions *before* July. The official new rates will be advertised prior to July, and will be published in *Pegasus*.

News of Previous Submissions

The *West Kingdom Minutes* for February 1992 arrived in Lochac on 24 February. The single Lochac submission considered at that meeting is reproduced on p.9. (Observant readers may have noticed that we have yet to see the *Minutes* for the December and January meetings. Basically, Lord Vesper has been unwell recently and has gotten behind in much of the office work, including the preparation of the Kingdom Letters of Intent. Things are improving now; he delegated the February and March meetings to Lady Harpy, who was able to get them out on time. Similarly, these delays will affect the

registration of submissions from the September and October 1991 meetings; Lord Laurel will not be considering these until May. Please advise anxious submitters to be patient.)

The Laurel *Letter of Acceptances and Returns* for January 1992 arrived in Lochac on 25 February. No West Kingdom submissions were considered at that meeting; a number of important announcements were made however, which are reproduced from p.9.

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 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.* Master Thorfinn advises that copies of the *Combined Ordinary* can be had for \$25.00 (these will be posted from the U.S., so expect some delay). And, a sale on the *PicDic*: until Rowany Festival (or otherwise advised), only \$6.00 per copy (plus \$2.50 postage)! Master Thorfinn can be contacted c/- Steve Roylance, 1592 Malvern Road, Glen Iris, VIC 3146. 'Phone (03) 885 6348.

Laurel Precedents

The following are drawn from the *LoAR* of January 1992. These decisions are important because they help us to understand how the *RfS* are meant to work in practice:

- * Only the fact that the orle is considered a peripheral charge and thus not part of the same "group" as the [central overlying charge] prevents this from conflicting with . . .
- * It should be noted that period arrows were drawn with grossly exaggerated heads and fletching for greater identifiability. This fact should be considered in tincture changes.
- * Prior Laurel precedent . . . has noted that a semy of charges is a different group than any other group of charges on the field.
- * Counterchanging an animate charge over an ordinary greatly diminishes its identifiability.
- * Lord Laurel is confused by the misunderstanding some commenters seem to have regarding the difference between fieldless and tinctureless armory. Fieldless armory gets a CD for fieldlessness; tinctureless armory (SCA, not mundane) acquires one CD for fieldlessness - the other CD must come from a class other than tincture (*RfS* X.4.d). Japanese mon, while tinctureless, are not fieldless; thus, they cannot be granted the fieldless difference. Addition or removal of charges, field and charge divisions (since mon appear to have only used solid fields and solid charges), complex lines, all contribute difference from mon. Fieldlessness does not, unless the SCA armory being considered against it is fieldless, in which case the SCA armory, not the mon, gets a CD for fieldlessness.
- * The College has long held that "swords is swords", no matter how radically different the type (e.g., broadsword = seax = shamshir = kris = rapier).
- * A flower is too complex a charge to be voided . . .

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 March 14; after that the scheduled dates are April 11, May 16, June 13, July 18, August 15, September 12, October 17, November 14, and December 12.

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 is also taking place in Ynys Fawr [Hobart, TAS]. Contact the local herald for details.

This Month's Submissions

The February meeting of the College of Heraldry in the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac was held on the afternoon of 15 February at the home of the Crux Australis Herald. Present were: Lord Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw, Crux Australis Herald; Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson, Hund Herald; Lord Pedair na Cluaine Bige, P.E. for Dubh Thrian; and Lord Thomas Flamanc of Kelsale, P.E. for St. Monica.

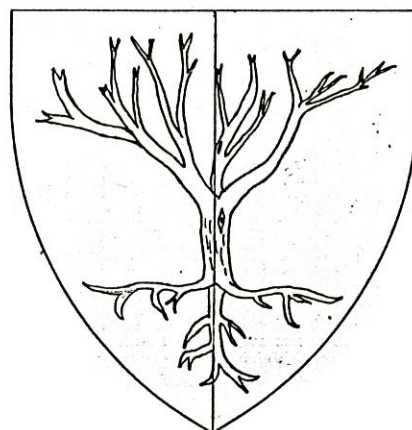
The following conventions are used: *CD* means a "Clear Difference", as defined in the *Rules for Submissions*, or *RfS*; books cited without further details are in the Bibliography (see p.8).

1. Caitlin de Fernon (Resubmission of Device to Laurel; SUBMITTED)

[Stormhold]

Per pale azure and argent, a tree blasted and eradicated counterchanged.

This gentle's name was registered in November 1991. Her previous device, the same as this one but with the colours reversed, was returned at that time for conflict with *Per pale argent and azure, a pine tree counterchanged*, with only a single CD given for the difference in type of tree. Reversing the tinctures should provide the second CD needed - in fact technically it provides another two (one for changing the tincture of the field and another for changing the tincture of the charge). (Some heralds in the College of Arms may disagree that this should be the case, but as the *RfS* are currently written, the claim is perfectly valid.) We were unable to find any other problems.



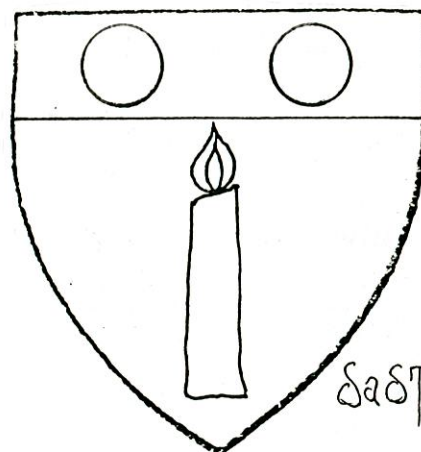
Consulting Herald: Pedair na Cluaine Bige.

2. Cornelius von Becke (Resubmission of Device to Principality; SUBMITTED)

[River Haven]

Azure, a candle argent enflamed proper, and on a chief argent two hurts.

Lord Cornelius' name was submitted to Vesper last month. His previous device submission, the same as this one but without the roundels, was returned at that time for conflict with *Azure, a candle enflamed within an arch stooped argent*, with only a single CD for changing the arch to a chief. Adding the hurts provides the second CD needed and we could find no other problems. (Is Lord Cornelius saying that his shield gives him a double-ouch?)



[A 'hurt' is the heraldic short-hand for a 'roundel azure'. Other plain-tinctured roundels have short-hand terms, too. (In fact a 'roundel sable' has *three*.) Do you know them? If not, why don't you go and look them up?]

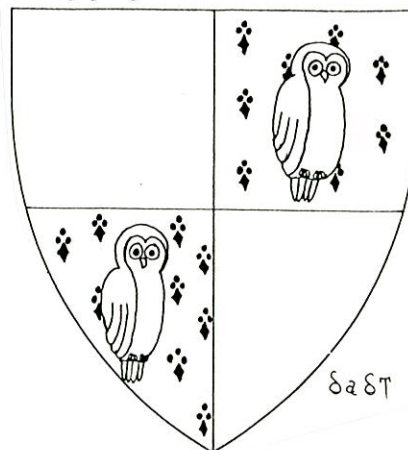
Consulting Herald: Cornelius von Becke.

3. **Danielis Pyromallia**
(New Name and Device; both SUBMITTED)

[Dismal Fogs]

Quarterly azure and ermine, in bend sinister two barn owls close contourny proper.

Lady Danielis has previously been known as *Eiobhlínn MacPhearsoin* (or *Aileen Mac á Phearsoin*). This new name is Greek. The submitter has provided copies from a book called *The Byzantines*, by David Talbot Rice (publishing details unknown), which on p.101 describes a "widow Danielis" who was apparently extremely wealthy in the Ninth Century; she owned most of the Peloponnese and left nearly three thousand slaves to her close friend, the emperor Basil I. The surname is meant to be a descriptive, apparently Greek for "flaming hair" (i.e., a redhead). The documentation for this was handwritten without any listing of primary sources, and our Greek resources are not really good enough to confirm or deny it (the Greek πυρ, "pyr" definitely means "fire", but we were unable to confirm that μολλία, "mallia", means "hair"); the submitter permits minor grammatical corrections however so we decided to send it further on where more experienced heralds with knowledge of Greek can check it.



The device is the submitter's *second* choice. Her first, *Azure on a plate a barn owl close contourny proper* is unfortunately in conflict with *Azure a plate charged with an owl azure, all within a bordure argent* (Tylluan Fach, October 1990). There is a CD for removing the bordure, but none for changing the tincture of the owl as a "tertiary" charge (the position change from the default "close" to "close contourny" can't really be called significant enough for another change - if it was, the two changes together *would* have provided the additional CD.) Her second choice of design seems free of problems.

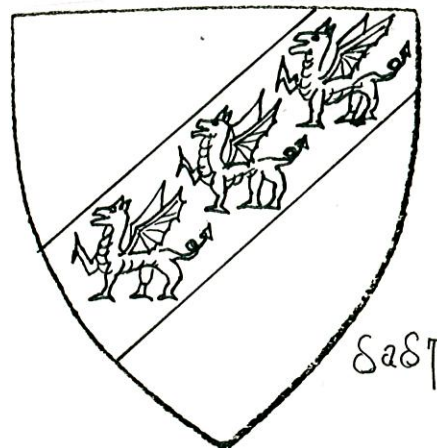
(Incidentally, because owls come in such varieties of type and colour in nature, a simple "owl proper" is too vague to be registered - and if the particular type of owl changes colour with the seasons, it's not possible to register it all as "proper" because then the blazon needs to be too precise. Although this was submitted simply as a "plain owl" it was indicated in the "Notes for Scribes" that a "barn owl" was the desired type; and as far as I can tell their plumage does not vary.)

Consulting Herald: Táriq ibn Jelal ibn Ziyadatallah al-Naysábúrí, Frae Fitzalleyne and Amyntas di Alessandro d'Argentiera.

4. **Emlyn ap Gwilym ap Llywelyn o'r Abermaesteg**
(Name Resubmission to Kingdom and Device Resubmission to Principality; Name SUBMITTED, Device RETURNED) [Rowany]

Sable, on a bend sinister argent three dragons passant palewise gules.

This gentle's previous name submission, *Rhuddlan ap Gwilym etc.* was returned by Vesper in January 1992 because *Rhuddlan* is a place name, and place names were not used as given names in Period Welsh (or most other languages either, for that matter). He has therefore substituted *Emlyn*, a Welsh given name found in Withycombe, p.103, described as "a common name", although not specifically dated. As before, *Gwilym* and *Llywelyn* can be found in M&M, pp. 113 & 147, as common Period Welsh names; and *Abermaesteg* is a constructed place name meaning "river confluence at the pretty field".



The previous device submission was returned by Crux Australis in December 1991 for being completely non-Period style. This resubmission is a tremendous improvement; unfortunately it is in conflict with the arms of Dive: *Sable, on a bend sinister argent, three ravens regardant sable* (Papworth, p.228). Whilst there is most definitely a CD for the changes to the tertiaries, that's all there is. His second choice, changing the field to *gules*, is likewise in conflict with the arms of Liddel: *Gules, on a bend sinister argent a mullet sable*. Remember, you can never get more than one CD for making changes to tertiaries. No other changes were permitted so this must be returned.

[Blazon note: the dragons here must be blazoned as "palewise" because they are not in their default position. Charges on an ordinary by default follow the line of the ordinary; so in this case the default position of the dragons would be walking up the bend towards the top right of the shield. Please note that the default is Period style; changing the default is not illegal but can be considered a "Weirdness" - and you are only allowed one Weirdness in a device.]

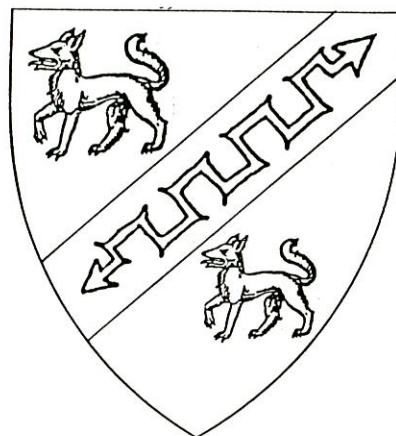
Consulting Herald: Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw.

5. Hrólfr Hreggviðarson
(New Name and Device; both SUBMITTED)

[St. Bartholomew]

Azure, on a bend sinister between two wolves passant Or, a lightning bolt azure.

The name is Icelandic (AKA Old Norse). Both names are documented by the submitter from *Íslendinga Sögur - Nafnaskrá*, by Guðni Jónsson (publishing details unknown). (The title roughly translates as "Names from the Icelandic Sagas".) *Hrólfr* is found on pp.98-99, and *Hreggviðr* on p.96. Submitted as *Hreggviðrson*, we have corrected the grammar as the submitter permitted - according to Bassi, p.17, the correct way to form a patronymic from a name such as this is to insert an *a* before the *r* and add *-son*.



The device appears free of problems.

Consulting Herald: Pedair na Cluaine Bige.

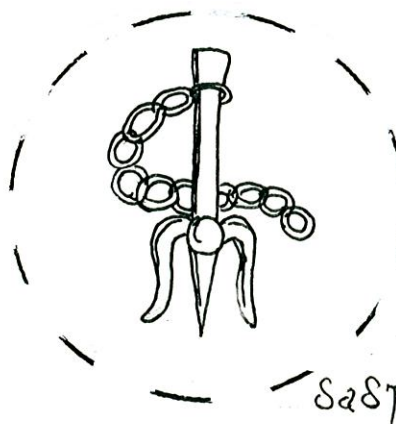
6. Richard of Dunheved
(New Badge; SUBMITTED)

[Ynys Fawr]

[Fieldless] *A three-tined fork inverted, entwined with a chain argent.*

Lord Richard's name was registered in June 1991. It seems free of conflict (sigh).

Consulting Herald: None listed.

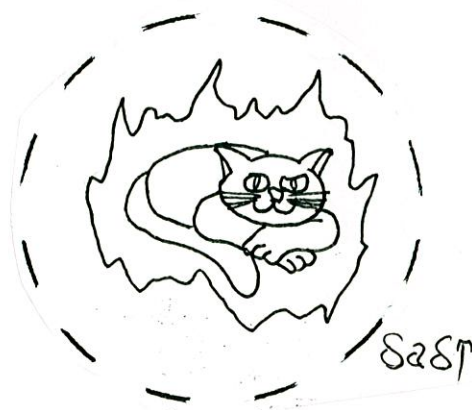


7. Sine the Shameless
(New Badge; SUBMITTED)

[River Haven]

[Fieldless] *On a flame gules a domestic cat dormant affronty argent.*

This gentle's name was submitted to Vesper last month. (This badge was actually submitted at the same time, but unfortunately it got overlooked in a paper shuffle. I have apologised to the submitter.) Submitted as a "cat enflamed", it is more accurate to describe it as a "charged flame"; in Period, "enflamed" charges have little gouttes of fire issuing from them, rather than being outlined by the flames. This, too, seems free of conflict (double sigh).

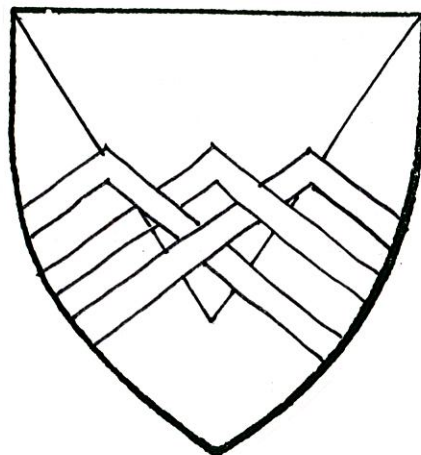


8. **Táriq ibn Jelal ibn Ziyadatallah al-Naysábúrí**
(New Name and Device; Name SUBMITTED, Device RETURNED)

[Dismal Fogs]

"Per chevron inverted" purpure and vert, three chevronels braced Or.

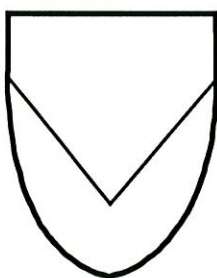
The name is Arabic. The submitter has provided documentation from *The Mongol Empire* by Peter Brent (Book Club Associates, London 1976) and *Ibn Battúta - Travels in Asia and Africa 1325-1354*, (Routledge & Kegan Paul, London 1983), and quoted from *The Islamic World*, by Da'ud ibn Auda (Compleat Anachronist #51), to support this name. *Táriq ibn Ziyád* is given in Ibn Battúta, p.312, as the name of an Arabic conqueror of Spain. *Jelal ud-Din* helped to defend Islam from the Mongols in 1219 according to Brent, p.63. *Naysábúr* is given as one of the four capitals of Khurásán in Ibn Battúta, p.177, and the form *al-Naysábúrí* describes someone who lives in that place. *Ziyadatallah* is quoted from *The Islamic World*, p.41, but we don't have that book so we can't confirm it as a name; but it doesn't seem unlikely and if worst comes to worst, Lord Laurel, who wrote the book in question, can confirm or deny it as appropriate! *ibn* is a standard Arabic patronymic formation.



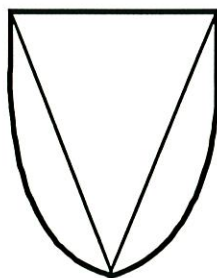
The device is in conflict with the arms of Fitz-Hugh, *Azure three chevrons braced Or* (Papworth, p.549), with only one CD for the change of field. The submitter permitted the addition of a sword in chief as an alternate, and this appears free of conflicts; however I am returning the device anyway.

The reason is that, to quote Lord Laurel from a recent LoAR, "this device is neither fish nor fowl". The field division given here is *not* per chevron inverted. Nor is it chaussé. It's not a pile or a chief triangular (and would be colour on colour if it was). I am returning this so that the submitter may redraft it appropriately.

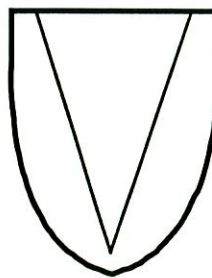
So what *should* it look like? Well, here's a few examples:



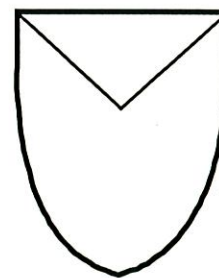
Per chevron inverted



Chaussé



Pile



Chief Triangular

Consulting Herald: Táriq ibn Jelal ibn Ziyadatallah al-Naysábúrí.

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Bad Taste is Period

Discovered recently in Papworth at a Hund meeting:

Argent, a mine open of earth colour the upper part variegated with various shrubs vert within the mine a miner proper vested sable on his head a cap argent round his body a belt of the last and in the attitude of working the dexter sides of the mine with two hammers on the sinister side a candle argent lighted proper in a candlestick azure fixed in the mine on a chief brown a square plate in perspective Or between a bezant on the dexter and a plate on the sinister.

- MINERS ROYAL, or MINE ADVENTURERS' COMPANY, London; incorporated 1568

There's not much you can say to that, really.

Well, as this issue has become rather desperately late, I'll sign off and leave the other things that I wanted to talk about until the March issue - which may even come out in March . . .

I remain yours in Service

DECION

Lord Decion ap Dyfrwr Trefriw



Thanks go to the usual crowd, but particularly to Saraid, for soup (and other creature comforts)

The following submission was considered by Lord Vesper at his meeting of 2 February AS XXVI (1992) and was SUBMITTED to Lord Laurel for registration:

11. Haos Windchaser

Innilgard

Name Appeal (Holding Name Registered 8/89)

His current holding name is Daniel Windchaser. At the time of the previous return (8/89), Haos was justified as a possible transliteration of the Persian name Khaoos. (A certain current Laurel King of Arms was most helpful in this matter at the time.) The name was returned because "it is also a rendition of the Greek word more commonly transliterated as "Chaos" and, as such, would not normally be acceptable for use as a Society name". The full text of his appeal has been appended to this letter. To summarize: the fact that a potential name is a homonym of a word that would not be acceptable as a name should not be sufficient grounds for return if there is other evidence that would make it acceptable for registration. To his own arguments I will add that, unlike Persian and other languages that use the Arabic alphabet and may use any of several transliteration systems, the transliteration of Greek into the Roman alphabet is pretty much consistent and has been for a long time now. If any examples had been adduced of the normal, or even occasional, transliteration of X (chi) as "H", the return would be far less assailable. However, as it stands, we believe that the return was in error. We support this appeal.

The following corrections to the Armorial and Ordinary were issued by Lord Laurel in his Errata Letter of 12 February 1992:

Ælfwynn Fiske. Device. Purpure, a fish haurient between three crescents Or.
The blazon had been changed when registered (May 1990) to a pike, but for reasons of canting the submitter has requested her original blazon of a fish. As the emblazon does not show a pike but more a generic fish, we see no bar to this change.

Alisaundre de Kilmaron. Name.

The name was registered in June 1990 as Alisaundre of Kilmaron, but the submitter's documentation cited a "Thomas de Kilmaron" to 1239 (Black's Surnames of Scotland). Given that documentation, we feel obligated to restore the name as the submitter desires.

The following is reproduced from the Cover Letter to the January LoAR, dated 12 February AS XXVI (1992):

AN HEIR TO THE KING (or, The Prince of Wails?)

As most of you have probably heard by now, the Board of Directors has chosen Baron Bruce Draconarius of Mitholme, currently Batonvert Herald, as my successor as Laurel King of Arms. His address is in the Roster. Those of you wishing to congratulate (or commiserate with) him, please feel free to do so. Plans currently call for the official transfer of office to take place at the Symposium in An Tir at the end of June, though he will be taking an increasing number of the duties of this office in a gradual change of office similar to that between Mistress Alisoun and myself last time.

The Board, and I, are grateful for the thoughts and efforts of all of those who applied for this position, and it is anticipated that the concerns and ideas of all the candidates will be given serious consideration during the current Laurel office review by the Board and in the future by myself and my successor.

To help make the transition run smoothly, please send the Laurel packets (including fees) for the April 1992 (and all subsequent) Letters of Intent to Baron Bruce, as these LoIs will be considered in July, his first full month as Laurel. I will need to receive a copy of these LoIs for the files. After July 1, all correspondence for Laurel should be addressed to Bruce.

BLANKET LETTERS OF PERMISSION TO CONFLICT (J) "Eleanor Leonard, picks up the badge that is grandfathered in an armoire...." J)

After carefully reviewing all of the commentary on the viability of Eleanor Leonard's "blanket letter of permission to conflict", I have come to the conclusion that to begin (as Lady Harpy put it) "customizing protection" is to set a bad precedent. While I appreciate Eleanor Leonard's willingness to grant such a broad permission to conflict, to allow such a blanket letter of permission would involve at the very least a modification to the Administrative Handbook and a separate notation in the A&O, and possibly changes to the Rules for Submission themselves. Like many of you, I am extremely reluctant to complicate the Rules or Handbook with exceptions which have to be remembered and kept track of without very good cause and a much sounder basis that this appears to have. I believe the benefits of having a single standard for all armory which local heralds can understand and which can be explained to our clients outweigh those which creating special exceptions to that standard would bring.

ADDING NEW SOURCES

The following are hereby specifically added to Appendix E of the Administrative Handbook:

Renesse
Siebmacher
Public Heraldry

These are sources which were not readily available at the time the original listing in Appendix E was drawn up and hence were not included at that time. As we are, and have been, using them in the same manner as the other works listed there, these should be added to that list.

TEMPORAL COMPATIBILITY (or, "Can I Be an Elizabethan Viking?")

A term which has been receiving more use lately in some commentary regarding names is "temporal compatibility", especially regarding names which use elements from different centuries (though from the same general language or at least compatible ones). The argument is that since we do not allow names to combine elements from widely disparate cultures, neither should we allow names from disparate centuries.

A problem that I have with this argument is that it is harder to prove that a name combination is unreasonable or incompatible when the gap between the elements is temporal rather than geographical. Only one example of this is the use of a Roman or Roman-derived given with a late-period English surname. It is easy to look at such a name and state that there was no way those two cultures could have had contact and therefore argue for banning the name combination, until one looks further into the situation and finds that English Renaissance parents not infrequently named their children after classical Romans, at which point Julius Leigh or Calpurnia Haverhill become much more reasonable as they follow a documented period name formation practice. And while many of our sources give early dates for when we might expect the first documented use of a name, none of them purport to give us the last documented use.

In most (perhaps all) cultures naming customs tend to be very conservative. (How many parents today still use biblical names for their children, no matter what their religious orientation? How many still name their children with name first popularized in the early Renaissance? "John" is still one of the most popular boys' names in this country - how long ago did it originate?)

As a consequence, unless someone can convince the College that there is some compelling reason for disallowing names that our clients want simply on the grounds that they are unlikely because of a temporal gap, and that banning such temporally inconsistent names is of greater benefit to the Society than giving our clients the greatest possible leeway in selecting their Society names, I will continue to act as if the College is here to help our clients and not just build higher and higher hurdles for them to scale in the effort to register a Society-acceptable name.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE COLLEGE (Resources, Resources Everywhere, and All the Consulting Heralds Did Shrink)

A recent submission for a Japanese name was made with a notation to the effect that the submitting herald had "no resources" for Japanese names. It is Laurel's firm belief that so long as a herald has a telephone or knows how to write a letter, resources for checking names and naming practices exists -- in the membership of the College and other volunteers. In this specific instance, at the minimum Master Akagawa Yoshio could have been called and consulted. He has many times stated his willingness to assist in consultations of this sort, and his name and address have been on the College roster for some time. Just because you, as a consulting herald, have no such resources personally does not mean that you have no access to them.

The following are the names, addresses and telephone numbers of people who have volunteered to the College their assistance in consultations for the language(s) listed. If anyone else would like to have their name added for one or another language (or language group), please let me know.

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