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Unto The College of Heraldry of the Kingdom of the West in  
 the Principality of Lochac  
 From Thorfinn Hrolfsson , Crux Australis Herald

Greetings My Lords and My Ladies

The College of Heraldry of the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac met for its November meeting in Politikopolis on the 9th, present were Thorfinn Hrolfsson, Crux Australis Herald; Dafydd ap Donal ap Gwilym, Pursuivant Extraordinary for Politikopolis; Princess Eleanor, Pursuivant Extraordinary at large; Ysabeau Chanteuse, cornet. The decisions were reviewed as I had two days off with the flu and not much to do.

The next meeting is planned for December the 6th in Stormhold. I am autocrafting a tournament and pot luck revel the previous day and contact me for location. Projected dates for January is the 10th, February is the 14th and March is the 13th. These may change if a particularly interesting event appears and contact me for location.

As the currency is in a nose dive I have provided a table of fees verses currency rate. Use the rate at the next lowest rate to that quotes, as small quantities have a discount applied to them.

Categories of Registration	Fee in \$US
Registration of name only	\$US 5.00
Change of registered name	\$US 5.00
Registration of a badge only (name registered)	\$US 7.50
Change of registered device or badge	\$US 7.50
Registration of name and badge	\$US 8.50
Change of registration of name and device	\$US 8.50
Registration of a device only (name registered)	\$US 9.50
Change of registered badge to device (no previous device)	\$US 9.50
Registration of name and device	\$US 10.50

Fee in	Currency rate in \$US for \$A1					
\$US	0.70	0.69	0.68	0.67	0.66	0.65
\$5.00	\$7.14	\$7.25	\$7.35	\$7.46	\$7.58	\$7.69
\$7.50	\$10.71	\$10.87	\$11.03	\$11.19	\$11.36	\$11.54
\$8.50	\$12.14	\$12.32	\$12.50	\$12.69	\$12.88	\$13.08
\$9.50	\$13.57	\$13.77	\$13.97	\$14.18	\$14.39	\$14.62
\$10.50	\$15.00	\$15.22	\$15.44	\$15.67	\$15.91	\$16.15

Fee in	Currency rate in \$US for \$A1					
\$US	0.64	0.63	0.62	0.61	0.60	0.59
\$5.00	\$7.81	\$7.94	\$8.06	\$8.20	\$8.33	\$8.47
\$7.50	\$11.72	\$11.90	\$12.10	\$12.30	\$12.50	\$12.71
\$8.50	\$13.28	\$13.49	\$13.71	\$13.93	\$14.17	\$14.41
\$9.50	\$14.84	\$15.08	\$15.32	\$15.57	\$15.83	\$16.10
\$10.50	\$16.41	\$16.67	\$16.94	\$17.21	\$17.50	\$17.80

## REQUIREMENTS OF ALL ROSTERED HERALDS

All heralds that have returned a roster letter are officers of the society and as such are required to be members in good standing. All rostered heralds are expected to submit a name and device in a timely manor, this means within six months of accepting a heralds roster and to pursue it also in a timely manor if it is returned.

## QUARTERLY REPORTS

Your quarterly report is due. Your seneschal must get a copy of your report. Canton and College heralds may report directly or through their baronial herald. If you report directly you should send a report to your baronial herald. I have yet to receive reports from Saint Bartholomew, Saint Ursula, East Ridge, Ventbarré, Saint Swithun and Saint Aldhelm.

The deadline for this quarter has passed. With Pegasus not printing the complete regnum for each group these reports are now essential.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Enclosed is the new wording of the Corpora that covers the College of Arms and the basis of the rules that Laurel works under. As a result of the August BoD meeting paragraphs 2 and 3 are not implemented pending a submission from the College of Arms. There are no changes to the rules yet.

A draft of the new rules for submission will be available soon. Would anyone who intends to comment on them please get in touch so I know how many copies to make.

## LAUREL QUEEN OF ARMS

Lady Laurel has broken her ankle and this has delayed the writing of letters of Acceptance and Returns. As she is limited to one hour sessions on the wordprocessor and has very limited access to the files, which are stored in her basement. Would everyone please be patient

## DOOMSDAY REPORT

With your Doomsday report, I want all heralds to give a report for the year directly to me. This includes all Canton and College heralds and all at-large heralds. These will be expected by the December meeting.

## HERALDIC STYLE

Many of the devices lately have not been in a true medieval style. There are two points of heraldic style that are not being followed. Sketches are attached.

Charges are being drawn much too small. Proper style has charges drawn to almost fill the space available. This was taken from Robin the Ruthless's device emblazon.

The other point is drawing charges on a bend horizontal, this is modern. Charges on a bend follow the line of the bend not the horizontal or verticle.

Devices that do not follow these principals will be returned for redrafting.

## COMMENTING MEETINGS

Commenting Meetings are on every Monday at House Cranleigh (2 Sherwood Street, Mt. Waverley), this is very close to Mt. Waverley railway station. These have been peripatetic and lacking in Letters of Intent lately and exams are now prevelant, so check with me before embarking.

## ARMORIAL AND ORDINARY

More on this when information is available.



## MINUTES OF THE KINGDOM MEETINGS OF THE COLLEGE OF HERALDS

The minutes of the College of Heraldry of the Kingdom of the West are available for \$US10.00 for rostered heralds from the College of Heraldry at 2322 Russell Street, Berkeley, California 94705, U.S.A., I highly recommend these to all heralds.

### SUBMISSIONS

Annabell of Riverhaven; River Haven > new name and device

Argent, a four headed dragon passant Vert, maintaining in its upraised claw a coblet Sable and by its second head a rose gules slipped Vert and by its third head a man in armour proper and by its fourth head a gem Gules.

Annabell is in Withycomb and dates from about the 12th Century. Riverhaven is a variant on the name of the barony where she lives. The device is returned as it is too complex, it would make a good German woodcut. In that all the little charges are different. The device is also in conflict with several registered in the SCA and one in Papworth.

Bianca del Coniglio; Dismal Fogs > name resubmission

Her submission of Bianca Coniglio was returned as its translation of White Rabbit is a famous character in literature, the White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland. Lady Laurel suggested adding the 'del' would be sufficient to clear this conflict.

Constancia Luiza d'Almada; Llyn Orla > Name and device resubmission

Chequy Purple and Argent, a lions face jessant-de-lys and in chief three crescents Or. Constancia and Luiza are Portuguese and Almada is a town in Portugal just south of Lisbon. The device appears to be clear of conflict.

Elffin of Mona; Llyn Orla > device resubmission

Vert, an annulet rayonny on the outer edge Argent and in chief a sword fesswise reversed proper and a bordure Argent. This is his first alternate, his original submission did not have the bordure and this is in conflict with Vert, a crescent and a kris inverted Argent held by Chandandra. The device appears to be clear of conflict.

Eric of Stormwind; River Haven > new name and device

Per chevron Azure and Argent, two unicorn's heads couped respectant horns crossed in saltire Argent crinned Or and war hammer palewise Azure, within a bordure embattled Or.

Eric is a good Norse name and the epitaph is TSCA. The device as drawn is in poor style as the bordure needs to be drawn at least twice as thick. The original device of per chevron Azure and Argent, two unicorn's heads couped respectant horns crossed in saltire Argent crinned Or and rose Gules barbed Vert, within a bordure embattled Or is in conflict Ademar d'Exciduil, who has per chevron Azure and Argent, two unicorn's heads erased Argent and a rose Gules barbed and seeded proper. His first alternate of Per chevron Azure and Or, two unicorn's heads couped respectant horns crossed in saltire Argent crinned Or and a rose Gules barbed Vert, within a bordure embattled Argent is also in conflict with Ademar. His second alternate is clear as there are major points for adding the bordure and the secondary charge in base, and a minor for the differences in the dexter head in chief.

Rashid al-Fakim; River Haven > new name and device

Gules, a human eye proper, between in chief three mullets and in base a crescent Or. Rashid is a good Arabic name and al-Fakim is not listed in Heraldic Symposium notes on Arabic names. The device is in conflict with Gorge Mau of the Damned Alani Race, who has Gules, two chains crossed in saltire Or debriused by a human eye proper. The is one major difference for changing the gold objects about the eye.



Robin the Ruthless in Battel; River Haven > new name and device

Gules, a scorpion tergiant maintaining in each claw a heart and in base within the sweep of the tail another Or.

Robin is the submitters mundane given name and the byname is TSCA. This device is a good example of how to draw a device as the charge comes almost to the edges at the top and the bottom of the escutcheon.

Timo Auliksenpoika; River Haven > new name and device

Sable, a pale Argent between two mullets of four points each surmounted by an annulet Or and a chief Argent.

Timo is the submitters mundane given name, however there is no documentation to support the byname as Finnish is an obscure language to the College of Heralds documentation is needed to support this name. The device is also returned as there is no name to carry the submission.

Tomas Fitzsimon of Oxford; Llyn Orla > device resubmission

Per chevron inverted Gules and Azure, a cross bottony gyronny Argent and Sable and a goblet Or. His original submission with the cross over the goblet was judged to be colour on colour and metal on metal. This device appears to be just clear of conflict and the changes remove the design problem that caused the previous return.

Blessed Herman the Cripple, College of > new device with petition and a letter from the Baron and Baroness liking the device.

Per pale Or and Argent, on a closed book Gules edged Argent corners and clasps Or a laurel wreath Or and a bordure embattled Azure. This appears to be clear of conflict.

Llyn Orla, Shire of > new name and device

Per fess embattled Gules and Argent, issuant from the line of division a demi-sun Or and in base a laurel wreath Gules.

This does not have the required petition to be considered further. The name does not have documentation of the Welsh grammar, which does wierd things to word order and spelling, when compared to a Welsh dictionary and Saisbach word order, also the laurel wreath needs to be drawn larger.

Lochac, Principality of; Order of the Iron Spoon > Principality Cooking competition (Fieldless), an iron spoon Sable.

The name is in the tradition of the West Kingdom cooking competitions, with The West having Wooden Spoon, The Mists with Silver Spoon and Cynagua with Copper Spoon. The closest to the badge is the Order of the Wooden Spoon, which has Vert a wooden spoon Proper.

Lochac, Principality of; Entertainers Guild

(Fieldless), on a jesters hat Azure a lyre Argent. This appears to be clear of conflict.

I remain My Lords and My Ladies your servant in Lochac

Thorfinn Hrolfsson , Crux Australis Herald

**EMENDATION OF CORPORA, Article IV, Section C**  
**As passed by the Board of Directors, 9 August, 1987**

**THE LAUREL SOVEREIGN OF ARMS.** The Laurel Sovereign of Arms is the principal heraldic officer of the Society, and is responsible for fostering the study and practice of heraldry, maintaining a registry of protected names and armory, and developing a list of royal, noble and geographical titles approved for use in the Society. The Laurel Sovereign of Arms is the head of the College of Arms of the Society (which consists of the Principal Heralds of the Kingdoms and such other persons as may be deemed necessary), and works with and through that body to develop and enforce heraldic rules, procedures and standard terminology within the following guidelines:

1. Registered names and armory shall be appropriate for the historical periods represented by the Society, but should not be direct and deliberate copies of those used by or attributed to historical or fictional personages. Names compatible with the period ambience of the Society shall be accepted even though they have been derived from literature or invented by the submitter.
2. The first job of the heraldic registry maintained by the College of Arms is to record and protect names and armory for use in the Society. The College will also register and protect names and armory of prominent historical or fictional persons or groups, where this is necessary to prevent offense due to obvious usurpation of identity or armory.
3. The College of Arms shall define standards of protection suitable to the type of item to be protected (name, badge, device, etc.) and shall apply that protection without regard to the source of an individual item.
4. To promote stability, any item once registered by the College of Arms shall be permitted and protected for the person for whom it was registered, without regard to changes in the rules and standards applied to future submissions, or to the membership status of the owner.
5. The College of Arms shall establish fees for its services in registering names or armory sufficient to cover the cost of such services, both at the Corporate level and within the Kingdoms.

**A NOTE FROM THE STEWARD**

In her report to the Kingdom Seneschals on the August Board meeting, the Steward noted with regard to the **Corpora** revisions and the Moratorium:

Laurel and I had worked out the text together, and (unlike everything else bearing on the College of Arms in the past few years) it evoked no comment whatsoever from the membership. However, the Board then went on to accept the Laurel Ombudsman's proposal for a one-year moratorium on the "independent heraldic jurisdiction" declared last year, to give the College some breathing space to redefine the rules and determine whether there are better ways of addressing the problems the independent jurisdiction was intended to solve. ***This moratorium has the effect of placing parts of the new text in abeyance, since they were designed to support the independent jurisdiction. The second sentence of Guideline #2 and all of #3 will come into effect only when and if the moratorium is lifted.***

**APPROVALS**

**Tako JIro.** Device. Sable, a cross miller parted and fretted and a bordure argent.



The following submissions were held for further consultation:

Elenor of the Grieving Heart

Name submitted, new device returned.

Argent, a stag's head erased affronty proper, between its antlers a sword inverted gules, a bordure indented azure.

This device is being returned because it has recently been ruled that a stag's attires proper are basically light, and cannot be placed on argent. Since the attires form a significant part of this design, it was felt that the device should be returned for consultation. Her alternates were too vague to be acted upon.

Rodriguez Dias Mendossa

New name and device returned.

Vert, a lymphad Or issuant from a ford, and in chief three sextants Or.

Rodriguez is a Spanish surname based on the given name *Rodrigo*. *Dias* and *Mendossa* are also Spanish surnames. A name composed of three surnames is not allowed by the Rules, which state that every submission must have at least one given name. We will ask for documentation for the use of *Rodriguez* as a given name in period.

The blazon submitted stated that the charges in chief are astrolabes. However, astrolabes are round, and the charges drawn on the emblazon sheet are clearly sextants. Sextants were not developed until 1731, so they cannot be used on devices.

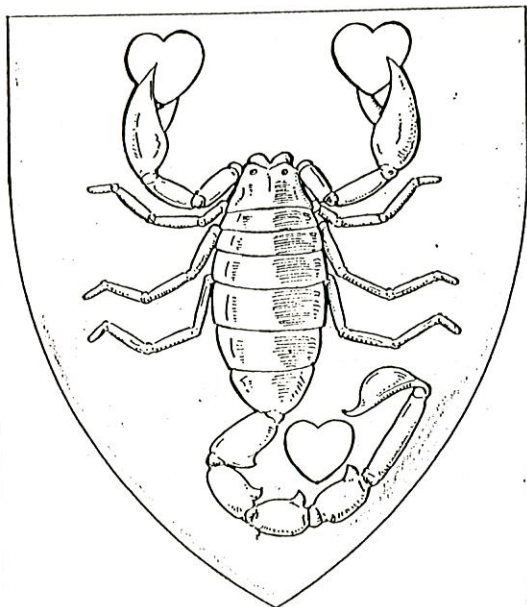
Valeriyah Zaharevitch Druzhinin

New name and device returned.

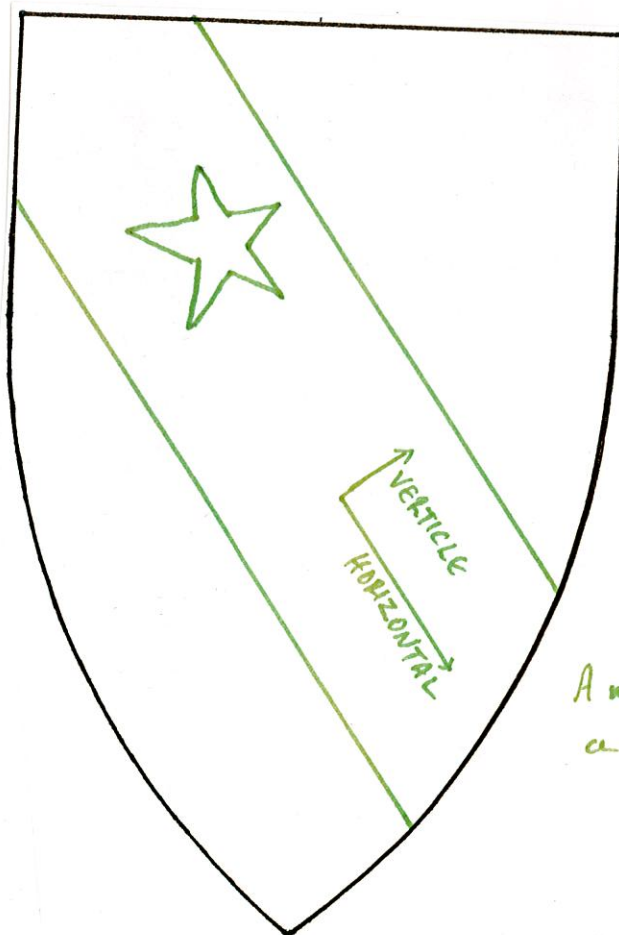
Gules, two bears rampant addorsed Or, each maintaining in the lower forepaw a scimitar argent, and on a chief triangular Or, three crescents gules.

The name is Russian. *Valeriyah* seems to be a spelling variant of *Valerian*, but includes an intrusive "y" which would change its sound. This does not seem to be a valid variant. *Zaharevitch* is intended as a patronymic formed on *Zachary*. However, the Russian form is *Sachar*, which would give *Sacharevitch*. The form he has given would be pronounced the same as *Tsarevitch*, the title of the Crown Prince. The final name is that of the household guard of the Grand Prince of Moscow (the Tsar). Membership in the Druzhinin was by direct appointment of the Grand Prince, and was both a title of office and a minor award of honor in pre-17th c. Russia. This is therefore a claim to unearned honors. In its entirety, the name is unacceptable.

The device appears free of problems. However, it cannot be submitted to Laurel without an acceptable SCA name.



Robin the Ruckless  
good heraldic art.



A mullet on  
a bend.

CO-ORDINATES OF CHARGES  
ON A BEND OR BEND SINISTER



onor of the Grieving Heart

New, name only, see Returns for device.

The given name is a variant of *Eleanor*. Although it is not one of the variants listed on p.96-97 of Withycombe, it certainly seems compatible. The epithet conforms to SCA naming practice.

Elizabeth St Clair

New, name only.

The given name was common in period. The surname is noted on p.359 of Cottle as the name that eventually mutated to *Sinclair*. The name of *Aethelstan Saint Maur* was passed in January XXI, with the *St* spelled out as a change at the Laurel level. However, a check of all our name references showed names in both forms, with a larger number shown as *St X* than as *Saint X*. This would indicate that the abbreviated form is valid for registration.

Llewen the Unruly

Name registered, new device.

Per pale counter-ermine and Or ermined vert, two trees blasted and eradicated counterchanged argent and sable.

Marguerite de Rada y Sylva

Resubmission of name to Laurel, device registered.

Her name was registered in September XXI as *Marguerite de Rada*, although it was submitted in the form given above. The submitter cites additional evidence in support of her preferred form from *Elenco de Grandezas y Titulos Nobiliarios Espanoles 1985*. She states that there has been a Baron de Rada since 1548. She also states that there is a Dona Maria de Silva y Azlor de Aragon, showing the existence of *Silva* as a surname, although she does not document the "i-y" shift. However, as the forms *Isabel* and *Ysabel* are both found in Spain (according to p.34 of Yonge), it is at least possible. The name is in the standard Spanish form of (given name) de (father's surname) y (mother's surname).

Rhyllian of Starfire Retreat

Change of registered name, device registered.

Her registered name is *Rhiannon of Starfire Retreat*. The new submission is a name coined in Welsh which seems to be consistent with naming practices in that language. Although the submitter claims that this is a dithematic name formed from the protheme *Rhy-* (as in *Rhybrawst*, *Rhychwyn*, *Rhydderch*, *Rhydeyrn*, *Rhydion*, *Rhydach*) and the deuteriotheme *-llian* (as in *Gwenllian*), the argument misses the mark because the medieval Welsh did not construct dithematic names. However, the examples given clearly support *Rhyllian* as a made-up name consistent with the structure, sound, and spelling of existing medieval Welsh names.

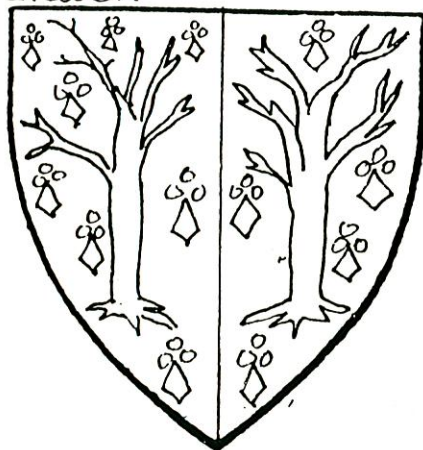
Styvren Longshanks

New, name and device.

Per bend sinister wavy gules and argent, a comet bendwise sinister, head to chief, argent, and on a heart gules, a rose argent.

The given name is a coined variant of *Steven*, meant to imitate a pronunciation in "country dialect". It has been deliberately "made-up" to be different from *Steven*. We do not feel that it is incompatible with SCA naming practice. *Longshanks* is a period byname used for a long-legged person.

Llewen



Styvren

