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A Quick Summary of Changes

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SENA GP – General Principles

- Updated GP3 Definition of Period to align with the SCA Governing Documents
 - What it means:
 - Documented elements and patterns are registrable so long as they can be described in standard SCA terms (for armor) and Latin characters (for names).
 - Geographic restrictions no longer apply to names or armorial elements.
 - What it does NOT mean:
 - Only armorial elements with standard heraldic terms will be registered.
 - We are not limited to Anglo-Norman blazon terms, though we do choose to define standard terms for armorial elements. We are not limited to existing blazon terms; Wreath may choose to employ new standard terms to describe charges new to the SCA.
 - Anything can be registered.
 - There are still limits on what elements and patterns can be registered, including offense and presumption rules.
- The definition of Step from Period Practice is removed from GP4F and replaced by the definition of Step from Core Practice.

SENA NPN1B – Designators

- NPN1B1 – Branch Designators – removed the paragraph limiting branch names to languages used in medieval and Renaissance Europe or modern *lingua Societatis*
 - What it means: It will be easier to register a non-European branch name.
- NPN1B4 – Heraldic Titles – removed the reference to GP3B.
 - What it means: This simply removed a reference to a now non-existent section of SENA; it has no effect on what heraldic titles are registerable.

SENA A1A Armory Style Principles

- Updated A1A1 and A1A2 to replace step from period practice with step from core practice.
 - What it means: This is a terminology change only.

SENA A2B Standard for Elements

- Updated A2B1 and A2B2 to reflect the changes to GP3, including removing “European”. Tools, plants, and animals documented as known to people (not just Europeans) pre-17th C allowed as constructed elements.
- Updated A2B4 to remove the step from core practice for non-European armorial elements. Allow the registration with a step from core practice of plants and elements likely, but not documentable as, known to pre-17th C people.
- What it means:
 - These changes make it easier to register documented items, plants, and animals, from non-Western European cultures in line with the revised SCA Governing Documents.

SENA Appendix F – Some Armorial Elements that Do Not Need Further Documentation

- Updated to replace step from period practice with step from core practice.
 - What it means: This is a terminology change only.

SENA Appendix G - Some Specific Elements that are a Step from Core Practice

- Updated to replace step from period practice with step from core practice.
 - What it means: This is a terminology change only.
- Updated to remove non-Europeans armorial elements, plants, and animals from the list of things that are automatically a step from core practice
 - What it means: These changes make it easier to register documented items, plants, and animals, from non-Western European cultures in line with the revised SCA Governing Documents.

SENA Appendix M – Some Resources for Conflict Checking

- Reformatted the appendix to make it easier to find the categories of charges/elements.
- Added information from various precedents to the appendix (as noted on the CL).
- What it means:
 - The appendix should be more useful when conflict checking both in ease of use and in gathering some of our most important precedents in a single location.

Be sure to check out this appendix when conflict checking – it's a useful resource!

Glossary of Terms

- Obsoleted the term *step from period practice*
- Added the term *step from core practice*
- Updated the term *period* to remove mention of “geographic scope” and removed the term *period and domain of the Society*
 - What it means: No longer limited to Europe or areas with demonstrated contact with medieval or Renaissance Europe
- Added references and clarification notes to Table 1, Reserved Regalia
- Added references and clarification notes to Table 2, Reserved Charges
- Added to Table 2 "Three rapiers in pall inverted tips crossed" for members of the Order of Defense

Glossary of Terms Table 3 - Restricted Charges

- Added to the table:
 - References and some clarification notes
 - Biscione (Visconti)
 - Chrysanthemum (Emperor of Japan)
 - Red Crescent
 - Red Crystal



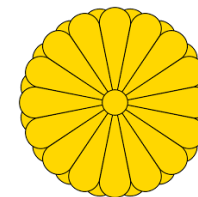
Visconti: a serpent glissant palewise (vert or azure) vorant of a demi-human (of any tincture)



Red Crystal: A single gules mascle on any argent background or in any way that could be displayed on an argent background



Red Crescent: A single gules decrescent on any argent background or in any way that could be displayed on an argent background



Emperor of Japan: A sixteen-petaled chrysanthemum (in any tincture)

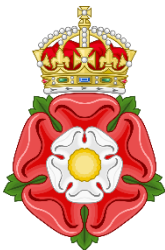
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- Modified from restricted in all tinctures to restricted in only certain tinctures:
 - Crowned Harp, Crowned Tudor Rose, Crowned Shamrock, and Crowned Thistle



- The crown does not contribute to difference and crowns proper have no explicitly defined tincture.

A harp Or crowned proper



- A double rose gules and argent crowned proper
- A double rose argent and gules crowned proper
- A rose per pale gules and argent crowned proper
- A rose per pale argent and gules crowned proper
- A rose quarterly gules and argent crowned proper
- A rose quarterly argent and gules crowned proper



- A shamrock vert crowned proper
- A trefoil vert crowned proper



A thistle crowned proper

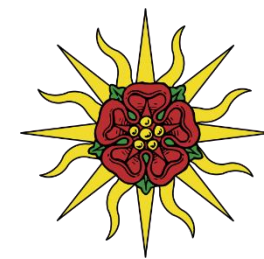
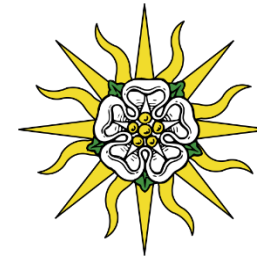
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- Charges removed or combined:

- France ancient and France modern combined and listed under France
- Rose en soleil – no longer a restricted charge; protected from conflict (since 11/2015) as *(Fieldless) A rose argent en soleil Or* and *(Fieldless) A rose gules en soleil Or*.
- Tudor rose – removed, protected only in six specific combinations and only protected from conflict in the same manner as other protected armory (per the 12/2010 CL). A crowned Tudor rose is still protected but only in the six protected combinations.



France (three or more fleurs-de-lys Or on an azure background) is now protected rather than just France ancient (*semy-de-lys*) and France modern (three fleurs-de-lys)



A rose en soleil is no longer restricted. Edward IV's badges, listed above, are protected from conflict. (Images from Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin.)

Administrative Handbook

- Updated the title to Appendix F from “Names Sources to Be Avoided in Documentation” to “Name Sources to Be Used with Caution and to Be Avoided in Documentation”
- This is a title change only.
- What it means: It should be clearer that some of the sources listed in Appendix F are usable but only with extra care while others are not usable at all.

On the Given Name *Rhiannon*

- *Riannon* (pre-16th and 16th century Welsh) and *Rhiannon* (16th century Welsh) may be registered as Welsh literary names.
 - What it means:
 - Previously Rhiannon was ruled SCA-compatible and has been unregistrable since May 2009 when SCA-compatible names were no longer allowed. The new evidence allows this name to be registered again.

From the LoAR

- Update to SENA Appendix J to include “A primary charge group, with sustained or maintained secondary charges, with a separate secondary group” as a documented arrangement of three or more charge groups on the field (Simon le fiz William, Drachenwald)
- Upheld prior rulings that if charges don’t have comparable orientation/posture then there is not an issue under A3D2c, Unity of Posture and Orientation (Bergdís Berbeinn, Atenveldt and Sæunn in stórláta, Outlands)
- A *ball-peen hammer* is no longer registrable unless it can be documented to period (Etienne Fevre, Drachenwald)

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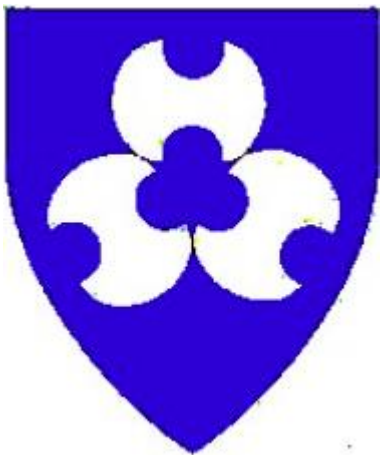
- *Maily* is again allowed as a field treatment based on evidence it was used in period French armory (Tin-Kárr rauðnálskeggi, Gleann Abhann)
- Reaffirmed precedent that *rampant* creatures can have both hind legs at the same level or “on the ground” (Gráinne Uaine, Lochac)



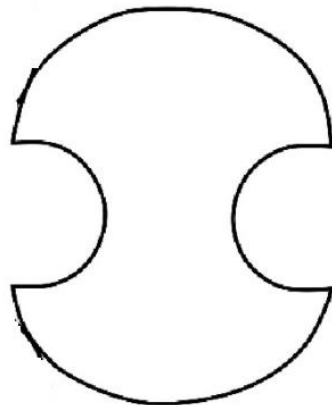
Maily from 16th C France

From the LoAR: New Charges

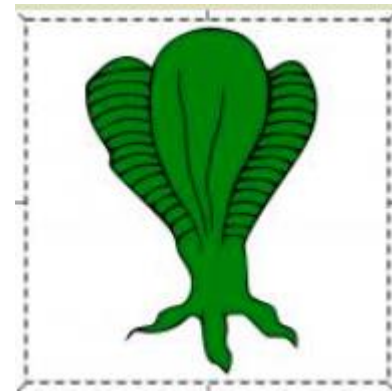
- Fundou (registered to Hayashi Kotori, Æthelmearc)
 - This term is used as both the singular and plural name of the charge (“a fundou” or “three fundou”).
 - Proper is defined as brown. The default orientation is the two circular notches aligned in fess.
- Lettuce (registered to Ælfyn æt geate, Drachenwald)



Three fundou



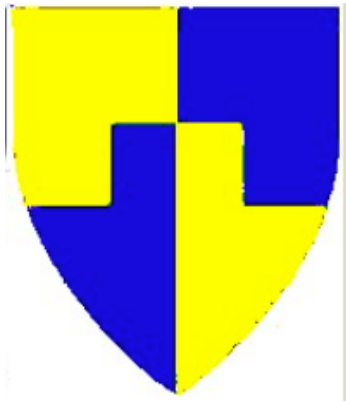
Fundou in default orientation



A lettuce

From the LoAR: Lines of Division

- Per fess with a single embattlement (registered to Ælfyn æt geate, Drachenwald) – this is a period line of division both as a per line and as part of a quarterly field
- Per fess engrailed trefly at the points (Winifred de Canterbury, West) – pended for redraw to match the period example from 16th C Germany



Quarterly per fess with a single embattlement



Per fess engrailed trefly at the points

From the LoAR: Unusual Blazon Terms

- *Siren* is an alternate, period term for a *mermaid* (Caterina Siren, Caid)

Webbed Updates

- Glossary of Terms, Admin Handbook, and SENA Appendices have been updated.
- SENA GP3, GP4F, NPN1B, A1A, and A2B updates will be made around November 1st, assuming that the BoD approves the changes at the October 24th quarterly meeting.
 - The assumption is that the BoD will approve the changes and Laurel is operating under the updates as published in the interim – they are treated as precedents at this point.