

January 2024 CL & LoAR

A Quick Summary of Changes

Jeanne Marie *Palimpsest*

From Laurel

- Letters of intent are limited to 50 items (not 50 numbered items) per kingdom per month.
 - The number of items on the letter is shown at the bottom of the Lol.
 - Limit applies to Lols (Laurel-level) not internal Lols.

OSCAR counts 25 New Names, 2 New Name Changes, 1 New Household Name, 8 New Order Names, 18 New Devices, 1 New Device Change and 15 New Badges. These 70 items are chargeable, Laurel should receive \$280 for them. There is 1 release, which does not require payment. There are a total of 71 items submitted on this letter.

- A section will be added to the Administrative Handbook V.B.2, Preparation of Letters of Intent with this limit, assuming the BoD approves the wording at their April meeting. Proposed wording:
Number of Items – A kingdom is limited to a maximum of 50 items per month. A name and any attached piece of armory are counted separately, even if they are presented together in OSCAR. If necessary, remaining submissions should be pushed to the next month according to a policy set by the Principal Herald.
- For extraordinary cases, an exception may be requested from Laurel prior to the Lol being issued.

From Pelican: Article Errata

- In the article "Jewish Names in the World of Medieval Islam" compiled by Yehoshua ben Haim haYerushalmi:
 - This article capitalizes the articles *ben*, *bint*, *bat*, *bar*, *ibn* and *al-*. None of these articles should be capitalized for submission unless documentation for that capitalization in period sources can be provided at the time of submission.
 - This article discusses use of the article *ibin*. This is a typo for the standard *ibn*.

From Pelican: *Lingua Societatis* Allowance

- PN1B2c allows descriptive and locative bynames to use the *lingua Societatis* Allowance. Appendix B makes it clear that occupational bynames are not descriptive bynames; however, precedent allows occupational bynames to use the *lingua Societatis* Allowance. In order to make clear that occupational bynames may use this allowance, PN1B2c has been updated:

c. *Lingua Societatis* Allowance: We allow the registration of translations of attested and constructed descriptive, occupational, and locative bynames into standard modern language forms. We call this the *lingua Societatis* rule. We allow this translation because the meanings of these bynames would have been clear to the speakers of these languages, but may be unclear to modern speakers.

From Wreath: On Interlocking Heads

- Based on the German blazon term *[plural animal name]+schnitt*, going forward we will blazon the interlocking depiction as *[animals]-cut tincture1 and tincture2*. For example, two lion's heads interlocked in argent and azure would be blazoned *lions-cut argent and azure*.
 - Period examples all have the head of the first tincture inverted and facing sinister, and the head of the second tincture upright and facing dexter. This, and its mirror image (blazoned as *[animals]-cut reversed*) will both be registerable. Other orientations must be attested to be registered.
 - Period examples also show the dividing line meeting the edges of the field anywhere from *per pale*, through *per bend sinister*, to *per fess*, even in different renditions of the same armory. Much like charges *in annulo*, we will not grant difference for the exact orientation or arrangement of the heads, the direction they face, or the direction of the line of division.
 - Because of the high degree of complexity of the line dividing the two tinctures, this motif will only be allowed when there is good contrast between the sections. Armory using this motif will not be allowed with secondary charges, aside from peripheral ordinaries which will be allowed on a case-by-case basis.
 - These designs will be considered primarily as a field division. We decline to rule at this time on what difference would be counted between these designs and armory with distinct charges on a divided field. We also decline to rule at this time on what difference would be counted between these motifs using different animal's heads.

From Wreath: On Interlocking Heads



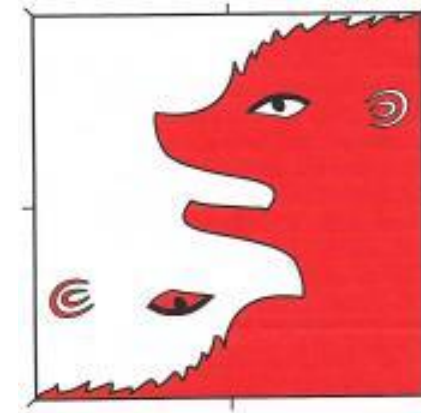
Dragons-cut reversed argent and sable, a bordure gules



Wolves-cut argent and sable



Bears-cut Or and sable



Bears-cut argent and gules



Wolves-cut palewise inverted sable and Or

Note: The heads are also rotated and reversed from the default for this motif, which will not be allowed in future registrations without evidence. We have blazoned this arrangement as *palewise inverted*; this blazon is intended as an aid for artists, and is not worth difference.

From Wreath: Leaves

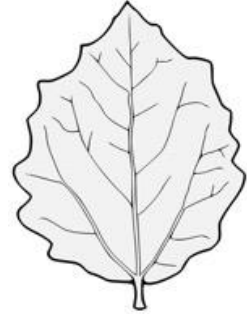
- Five categories for leaves have been established; there is a DC between leaves in different categories.
- Leaves within the same category will generally conflict with each other.
- Leaves that fit in more than one of the categories will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- The categories:
 - Leaf-shaped - oval or pointed oval, may or may not have serrated edges
 - Includes default leaf, aspen, birch, blackthorn, elm
 - Heart-shaped - generally round shape, may be pointed, with a distinct concavity by the stem, includes arrow-shaped leaves
 - Includes linden, water lily, lady's mantle, paulownia, morning glory
 - Maple-shaped - roughly as tall as they are wide, a few large lobes that radiate from where the leaf meets the stem
 - Includes maple, sycamore, fig, ivy, grape, strawberry
 - Oak-shaped - taller than they are wide, multiple lobes or points that issue from a central vein
 - Includes oak, holly, dandelion, acanthus
 - Frond-shaped - multiple long leaflets issuing from a central stalk
 - Includes palm fronds and ferns

From Wreath: Leaves

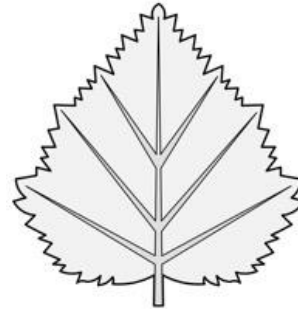
Leaf-Shaped Leaves



Leaf (generic)^



Aspen Leaf*

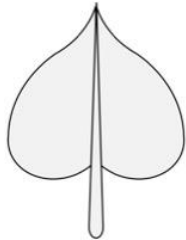


Birch Leaf*

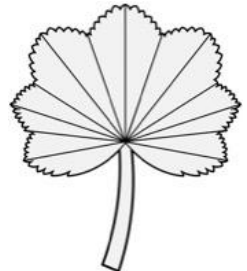


On a blackthorn leaf vert an increscent argent~

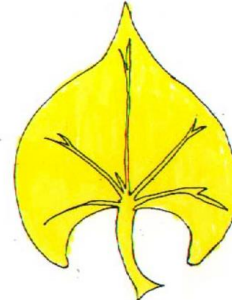
Heart-Shaped Leaves



Linden Leaf*



Lady's Mantle Leaf*



Morning Glory Leaf~

Maple-Shaped Leaves



Maple Leaf*



Ivy Leaf*



Fig Leaf*



Grape Leaf*



Strawberry Leaf*

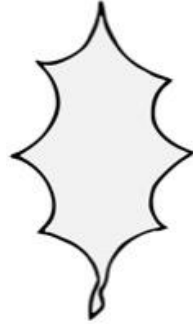
* Emblazon from <https://heraldicart.org>; ^ Emblazon from <https://mistholme.com>; ~ Emblazon from the archives

From Wreath: Leaves

Oak-Shaped Leaves



Oak Leaf*



Holly Leaf*



Acanthus Leaf*

Frond-Shaped Leaves



Palm Frond~



Fern Frond~



Fern Frond~

From Wreath: Leaves

Notes:

- The categories are not taxonomic classifications - some types of oak leaves, for example, better fit "Leaf-shaped"; these would be considered leaf-shaped leaves for the purposes of conflict.
- Most compound or pinnate leaves are blazoned as sprigs of leaves, and the individual leaflets are blazoned as leaves. The most common exception is strawberry leaves, where the term "leaf" is always used to refer to the cluster of three leaflets.
- Because nature has no respect for our nice little boxes, there are some leaves that have a lot of variety in shape, even on the same branch. In these cases the most distinctive and recognizable of their shapes should be used in emblazons: for example, a leaf blazoned as a *holly leaf* but drawn without notches, even though this appearance is common in nature, is not identifiable as holly and will be blazoned simply as a *leaf*.

From Wreath: On Caucasian

- The term *Caucasian* will no longer be used to describe humans or human parts.
 - Blazons of existing registrations will not be updated unless they are being reblazoned for some other reason.
 - Table 4 of the Glossary of Terms has been updated to reflect this change.

From the LoAR: Names

- French double bynames including a locative place the locative last. When the locative is not last, the second byname is created in a dictus style by adding the word *dit* ('called'). The only examples we currently have where this does not hold true occur when they are describing birth order, such as *l'ainé* (the first child), *le Josne* (the young/younger), *le Maisné* (the younger child), and *le Vielle* (the old/elder). [Gerschon de Gervoi dit l'Amiot, 01/2024, A-Æthelmearc]
- The submitter wished to preserve the spelling *-skaya* if at all possible rather than the standard transliteration of *-skaia*. Where the standard romanization system of Russian uses the Latin letters *ia* for its underlying Cyrillic letter, the BGN/PCGN romanization system of Russian transliterates the same Cyrillic letter *ya*. Using this system for the entire name yields the desired spelling. [Vika Novgorodskaya, 01/2024, A-Atlantia]
- Submitted as *Parsa of Kor River*, this name is not constructed correctly. *Parsa* is a locative that is characterized in the research literature as a Babylonian *nisbe*, or a byname that refers to a specific ethnic group; in this case, *Parsa* means 'from Persia'. We do not currently have any evidence for *nisbe* used as given names or for two *nisbe* used to refer to a person without a given name. [Azar Parsa, 01-2024, A-Caid]
- In registering the alternate name Hōjō Sukeko, Pelican noted "The Hepburn transliteration system for Japanese characters uses a macron over the letter *o* rather than using the vowel combination *ou*." [Shoshanah bas Nachman fun Magenza, 01/2024, A-Calontir]

From the LoAR: Names

- In registering the household name *Taverna della Ametista* Pelican confirmed that the pattern *Casa de X* only applies when X is an Italian surname or placename. Patterns based on heraldic charges, such as an amethyst (*della Ametista*) use either the designator *Taverna* or *Hostaria* (also spelled *Ostaria*). [Ginevra Chiarina di Martin, 01/2024, A-East]
- The byname *Hoerner* is attested to 16th century Germany; the vowel combination *oe* in German may be rendered as o-umault by this point in our period allowing the registration of *Hörner*. [Johannes Hörner, 01/2024, A-East]
- The Da'ud code {y-} represents a lowercase Latin letter y with a macron over it. [Wulfric h{y-}regilda, 01/2024, A-Lochac]

From the LoAR: Proper

- A *Paschal lamb proper* is argent, haloed Or, with an argent banner charged with a red cross throughout; the halo may also have an optional red cross, and is treated as argent for the purposes of contrast and conflict. [Tomás de Calatrava, 01/2024, A-Lochac]
 - The banner of a *Paschal lamb*, when plain or charged with a cross throughout, is part of the definition of the charge and does not need to be conflict checked as independent armory.



Azure, a Paschal lamb reguardant proper and on a chief gules three Maltese crosses Or.



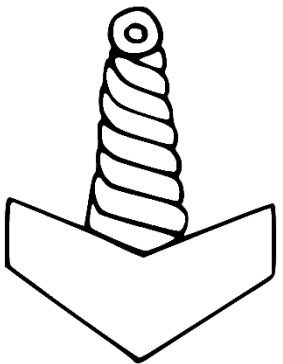
Paschal lamb from <https://heraldicart.org>



Paschal lamb reguardant from <https://mistholme.com>

From the LoAR: Default Orientations

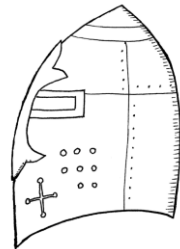
- The default orientation for a *Thor's hammer* is head to base. [Brúni Óblauðsson ørrabein, 01/2024, A-An Tir]
- The default orientation for a *paw* is aversant, claws to chief. [Áshildr in Hárfagr, 01/2024, A-Ansteorra]
- Most helmets face dexter by default. The exceptions are horned helmets and kettle helmets, which default to affronty. [Twin Moons, Barony of, 01/2024, A-Atenveldt]
- The default *hand* is the dexter hand, the default posture is apaumy and coupé. [Refr Silfrh{o,}nd, 01/2024, A-Meridies]
- The default orientation for a *boar's tusk* is palewise, tip to chief. [Quintus Varius Primus, 01/2024, A-Trimaris]



Thor's Hammer (from <https://heraldicart.org>)



In pale a lion's paw coupé conjoined to a castle azure



Helm



Roman helm



Kettle helm



Horned helm



Hand (from <https://heraldicart.org>)

Images from <https://mistholmne.com>.

From the LoAR: New Charges

- *Beamed notes* are found in the grey period *Fitzwilliam Virginal Book*, written sometime before 1619. The beaming is considered a type of conjoining, so is not worth difference versus two musical notes in the same arrangement without a beam. [Eithne ingen Mael Duin. 01/2024, A-East]
- A *boar's tusk* is found in the grey period arms of Gaudart from *Armorial de Waignart*. [Quintus Varius Primu, 01/2024, A-Trimaris]
 - Precedent disallowing the registration of tusks of any kind is partially overturned; the use of *boar's tusks* is allowed in Society armory.



In fess two musical notes beamed azure (registered)



A section of the *Fitzwilliam Virginal Book*



Arms of Gaudart

From the LoAR: Armory

- Mullets are considered non-orientable charges. Their orientation is optionally blazonable and does not count for difference. [Evan Horne, 01/2024, A-Æthelmearc]
- The charge a snail Or with the head of a domestic cat argent is a constructed monster that is equivalent to a snail for conflict purposes. [Gwen Cooke, 01/2024, A-Æthelmearc]
- When comparing two devices where the field is divided in two parts in one direction, and multiple parts in the other, it is the two-part division that determines conflict. [István Győri, 01/2024, A-An Tir]



A snail Or with the head of a domestic cat argent



Per bend bendy argent and azure and checky argent and azure

There is an SC between these for changing from *per bend* to *per bend sinister*



Bendy and per bend sinister indented azure and argent

From the LoAR: Armory

- Wreath overturned precedent that there is a step from core practice for specifying the breed of a dog beyond those attested in period blazon. Dogs used in armory still need to be period breeds and be drawn in a period form. [Evelyn Gray, 01/2024, A-Atlantia]
- For purposes of SENA A3C, *parting and fretting* is equivalent to *voiding*; therefore, charges *parted and fretted* cannot be used as non-primary charges. However, reblazoning *a saltire couped parted and fretted as two bendlets and two scarpes fretted* allowed the armory to be registered. [Vika Novgorodskaya, 01/2024, A-Atlantia]
- The charge group *two bendlets and two scarpes fretted within and conjoined to an annulet* is not slot-machine heraldry as bendlets and scarpes are the same type of charge in different orientations. [Vika Novgorodskaya, 01/2024, A-Atlantia]
- Wreath ruled the emblazon of a nude woman in Vika's device was not offensive as it lacks genital details. [Vika Novgorodskaya, 01/2024, A-Atlantia]



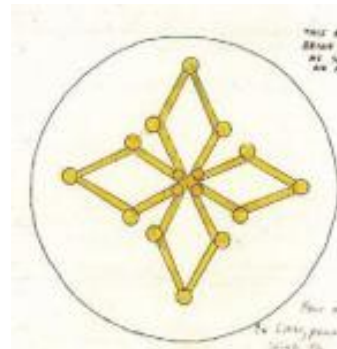
Vert, a nude light-skinned woman proper with the head and wings of a raven sable arms outstretched and in base two bendlets and two scarpes fretted within and conjoined to an annulet Or.

From the LoAR: Armory

- Comparing *Sable, four mascles fesswise in cross Or* to the registered (*Fieldless*) *Four mascles conjoined in cross, pommetty at all joints, Or* Wreath ruled that while there wasn't a DC for orientation of the mascles, there was a DC for adding a field and another for removing the pommetty treatment. [Shoshanah bas Nachman fun Magenza, 01/2024, A-Calontir]
- No evidence was found for a *shillelagh* as a period artifact. The charge was registered as a *walking staff*. [Rónán mac Lochlainn, 01/2024, A-East]
- There is no difference between *striking affronty* and *displayed*. [Aífe ingen Cathai, 01/2024, Lochac]
- There is a DC, but not an SC, between a *dove striking affronty* and a *goose displayed*. [Aífe ingen Cathai, 01/2024, Lochac]



Sable, four mascles fesswise in cross Or



(Fieldless) Four mascles conjoined in cross, pommetty at all joints, Or



A wolf rampant maintaining a walking staff

From the LoAR: Armory

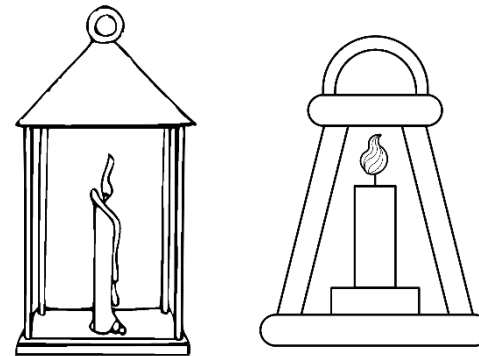
- A rod of Aesculapius is considered a single charge. [Cheng Weiming, 01/2024, A-Lochac]
- The *shahbaz* is a symbol that appears to have been used exclusively by royalty of the Achaemenid dynasty in period and is therefore added to the Glossary of Terms Table 3, Restricted Charges. A shahbaz is a falcon or eagle displayed with a roundel atop its head, and optionally roundels in each foot. [Azar Parsa, 01/2024, R-Caid]
- Wreath upheld precedent that the lanterns shown below are modern depictions of a lantern and, barring period documentation, are no longer registerable. [Bríg inghean Uatéir, 01/2024, R-Caid]
- For conflict checking purposes there is no difference between a *chapé* field and *per chevron* field. [Sisuile Butler, 01/2024, R-East]



A rod of Aesculapius



A shahbaz



Unregisterable lanterns (from <https://heraldicart.org>)

Armory Registered via an IAP



Paly of four gules and ermine, on a chevron Or a cross bottonny azure between two pomegranates palewise gules slipped and leaved vert and on a chief sable a cock between two crescents argent. [Lilion Jane Godwin, 01/2024, A-An Tir]



Azure, a Paschal lamb reguardant proper and on a chief gules three Maltese crosses Or. [Tomás de Calatrava, 01/2024, Lochac]



Gules, an apple tree proper atop a mount vert, atop the mount and surmounting the trunk a boar statant argent. [Gwenhwyfar Simpson, 01/2024, Atenveldt]

Webbed Updates

- SENA PN1B2c and Appendix M have been updated
- Glossary of Terms Table 3, Table 4, and Table 5 have been updated.
- Standard Source "Errata" has been updated.
- Admin Handbook V.B.2 will be updated about a week after the April BoD meeting, assuming they approve the change.