

# May 2024 CL & LoAR

A Quick Summary of Changes

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# From Laurel: Badge and Regalia - Order of Defense

- *Three swords in pall inverted tips crossed* has been added to Table 1 (Regalia) of the Glossary of Terms for members of the Order of Defense.
  - As with all regalia, this will also be protected as a badge
- *Three swords in pall inverted tips crossed* has been added to Table 2 (Reserved Charges) of the Glossary of Terms for members of the Order of Defense.
- "Sword" applies to any type of bladed weapon, including rapiers.
- A Rules Letter has been opened to add *Three swords crossed in pall inverted* to both Table 1 and Table 2
  - The proposal includes a note "Proper or argent swords on a vert field should not be used in this context, that design having been registered decades before the establishment of the order"

Please see the Cover Letter for the full discussion concerning the reasoning behind these changes.

# From Wreath: Rainbows and Complexity

- Rainbows, whether heraldic or natural, are considered to have three tinctures for the purposes of complexity: gules, Or, and either vert or azure (whichever results in the lowest total complexity), plus the tincture of the clouds (if present), and we will allow designs including rainbows to have a maximum complexity of nine.



Nadyha Helming,  
05/2024, A-Calontir

Complexity count = 9  
Gules, Or, vert, argent, sable  
Rainbow, cock, chief, cucumbers



Hekja Hornabrájotr,  
05/2024, A-East

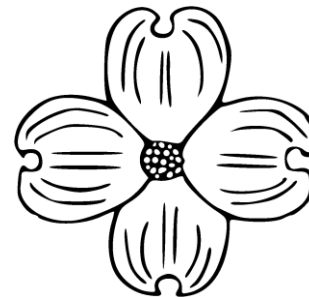
Complexity count = 8  
Gules, Or, azure, argent  
Raven, drinking horns, chief, rainbow.

# From Wreath: On *New World*

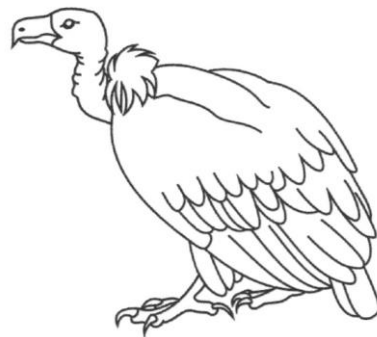
- There are a few charges that we have, in the past, blazoned with the modifier *New World* to distinguish them from European versions of the charges. As the scope of the SCA expands and we add more charges from the Americas and elsewhere, we wish to move away from this term, which has its roots in colonialism. To this end, we will be reblazoning these charges with more neutral names.



*New World pineapple* will be blazoned as a *ananas* (in both the singular and plural), a word which appeared in English as early as 1613, and which is the most common name for the pineapple worldwide. In period and modern heraldry, a *pineapple* is what we blazon a *pinecone*. (Image from heraldicart.org.)



*New World dogwood blossom/flower* will be blazoned as a *flowering dogwood*. (Image from heraldicart.org.)



*New World vulture* will be blazoned simply as a *vulture* with no distinction made between European and North American vultures.

# From Wreath: Blazons Which Must Be Considered

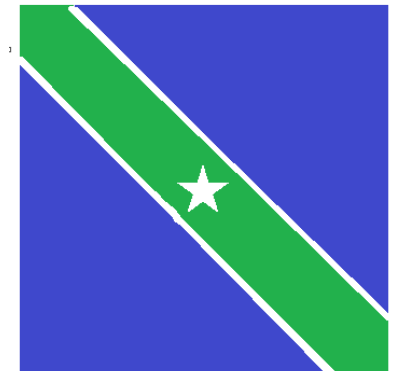
- SENA A5C1, Blazons Which Must Be Considered, has been modified so that we no longer need to check fimbriated charges as *on a charge a charge* if that alternate blazon results in a quaternary charge.



*Azure, on a bend argent a mullet vert* conflicts with *Azure, a bend vert fimbriated argent* because that must be considered as *Azure, on a bend argent a bend vert* leaving a single DC for changing the type of tertiary charge.

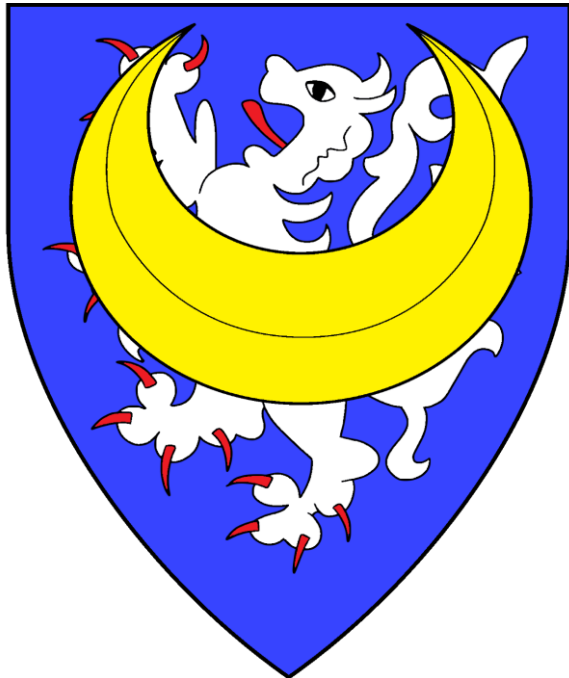


However, it does not conflict with *Azure, on a bend vert fimbriated a mullet argent* because that cannot be considered as *Azure, on a bend argent a bend vert charged with a mullet argent* since the mullet would then be a quaternary charge. So there is a DC for changing the tincture of the bend (from argent to vert) and another for adding the tertiary mullet.

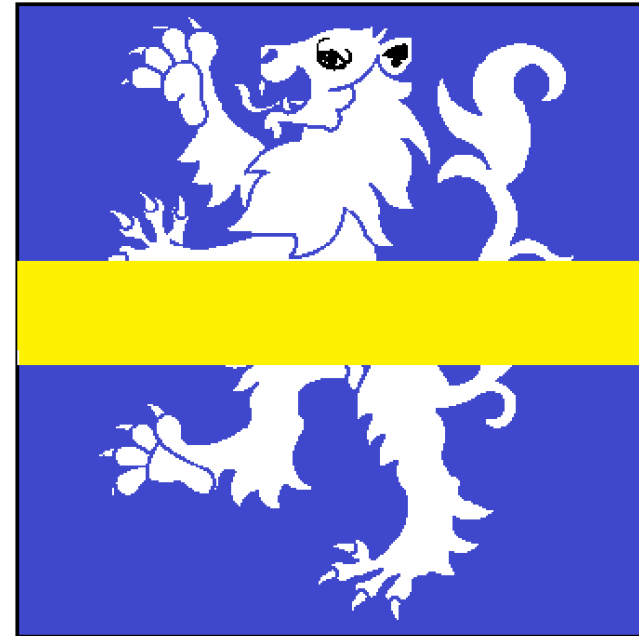


# From Wreath: SENA Appendix I4 & Overall Charges

- SENA Appendix I4 is updated to required that the overall charge or the charge it overlies must be either an ordinary or a long charge.
- These changes do not impact charges on fretty, spiderwebs, or grillage, which are treated as overall charges for the purposes of contrast and other style rules.



Not registerable – neither the lion nor the crescent is an ordinary or long charge. [image courtesy of Elisabetta Tommaso di Carduci]



Registerable because the fess is an ordinary.

Updated wording is available at <https://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#AppendixI4>.

# From Wreath: Marshalling Revised

- Until the rules can be updated, we are ruling that a primary charge group with at least one charge that crosses a line of division does not have the appearance of marshalling. Plain crosses throughout are an exception to this, as noted in A6F3b.



As SENA A6F is currently written, this has the appearance of marshalling. That is not the intent of the rules. [Ludwig Maltz, 05/2024, A-An Tir]

NOTE: There is now a flowchart for A6F. It has been updated with this information and can be found at <https://heraldry.sca.org/regs.html>.

# From the CL and LoAR: Discussions

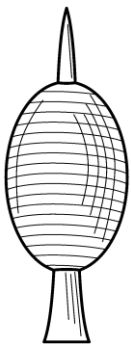
- Please comment on the following armorial issue:
  - How should demi-charges be handled under SENA A3D1b ("sword and dagger") when the demi-charge is the same type as a full charge?

# From the LoAR: Names

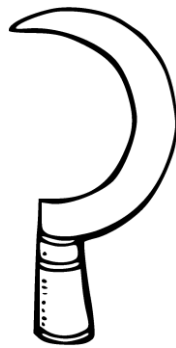
- Pelican rejected the changes proposed on the February 7<sup>th</sup> Rules Letter to allow the registration of some abbreviations in names.
- In 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century Shetland, literal Scandinavian relationship-style bynames were still being used, including the relationship markers *-dochter*, *-dochtir*, *-dogthir*, *-dogttir*, *-dochtire*, *-dowchter*, and *-dochtter*. [Anne Stephensdaughter, 05/2024, A-An Tir]
- Kingdoms are reminded that even if a source appears on the "no photocopy list", desired spellings still must be dated to our period to be usable as documentation. [Jasper Salles, 05/2024, A-AN Tir]
- When lingual mixes between Spanish and Taino occurred during our period a person adopted a Spanish given name with their original Taino name as a "byname" rather than retaining their Taino given name and adopting a Spanish byname. [Aracibo Salgado, 05/2024, A-Caid]
- Pelican overturned precedent and allowed the registration of the given name *Embla*. We have expanded our recognition of naming patterns to register literary names in cultures that had a practice of given names based on literary figures, even if the specific name is not documented outside of literature. Old Norse is one of the languages in which this pattern of literary names exists. The legendary Embla was the first woman, according to myth, but did not herself have any supernatural abilities. [Embla Drífudóttir, 05/2024, A-Caid]
- Greek names using the connecting phrase *ho kai* are not used with descriptive nicknames, only proper given names. [Iakovos ho kai Paranomos, 05/2024, A-Middle]

# From the LoAR: Proper and Default Orientations

- Stringed instruments are assumed to be made of wood, so are brown when proper. [Isabeau d'Arc, 05/2024, A-Ansteorra]
- Spindles default to palewise, point to chief. [Katherine inghean Ui Chonghaile, 05/2025, Ansteorra]
- The default orientation for sickles is blade to chief embowed to sinister. [Priskilla Lada Zvezdochytova, 05/2024, A-Atlantia]
- A distaff defaults to palewise with the fiber loaded in chief. [Addison de Parre, 05/2024, A-Lochac]
- Tongs, pincers, and pliers are palewise handles to base and closed by default. [Ása lúfa, 05/2024, R-Calontir]



Spindle



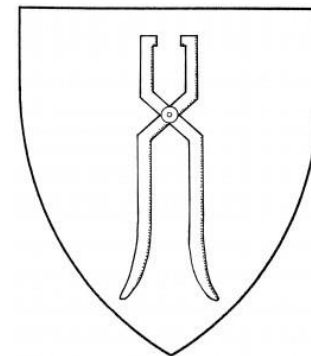
Sickle



Distaff



Pliers



Tongs (image from the *Pictorial Dictionary*)

Images from heraldicart.org.

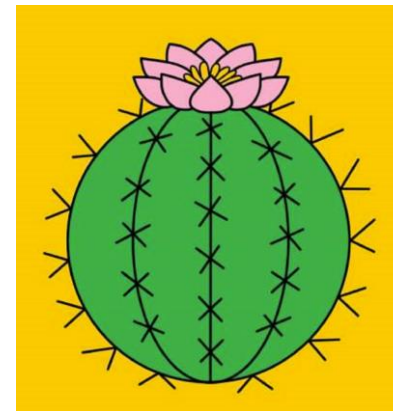
Glossary of Terms Table 4 (<https://heraldry.sca.org/coagloss.html#proper>) and Table 5 (<https://heraldry.sca.org/coagloss.html#default>) have been updated.

# From the LoAR: New Charges

- A *vielle* is a bowed stringed instrument played throughout most of the medieval period. [Isabeau d'Arc, 05/2024, A-Ansteorra]
- A *pincushion cactus* is the common name applied nearly all of the 200 species of Mammillaria and 20 species of Pelecyphora. Wreath declined to declare a proper tincture for these plants; the blossoms in nature can be white, green, yellow, orange, pink, or red. As these plants can also have a varying number of blossoms, in various locations on the plant, we leave the tincture, arrangement, and number of blossoms as unblazoned artistic details. [Sandeshend, Shire of, 05/2024, A-Avacal]



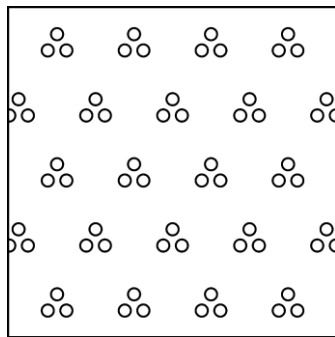
Or, in saltire a vielle bow and a vielle proper, a chief checky azure and argent.



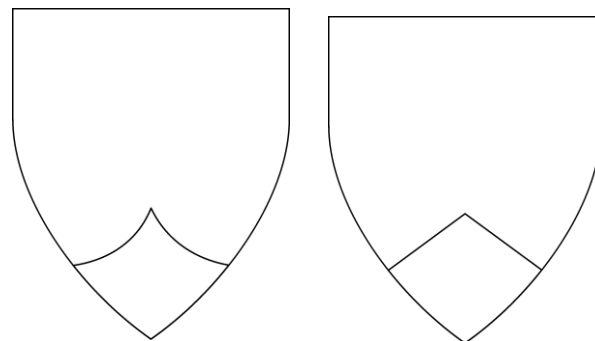
A pincushion cactus vert.

# From the LoAR: Armory

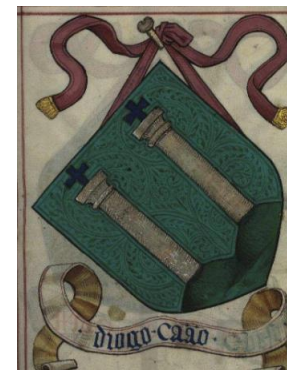
- A review of the relevant sections of Brault's *Early Blazon* shows that, although there is evidence that the blazon term *estencely* was at times applied to both strewn sparks and strewn mullets/estoiles, none of the examples provided show that the two emblazons were considered equivalent or interchangeable, so we will grant a DC between *estencely* and semy of mullets or estoiles. [Beatrix Stuart, 05/2024, A-An Tir]
- There is a DC between a *base* and a *point pointed*. [Godfrey of Wiesenfeuer, 05/2024, A-Ansteorra]
- Commenters questioned the use of a mount of two peaks, as single mounts and trimounts are much more common in period armory. A mount of two peaks is found in the 1509 *Livro do Armeiro-Mor*. [Devin de Solariis, 05/2024, A-Atenveldt]
- As *estencely* is a period motif, and does not appear to have ever been used interchangeably with strewn roundels, Wreath overturned precedent and ruled that there is a DC between *estencely* and *semy of roundels*. [Ansteys Darcy, 05/2024, A-Caid]



*Estencely*



Two versions of a *point pointed*

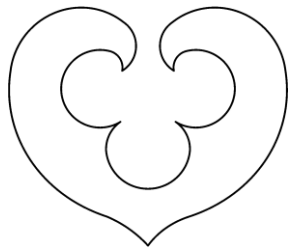


*A mount of two peaks*

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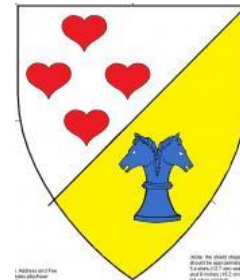
- There is an SC between seeblätter and escallops. [Eleanor Deyeson, 05/2024, A-Calontir]
- Most period depictions of lozengy had somewhere between 3 and 6 repeats across the width of the shield. [Joachim Courtenay der Marxbruder, 05/2024, A-Calontir]
- Submitted as *an hourglass Or, sanded sable*, the tincture, and even the presence, of sand in an hourglass is an unblazoned artistic detail. [Valeriano di Rossi, 05/2024, A-Calontir]
- As hearts arranged one, two, and one are in a reasonable arrangement to fill the upper portion of a per bend field it is considered a default arrangement and does not need to be blazoned. [Hannah Albericsdochter, 05/2024, A-East]
- This is our first registration of a poodle since we disallowed the use of the modern 'poodle cut' in 2017. As the poodle was a period breed, and the dog depicted in this emblazon resembles a poodle and does not have the disallowed style of fur, we are happy to use the submitter's preferred breed in the blazon. [Edward the Stranger, 05/2024, A-Middle]



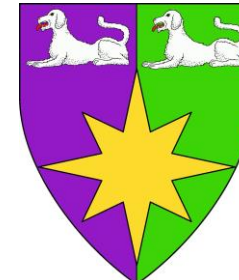
Seeblatt [image from heraldicart.org]



A chevron inverted couped gules, overall an hourglass Or



Per bend sinister argent and Or, four hearts gules and a chess knight azure



Per pale purple and vert, a compass star Or and in chief two poodles couchant argent

# From the LoAR: Armory

- Wreath affirmed the precedent that allows *semy* of two types of charges. [Morganus Eternus, 05/2024, A-Middle]
- No difference is granted between a pole-cannon and a torch as both are poles with fire at one end.



Sable, semy of suns in their splendor Or and decrescent moons argent.



Argent, a pole-cannon sable enflamed proper.

# Webbed Updates

- SENA A5C1 and Appendix I4 have been updated.
- Glossary of Terms Table 1, Table 2, Table 4, and Table 5 have been updated.
- The A6F flow chart has been updated with CL precedent.