

# October 2024 CL & LoAR

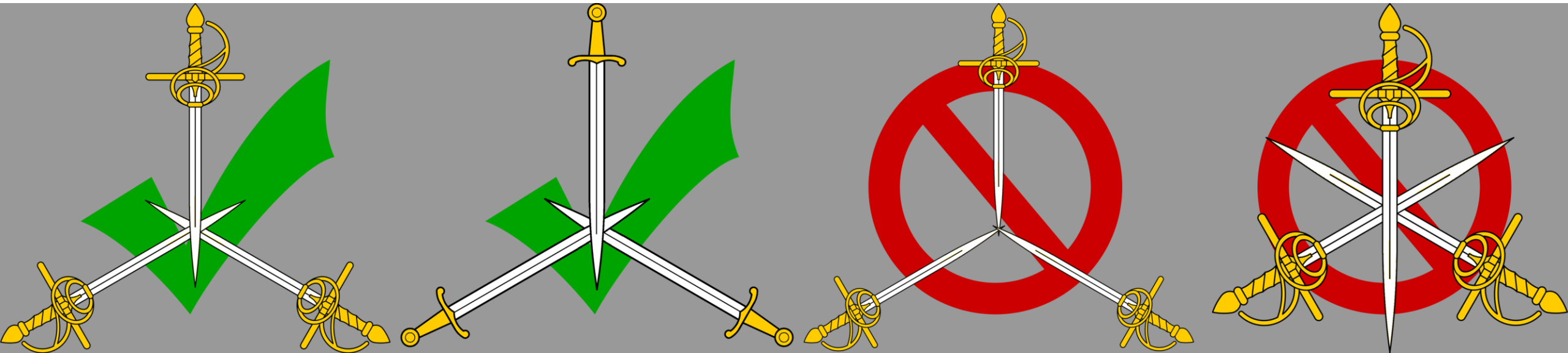
A Quick Summary of Changes

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# From Laurel: Badge of the Order of Defense

- With the agreement of the Board of Directors, the badge of the Order of Defense in the form in which it was originally registered and the variants we decided to reserve to the Order and its members in May stay reserved.
- The badge, which like other Peerage badges is also protected when used as regalia, needs to have the swords cross clearly in the foible of the blade. There is variation in period fencing manuals as to the exact definition, but for heraldic purposes the point of contact needs to be clearly on the blade but equally clearly forward of the center.
- The design *three swords in pall inverted crossed at the tips* is reserved for the Order of Defense and may be used by members of the Order similarly to other reserved charges. It will be considered as having a Distinct Change from both *two swords in saltire surmounted by another inverted* and *three swords in pall inverted conjoined at the tips*. This is not to be taken as a precedent on the acceptability of similar arrangements in other contexts.

# From Laurel: Badge of the Order of Defense



Any type of sword, including rapiers, are reserved.

Both of these have a DC from the reserved motif for arrangement of the weapons.

# From Laurel: Administrative Handbook Updates

- The proposed revision to AH II.A.5 - Heraldic Titles from Palimpsest's July 31st Rules Letter is returned for further work as questions were raised about how this would apply to the SCA-affiliate groups among other issues.
  - What this means: The requirements of the July 2013 and March 2015 Cover Letters continue to apply to all transfers of heraldic titles from SCA branches to individuals.
- The Administrative Handbook II.A.1 - Primary Society Name is revised to make the requirement for a primary name explicit as proposed on Palimpsest's July 31st Rules Letter. This update was approved by the Board of Directors at the October 20th Board meeting.

# From Pelican – SENA NPN4B1

- Palimpsest's proposal on the July 10th Rules Letter to modify SENA NPN4B1 to allow non-personal names to use elements that appear to be titles in some circumstances.
- The pattern <titles><charge><designator> where <designator> is the equivalent of Inn or Tavern is not considered to be a claim to rank or title in any language.
  - The following are all registerable (barring conflict or other style issue): Knights Shield Inn (English), Haus zum Königstuhl (German, "House of the King's Chair"), Taverna del Ventaglio della Regina (Italian, "Queen's Fan Tavern")
- The use of a title with the name of an inn or tavern (or equivalent designator) is not considered to be a claim to rank in English, French, or Spanish nor is the use of a title with ship's names in Dutch or English considered to be a claim to rank.
  - The following are all registerable (barring conflict or other style issue): Barons College, Three Kings Tavern, Colegio de la Reina (Spanish, "Queen's College"), Collège du Roi (French, "King's College"), Schip Prins Willem (Dutch), Ship Prince William (English)
  - The following are not registerable without further documentation: Koningscollege (Dutch, "King's College"), Haus zum Ritter (German "Knight's House"), Navire Roi Louis (French "Ship King Louis")
- Whether this pattern has a different meaning in other languages requires more data than we presently have. The issue can be revisited in specific languages as data and need require

# From Wreath – Documentation

There have been many examples in the past few months of armory submissions that lack the required documentation. SENA A2A says:

On first registration of any particular element, documentation must be presented that the element and its depiction may be registered. [...] Items which have not been registered in over a decade, have only been registered a few times, or have recent registrations only via the Existing Registration Allowance may need to be documented. Occasionally new research will require new documentation of a more recently registered element.

When this documentation is not provided, the work of finding support for armorial elements falls to Laurel commenters, heralds at the Wreath meeting, or Wreath himself. These heralds may not always have the time, resources, or knowledge base to do this research, so sending submissions which lack required documentation risks a return.



# From Wreath and Palimpsest – Changes to A6F

- SENA A6F, Claims though Marshalling, has been completely revised.
  - What this means: Do **not** attempt to determine if armory has the appearance of marshalling without working through A6F. The changes are significant.
  - Most prior precedents referring to A6F are no longer relevant. The sub-sections they refer to no longer bear any resemblance to those that existed when the precedents were set.
- There are multiple examples of working through this section in A6F7.
- There is a flowchart available at <https://heraldry.sca.org/a6f-flow.pdf>.



# Open LoPaDs

- The following LoPaDs are currently open. Please review and comment. If you lack commenting privileges, comments may be mailed to the relevant Sovereign of Arms.
  - October 3<sup>rd</sup>:
    - request for examples of fracted charges in period
    - discussion on whether we should change the Existing Registration Allowance to treat names as a neutral in gender as well as time and place
  - November 29<sup>th</sup>:
    - request for commentary on whether or not the author *Margaret Frazer*, a pen name of the author of *Murder at the War* (set at Pennsic) is important enough to protect
    - request for commentary on armory whose emblazon was only in comments on the original Lol
  - November 30<sup>th</sup> (Lol)
    - Request from the BoD for alternatives for the name and insignia of the new Peerage Order for ranged martial activities

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# From the LoAR: Names

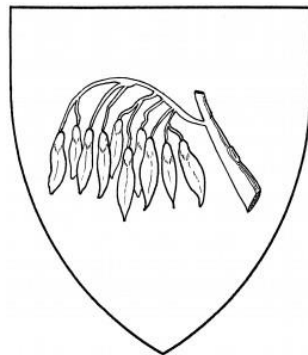
- Pelican overturned precedent disallowing *Niamh* as a feminine Gaelic name. It is registerable under SENA PN1B2d2 as the name of a legendary, ordinary human. [Niamh inghean U{*i*} Chatháin, 10/2024, A-Caid]
- *an tSleibhe* is Gaelic for "of the mountain". It does not change based on the gender of the given name. [Siobhan an tSleibhe, 10/2024, A-Caid]
- When registering *Debora de ffrogenhole* Pelican noted that some medieval English legal hands used ff to represent F and ruled "we will register either the double lowercase-f version of such names or the single, uppercase-f version of those same names, as these are functionally the same name. We will not, however, register versions with the *Ff* form, as functionally that would translate to *fff* using those scripts." [Debora de ffrogenhole, 10/2024, A-Calontir]
- The name *Idiot-Gudinna* is a prepended byname and a given name. *Idiot* is a lingua Societatis form of a Norse pre-pended byname. The question was raised if a Lingua Societatis name element can be combined in the same name phrase as a name in the original language. It was ruled that a pre-pended byname is a different name phrase than the given name it is attached to. Therefore PN1B2c, which requires that "Each name phrase registered under the lingua Societatis rule must use a consistent modern language", is not violated. [Birittha Wf, 10/2024, A-Drachenwald]

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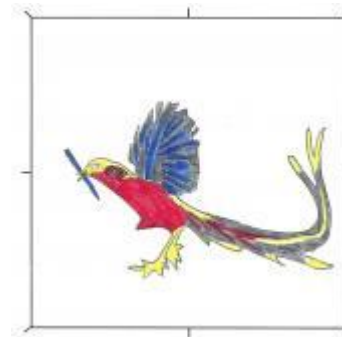
- Guild and its variant spellings are acceptable household designators. [Gracia Abrabanel, 10/2024, R-An Tir]
- The name *Dimitri Sokolov* (Dimitri, son of Sokol) was returned for appearing to claim the submitter is the father of Anastasiia Dmitrieva Sokolova (Anastasiia, daughter of Dimitri, son of Sokol), even though there is a change in appearance of the name. The change in appearance here is necessitated by grammar, thus the relationship conflict stands. [Dimitri Sokolov, 10/2024, R-Caid]

# From the LoAR: Updates to the Glossary of Terms Tables

- Table 4 – Conventional "Proper" Colorings
  - *Ash keys proper* are brown. They are the fruit of the ash tree.[Katrin Bächlein, 10/2024, A-Atlantia]
  - A *golden pheasant* has gules body with azure wings and Or marking. For conflict purposes it is considered half gules and half azure. [Ælfric Ecgeling, 10/2024, A-Atlantia]
  - A *wren proper* is mostly brown with white or light brown markings. It is considered brown for purposes of conflict and contrast. [Rayya al-Ruqay'a, 10/2024, P-Ansteorra]



*An ash branch fructed (from the Pictorial Dictionary)*



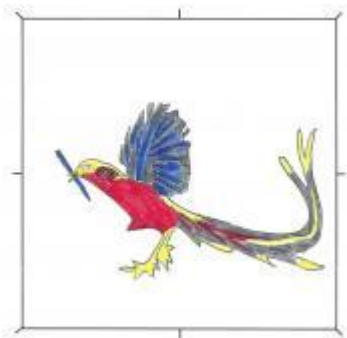
*A golden pheasant (registered)*

# From the LoAR: Updates to the Glossary of Terms Tables

- Table 5 – Conventional S.C.A Default Postures
  - None
- Table 7 – Default Arrangements
  - None
- Table 8 – Default Charge Types
  - None

# From the LoAR: New Charges

- A *golden pheasant* is an animal known to humans in period. [Ælfric Ecgeling, 10/2024, A-Atlantia]
- A *Chinese calligraphy brush* is a period artifact. For conflict purposes, it is identical to an *artist's paintbrush*. [Ælfric Ecgeling, 10/2024, A-Atlantia]
- The *mannarese* is a type of sword used by the Waldensians in period, fashioned from a farming implement. It resembles a *falchion*, but with a more squared-off tip and a knuckle guard/belt hook at the pommel-end which curves back over the hand and does not reconnect to the body of the weapon. [Vincentio Renfield, 10/2024, A-West]



A golden pheasant proper (registered) and in nature.



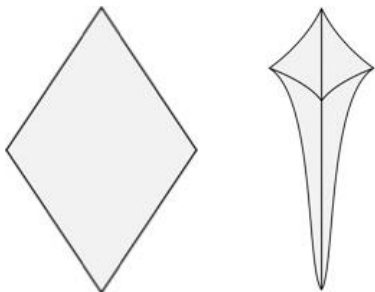
A Chinese calligraphy pen from A.D. 1573-1629 (from Wikipedia).



A mannarese from the Maciejowski Bible and registered.

# From the LoAR: Armory

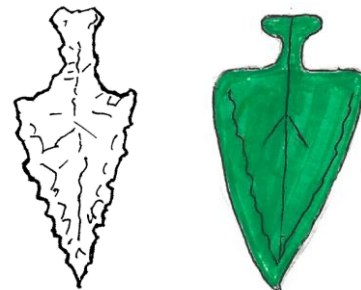
- There is at least a DC between a lozenge and a passion nail. [Jan Pac, 10/2024, A-Æthelmearc]
- The vast majority of ermine fields found in period armory had fewer than 20 spots. [Paul of Beckenham, 10/2024, A-An Tir]
- A leopard's head jessant-de-lys is considered a single charge. [Decimus Cornelius Scaevus, 10/2024, A-Ansteorra]
- Wreath noted that going forward the term *stone arrowhead* will be used instead of *elfbolt*. [Callan Griffin, 10/2024, A-Caid]
- There is a DC between charges *in sheaf* and charges *in pall inverted*. [Callan Griffin, 10/2024, A-Caid]
- There is a step from core practice for piles which extend between 75% and 85% of the length of the shield. This has been added to SENA Appendix G2. [Antonio Arias de Valencia, 10/2024, A-Calontir]



A lozenge and a passion nail  
(from heraldicart.org)



A leopard's head jessant-  
de-lys (from OSCAR)



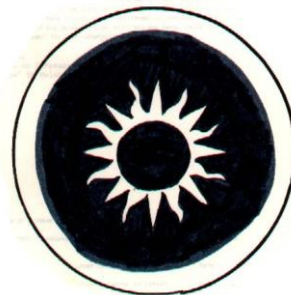
Stone arrowhead (from *Pictorial Dictionary* and registered.)

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- There is a DC between a multi-petaled flower affronty and one in profile. [Elizabeth Daundelyon, 10/2024, A-Calontir]
- "John Guillim, in his 1611 *A Display of Heraldrie*, cites examples of both an *orle engrailed* and an *orle engrailed on its inner edge*. We see no reason a complex line could not be applied to the outer edge instead, so will allow orles with complex line on either or both edges, provided identifiability is maintained." [Ignatius Rufus, 10/2024, A-Calontir]
- Wreath ruled that the gouttes in Ansteorra's badge, (*Fieldless*) *A mullet of five greater and five lesser points distilling gouttes Or*, are significant enough to grant a DC. This overturns prior precedent. [Oswald of Ruantallan, 10/2024, A-Ealdormere]
- In early SCA blazon a *sun eclipsed argent* described an argent sun charged with a sable roundel. We no longer default to sable eclipsing, so Wreath reblazoned Cynedd's badge to explicitly note the tincture of the roundel. [Cynedd ap Gwen, 10/2024, A-East]



Ansteorra's badge for the Chronicler



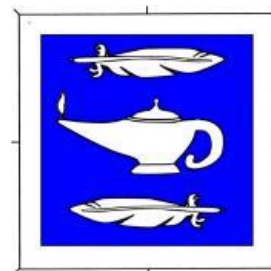
Cynedd's badge, *Sable, a sun argent eclipsed sable within a bordure argent*

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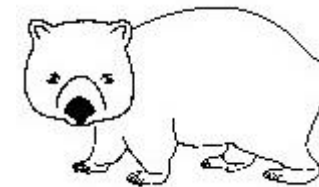
- "The submitter provided sufficient evidence that what we have blazoned as *six crescents in estoile* is a period motif that was sometimes found in heraldic contexts. The arrangement *in estoile* is not registerable for charges other than crescents without period evidence of the practice." [Zaven Zeytuntsi, 10/2024, A-Lochac]
- *A feather fesswise and a feather fesswise reversed* does not violate SENA A3D2c, Unity of Posture and Orientation. There are armorial examples of two identical inanimate charges facing in opposite directions (while still being oriented along the same long axis) that we will allow such motifs, similar to how we allow animate charges in orientations such as *passant counter-passant*. [Osprey, Barony of the, 10/2024, A-Meridies]
- *A compass star voided and interlaced* is not registerable. [Ryn Shiver Glades, 10/2024, R-Caid]
- No difference is granted between a *wombat* and a *bear*. [Odette de Saint Remy, 10/2024, R-Ealdormere]



*Six crescents in estoile*



Barony of the Osprey's badge.



*A wombat statant guardant*

# Webbed Updates

- Administrative Handbook II.A.1 has been updated.
- SENA NPN4B1, Appendix E4, and Appendix G2 have been updated.
- Glossary of Terms Table 1, Table 2, and Table 4 have been updated.