

December 2024 CL & LoAR

A Quick Summary of Changes

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From Laurel: Heralds Extraordinary

- The roster of Heralds Extraordinary has been added to the Laurel website at <https://heraldry.sca.org/extraordinary.html>.
- Laurel reiterated and clarified earlier rulings:
 1. The rank of Herald Extraordinary can only be given by either Laurel or the Principal Herald of the recipient's home kingdom. Whether Crown approval is required as well is left to kingdom traditions, as it has been.
 2. The rank must be given as an individual act. In the past, there have been occasional policies at kingdom level that make it automatic for the completion of a term of office, but this is not in line with how either offices or honours are treated in this Society; the only exception are Royal Peerages explicitly specified in Corpora. Any policies that automatically grant the rank of Herald Extraordinary are null and void as of the date of this letter, while past creations under such policies are considered valid.
 3. Any bestowals of the rank must be brought to the attention of Laurel, so that the roster of Heralds Extraordinary can be kept up to date. Likewise, any requests for corrections should be sent to Laurel.

Listed By Name

List By Title

List By Date

Aasa Thorvaldsdottir: Goold Otyr Herault

West, March 2023

Adelaide de Beaumont: Pympernell Herald

Ansteorra, October 2011

From Laurel: More Time to Correct Emblazons

- Administrative Handbook V.B.2.h, Correction of Errors, has been revised to allow emblazons to be corrected at any time before the close of commentary if they do not affect the blazon or commenters' abilities to check for conflict and style issues.
- This change was approved by the BoD at their January meeting.

h. Correction of Errors - A designated preparer of a Letter of Intent may correct errors in a submission after a Letter of Intent is finalized by clicking on the link labelled "CORRECT" after the submission. Corrections should only be made when information necessary for the College of Arms to provide adequate commentary or for the item to be ruled upon is missing or incorrect; otherwise, changes should not be made. Corrections may also be used to withdraw an item from consideration. For changes, if a significant period of time elapses between the Letter of Intent and the correction, the corrected submissions may be pended until a later meeting. If an emblazon image is completely incorrect, it may be replaced within seven days of the publication of the Letter of Intent with a correction noting the replacement. Emblazon corrections that do not affect the blazon or commenters' abilities to check for conflict and style issues may be made any time before the close of commentary. These type of emblazon corrections include fixing minor coloring errors (such as the space within a birds open beak or between a wing and body) and reducing the image size so the shield or badge outline on the form is not obscured. For corrections that affect the blazon or commenters' abilities to check for conflict and style issues, after seven days the associated armorial item should be withdrawn using a correction to the original item and then resubmitted on a new Letter of Intent.

From Pelican: Greek Names

- The article "Common Names of the Aristocracy in the Roman Empire During the 6th and 7th Centuries" (https://heraldry.sca.org/names/byzantine/early_byz_names.html) by Bardas Xiphias uses *The Prosopography of the Later Roman Empire* (PLRE) as its source material. Submitters are reminded that the names in these sources are Latinized Greek names, which makes them particularly fitting for Byzantine-era Latin but not for Greek names. Names in PLRE do not follow the patterns or constructions set out in Ursula George's "Simple Guide for Greek Names". They instead follow the rules in SENA Appendix A for the formation of Latinized bynames (<https://heraldry.sca.org/sena.html#AppendixALatinized>).
- Helias (Ἡλιάς) is a feminine name and Elias (Ἠλίας) is a masculine name. The only difference is smooth breathing versus a rough breathing mark before the initial vowel. Bardas Xiphias's article "Common Names of the Aristocracy in the Roman Empire During the 6th and 7th Centuries" mistakenly lists Helias as a masculine name. Starting July 2025, we will no longer register *Helias* as a Greek masculine name. *Helias* remains a registerable masculine name in other languages including French, Occitan, and English, in which it is attested.

From Pelican: SENA Updates

- SENA Appendix D has been updated to allow, but not require, the use of pitch and tone markings in languages where these are found. They must be used (or not used) consistently in a name.
- SENA PN4D1 is revised to clarify when sovereign rulers are protected. Legendary sovereigns who are only documented as legendary figures are not protected as sovereign rulers but may be protected as fictional characters under the fifth paragraph of PN4D1. Examples:
 - We would protect the 1st president of Russia as *Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin* and *Boris Yeltsin*; however, not *Boris of Russia* as *Boris* isn't his full name.
 - We would protect the 9th chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany *Angela Merkel*, *Angela Dorothea Merkel*, or *Angela Kasner* (her maiden name), but not as *Angie Merkel of Germany* as *Angie* is not one of her full common use names.
 - *Victoria of India* would be protected as Queen of India was one of Queen Victoria's titles.
 - *Charles of Jamaica* would be protected as King Charles III is referred to as *Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of Jamaica and of His other Realms and Territories King, Head of the Commonwealth* in Jamaica.
 - We wouldn't protect *Makeda of Sheba*, *Arthur of Britain*, or *Priam of Troy* as sovereign rulers since they are only documented as legendary figures; however, they would almost certainly be protected under the clauses dealing with protection of fictional characters.

From Pelican: Japanese Titles

- The table of Japanese titles in the List of Alternate Titles has been replaced.

Japanese

For titles above an AoA or GoA and below crown, the mode of address may be used as a standalone honorific or may be appended to the surname. When used as a standalone honorific, -sama may be added. For example, instead of saying "Your Excellency" you could say Kakka or Kakka-sama or <surname>-kakka (e.g. Takeda-kakka).

Rank	Gender Neutral	Masculine	Feminine
Crown	[Heika]	[Heika]	Chuuguu / [Heika]
Coronet		Shinnou (heir)/Ou (territorial)/[Denka]	Naishinnou (heir)/Joou (territorial)/[Hidenka]
Duchy	Ichi-i*/[Geika]	Ichi-i*/[Geika]	Ichi-i*/[Geika]
County	Ni-i*/[Kakka]	Ni-i*/[Kakka]	Ni-i*/[Kakka]
Viscounty	San-i*/[Kakka]	San-i*/[Kakka]	San-i*/[Kakka]
Peerage Order	Shi-i*/[Hakase]	Shi-i*/[Hakase]	Shi-i*/[Hakase]
Barony	Roku-i*/[Kakka]	Roku-i*/[Kakka]	Roku-i*/[Kakka]
Award or Grant of Arms	Go-i*/[-sama]/[-dono]	Go-i*/[-sama]/[-dono]	Go-i*/[-sama]/[-dono]

Note: Titles marked with * would only be included as part of the person's name, either the surname alone or surname and given name (e.g., e.g. Takeda Ni-i or Takeda Tadanobu Ni-i). Titles in brackets are modes of address.

Note: -sama and -dono are appropriate for any rank as they are generic titles of respect.

From Pelican: Santa Barbara

- We are at this time, explicitly overturning the precedent that holds that the saint name Saint Barbara presumes upon the name of the city Santa Barbara [Bright Hills, Barony of, 07/2003, R-Atlantia]. This precedent was decided prior to SENA's revised rules for determining conflicts and presumption. Under SENA, Santa Barbara has one more syllable and at least two changed letters from Saint Barbara, thus making the two name phrases clear under SENA NPN3C. As such, the two name elements cannot be confused and one should not presume upon the other.
 - The artillery order, Award of Saint Barbara, is still protected. [Oengus mac Gilla Dubain, 12/2024, A-Meridies]

From Wreath: Glossary of Terms Table 5 Updates

- Table 5 has been renamed Default Postures and Orientations.
- References have been added for charges beginning A-C.
- Added cross-references related to charges beginning with A-C.
- Added definitions for: A-frame plumb line, arrow fletching, awl, bone, calamarie, catapult/trebuchet, crampon, polypus, rib bone, Roman dining couch, salt barrel, and standing seraph.
- Revised the definitions for abacus, angel, axe, basilisk, bellows, bird, book (open and closed), bow, catapult/trebuchet, cockatrice, comet, and crane.

Open LoPaDs and Lols

- 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.
 - January 12th LoPaD:
 - Request for commentary on whether Giovanni Cini or Pope John XXII are significant enough that their names and epithets should be protected.
 - Request for commentary on grammatical and lexical issues with the name *Hypatia Xanthippina ho Aipolin*.
 - Request for commentary on the household name *Clann Ruaidhri Maoil*.
 - February 4th LoPaD
 - Request for commentary on whether or not the use of a *mi'na* and/or *houmyou* (types of Japanese name elements) for a living person is a presumptuous/religious act, and whether it be considered religious appropriation.
 - Request for commentary on whether or not the use of the Japanese name *Rikyuu* is presumes on the Buddhist monk *Sen no Rikyū* who was also a tea master and considered the most important influence on the Japanese Tea Ceremony.
 - Request for commentary on whether or not we should allow names from two regional naming groups (such as Gaelic and English) when using the Branch Name Allowance. This is currently prohibited by SENA PN2C2d.

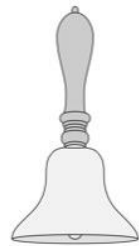
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From the LoAR: Names

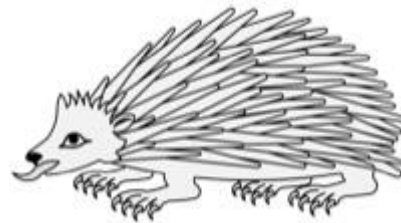
- Double given names are allowed in Classical Greek with the pattern [given name] + [given name] + [patronymic]; however, the more common pattern was [given name] + *h{e-} kai* + [given name] + [patronymic]. The linking formula *h{e-} kai* means "also known as". [Ath{e-}nais D{e-}m{e-}tria S{o-}stratou, 12/2024, A-An Tir]
- The name *Ade* is not a form of *Adél* but of *Adam* in *Hungarian Feminine Names* by Walraven van Nijmegen. [Ade Eszes, 12/2024, A-Ansteorra]
- Based on period example, Pelican accepted the transliteration of *ð* (eth) as *dh* rather than the normal *th* in the Old Norse byname *in froða*. [Alfdis in frodha Ulfsdottir, 12/2024, A-Avacal]
- In registering *Nikolai Medveden* Pelican noted "This name uses an unmarked patronymic byname. While this is rare in Russian, it is documentable." SENA Appendix A has been updated with this information. [Nikolai Medveden, 12/2024, A-Avacal]
- The *lingua Societatis* allowance cannot be used to translate a byname into a modern foreign language that is not widely spoken in the submitter's Kingdom of residence or meets one of the other criteria listed in SENA PN1B2c. [Jolno Walehtelia, 12/2024, A-Outlands]
- The combination of an Okinawan byname with a Japanese *jitsumei* cannot be documented. While Okinawa and Japan had contact in our period, the Okinawan language was (and still is) a separate entity, not mutually intelligible with Japanese. [Amawari Mitsumi, 12/2024, R-Calontir]

From the LoAR: Updates to the Glossary of Terms Tables

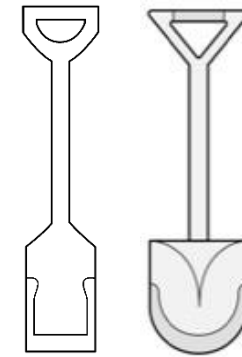
- Table 4 – Conventional "Proper" Colorings
 - None
- Table 5 – Default Postures and Orientations
 - Handbells are *palewise, bell to base* by default. [Lazarus of the Steppes, 12/2024, A-Ansteorra]
 - Hedgehogs (and urchins) are *statant* by default. [Robbin Bowrain, 12/2024, A-An Tir]
 - Spades and shovels are *palewise, blade to base* by default. When they are *fesswise*, the blade is to sinister. [Astriðr Birnudóttir, 12-2024, A-Calontir]
- Table 7 – Default Arrangements
 - None
- Table 8 – Default Charge Types
 - None



A handbell



A hedgehog



A shovel and a spade

From the LoAR: New/Redocumented Charges

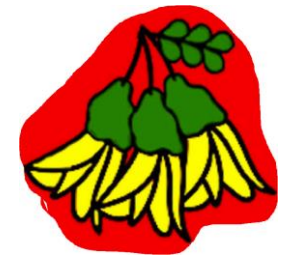
- A charge submitted as a *buttercup* was reblazoned with the period name for the flower, a *butterflower*. A *butterflower affronty* is considered a few-petaled flower for the purposes of conflict. [Kiur'iakiia Novgorodova, 12/2024, A-Atlantia]
- *Moles* are not infrequent charges in period armory, with examples found in English, Scottish, French, and German sources. [Astriðr Birnudóttir, 12/2024, A-Calontir]
- *Kōwhai blossoms* are from a plant that grew in areas inhabited by humans in period. They are considered trumpet-shape flowers for purposes of conflict and default to having their opening to base. [Rose le Tailleur, 12/2024, A-Lochac]



A *butterflower affronty* (registered) and from a Gerard's *Herbal* (under the name Crow-foot).



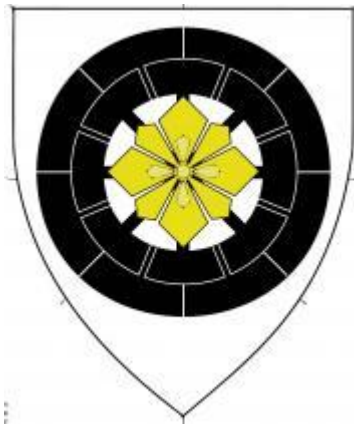
A *mole* from heraldicart.org.



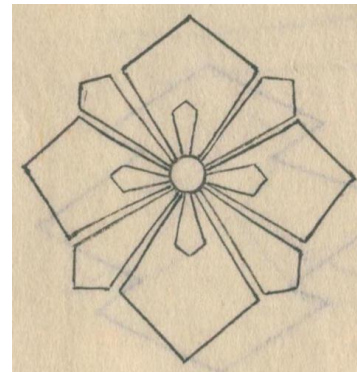
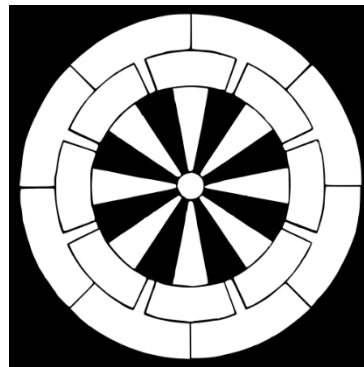
Kōwhai blossoms in nature and registered.

From the LoAR: New/Redocumented Charges

- A *carriage wheel* is a stylized wheel found in period Japanese heraldry. [Antei of Golden Rivers, 12/2024, A-West]
- A *bladed sharp flower* is a stylized quatrefoil with sword blades between its diamond-shape petals. It is found in period Japanese heraldry. [Antei of Golden Rivers, 12/2024, A-West]



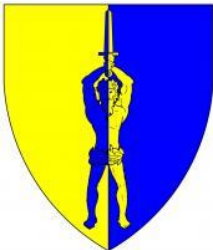
*Argent, on a carriage wheel
sable a bladed sharp flower Or
(registered)*



*A carriage wheel and a bladed sharp flower from Kihō's Japanese
Heraldry Database (<https://mon.xavid.us/>)*

From the LoAR: Armory

- Wreath registered armory with a palewise sword counterchanged cited the precedent "'A question was raised about whether or not it is allowable to counterchange a long skinny charge such as the sword in this design along its long axis, as doing so generally interferes with identifiability. As this sword is identifiable here, it is registerable.'" [Damiano Vitale della Fonda, 12/2013, A-East]" [Dauídh Amory, 12/2024, A-Æthelmearc]
 - What this means: long skinny objects, such as spears and swords, are registerable when divided palewise if they are identifiable.
- Wreath modified the May 2015 precedent requiring that for calamaries and octopuses "the tentacles should be arranged in both cases around the section of the cephalopod that is opposite the head, with less than half going over the midsection and none going further than the head itself." These are still considered "best practice" guidelines for emblazoning cephalopods, but going forward individual depictions will be considered on a case-by-case basis and if the orientation is unambiguous the emblazon will be allowed. [Thorir Helluflagi, 12/2024, A-Æthelmearc]



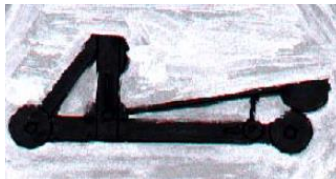
Dauídh's device.



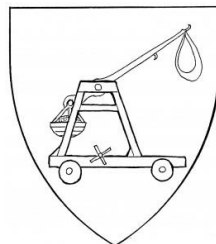
Thorir's device.

From the LoAR: Armory

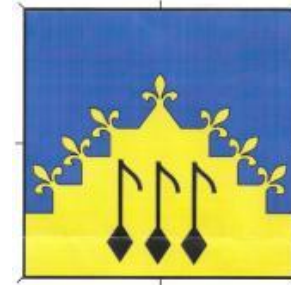
- In registering armory with a Thor's hammer and goats, both elements associated with the Norse god Thor, Wreath noted that the patronymic byname, *Thorbjarnarson*, is based on the given name *Thorbjorn* and not *Thor*. In period, these were understood to be, and treated as, two separate names. Thus, the combination of Thorbjarnarson with a Thor's hammer and goats cannot be an impermissible claim. [Einarr Thorbjarnarson, 12/2024, A-Ansteorra]
- The default orientation of a catapult is at "rest" with the lever arm bendwise sinister, with the basket in sinister chief. The arm on this catapult is fesswise, ready to release its load. This is a blazonable difference, though not worth a DC from a catapult in its default orientation. [Jonathan Grantham, 12/2024, A-Ansteorra]
- Lines of division between azure and Or that are fleury counter-fleury, fleury on only one side, or that combine fleury with other fields division do not presume on France (*three or more Or fleurs-de-lys on an azure background*). [Antoinette la Rouge d'Avignon, 12/2024, A-Atlantia]
- Wreath overturned precedent and ruled that the use of a single tree is not a reference to the goddess Diana; she was associated with groves of trees not single trees. [Diana of Dair Eideand, 12/2024, A-Atlantia]



A loaded catapult (from the archives).



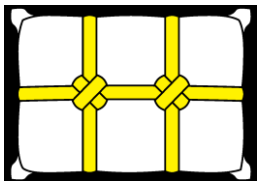
A catapult at rest (from the *PictDict*).



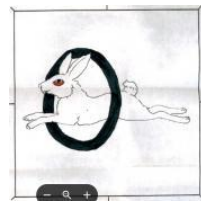
Per chevron indented fleury at the upper points azure and Or, in base three musical notes sable was ruled not to presume on France.

From the LoAR: Armory

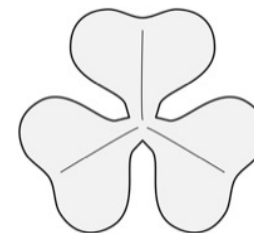
- The tincture of the ties on bags of madder is a blazonable artistic detail not worth difference. [Cristina Stolte, 12/2024, A-Drachenwald]
- In registering (*Fieldless*) *A rabbit courant argent enfiling an annulet sable* Wreath noted "The annulet is rotated slightly away from the viewer. This is a reasonable depiction of an enfiled charge, as seen in arms from Virgil Raber's "Wappenbuch der Arlberg-Bruderschaft" which feature a unicorn's head whose horn is enfiled an annulet which is similarly shown slightly trian. [Astriðr Sægeirsdottir and Alric the Younger, 12/2024, A-East]
- The badge for Napoleon, *Azure, semy of bees Or*, was unprotected as no evidence could be found that this armory was used as badge by him. [Napoleon, 12/2024, A-Laurel]
- Charges submitted as *trefoils* were reblazoned as *wood sorrel blossoms*, a charged found in period Japanese heraldry, as they have heart-shaped foils and lack a slip. [Elef á Suðrmannalandi, 12/2024, A-Lochac]



*A bag of madder
argent tied Or*



Registered badge and period
example of an annulet enfiled.



The charge reblazoned as
a wood sorrel blossom.

From the LoAR: Armory

- When registering *Per pale sable fretty argent and ermine, overall a heart Or enflamed gules* Wreath noted "documentation will be required for any future submissions with charges surmounting a partially fretty field." [Bien-Venue la Riote, 12/2024, A-Middle]
- The badge *Pily Or and sable, a bordure counterchanged* was returned for violation of SENA A3F4, Excessive Counterchanging, which says, "The counterchanging of a single charge over a field division with more than four sections must be attested to be allowed." No evidence was provided, and none could be found, of counterchanging a bordure, or any charge, over a pily field. [Artemisia, Kingdom of, 12/2024, R-Artemisia]
- It was ruled that charges considered 'closely associated maintained charges' under SENA Appendix I3 and I6, such as the acorns maintained by squirrels, do count towards complexity. [Richard Cockburne, 12/2024, R-Lochac]



Bien-Venue's device.

Webbed Updates

- Administrative Handbook V.B.2.h has been updated.
- SENA PN4D1, Appendix A, Appendix D, and Appendix M1i have been updated.
- Glossary of Terms Table 5 has been updated.
- Standard Source “Errata” has been updated.
- Japanese titles table has been revised in the List of Alternate Titles.