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A Quick Summary of Changes

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From Laurel

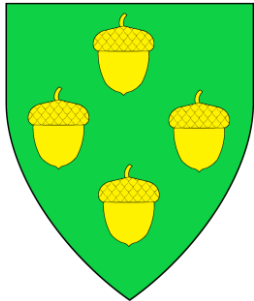
- **Orders of Precedence, Living People, and Dead Names:** In many kingdoms the Order of Precedence traditionally lists all names by which a person has been known through their career in the Society. In most cases this is good, as it makes it easier to find information. However, there are instances - for example where someone is undergoing gender transition or is the target of some types of violence - where one can feel it necessary to ask for their old names to be removed from the Order of Precedence altogether. In such cases, keeping this history publicly available can pose real risks to the person in question. We urge kingdoms to handle these name removal requests promptly and with sensitivity.
- **Organising Items:** Historically, when a name and accompanying armory were submitted at the same time they were listed on the Letter of Intent under a joint item number. For some months, this has no longer been a requirement. The Letters of Acceptance and Return follow the choice made in kingdom, with the result that some items are coupled and some are not. Please be assured that this is normal and not a mistake.

From Laurel: Structure of the College of Arms

- Appendix I has been added to the Administrative Handbook. This collects in one place the details on the structure of the College of Arms that have been published in bits and pieces in the Administrative Handbook, SENA, and LoAR Cover Letters over a period of several decades. The sections:
 1. Members of the College of Arms:
 - Includes Officers of Arms in Ordinary and Heralds Extraordinary
 - Principal Heralds, Submission Heralds, and Principality Heralds are members of the College of Arms and therefore must have OSCAR accounts
 2. Appointments to the College of Arms
 3. Members of the College of Heralds of a Kingdom
 4. Ranks
 - Includes Sovereign of Arms, Principal Herald, Pursuivant.
 - The structure of a kingdom College of Heralds is determined by the Principal Herald and kingdom custom.
 - The chief herald of a Principality has the rank of Herald.
 5. Heralds Extraordinary
 6. Rosters
 - The roster of those in Ordinary is maintained OSCAR. Permission to read commentary means that a person is a member of the College of Arms in Ordinary.
 - The roster of Heralds Extraordinary is maintained on the Laurel website.
 - The roster of College of Heralds is maintained by the Principal Herald in the manner defined by their kingdom.
 7. Heralds' Titles

From Wreath: One of These Things Is Not Like the Others

- New guidelines which will be applied to armory appearing on Letters of Intent after October 1st.
 - Charge groups of four charges *in cross* or *in saltire* should normally consist of identical charges or two pairs of different charge types in a balanced arrangement (such as *two charges in pale and two charges in fess*). Any other grouping of four charges in cross or saltire will need to be shown to be compatible with period style with examples.
 - Charge groups of five charges *in cross* or *in saltire* should normally consist of identical charges or a single charge of one type between four charges of another. Any other grouping of five charges in cross or saltire will need to be shown to be compatible with period style with examples.



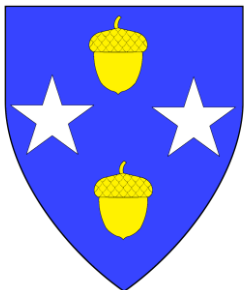
Four acorns in cross- allowed



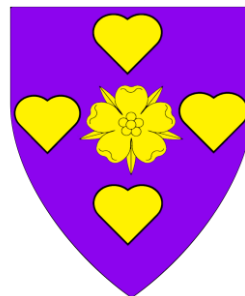
Five goblets in cross - allowed



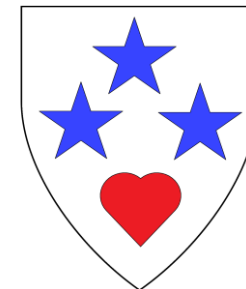
In cross three goblets in pale between in fess two hearts – not allowed



In pale two acorns and in fess two mullets - allowed



In cross a rose between four hearts- allowed



In cross three mullets and heart – not allowed

From Wreath: SENA Updates

- SENA A2B2, Constructed Elements, is updated to allow period types of buildings as charges.
- SENA A6G, Claim of Powers, is revised so the use of a deity or supernatural name as part of a single name element used by humans in period will not be considered to be claim of power even when combined with allusions to that deity or supernatural being in associated armory. What this means:
 - While Thor Snorrason could not register *Argent, an ox head affronty between three Thor's hammers, on a chief sable a lightning bolt* as it contains three allusions to the Norse god Thor and thus appears to be a claim of powers, Thorbjorn Snorrason could register the same armory as Thorbjorn was a separate name from Thor in period.
 - Someone with the given name Tatsume or surname Ryuuzouji, which both incorporate the kanji for "dragon", could registered *Sable, an East Asian dragon passant and in chief three clouds argent*, without it appearing to be a claim to be one of the Dragon Kings who are noted for controlling weather and bringing rain.
- SENA Appendix I3, Tertiary Charge Group, is revised to clarify that maintained charges that are part of a tertiary charge group to contribute to the complexity count of the armory.

From Wreath: Glossary of Terms Updates

- The note associated with Table 7, Default Arrangements, is revised to clarify when it applies.
 - Why this matters: Charges that are in their default arrangement, including arrangements based on this note, are considered to be in a unified arrangement under SENA A3D2e, Unity of Arrangement.

Note: Charges in a single group split in two by a field division or a central ordinary that are placed to reasonably fill the space available to them and that are similar to period patterns will be considered to be in a default arrangement, and they do not require their exact positioning to be blazoned. To meet this requirement, the charges should be arranged in a way that allows them to be as large as possible, or nearly so.

From Pelican: Non-Runic Old Norse Names

- SENA Appendix D is updated to allow edh (ǫ) to be transliterated as *th* or as *dh*.
- The appendix was also updated to note that 19th and early 20th century sources used o-umlaut (ö) instead of o-ogonek (ȝ), due to typographical restriction of the time. We will not register names using o-umlaut (ö) and will change that letter to o-ogonek (ȝ) or o for registration.

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.
 - May 25th Lol
 - Intent to register Ducat Herald and Esperance Herald.

From the LoAR: Names

- A byname was submitted as *Hip-Breaker*, intended to be the *lingua Societatis* translation of a constructed Norse byname. Pelican noted that we cannot establish a pattern of [body-part]+breaker as a Norse byname; however, Scolastica la Souriete and Elisabetta Makejoye were able to document a pattern in Middle English that conveys the same sentiment. The byname was registered as *Breakhip*. [Thorstan Breakhip, 05/2025, A-Ansteorra]
- *Order of the Banner* is not a presumptive claim to rank as we have no evidence that a *knight banneret* was ever referred to as a *banner*. They were however referred to *bannerets*. [Artemisia, Kingdom of, 05/2025, A-Artemisia]
- "A Simple Guide to Classical Greek Names" by Ursula Georges (<https://yarntheory.net/ursulageorges/names/classicalgreeknames.html>) has been added to SENA Appendix A as a source of acceptable patterns for Greek names. [Marinus of Eleusis, 05/2025, A-Calontir]
- *Rosalin* is an English literary name from the late 16th century. [Rosalin Owlete, 05/2025, A-Drachenwald]
- Finnish patronymics can be formed by placing the father's name in the genitive case. [Elseby Möröi, 05/2025, A-East]

From the LoAR: Names

- *Mysterie* is an English household designator that can be used with a substantive element that is an occupation or an occupation with locative. [Sisuile Butler and Alethea Eastriding, 05/2025, A-East]
- The given name *Kymani* is a name from the Northeastern Bantu Kingdom in Kenya, in the Kikuyu language. The earliest written evidence of this as a name is from the early 18th century, where it is used as the name for a *mariika* or initiation group for young people (see *A History of the Kikuyu* by Godfrey Muriuki, 1974, pp 18-24 for further details). It is unknown how each *mariika* name was formed, but Muriuki suggests that each group was named after a famous event, or an outstanding person. Given the rich oral history of the Kikuyu people, described by Muriuki, it is likely that *Kimani* or *Kymani* was a given name in use prior to the naming of the *mariika* set documented to the early 18th century. Based on this, and our lack of resources on Kikuyu and other Bantu languages, we are accepting this name on the basis of the available evidence and documented oral tradition. [Kymani of Blackmoor Keep, 05/2025, A-Gleann Abhann]
- Accents in Colm Dubh's "An Index of Given Names in the 1292 Census of Paris" are editorial additions in the original source, which is Hercule Geraud, *Paris sous Philippe-le-Bel: d'après des documents originaux et notamment d'après un manuscrit contenant Le Rôle de la taille imposée sur les habitants de Paris en 1292*. Names taken from this source should not include the accents. [Colète Anne de Harewode, 05/2025, A-Middle]

From the LoAR: Updates to the Glossary of Terms Tables

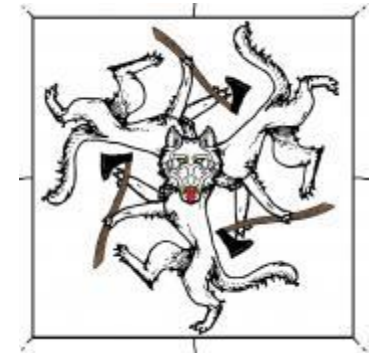
- Table 4 – Conventional "Proper" Colorings
 - None
- Table 5 – Default Postures and Orientations
 - There is no defined default posture for a *male gryphon*, also known as a *keythong*.
- A tricorporate quadruped default to being arranged two and one with the bodies rampant and the head guardant. The body in base faces to dexter. The upper bodies are usually drawn back to back, but the exact orientation is an unblazonable detail. [Kjaraan Hrœreksson, 05/2025, A-Calontir]
- Table 7 – Default Arrangements
 - None
- Table 8 – Default Charge Types
 - None



A keythong rampant



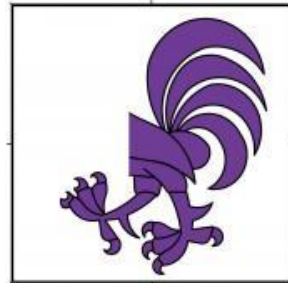
A tricorporate raccoon



*A tricorporate wolf
(Kjaraan's badge)*

From the LoAR: Armory

- There is a DC between a *martlet close* and an *owl close*. [Ciar ingen Fiachnae, 05/2025, A-An Tir]
- There is a step from core practice for the use of the rear half of a non-lion demi-animal. This motif is allowed only if identifiability is maintained. [Michelino di Gino Martini, 05/2025, A-An Tir]
- Wreath clarified the "multiply divided" means having more than one division. Specifically, a bordure divided *per fess* is not considered to be multiply divided. A Rules Letter has been issued to clarify this in various parts of SENA. [Artemisia, Kingdom of, 05/2025, A-Artemisia]
- There is no heraldic difference between *on a bordure argent five ermine spots sable* and *a bordure ermine*; however, five spots is few enough that the number may be specified to meet the submitter's wishes. [Prydwen of Gryphonscrag, 05/2025, A-Atenveldt]
- Wreath noted that *defamed* is a term used in modern heraldry for a tailless beast. This does not appear to be a period armorial practice. Without evidence of *defaming* in period armory we will consider it to be a step from core practice. [Dagný ingen Murchada, 05/2025, A-Calontir]



The rear half of a
demo-cock - registered



The rear half of a demi-lion – period examples



1475-1560 Wappen Besonders
von Deutschen Geschlechtern
[BSB Cod.icon. 309]

From the LoAR: Armory

- For device change, submitters and consulting heralds are reminded of the importance indicating on the form whether old device is to be released or retained as a badge. Per the Administrative Handbook IV.C.7, "If no instructions are included on the forms, the old name or armory will be automatically released when the change is approved." [Gillian of the Green Woods, 05/2025, East]
- Though we grant difference for type of leaf on wreaths, this does not extend to sprigs, branches, or trees. [Zoltán Kázmér, 05/2025, R-Lochac]
- Mullets or estoiles are a distinguishing feature of pantheons, so must have good contrast for the charge to be identifiable. [Ellen Elizabeth Walsch, 05/2025, R-Outlands]

Action Type

New

Resubmission

Kingdom

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Change, if registered:

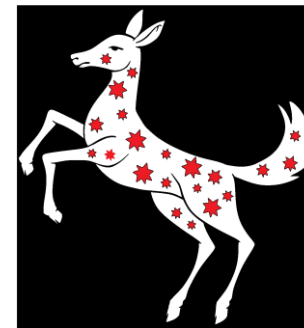
release old device

retain as badge

Appeal (attach justification)

Other (specify)

If the disposition isn't indicated, the default is to release the old armory (or name)



A pantheon salient argent mullety of seven points gules

Webbed Updates

- SENA A2B2, A6G, Appendix A, and Appendix G2 have been updated.
- Glossary of Terms Table 5 and Table 7 have been updated.
- Administrative Handbook Appendix I has been created.
- The Standard Source Errata article has been updated.