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A Quick Summary of Changes

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From Wreath: Unity of Arrangement

- SENA A3D2e is modified to clarify that a divided field with strewn charges on one side of the line of division is in a unified arrangement even if the charge (or charges) on the other side of the line of division is blazoned as in chief, in base, etc. In this case, we blazon the location of the individual charge(s) to avoid the interpretation of a primary group crossing the line of division with secondary strewn charges.



Per chevron sable mullety Or and azure, in base an owl rising wings displayed Or [Isabella Caterina di Massi, 06/2025, A-Lochac]
In a unified arrangement even though the owl is blazoned as in base.

From Wreath: Changes to SENA A6C

- The title of A6C is changed from "Claims through Arms of Pretense and Unearned Augmentations" to "Claims through Displays within an Armorial Design".
- The current content of A6C has been moved to a new section A6C1, Arms of Pretense and Unearned Augmentations.
- A new section, A6C2, Other Independent Displays, has been created.

2. Other Independent Displays: Some elements were used as independent displays of armory within an armorial design, such as sails, banners, tabards, and barding. In general, these charges can be used when they are uncharged and of a single tincture we do not protect as arms. Furs, such as gules ermined argent and vair, count as a single tincture rather than their component tinctures. The use of multiple charges does not remove the appearance of presumption. If an element is part of the definition for a charge, such as the cross throughout on the banner of a Paschal lamb, it does not need to be conflict checked as independent armory.

For example, in *Argent, a ship proper sails per pale vert and gules* the sail is considered an independent display of *Per pale vert and gules*. However, in *Argent, a ship per pale vert and gules* the divided sails are not considered an independent display of armory because the entire charge is divided.

From Pelican:

- SENA PN3C3, Substantial Changes to the Sound of a Single-Syllable Name, has been updated to include examples of the cot/caught and pin/pen merger
 - What this means: This simply updates SENA to reflect how aural conflict is determined in practice; it does not change how we determine such conflicts.
- SENA Appendix C has been updated to allow additional combinations of Jewish names.

Special: Jewish names documented from location X are registerable with (1) other names documented from the languages for that language group and (2) with other Jewish names, even if they mix languages (e.g., Hebrew and Yiddish) documented from other parts of Europe, and (3) with other Jewish names documented from any part of the world when documented in a single language (e.g., Hebrew), except for names from Jewish Kaifeng (China).

- What this means:
 - A Yiddish name documented from Germany can be combined with a Hebrew named documented from Spain even though German and Spanish cannot be combined.
 - Names from Jewish Kaifeng (China) can not be combined with Jewish names from other locales because while those names are technically Hebrew, the community was isolated early, and the naming pool does not reflect that found in other Jewish communities.

Open LoPaDs and Lols

- The following LoPaD is currently open. Please review and comment. If you lack commenting privileges, comments may be mailed to the relevant Sovereign of Arms.
 - January 31st LoPaD
 - Request for commentary on whether using a vairy field is supported under the guidelines of SENA A4, Individually Attested Patterns in the device *Vairy Or and sable, on a fess dancetty between three foxes courant gules two swords in saltire proper, on a chief gules a sun between two crescents Or.*
 - Two devices were pended for discussion of the correct emblazon as they were included in the documentation summary, but no indication was given that these emblazons were the intended submissions until well past the seven days allowed by Admin Handbook section VB2h.

Rules Letter

- A Rules Letter has been opened to address issues raised on the November LoAR. If you lack commenting privileges, comments may be e-mailed to Palimpsest (rules@heraldry.sca.org) and/or the relevant Sovereign of Arms.
 - **Glossary of Terms – Table 2:** A proposal to add a note to motifs reserved for members of the Order of Defense and Order of the Mark are treated as a single charge for purposes of style rules such as Unity of Arrangement (SENA A3D2e), Slot Machine (A3D2a), and Complexity (SENA A3E2).
 - **SENA A3E3 – Excessively Simple Designs:** A proposal to modify the example to clarify that the fur papellony is not registerable when it is uncharged or part of an undivided field.

From the LoAR: Names

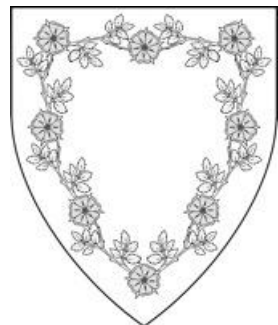
- We do not register the article *The* before the word Order in order names. [Seagirt, Barony of, 11/2025, A-An Tir]
- Submitters are reminded that while SENA Appendix O allows one to use names already registered to the submitter as neutral in time and place, style restrictions per SENA PN2C2 still apply, and a language from a third regional naming group cannot be added into the name. [Sebastiaen des Roseaux, 11/2025, A-An Tir]
- In an order name, *Kings Archer* could be construed to be a guild or order of archers led by a person named King, giving it the appearance of a profession and thus allowing the addition of a branch name to avoid the ban on generic names. With that in mind, the substantive element here is *Kings Archer* and not *the Kings Archer*, and we have made this change for registration. [Ansteorra, Kingdom of, 11/2025, A-Ansteorra]
- In registering *Free Company of the Golden Wheat*, Pelican noted that we do not register the article *The* at the beginning of a household name. [Siegmond Walter von Wurtzberg, 11/2025, A-Ansteorra]
- The byname *the Stubborn* is an acceptable lingua Societatis translation of the constructed Middle English byname *the Stedi*. [Véleifr the Stubborn, 11/2025, A-Artemisia]

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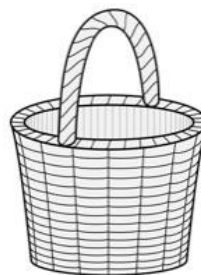
- Elisabetta Makejoye was able to document a pattern of English feminine diminutive names derived from the latter half of the name in the late 16th century. For example, *Beth* from *Elizabeth*, *Bell* from *Isabelle* and *Cole* from *Nicole*. [Zelda Bithewaye, 11/2025, A-Artemisia]
- The byname *the Black* is a reasonable lingua Societatis translation of the Old English *se Blaca*. [Sigrun Eiriksdottir, 11/2025, A-Atenveldt]
- The byname *of Lesbos* is a reasonable lingua Societatis translation of the Greek locative byname *Lesbios*. [Lykos of Lesbos, 11/2025, A-Lochac]
- There is insufficient aural difference between *Attewode* and *Othewood*. The last syllable of both bynames are pronounced identically, which leaves us with the first part of the bynames, *Othe* and *Atte*. Unfortunately, there is only a single vowel difference between the two names, at the beginning of the syllable. Additionally, in Middle English, *te* was a common spelling for the *e* as late as the 15th century. This means that the two syllables in question would have been pronounced almost identically in Middle English. [Maud Attewode, 11/2025, R-East]
- *Leon* and *Lyon* are alternative spellings of the same placename, and are pronounced identically. [Helena Sophia de Lyon, 11/2025, R-Trimaris]

From the LoAR: Updates to the Glossary of Terms Tables

- Table 2 – Reserved Charges
 - *An orle of rose vine* is reserved for Royal consorts and members of the Order of the Rose. [Ástríðr á Fjarðarlandi, 11/2025, A-An Tir]
- Table 4 – Conventional "Proper" Colorings
 - None
- Table 5 – Default Postures and Orientations
 - None
- Table 7 – Default Arrangements
 - None
- Table 8 – Default Charge Types
 - Basket - a basket with a single overhead handle [Aoife na hInnsi, 11/2025, A-An Tir]



An orle of rose vine



A basket

From the LoAR: New/Redocumented Charges

- A *shoebill* is an animal that lives in areas inhabited by humans in period this is an acceptable charge per SENA A2B2b. A shoebill is considered a crane-shaped bird for the purposes of conflict. [Zelda Bithewaye, 11/2025, A-Artemisia]



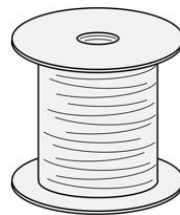
A shoebill displayed – registered

From the LoAR: Armory

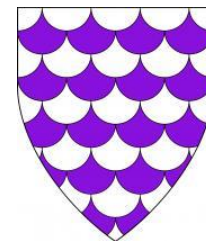
- For purposes of style rules the reserved motif *three rapiers in pall inverted tips crossed* is treated as a single charge. [Murdoch Sinclair, 11/2025, A-An Tir]
- There is a DC for the difference between an eagle and a raven when they are both in period postures. [Thomas Dubois, 11/2025, A-Artemisia]
- *Dandelion plants* have multiple stems and flowers. [Morwenna ferch Dafydd, 11/2025, A-Calontir]
- There is at least a DC between a moth and a bee. [Marguerite Le Doux. 11/2025, A-Gleann Abhann]
- Spools, when loaded with thread, take their tincture from the thread. [Natalia Webb, 11/2025, A-Lochac]
- There is not a DC between a *willow-herb blossom*, which has four petals, and a *rose*, which has five petals. [Oda Genichirou Atsusuke, 11/2025, R-East]
- The form of papellony that consist of solid-tinctured scales of two alternating tinctures is a fur, which is considered a plain field for the purposes SENA A3E3 and is considered excessively simple when uncharged. [Maria Giovanna Guarnieri, 11/2025, R-Lochac]



A moth and a bee (heraldicart.org)



A spool of thread (heraldicart.org)



Maria's device, *Papellony argent and purple*

Webbed Updates

- SENA A3D2e, A6C, PN3C3, Appendix C, and Appendix M1c have been updated.
- Glossary of Terms Table 2 and Table 8 have been updated.