

# February 2026 CL & LoAR

A Quick Summary of Changes

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# From Laurel: AH IV.C.2 Changes

- Palimpsest's September 23rd Rules Letter proposed to modify section IV.C.2 of the Administrative Handbook, Legal Name Attestations, to reduce the amount of personally identifiable information (PII) collected. This proposal is accepted pending Board approval; the revised text will be available in the online version of the Administrative Handbook about a week after the July 2026 Board of Directors meeting.

Documentation must also be presented for any elements allowed under the Legal Name Allowance or by legal relationship under the Existing Registration Allowance. Where photocopies cannot easily be made, two heralds or one herald and one warranted officer (such a seneschal, for example) may attest that they have seen the identification. Such attestation must include the following: the type of identification, the name element exactly as it appears on the identification (for example noting that the name is rendered completely in capital letters), the type of name (e.g., given name, middle name, surname), and the names and titles of those witnesses who have seen the identification (herald/pursuivant at large is a title). While having the witnesses sign this documentation is preferred, the lack of signatures is not a ground for return as long as the other information is provided. The submitted name should not resemble the legal or use name in sound or appearance. If there is any concern that the submitted name may not be different enough from the legal or use name, that should be noted on the form and in a SOV NOTE in OSCAR. The complete legal name should not be included on the Lol unless it is part of the name being submitted, such as Waylen Smith of the East. If documentation showing the legal name is not available, the submitter may use the attestation of legal name found in Appendix D.

For example, if the submitter's legal name is Aspen Rowan Montoya the attestation for Aspen as a given name might be similar to "Aspen is the submitter's legal given name as shown by their California driver's license." The attestation for Rowan might be similar to "Rowan is the submitter's legal middle name as shown by their US passport." In both case, stating the name element being submitted, the type of name, and the document used to document the legal name.

# From Wreath: Birds Affronty

- We are disallowing the use of birds affronty, with the following exceptions:
  - Birds in the *displayed* posture.
  - Peacocks *in their pride*. It may be drawn affronty, but this is considered an unblazonable artistic variant of the *close* version of *in its pride*.
  - Doves *striking affronty*. The only examples of this posture found in period heraldry so far are for doves symbolizing the Holy Spirit, so it is not allowed for other types of bird.
- Without documentation, no other affronty postures for birds will be registered in armory appearing on Letters of Intent dated June 1, 2026 or later.

# From Wreath: Pend for Redraw Periods

- Recently, we've had a number of items that were pended for redraw where the submitter asked for further changes on too short a time frame to allow sufficient commentary. Thus, we will now ensure that Letters of Pends and Redraws will be published to allow at least four weeks of commentary, and any changes that submitters wish to make to proposed redraws will only be accepted as long as there are at least two weeks of commentary remaining.

# From Pelican: On Greek Naming Patterns

- We have recently seen several Greek names being submitted using the name pattern [given name]+[given name]. This name pattern is only documented in Hellenistic and Imperial-Era Egypt. As such, both names must be documented to that time and place to be used in this manner. If they are not, other Greek naming patterns should be used.

# From Pelican: SENA PN4D Changes

- SENA PN4D, Claim of Identity or Close Relationship with an Important Non-SCA Person, is modified to allow protection only of a person's well-known name(s) rather than all names they are known by. [Note that the Cover Letter, and the Rules Letter, refer to PN4D1 but the actual changes were made to PN4D.]
- Examples:
  - *Mark Twain* is likely considered important enough to protect; *Samuel Langhorne Clemens* may be important enough to protect as many people associate Samuel Clemens with his pen name, Mark Twain.
  - We might protect author *George Eliot*, it is less likely *Mary Ann Evans* (the author's real name) would be protected as the connection between the two names is not as well known to the general public.
  - We would likely protect *Benjamin Franklin* and his pen name *Poor Richard* but would be unlikely to protect his pen name *Alice Addertongue*, a pseudonym he used while writing a gossip column in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*.
  - We would probably protect the name of author *Agatha Christie*, we might protect *Agatha Mallowan* (her name after her second marriage) and *Mary Westmacott* (a pseudonym), and would be unlikely to protect *Agatha Miller* (her birthname).

# 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.
  - February 22nd LoPaD
    - A request for more information to determine when the phenomenon of English surnames used as given names was first documented and what kind of surnames were used as given names.
    - A pend to discuss whether we should overturn current precedent and grant a DC for the addition of a collar and chain to an animate charge, now that we grant DCs for maintained charges generally.
    - A pend for discussion of the correct emblazon as a timely redraw was completed but the emblazon was inadvertently not made available for commentary.
  - April 6<sup>th</sup> LoPaD
    - Two items that were pended for discussion on how we treat mixed primary charge groups.
  - April 14<sup>th</sup> LoPaD
    - A survey and request for discussion as the first step in determining whether or not we should revise name conflict rules in SENA.

# Open LoPaDs and Lols

- April 28<sup>th</sup> LoPaD
  - A name pended to look for information on Irish name formation patterns that allow for the use of literary names as clan names.
  - A name pended for further research into the construction of Sanskrit names from the Puranic and Vedic periods.
  - A name pended for documentation of a name sounding close to Kiran in Sanskrit.
  - A badge pended for the outcome of the April 12<sup>th</sup> Rules Letter.
  - A device pended to discuss whether the attested jaguar fur should be incorporated into SCA core style or should only be usable as part of an Individually Attested Pattern using Aztec heraldry, and how this should be implemented.

# Rules Letter

- A Rules Letter has been opened to address issues raised on the January LoAR. If you lack commenting privileges, comments may be e-mailed to Palimpsest ([rules@heraldry.sca.org](mailto:rules@heraldry.sca.org)) and/or the relevant Sovereign of Arms.
  - Creation of a new section SENA A2B2e, Foodstuffs, to add documentable period foodstuffs to the list of constructed elements permitted in armory.
  - Modification of SENA Appendix A to clarify what is meant by genitive only for patronymics in English.

# From the LoAR: Names

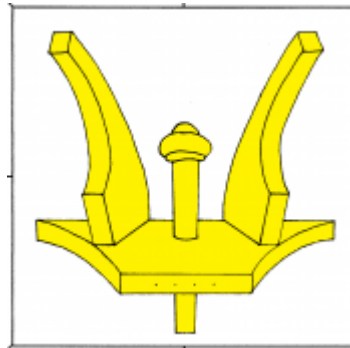
- Pelican declined to register the epithet *ha Ari*, noting “In Jewish traditions, *ha Ari* refers to a Talmudic scholar held in great esteem. In practice, this accolade is very rare, and appears primarily associated with Yuzchak Luria, a prominent scholar in the Kabbalah movement within Ashkenazi Judaism. As this byname would imply that level of esteem within the community, it is equivalent to an unearned claim of rank under PN4.B.” [Avraham ben David ben Ari, 02/2026, A-An Tir]
- Norse does not do unmarked patronymics, nor two given names standing alone. [Hrafna-Steinn, 02/2026, A-An Tir]
- Commenters were able to find evidence of unmarked locative bynames being used in pre-16th century German. This usage is likely to be an inherited byname, not a literal one. The pattern given in Appendix A is that of [given]+[byname]+[locative], and is stated to have only started in the 16th and 17th centuries. Therefore, we direct Palimpsest to remove the clarifying note in Appendix A that states "Unmarked locative bynames are found in the 16th and early 17th centuries.“ [Lehenhard Katzenstig von Maußmanßdorff, 02/2026, A-An Tir]
- The pattern of patronymic bynames being formed using the genitive form of the parent's name is a standard English formation. For example, Roberts from Robert. [Sisuile Butler, 02/2026, A-East]

# From the LoAR: Names

- In Latin there is a pattern of [*Nomen*] + [*Cognomen*] + [*Cognomen*] which is documented to the 3rd century AD. [Claudius Crispus Scaevola, 02/2026, A-West]
- Regarding Company of the Coconut Pelican noted, we understand that terms like *coconut*, *apple*, *banana* have both positive and negative connotations for different communities. Whether any of these are being used as slurs within the SCA towards a person or a group of persons is a subject for the Seneschalate and not the College of Arms. However, at this time, we will not register single word substantive elements where the element has the potential to be offensive to a group of people either within or outside of the SCA. This includes the terms *coconut*, *apple* and *banana*. To be entirely clear, we are not saying that *coconuts* are offensive, we are saying that calling a group of people coconuts is offensive due to the connotations that have been applied to a specific group of people. Going forward, we will still register these elements in modified forms. However, it should be noted that a specific combination of tincture and object may not remove the connotation. [Kuroi Akimori, 02/2026, R-Ansteorra]
- In *Fellowship of the Murder* the noun *murder* is unmistakably and undeniably the name of a violent act that involves the deliberate taking of life. The phrase Fellowship of Murder or Fellowship of the Murder carries an obvious implication that members of said fellowship engage in such acts. We are therefore returning this household name. [Magnus White-Hair Erickson, 02/2026, R-Middle]

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

- Table 4 – Conventional "Proper" Colorings
  - None
- Table 5 – Default Postures and Orientations
  - *A router plane defaults to affronty.*
- Table 7 – Default Arrangements
  - None
- Table 8 – Default Charge Types
  - None



*A router plane*

# From the LoAR: New/Redocumented Charges

- *Round waffles* are a period foodstuff shown in *Market Woman at the Vegetable Stall* by Pieter Aertsen, painted in 1567. Foodstuffs are everyday artifacts registerable under SENA A2B2a, provided they are identifiable. Round waffles will conflict with roundels and other round charges that conflict with roundels. [Tuathal Mac Crimthainn, 02/2026, A-An Tir]
- A *henbane flower* is found in Gerard's Herball c.1597. Though the henbane flower is a trumpet-shaped flower, a *henbane flower affronty* should be considered as a five-petalled flower for the purposes of conflict. [Kara Healer, 02/2026, A-Ansteorra]
- *Earthworms* are invertebrates known in period and found in period bestiaries such as *The Flower of Nature*, published in Utrecht, Netherlands in c. 1350, on 136r. [Vai{sv}noras Kirm{.e}|{.e}, 02/2026, A-Atlantia]



*Market Woman at the Vegetable Stall*



Henbane flowers in Gerard's Herball.



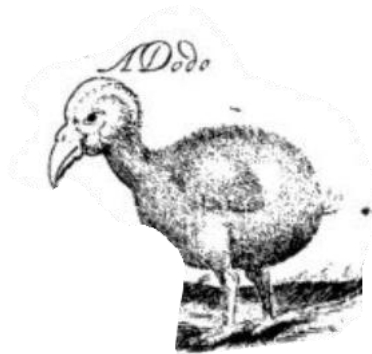
*The Flower of Nature*, 136r.

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- A *router plane* is woodworker's hand tool with a handle on each side of the cutting iron and is found as a period heraldic charge in the *Wappenbuch der Arlberg-Bruderschaft* by Virgil Raber c.1548, f.126. It is affronty by default. [Eiríkr Mjòksigliandi Sigurðarson, 02/2026, A-Caid]
- A *dodo* is an extinct flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius. The birds were described by Portuguese sailors in 1507 and were extinct by 1681. [Nikolai Gornostai Spiach'ev, 02/2026, A-Calontir]
- A *yollotl glyph* is a Mesoamerican symbol found in *Codex Mendoza*. While we blazon it here as a *yollotl glyph* to reinforce its identity as an element of writing and to aid in accurate reproduction, we choose to treat it as a heart for purposes of style and conflict. [Yollo of An Tir, 02/2026, P-An Tir]
- A *whip* is a period charge found in the arms of Eybeswaldt in *Siebmacher's Armorial* [p37]. Our default whip has three lashes. [Tananda Scarlet, 02/2026, P-Atlantia]



A router plane.



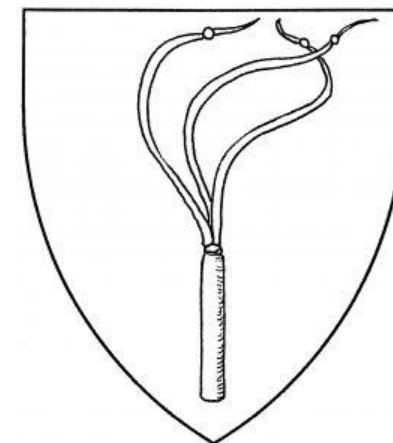
A 1634 depiction of a dodo (*Some Yeares Travels Into Divers Parts of Asia and Afriqve Describing Especially the Two Famous Empires, the Persian and Great*

*Mogull ...*, Thomas Herbet, p. 347,

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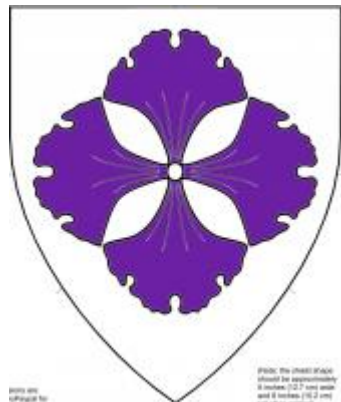
A yollotl glyph.



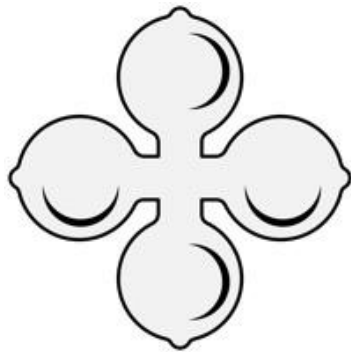
A whip and a single-lash whip.

# From the LoAR: Armory

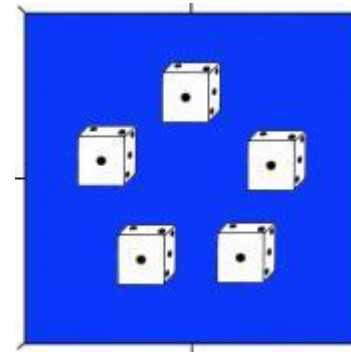
- The non-SCA arms of Erskine, Earl of Mar and Kelly, *Argent, a pale sable*, are unprotected. [Erskine, Earl of Mar and Kelly, 02/2026, A-An Tir]
- There is sufficient difference between the fan-shape of ginkgo leaves and the leaf-shape of quatrefoils that they are unlikely to be mistaken for each other. We decline to rule whether crosses of leaves from other categories may conflict with quatrefoils or few-petaled flowers. [Izumo no Suou, 02/2026, A-Ansteorra]
- Though the pips on dice are usually artistic license, given that we have at least one example of period arms where the pips are always shown in a particular facing (Ambesas: Planche's Roll 263, Dering Roll 245), we are happy to extend the submitter the same courtesy here. The pips on the dice do not count for difference. [Sigmund Úlfsson the Traveler, 02/2026, A-Ansteorra]



*in cross four ginkgo leaves  
conjoined at the stems*



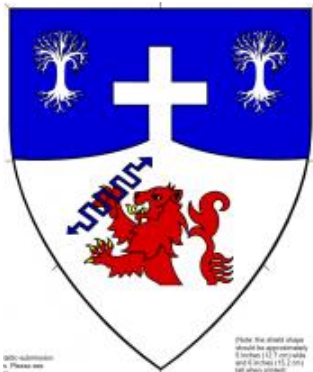
*A quatrefoil*



*Azure, in annulo five dice,  
each showing one pip, argent*

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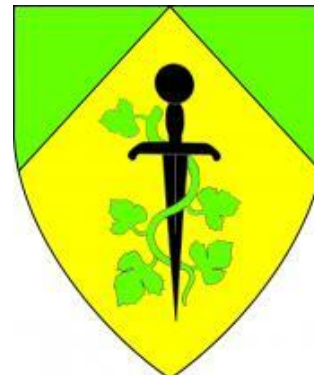
- In *Per fess azure and argent, a cross couped issuant from the line of division and a demi-lion gules maintaining in its dexter paw a lightning bolt azure between in chief two trees blasted and eradicated argent*, the cross and the demi-lion are co-primary charges, the lightning bolt is a maintained charge, and the trees are a secondary charge group. [Donatus Amadeus, 02/2026, A-Atenveldt]
- A comet is a long charge and is thus permitted by SENA Appendix I4 to be overlaid by a crescent as an overall charge. [Etienne de Laval, 02/2026, A-Atlantia]
- *Malacomorphs*, creatures issuant from snail-shells, are considered to be single monsters, akin to sea-monsters, rather than two conjoined charges. [Althea de Geldonia, 02/2026, A-Drachenwald]
- In *Or chape vert, a dagger inverted sable and an ivy vine entwined vert*, the charges are co-primary. The blazon patterns for entwined charges have been added to Appendix 1 of the Glossary of Terms. [Hazel of the Black Dagger, 02/2026, A-Lochac]



Donatus's device.



A monster with the head, forelegs, and upper torso of a goat and the shell of a snail erect



Hazel's device.

## Blazon patterns for entwined charges:

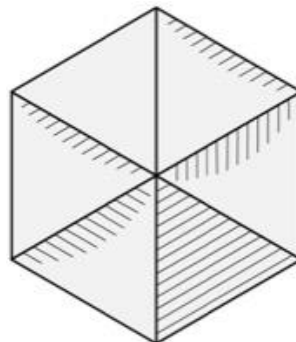
- *an X and a Y entwined* describes two co-primary charges
- *an X entwined of a Y* describes a primary X and a secondary Y
- *an X maintaining an entwined Y* describes a primary X and a maintained Y

# From the LoAR: Armory

- A *lemon leaf* is considered leaf-shaped for the purposes of conflict. [Zanira bint Ya`q{u-}b al-Samm{a-}k, 02/2026, A-Middle]
- Though ermine spots on bends in period armory were more often bendwise, there are some examples of palewise spots. This is an unblazoned artistic detail not worth difference. [Lia le Citolur, 02/2026, A-West]
- In declining to unprotect the non-SCA flag of Seychelles, Wreath ruled we will generally continue to protect the historical national flags of modern nations where those flags were in use during the lifetime of the average member of the populace. Beyond that, these flags may continue to be protected on a case-by-case basis. [Seychelles, 02/2026, R-An Tir]
- There is not a DC between a hexagonal gemstone and an icosahedral die, both essentially diapered hexagons. [Fulk de Barenton, 02/2026, R-Calontir]



An icosahedral die



A hexagonal gemstone

# Webbed Updates

- SENA PN4D, Appendix A, and Appendix M1 have been updated.
- Glossary of Terms Table 5 has been updated.