

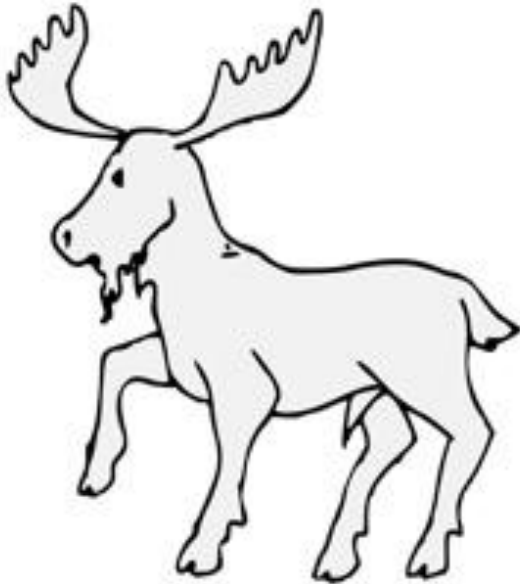
March 2026 CL & LoAR

A Quick Summary of Changes

Jeanne Marie *Palimpsest*

From Wreath: On Moose

- Wreath has overturned precedent and will allow the use of the term *moose* or *elk*.
- Those who would like their registered *elk* reblazoned as a *moose* may make a request to do so as an administrative action.



From Pelican

- Submitters and heralds are reminded that the College of Arms does not register non-Latin characters. Placing non-Latin characters on the “Name Being Registered” line of the submission form may result in an administrative return.
- SENA Appendix A has been updated to include matronymic bynames in Scandinavian languages, in accordance with long-standing precedent.

From Pelican and Wreath: On Saracens and Moors

Saracen and *Moor* are period words that were both used to refer to Muslims in our period.

Today, both of these terms are relatively outdated and not in common use. However, they do arise occasionally in a heraldic context, usually in terms of a description of a heraldic charge, or in the case this month, as part of a household name based on inn-sign patterns. Charges that would previously have used these terms may continue to be registerable using our standard skin-color terms or alternate terms as appropriate, with offensiveness judged on a case-by-case basis.

- What this means:
 - The College of Arms will no longer use the term Saracen or Moor to describe a human or human body parts whether in armory or names.
 - The use of Saracen or Moor may be considered on a case-by-case basis as a descriptive term for other uses.

See the Cover Letter for the entire ruling.

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.
 - April 6th LoPaD
 - Two items that were pended for discussion on how we treat mixed primary charge groups.
 - April 14th LoPaD
 - A survey and request for discussion as the first step in determining whether or not we should revise name conflict rules in SENA.
 - April 28th 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 12th Rules Letter on forms of heraldic display.
 - 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.

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 23rd LoPaD
 - Two items that were pended to await the result of the April 12th Rules Letter on forms of heraldic display.
 - Two items that were pended to await the result of the April 6th LoPaD on primary charge groups.
 - An item pended for discussion about conflicts with animal-cut designs, specifically whether there should be an SC or DC between *loons-cut*, *wolves-cut*, and *two swan's head respectant couped*.

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) and/or the relevant Sovereign of Arms.
 - Glossary of Terms – Table 4 – a proposal to update the table to show that the terms Saracen and Moor are obsolete.
 - SENA A5F1b – Substantial Change of Direction of Division - proposal clarifies that in most cases differences noted in this section apply only to those divisions specifically mentioned.
 - SENA Appendix H – Low-Contrast Complex Lines of Division – proposal to clarify that the appendix does not apply to arrondi lines of division.
 - SENA Appendix I1 – Primary Charge Group – a proposal to clarify that for repeating combinations of charges such as "three X each within a Y" the charges are considered to be part of the same charge group.
 - SENA Appendix M2 – Complex lines of division that conflict – a proposal to clarify when arrondi and plain lines receive a DC and when they are considered to have no difference.

From the LoAR: Names

- Old English given names ending in *red* form the genitive by adding *es* to the end, not simply *s*. [Natasha Aldredesdohtor, 03/2026, A-Calontir]
- The form of *Rhieinwylydd* that can be documented to 13th century Welsh is *Rieingulid*, found in the 12th century *Life of Saint Iltud*. As a Welsh literary name, this spelling may be registered. [Maol Mhuire inghean Ghiolla Chríost Uí hAirt, 03/2026, A-East]
- The designator *Stronghold* is only used when a branch is tied to a military installation and not a particular geography. [Emeralds Gate, Shire of, 03/2026, A-East]

From the LoAR: Updates to the Glossary of Terms Tables

- Table 4 – Conventional "Proper" Colorings
 - Hemlock sprig - vert, with multifloreted argent flowers; tincture is taken from the stalk. [Isabetta de Pavonis, 03/2026, A-Atlantia]
 - Marigold - Or or orange, slipped and leaved vert. When orange, the marigold is considered light (and conflicts with Or) on a dark field or dark (and conflicts with gules) on a light field; on a neutral field or on a fieldless badge must be a shade that is clearly light or dark. [Isabetta de Pavonis, 03/2026, A-Atlantia]
- Table 5 – Default Postures and Orientations
 - None
- Table 7 – Default Arrangements
 - None
- Table 8 – Default Charge Types
 - None

From the LoAR: New/Redocumented Charges

- *Hemlock sprigs* are found in William Turner's *New Herball*, c. 1551. [Isabetta de Pavonis, 03/2026, A-Atlantia]
- *Three spoons hanging from a bar couped* is a motif found in the St. Gallen Armorial. The spoons are primary charges; the bar is a secondary charge. [Elsbeth Modlen ferch Dafydd, 03/2026, A-Calontir]
- A *firework arrow* is a charge found in Guillim's *A Display of Heraldry* where it is blazoned as *a barbed arrowe wth a fyerworke placed neare the heade therof enflamed*. [Kateryn Styllingflete, 03/2026, A-Middle]
- *Mantis shrimp* were known to Aristotle and to the ancient Assyrians and thus are registerable under SENA A2B2b. [Kaulder of Blackgate, 03/2026, A-Northshield]



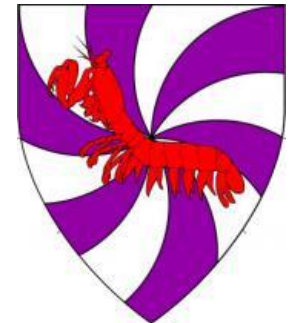
*Hemlock from Turner's
New Herball*



*Hanging spoons from the St. Gallen Armorial
and registered.*



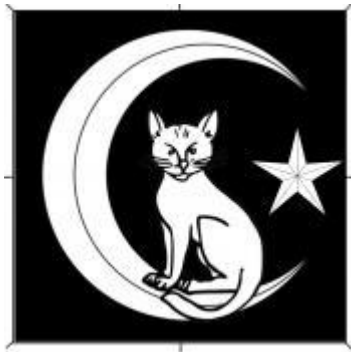
A firework arrow from Guillim.



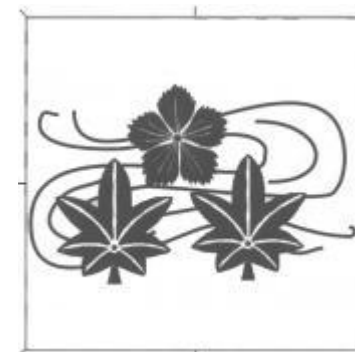
*A mantis shrimp
(registered)*

From the LoAR: Armory

- In *Sable*, a domestic cat sejant guardant within and atop a decrescent, between the horns of the decrescent a mullet argent the cat and the mullet are in the same secondary charge group. [Katla máni, 03/2026, A-An Tir]
- Based on examples of Japanese mon, the Japanese stream is an exception to the requirement of SENA Appendix I4 that overall charges or the charges they overlies must be either an ordinary or a long charge. [Rían Kjartansson, 03/2026, A-An Tir]
- An arrondi line is a variant of a plain line, this device is not subject to the restrictions for low-contrast combinations discussed in SENA Appendix H. [Josurr Úlfsson, 03/2026, A-Artemisia]
- There is at least a DC between a multi-petaled flower and a multi-floreted flower. [Isabetta de Pavonis, 03/2026, A-Atlantia]



Katla máni's device.



A Japanese stream argent, overall a nadeshiko flower and two maple leaves one and two sable

From the LoAR: Armory

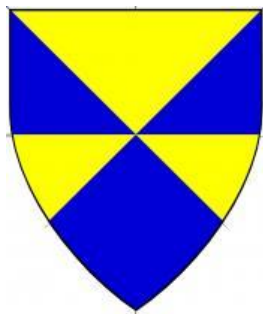
- As with non-central combinations of charges, for repeating combinations of charges such as "three X each within a Y" the charges are considered to be part of the same charge group. [Kanamori no Tatsume, 03/2026, A-Atlantia]
- The masonry of a wall is an artistic detail rather than a field treatment, therefore it does not count as a tincture for the purposes of complexity count. [Emeralds Gate, Shire of, 03/2026, A-East]
- There is a step from core practice for irradiating a charge with the same tincture. [Lucius Bracco Rosso, 03/2026, A-Middle]
- A chain gorging an animate charge does not count as an annulet of chain, and is not reserved to the Order of Chivalry. [Gwenhwyvar verch Owen ap Morgan, 03/2026, A-Northshield]



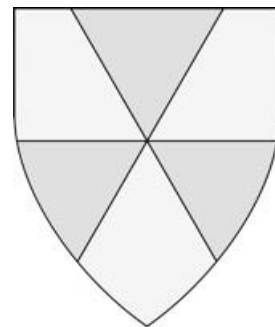
Six co-primary charges – three umebachi
and three annulets

From the LoAR: Armory

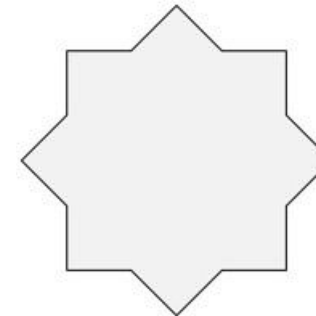
- There is not an SC between a gyronny field and other combinations of field divisions such as 'per fess and per saltire' that result in radially divided fields of six or more pieces. [M{ev}ryem al Ixbil{iv}a, 03/2026, R-Middle]
- Though there is a blazonable difference between *gyronny of six*, which has equally divided gyrons, and *per fess and per saltire*, which has the lines of division issuing from the corners, there is not sufficient change in direction between them to grant this DC. Since there is also no DC between gyronny of different numbers of pieces per A5G1d, there can be no DC between this field and gyronny of any number. [M{ev}ryem al Ixbil{iv}a, 03/2026, R-Middle]
- Lozenges conjoined in pale are equivalent to a pale fussily. [Devis in le Breres, 03/2026, P-Calontir]
- A *mullet of eight points* composed of two overlapping delfs is no longer registerable without documentation. [M{ev}ryem al Ixbil{iv}a, 03/2026, P-Middle]
- Orles composed of charges such as vine, chain, belts, and rope count as peripheral ordinaries for the purposes of SENA Appendix J, Documented and Forbidden Arrangements of Charge Groups on Armory. [Isabeau Sauterau, 03/2026, P-Northshield]



Per fess and per saltire Or and azure



Gyronny of six



The version of a *mullet of eight points* that is no longer registerable.

Webbed Updates

- SENA Appendix A, Appendix G, and Appendix I4 have been updated.
- Glossary of Terms Table 4 has been updated.