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A Quick Summary of Changes

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From Pelican: Administrative Handbook Updates

- In Appendix F the cautions about using Ó Corrain & Maguire's *Irish Names* (OCM) have been revised to match the updates made to SENA PN1B2d2 last month regarding the names of legendary and semi-mythic humans.
- A number of sources, including links, have been added to Appendix H.

From Pelican: Additional Ways to Use DMNES

- Aněžka Liška z Kolína, has a blog post <https://orandvert.blogspot.com/2024/08/dmnes-off-label-use-generating-lists-of.html> that discusses how to navigate through DMNES to generate lists of names by culture.
- Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin has created a resource at <https://digitalherald.org/dmnes/> to filter DMNES in various ways. These are:
 - Browse by Area which generates an index of names from a given country
 - Browse by Language which generates an index of name in a given language
 - Bibliographic Indexes which can be used to generate an index of all names from a given source:
 - Alphabetic Bibliography
 - Geographic Bibliography
 - Linguistic Bibliography

From Pelican – Egyptian Titles

- The List of Alternate Titles has been updated to include titles in Demotic (c. 650 BCE - 5th century CE) and Middle Egyptian (2000 BCE - 4th century BCE)

Demotic (c. 650 BCE - 5th century CE)

Rank	Gender Neutral	Masculine	Feminine
Crown		nesu	nesuyt
Coronet		repay/sa nesu	sat nesu
Peerage Order		kherpu	kherpet
Barony		hery	heryt
Award or Grant of Arms		neb	nebet

Middle Egyptian (2000 BCE - 4th century BCE)

Rank	Gender Neutral	Masculine	Feminine
Crown		nesu/ity	nesuyt/ityt
Coronet		sa nesu	sat nesu
Duchy		haty-a	hatet-a
County		haty-a	hatet-a
Viscounty		haty-a	hatet-a
Peerage Order		kherpu/rekh nesu	kherpet/rehket nesu/henewet
Baronage		haty-a/hery	hatet-a/heryt
Award or Grant of Arms		neb	nebet

From Pelican and Wreath – Claims of Power

- SENA PN4C, Claims of Power, is updated to make it clear that a combination of name phrases that appear to be a claim of powers will not be allowed even if the individual elements are registerable. A corresponding section has been added for armory, SENA A6G.
- What this means:
 - You can register names such as Merlin Smith and Rose Warlock and neither appear to be claiming superhuman abilities or magical powers; however, you can't register Merlin Warlock because that does appear to claim magical powers.
 - You can register name/armory combination that has a single reference to a being with superhuman or magical abilities. Two or more references will likely appear to be a claim of powers.
 - Athena Smith could register *Azure, three owls argent* as it is a single reference to the goddess Athena. However, *Azure, two owls and an olive tree argent within an orle of snakes Or* includes three symbols associated with Athena and appears to be claim to divine origin.
 - Someone with the given name Tatsume or surname Ryuuzouji, which both incorporate the kanji for "dragon", could register *Sable, an East Asian dragon passant argent* as it is a single allusion to their name. However, *Sable, an East Asian dragon passant and in chief three clouds argent*, is a claim to be one of the Dragon Kings who are noted for controlling weather and bringing rain and thus is not registerable.
- These sections apply whether the name and armory are submitted at the same time or if one is already registered when the other is submitted.

From Pelican and Wreath – Obtrusively Modern Armory

- SENA A3F3, Obtrusively Modern, to make it clear that armory which, when combined with a name, makes a modern joke or reference that destroys medieval ambience and drags the average person mentally back to the present day is not allowed. Either the name or the armory will be registered but not both.
- A combination of name and armory may not be obtrusively modern but may still be considered a claim of power under A6G.
- This apply whether the name and armory are submitted at the same time or if one is already registered when the other is submitted.
- Examples:
 - Rhiannon Goch could register *Argent, a horse courant vert*. The use of a horse is an allusion to Rhiannon as a horse goddess; it is not obtrusively modern as it does not make a modern joke or modern reference.
 - Combining the name Donald Disney with an argent duck is an obtrusively modern reference to Donald Duck; however, a gules duck would not have the same issue as Donald Duck is a white duck.
 - Combining the name Mario with armory containing a *gules mushroom spotted argent and an Or mullet* is obtrusively modern as it is clearly a reference to the Super Mario games.
 - Combining the byname le Poo with an *Or bear vested of a shirt gules* is an obtrusively modern reference to Winnie the Pooh.

From Wreath – Gillyflowers

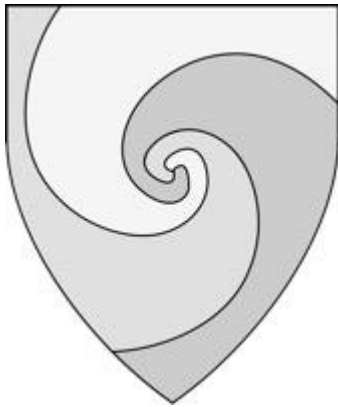
- Period depictions of gillyflowers vary. Some are emblazoned as multi-petaled flowers in one place and as roses or cinquefoils in another. The only reasonably consistent element is that flowers blazoned as gillyflowers are drawn with the edges of the petals pinked. Therefore:
 - Gillyflowers will continue be considered multi-petaled flowers and will conflict with other multi-petaled flowers
 - Gillyflowers will only be considered a DC, not an SC, from few-petaled flowers with non-pinked petals, including roses
 - Gillyflowers will conflict with few-petaled flowers with pinked or rough-edged petals



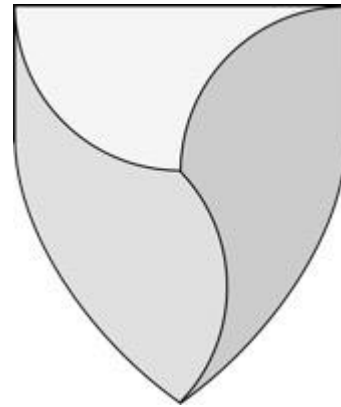
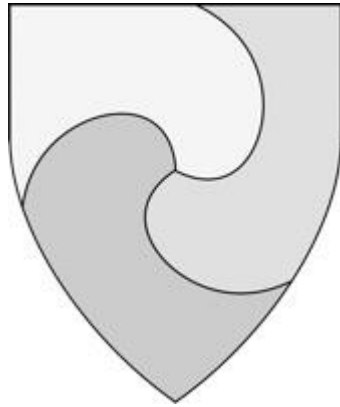
Gillyflowers from Guillim, Insignia Anglica, and Indice Armotial (grey period)

From Wreath – SENA and Gyronny

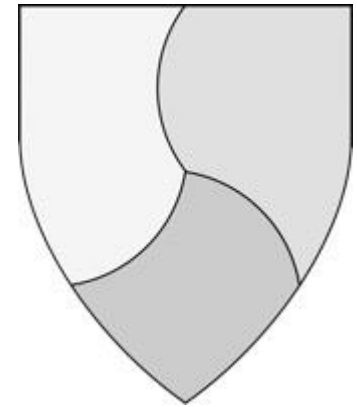
- SENA A5F1b is updated to make it clear that *gyronny of three* does not get an SC from *per pall* or *per pall inverted* and that *gyronny* of six or more pieces is substantially different from all other partitions.
- SENA A5G1b is updated to make it clear that *gyronny of three* does not get a DC from *per pall* or *per pall inverted*.



Gyronny of three arrondi



Per pall arrondi



Per pall inverted arrondi

From Wreath – Unity of Posture and Orientation

- SENA A3D2c, Unity of Posture and Orientation, has been updated to allow designs with three identical charges arranged two and one where the upper two charges are addorsed or respectant/combattant and the bottommost charge in the same posture and orientation as one of the two upper charges.



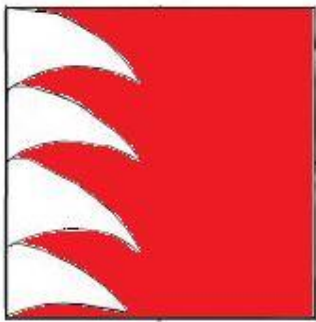
Two lions combattant and a lion is allowed as the bottommost lion is in the same posture and orientation as the sinister lion in chief.



Two lions combattant and a lion couchant is not allowed as the bottommost lion is in the not in the same posture as either of the lions in chief.

From Wreath – Blazons Which Must Be Considered

- SENA A5C1, Blazons Which Must be Considered, has been updated to include information on when three or more wolf's teeth must be considered a field division and when they are simply charges.
 - Three or more wolf's teeth issuant from the edge of a plain field are equivalent to a field division when they are the only primary charges. Wolf's teeth do not need to be considered as field divisions when they are part of a primary charge group with other charges (including another set of wolf's teeth), when they are on a divided field, nor when they are in a non-primary charge group.



Field division equivalent to *pily barry*.



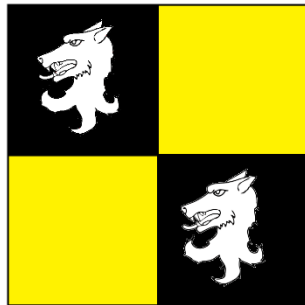
The wolf's teeth are primary charges, not a field division.



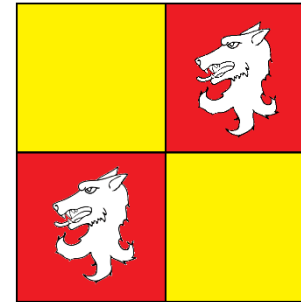
The wolf's teeth and raven are co-primary charges.

From Wreath – Forced Changes

- Wreath noted that the June precedent on forced changes, which was the basis for Palimpsest August 31st Rules Letter, introduced an unintended asymmetry in considering conflict. It doesn't matter which piece of armory is registered, the question is can the charges whether the charges in each piece of armory can be in the same arrangement as those in the other; if the charges in at least one piece cannot be in the same arrangement as the other, then the change in arrangement is forced and there is not a DC available. This was also added as a comment to the Rules Letter and will be taken into consideration when that item is decided.



There is not a DC for arrangement no matter which of these is registered and which is submitted. The argent wolf's heads cannot be on the Or portion of the field therefore the arrangement is considered forced.



Open LoPaDs

- 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.
 - August 25th: proposal to restrict the registration of First Nations and indigenous given names
 - September 20th (LoltUp): proposal to unprotect *Azure, semy of bees Or* as an important non-SCA badge for Napoleon
 - September 30th: the proposed Japanese alternate titles have been pended for further discussion
 - October 3rd:
 - request for examples of fracted charges in period
 - discussion on whether we should change the Existing Registration Allowance to treat names as a neutral in gender as well as time and place

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From the LoAR: Names

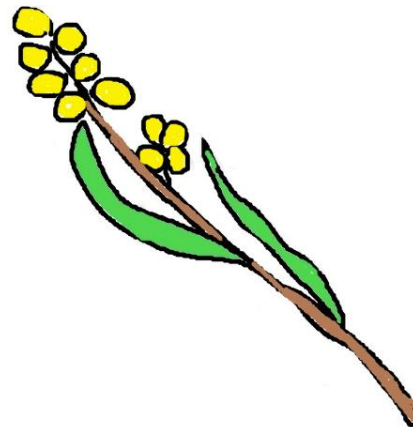
- Double locative bynames are found in late 16th Spanish. [Enrique de Molina, 09/2024, A-Æthemearc]
 - The following patterns have been added to SENA Appendix A:
 - [given name] + [unmarked locative] + [marked locative]
 - [given name] + [marked locative] y [marked or unmarked locative]
 - [given name] + [unmarked locative] + [unmarked locative]
- Based on period practice, the word *Situ* was used only as part of a non-territorial compound title such as "Minister of Education". Further, such a title was placed after the family name, not before it. As the name *Situ Zeming* uses the construction *family name+jitsumei*, we cannot consider *Situ* as a title and we may register this name as submitted. [Situ Zeming, 09/2024, A-Ansteorra]
- As a reminder, a submitter is presumed to grant themselves permission to conflict per the Administrative Handbook III.C.3. [Montengarde, Barony of, 09/2024, A-Avacal]

From the LoAR: Names

- There is a pattern in English of names beginning with the sound /k/ spelled with either an initial *C*, *Ch* or *K*. [Krista the Tailor, 09/2024, A-Meridies]
- In returning *Award of the Vigilant Bear* Pelican upheld the precedent that the pattern [Descriptive Adjective] + [Heraldic Charge] is only valid for adjective that are a clear visual descriptor of the charge. [Adiantum, Barony of, 09/2024, R-An Tir]
- The byname *Dadiani* was first an Armenian title which came with a hereditary fiefdom (Mingrelia), which then became a dynastic name. No evidence was found that anyone outside the Dadiani dynasty used this name, therefore in accordance with SENA PN4B2 it is not registerable. [Tamar Dadiani, 09/2024, R-Atlantia]
- Without evidence of a kanji that transliterates as *ryuu* used in a *jitsumei* or *yobina* in period, this element cannot be in Japanese given names. It remains usable as an element in Japanese surnames. [Togashi Ryuukata, 09/2024, R-Middle]

From the LoAR: Updates to the Glossary of Terms Tables

- Table 4 – Conventional "Proper" Colorings
 - Sprig of Wattle – Or flowers, brown slip, vert leaves. The tincture is taken equally from the flowers and leaves. [Iuliana inghean Uí Conghaile, 09/2024, A-Lochac]
- Table 5 – Conventional S.C.A Default Postures
 - None
- Table 7 – Default Arrangements
 - None
- Table 8 – Default Charge Types
 - None



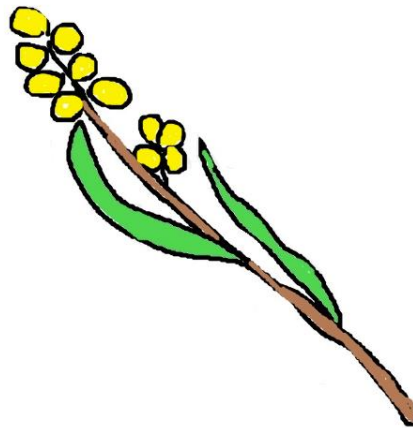
A sprig of wattle (from OSCAR)

From the LoAR: New Charges

- A *nillette* is a period charge sometimes found in the attributed arms of Sir Galinde du Tertre, Knight of the Round Table, and is depicted as a crow-like bird with four legs. [Benedikta Ingasdotter, 09/2024, A-Drachenwald]
- *Wattle* is a plant native to southeastern Australia, an area which was inhabited by humans in period. A *sprig of wattle* takes its tincture equally from the flowers and leaves. [Iuliana inghean Uí Conghaile, 09/2024, A-Lochac]



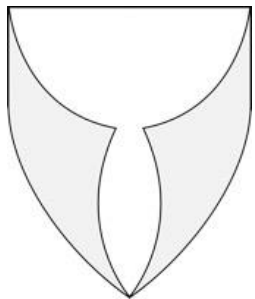
A *nillette* from *Noms, armes et blasons des chevaliers de la Table Ronde*, ca. 1500, MS M.16, f.59v
(<https://ica.themorgan.org/manuscript/page/95/76850>)



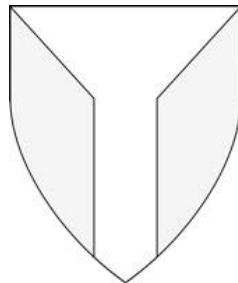
A *sprig of wattle proper* (registered) and a *wattle* plant in nature.

From the LoAR: Armory

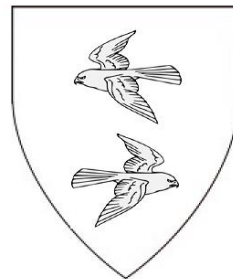
- Based on a lack of period examples of the practice of using two gores, and explicit mentions in period treatises that it wasn't done, Wreath upheld precedent that there is a step from core practice for the use of two gores. Two gussets are allowed without a step from core practice as there is evidence of this usage in period. This has been added to SENA Appendix G2. [Elseke í Heiðabæ, 09/2024, A-An Tir]
- *Counter-volant volant* does not present a Unity of Orientation issue. Two animate charges in pale with postures of *X counter-X* or *counter-X X* are considered to be in a unified orientation. [Hrólfur Gleðill, 09/2024, A-Ansteorra]
- As they are not counted for difference, charges considered "closely associated maintained charges" under SENA Appendix I3 and I6, do not require good contrast with their background, but must have some contrast. [Serena des Fleurs, 09/2024, A-Ansteorra]



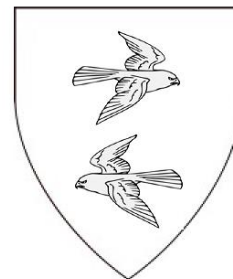
A gore and a sinister gore is a SFCP



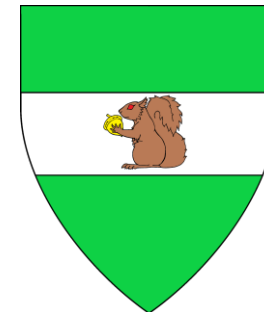
A gusset and a sinister gusset is not a SFCP



Volant counter-volant



Counter-volant volant



Vert, on a fess argent a brown squirrel proper maintaining an acorn Or is registerable despite the low contrast between the acorn and the fess. (Emblazon courtesy of Elisabetta Tommaso di Carduci)

From the LoAR: Armory

- A *songbird* is too generic a category to have a proper coloration and thus cannot be *grey proper*. [Jeannette Boniface, 09/2024, A-Avacal]
- *Mockingbirds* are found throughout North and South America, with a large overlap with area habited by humans in period, making them an acceptable heraldic charge. [Jeannette Boniface, 09/2024, A-Avacal]
- An animal, other than a frog, maintaining a charge with its tongue is not registerable. [Frithuswith inghean Ui Cremthainn, 09/2024, R-Calontir]
- Blossoms on a tree are expected decoration, like fructing, and are not worth difference. [Tófa in eldra Eiríksdóttir, 09/2024, R-Calontir]



Submitted as a *grey songbird proper*
the charge was registered as a *grey*
mockingbird proper.

Webbed Updates

- Administrative Handbook Appendix F and Appendix H have been updated.
- SENA A3D2c, A3F3, A5C1, A5F1b, A5G1b, PN4C, Appendix G2, Appendix I3, and Appendix M1 have been updated
- SENA A6G has been added.
- Glossary of Terms Table 4 has been updated.
- List of Alternate Titles has been updated.