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A Quick Summary of Changes

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From Wreath: On Stag's Attires and Massacres

- To avoid confusion, two stag's attires joined at the base will be blazoned as *a pair of stag's attires conjoined*. They are considered two charges and default to palewise.
 - What this means: Registered items blazons as *stag's attires* that have two attires have been reblazoned as *a pair of stag's attires conjoined*.
- The default *massacre* is a deer or stag's massacre. It has a scrap of flesh where the horns joined; however, it is often impossible to distinguish between this scrap of flesh and the stumps of attires conjoined. Therefore, a *massacre* is granted no difference for type or number from a *pair of stag's attires* whether they are conjoined or not. A *massacre* does have a DC for type from a single *stag's attire*.
- A *massacre* is considered a single charge. It is palewise by default.



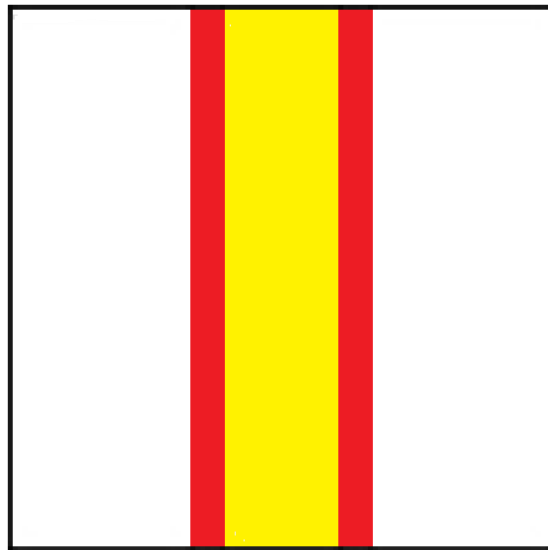
A pair of stag's attires conjoined



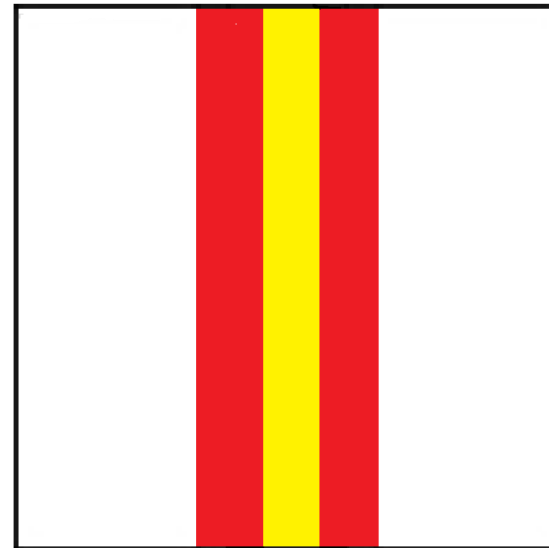
A massacre

From Wreath: Outlining Fimbriation

- In what situations should an ordinary charged with the same type of ordinary (such as a *pallet* on a *pale*) be treated as equivalent to fimbriation? Based on period examples of fimbriated ordinaries, the following guideline is adopted:
 - If the larger ordinary is less than twice the width of the smaller ordinary it will be considered equivalent to fimbriation. If it is more than twice the width of the smaller ordinary, it will be treated only as an ordinary charged with another ordinary.



Argent, a pale Or fimbriated gules



Argent, on a pale gules a pale Or

From Pelican


- *smer* has been added to the List of Alternate Titles (<https://heraldry.sca.org/titles.html>) as a gender-neutral Middle Egyptian title for use by those with an award or grant of arms.
- SENA PN2C2 is updated to allow the combination of name elements dated within 500 years of each other from any single language not found in SENA Appendix C.
- Norwegian feminine patronymics have been added to SENA Appendix A.

For later Scandinavian languages (Swedish, Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, Icelandic, etc.), the feminine forms of patronymics are variable:

- Swedish forms include *Bdotter*, *Bdotther*, *Bdottir*, and *Bdatter*.
- Danish forms include *Bdothor*, *Bdotter*, *Bdaatter*, *Bdaater*, and *Bdaather*.
- Norwegian forms include: *Bdotter*, *Bdottir*, *Bdottor* and *Bdottær*; *Bdoter* and *Bdotor*; *Bdotter*; *Bdotther* and *Bdotthir*; *Bdatter*; and *Bdatther*.

Other forms must be documented.

- Information on transliterating Korean has been added to SENA Appendix D.

 b. Korean: We have registered the Revised Romanization system. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romanization_of_Korean has a good overview of several systems as well as links to pages on various systems. McCune-Reischauer is the other well known system, but not the only one.

Open LoPaDs and Lols

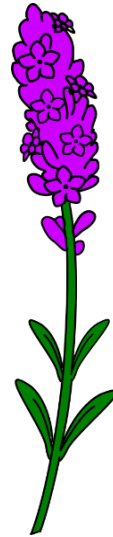
- The following LoPaDs are currently open. Please review and comment. If you lack commenting privileges, comments may be mailed to the relevant Sovereign of Arms.
 - April 8th LoPad
 - Request for commentary on potential changes to SENA A3D2c, Unity of Posture and Orientation with regards to different animate charges in the same group that are in different postures. In particular, Wreath is asking for period examples of such arrangements.
 - April 26th LoPaD
 - Request for commentary on how we treat letters and words – do multiple individual letters conflict with a word? And what makes a word? Commentary is also requested on whether or not we should continue to consider all abstract charges to conflict with all other abstract charges.
 - April 30th LoPaD
 - Request for commentary on whether or not *a white livery collar* should be a reserved charge for members of the Order of Defense and *two vambraces or braces* should be a reserved group for members of the Order of the Mark. charge

From the LoAR: Names

- The pattern of two heraldic charges is an acceptable household name pattern for households based on English inn-signs and tournament companies. [Kieran MacRae, 03/2025, A-Æthelmearc]
 - What this means: Households names such as *Company of the Bear and Staff* and *Inn of the Lion and Pen* are registerable.
- Submitters are reminded that Wikipedia is not acceptable as sole documentation for a name element. [Cailin MacQueen, 03/2025, A-Atlantia]
- Ship's companies are household names, not order names. Therefore, the pattern using ship's names is not appropriate for order names. [Lochac, Kingdom of, 03/2025, A-Lochac]
- When registering *Company of the Mouse Guard*, Pelican noted that it follows the pattern of using causal language to describe heraldic charges. There are examples in medieval heraldry of animals in human clothing, including a fox in a tunic seen in *1560-1615 Stammbuch of Jakob Streit* (BSB 313, f22r), lions in hats, and dogs in hoods seen in *1548 Wappenbuch der Arlberg-Bruderschaft* by Virgil Raber, a rabbit in Landesknecht hosen seen in *1562 Flandria - Chorographie Flanderns in Portraits der Landesfürsten, den Wappen des Adels und des Landes und in seiner Geographie* (BSB 265), a dog in a hat and scarf *Armorial of Ulrich R{"o}sch, Abbot of S. Gall*, amongst several other examples. Thus, a mouse in a guard's uniform could be colloquially referred to as a "mouse guard". [Lochac, Kingdom of, 03/2025, A-Lochac]

From the LoAR: Updates to the Glossary of Terms Tables

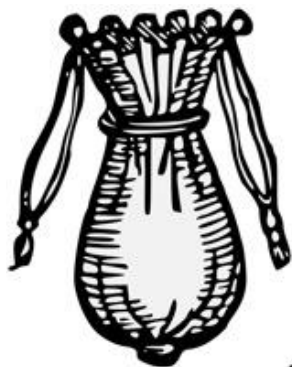
- Table 4 – Conventional "Proper" Colorings
 - A *blue jay proper* is mainly azure, with a white belly and black and white markings on its wings, tail, and head, and is considered azure for the purposes of conflict and contrast. [Forannán Glórach, 03/2025, A-Atlantia]
 - *Lavender proper* is half purpure and half vert as the flowers are considered half the charge. [Bronzehelm, Barony of, 03/2025, R-Artemisia]



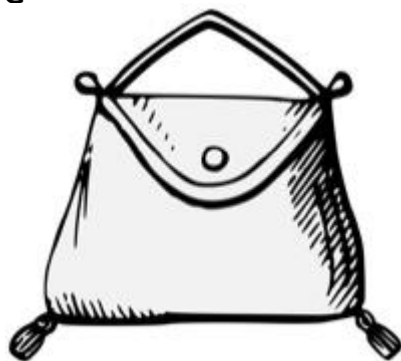
Lavender proper

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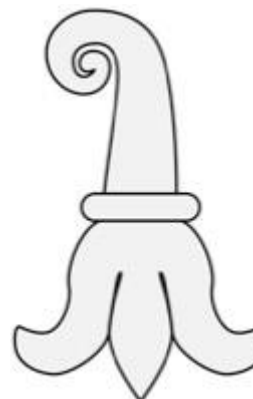
- Table 5 – Default Postures and Orientations
 - Bags and pouches, including a palmer's or pilgrim's scrip, are palewise with the opening to chief by default. When fesswise, the opening is to dexter. [03/2025 CL]
 - Monkeys do not have a default posture. When they are *collared*, the collar is around their waist. [Seamus Mor, 03/2025, A-Atlantia]
 - A *crook of Basel*, like other crooks, defaults to palewise with the hook opening to dexter. [Alda Mauricia, 03/2025, A-Middle]
- Table 7 – Default Arrangements
 - None
- Table 8 – Default Charge Types
 - None



A bag and a pilgrim's scrip.



A monkey sejant erect collared



A crook of Basel

From the LoAR: New/Redocumented Charges

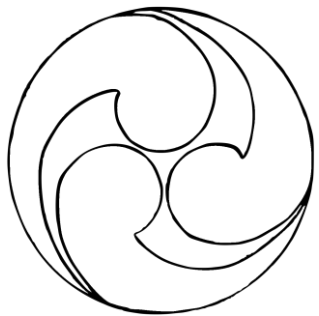
- The blue jay is a bird native to eastern North America in areas where humans lived in period, so may be used as a charge per SENA A2B2b. [Forannán Glórach, 03/2025, A-Atlantia]
- A *glass blowing pipe* is a period tool. The bulb of glass at the end of the pipe is a defining feature of the charge. For conflict and contrast purposes, a glass blowing pipe takes its tincture from the pipe. Its default orientation is palewise, glass to chief. [Lykaina of Stone Hill Keep, 03/2025, A-Meridies]



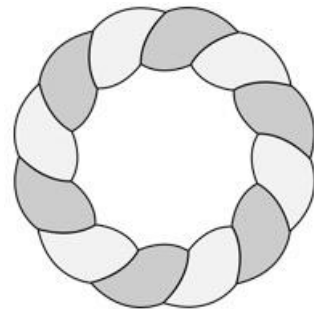
*A glass blowing pipe sable glassed gules
(registered)*

From the LoAR: Armory

- Though classified in the O&A as Symbols, *mitsutomoe* do not conflict with letters or runes. Wreath declined to rule whether they are considered a single charge or three charges. [Kumagaya Kentarou Masamoto, 03/2025, A- A-Æthelmearc]
- Precedent [Meadhbh of Calafia, 04/2005, A-Caid] gives an SC between a *chess knight* and both a *chess rook* and a *chess pawn*. This precedent was expanded to include the *chess king*. Wreath declined to rule on the potential difference between other chess pieces. [Rayne Swyfte, 03/2025, A-Calontir]
- There is a DC between a *torse* and a *joscelyn*. [Eliot Swyft, 03/2025, A-East]
- There is at least a DC between a *cross swallowtailed* and a *Maltese cross*. [Eliot Swyft, 03/2025, A-East]
- There is a step from core practice for gemstones depicted in profile. [Hadrian Lions Bane, 03/2025, A-Lochac]
- The emblazon has the fitting the same width as the base of the lower arm. Based on period and grey period examples of other crosses fitted at the foot, this is a rare, but reasonable, way of depicting this motif. [Kieran Ciotach MacLeod, 03/2025, A-Meridies]



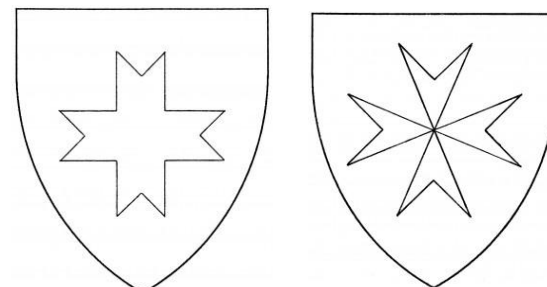
A *mitsutomoe*



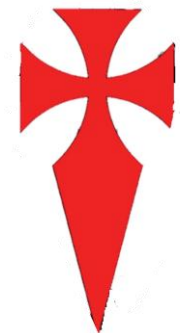
A *torse*



A *joscelyn*



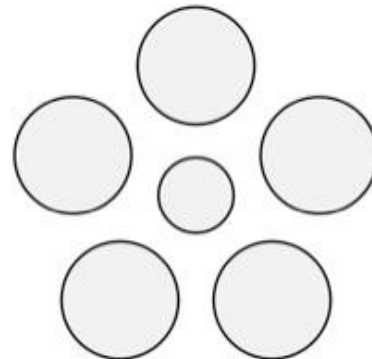
A *cross swallowtailed* and a *Maltese cross* (both from the *PictDict*).



A *cross formy fitted at the foot* (registered). 10

From the LoAR: Armory

- The submitter requested that the prior augmented device be retained as a badge. That is not possible as only the device, not a badge, may be augmented per the Administrative Handbook II.D.3. [Seonaid inghean Ghriogair, 03/2025, A-Middle]
- An *umebachi* is a stylized flowering plum blossom found in Japanese kamon. Though often depicted as disjoint roundels, some depictions have the outer roundels joined with the center one, making the charge closely resemble depictions the European *cinquefoil*, so we are ruling that they should be treated for conflict in the same way as other five-petaled flowers affronty, and will therefore conflict with a rose. [Kanamori no Tatsume, 03/2025, R-Atlantia]
- An *umebachi* has previously only been registered using an individually attested pattern. The expansion of the scope of the Society means an individually attested pattern is no longer required to register this charge. [Kanamori no Tatsume, 03/2025, R-Atlantia]



An *umebachi*

Webbed Updates

- SENA Appendix A, Appendix D4, and Appendix E2b have been updated.
- Glossary of Terms Table 4, Table 5, and Table 8 have been updated.
- The List of Alternate Titles has been updated.