

July 2025 CL & LoAR

A Quick Summary of Changes

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From Laurel

- For branches with ruling nobles, permission to conflict with their armory or names need only be signed by one of the pair. Such permission to conflict is presumed valid unless there is clear evidence that the other one would disagree.
- Awards/orders may not be registered when the intended recipients are non-human. The Cover Letter states:

The rules of the College of Arms regulate only the registration process and registerability of names and armory, and neither the Administrative Handbook nor SENA say anything about the intended use of an award or an order. The bestowal of awards is discussed in Chapter VIII of Corpora (and, regarding membership, Section I.D.3) and interpreting that document falls under the authority of the Society Seneschal. Having asked for her opinion, she agrees with our initial impression that although Corpora does not say this explicitly it is clearly written to presume that awards will only be bestowed on humans. This interpretation is also in line with our long-standing policy of refusing to register names and armory to animals.

From Pelican: Award Name Patterns

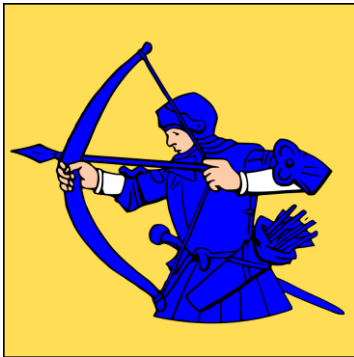
- In the pattern Order of the <Descriptive Adjective>+<Heraldic Charge> only certain types of descriptive adjectives are allowed.
 - SENA Appendix E2b states: <Descriptive Adjective> does not allow all types of adjective to be added to a heraldic charge to create an order name. The Descriptive Adjective must be a clear visual description of the charge itself, like Double or Crowned or Winged. Adjectives that describe heraldic postures or arrangements of charges are not acceptable without additional supporting evidence.
 - What this means: An order name like *Order of the Crowned Ibex* or *Order of the Winged Chalice*, or *Order of the Crescent Moon* are acceptable, while *Order of the Hopeful Phoenix* or *Order of the Great Apple*, or *Order of the Tiny Leaf* are not acceptable.
- In the pattern Order of + <Abstract Quality>, the abstract qualities are more akin to virtues rather than abstract entities.
 - What this means: Orders can be based on abstract virtues like hope, love, freedom, justice, etc. but not on concepts like "the past", "the future", or "eternity".

From Pelican: Culturally Mixed Names and ERA

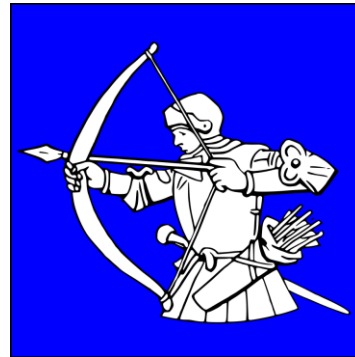
- Examples were added to SENA PN2C2d to clarify how an Existing Registration Allowance (ERA) name element is treated in culturally mixed names.

From Wreath: Reserved Motifs

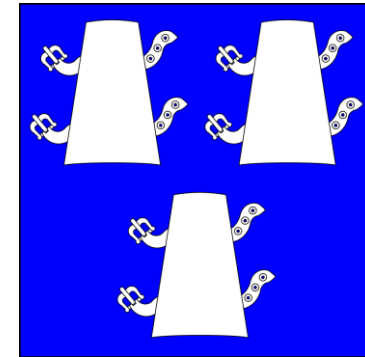
- Updated the Glossary of Terms Table 2, Reserved Charges with:
 - *A white livery collar* for members of the Order of Defense (blazoned as argent)
 - *Two white vambraces or bracers* for members of the Order of the Mark (blazoned as argent).
 - This protection only applies to designs that have exactly two white vambraces or bracers, not one, or more than two. This protection applies for white vambraces or bracers themselves, and white vambraces or bracers on cubit arms, no matter the tincture of the arm itself. This protection does not apply to full armored arms or full humanoid figures unless the vambraces or bracers are the only part of the figure colored white.



Protected – as the bracers are argent, but the archer is not, it appears to be a use of the motif reserved for members of the Order of the Mark



Not protected – even though the archer has argent bracers, the entire figure is argent. Thus, this does not appear to be a use of the motif reserved for members of the Order of the Mark.



Not protected – there are three bracers, not two, so it does not use the reserved motif.

From Wreath: Unity of Posture

- Wreath allowed a raven with its head in profile and an owl guardant in the same charge group. It was ruled:
 - If the animate charges in the same charge group are of identical types, they should be in identical postures, or an arrangement that includes posture, such as *combattant* or *passant counter-passant*.
 - If the animate charges in a charge group are not of identical types, they may be in different postures as long as those postures have less than a DC between them.
- A Rules Letter has been opened to incorporate this decision in SENA A3D2c, Unity of Posture and Orientation.



Allowed: *Per chevron purpure and azure, in fess a raven contourny and an owl argent maintaining between them a wheel Or*

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.
 - September 20th LoPaD
 - Request for discussion of whether or not non-SCA names we protect should be added to the O&A or listed elsewhere. If the list of protected names should exist outside the O&A, suggestions are requested as to where such a list should live.

Rules Letter

- A Rules Letter has been opened to address issues raised on the July LoAR. If you lack commenting privileges, comments may be e-mailed to Palimpsest (rules@heraldry.sca.org) and/or the relevant Sovereign of Arms.
 - **Admin Handbook - IV.G Heraldic Wills:** Proposes an update to clarify that an heir may grant permission to conflict or release armory even if they are not able to (or are willing to) accept the transfer.
 - **SENA A3D2c - Unity of Posture and Orientation:** Proposes a revision that allows non-identical types of animate charges in a group to be in postures that are less than a DC apart. For example, a raven and an owl in their default postures have different head positions, which would be acceptable under the proposed revision.
 - **SENA Appendix I1 - Primary Charge Group:** Proposes a revision to align the appendix with how we actually treat charges that cross a line of division on a divided field.
 - **SENA NPN1B2 - Order and Award Designators:** Proposes a revision to clarify when articles and prepositions need to match the language of the designator and when they need to match the language of the substantive element.
 - **SENA NPN1C2g - The Existing Registration Allowance (ERA):** Proposes two changes to this section dealing with non-personal names incorporating a name element via the ERA. The first allows necessary grammatical changes of name phrases used under the Existing Registration allowance. The second clarifies when a branch must have permission from a member (or their heir) to incorporate a name phrase.

From the LoAR: Names

- Amethyst, and other gemstone colors, are not appropriate heraldic tincture and are not appropriate in order names. The Barony of Arn Hold was able to register *Order of the Amethyst [charge]* under the Existing Registration Allowance. [Arn Hold, Barony of, 07/2025, A-Artemisia]
- There is a period example of using named stars as heraldic charges. Based on this example, Order of the North Star of Arn Hold was registered. [Arn Hold, Barony of, 07/2025, A-Artemisia]
- Precedent states *Baroness's Award* is an acceptable designator. Since both Award and Order are the modern English forms for the various period words for Order, this means that *Baroness's Order* is likewise an acceptable designator. [Granite Mountain, Barony of, 07/2025, A-Atenveldt]
- There is a syllable difference between Winifred and Winfred. [Winifred the Archer, 07/2025, A-Atenveldt]
- Submitted as *Hammad al-Khalil ibn Suleiman*, this name was not correctly formed as the pattern [ism] + [laqab] + [nasab] is not a documented name pattern. It was changed to the documentable pattern [ism] + [nasab] + [laqab] for registration. [Hammad ibn Suleiman al-Khalil, 07/2025, A-Caid]

From the LoAR: Names

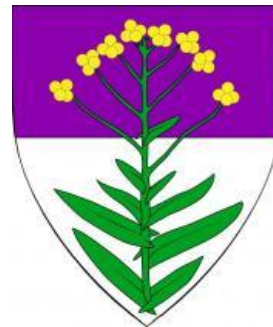
- Commenters made the observation that Icelandic farms were often named for nearby hills, without any other sort of designator. This is a pattern seen in other languages also, where the designator is implicit, however, we still require a designator, per SENA NPN1A. [Cathan Schele, 07/2025, A-Northshield]
- *Scandinavian Personal Names in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire* by Gillian Fellows-Jensen, is a frequently cited source, which has an electronic version available at <https://slaegtsbibliotek.dk/924786.pdf>. This has been added to Appendix H of the Administrative Handbook. [Járnulfr þegjandi, 07/2025, A-Trimaris]

From the LoAR: Updates to the Glossary of Terms Tables

- Table 4 – Conventional "Proper" Colorings
 - A *woad plant proper* is green with yellow flowers. It is considered vert for purposes of conflict and contrast. [Ynez de Salamanca, 07/2025, A- Northshield]
- Table 5 – Default Postures and Orientations
 - A *scythe blade* is palewise, point to chief by default. [Mave Amort, 07/2025, A-Caid]
- Table 7 – Default Arrangements
 - None
- Table 8 – Default Charge Types
 - None



A scythe blade



A woad plant proper – registered.

From the LoAR: New/Redocumented Charges

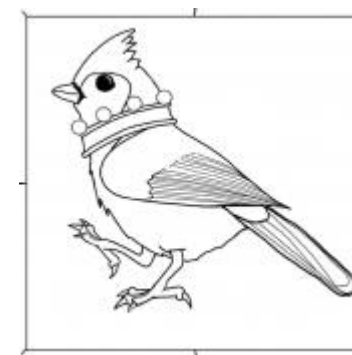
- A *saddle bow*, is a period heraldic charge found in the canting arms of di Arzoni in *Stemmario Trivulziano* and of de Arcionibus in *Insignia III: Insignia nobilium urbis Romae praecipuorum item Viterbiensium*. [Arn Hold, Barony of, 07/2025, A-Artemisia]
- A scythe blade is a period heraldic charge found in the Ingeram Codex and in Siebmacher's *Wappenbuch*. A notch in the blade for the handle is a defining feature of the charge. [Mave Amort, 07/2025, A-Caid]
- Species of titmice with crests are found across North America, Europe, and Asia in areas inhabited by humans in period and thus a *crested titmouse* is therefore registerable per SENA A2B2b. [Gyða glóra, 07/2025, A-Calontir]
- A *woad plant* was used as a dye in many cultures in period, so is a registerable charge per SENA A3B2b. [Ynez de Salamanca, 07/2025, A- Northshield]



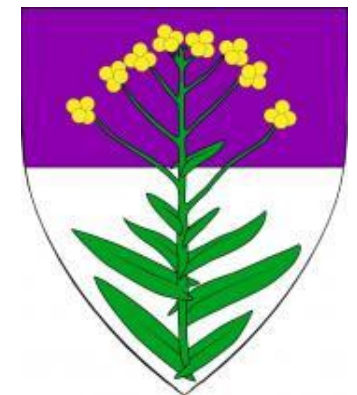
A saddle bow –from *Stemmario Trivulziano* and from *Insignia III*.



A scythe blade from the *Ingeram Codex* and *Siebmacher's Wappenbuch*.



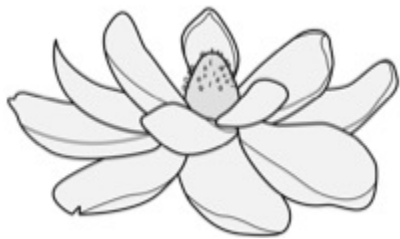
A crested titmouse gorged of a coronet - registered



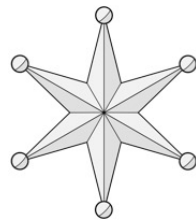
A woad plant proper – registered.

From the LoAR: Armory

- *Magnolia blossoms* are considered multi-petaled flowers for the purposes of conflict. [Elowyn Macpherson, 07/2025, A-Atenveldt]
- Wreath declined to rule if there is any heraldic difference between a whale and a manatee. [Vivienne de Chauvigny, 07/2025, A-Caid]
- There is a DC between a mullet of seven points and a mullet of seven points pommetty. [Vivienne de Chauvigny, 07/2025, A-Caid]
- *A chaplet flowered of edelweiss* does not presume on the reserved charged for royal consorts and members of the Order of the Rose, *a chaplet of roses* due to changed the flowers from few-petaled to multi-petaled. [Dietrich von Sachsen, 07/2025, A-Ealdormere]
- There is a DC between a *woad plant* and a *lily of the valley*. [Ynez de Salamanca, 07/2025, A- Northshield]



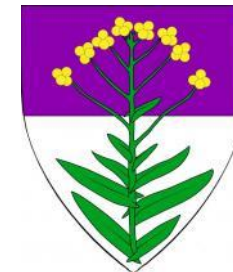
A magnolia blossom



A mullet of six points pommetty



A chaplet vert flowered of edelweiss proper – registered.



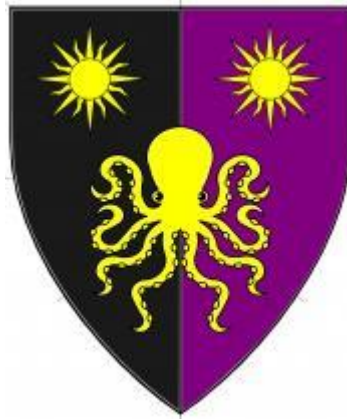
A woad plant– registered.



A lily of the valley

From the LoAR: Armory

- Since the tincture of an elephant's tusks is an optionally blazonable artistic detail, their tincture does not contribute to the complexity count. [Amanirenas Urtigaddi, 07/2025, A-Outlands]
- The forbidden "compass suns" have both greater and lesser points, with the rays remaining the same size. The suns in this armory (emblazon below) have different length points and rays, but all the points are the same length as each other. [Halla Bjarnardóttir, 07/2025, A-Trimaris]
- There is not a DC for removing a charge gorging the neck of a whole beast. [Kassiani Zaridina, 07/2025, R-Calontir]



Halla's device

Webbed Updates

- SENA Appendix M1 has been updated.
- Glossary of Terms Table 2, Table 4, and Table 5 have been updated.
- Administrative Handbook Appendix H has been updated.