May 30, 2018
East Kingdom
Internal Letter of Decision
East ILoI dated April 30, 3018

To most noble members of the East Kingdom College of Heralds, greetings for one last time!

You will notice a new format for the Letter of Decision this month, for good reason - I am stepping down as the East Kingdom Submissions Herald, effective as of the Known World Heraldic and Scribal Symposium on June 9, 2018. That even shall mark the three year anniversary of my taking on this job, and my term is finished.

My most excellent deputy, Muirenn ingen Dúnadaig, currently serving as Diademe Herald, shall step up to take over my duties as Blue Tyger Herald. This letter of decision was created and written by her as part of the transition, and then finalized by me. All the correct decisions are hers, all of the errors mine.

I am also going to take this moment to thank my staff, without whom I could not have done the job. Muirenn Diademe and Lilie Pantheon, and, before them Charitye Diademe, as well as Jeanne Blue Alaunt have served as my primary deputies and have done much of the actual work of this office. Liadan Mural and Charitye Mosaic, and their predecessors, have served as notification heralds, ensuring that internal and external notifications reach the submitters. My staff artists, Joscelin le esqurel and Þórý Pallet have helped tremendously with redraws, and my staff of proofreaders have made sure my Letters weren't grammatically incorrect beyond all reason.

As always, my many thanks to the kingdom commenters, without whom this job would literally be impossible. This month they include: Iago ab Adam, Francesco Billet, Donovan Golden Rapier, Eleazar ha-Levi, Þórý Pallet, Alexandre Saint Pierre, Rosina von Schaffhausen, Mathghamhain Seahorse, Etienne Sea Stag, Cristina Volpina, and Grímólfr White Oak.

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated - many hands make light the work.

1. Annora le Taverner

Submission	Description	Decision
New name	Annora Le Taverner	Forwarded
New device	Per bend sinister Or and purpure, a compass rose sable and a coney salient argent	Forwarded
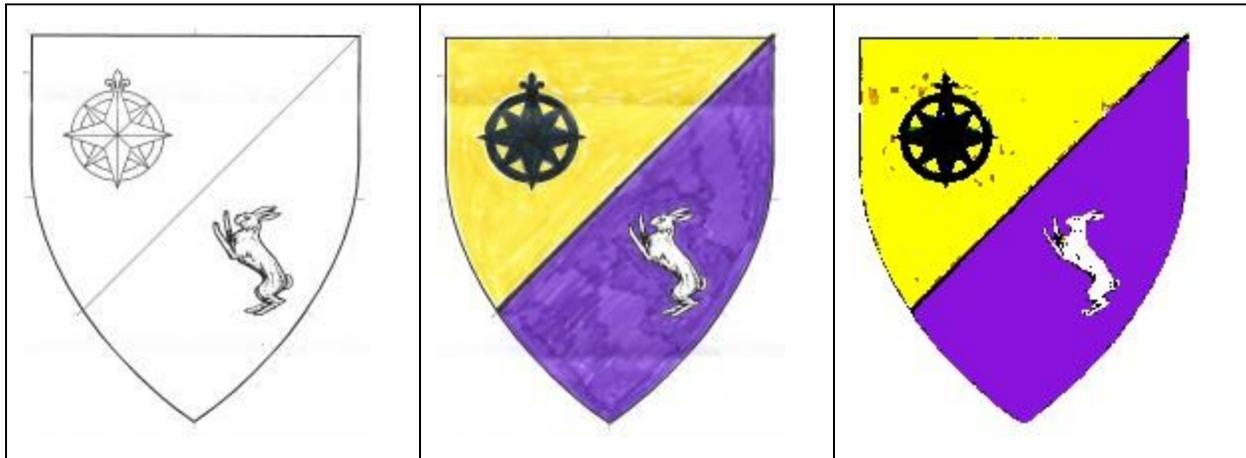
Submission Information:
Submitter desires a feminine name.
No major changes.
Spelling (no spelling given) most important.

Annora is a feminine given name from Withycombe, p 147-8, s.n. Honor, spelling dated to 1187-1215, 1273, 1302, 1316.

le Taverner is an occupational byname meaning "tavern-keeper" dated to 1268 in R&W, s.n. Taverner

2. Aoife Honeybourne

Submission	Description	Decision
New name	Aoife Honeybourne	Forwarded

Submission Information:
Submitter desires a feminine name.
No major changes.

Aoife is an Early Modern Irish Gaelic feminine name dated to 1227.
https://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/Feminine/Aife.shtml

Honiburne is a byname found in Watts, p. 313, s.n. Honeybourne, spelling dated to 1275, 1291.

SENA Appendix C allows Early Modern Gaelic and English combination.

3. Boris Petrovich

Submission	Description	Decision
New name	Boris Petrovich	Forwarded
New device	Azure, a lute bendwise sinister Or	Returned
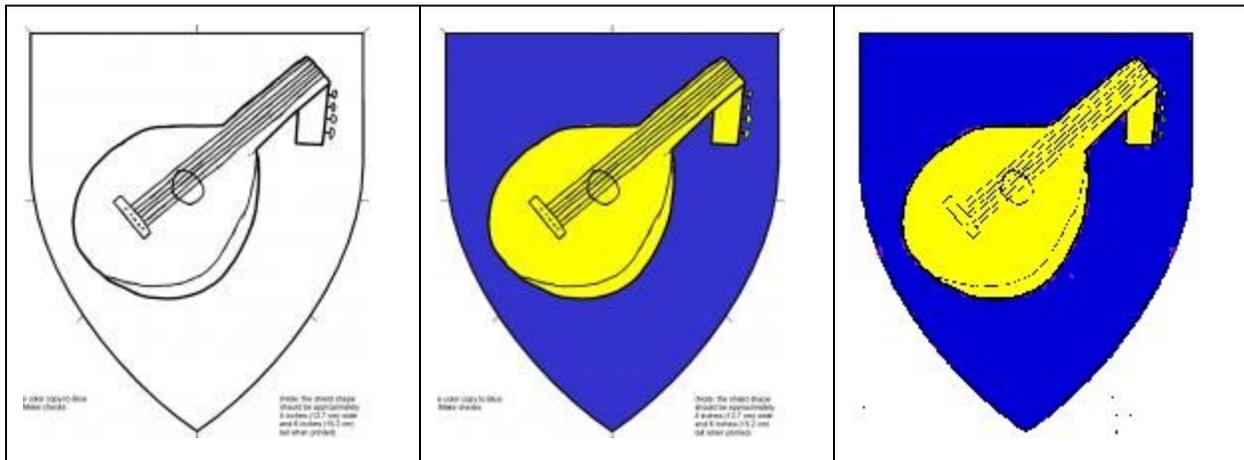
Notes:
The iLoI omitted the documentation for this name: It is entered below:

Boris: St. Boris (d. 1015) Paul Goldschmidt "Dictionary of Period Russian Names" section BL cites Boris Konstantinovits. 1304-5. http://heraldry.sca.org/names/paul/bl.html

Petrovich: Paul Goldschmidt "Dictionary of Period Russian Names" section PA cites Ivan Petrovich to the second half of the 15th century. http://heraldry.sca.org/names/paul/pa.html

This device is returned for conflict with the device of Ciann Ua Neill, "Azure a lute bendwise sinister Or between two moons in their complement argent." [Atenveldt, 10/1989] There is only one DC for removal of the secondary charge group.

4. Bregowine of Horseheath

Submission	Description	Decision
New name	Bregowine of Horseheath	Forwarded

Submitter desires a masculine name.
No major changes.

Bregowine is a male given name, found as the name of the Archbishop of Canterbury, 761-764.
http://www.pase.ac.uk/jsp/DisplayPerson.jsp?personKey=5038&startOpen=yes

Horseheath is a locative byname found in Eckwall as Horesathe in 1198 and as Horsheth in 1283. Per Lingua Anglica rule, modern spelling is allowed.

SENA Appendix A allows given + locative byname.

5. Brien MacShane

| Submission	Description	Decision
Device resubmission	Azure, a bend sinister ermine between a lion rampant contourney and three comets argent	Forwarded
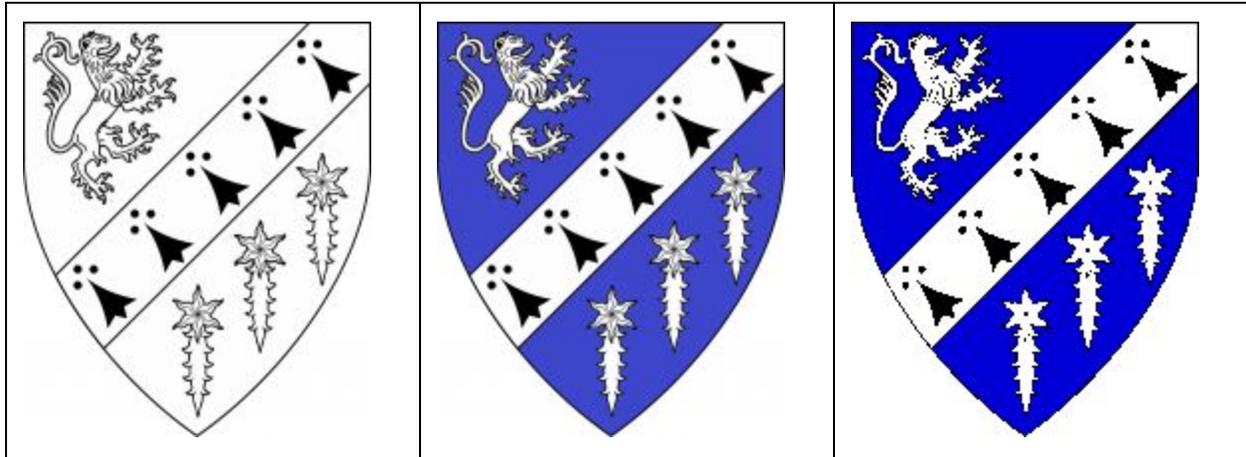
The original submission "Azure, a bend sinister ermine between a lion rampant countorny and three comets argent." was returned at kingdom for a redraw as commenters were unable to identify the comets as such. [...] "Additionally the submitter should be aware that in period, ermine bends and bends sinister typically had the ermine spots perpendicular to the bend, not upright as submitted."

This redraw addresses both issues.

6. Clarice d'Allaines-le-Comte

Submission	Description	Decision
New name	Clarice d'Allaines-le-Comte	Forwarded
New device	Azure, in pall three rabbits conjoined by the ears and in chief a rapier Or	Forwarded
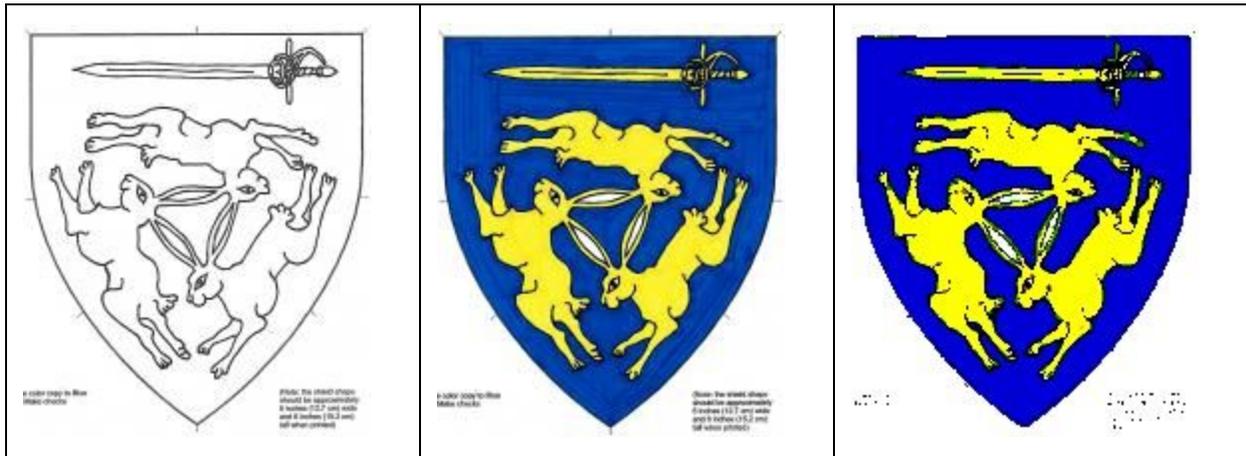
Submitter desires a feminine name.
Sound (none given) most important.
Language (none given) most important.
Culture (none given) most important.

Clarice is a feminine given name dated to 1191 and found in the Academy of St. Gabriel Report # 3009 http://www.panix.com/~gabriel/public-bin/showfinal.cgi/3009.txt

d'Allaines-le-Comte is a byname also used by both this submitter's parents and her brother. She wishes to continue the tradition:

Father: Christoffel d'Allaines-le-Comte, registered June 2003 via East
Mother: Isabella d'Allaines-le-Comte, registered June 2003 via East
Brother: Myr d'Allaines-le-Comte, registered January 2017, via East

Note:
No letter of attestation of legal relationship was provided by the submitter. We have requested a copy and are forwarding the name in the hope that one will be provided in a timely fashion.

7. Cúán an Saigteóir mac Fintain Irruis

Submission	Description	Decision
Device resubmission	Per fess engrailed Or and azure, a wolf courant sable and a sheaf of five arrows Or	Forwarded

Original device was returned on the January 2018 LOAR:
"This device is returned for violation of SENA A2C2, which requires that charges must be depicted in a way that is identifiable. The posture of this wolf, blazoned in the submission as "courant," is in reality a form of statant that is not documented, reminiscent of a wolf trotting with forelegs and hind legs splaying in opposite directions from one another, forming two chevrons. Courant is a posture where all four limbs are splayed out as the creature is running at full extension. While this might be a naturalistic depiction of a wolf running, it is not a heraldic depiction and must therefore be returned.

Upon resubmission, we advise the artist to depict both charges larger to fill the available space, and to make the engrailments of the field division wider and deeper."

This submission is a redraw that addresses all of the issues.

8. Dirkin MacWard

Submission	Description	Decision
New name	Dirkin MacWard	Forwarded
New device	Per pale vert and Or, a ram-headed torc counterchanged argent and sable	Forwarded
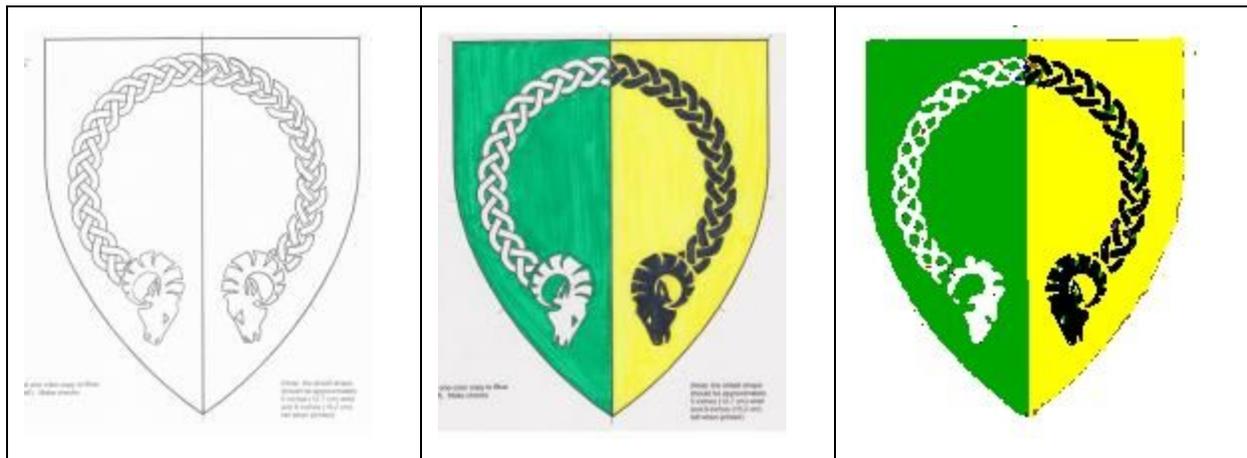
Dirkin is a byname being used as a given name found in Family Search under Mary Dirkin, Christened 29 June 1595, Rotherfield, Sussex, England. Batch C13554-9 https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NDZ5-BTP and under Frances Dirkin, christened 26 December 1598, Rotherfield, Sussex, England. Batch 13554-9 https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NDZ5-BTL

MacWard is a byname expanded from the written McWard dated to 1511 in Manx Note Book vol ii, 1886. http://www.isle-of-man.com/manxnotebook/manxnb/v08p153.htm

Note: The use of a surname as a given name in late period English is supported by precedent [10/2012, Cover Letter] http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2012/09/12-09cl.html#5

9. East, Kingdom of

Submission	Description	Decision
Badge	Azure, a compass star argent within a bordure embattled argent hurty	Forwarded
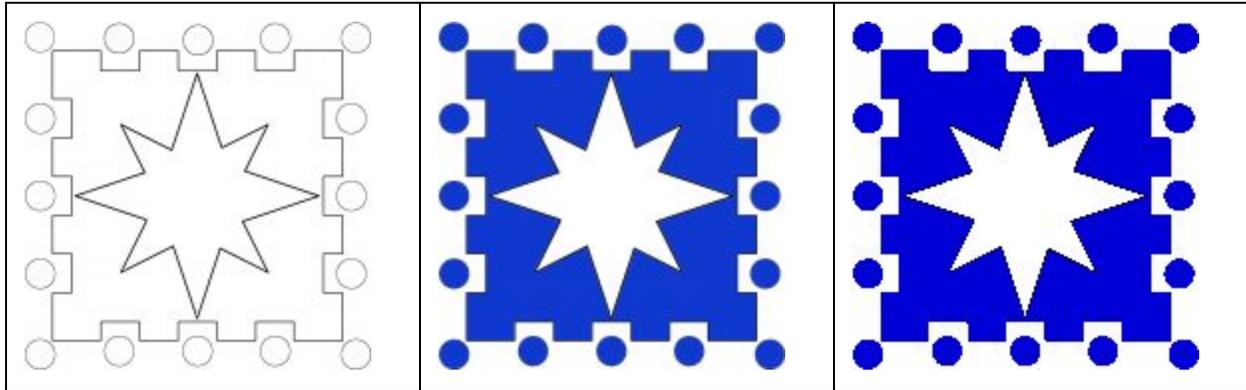
Note: This submission is to be associated with *Tir Mara Populace*

10. Eydís Þorgrímsdóttir

Submission	Description	Decision
New Alternate Name Change	Roheis de Fenne	Forwarded

Old Item: Eydís Þorgrímsdóttir, to be retained as an alternate name.
Submitter desires a feminine name.
No major changes.
Meaning (means 'Rose of the Fen'; 12th C Norman) most important.
Spelling (closest to submitted as possible) most important.

Roheis is a feminine given name that is an alternate spelling of Rose dated to 1164, found in "Feminine Given Names in a Dictionary of English Surnames" by Talan Gwynek, https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/talan/reaney/reaney.cgi?Rose

de Fenne is a byname found in R&W, s.n. Fenn dated to 1190.

11. Gibbs Moryss

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Gibbs Moryss	

Submitter has no desire as to gender.
Client requests authenticity for 16th Century Lowland Scots-English.
Sound (Gibs Moris) most important.
Language (Scots-English) most important.
Culture (16th Century Scots-English) most important.

Gibbs is a 16th century male given name found in Family Search: Gibbs Wills, married Oct 9 1619, Kent, England. Batch M01596-5 https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NNCZ-RVS

Moryss is a 16th century byname found in Family Search: John Moryss christened Feb 13 1562, Langton by Wragby, Lincoln, England. Batch C02972-2
https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWHD-MHX

12. Katerina Falconer de Lanark

Submission	Description	Decision
New Device	Per chevron inverted gules and azure, on a chevron inverted Or another sable, in chief a compass star Or	Forwarded
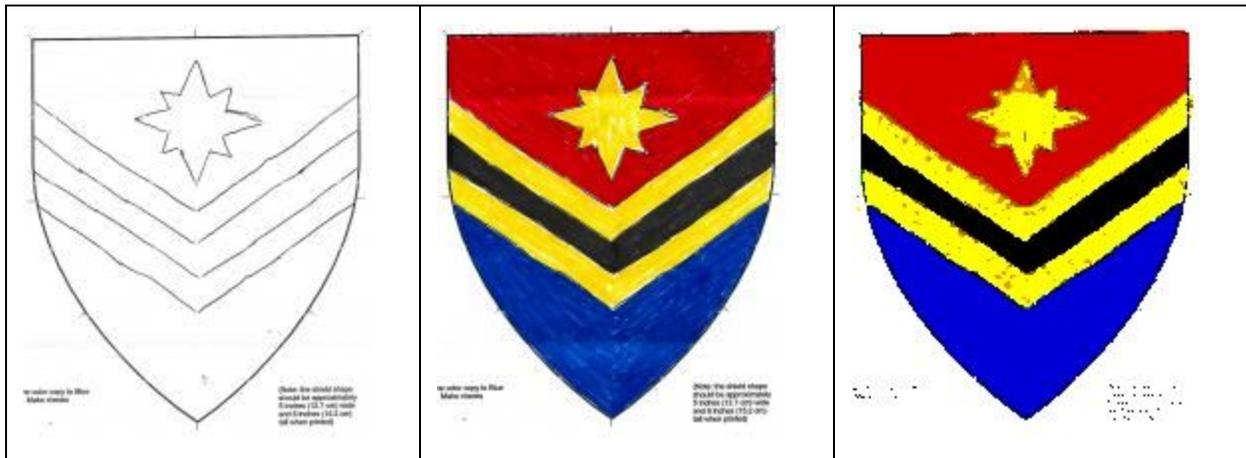
Note:
There is a step from period practice for the compass star.

Kingdom commenters were concerned that this badge was presumptuous of, or obtrusively modern because of a resemblance to, the logo or costume of Captain Marvel, particularly with the Captain Marvel movie coming out next year.

As questions of presumption and obtrusive modernity are reserved for Wreath and Laurel, we are forwarding this device.

13: Lawrence Vaughan

Submission	Description	Decision
Device Resubmission	Per pale counter-ermine and ermine, an owl displayed per pale argent and sable, a bordure embattled counterchanged	Forwarded
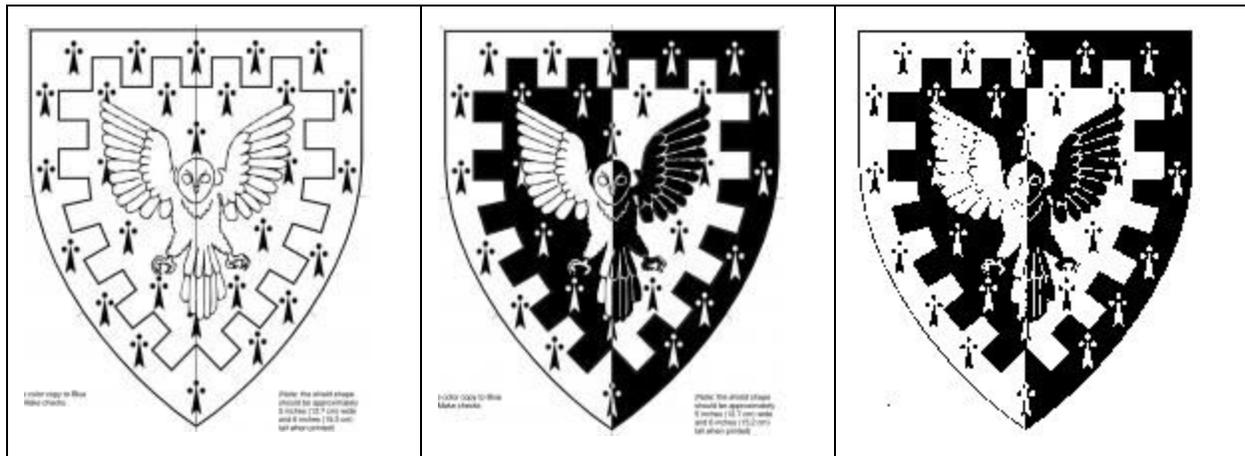
The previous submission, "Argent, an owl rising wings addorsed sable, a bordure embattled counter-ermine" appeared on the East Dec 15 2017 iLoI and was withdrawn by the submitter.

14: Mikael melrakki

Submission	Description	Decision
New name	Mikael melrakki	Forwarded

Submitter desires a masculine name.
No major changes.
Sound (Mee-kayl Mel-rah-key) most important.

Mikael is a Norse Christian male given name found in GB, p 13, col 2.
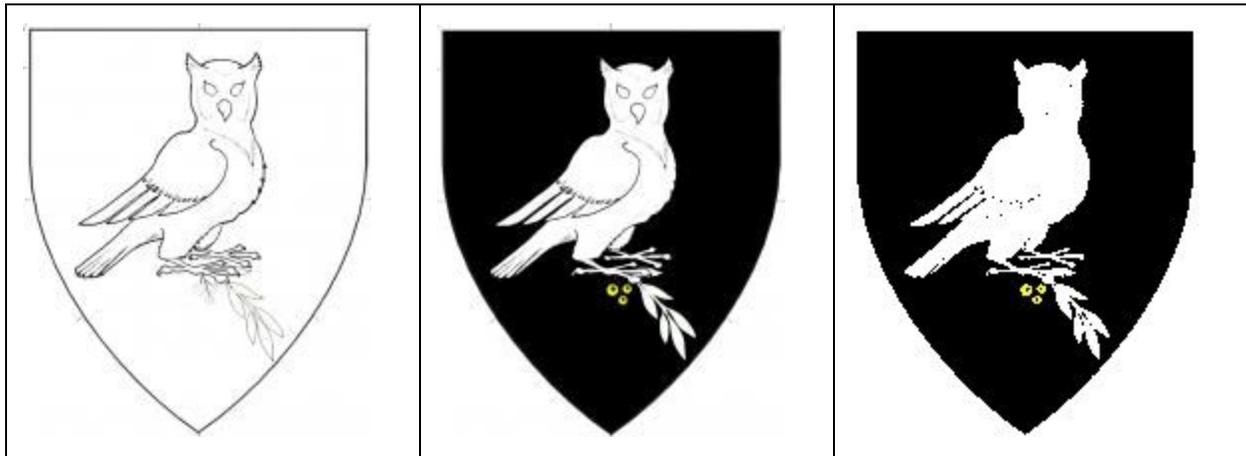
melrakki is a descriptive Norse byname meaning 'polar fox' found in GB p 25, col 2.

Construction per SENA given + descriptive.

15: Mýrún Leifsdóttir

Submission	Description	Decision
New name	Mýrún Leifsdóttir	Forwarded
New device	Sable, an owl contourny maintaining a twig bendwise argent fructed Or	Forwarded

Submitter desires a feminine name.
No major changes.
Language (none specified) most important.
Mýrún is a Norse feminine given name found in GB, p 13

Leifsdóttir is a patronymic byname formed from the male given name Leif found on p 13 of GB, with the patronymic from rules for patronymics in GB p 17.

Blazoned when submitted as *Sable, an owl contourny maintaining a generic twig bendwise argent fructed Or*, Kingdom commenters were concerned that "generic twig" was not an acceptable blazon. Furthermore, they were not certain of what blazon would accurately describe this branch with berries and leaves. We have dropped the word "generic" from the blazon.

16: Pétr á Vatnahverfi

| Submission	Description	Decision
New Device	Per bend vert and azure, a ram statant argent and three arctic char embowed argent spotted sable within a bordure parted bordurewise sable and argent	Forwarded
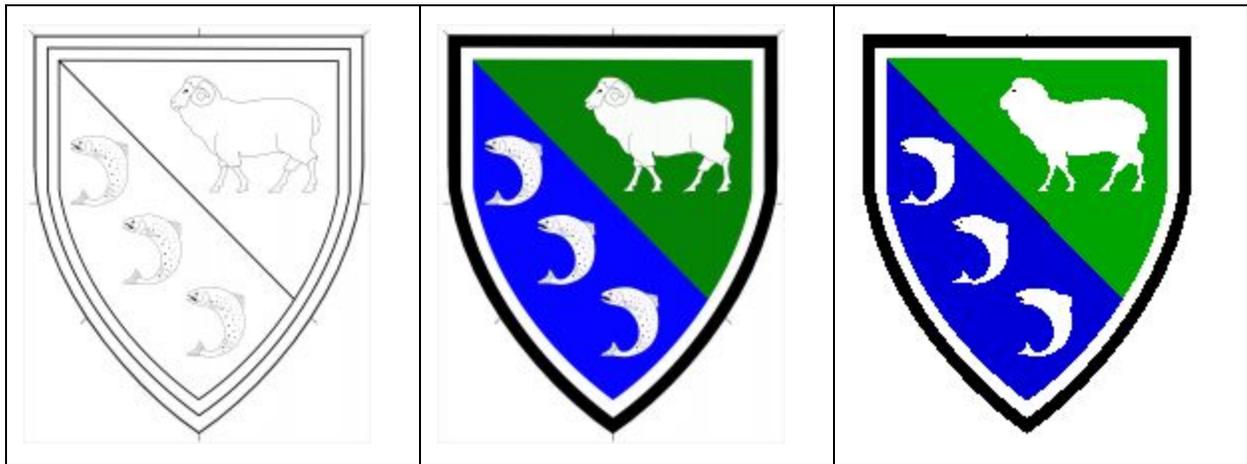
Notes:

The submitter provided additional information about the arctic char, to support the desired blazon. Images will be uploaded with the packet.

Arctic Char (Salvelinus alpinus) is a cold-water fish of the Salmonidae family and during period times was widely distributed in Scandinavia, Greenland and the colder waters of the British Isles.

The GUS excavations showed that bones from arctic char were more plentiful than any other fish species (page 24).

17: Petr Magnusson

Submission	Description	Decision
New name	Petr Magnusson	Forwarded
New device	Argent, a sword wavy inverted purpure enflamed vert	Returned
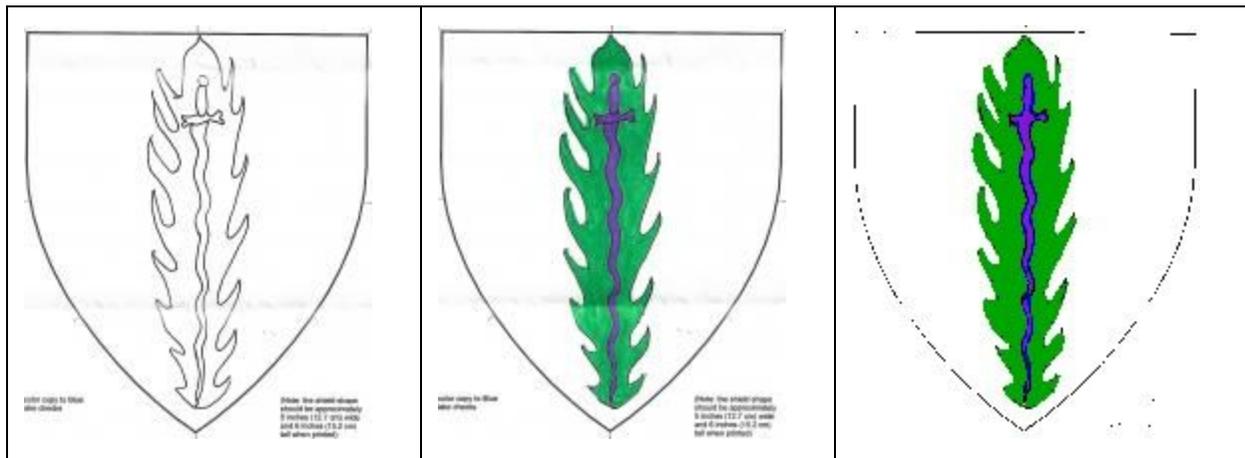
Note:
A correctly drawn sword enflamed have the blade and hilt of the sword surrounded by individual spurts of flame. [Þórðr Tjorvason, R-Calontir, 01/2003]
http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2003/01/03-01lar.html

Therefore, this is not a sword enflamed, but, rather, "Argent, a sword wavy inverted purpure on a flame vert." As such, it is not registrable without an IAP due to a lack of sufficient contrast between the purpure sword and the vert flame.

Upon resubmission, the submitter should either draw the enflaming in period fashion, as small spurts of flame along the edges of the charge, or, if submitting "on a flame", should consider the rules of contrast when choosing tinctures.

18: Rauðr Flokason

Submission	Description	Decision
New Device	Argent, two bars invected and six crows three, two, and one sable	Forwarded
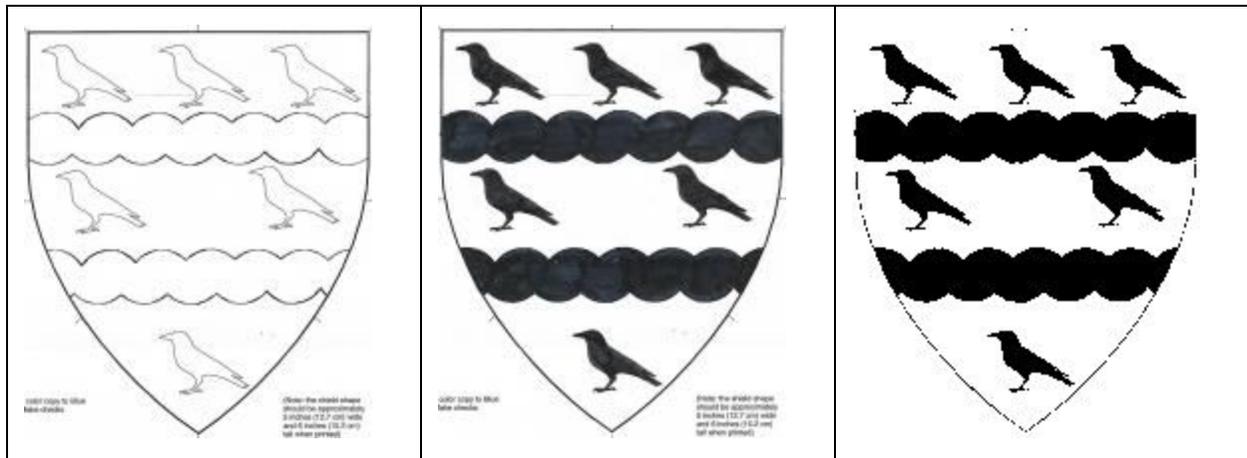
Note:

Submitted as Argent, two fesses invected and six crows three, two, and one sable", Kingdom commenters pointed out that multiple fesses are generally blazoned as bars. We have changed the blazon accordingly.

19: Rosa Cipolla

Submission	Description	Decision
New name	Rose Cipolla	Forwarded
New device	Purpure, a chalice Or and in chief two Maltese crosses argent	Forwarded

Submitter desires a feminine name.
No changes.
Sound (none specified) most important.

Rosa is a feminine given name found in Italian names from Imola, 1312 by Sara L. Uckelman
http://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/italian/imolafemalph.html

Cipolla is a byname found in La biblioteca digitale della letteratura italiana
http://www.letteraturaitaliana.net/pdf/Volume_2/t318.pdf and also in Bio-Bibliographical Guide
to Medieval and Early Modern Jurists: Report No. r089 Bartholomaeus Caepolla 1420-1475
http://amesfoundation.law.harvard.edu/BioBibCanonists/Report_Biobib2.php?record_id=r089

20: Rudolf Siege

Submission	Description	Decision
New name	Rudolf Siege	Forwarded

Submitter desires a masculine name.
Sound (surname "seej") most important.

Rudolf is a male given name found in "Late Period German Masculine Given Names" by Talan Gwynek dated to 1351-1400 http://heraldry.sca.org/names/germmasc.html#plauen14

Siege is a German byname found in Family Search as Caspar Siege christened 20 April 1603: Konigsberg in Neumark, Brandenberg, Prussia. Batch C99873-1
https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N277-LPX

Farewell,
Yehuda ben Moshe
Blue Tyger Herald