

March 31, 2020

East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILoI dated 2/15/2020

To the most noble members of the East Kingdom College of Heraldry, greetings! You will find below the decisions rendered on the submissions for the Internal Letter of Intent issued on February 15, 2020.

If Muirenn Blue Tyger consulted on any submissions on this letter, decisions were made by Lilie Pantheon and Sláine Diademe.

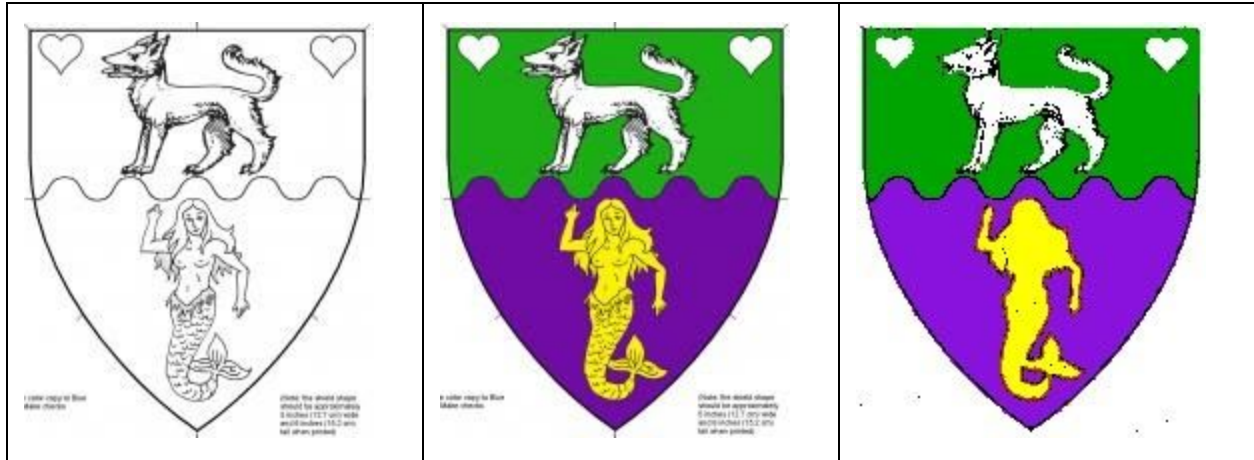
Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month: Drasma Seahorse, Iago ab Adam, Leifr rella, Lilie Pantheon, Mathghamhain Elmet, Ryan Skunk, Shannon inghean Bhriain ú Dhuilleáin, Sláine Diademe, Sisuile Butler, and Violet Mosaic.

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

Assistance with artwork can be attained through reaching out to your local herald, or the EK Pallet Herald (pallet@eastkingdom.org.)

1. Caitriona bean mhic Cailín

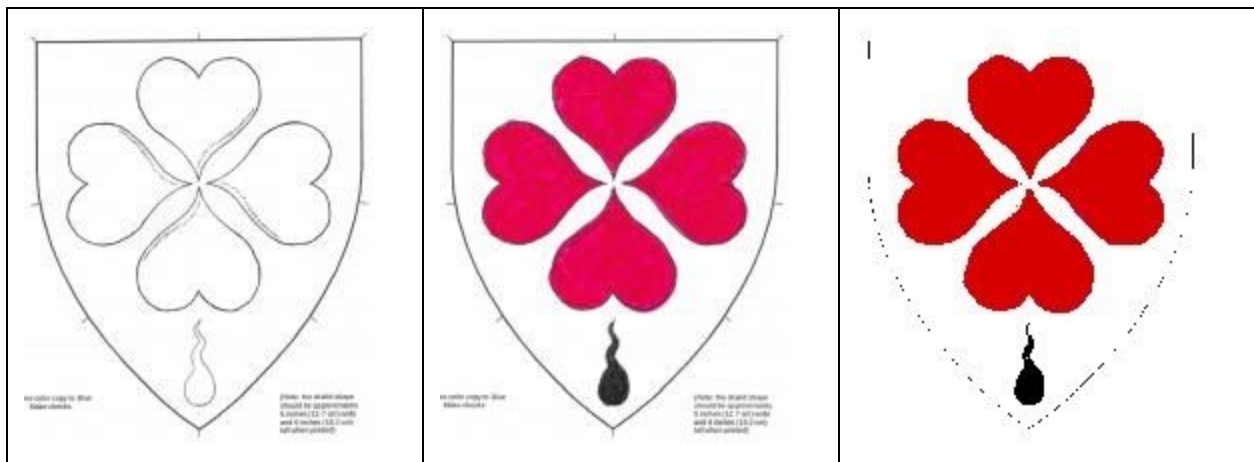
Submission	Description	Decision
New Device	Per fess wavy vert and purpure, a wolf statant argent and a mermaid Or, between in chief two hearts argent	Forwarded



This device was originally submitted for the January kLOI, and returned administratively for an altered form. This is a resubmission with new forms, approved by the submitter.

2. Cassair ní Dheoráin

Submission	Description	Decision
New Device	Argent, in cross points to center four hearts gules and in base a goutte de poix	Forwarded

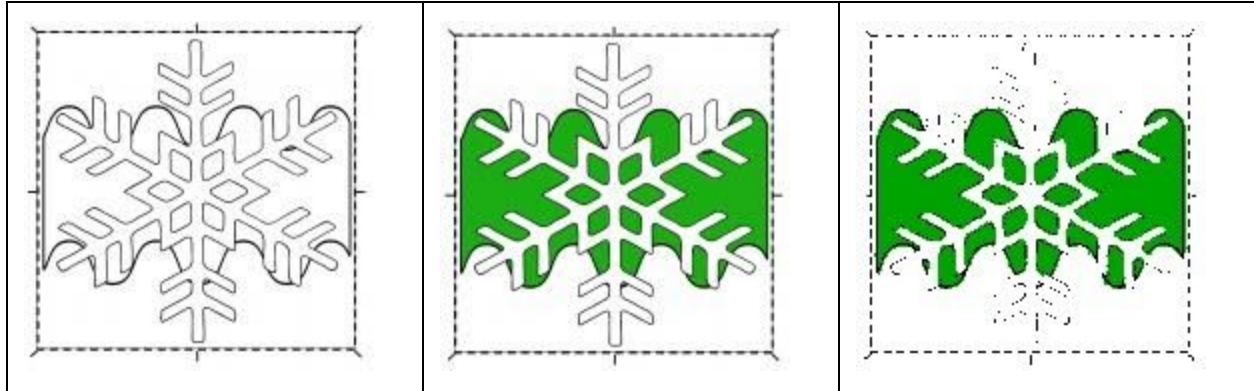


Notes:

Iago ab Adam offers the following reblazon: Argent, in cross four hearts points to center gules and in base a goutte de poix

3. Concordia of the Snows, Barony of

Submission	Description	Decision
Resub Order Name	Order of the Fyre of Saint Skye	Forwarded
Resub Badge	(Fieldless) A fess wavy couped vert, and overall a snowflake argent	Forwarded



No major changes.

The original order name (Order of Skye Fyre) was returned on the January 31, 2020 Letter of Decision for not following a documented pattern of order names. This is a resubmission.

This order name follows the documented pattern of [saint] + [object], found in "Medieval Secular Order Names" by Juliana de Luna (<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/order/new/ListingOfStandardForms.html#FraternalSaintName>). Juliana gives the examples of Saint Georges and Saint Williams Shields (Austria); Saint Georges Shield (Germany); Saint Williams Shield (Austria).

Skye is a masculine given name found in Family Search, Given Name, 22 April 1556, Batch M04147-1 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2P5-8XT>

The use of fictional saints has been approved by precedent, [Caer Galen, Barony of. Order name Order of Saint William the Cooper, 7/2006 LoAR, A-Outlands]

The spelling **fyre** is found in the MED s.v. fir dated to c. 1450 and c. 1500.

Precedent from the Feb. 2008 LoAR supports this naming pattern:

Terra Pomaria, Barony of. Order name Order of the Iris of Saint Elizabeth.

Submitted as Honor of the Iris of Saint Elizabeth, this submission raised the question of whether order names can be named for imaginary holy relics -- relics that are not specifically associated with the named saint. We believe that such names are registerable if they follow patterns found in names of other holy relics. Effric Neyn Ken3ocht McHerrald notes:

I think the issue of whether associating an iris with a Saint Elizabeth is a step from period practice or not is overlooking that the CoA allows the registration of imaginary saints in names. Given that, it makes no sense to regard "the Iris of Saint Elizabeth" a step from period practice when I don't believe "the Iris of Saint Bunstable" would be ruled a step from period practice. So no historical Saint Elizabeth is associated with an iris -- that just means that this is clearly a fictitious Saint Elizabeth (Saint Elizabeth of Elgin, maybe...), but none-the-less a registrable name.

Note that this is no more registering a persona story than registering "Effric neyn Ken3ocht Mcherrald" is registering a persona story -- we don't require there to be an actual historical person named Effrick whose father was named Ken3ocht Macherrald. All the CoA should care about is that the name follows a period pattern, not whether or not the persona story is historically true -- in this case a name in use in a Christian culture and so which is available for saints, and a flower which is an item that has been associated with saints and so could be associated with a theoretical saint. (Note that the submitter did not ask for authenticity.) Same thing goes if we use the badge of the order justification -- the CoA doesn't register persona stories, and so does not need to check whether the submitter has a lily for a badge, only whether the name follows a period pattern of construction.

We concur with this assessment. In this case, documentation was found associating an iris with a fleur-de-lis, and further documentation showing a fleur-de-lis (or lily) as a holy object associated with saints. Therefore, this name follows the meta-pattern of object of religious veneration. However, the word honor is not a valid designator for order names, as such a use has not been documented to our period. (We note that the same appears to be true of "award", although longstanding use within the Society allows its continued registration.) While the Kingdom of An Tir has honor grandfathered to them as a designator, such grandfathering does not extend to branches within the kingdom. We have changed the name to Order of the Iris of Saint Elizabeth in order to register it.

This badge was returned on the January 31, 2020 Letter of Decision:

This device is returned for having a "barely overall" charge. SENA Appendix I, Charge Group Theory, in defining overall charges states "An overall charge must have a significant portion on the field; a design with a charge that has only a little bit sticking over the edges of an underlying charge is known as 'barely overall' and is not registerable."

This resubmission renders the snowflake larger, so that more of it is clearly on the field, while care has been taken to make certain that the waves of the underlying fess are still recognizable. We feel that this redraw addresses the issue raised.

Here follows the documentation for using the existing registration allowance for this charge:

The use of a snowflake is grandfathered to the group, and this depiction was used in recent registrations by the Barony. There is also precedent that the snowflake does not need to be identical to the originally registered version (from 1979):

There has been some confusion that in the cases when the use of a now prohibited charge was allowed under the grandfather clause, the depiction used in the new submission had to be the exact depiction registered. This is incorrect. In case like here, what is grandfathered to the group is the use of a snowflake. Using the exact same depiction is only required when the specific depiction of a registrable charge has become unregistrable.

Here, what is prohibited is the charge type: a "snowflake" and not the precise drawing they used once. Thus any reasonable and identifiable depiction of a snowflake is registrable using the grandfather clause.

In some cases what is grandfathered is a particular, now unregistrable, depiction of a (usually registrable) charge. In that case, invoking the Grandfather Clause would require the depictions to match very closely the registered form.

[Nordskogen, Barony of., April 2015, Northshield-A]

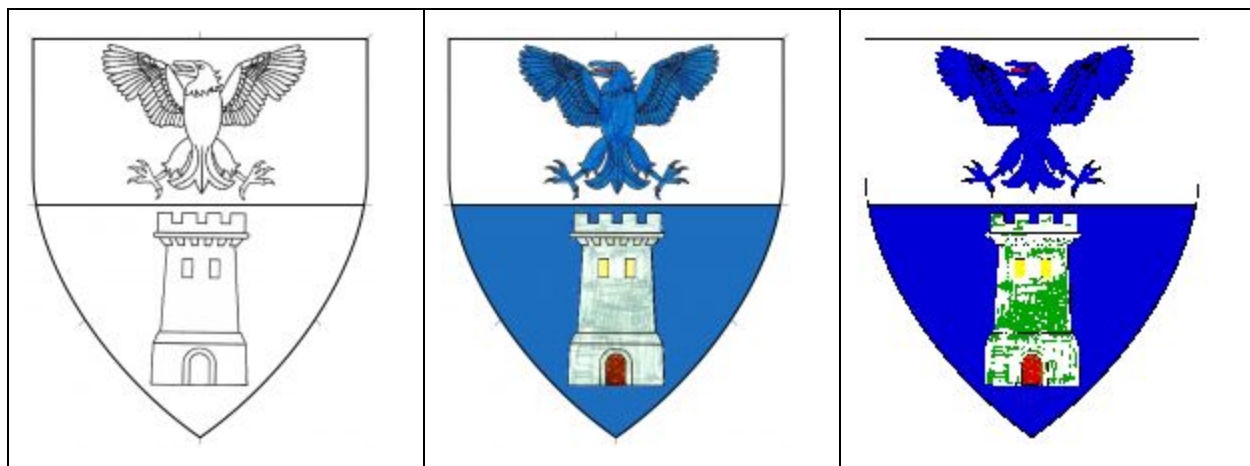
Notes:

Iago ab Adam offers the following reblazon: (Fieldless) A fess wavy coupé vert, overall a snowflake argent.

4. Gonzalo Corneille

Submission	Description	Decision
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Resub Device	Per fess argent and azure, in pale a raven displayed azure and a grey stone tower proper	Forwarded
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There is a step from period practice for the use of a bird in a displayed posture other than an eagle.

This device was returned on the January 31, 2020 Letter of Decision: "This device is returned for an improperly drawn per fess division - the line of division is clearly situated above the tick marks that indicate the per fess line on the device form. In addition, the grey chosen for the tower was of a darker saturation, and did not present well on computer monitors. Upon resubmission, the submitter is advised to draw the per fess line using the aid of the provided tick marks, and to use a lighter shade of grey when coloring the tower."

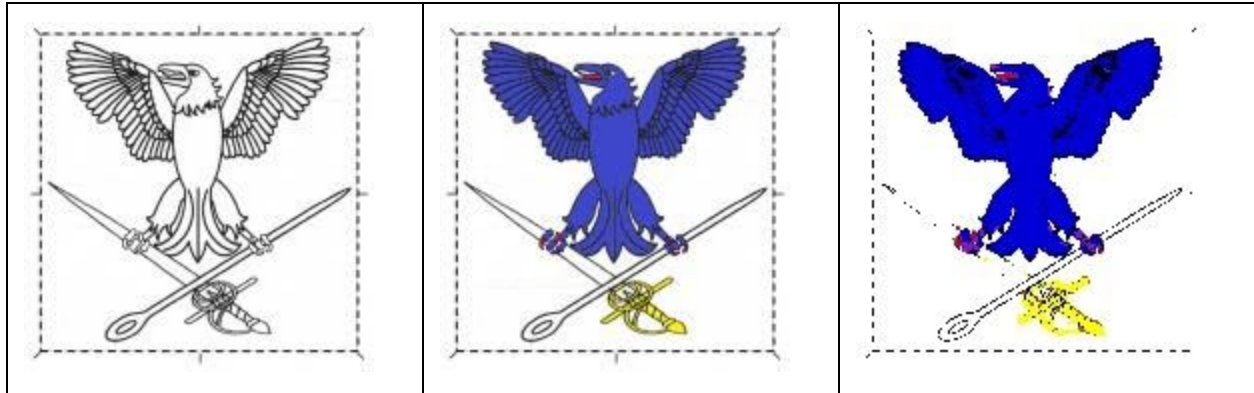
We feel that this redraw addresses the concerns.

Notes:

Iago ab Adam offers the following reblazon: Per fess argent and azure, a raven displayed azure and a stone tower proper

5. Gonzalo Corneille

Submission	Description	Decision
Resub Badge	(Fieldless) A raven displayed azure maintaining in saltire a rapier proper and needle argent	Forwarded



There is a step from period practice for the use of a bird in a displayed posture other than an eagle.

This badge was returned on the January 31, 2020 Letter of Decision: "This device is returned for charges that are neither sustained nor maintained - the rapier and needle overlay the primary raven, but are not actually held in the claws. In addition, a sword proper is argent handled Or. Upon resubmission, the submitter is advised to draw the rapier and needle as being held by the claws, and to leave both charges argent while coloring the handle of the saber a heraldic Or. "

We feel that this redraw addresses the issues.

6. Gowane mac Aoidh

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Gowane mac Aoidh	Forwarded
New Device	Azure, on a chevron Or a stag's head coupé affronty proper and in chief two hounds' heads erased respectant argent	Forwarded



Gowane is a Scots masculine given name found in Index of Scots names found in Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue: Gowan, by Sara L. Uckelman, with the desired spelling dated to 1494-5 and 1556. <http://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/scots/dost/gowan.html>

mac Aoidh is a Scots patronymic byname formed from the given name Aodh, found in Index of Names in Irish Annals: Áed / Aodh, by Mari Elspeth nic Bryan and dated to anywhere between 578 and 1594. <https://medievalscotland.org/kmo/AnnalsIndex/Masculine/Aed.shtml> and the patronymic formed according to St. Gabriel report 2520 <http://www.panix.com/~gabriel/public-bin/showfinal.cgi?2520+0>

Note: Should it be necessary, submitter will accept the spelling Gawain for the given name, documented from Family Search as the christening of Gawain Gibson, grey period 7 May 1609, Bridekirk, Cumberland, England; batch # P00194-1 <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWJX-PZZ>

Please note the recent precedent regarding requirements for erasing:

"...To bring precedent into line with policy, we will explicitly state that while the guidelines laid out in the November 2001 Cover Letter are good to follow, they are not required. We also explicitly invoke the January 2011 precedent which states: "We will not be returning armory which is clearly meant to be erased unless the number of jags is overwhelming or the jags are too small to be clearly seen as erased." [Algar MacBlane, 1/2011 LoAR, A-An Tir]" (Nov. 2019 LoAR Cover Letter, <http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2019/11/19-11cl.html>)

Notes:

Iago ab Adam offers the following reblazon: Azure, on a chevron Or a brown stag's head couped affronty proper and in chief two hound's heads erased respectant argent

7. Mægwynn filia Brun

Submission	Description	Decision
Resub Device	Per chevron gules and azure, in cross three morning glory blossoms affronty and a bear's paw print Or	Forwarded



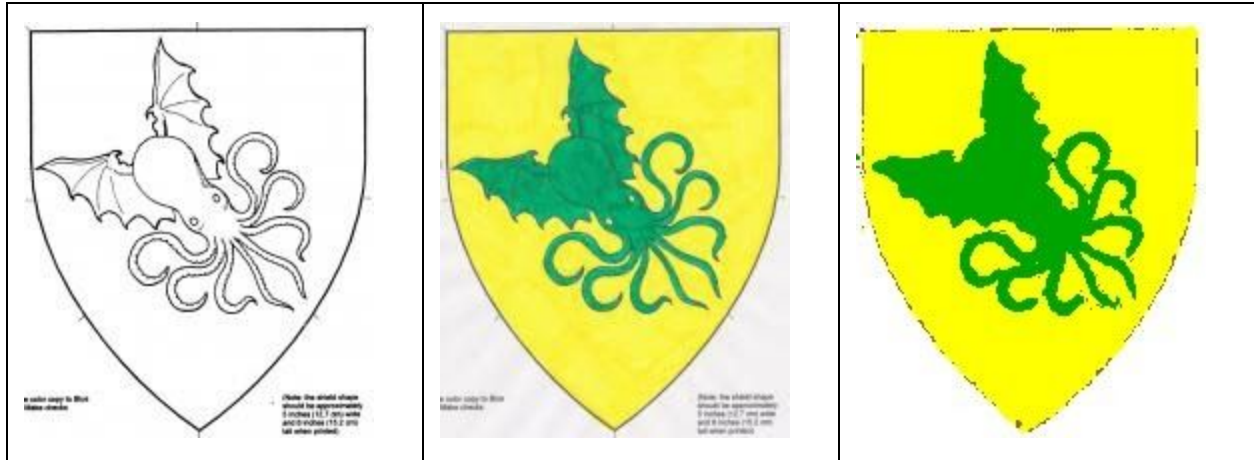
There is an SFPP for the use of a paw print.

This device was returned on the January 31, 2020 Letter of Decision: "This device is returned for a redraw. The line of division is placed too high - the per chevron division should be centered across the fess line, not begin at the fess line. In addition, the morning glories and bear paw are co-primary by definition, being on both sides of the per chevron division, but the morning glories are smaller than the bear's paw. For resubmission, the submitter is advised to draw the per chevron division properly centered, and make the bear paw and morning glories of equivalent size. "

We feel that this redraw has addressed those concerns.

8. Máel Dúin mac Cába

Submission	Description	Decision
Resub Device	Or, in bend a winged polypus vert	Forwarded



The original device was returned on the August 30, 2018 Letter of Decision: "This device is returned for a redraw. During commentary the issue was raised that this depiction is in trian aspect, and recognizability is hampered by one wing being obscured and the tentacles entangled. The submitter would be advised to use a standard depiction of a polypus, and to make the wings large enough to be recognizable."

(<https://bth.eastkingdom.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/August-30-2018-LoD.pdf>)

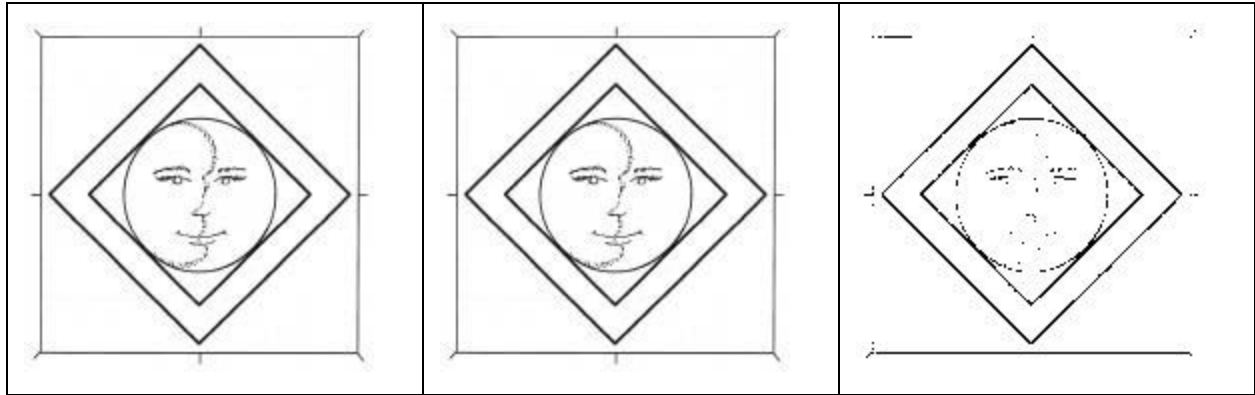
We feel this redraw addresses those concerns.

Notes:

Iago ab Adam offers the following reblazon: Or, a bat-winged polypus bendwise vert

9. Malagentia, Shire of

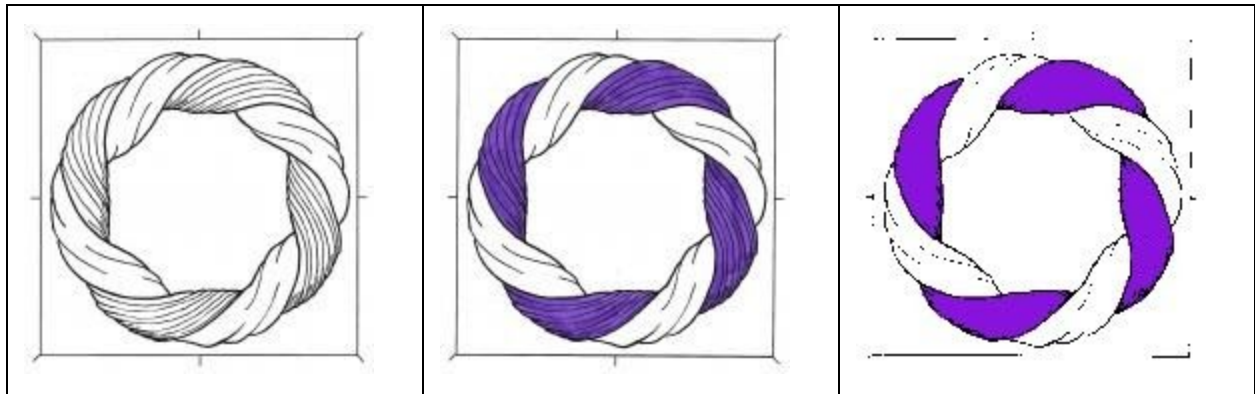
Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	(Fieldless) A moon in her complement within and conjoined to a mascle argent	Forwarded



Notes: **Malagentia, Province of** should be the filing name, but change of branch status does not trigger a change in the OandA. If this badge is registered, the filing name should be updated to reflect current branch status.

10. Malagentia, Shire of

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	(Fieldless) A torse wreathed argent and purple	Forwarded



Notes: **Malagentia, Province of** should be the filing name, but change of branch status does not trigger a change in the OandA. If this badge is registered, the filing name should be updated to reflect current branch status.

11. Malcolm MacClerie

Submission	Description	Decision
Resub Device Change	Per bend azure and Or a wolf's head erased sable and on a chief Or two ravens respectant sable	Forwarded



Old Item: Ermine, a wolf's head erased contourny gules and on a chief azure three arrows palewise argent, to be released.

This device was returned on the January 31, 2020 Letter of Decision: "This device is returned for a redraw. When a chief is present, a per-bend field division should meet the edge of the field at the bottom of the chief, as the bottom of the chief becomes the beginning of the field. For resubmission, the submitter is advised to draw the per bend field division beginning from the bottom edge of the chief. "

We feel that this redraw addresses the issues.

Please note the recent precedent regarding requirements for erasing:

"...To bring precedent into line with policy, we will explicitly state that while the guidelines laid out in the November 2001 Cover Letter are good to follow, they are not required. We also explicitly invoke the January 2011 precedent which states: "We will not be returning armory which is clearly meant to be erased unless the number of jags is overwhelming or the jags are too small to be clearly seen as erased." [Algar MacBlane, 1/2011 LoAR, A-An Tir]" (Nov. 2019 LoAR Cover Letter, <http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2019/11/19-11cl.html>)

Notes:

Iago ab Adam offers the following reblazon: Per bend azure and Or, a wolf's head erased sable and on a chief Or two ravens respectant sable

12. Maria Erika von Ossenheim

Submission	Description	Decision
Resub Badge	(Fieldless) On a Pegasus couchant sable, an oak leaf Or	Forwarded



This badge was returned on the 1-2019 LoAR:

Badge. (Fieldless) A pegasus couchant sable "maintaining in its tail" an oak leaf Or.

This badge is returned for lack of blazonability of the oak leaf. The leaf doesn't extend to either side of the pegasus's tail, so it can't be blazoned as surmounting the tail. It isn't entirely within the tail's edges, so it can't be blazoned as a tertiary charge (e.g., the tail charged with). And while we might stretch a point and say that a beast's tail could maintain a held charge, the tail would have to be drawn actually grasping or supporting the charge in question for such a blazon to be valid. Lacking a blazon which is both accurate and reproducible, this fails the requirements of SENA A1C; we also note that a lack of a period blazon is often symptomatic of non-period design.

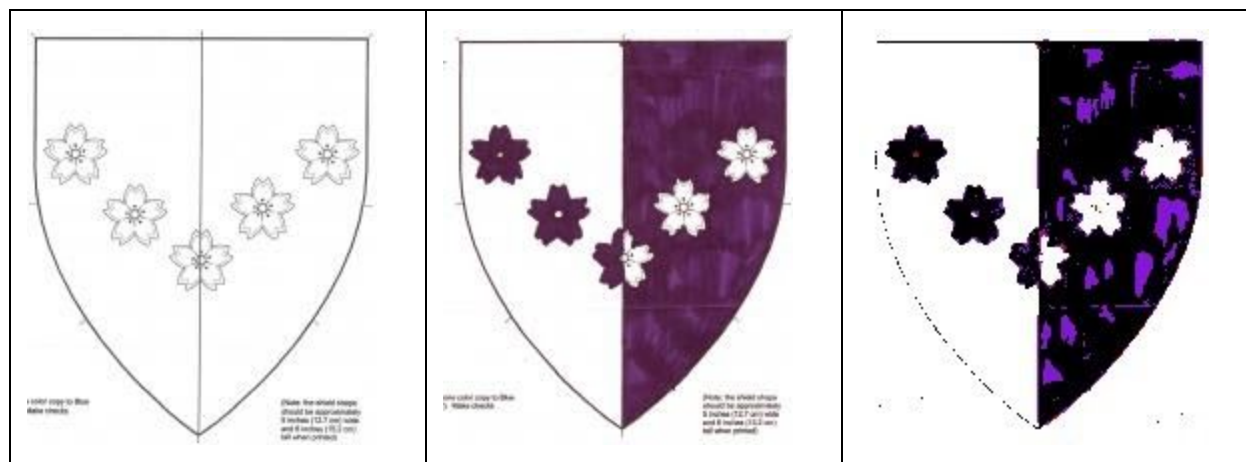
We feel this redesign addresses those issues.

Notes:

Iago ab Adam offers the following reblazon: (Fieldless) On a pegasus couchant sable an oak leaf Or

13. Sakurai Tatsuko

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Sakurai Tatsuko	Forwarded
New Device	Per pale argent and purpure, in chevron inverted, five sakura blossoms counterchanged	Forwarded



Submitter desires a feminine name.

No major changes.

Meaning (none noted) most important.

Both name elements are documented from “Name Construction in Medieval Japan Revised Edition”, by Barbara Nostrand.

Sakurai is a family surname dated to 1482 meaning Cherry Well; p 325.

Tatsuko is a feminine given name dated to 1572; p 385.

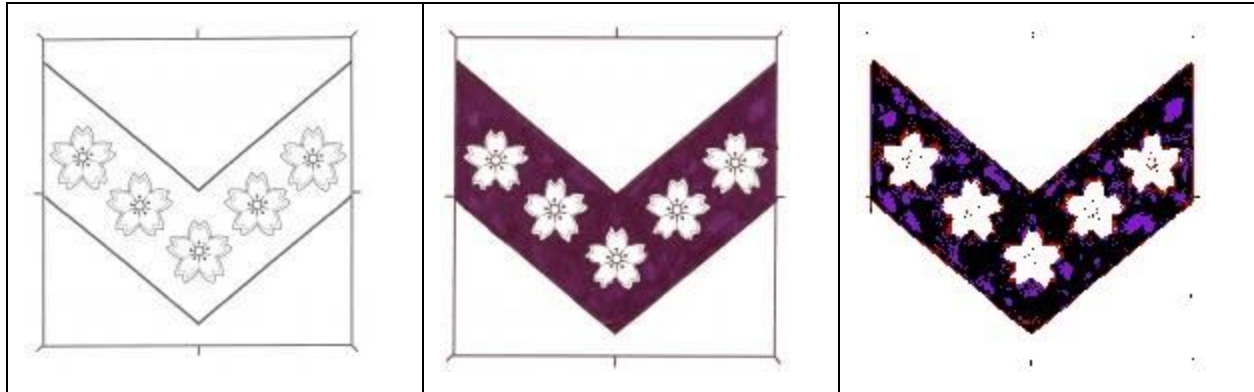
Submitter has asked that if this device is returned, and the concurrently submitted badge (Argent, on a chevron inverted purpure five sakura blossoms argent seeded purpure) passes, that the badge be administratively designated as their primary device.

Notes:

While these flowers are normally blazoned “cherry blossoms”, we have chosen to forward the blazon as submitted, believing that the choice of term is important to the submitter.

14. Sakurai Tatsuko

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	Argent, on a chevron inverted purple, five sakura blossoms argent seeded purple	Forwarded



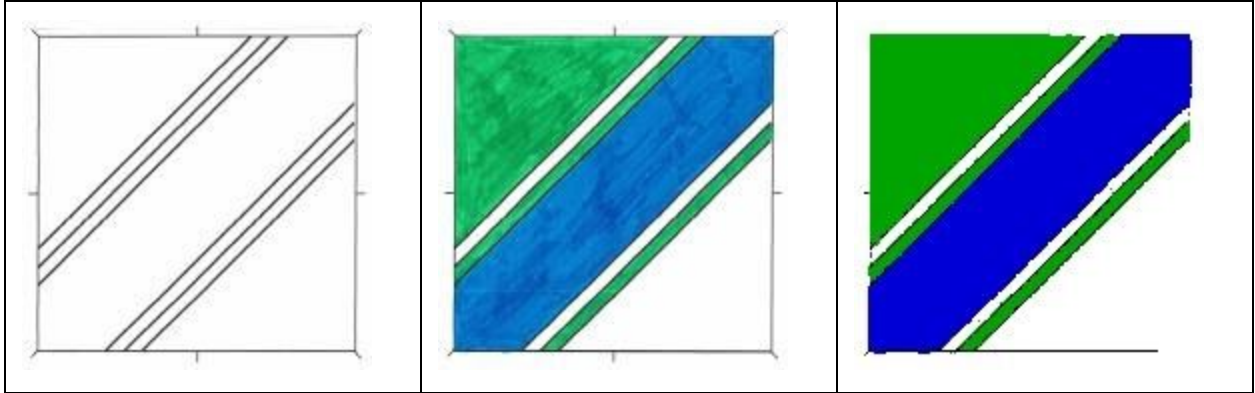
Submitter has asked that if the concurrently submitted device (Per pale argent and purple, in chevron inverted five sakura blossoms counterchange) is returned, and this badge passes, that the badge be administratively designated as their primary device.

Notes:

While these flowers are normally blazoned “cherry blossoms”, we have chosen to forward the blazon as submitted, believing that the choice of term is important to the submitter.

15. Shannon inghean Bhriain uí Dhuilleáin

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	Per bend sinister vert and argent, a bend sinister azure cotised counterchanged	Forwarded



This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

Yours in Service,
Muirenn ingen Dundaig
Blue Tyger Herald