

January 2022 East Kingdom Internal Letter of Decision East ILol dated 12/03/2021

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 12/03/21.

Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month:
ffride Morelle, Gunnvor Orle, Iago Boar, Jeanne Palimpsest, Richard Golden Gryphon, Ryan Skunk, and Sláine Diademe.

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1: Harold von Auerbach

Submission	Description	Decision
New Augmentation of Arms	Vert, a bat-winged boar salient argent and for augmentation on a canton argent a demi-tyger contourny azure gorged of a coronet Or.	Forwarded



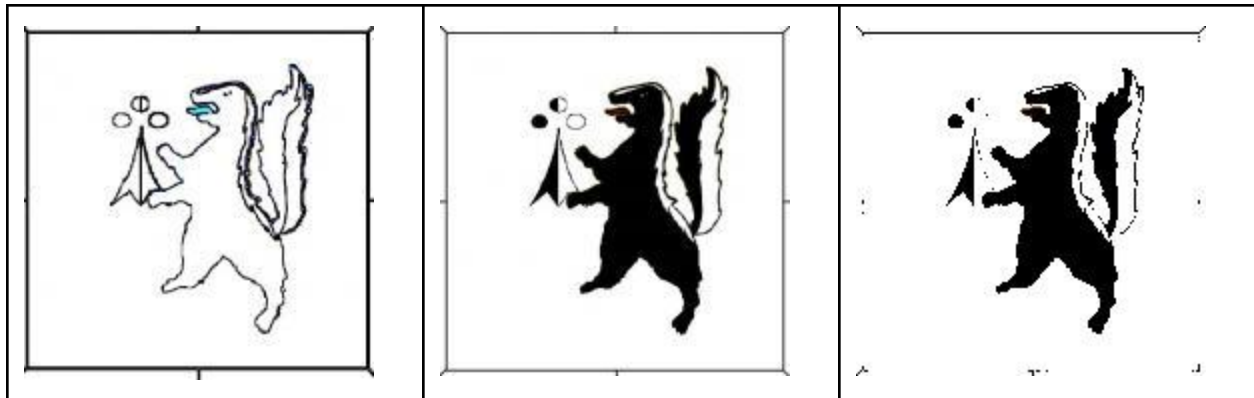
Submitter was awarded a Court Barony on 11/30/1996 and an Augmentation of Arms on 02/01/2003 (https://op.eastkingdom.org/op_ind.php?atlantian_id=1431).

The base device *Vert, a bat-winged boar salient argent* was registered to the submitter in March 1985.

Notes: Iago Boar noted in commentary that the boar is “gorged” of a coronet, not “engorged.” We have corrected the blazon accordingly.

2. Ryan Mac Whyte

Submission	Description	Decision
Resub Badge	(Fieldless) A skunk rampant sable marked argent maintaining an ermine spot per pale sable and argent	Forwarded



The submitter's previous badge, *(Fieldless) A pelican vulning itself wings displayed sable, atop a branch gules flamed proper*, was returned on the December 2020 Letter of Acceptances and Returns for conflict with the device of Igraine d'Abernon, *Quarterly vert and argent, a phoenix sable rising from flames proper*. This is a complete redesign.

Notes:

Until the February 2021 Cover Letter, use of a skunk, a New World mammal, was considered a Step from Period Practice. As of that Cover Letter, however, “The use of non-European plants and animals will no longer be considered a step from core practice. The standard for documentation will be the same as that used for Europe, applied to the local culture. This is a

change to SENA A2B4b.” Based on the February 2021 CL, there is no longer an SFCP for the use of a skunk.

SENA A2B4b reads, in part: “There is a pattern of creating new charges from plants and animals. Thus an item that can be documented as a plant or animal known in period is registerable.” The earliest citation for the word “skunk” in the OED is 1634, indicating that skunks were known by no later than the gray period: “1634 W. Wood *New Englands Prospect* i. vi. 22 The beasts of offence be Squunckes, Ferrets, Foxes.”

3. Sofya Gianetta di Trieste

Submission	Description	Decision
New Exchange of Device and Badge Change	Or, a fleur-de-lys within an orle gules	Forwarded

Old Item: *Or, a fleur-de-lys and on a chief gules two mullets of eight points Or*, to be retained.

I, <Redacted> known in the SCA as Sofya Gianetta di Trieste, wish to make my Badge *Or, a fleur-de-lys within an orle gules* my Device, and retain my current Device *Or, a fleur-de-lys and on a chief gules two mullets of eight points Or* as a badge.

Signed and dated with legal name.

Notes:

4. Porfin Járnison

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Porfin Járnison	Forwarded

Submitter desires a masculine name.

Sound (Thorfin) most important.

Culture (Norse) most important.

Meaning (iron son) most important.

Porfin is a male given name; *Nordiskt runnamnslexikon* by Lena Peterson on p. 229 s.n. Þórfinnr lists **Thorfin** as an Old Danish and Old Swedish form. The submitter would prefer to use a Þ, which appears to be permitted by Appendix D. Although the submitter prefers **Porfin**, he will accept **Þórfinnr** if necessary for registration. **Þórfinnr** is an Old Norse male name found in Geirr Bassi at p. 16.

Járnison is intended as a patronymic byname formed from the Old Norse male given name **láрни**, which is found in Peterson s.n. Iarni. However, Norse grammar generally requires names ending in *-i* to change to *-a* when put in the genitive (possessive) form for a byname. This should probably be **Járnason**. We ask commenters to check the grammar here.

Notes:

The byname was originally submitted as *Járnison*. However, that was not the grammatically correct patronymic form for the Old Norse male given name **láрни**, which is found in Peterson s.n. Iarni. Norse grammar requires names ending in *-i* to change to *-a* when put in the genitive (possessive) form for a byname. As the submitter allows all changes, Kingdom will change the byname to the grammatically correct *Járnason* for the external letter.

Commenters at Kingdom noted that the name as submitted combines an Old Danish or Old Swedish form of the given name with the Old Norse form of the byname, and suggested that the fully Old Norse *Þórfinnr Járnason* would be better re-creation. The submitted combination is registerable, however, as the name is entirely Scandinavian and both Old Danish and Old Swedish names are found within 500 years of Old Norse name elements.

Jeanne Marie Palimpsest raised the question of whether the submitted name conflicts with the registered *Porfinnr Bjarnason*. Kingdom believes the two names are clear under PN3C1 and PN3C4. The visual changes to the two names affect more than two letters under PN3C4. The changes also affect the sound of two syllables: *-fin* vs. *finnr*, *Bjarn-* vs. *Jarn-*. Therefore, the names should be clear. NOTE: this would not be the case if the given name were changed to *Þórfinnr*.

This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

Yours in Service,

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Blue Tyger Herald