

February 2021

East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILol dated 01/02/2022

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 01/02/2022.

Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month:
Ælfyn æt geate, Aněžka Pantheon, Brunissende Wreath Emerita, Calamus Keythong, Etienne Sea Stag, Gunnvor Orle, Iago Boar, Jeanne Marie Palimpsest, Lillia Crampette, Sara Beacon, and Ysolt Pais de cuer.

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1: Aureliana Laskarina

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Aureliana Laskarina	Forwarded

Submitter desires a feminine name.
No major changes.
Spelling (given name as submitted) most important.

Aureliana is a female given name found in "Common Names of the Aristocracy in the Roman Empire During the 6th and 7th Centuries" by Bardas Xiphias (http://heraldry.sca.org/names/byzantine/PLRE_fem_names.html)

Laskaris is the masculine form of a 12th century family name found in "Personal Names of the Aristocracy in the Roman Empire During the Later Byzantine Era" by Bardas Xiphias (http://heraldry.sca.org/names/byzantine/family_names.html). According to the rules set out in that article, Laskaris feminizes to **Laskarina** (http://heraldry.sca.org/names/byzantine/feminizing.html#feminizing_family_names).

In addition, Laskaris is found as a personal name in the Prosopography of the Byzantine World dated to 1052 (<http://pbw2016.kdl.kcl.ac.uk/person/Laskaris/101/>). This additional documentation should ensure that the name elements are within 500 years of each other.

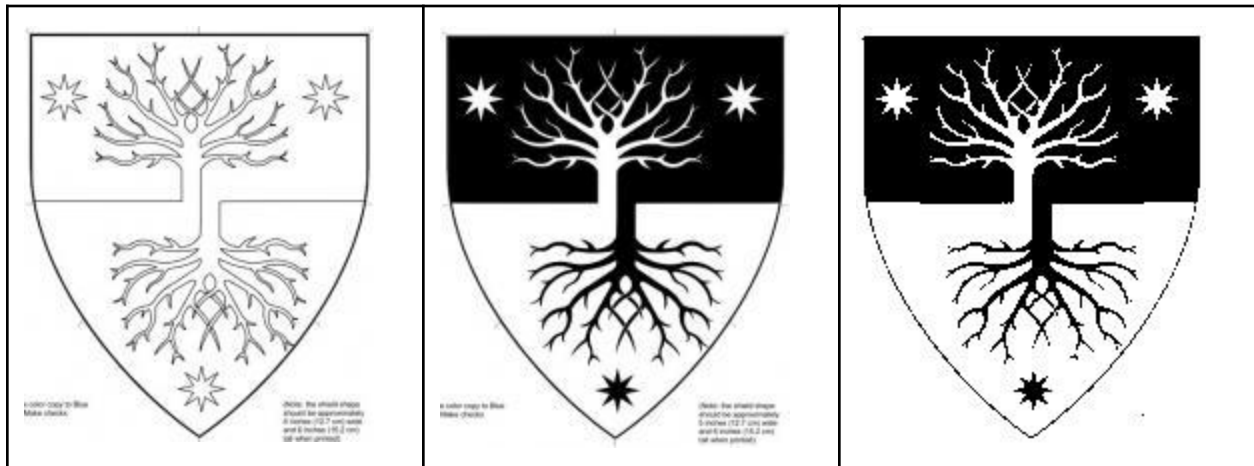
Notes:

While the documentation for the 1052 instance of the name **Laskaris** is for a given name, not a byname, it is noted in "Personal Names of the Aristocracy in the Roman Empire During the Later Byzantine Era" by Bardas Xiphias

(<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/byzantine/structures.html#structures>) that patronymics were also used during this period, albeit rarely. We believe this evidence, combined with the 12th-century instance of the name used as a byname, is sufficient to give the submitter the benefit of the doubt that these two elements are temporally compatible, and forward this name for Pelican's consideration.

2. Jasper Emre

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Jasper Emre	Forwarded
New Device	<i>Per fess sable and argent, two trees blasted their trunks issuant from the line of division between three mullets of eight points counterchanged</i>	Forwarded



Submitter desires a masculine name.

Jasper is a male English given name found in "Late Sixteenth Century English Given Names" by Talan Gwynek (<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/eng16/eng16alpha.html>).

Emre is an English surname found in the FamilySearch Historical Records:

Jon. Emre; Male; Christening; 20 Dec 1538; Rye, Sussex, England; Batch: C14836-1 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N29F-ZQY>)

Alice Emre; Female; Marriage; 3 Jul 1619; Braceborough, Lincoln, England; Batch: M02717-3 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVH3-C29>)

Jane Emre; Female; Marriage; 6 Jan 1601; Wonston, Hampshire, England; Batch: M14506-1 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK84-C8Y>)

Notes:

Kingdom commenters questioned whether a *tree* is too complex a charge to be found issuant from both sides of the line of division. The basic design of two identical charges issuant from a line of division is well within our core style rules. Therefore, we leave to Wreath the question of whether some charges are too complex to be used in this design.

3. Michele Mencke

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Michele Mencke	Forwarded

Submitter desires a feminine name.

No changes.

Michéle is a French female given name dated to 1585 in "Names Found in Ambleny Registers 1578-1616" by Mari ingen Briain meic Donnchada (<http://medievalscotland.org/kmo/Ambleny/FemGivenNames.shtml>). The submitter would prefer to omit the grave accent.

Mencke is a German surname documented to 1496 in Seibicke s.n. Mencke.

French and German is a permissible combination under Appendix C of SENA.

The submitter will consider minor changes but must be consulted and give consent before any changes may be made.

Notes:

Commenters were able to re-document Michele as a German name via the FamilySearch Historical Records. This re-documentation makes the name entirely German and has the benefit of removing the accent as requested by the submitter. By precedent, a change in language when nothing else changes is not considered a “change” in a name. [Lucian Artz, 11/2011 LoAR, A-Atlantia]

Mencke actually appears as a given name in Seibecke s.n. Menke, albeit dated to 1496 as stated. Appendix A allows unmarked patronymics in German. Further, Mencke later appears as a German surname in the FamilySearch Historical Records:

Berend Mencke, Male; Marriage; 1645; Lengerich, Westfalen, Prussia; Batch: M95277-1 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JHQ4-2H3>)

Therefore, we believe Michele Mencke is a plausible German name and are forwarding it.

4. Muin maqq Mínaín

Submission	Description	Decision
Resub Badge	<i>(Fieldless) On a hand sable an annulet Or</i>	Forwarded



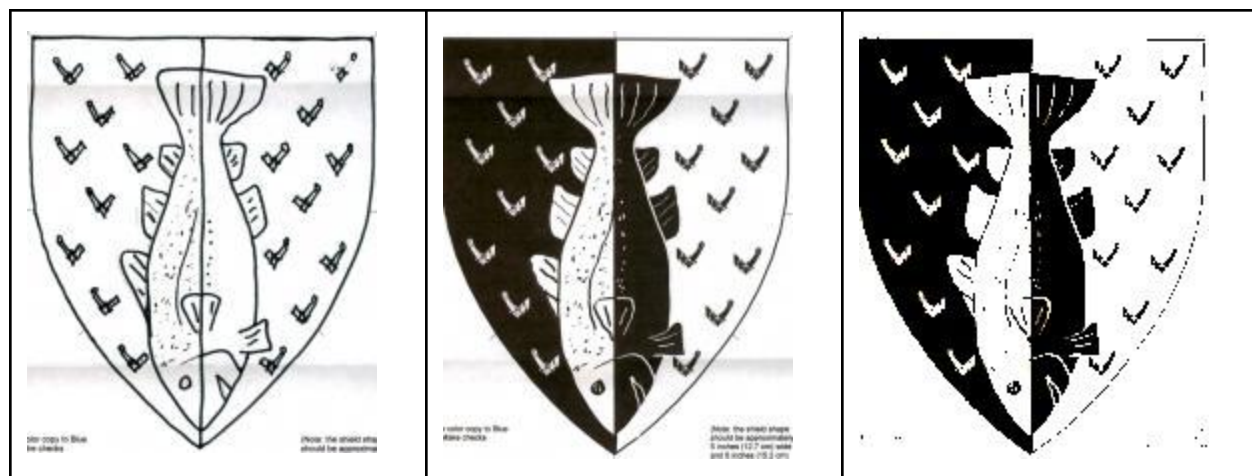
This was a resubmission of a badge previously returned at Kingdom (without appearing on an Internal Letter) for using the prohibited motif of the Hand of Glory. This resubmission eliminates the prohibited elements.

Notes:

While Table 5 of the Glossary of Terms does not list a default posture for a *hand*, meaning it should be explicitly blazoned, long-standing Society practice is to consider the default to be a *dexter hand coupé apaumy* - which this hand is.

5. Nuno Cabral do Mar

Submission	Description	Decision
New Device	<i>Per pale sable semy of armored arms fesswise embowed argent and argent semy of armored arms fesswise embowed reversed sable, a codfish urinant counterchanged.</i>	Forwarded



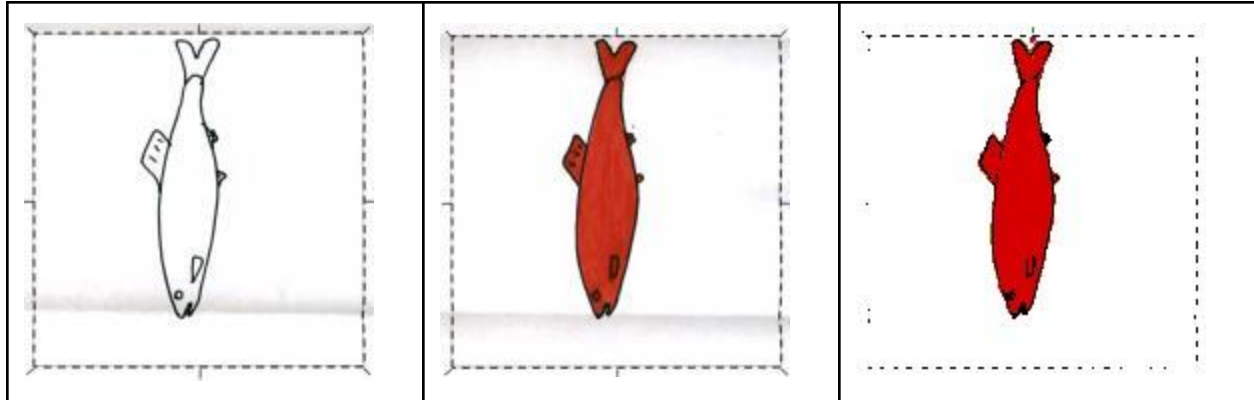
Notes:

Kingdom commenters had difficulty identifying the strewn charges as *arms*; however, at least one non-herald was able to correctly identify them without prompting, so we believe that they are at least drawn with sufficient identifiability to forward.

Kingdom commenters also noted that the color version of the device differs from the black and white line version. In the color version, the arms are drawn far more clearly. Per the January 2021 Cover Letter, black and white versions of device submissions are still acceptable if they contain areas of solid black fill where the colored version of the device will be black. Therefore, we are sending up this device using the colored version also as the black and white version, so that the art is identical and more identifiable.

6. Nuno Cabral do Mar

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	<i>(Fieldless) A herring urinant gules</i>	Returned

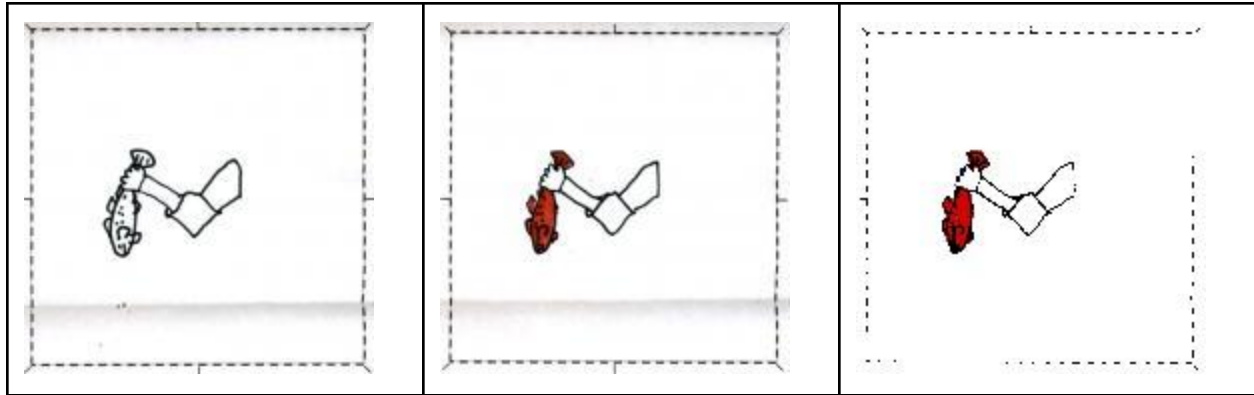


Notes:

This badge is returned for conflict with the badge of Conrad von Zuberbuehler, *(Fieldless) A pike haurient gules*. There is one DC for fieldlessness, but none for haurient vs urinant (see SENA Appendix L).

7. Nuno Cabral do Mar

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	<i>(Fieldless) An armored sinister arm fesswise embowed aversant argent maintaining a codfish urinant gules.</i>	Forwarded

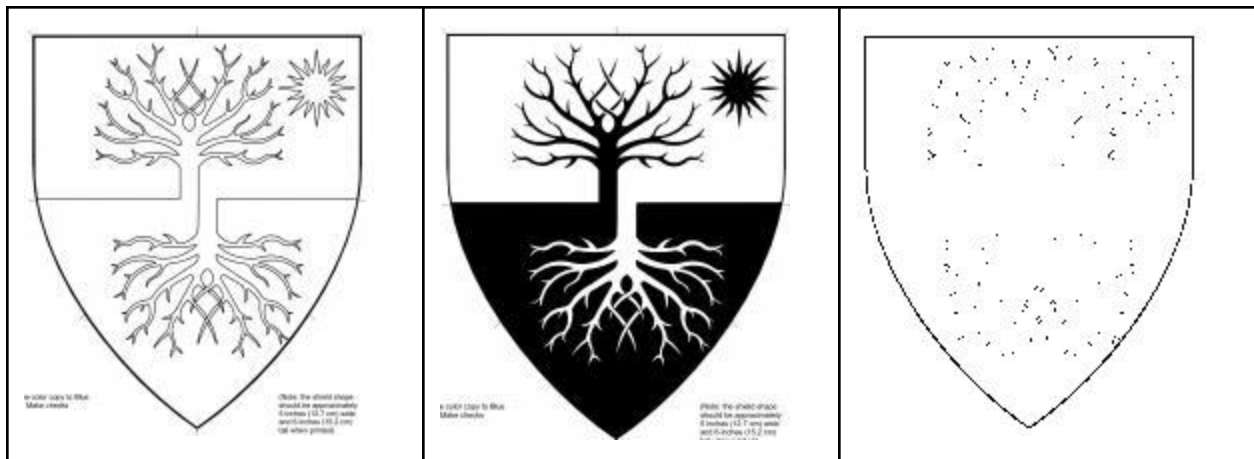


Notes:

Although the charges in this badge could be drawn larger, that is not grounds for a return. The charges are identifiable, which is all that is required.

8. Sabine di Sandra

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Sabine di Sandra	Forwarded
New Device	<i>Per fess argent and sable, two trees blasted their trunks issuant from the line of division counterchanged and in sinister canton a sun sable.</i>	Forwarded



Submitter desires a feminine name.
 Sound (Sab-EEN dee Sand-Rah) most important.

Spelling (Sabine di Sandra) most important.

Sabine is a female given name found in both Germany and France in the FamilySearch Historical Records:

Sabine Schambach; Female; Death; 5 Oct 1580; Buoch, Württemberg, Germany; Batch: B39349-3 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J49S-25M>)

Sabine Wangdoesserin; Female; Marriage; 8 Feb 1633; Engen, Baden, Germany; Batch: M94091-4 (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NDMZ-48Q>)

Sabine Lemhard; Female; Baptism; 25 Oct 1584; Strasbourg, Bas-Rhin, France; Batch: C83478-2 (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X1F3-4M6>)

Sabine Schmitt; Female; Baptism; 9 Mar 1600; Colmar, Haut-Rhin, Alsace, France; Batch: C82971-1 (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X1LK-S45>)

di Sandra is a marked matronymic byname in Italian. Bynames in the form *di + parent's name* are permitted in Italian per Appendix A.

Sandra is a feminine given name, a diminutive of Alexandra, found in "Names from an Early 16th C Census of Rome" by Aryanhwy merch Catmael (<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/italian/leofemfreq.html>) and also in "Names in 15th Century Florence and her Dominions: the Condado Section of the Florence Catasto of 1427" by Juliana de Luna (<https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/juliana/condado/womensalpha.html>).

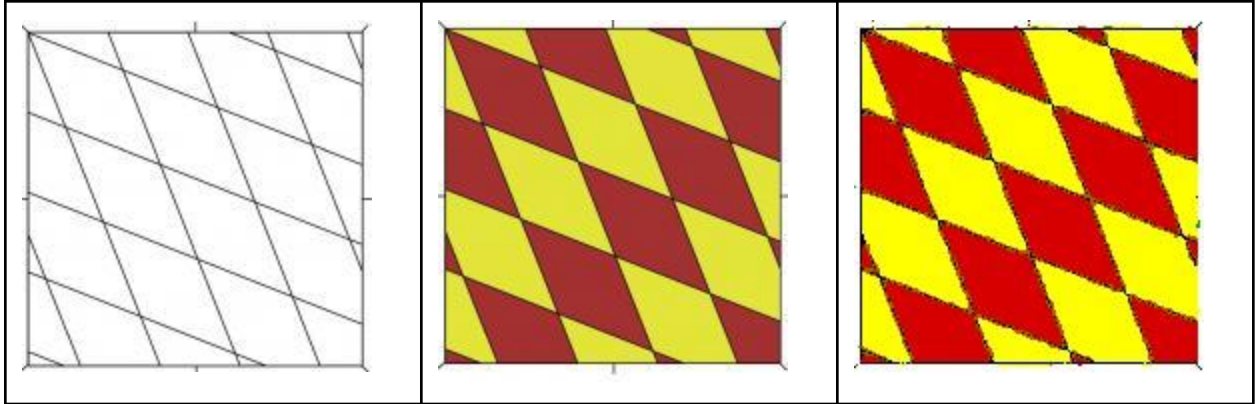
German or French can be combined with Italian per Appendix C of SENA.

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9. Valgard Stonecleaver

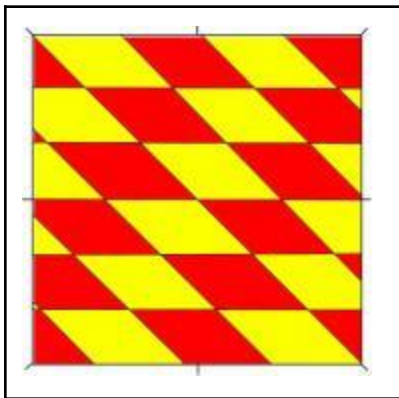
Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	<i>Lozengy bendwise Or and gules</i>	Pended



Notes:

This badge appears to conflict with the badge of Drusticc inigena Eddarnonn, *Barry bendy Or and gules*. Drusticc grants blanket permission to conflict, which allows the registration of armory with any blazonable change; however, Drusticc's armory (image below) is sufficiently visually similar that we are concerned that the two pieces of armory may still be in conflict under SENA A5D1. Ultimately, we believe this is a question for Wreath.

However, there has been an issue with the payment for this badge. The submitter has been contacted. Until the issue is resolved, this badge is pended.



10: Viviana Silvani

Submission	Description	Decision
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Resub Device	Per bend sinister embattled argent and azure, a dragon passant contourny and a needle bendwise sinister counterchanged	Returned
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The submitter's previous device, *Argent a dragon passant and on a chief embattled azure three sewing needles argent points to base*, was returned on the September 2016 East Kingdom Letter of Decision with the following explanation:

This device is returned for conflict with the device of Megan ni Phádraig (May 1998, Atlantia): *Argent, a dragon statant, on a chief embattled azure three mullets argent*. There is one DC for changing the mullets to needles, but nothing for the change of posture between statant and passant.

Kingdom commenters noted that the dragon is holding a needle, something that was omitted from the blazon. Unfortunately, the needle appears to be argent, showing no contrast with the field. This is no longer permitted. As per the Aug 2015 LoAR Cover Letter, "Held/conjoined charges must have good contrast with their background." If the needle was drawn in a tincture allowing good contrast with the field and large enough to be identifiable, it would clear the above conflict.

This resubmission is a complete re-design.

Notes:

This device was pended on the November 2021 East Kingdom Letter of Decision to allow time to obtain permission to conflict from Osanna of Stowe, with whose device it conflicts.

Unfortunately, the paperwork for that permission was never received, and the submitter has chosen instead to withdraw this resubmission.

This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

Yours in Service,
Mistress Alys Mackyntoich
Blue Tyger Herald