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East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILol dated 08/02/2022

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 08/02/2022.

Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month:
Alys Ogress, Beatrice Green Staff, Choi Min, Drasma Seahorse, Gunnvor Orle, Iago Boar, Jeanne Marie Palimpsest, and Shannon inghean Bhriain ú Dhuilleáin.

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1: Conchobar O Mulvoge

Submission	Description	Decision
New Badge	Vert, a hound courant contourny argent charged on the shoulder with a shamrock vert	Forwarded



Notes:

2: East, Kingdom of the

Submission	Description	Decision
New Order Name	Award of Durga	Forwarded

This name follows the patterns of naming orders after saints, seen in Juliana de Luna's "Medieval Secular Order Names" (<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/order/new/ListingOfStandardForms.html#CourtlySaintName>). By precedent, the names of pagan gods may be used in place of saints. [East, Kingdom of the Order of Artemis, 6/2013 LoAR, A-East].

Award is one of the standard designators for order names found in Appendix E of SENA.

Durga is a principal form of the Goddess in Hinduism, also known as *Devi* and *Shakti*. (<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Durga>). She is, among other things, a goddess of battle, strategy and tactics. Durga was known to various cultures on the Indian subcontinent during the SCA's period. For example, the *Devi Mahatmya*, a Sanskrit text written in the 5th or 6th century C.E. contains the tale of Durga slaying the buffalo-demon Mahisasura (<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Devi-Mahatmya>). Her victory is celebrated in the Durga Puja, a major Hindu festival that continues to this day (<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Durga-Puja>). Written evidence for the Durga Puja can be found at least as far back as the 14th century. See p. 173 of McDermott, Rachel Fell (2001). *Mother of My Heart, Daughter of My Dreams: Kali and Uma in the Devotional Poetry of Bengal*. (Oxford University Press 2001) (<https://books.google.com/books?id=2PrChFaXgf0C>).

The Kingdom of the East intends this as a test case for whether figures and charges from cultures outside of Europe may be used to name orders and create heraldic titles.

The Kingdom of the East consulted with several Hindu cultural advisors about whether the use of *Durga* in an SCA order would be offensive to modern practitioners and, based on the advice provided, reasonably believes that it is not. The Kingdom understands that inquiry on offensiveness likely will be made by Laurel as well, but wants to assure commenters that due diligence was done before making the submission.

Notes:

No opinions were provided in Kingdom commentary regarding the question of non-European cultures in orders or heraldic titles, or the question of potential offense. As such determinations are for Pelican and Laurel to make, we forward this order name for their consideration.

3: East, Kingdom of the

Submission	Description	Decision
New Order Name	Award of the Rabbit and Moon	Forwarded

No major changes.

Meaning (reference to the folk tale of the rabbit in the moon) most important.

Award is one of the standard designators for an Order name found in Appendix E of SENA.

This order name uses the pattern of two heraldic charges, found in Juliana de Luna's "Medieval Secular Order Names" (<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/order/new/>). Examples include [*Order of the] Fisch und Falckhen* ('fish and falcon') (1484, Germany) and *Prackn und Crantz Gesellschaft* ('hounds and wreath Society') (15th cen., Germany).

Rabbit is a period heraldic charge as found in the Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry (<https://mistholme.com/dictionary/rabbit/>). *Rabbit* is the standard blazon term for the charge.

Moon is a heraldic charge as found in the Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry (<https://mistholme.com/dictionary/moon/>). *Moon* is the standard blazon term for the charge.

The Kingdom would prefer *Award of the Rabbit in the Moon*, referencing the Japanese folktale, if that can be documented. Otherwise, the submitted name is acceptable.

Notes:

Choi Min provided evidence that there existed folklore of a rabbit in the moon as early as late 5th century Korea (https://jikimi.cha.go.kr/english/heritage_book/korguryo.pdf, p.53). This does not address the question of whether "Rabbit in the Moon" follows a period pattern for order names; we ask the assistance of the College in documenting this pattern.

4: Grimolfr Skulason

Submission	Description	Decision
New Alternate Name	Timothy Barre Wollffe	Forwarded

Submitter desires a masculine name.

Sound (Not specified) most important.

Timothy is a masculine English given name found dated in this spelling to 1549, 1551, and 1553 in the DMNES (<https://dmnes.org/name/Timothy>).

Barre is a 16th century English surname found in "Faire Names for English Folk: Late Sixteenth Century English Names" by Chris Laning (<https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/christian/fairnames/surnames.html#list>).

Wollffe is an English surname found dated to 1587 in "Surnames in Durham and Northumberland, 1521-1615" by Julie Kahan (https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/juetta/parish/surnames_wy.html).

Notes:

"Faire Names for English Folk" sometimes modernizes names. However, we find *Barre* in "Index of Names in the 1582 Subsidy Roll of London" by Aryanhwymerch Catmael (<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/english/engsurlondon1582a-m.html>), resolving any question about whether the spelling is period.

5: Ivette of Worcester

Submission	Description	Decision
New Name	Ivette of Worcester	Forwarded

Language (English) most important.

Culture (English) most important.

Ivette is a feminine given name in HC&M, s.n. Ivatt. The form *luetta* is dated 1166, 1175, and 1221. The submitted spelling is found in bynames: *filius luotte* is dated 1270 and the unmarked byname is dated 1262.

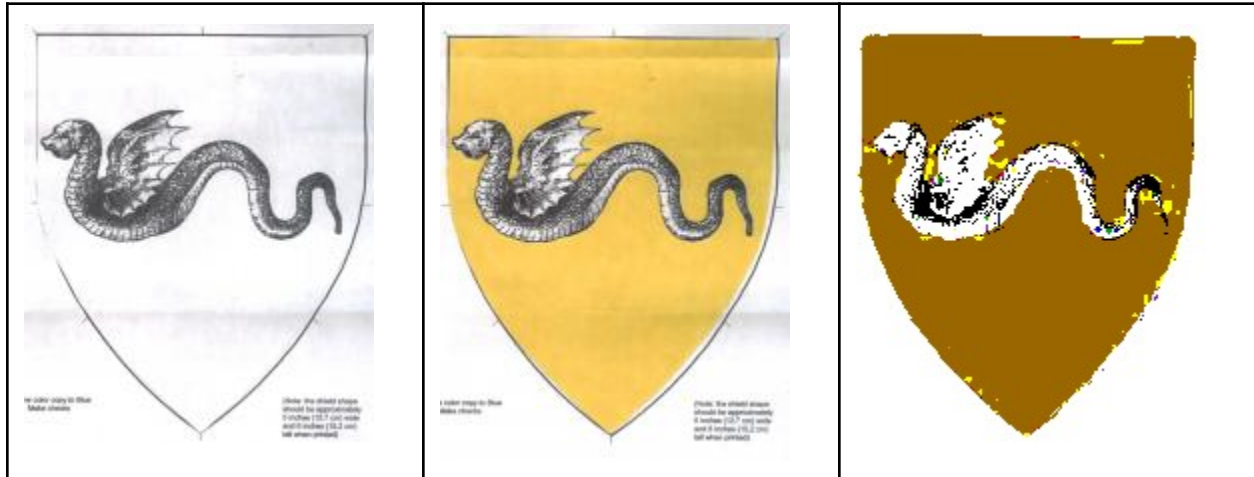
Worcester is a locative found in the byname *de Worcester* (1290), *de Worcestre* (1381), and *Worcester* (1377 and 1379), among others, in HC&M, s.n. Worcester. The prepositions *de/of* can be used interchangeably per Appendix A of SENA.

The submitter will allow intermediate changes if needed for registration.

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6: Omelân the Lefthanded

Submission	Description	Decision
Resub Device	Or, an amphiptere naiant sable	Forwarded



The submitter's previous device submission, *Or, a sea monster sable* (image below), was returned on the December 2021 East Kingdom Letter of Decisions (<https://bth.eastkingdom.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/December-2021-LoD.pdf>) because the charge was not identifiable as required by SENA A2C2. This re-design appears to use the image of an *amphiptere* from Edward Topsell's 1608 bestiary (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amphiptere>).



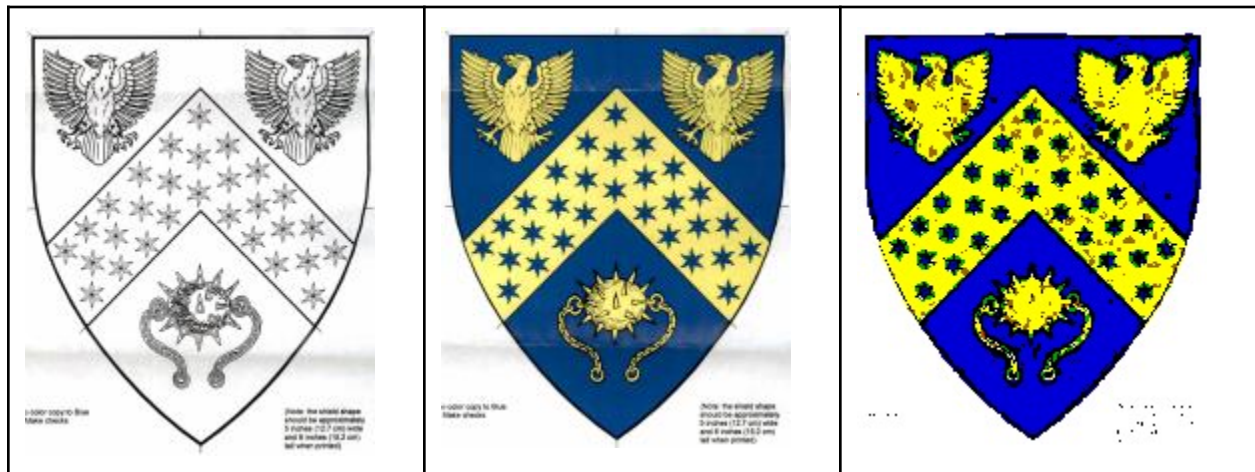
Notes:

As a Kingdom-level resubmission, this will appear as a New item on the external letter, with payment due to Laurel.

Despite *amphiptère* being included in the Mistholme entry for *Pithon* (<https://mistholme.com/dictionary/pithon/>) as an alternate term for that monster, we don't appear to have ever used that word in a blazon, and no evidence was provided for it in period. *Naiant*, additionally, is a term for aquatic animals and monsters; accordingly, we have changed the blazon to *Or, a pithon glissant sable*.

7: Vika Grigina z Prahy

Submission	Description	Decision
New Augmentation of Arms	Azure, a chevron Or estoilly azure between three eagles Or, and for augmentation the eagle in base replaced with a chaine shot Or	Forwarded



Submitter was awarded an augmentation of arms on August 28, 2021 (https://op.eastkingdom.org/op_ind.php?atlantian_id=6489).

Notes:

A *chaine shot* is a period charge found in the arms of Clifford, Earl of Cumberland, which may be found in the Dictionary of British Arms, among other sources. This depiction of it is taken from a rendition of that single quarter from Cumberland's arms in *The Elements of Armories* by Edmund Bolton, 1610, p. 165.

This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

Yours in Service,
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Blue Tyger Herald