

May 2023 East Kingdom Internal Letter of Decision East ILol dated 4/5/2023

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 4/5/2023.

Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month:
Alys Ogress, Demetrio Drake, Drasma Seahorse, Grímólfr Azure Yale, Gunnvor Orle, and Jeanne Marie Palimpsest.

We also thank the attendees of the decision meeting:
Drasma Seahorse, Istvan Non Scripta, Lillia Crampette, Nest Crane, Tom of Wyndriche, and Violet Mural.

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1: Ellyn Grene

Action	Description	Decision
New Device	Argent, on a sun vert an annulet argent, in base two arrows in saltire vert	Forwarded



Notes:

2: Merewyn del Grenewode

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	(Fieldless) A crab surmounted by a death's head inverted sable	Forwarded



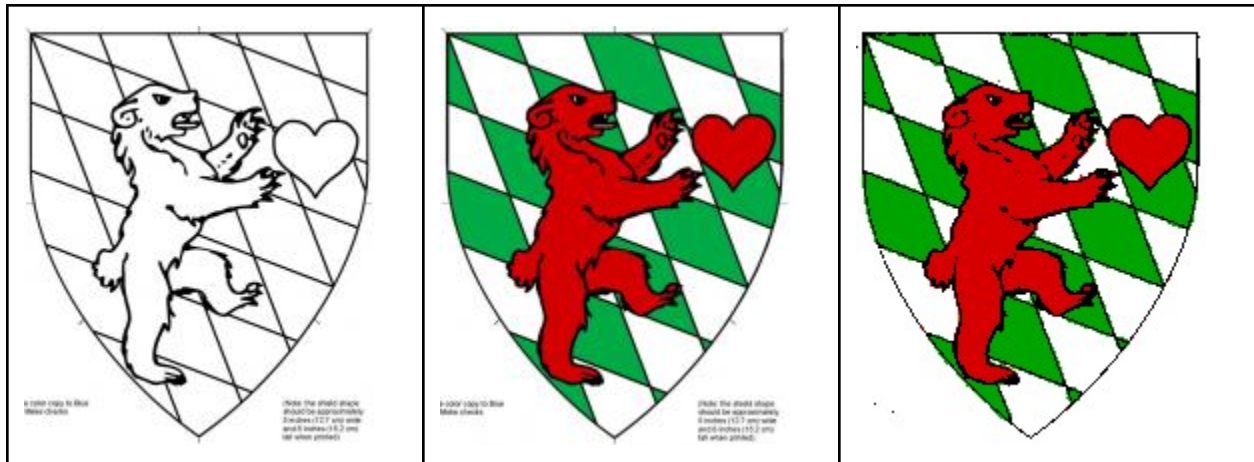
Notes:

If we consider this design as originally blazoned, as a primary crab and an overall death's head inverted, there are at least two style issues (A3F5, App I.4) and we would be compelled to return it for further work. However, while we may not blazon our way out of a conflict, we *can* blazon our way out of a style issue, and reframing this design as *(Fieldless) A death's head inverted legged and clawed of a crab sable* raises only the question of whether inanimate objects may have legs added to them. This is enough of a documentation question that we prefer to forward it and ask the College's help in supporting it.

3: Orso Luca di la Licata

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Orso Luca di la Licata	Forwarded

New Device	Lozeny bendwise vert and argent, a bear rampant contourny and in sinister a heart gules	Forwarded
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No major changes.

Culture (15th c Sicily) most important.

Spelling (Orso) most important.

Orso is a masculine Italian given name found in Aryanhwy merch Catmael, "Italian Names from the Online Tratte of Office Holders 1282-1532"

(<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/italian/tratte/>), and in Juliana de Luna, "A Frequency List of all Men's Given Names from the Condado Section of the Florence Catasto of 1427"

(<https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/juliana/condado/mensfreq.html>).

Luca is a masculine Italian given name dated 1480, found in Maridonna Benvenuti, "Names of Slaves in 1480 Palermo, Sicily"

(https://heraldry.sca.org/kwhss/2013/Maridonna_Benvenuti/Names_of_Slaves_in_1480_Palermo.pdf).

Double given names are allowed for Italian, per App. A of SENA.

di la Licata is an Italian locative byname dated 1480 in Maridonna Benvenuti, "Names of geographic origin from the Kalso quarter of Palermo, 1480" (2017 KWHSS Proceedings, <https://heraldry.sca.org/kwhss/2017/Names%20of%20geographic%20origin%20from%20Kalso%20in%20Palermo%201480.pdf>). The place name is found in a number of forms in period, including *la licata* (a.1480) and *La Licata* (a.1375 and a.1480), in G. Caracausi, *Dizionario Onomastico della Sicilia*, s.n. Licata.

The submitter wants a 15th C Sicilian name. The spelling of the first element (*Orso*) is most important, and cannot be changed. Changes are allowed to the rest of the name if needed for registration. An appropriate Italian/Sicilian form meaning "Orso of Sicily" is acceptable as a last

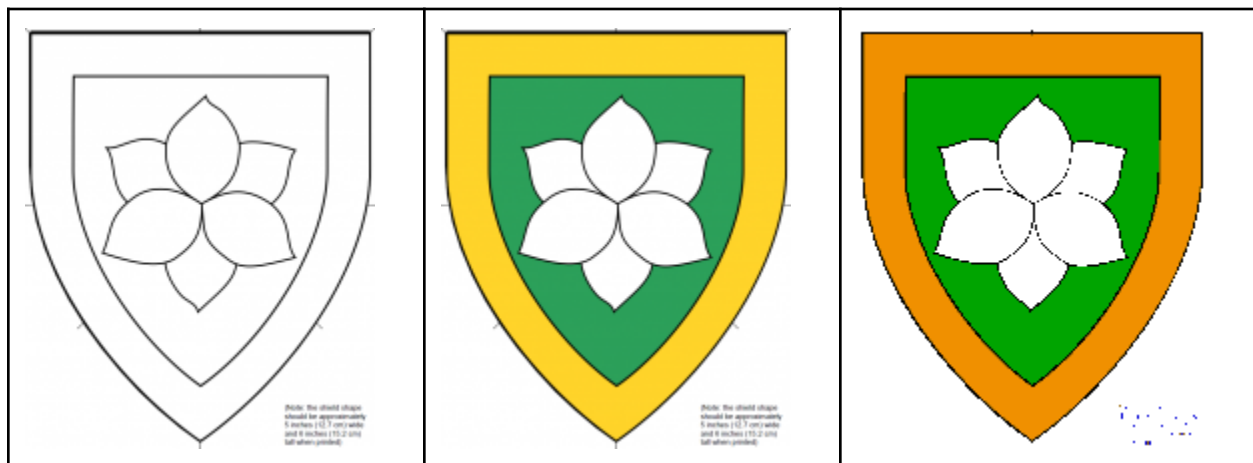
choice. <di + locative> is found in Maridonna Benvenuti, "Names of geographic origin from the Kalso quarter of Palermo, 1480" (op.cit.). The locative byname *di Sicilia* is found in *I raguagli storici del Vespro Siciliano* by iladelfo Mugnos, published in Messina, Sicily in 1645 (https://books.google.com/books?id=Z_E_AAAAcAAJ&pg=PT5&dq=%22don+giaime+di+sicilia+al+papa%22).

Notes:

Commenters suggested that the heart be moved such that the bear is actually maintaining it; the consulting herald clarified at the decision meeting that it is important to the submitter that there be separation between the two charges. As we find no style or conflict issues with the image as submitted, we are forwarding it.

4: Phaedra de Vere

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Device	Vert, a lily affronty argent within a bordure Or	Returned



This item was returned on the October 2018 LoAR for conflict with the badge of Rowan Perigrinne, *Vert, a cinquefoil within a bordure argent*, as a lily affronty is equivalent to a sexfoil, which bears no difference from a cinquefoil. The submitter has obtained permission to conflict (see packet) and is resubmitting the same design.

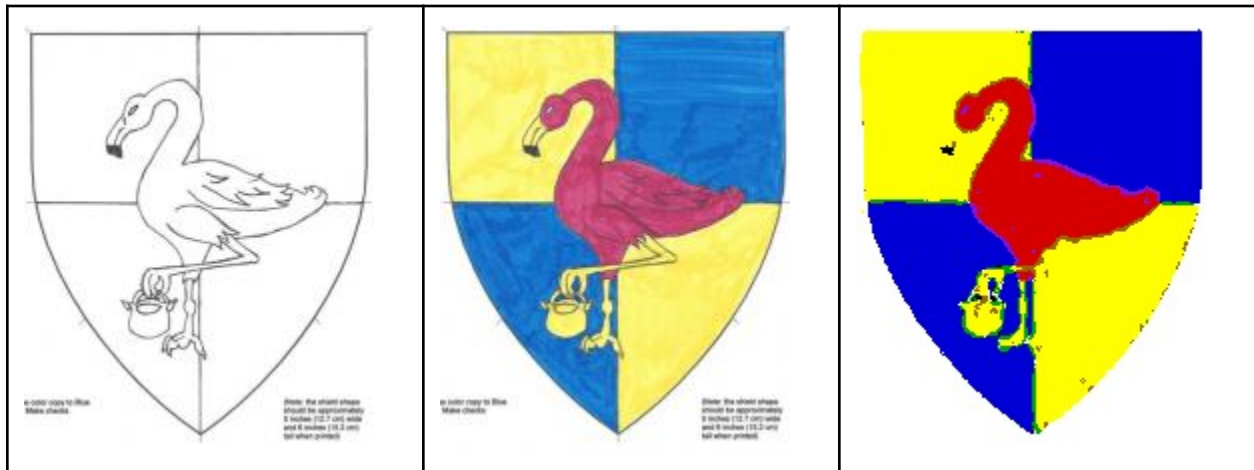
Notes:

This device is returned for conflict with the device of Charles Aythen (1/1996 via Atlantia): *Vert, a rose slipped and leaved a bordure Or*. Just as there is no difference for type between a *sexfoil* and a *cinquefoil*, there is no difference for type between a *sexfoil* and a *rose*. As we consider slipping and leaving of roses an artistic detail not worth difference (Phaedra de Courcelles, 6/2015, R-Lochac), there is only one DC for the difference in tincture of the flowers.

Additionally, this device is returned for conflict with the device of Margaret of Kingston on Thames (8/1987 via An Tir): *Counter-ermine, a rose argent within a bordure Or*. There is one DC for the change in tincture of the field.

5: Samuel di Bianca

Action	Description	Decision
New Appeal of Kingdom Return of Device	Quarterly Or and azure, a pink flamingo proper maintaining in its upraised foot a cauldron Or	Forwarded



This device was returned on the Oct 2019 East Kingdom Letter of Decisions (<https://bth.eastkingdom.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/October-30-2019-LoD.pdf>):

This armory is returned for lack of contrast between the Or legs of the flamingo and the Or portions of the field. There may be low contrast on details which do not count for difference, but there may not be zero contrast.

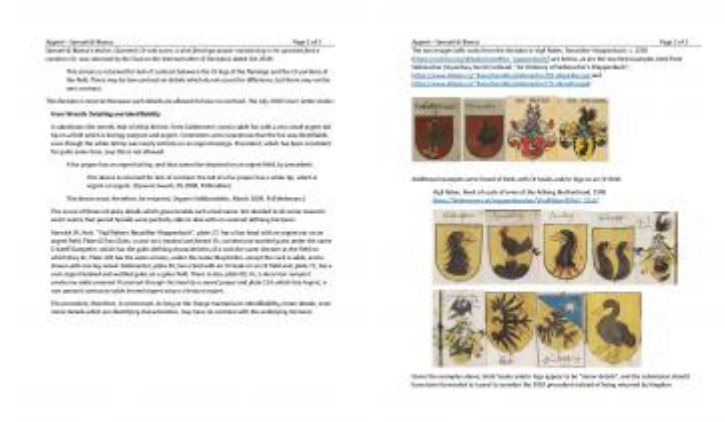
The submitter wishes to appeal this decision, citing the July 2010 Cover Letter item, *From Wreath: Detailing and Identifiability*, which states:

As long as the charge maintains its identifiability, minor details, even minor details which are identifying characteristics, may have no contrast with the underlying tinctures.

In addition to this CL item, the submitter has provided several images from Vigil Raber (both the *Neustifter Wappenbuch* and the "Book of coats of arms of the Arlberg Brotherhood", 1548) and Siebmacher of birds with low- or no-contrast beaks and/or legs, in support of the premise that

birds' beaks and/or legs appear to be "minor details," meaning the original submission should have been forwarded to Laurel to consider the 2010 precedent instead of being returned by Kingdom.

As this is an appeal of a prior decision, the Admin Handbook requires that Kingdom forward it; we include it on this internal letter of intent for clarity of record-keeping and to allow additional commentary prior to placing it on an external letter.



Notes:

Commenters found no new conflicts for this design.

This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

In service to College and Kingdom,
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