

April 2024

East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILoI dated 03/07/2024

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 03/07/2024.

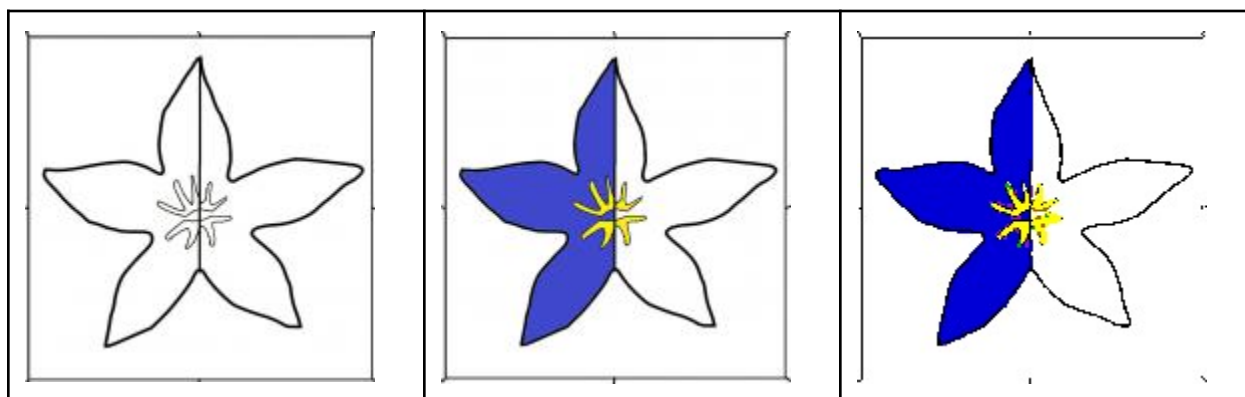
Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month:
Alys Ogress, ffride Morelle, Grímólfur Azure Yale, Gunnvor Orle, Jeanne Marie Palimpsest, Juetta Copin, and Mathghamhain Seahorse.

We also thank the attendees of the decision meeting:
Drasma Pantheon, Jeanne Marie Palimpsest, Malys Lions Blood, Mathghamhain Seahorse, Nest Crane, Rosina von Schaffhausen, Tibor Moonbeam, and Violet Mural.

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1: Æsa feilinn Jóssursdóttir

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Badge	(Fieldless) A borage flower per pale azure and argent	Forwarded



The submitter's initial badge, *(Fieldless) A chrysanthemum of fourteen petals per pale argent and azure*, appeared on the East's February 8, 2024 ILoI. In commentary, Palimpsest correctly

identified a conflict with the badge of the Emperor of Japan: *(Tinctureless) A sixteen-petalled chrysanthemum*. The submitter was advised of this conflict and opted to withdraw that submission and re-submit this revised design for the March commentary cycle.

Notes:

This badge conflicts with the badge of Thorkatla Herjolsdottir, *(Fieldless) A rose per pale azure and argent, barbed vert and seeded counterchanged*, with only one DC for fieldlessness, as there is no difference for type between few-petaled flowers affronty. However, Thorkatla has graciously provided permission to conflict, so we are able to forward this badge.

As a kingdom-level resubmission, this item is new to Laurel and payment will be due.

2. Alfarr Skegglauss

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Alfarr Skegglauss	Forwarded

Submitter desires a masculine name.

The following changes are allowed: spelling and/or accent marks

Sound most important.

Language/Culture (Norse around 10th Century) most important.

Meaning (Beardless) most important.

Alfarr is a masculine Old Norse given name found on the Viking Answer Lady website (<https://www.vikinganswerlady.com/ONMensNames.shtml>).

The first element Alf- is identical with Old Icelandic alfr, "elf, a type of subterranean being, ancestral spirit." Found in Old Danish as Alvar and in OW.Norse as Álfarr. Occurs in the runic accusative form alfar. The second element -arr has several possible origins. It may be from *-harjaR, "army leader, general, warrior", or from *-warjaR "one who wards, defender", or from *-gaiRaR "spear."

Skegglauss is an Old Norse byname meaning 'beardless' as seen in "Viking Bynames found in the Landnámabók" by Aryanhwych merch Catmael (<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/norse/vikbynames.html>).

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3. Audrye Beneyt

Action	Description	Decision
New Release of Badge	Per pale sable and argent, a fox and a bear rampant addorsed counterchanged, on a chief vert three arrows inverted argent	Forwarded

This item was registered as a device in July 2012 via the East and changed/retained as a badge in June 2018, also via the East.

"I, [redacted], known in the SCA as Audrye Beneyt herby release my registered armory:

Per pale sable and argent, a fox and a bear rampant addorsed counterchanged, on a chief vert three arrows inverted argent.

This device was registered in July 2012.

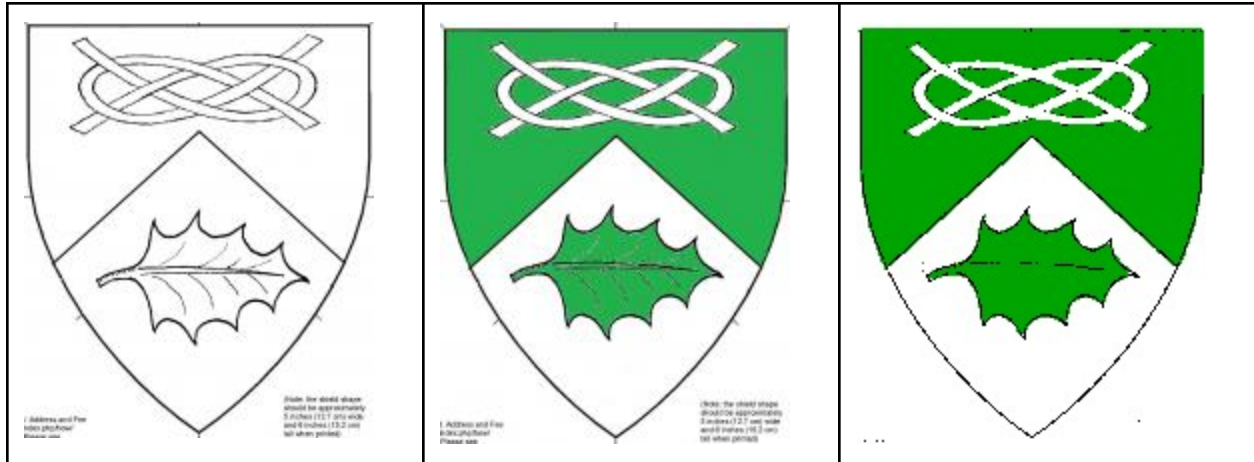
I understand the release of this registration is permanent."

Signed by the submitter and dated February 22, 2024.

Notes:

4. Cuilén mac Fionnlaigh

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Device	Per chevron vert and argent, a Wake knot and a holly leaf fesswise counterchanged	Forwarded



The submitter's original device, *Per chevron vert and argent, a Wake knot and a holly leaf counterchanged* was returned on the November 2023 LoAR with the following explanation:

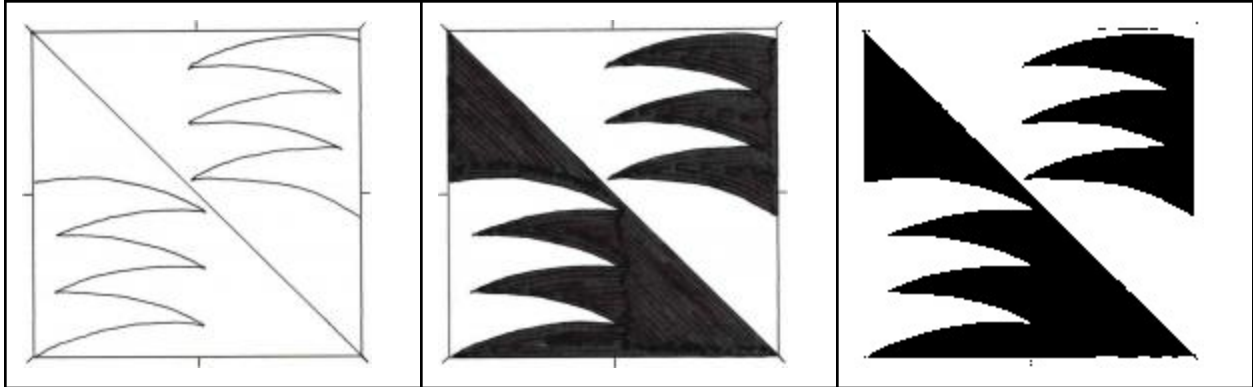
This device is returned for violation of SENA A3D2c, Unity of Posture and Orientation, which requires that charges in the same charge group that have comparable orientations should be in identical orientations. Regarding default orientations it goes on to say, "For purposes of this rule, default postures and orientations are treated as if they had been specified in the blazon; charges with different defaults but comparable posture/orientation must be in the same posture/orientation." In this device both charges have comparable orientations, as both are compact orientable charges; however, they have different default orientations, with the leaf *palewise* and the Wake knot *fesswise*.

This resubmission addresses the reason for return by making the holly leaf fesswise as well.

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5. Grímólfur Skúlason

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Badge	Per bend argent and sable, three wolf's teeth issuant from sinister sable and three wolf's teeth issuant from dexter argent	Forwarded



This submission is to be associated with *Ulvesby Militia*

The submitter's previous design, *Sable, four wolf's teeth issuant from sinister argent*, was returned on the December 2023 LoAR:

This badge must be returned for conflict with the device of Sorcha MacLeod, *Sable, three wolf's teeth issuant from sinister and a chief argent*. There is one DC for the removal of the chief, but per the August 2023 Cover Letter, there is no difference granted between three or more wolf's teeth.

This badge is also returned for conflict with the device of Thomas Hendersonne, *Per pale indented sable and Or*. As wolf's teeth are considered equivalent to *per pale indented*, there is a single DC for changing the tincture of half the field.

This badge also conflicts with the badge of Elisabetta Tommaso di Carduci, *Per pale offset sable and argent*, with a single DC for changing the type of complex line. However, Elisabetta has granted blanket permission to conflict for any armory not identical to her badge.

This badge also conflicts with the device of Vémundr Syvursson, *Pily Barry argent and azure*. As *Sable, four wolf's teeth argent* is equivalent to *Pily Barry argent and sable*, there is a single DC for changing the tincture of half the field. However, Vémundr has granted blanket permission to conflict for any armory not identical to his device.

The submitter believes this redesign addresses the reason for return.

Notes:

While the August 2023 Cover Letter provided guidelines for how wolf's teeth will be considered for conflict, Kingdom commenters remained unclear on how best to conflict check divided fields with wolf's teeth, such as this item. In the face of this uncertainty, we forward this item and raise it to Wreath's notice.

Kingdom commenters additionally identified a potential conflict with the device of Tangwystl verch Gwillim, *Pily and per bend argent and azure*, with the concern that there may only be one

DC for the tincture of at least half the field, citing the precedent of István Gy{o"}ri (1/2024, A-An Tir). However, we cannot imagine that that precedent is intended to imply that there is no longer difference granted for changes to parts of the field other than the main two-part division, and it seems clear that A5G1b provides the remaining DC for change in direction of half the partition lines in this design (*pily* vs the equivalent of *pily barry*).

6. Ōsamōraz nēplō

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Name	Ōsamōraz nēplō	Returned

Submitter desires a masculine name.

The following changes are allowed: grammar/syntax

Language/Culture (early Scandinavian Iron Age (Proto-Germanic or Proto-Norse)) most important.

Meaning (bog/marsh related) most important.

Ōsamōraz follows the Proto-Germanic pattern for given names by combining two words (*ōsaz* = mouth/estuary, *mōraz* = marsh), dropping the -z from the first to create a new name phrase.

Mōraz is a masculine noun, which adheres to the pattern of the second name element matching the recipient's gender.

nēplō is a Proto-Germanic word meaning "needle"; the submitter believes that bynames were either patronymic or a descriptive nickname, and has chosen this in reference to being seen doing needle-crafts.

All three Proto-Germanic words and their etymologies are found in the *Etymological Dictionary of Proto-Germanic* by Guus Kroonen (see attached document for scans of these entries).

The submitter has not provided any evidence supporting the use of these elements in personal names; we ask the assistance of the College in closing this gap.

Notes:

This name must be returned for violation of SENA PN1B2b, which requires that name phrases constructed from attested period name elements must have documentation provided to demonstrate that the name phrase follows a period pattern. We generally require at least three examples to consider something a pattern, as sometimes a single name phrase can create the appearance of a pattern that does not actually exist. As the documentation for this name demonstrates only that these elements were in use in the proto-Germanic language, but not specifically as name elements in personal names, we must return this item.

Kingdom commenters provided some resources that may be of interest to the submitter in their further work on this name:

- *Lexikon över urnordiska personnamn*
(<https://www.isof.se/download/18.7854edc917c1170935619ca3/1633884603245/urnordiska-personnamn.pdf>)
 - Robert Nedoma, "Germanic personal names before AD 1000 and their elements referring to birds of prey."
(https://www.academia.edu/37374573/Germanic_personal_names_before_AD_1000_and_their_elements_referring_to_birds_of_prej_With_an_emphasis_upon_the_runic_inscription_in_the_eastern_Swedish_Vallentuna_Rickeby_burial)
 - Robert Nedoma, "Germanic "bear" and Germanic personal names before c. AD 1000 with elements referring to "bear"
(https://www.academia.edu/108903120/Germanic_bear_and_Germanic_personal_names_before_c_AD_1000_with_elements_referring_to_bear_)
 - The documentation for Birittha Wf's alternate name *Hüüpiäinen Unnikki*
(<https://oscar.sca.org/index.php?action=145&id=120376>) - while this name is specifically Northern Proto-Finnic or Early Finnish, the documentation is an excellent example of how to document name elements from prior to written language.
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This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

In service to College and Kingdom, I remain,
Aněžka Liška z Kolína
Blue Tyger Herald