

June 2025

East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILol dated 05/12/2025

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 05/12/2025.

Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month:
Alys Ogress, Gunnvor Orle, Jeanne Marie Palimpsest, and Ryan Skunk

We also thank the attendees of the decision meeting:
Anéžka Pantheon, Eva Mosaic, Herveus Morsulus, Lillia Crampette, Mathghamhain Gadfly, and Tibor Parhelium

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1: Ádísá Knarrarbringa

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Device	Per bend gules and sable, a goat rampant to sinister with a bandaged hind leg argent	Forwarded



The submitter's previous device, *Azure, a goat rampant contourny with a bandaged hind leg argent*, was returned on the April 2025 EK LoD:

This device must be returned for conflict with:

The badge for House of the Goats registered to Perin de la Serena: *Azure, a goat clymant contourny and a chief argent*. There is only one distinct change for the addition of the chief; clymant and rampant are the same posture.

The device of Leif Magnússon: *Vert, a goat rampant to sinister argent*. There is only one distinct change for the tincture of the field.

In all cases, the bandage is considered an artistic detail and therefore does not count for difference.

The submitter believes this resolves the conflicts.

Notes:

This resubmission clears the above conflicts by adding a significant change for the per bend field vs the plain field, per SENA A5F1a.

2. Aureliana Laskarina

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Device	Argent, a magpie volant to sinister proper maintaining in its beak a ruby and in base a frond of three ferns eradicated vert	Forwarded



The submitter's previous device, *Argent, on an open book argent bound sable a sprig of three fronds of ferns and a ford proper*, was returned on the November 2024 EK LoD:

This device is returned for violation of SENA A3B2, which states: "Pairings of the same tincture are said to have no contrast, and are allowed only as artistic details". An open book takes its tincture from the pages within, not the binding color, as confirmed in recent precedent [Annaliese Schumacher, R-Atenveldt, 1/2024]. Both the pages of the open book and the field are white, therefore the book has no contrast with the field.

This submission is a complete redesign.

Notes:

There is a step from core practice for the use of a gemstone depicted in profile per SENA Appendix G1, but this is the only one.

3. Gareth Lockwood

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Device	Per bend azure and sable, a sun in splendor Or	Forwarded



The submitter's first submission, *Per bend sinister azure and sable, a sun in splendor and a hand in benediction Or*, was returned on the 03-2023 LoAR:

This device is returned for conflict with the device of Ulli Könngott, *Per bend sinister azure and sable, a mullet of six points and an increscent Or*. As a sun is not substantially different from a mullet this is not a substantial change to the type of each primary charge under SENA A5E2, so there is only a single DC for changing the type of both charges.

The submitter's first resubmission, *Per bend azure and sable, a sun in splendor and a hand in benediction Or*, was returned on the 12-2024 LoAR:

This device is returned for conflict with the device of Mariella di Mariano, Per bend azure and sable, in bend sinister two compass stars elongated to base bendwise Or. There is a single DC for changing the type of half the charge group from a compass star to a hand.

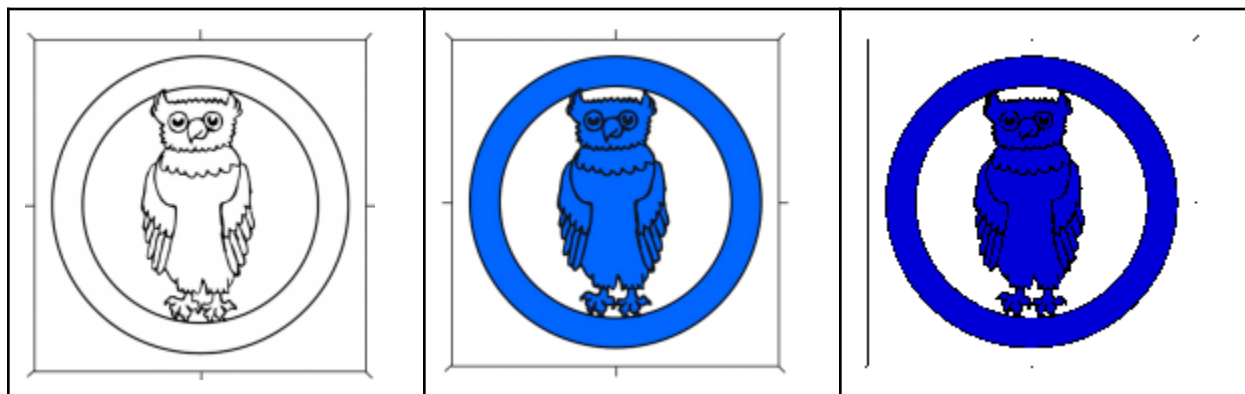
The submitter believes this clears all previous conflicts.

Notes:

This resubmission clears the above conflicts by adding a significant change for the count of the items from two to one as per SENA A5E3.

4. Gillian MacLachlan de Holrode

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	(Fieldless) An owl affronty within and conjoined to an annulet azure	Forwarded



This submission is to be associated with *Tachibana no Hiromasa*

Notes:

Kingdom believes this is clear of the badge of Nyilas Tiborch for House of the Blue Martlet: (Fieldless) A martlet within and conjoined to an annulet azure, with one change for fieldlessness and one change for the change in posture from close to affronty.

5. Gunnar penja

Action	Description	Decision
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New Name	Gunnar penja	Forwarded
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Submitter desires a masculine name.
Authenticity requested for 10th Century Irish/Viking.
Meaning (Gunnar Broadaxe) most important.

Gunnar is a masculine Old Danish and Old Swedish given name as found in Peterson, p. 90 s.n. Gunnarr

penja is an Old Norse byname as found in the Knytlinga saga dated to the 1250s in the name Pétr penja, section 115 <https://heimskringla.no/wiki/Knytlinga_saga>. In the Old Norwegian Dictionary by Johan Frizer <<https://old-norwegian-dictionary.vercel.app/word/thenja>>, it notes that <penja> means "to stretch, to stretch out, and compares it to Nynorsk <tenja> "run strongly, take long strides".

The submitter has requested authenticity for 10th Century Irish/Viking. We request the assistance of the College in meeting this request.

Notes:

6. Gunnar penja

Action	Description	Decision
New Device	Argent, on a mountain of three peaks sable enflamed gules two axes in saltire argent, a chief indented vert	Returned



Notes:

This device is returned for having a mountain issuant from base as the main charge with another item on it. Precedent states: "This device is returned for the use of a charged mountain issuant from base as a primary charge. By precedent: In the absence of new evidence of the pattern of charged mountains issuant from base as primary charges, it is still not registerable. [Juan Miguel Cezar, 03/2017, R-Æthelmearc]" [Zane Mountaine Gate ap Simonn, 04/2023, R-Ansteorra]

7. Maïke Schrijver

Action	Description	Decision
New Name Change	Maïke Schrijver	Forwarded

Old Item: *Marieta Charay*, to be retained as an alternate name.
Submitter desires a gender-neutral name.
No changes.

Maïke is a Dutch feminine given name dated to 1585 in WieWasWie, a genealogical site that provides links to the digitized primary sources at the Archief Amsterdam
<<https://archief.amsterdam/indexen/deeds/c7736eb8-a2ff-40e5-94e3-679b49b7caea>>, also see attached.
It is also found in FamilySearch dated to 1639: Maïke Christophers; 5 Oct 1639; Nederlands Hervormde Kerk, Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands; Batch: M90456-6
<<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FNX9-X84?lang=en>>

Schrijver is a Dutch surname meaning 'scrivener/writer' found in FamilySearch: Ester **Schrijver**; 20 Jan 1630; Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, Netherlands; Batch: C02837-5
<<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X16S-5WY?lang=en>>
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:6ZB3-PYBB?lang=en>

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8. Merlin Silber

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Merlin Silber	Forwarded

Submitter desires a gender-neutral name.

Language/Culture (Jewish, German) most important.
Meaning (Miriam or its derivatives) most important.
Spelling most important.

Merlin is a Judeo-German (Middle High German) given name dated to 1349 as found in "Memorbuch of Nuremberg, 1349" <<https://archive.org/details/memorbookofnurnb00loweiala>>, also attached.

Silber is a German byname found in Bahlow/Gentry dated to 1389.

The pattern given name + occupational byname is found in German and Vernacular Jewish, per SENA Appendix A

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9. Merlin Silber

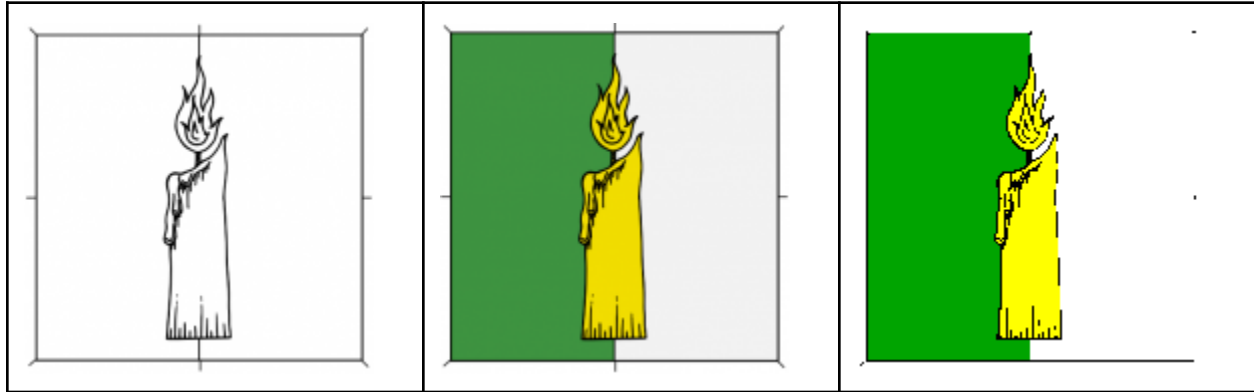
Action	Description	Decision
New Device	Argent, a vulture sable maintaining a wooden lute proper, and on a chief azure three lozenges argent	Forwarded



Notes:

10. Østgarðr, Crown Province of

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	Per pale vert and argent, a candle enflamed Or	Forwarded

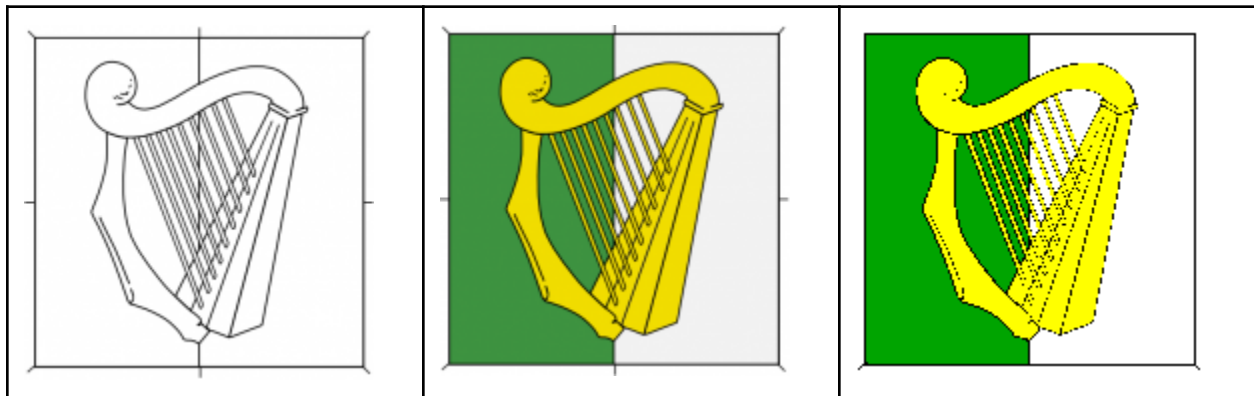


This submission is to be associated with *Arts and Sciences Champion of Østgarðr*

Notes:

11. Østgarðr, Crown Province of

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	Per pale vert and argent, a harp Or	Forwarded



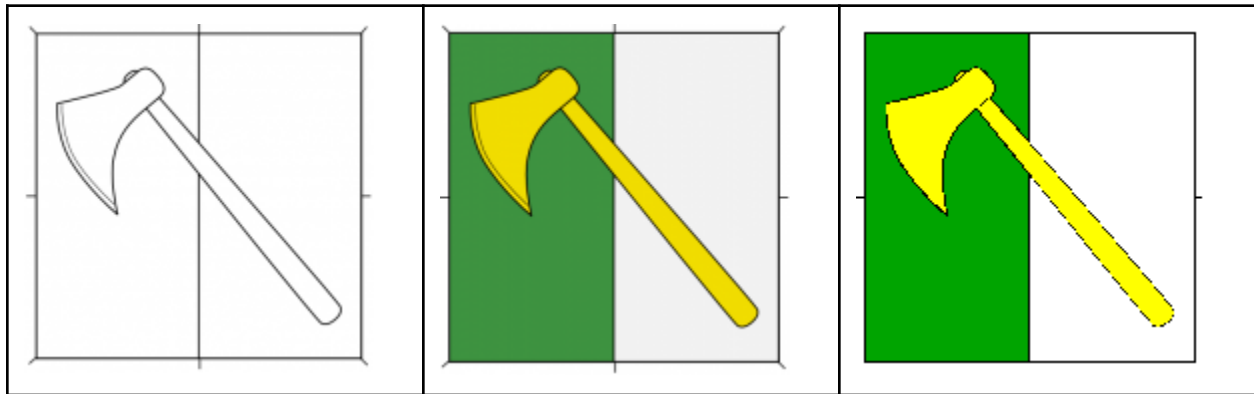
This submission is to be associated with *Bardic Champion of Østgarðr*

Notes:

Kingdom believes that this badge is clear of the device of Barak Raz: *Per pale sable and azure, a jews-harp Or*, with a distinct change for the tincture of the field and at least a distinct change between a jews-harp and a harp, as the two instruments look very different and both are charges found in period heraldry. In absence of known precedent on the matter, we forward this for consideration.

12. Østgarðr, Crown Province of

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	Per pale vert and argent, an axe bendwise Or	Forwarded



This submission is to be associated with *Thrown Weapons Champion of Østgarðr*

Notes:

13. Østgarðr, Crown Province of

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	Per pale vert and argent, two rapiers in saltire Or	Forwarded



This submission is to be associated with *Rapier Champion of Østgarðr*

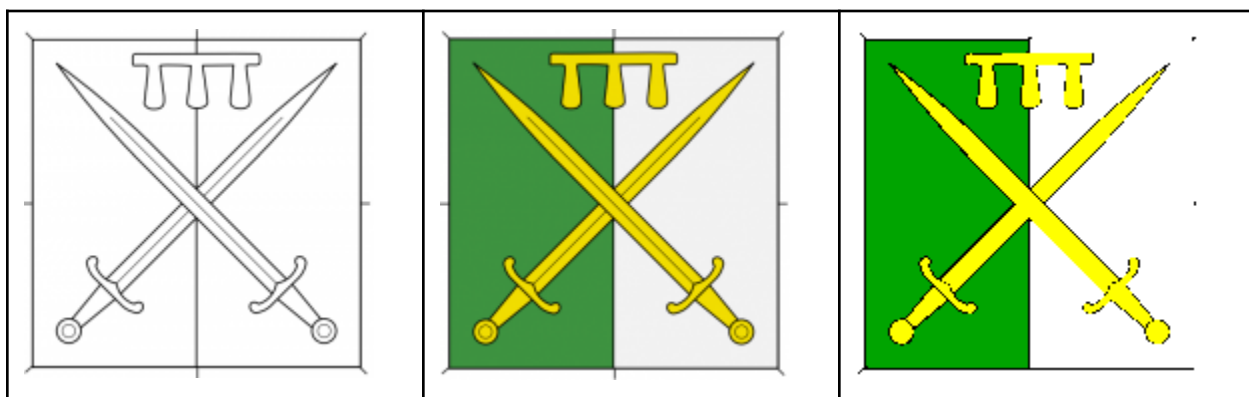
Notes:

This badge is clear of the badge for the Society Earl Marshal: *Sable, two swords in saltire Or*. Per SENA A5F1a, divided fields get a significant change from a plain field.

The badge submitted for Armored Champion of Østgarðr has no difference from the above badge as there is no difference granted between sword variations, of which a rapier is one and a generic “sword” another. However, per precedent, as long as there is a blazonable difference, a group can register two badges with no distinct differences; see [Ealdormere, Kingdom of, 09/2019, A-Ealdormere].

14. Østgarðr, Crown Province of

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	Per pale vert and argent, two swords in saltire and in chief a label Or	Forwarded



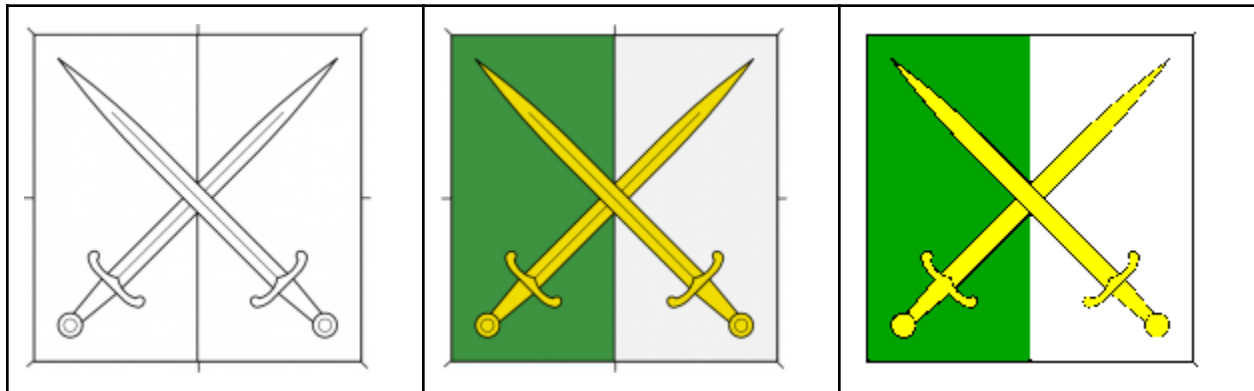
This submission is to be associated with *Youth Armored Champion of Østgarðr*

Notes:

This badge is clear of the badge for the Society Youth Combat Marshal: *Sable, two swords in saltire and in chief a label Or*. Per SENA A5F1a, divided fields get a significant change from a plain field.

15. Østgarðr, Crown Province of

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	Per pale vert and argent, two swords in saltire Or	Forwarded



This submission is to be associated with *Armored Champion of Østgarðr*

Notes:

This badge is clear of the badge for the Society Earl Marshal: *Sable, two swords in saltire Or*. Per SENA A5F1a, divided fields get a significant change from a plain field.

The badge submitted for Rapier Champion of Østgarðr has no difference from the above badge as there is no difference granted between sword variations, of which a rapier is one and a generic “sword” another. However, per precedent, as long as there is a blazonable difference, a group can register two badges with no distinct differences; see [Ealdormere, Kingdom of, 09/2019, A-Ealdormere].

16. Winifrid Chwith

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Winifrid Chwith	Forwarded

Submitter desires a feminine name.
Language/Culture (Anglo-Welsh) most important.
Meaning (left-handed) most important.

Winifrid is an Early Modern English feminine given name found in DMNES s.n. Winifred dated to 1581 in England

Chwith is a Welsh descriptive byname meaning left-handed found in "Names from Merioneth, 1453-1459" by Aryanhwyl merch Catmael

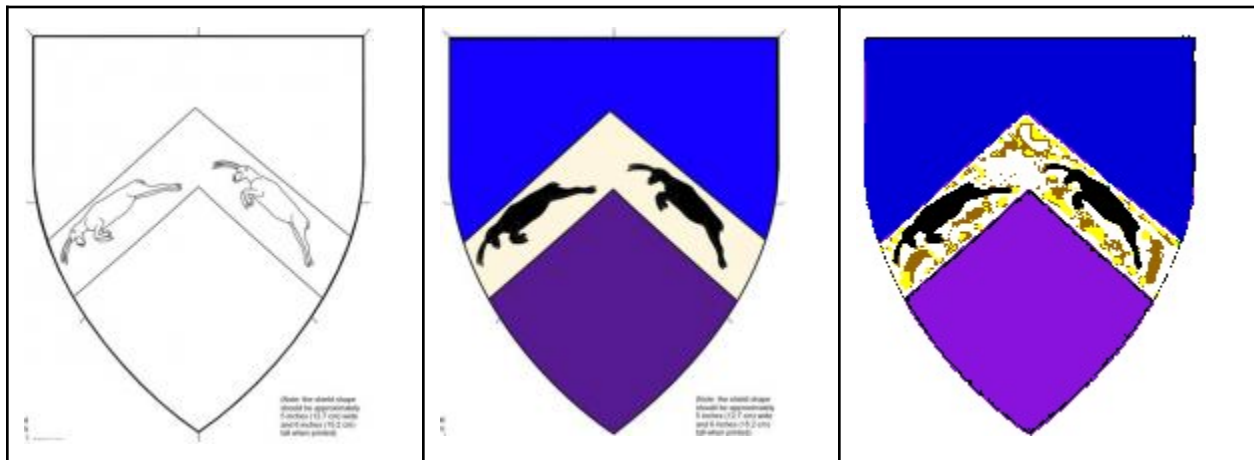
<<https://www.ellipsis.cs/~liana/names/welsh/merioneth-henryvi.html>>

Notes:

Pended Items

a: Maria Charries

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Device	Per chevron azure and purple, on a chevron argent two ibexes courant to dexter sable	Forwarded



The submitter's previous submission, *Per pale indented azure and purple, two ibexes rampant respectant, that in dexter inverted argent* was returned on the April 2018 LoAR:

This device is returned for violation of SENA A3D2c, which requires that "The charges within a charge group should be in either identical postures/orientations or an arrangement that includes posture/orientation." The dexter ibex is inverted, which must be explicitly blazoned separately from the sinister ibex. Also, longstanding precedent does not allow

inverted animate charges in SCA heraldry except when in a recognized arrangement such as in annulo. The submitter provided evidence of an ibex inverted in period manuscripts; however, none were in a heraldic context. Without such evidence the longstanding precedent does not allow inverted animate charges in SCA heraldry except when in a recognized arrangement such as in annulo is upheld.

The submitter's resubmission, *Per pale azure and purple, two ibexes courant in annulo argent*, was returned on the February 2020 LoAR:

This device is returned for lack of identifiability of the posture of the ibexes. In the September 2019 return of the badge of the Barony of Borealis, (Fieldless) Two wolves courant in annulo argent, it was ruled: "Submitted as courant, the wolves' postures have been bent into an annular shape, blurring the distinction between courant, statant, and passant. Precedent currently in force requires charges to be identifiable while in annulo, and this does not meet the metric. Upon resubmission, submitters should familiarize themselves with the August 2019 Cover Letter's updated ruling on charges oriented in annulo." We offer the current submitter the same advice.

The current submission places the ibexes on a chevron, both courant to dexter, following the angle of the chevron as done with the outermost passant lions on the arms of Thomas Wentworth, see attached.



Notes:

This device was Pended for Redraw on the May 2025 LoD in order to adjust the ibexes to a more period art style and include better internal detailing to improve identifiability. Osgyth Pallet has provided a re-rendering of the art and the submitter has approved the redraw.



This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

In service to College and Kingdom,
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