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East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILol dated 6/11/2025

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 6/11/2025.

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Beatrice Green Staff, Eva Mosaic, and Jeanne Marie Palimpsest

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

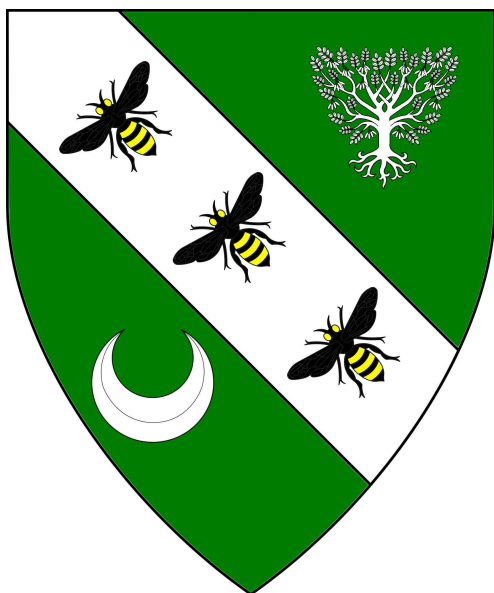
1: Alfarr Skegglauss

Action	Description	Decision
New Device	Vert, on a bend between a ash tree eradicated and a crescent argent, three bees sable marked Or	Forwarded



Notes:

The initially submitted art appeared to have black leaves on the tree, which would be a violation of SENA A3B4 as trees get their contrast color from the leaf tincture and therefore this would have low contrast with the green field. However, it was determined during commentary that the submitter intended for the whole tree to be white and that the initially submitted art did have white leaves but internal detailing, processing, and scale rendered them black. The digital copy of the original art was provided, but unfortunately this also suffered the same fate at smaller sizes due to the internal leaf detailing. Therefore, adjusted art was presented to the submitter that removed some of the internal detailing, and the submitter has approved the new art, allowing this to be forwarded.



2: Buckland Cross, Barony of

Action	Description	Decision
New Heraldic Title	Sable Massacre Pursuivant	Forwarded

The heraldic title element pattern: [heraldic tincture] + [charge] + Pursuivant is found in SENA Appendix E3 as well as "Heraldic Titles from the Middle Ages and Renaissance: Standard Forms by Origin and Country" by Juliana de Luna, under Heraldic Titles Derived from Heraldic Charges
<https://medievalscotland.org/jes/HeraldicTitlesSCA/heraldic_titles_by_type.shtml>

Sable is the heraldic color word for black, for use in non-personal names per SENA Appendix E5.

Massacre is a period heraldic charge term for a deer's rack of antlers as found in the PicDic: "The deer's full rack of antlers may be termed a "deer's attires", or a "massacre""

<<https://mistholme.com/dictionary/horn-animals/>>

A sable massacre is also the primary heraldic charge for a badge of the Barony of Buckland Cross:
Argent, a massacre within a bordure embattled sable

Notes:

Kingdom commentary brought up previous precedents around possible offensiveness with using the massacre charge as a non-personal name element. While only Society can make decisions on offensiveness, we note that current precedent does not disallow the use of color + massacre as a substantial element: "...The substantial element here, however is Silver Massacre, rather than "massacre" alone. As the addition of the color here is not one commonly associated with violence and slaughter, we hereby rule that this household name does not fall afoul of SENA NPN5B5." [Llewellyn Walsh, 02/2025, A-East]. Therefore, we forward this submission and raise this question for Pelican to decide.

3: Gwyn De Vere

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Device	Per bend purple and argent, an owl argent and a Celtic knot vert	Returned



The submitter's previous device submission, *Per bend purple and argent*, was returned on the EK April 2025 LoD:

This device must be returned for conflict with:

- The device of Idonea Lazenby: Per bend engrailed purpure and argent. One distinct change is granted for the complex line vs the plain per SENA A5G1c but that is the only one.
- The device of Agnes Ville: Per bend purpure and checky argent and purpure. There is one distinct change for the change of the argent section to checky argent and purpure per SENA A5G1a, but as these devices share a tincture on the other half of the field, there is no significant change per SENA A5F2 and no other distinct change is present.
- The badge of Cormac Mór: Per bend Or and argent. As with the previous, there is only one distinct change for half the tincture of the field and no other.
- The badge of Giovanna Luigia di Milano: Per bend purpure and gules. As with the previous, there is only one distinct change for half the tincture of the field and no other.

This submission has added primary charges, clearing the device of the above conflicts.

Notes:

This device must be returned for violation of SENA A2B5, which disallows the use of Celtic knotwork as a charge: ""Unregisterable Elements: Some items are generally unregistrable. Examples include...period artistic elements that are not found in armory, such as the Greek 'key' pattern or Celtic knotwork."

As well, this could be returned for violation of SENA A3D2a: "Slot Machine: There are some period examples in which a single charge group contains charges of more than one type. Therefore, we allow two types of charges in a single charge group....a charge group with more than two types of charges is not allowed." The circle surrounding the Celtic knot can be considered a separate charge, making it so there are three types of charges with the same weight and therefore in the same group: the owl, the knot, and the annulet.

The submitter may like to know that there are a multitude of knots that are found in period armory, and we recommend if this element is still wanted to evaluate if one of those will be sufficient.

4: Rose le Fey

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Rose le Fey	Forwarded

Submitter has no preference about the gender of the name.
The following changes are allowed: rose is most important
Meaning most important.

Rose is a English given name dated to 1332 as found in "Lay Subsidy Rolls of Lincolnshire, England" <<https://www.s-gabriel.org/names/mari/LincLSR/GivR5.html>>

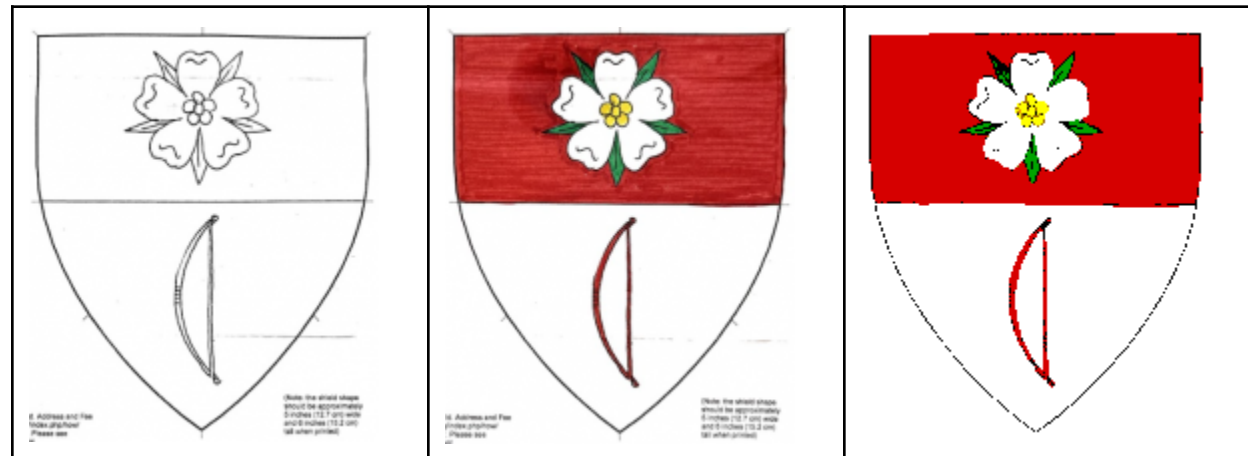
le Fey is an English byname taken from French, also dated to 1332 as found in Academy of Saint Gabriel Report 2815 <<https://www.panix.com/~gabriel/public-bin/showfinal.cgi?2815+0>>

Notes:

Kingdom commentary presented a possible conflict with *Rois O Faye*. As O is neither an article nor a preposition but *le* is, this may clear the name with a change of an entire syllable per SENA PN3C2, but there is currently no found precedent that clarifies if this applies in this type of case. Therefore, we forward this submission and raise this to Pelican's attention.

5: Rose le Fey

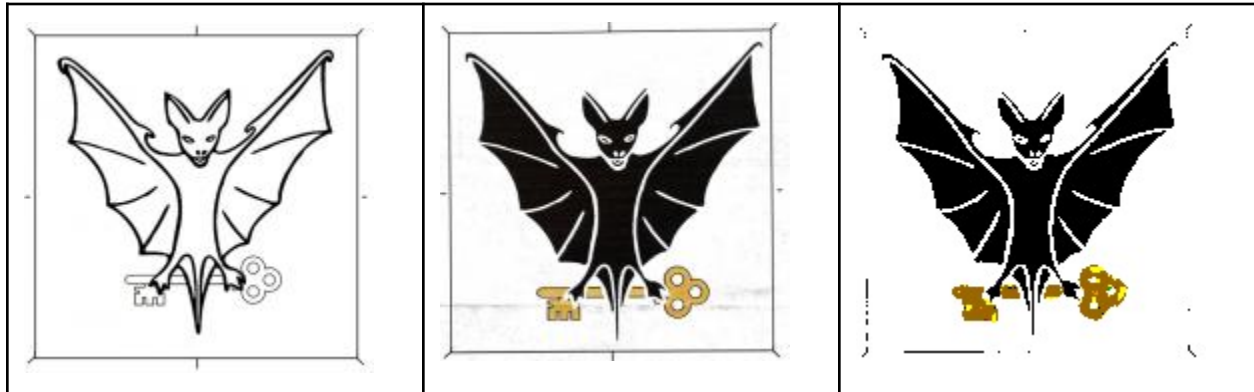
Action	Description	Decision
New Device	Per fess gules and argent, a rose argent barbed and seeded proper and a longbow palewise gules	Forwarded



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6: Sabina Coffyn

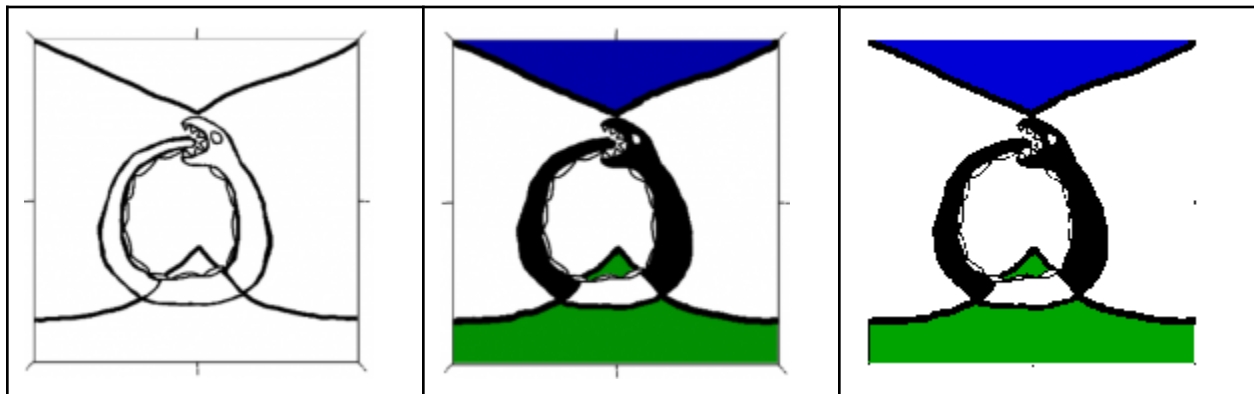
Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	(Fieldless) A bat displayed sable maintaining a key Or	Forwarded



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7. Thorstein of Quintavia

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	Argent, a chief triangular azure and a point pointed vert, overall a serpent in annulo vorant of it's tail	Returned



This submission is to be associated with *Company of the Black Wyrn*

The association name is currently on the May 30th East xLol

Notes:

This badge is returned for violation of a long standing precedent against having charges overlie a peripheral charge: “It was ruled some five years ago that flaunches should not be surmounted by charges (Wilhelm von Schlüssel, April, 1983) and we see no reason to reverse that ruling.” (Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, LoAR 23 April 1988, p. 16). Barring evidence that such was done in period, we see no reason to overturn this precedent.” [Andrés Miguel Rodríguez de la Rosa, 07/1999, R-Caid]. In this case, the snake is overlying the base, which is considered a peripheral charge.

This badge is also returned for violation of SENA A3F4: “Excessive Counterchanging: While counterchanging was common in period armory, it was used mainly with two or four part divisions of the field....Central ordinaries may be counterchanged over other simple ordinaries, as there are a few examples of patterns like *Argent, a pile sable, overall a chevron counterchanged* in late period England. Any other counterchanging of charges over other charges must similarly be attested to be registered.” The counterchanging of the snake over the base was not supported by period evidence, and as the snake is not an ordinary and the snake is not counterchanged over the field, it does not fit the allowed cases not needing attestation.

8: Violet Hughes

Action	Description	Decision
New Alternate Name	Nedjem-Anch sat ne Pamis	Forwarded

Submitter has no preference about the gender of the name.
Language/Culture (Egyptian) most important.

Nedjem-Anch is a feminine Egyptian given name as found in Trismegistos
<https://www.trismegistos.org/nam/detail.php?nam_id=13306>

Pamis is a masculine Egyptian given name as found in Trismegistos
<https://trismegistos.org/nam/detail.php?nam_id=7275>

The construction given name + sat ne + father's given name is found in "Names from Demotic Egyptian Sources" by Sneferu sa Djedi mewetif Merit
<<https://heraldry.sca.org/kwhss/2016/Egyptian%20Names%20from%20Demotic%20Sources%202nd%20edition%20draft%203.pdf>>

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This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

In service to College and Kingdom,
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