

Notice of Striking of Arms: Francois de Coucy

BY ORDER OF THE IMPERIAL CROWN

TO ALL AND SINGULAR as well Nobles and Gentles as others to whom these presents shall come, Sir Nigel Seymour, Knight Premier and Baron, alias Fleur-de-Lis Principal Herald and King of Arms of the Realm and Empire of Adria sendeth greeting in our Lord God everlasting.

WHEREAS anciently from the beginning the valiant and virtuous acts of worthy persons have ben commended to the world with sundry monuments and remembrances of their good deserts, Amongst the which the chiefest and most usual has been the bearing of signs in shields called Arms which are curdent demonstrations of prowess and valor, which order as it was most prudently devised in the beginning to show and find in the hearts of men to the imitation of virtue and nobleness, Even so hath the same been and yet is continually observed to the end that such as have done commendable service to their Prince or Country either in war or peace may both receive due honour in their lives and derive the same successively unto their posterity for ever.

AND LIKEWISE OBSERVED that those who have been found unworthy and unvirtuous may lose their Priviledge of Arms according to our Laws by having such Arms being Rebated or Struck, depending upon the severity of the unnobleness, and it is the unpleasant duty of this Office to make known said occurrences.

AND BEING REQUIRED of François de Coucy, of late Prince of Adria, Founding Viscount, and Grandmaster of the Dream, that Pursuant to the direction of Their Imperial Majesties, all armorial bearings borne by the said François de Coucy are hereby STRUCK.

WHEREUPON I have made search accordingly and do find that the armorial bearings assigned to the said François de Coucy are as follows: "Quarterly 1 and 4, gules, in bend sinister two fleurs-de-lis argent, and 2 and 3, argent, a Lyon de Coucy proper." with a badge as follows: "Quarterly 1 and 4, gules, a chevron inverted coupé argent and 2 and 3, argent, a Lyon de Coucy proper."

IN ADDITION, the charge known to the College of Arms as the "Lyon de Coucy", to wit, "A unicorn-headed lion rampant gules crowned or supporting a sword inverted gules" is hereby PROHIBITED from being registered in the Empire of Adria for its strong association with the aforesaid François de Coucy.

THEREFORE, the said François de Coucy, having had his armorial bearings struck, is hereby denied the right to register arms and assigns in the Empire of Adria and is also hereby ordered that he may not display any personal emblem of an heraldic nature henceforth.

THUS BEING DECIDED, this Rebation shall become effective on the first day of October, Anno Ludus xvj, being mmij in the Common Era, and shall remain in effect in perpetuity as prescribed by the sentence issued by the Imperial Crown.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Armorial bearings that are Struck may not be displayed by any person in any fashion. This includes Arms, Devices, and Badges, and all items upon which these bearings may be displayed, including tabards, banners, flags, belt favours, and other items. Be it also known that display of Stricken armorial bearings is a direct violation of Imperial Order and places the person displaying the Stricken armorial bearings, no matter who the owner of the bearings may be, in jeopardy of being subject to judicial proceedings for violation of the Imperial Order.

THE WHICH SEVERAL ARMS AND BADGES, and every part and parcel thereof I the said Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms by power and authority unto my Office do ratify and confirm that the said François de Coucy, his family, vassals, and associates, or any other person, may not display or use the abovenamed Armorial bearings in perpetuity or this sentence is rescinded by Imperial Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I the said Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms have set hereunto my hand and seal of Office this the first day of October Anno Ludus xvj, being Anno Domini xxij and in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady and Lord Meadb and Karl.

Nigellus Seimorus, Miles et Baro
alias Flos de Liz Rex Armorum Adricorum