



*Letter of
Registration & Return*

~ November 2008 ~

Unto the Ministers and Officers of the Imperial College of Arms, GREETINGS.

I would like to thank Their Imperial Majesties for their confidence in me, making me their Imperial Sovereign of Arms. I look forward to a successful tenure of Office.

It is with great honour that I announce the Warrants of Office for Imperial College of Arms. **Dame Claire Tønnesdtr**, has graciously offered and has been renewed to continue her service as the *Griffin Queen of Arms* (Western Adria).

Welcome to **Sir Vanyev Betzina**, who will be taking the office of *Belt Azure King of Arms*. During my time in Office, Belt Azure will be incorporating the Offices of *Codex Herald* (maintaining the Imperial Ordinary) and *Bezant Herald* (Education & Consulting).

Lord Sebastian Javier de la Cruz, who was my deputy and who had served the College as the Eastern Imperial Pursuivant, will now succeed me as the *Phoenix et. Dragon King of Arms* (Eastern Adria), as well as the *Mantle Herald* (maintaining the Imperial Armorial).

In addition, I would like to thank **Sir Dorn das Schwarz Brause**, for continuing his service to the College, as the *Tyger Herald* (Imperial Protocol Advisor).

All of my Imperial Deputies are available for consulting. Everyone's contact information is listed below.

All **MONTHLY REPORTS** are now going to be sent to me directly, (**due by the 5th of each month**). *Failure to file your monthly report, with your Imperial superior, could result in the lack of verification of your ministerial points, for your territorial ministry office.* [This statement is true for ALL Imperial Ministries.] No Monthly Report...No Verification of that Month's Points.

*** I request ALL territorial Ministers of Arms CONTACT ME, to introduce yourself. If you do not contact me, (by the time your first report is due [05 December 2008]), I will assume that your territory does not have a Minister of Arms. At that time, I will contact your Crown to confirm my assumptions. ***

I look forward to successfully working with you all & serving the Empire.

I pray that you fare well.

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~ Registered ~

Albion

Dragon Du Loc ESTATE - Device

Azure, a sea-serpent ondoyant winged erect and on a point-in-point Argent 3 crescents Azure.

Allistair CuChainn Halliday Badge

Or, a thistle Proper, in chief 2 wolves statant and respectant Gules.

Amelia Halliday Device

Per pale Purpure and Azure, on a v^êtu Argent, a butterfly Sable.

Gregor Pent von Schongau Device

Vairy Sable and Or, a bordure Potent.

Jean Louis Francois Henri Michel Marie de Valois Device

Azure, a cross fleury and on a bordure Or semi-de-fleur Sable.

Madison de Malo Device

Gules, a sea-goat Or.

Megan Galbraith of Blackmoor Device

Erminois, surmounted on a sword inverted Purpure, a heart Gules.

Quinlan Moriartu Device

Purpure, between a chevron dancetty Argent 2 lions combatant and guardant Or and dexter hand couped Argent.

****NOTE: This device was registered and documented in the May 2008 LoRR. I am unsure why the submitter has resubmitted their device.*

Santo Cesario Device

Sable, between a fess 3 owls 2 & 1 Argent.

Santo Cesario

Device

Per fess Gules and Argent, a laurel tree Or trunked Natural.

Gloucester

Gloucester (Canton Samarkand)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Argent and Or, a Ukrainian trident within a bordure Sable.

Blashie Vale o Daith

ESTATE - Device

Sable, goutte d'eau.

Vanyev Betzina

Device

Sable, upon a bend sinister Gules fimbriated Or, 3 crosses barbed palewise between two crosses barbed Argent.

Somerset

Juliana Christyne Fey

Device

Purpure, a unicorn head erased and on a chief Argent 3 compass stars Purpure.

Maniya Rana

Device

Argent, a chevron Purpure between 3 peacock feathers Vert eyed Or and Azure.

Maniya Rana

Badge

[Fieldless] A peacock feather Vert eyed Or and Azure.

Maniya Rana

Badge

[Fieldless] A peacock in its pride Proper.

Treise Caoifhlionn nic Giolla Phadraig

Badge

Argent, within a tressure wavy Azure, an otter erect Proper maintaining a shamrock Vert.

Terre Neuve

Terre Neuve, (Ministry of Justice)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Azure and Gules, a pale Argent, in bend sinister a gavel (hammer) inverted Or.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Acorn)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, an acorn Or.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Argent Acorn)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, an acorn slipped and leaved Argent.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Builders)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, a tent ensigned with a pennon flowing to dexter Argent.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Crown Companion)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, a belt buckled in annulo Or.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Eternal Bowman)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, a bowen's knot Argent.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Guardians of the Dream)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, a torch Argent flamed Proper.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Harp)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, a harp Or.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Lion)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, a lions head erased Or langued Gules.

Terre Neuve, (Royal Terre Neuvian Navy)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, in bend an anchor Or.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Oak Tree)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, an oak tree eradicated Or.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Olive Branch)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, in bend an olive branch fructed Or.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Pick and Shovel)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, in saltire a pick in bend and spade in bend sinister Argent.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Pied Piper)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, a pa- pipe Or.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Quill)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, in bend sinister a quill Argent.

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Talbot)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, a talbot (dog) head erased Argent langued Gules.

Akria Krastel

Device

Azure, a pelican in it's piety Argent distilling blood Gules.

Angus mcLean de mcDonnon

Badge

[FIELDLESS] An eagle head erased Or langued Gules.

Patric Beo mcLean

Badge

[FIELDLESS] A hawk's lure Argent capped and nowed Or.

York

Chateaux Argent Lion

ESTATE - Device

Per chevron Argent and Azure, semy-de-lis and a lion rampant Counterchanged.

~ Transferred ~

Cambridge

Magnus Hamerhand

Badge

[Fieldless] A square hammer Argent.

from: Tristan Winter

~ Returned ~

Albion

Allistair CuChainn Halliday

Device

Argent, between on a saltire Azure surmounted by a wolf's head coupé Or 4 thistles Proper.

~ **RETURNED:** Has a complexity of 10. [see below: Rule X.H.1 and 2: Complexity]

Draco Rivenoak

Device

Per bend Gules and Or, 2 dragons embowed biting their own tails Counterchanged, overall a bend wavy Pean.

~ **RETURNED:** [see comments & ruling]

***COMMENTS:**

This device was presented, as being registered in the SCA, hence it was intended matriculated in Adria.

After much research, I have concluded:

(1) The charge of a 'serpent (or snake) biting it's own tail' (actually blazoned as 'serpent involved') is able to be documented;

(2) Even though this device was registered in the SCA as 'dragon embowed biting their own tails,' (actually blazoned as 'dragon dormant in annulo'), a beast (other than a serpent or snake) in this position, is an heraldic invention of the SCA;

(3) The SCA differentiates serpents from dragons.

Sir Nigel, when he was the Imperial Sovereign of Arms, commented on the topic of "If it is registered in the SCA, it is registerable in Adria":

“SCA: 1. Registration in the SCA means that there's a good chance that registration in Adria will follow, this is not always the case. To tighten this rule-of-thumb: Registration by the SCA within the past two years means that there is a good chance that, barring conflict, it will be registerable in Adria. Our rules are different from the SCA's rules, even if some of our rules are based on the SCA's. We are gradually moving away from the SCA's style and working towards building our own. As we get further and further away from SCA-style heraldry, the less likely it is that a given piece of SCA-registered armory will be acceptable in Adria.”

RULING:

A dragon (or other beasts), (other than a serpent or snake or the like) in the position ‘in annulo’ cannot be registered in Adria.

Alhambra

Menagerie

ESTATE - Device

Vert, a dragon encircling her eggs Or.

~ **RETURNED:** Device not of a period style.

Gloucester

Denis Carey

Device

Argent, between 4 pheons points to center, a St. Andrew's cross barbed Sable.

~ **RETURNED for Redraw:** The “St. Andrew's cross barbed” is too thin. To pass, this device should be resubmitted with the proper width size for the cross.

Terre Neuve

Terre Neuve, (Archery Ministry)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Azure and Gules, a pale Argent, in bend a bow Or drawn and knocked Argent pointed and fletched Or.

~ **RETURNED:**

- (1) Half or more of the charge lies on a tincture of the similar type. [see below: Rule IV.G: Layering]
- (2) The bowstring (Argent) and arrow shaft (Argent) lie on a pale of the same tincture (Argent). If the diapered outline of the charge weren't present, there will be no discernable difference from the items of the charge and the pale it lies upon.

Terre Neuve, (Arts & Sciences Minister)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Azure and Gules, a pale Argent, an Arabian lamp Or enflamed Gules.

~ **RETURNED:** Half or more of the charge lies on a tincture of the similar type. [see below: Rule IV.G: Layering]

Terre Neuve, (Children's Ministry)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Azure and Gules, a pale Argent, a cinquefoil Or.

~ **RETURNED:** Half or more of the charge lies on a tincture of the similar type. [see below: Rule IV.G: Layering]

Terre Neuve, (Chronicler)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Azure and Gules, a pale Argent, an open book Or.

~ **RETURNED:** Half or more of the charge lies on a tincture of the similar type. [see below: Rule IV.G: Layering]

Terre Neuve, (Office of the Crown Marshal)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Azure and Gules, a pale Argent, an esquire's closed helmet Or.

~ **RETURNED:** Half or more of the charge lies on a tincture of the similar type. [see below: Rule IV.G: Layering]

Terre Neuve, (Field Herald)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Azure and Gules, a pale Argent, in saltire 2 trumpets Or.

~ **RETURNED:** Half or more of the charge lies on a tincture of the similar type. [see below: Rule IV.G: Layering]

Terre Neuve, (Hospitalar)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Azure and Gules, a pale Argent, a chest in three-quarter view Or.

~ **RETURNED:**

- (1) Half or more of the charge lies on a tincture of the similar type. [see below: Rule IV.G: Layering]
- (2) The ‘three-quarter view’ of the chest is not typical in period heraldry.

Terre Neuve, (Office of Joust & War)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Azure and Gules, a pale Argent, in saltire 2 swords Proper.

~ **RETURNED:**

- (1) Half or more of the charge lies on a tincture of the similar type. [see below: Rule IV.G: Layering]
- (2) The blades (Argent) lie on a pale of the same tincture (Argent). If the diapered outline of the charge weren’t present, there will be no discernable difference from the items of the charge and the pale it lies upon.

Terre Neuve, (Office of Physicks)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Azure and Gules, a pale Argent, a caduceus Or.

~ **RETURNED:** Half or more of the charge lies on a tincture of the similar type. [see below: Rule IV.G: Layering]

Terre Neuve, (Protocol Ministry)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Azure and Gules, a pale Argent, a fret Or.

~ **RETURNED:** Half or more of the charge lies on a tincture of the similar type. [see below: Rule IV.G: Layering]

Terre Neuve, (Web Minister)

ESTATE - Badge

Per pale Azure and Gules, a pale Argent, a spider (insect) Or.

~ **RETURNED:** Half or more of the charge lies on a tincture of the similar type. [see below: Rule IV.G: Layering]

Terre Neuve, (Order of the Guardians of the Heart)

ESTATE - Badge

Per fess embattled Azure and Gules, a pair of arms armed Argent maintaining a heart Gules flamed Or.

~ **RETURNED:** Has a complexity of 12. [see below: Rule X.H.1 and 2: Complexity]

Angelique Stratton

Device

Or, an arm maunched Purpure ermined Or maintaining in its hand Argent a heart Gules, overall a bordure Purpure ermined Or.

~ **RETURNED:** Has a complexity of 11. [see below: Rule X.H.1 and 2: Complexity]

Padraigh mcNeil

Device

Argent, a sea-dragon and a bordure Vert.

~ **RETURNED:** A 'sea-dragon' was first blazoned in the crest of Sir Jacob GERRARD, c.1662, some 60 years after our period. Although sea creatures are common in heraldry, even within our time period, we must pay attention to when, in heraldry, the first appeared.

***COMMENTS:**

The source I used for this determination is:

A Glossary of Terms Used in Heraldry, by Henry Gough, James Parker, published by J. Parker, 1894. I have a copy of this book in my personal library.

Harvard University digitized a copy of the original book, on Sep 6, 2007, (659 pages):

[<http://books.google.com/books?id=luMMAAAAYAAJ&printsec=titlepage#PPR11,M1>]

"Sea-Dragon" (page 297). The digitalized version of this book is available for download.

A website version of the book can be found at:

[<http://www.heraldsnet.org/saitou/parker/Jpglosss.htm>].

(Scroll down to "Sea-Horse" [then, go to the fifth paragraph, "Sea-Dragon"].)

Umbria

Shaun of the Forest

Device

Argent, semi of pine trees Proper, 2 bendlets Azure.

~ **RETURNED for Redraw:**

- (1) The blazon does not match the emblazon.
- (2) The emblazon is not blazonable.

House Blackarrow of Boyd

ESTATE - Badge

[FIELDLESS] A sheaf of 3 arrows inverted Or, fletched Vert.

~ **RETURNED:** The blazon of the badge submitted does not match the emblazon. The blazon that would closely resemble the emblazon, is “Per fess Or, in bend an arrow inverted Sable, and Argent, a sheaf of 3 arrows Or fletched Vert, between a fess Azure.”

***COMMENTS:**

- (a) The 2 devices (1) “*Or, in bend an arrow inverted Sable*” and (2) “*a sheaf of 3 arrows Or fletched Vert*” are marshaled per fess. Marshalling is not permitted in Adria heraldry;
- (b) The ‘*sheaf of 3 arrows Or*’ on an Argent field is a violation of the heraldry law of ‘Metal on Metal;’
- (c) The “*a fess Azure*” is considered ‘thin line ordinary.’

~ **Rules & Rulings** ~

Rule IV.G

G. LAYERING (“50% Rule”)

If at least half of a charge is lying on a tincture of the opposite type (example case = a color charge on top of a metal ordinary), then it is clear of the Rule of Tincture. These occurrences will be closely scrutinized.

Rule X.H.1 and 2

H. COMPLEXITY

All armory must be simple in design. Excessively complex armory will not be registered.

1. Complexity is determined by counting the number of types of charges in a device and adding the number of tinctures and divisions.
2. Armory with a complexity count of eight (8) or above may not be registered, a thorough review will be done by the Imperial Sovereign of Arms. Armory with a complexity count above six (6) is strongly discouraged.

NEW Ruling:

A dragon (or other beasts), (other than a serpent or snake or the like) in the position ‘in annulo’ cannot be registered in Adria.