



*Letter of
Registration & Return*

~ February 2009 ~

Unto all who read these words, Greetings.

As Spring fast approaches...as days are getting longer...as the mud thaws, we start to come out from our hibernations. It is during these times when we look back at those things that at we have done and what we failed to do.

With the light that the new season brings, you'll notice that this Letter contains several Arms that, although having already been Registered, have been reblazoned, showing their original intentions.

Spring perpetuates and sustains life. The College of Arms maintains several databases, including the Imperial Ordinary and the Imperial Armorials, which strengthens our knowledge and preserves our history.

The Pictorial Armorial, that the Crest Imperial Herald maintains, was conceived and created by more than an individual, but by an ensemble of the whole. I wish for you to acknowledge the efforts put forth by Dame Claire, Don Sebastián, Sir l'Beté, Sir Dorn and others within & outside the College. It started last year as a project and is now an integral resource, used by all heralds and populace, alike. The Pictorial Armorial can be found at [<http://picasaweb.google.com/AdrianEmpireCoA>].

With the season of renewal, I reaffirm my thanks and commend all who make the College of Arms a Ministry that is revered within the Empire.

With the publication of this Letter, which I submit to you, I pray that your Winter was soft, gentle & kind and that you always fare well.

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Sovrano d'Armi Imperialé

Fleur-de-lys King of Arms

Flaming Herald Extraordinary

~ Registered ~

Albion

Cait Murphy

DEVICE

Purpure, a mermaid Argent maintaining with both hands and peering through a chaplet Or flowered Vert, in chief three stars Argent.

Church of Adria

Terra Neuve, See of

Device

Per pale Azure and Gules, a fleur-de-lis Argent.

Isle de Mort

Pavo Rosalia

BADGE

Sable, a crown enhanced and sustained by two lions combatant within a bordure embattled Or.

*NOTE: Submission is in conflict with Badges of Sir Coda. A 'Letter of Permission to Conflict' has been supplied by Sir Coda de Drachesohn von Rammstein.

~ *Reconsidered on Appeal* ~

• NONE •

~ *Reblazoned* ~

Umbria

Serene, Guardian of the Circle of Power

DEVICE

Sable, in pale three hand lamps flammant Or.

*NOTE: The original submission, (which was intended to be included in the March 2004 LoRR: “*Sable, three hand lamps flammant Or*”) never made it to publication, due to the untimely death of Sir Nigel. He did include it into the Imperial Ordinary. With the publication of this LoRR, I correct the oversight.

York

Polonius Fiend

DEVICE

Sable, a Bourchier knot and on a chief argent three roses Gules barbed and seeded Proper.

NOTES:

- (1) The original blazon, “*Sable, a bown knot and on a chief Argent three roses Proper*” (which was registered July 2005 LoRR), has been reblazoned at the request of the owner.
- (2) I declare that the term “Proper” can now be applied to roses ‘barbed Vert, seeded Or’ (hence ‘a rose Gules barbed & seeded Proper’).

Rosa Fiend

DEVICE

Purple, a Latin cross Or surmounted at honour point by a rose Gules barbed and seeded Proper.

*NOTE: The original blazon, “*Purple, on a cross Or a rose Gules*” (which was registered July 2005 LoRR), has been reblazoned at the request of the owner. The reblazon dramatically changes the look of Arms, especially for the checking of conflicts.

~ Transferred ~

• NONE •

~ Released ~

• NONE •

~ Returned ~

Albion

Master Builders Guild

DEVICE

Azure, a chevron and in base an elephant Or and castle Argent.

*NOTE: The chevron depicted is shown touching the top of the shield. A ‘chevron enhanced’ would show the ordinary is in a (slightly) higher than its usual position.

Thomas Draggarc

DEVICE

(Locally Proposed Blazon): *Azure, a chevron Or, in base a hippogriff Or, in dexter chief an axe and hammer crosses proper, in sinister chief axe and hammer crosses proper.*

*NOTES:

- (1) The chevron depicted is shown touching the top of the shield. A ‘chevron enhanced’ would show the ordinary is in a (slightly) higher than its usual position;
- (2) A combination of two different charges ‘in saltire’ as a grouped secondary charge, is not permitted in Adrian Heraldry;
- (3) ‘Proper’ is improperly applied in the blazon “...axe and hammer crosses proper” and does not tell of the tincture(s) of the axe nor the hammer.
- (4) Of the 12 different types of ‘hammers’ depicted in period heraldry, the hammer emblazoned does not look like any, hence a correct type of hammer cannot be blazoned.

Jocelyne Anne Marie della Fouche Alyson

DEVICE

(Locally Proposed Blazon): *Sable, a lion rampant Argent, in chief a hand dexter apaumé Argent, in base a chevron Argent surmounted bt three trefoils Sable.*

*NOTES:

- (1) The showing of three (or more) types of charges is considered “Slot Machine Heraldry” and is against the Adrian Heraldic Laws, as described in the Heraldry Manual (2008), §2.X.d.
- (2) The chevron depicted is shown starting at fess and touching the bottom of the shield. A ‘chevron abased’ would show the ordinary is in a (slightly) lower than its usual position.
- (3) The ‘trefoils’ on the chevron are only in the base part of the chevron and not dispersed evenly on the chevron.

Alhambra

Griffin Ulfravn

DEVICE

[Fieldless] a raven Sable.

BADGE

Per chevron rayonné Argent and Gules, a raven Sable.

*NOTE: The emblazon shows a ‘black bird displayed without legs.’ The blazon indicates “a raven displayed Sable.” The only bird depicted without legs (in period) is (1) an “alerion” being ‘an eagle without legs and without a beak’ and (2) a “marlet” being ‘a swallow with tufts of feathers as the legs, but without feet.’

If I were to venture a blazon on this ‘bird,’ I would not have thought it as a ‘raven’ as a raven is by default depicted as perched. The closest depiction of a bird would be that of an ‘alerion’ since it has no legs, but since it has a beak I cannot label this bird as an alerion. Because of my inability to blazon this bird properly, I have no alternative but to return this submission.

I would have no problem reconsidering this device again, if it were resubmitted. I would suggest that the picture of the bird be shown $\frac{1}{4}$ smaller.

~ Rules & Rulings ~

I.

TOPIC: “Proper: Barbed and Seeded”

I declare that the term “*Proper*” can now be applied to (the parts of a rose) ‘barbed Vert, seeded Or’ (hence ‘a rose Gules barbed & seeded Proper’), but the tincture of the ‘rose petals’ still needs to be blazoned.

Rifinito.