

Letter of Registration and Return

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Unto the populace of Adria does the College of Arms send greetings!

Are you ready? Is your subdivision putting forward the best display possible? Heraldry is what those mundanes see first and it sticks in their imagination. Our heraldic display gets people to draw near and ask “When are we going to be doing some fighting?”

Yes, the romance of steel combat is a major draw for mundanes and it is what they want to see at demo, tournament and fair, but they are irresistibly drawn to those brilliantly colored flags and banners and they remember them long after the crash of combat has faded.

Which subdivision can put on the best, brightest and most historically accurate heraldic display at Banner War 2010?

Announcing an heraldic competition between the subdivisions.

Subdivisions of like size will compete against each other and the winners will be announced at Imperial War(s) 2010.

Here’s how it will work:

Each subdivisional encampment will be judged on heraldic display at each location of Banner war 2010. The armigers of each subdivision are encouraged to participate in this competition in support of their land and crown.

During the weekend of Banner War(s) 2010 (on Sunday) the site autocrat (or their designate) shall take pictures of each encampment and participating armigers. After war, the images will be sent to the panel of judges. Judging will be offered by Their Imperial Majesties and The Kings of Arms of the Adrian College of Heraldry.

Winning subdivisions shall be announced at closing court of Imperial War(s) 2010.

We hope that this competition will stimulate growth throughout the empire and will inspire everyone to display their arms at each event.

In Service,



Sir Coda der Sohn des Drachen Viggo von Seiken Lord Rammstein

Wappenkönig von Adria

Protected

York

Simpson, Robert

Personal Device; Aka Sir Gavin McAllister

“Per bend Sable and Or, a lion rampant Counterchanged langued Gules.”

The Estates of York have elevated the Arms of Sir Gavin McAllister into the roll of Worthies.

Matriculation and Transfer

Tyr-Lynn

Tyr-Lynn, Estate of

From: Estate Device; Alhambra - Estate of (Dragons Fire – non-voting Estate, Canton of)

To: Estate Badge; Tyr-Lynn - Estate of

“Or flaunched Gules.”

York

Stone, Walter

From: Estate Flag; York - Estate of (Castille de San Miguel – Estate minor, House of)

To: Personal Device; Benito Cabrillo de la Mar

“Argent, a saltire raguly Gules and on a chief Vert three towers Argent.”

Returned

Cyprus

Ross, Alexandra Lentine

Personal Device; Aka Alexandria Rosalia

“Vert, a wheel Or surmounted by a rose Purpure charged with a rose Argent.”

Reason(s) for return:

Conflict. Icd only.

Personal Badge; Al Sayyida Al Farisa Nisha (Cyprus) “[Fieldless] a cartwheel Or.”

Conflict. Overall visual similarity.

Personal Badge; Sir Terrin Greyphis (Brandenburg) “Vert, a Bezzant.”

Recommendation:

Use the badge of Al Sayyida Al Farisa Nisha as a starting point and add a mark of cadence such as a label.

Cadencing was usually practiced for fathers to sons, but in Adria mother to daughter is just fine.

You could get a letter of permission to conflict from Sir Terrin if you wanted the green background.

Roanoke

Ballard, Christopher George

Personal Device; Aka Draco Darkfire

“Vert, two swords inverted in saltire surmounted by a third Or.”

Reason(s) for return:

Conflict. Overall visual similarity

Estate Badge; Adria – Empire of (Ministry of Archery) “Vert, a sheaf of arrows Or”

Recommendation:

This device is heraldically indistinct as compared to the imperial badge. You might try adding a border or an additional charge.

Umbria

Zachary, Michael A.

Personal Device; Aka Michael Sinestro

“Vert, a gloved sinister hand Argent.”

Reason(s) for return:

Conflict. Icd only

Personal Badge; Nosset, Denice Aka Katherine Marshal of London (Esperance)

“Azure, a dexter gauntlet raised in benediction Argent.”

Recommendation:

You could change the tincture of the hand to yellow to remove this particular conflict or get a letter of permission from HH Katherine.

New Registrations

Albion

Albion – Estate of

Estate Device; (Archery – Ministry of) – Rangemaster

“Argent, four serpents involved Gules.”

Smith, Gregory S.

Personal Device; Aka Gregor Pent von Shongau

“Or, a serpent nowed Sable.”

Castilles

Castilles – Estate of

Estate Device; (Sidhe – non-voting estate, Canton of)

“Azure, a hippogriff sergeant contourne and in canton a twin-towered castle Argent.”

Cyprus

Cyprus – Estate of

Estate Badge; (Cyprus – Estate of)

“Per fess Sable and Or, in fess a cross potent and a crescent Counterchanged.”

Estate Badge; (Cyprus – Estate of)

“Or, in pale a crown and a crescent Sable.”

Estate Badge; (Cyprus – Estate of)

“Sable, in pale a crown and a cross potent Or.”

Estate Badge; (Blackarrow of Boyd – Estate minor, House of)

“Azure, two arrows inverted in saltire surmounted by a hammer palewise Or.”

Laud, Zanna

Personal Device; Aka Alezannah Silfvernal

“Vert, two needles in saltire and in base a thimble Or.”

Laud, Larry

Personal Device; Aka Fredrick von Lanzenotter

“Argent, a cross potent throughout between four double-headed eagles Sable.”

Lukey, William C.

Personal Device; Aka Waldham van Torsvan

“Vert, a ‘Celtic’ cross pattée Or.”

Rockwell, Shaun

Personal Device; Aka Shaun of the Forrest

“Argent, a semy of pine trees Proper and over all two bendlets Azure.”

Agee-Ross, Jonathan

Personal Device; Aka Maji Bavol Ibin Rosalia

“Gules, a horse passant Argent.”

A conflict was noted for two devices:

Aleta O’Barry van Hansard (Esperance) “Gules, a cow statant Argent marked Sable.”

Toiresa McBride (York) “Gules, a stag at gaze within an orle Argent.”

*Although a technical conflict exists, under Section 3.XII.D.2 of the heraldry manual, the overall effect of this device is clearly different than either of the above items and it is therefore **allowable**.*

Esperance

Esperance – Estate of

Estate Flag; (Vasaria – Estate minor, Barony of)

“Sable, a Bezant surmounted by upon a mount issuant from sinister base a triple-towered castle Sable.”

Estate Badge; (Vasaria – Estate minor, Barony of)

“Sable, a Plate surmounted by upon a mount issuant from sinister base a triple-towered castle Sable.”

Wong, Brian

Personal Device; Aka Cagar cu Mara

“Per saltire Gules and Argent, a mullet of eight points, four greater and four lesser Counterchanged.”

Received on appeal after a return:

Conflict was noted for Arthur D’Artagnan (Kincora) “Per saltire Gules and Argent, a pegasus Counterchanged.”

Conflict was noted for (de Winter– Estate minor, House of / Castilles) “Per saltire Azure and Argent, a mullet of eight points Counterchanged.”

*Although a technical conflict exists, under Section 3.XII.D.2 of the heraldry manual, the overall effect of this device is clearly different than the above items and is therefore **allowable**.*

A winged horse cannot be confused with a mullet. Azure cannot be confused with Gules.

Tyr-Lynn

Tyr-Lynn – Estate of

Estate Flag; (Tyr-Lynn – Estate minor, Shire of)

“Or, a sheaf of eleven spears Sable braced of a crown Argent between flaunches Gules”

Housley, Dennis

Personal Badge; Aka Marcus Carey

“Argent, a pheon Sable.”

Umbria

Gibbons, Mathew

Personal Device; Aka Gaetano Anatolii

“Argent semy of spiders tergiant Azure, a sinister hand Sable within a border rayonné Gules.”

Rulings

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE HERALDRY MANUAL (2008):

New Policy issued by BeltAzure King of Arms:

It has become apparent that there is no need for a Black & White line drawing in the presentation process. Therefore it is the position of this office that a black and white line drawing will no longer be required.

The presenter shall supply a number of colored copies as required by the local MoA, with a minimum of three (3). The Local MoA shall process the proposal and if no disqualification is noted, keep one copy for local records and send two copies to the Regional Deputy Imperial Sovereign of Arms.

The RDISoA shall process the proposal and if no disqualification is noted, keep one copy for RDISoA records send the remaining copy to the ISoA for final processing.

See the section on “Policy and Procedure” below for the complete text as included in the Heraldry Manual.

Policy and Procedure

The Grant of Arms Proposal Form has been updated.

After several requests and complaints that the area on the proposal forms for blazons was too small, the forms have been updated with double the area for blazons. The form was also offset to the right by ½” to allow the use of three ring binders for filing without cutting into the text of the document. It is still recommended that plastic sheet covers be used to protect the paper when filing.

Please start using the new form immediately. The old form will sunset on February 15th, 2010. The new form was published mid-December 2009. The sixty day sunset period will allow for proposals that are in process and for those heralds who have printed up a stack of the old forms to use and distribute. **After February 15th, 2010 the old forms will not be accepted by heralds of the College of Arms. Proposals received on old forms will be returned unprocessed.**

The following has been modified in the heraldry manual. The requirement of a black and white line drawing has been removed. The reporting requirements describe current policy.

§1.I.G §1: Registration ~ I: The Registration Process ~ E: Local Level

E. LOCAL LEVEL (MoA)

1. Each presentation given to the local Minister of Arms must include the following:
 - a. At least three (3) full color copies. A black and white line drawing is not necessary.
 - b. Copies of all applicable documentation permanently attached to each color copy.
2. The local Minister of Arms shall keep at least one (1) color copy of the proposal form with applicable documentation permanently attached for local records.
 - a. Local Ministers of Arms may, at their own discretion, request additional copies of the completely filled out and signed proposal form and/or documentation from the presenter.
 - b. The “Local Blazon” line on the proposal form **MUST** be filled in by the local Minister of Arms or his or her designate.
 1. Forms presented without the “Local Blazon” included will be returned as an incomplete presentation and will not be processed.
3. Local Ministers of Arms shall check all presentations they receive and ensure that:
 - a. The form is **completely** filled out, signed and dated.
 1. Incomplete forms will not be processed. They will be returned.
 - b. The correct number of copies is being presented and that all applicable documentation is permanently attached to each copy.

- c. Only the pure colors listed elsewhere in this manual are used on the proposal form.
 - d. There are no obvious violations to the Rule of Tincture.
 - e. There are no obvious violations of the “Guidelines of Presentation”.
 - f. The presentation does not conflict with any locally registered arms.
4. Presentations may be returned by the local MoA to the presenter only for failing any of the requirements listed above.
5. Local Ministers of Arms are responsible for communicating with presenters during the registration process and to keep them updated on the status of each presentation they propose.
 - a. Local Ministers of Arms shall notify the presenter of the registration or return of their proposal.
 - b. Local Ministers of Arms shall notify the presenter of any suggestions made by the ISoA for making a returned proposal registerable.
 - c. Upon publication in a LoRR, update each hard-copy proposal form with the date and LoRR containing the registration.
6. The Ministers of Arms of Geographically Chartered Subdivisions and Imperial Cantons shall each send a “Letter of Report” to the Senior Imperial Deputy; BeltAzure Sovereign of Arms which is due by the fifteenth (15th) day of each month including:
 - a. A list of all presentations received by the local Ministry of Arms since last report. This report must contain the following:
 1. The results of the local conflict check for each proposal.
 2. The name of the Geographically Chartered Subdivision.
 3. The mundane name(s), persona(s), estate(s) or other type(s) of registrant(s) on each proposal form.
 4. A list of proposals returned to the presenter by the local Ministry of Arms since last report.
 5. A list of proposals sent to the Regional Imperial Deputy Sovereign of Arms since last report.
 6. A recounting of all heraldic discussion and activity for the prior period.

Worthies

With the recent passing of Sir Gavin McAllister and Dame Nest Llywelyn, this sad subject has come to the College of Arms again.

While these guidelines have been in place since 2006, they were never included in the manual.

The following is now included in the Manual of Heraldry.

I. Worthies of Adria; Method of Induction

When a member passes away, the estates of a local subdivision may declare that person a "Worthy" as inspired by the worthies of history. This declaration must be recorded in the minutes of a local estates meeting. Inclusion in the Rolls of the Worthies does not prevent an heraldic will from being processed for the arms of the deceased. Heraldic wills are described in Appendix B.

The following must be completed by a duly designated representative of the local Crown to include a member into the Rolls of the Worthies.

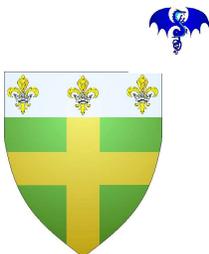
Method of recording the induction of a deceased member into the Local Roll of Worthies:

- A. A copy of the appropriate section of minutes from the estates meeting where the declaration took place must be signed and dated by the local Crown, Chancellor and the Minister of Arms.
- B. The representative of the subdivision must complete a "Letter of notification to protect" document for the local Crown and attach the signed document containing the declaration to it.
 1. The representative shall provide a copy of each document to the Crown and Chronicler of the subdivision for local publication.
 2. The representative shall send a copy of each document to the Imperial Chronicler for publication in the Imperial Newsletter.
 3. The representative shall send copy of each document to the ISoA for College of Arms records.

If the local Geographically Chartered Subdivision wishes the deceased to be included in the Imperial College of Arms Roll of Worthies, only one more step need be completed.

4. The representative of the local Crown must send a copy of the completed form and document directly to the ISoA with a note stating that the estates of the subdivision wish the member to be included in Imperial College of Arms Roll of Worthies. Upon receipt of this document, the ISoA shall acknowledge the induction. The main personal arms of the deceased shall be listed as a protected item in the Roll of Worthies. The elevation shall be published in the next LoRR and in the Imperial Sovereign of Arms report presented at the next scheduled meeting of the Imperial Estates General.

Yours in Service,



Sir Coda der Sohn des Drachen Viggo von Seiken

Wappenkönig von Adria

Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms

