



Letter of Registration and Return

November - 2009

Unto Their Imperial Majesties Jason and Shahara, attending ministers of arms and the populace of The Great and Sovereign Empire of Adria does Sir Coda der Sohn des Drachen, Fleur-de-lis King of Arms send greetings and salutations.

Thank you to Their Imperial Majesties Jason and Shahara for allowing me to once again serve the people of Adria.

The transition between administrations is in process and proceeding well. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank my predecessor Sir Francesco aka "Bish" for his service and congratulate him on a successful term as Imperial Sovereign of Arms. Its no small task.

Thank you to the previous cabinet of ministers of the College of Arms for their service during the past year.

Sir Francesco Gaetano Gréco d'Edessa (Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms)

Sir Vanyev (Beltazure King of Arms)

Sir Dorn (Tyger Herald)

Dame Claire (Griffin Queen of Arms)

Sir Sebastian (Phoenix et. Dragon King of Arms)

Sir Allistar (Codex Herald)

It is not always an easy thing to be a herald let alone an Imperial Minister of Arms in any capacity. Several of you have been asked to continue into this administration and your continued service is most appreciated.

Many thanks to Dame Claire for her service to the College of Arms over the past several years. Dame Claire came on board the first time I was asked to serve as ISoA and she has performed far above and beyond anything I had asked or expected of her. Dame Claire is taking a break from Adria for a while. She will be missed greatly.

Sincerely,



Sir Coda der Sohn des DrachenViggo von Seiken Lord Rammstein

Wappenkönig von Adria

And so to business...

I Sir Coda der Sohn des Drachen, Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms and Sovereign of Arms of The Adrian Empire do hereby issue the following declaration:

With the coronation of Their Imperial Majesties Jason and Shahara, I terminate all prior warrants of office within the Adrian College of Heraldry and hereby grant warrant of office to;

Sir Dorn das Schwarz Brause,

Deputy Imperial Sovereign of Arms – **Beltazure King of Arms**

Sir Robert Lord Jehan Alexandre Chrysostom Antoine Michel de St. Albain Annecy von Hapsburg de Medici,

Deputy Imperial Sovereign of Arms – **Tyger Herald**

Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau,

Imperial Herald – **Vox Coronis Herald**

Dame Giulianna Elizabeta Veronica Johanna de Messina,

Regional Imperial Deputy – **Griffin et. Centaur Queen of Arms**

Don Sebastian Javier de la Cruz,

Regional Imperial Deputy – **Phoenix King of Arms, Mantle Herald**

Sir Alfred of Clophill,

Regional Imperial Deputy – **Dragon King of Arms, Codex Herald**

For continuing and excellent service to the Adrian College of Heraldry and the populace of Adria I do hereby grant the permanent personal title “**Nowed Pursuivant Extraordinary**” to Sir Gregor Pent Graf von Schongau.

Returned

Albion

Albion – Estate of

Estate Device; (Greater Company de Mortis – Barony of)

“Quarterly Gules and Azure, a death’s head surmounting two chains and shacklebolts in saltire Argent.”

Reason(s) for return:

Conflict. Only 1cd. These two devices are heraldically indistinct at a distance.

Sean Patrick (Terre Neuve)

“Quarterly Gules and Azure, a mullet of eight points Argent.”

Recommendations:

You might put the charge in each quarter.

“Quarterly Gules and Azure, four death’s heads surmounting two chains and shacklebolts in saltire Argent.”

Or try adding a border.

“Quarterly Gules and Azure, a death’s head surmounting two chains and shacklebolts within a border Argent.”

Alhambra

Payne, Christopher C.

Personal Device; Aka: Cryspin MacMorgan

“[Tinctureless] a mullet within an annulet.”

Reason(s) for return:

- 1) Rules violation. Tinctureless arms are reserved for Royal and Imperial Crowns and the ministries that serve them. Individuals (even seated crowns) may not register tinctureless armory as a personal item.
- 2) Overall visual similarity to a disallowed item. (See “Pentacle” in the Adrian Manual of Heraldry.
- 3) Conflict with mundane heraldry of the U.S. Marshal’s office.

Esperance

Durham, Cynthia Alwyn

Personal Device; Aka: Alwyn the Relentless

“Vert, a semy of dandelions slipped and leaved Or a boromean knot of serpents Argent.”

Reason(s) for return:

- 1) Overall visual similarity with Paul, Sylvia M, Aka Sylvia Elizabeth Gustavson – Umbria *“Vert, a bowen knot bendwise Argent.”*

Casanova, Rudy

Personal Device; Aka: Rudolpho Casanova

“Quarterly Purpure and Or, two dragons passant tails nowed Counterchanged all within a border Argent semi-de-lis Vert.”

Reason(s) for return:

- 2) Complexity count of 9 is too high. Quarterly(1) Purpure(1) and Or(1), two dragons passant tails nowed(1) Counterchanged(1) all within a border(1) Argent(1) semi-de-lis(1) Vert(1)

Released

Alhambra

Alhambra – Estate of

Estate Flag;

“Per pale Vert and Or, a fleur-de-lis within a bordure embattled Counterchanged.”

Estate Flag; (Duchess’ Presence banner)

“Per bend Gules and Sable, a lion passant Argent crowned Or.”

Estate Flag; (Ducal Presence banner)

“Per bend Gules and Sable, a lion passant contourny Or crowned Argent.”

Estate Badge;

“Or, a fess Vert”

Estate Badge; (Ministry of Combat)

“Sable, a lion’s face and a chief embattled Argent.”

Estate Badge; (Ministry of Arms) Three Crowns Sovereign of Arms

“Per pale Vert and Or, three crowns Counterchanged.”

Estate Badge; (Ministry of Arts and Sciences)

“Azure, a lion’s face and a chief embattled Argent.”

Estate Badge; (Ministry of Archery)

“Vert, two arrows in saltire inverted Argent.”

Estate Badge; (Ministry of Archery)

“Vert, a lion’s face and a chief embattled Or.”

Estate Device; (Canton of Thatuna)

“Per chevron Azure and Vert, two axes Argent and a garb Or.”

Estate Badge; (Canton of Thatuna)

“Per pale Azure and Vert, a cross and in canton an axe Argent.”

Estate Badge; (Legion – Royal Order of)

“Per pale Argent and gules, two dragons combatant Counterchanged.”

Estate Badge; (herbal guild)

“Argent, a cross bottony between four trefoils Vert.”

Estate Badge; (equestrian guild)

“Per pale Argent and Sable, two horses combatant Counterchanged.”

Estate Badge; (autocrat)

“Or, a chevron Gules between three Pellets.”

Estate Badge; (sheriff)

“Sable, a mace Argent.”

Estate Badge; (sword oath token)

“[Tinctureless] A sword inverted.”

Estate Badge; (archery oath token)

“[Tinctureless] Two arrows in saltire inverted.”

Esperance

Esperance – Estate of

Estate Badge; (Ministry of Arms), Embattled Lion Deputy Minister of arms

“Purpure, a lion crowned Or within a bordure embattled Or.”

Eytel, Giada Marie

Personal Device; Aka: Cinderella von Rammstein

“Per pale Gules and Argent, two unicorn heads erased respectant Counterchanged.”

Gloucester

Redwine, Robert

Personal Device; Aka: Dabhaidh Bowmount

“Per pale Sable and Vert, a goat rampant Argent.”

Protected

(The historic armory of Estate and Crown)

Alhambra

Alhambra – Estate of

Historic Flag; Alhambra – Duchy of

“Per pale Vert and Or, a fleur-de-lis within a bordure embattled Counterchanged.”

Matriculation and Transfer

Esperance

Esperance – Estate of

From: Estate Device; (Ministry of Arms), Embattled Hope Sovereign of Arms

To: Estate Badge;

“Purpure, three fleurs-de-lis within a border embattled Or.”

R. William Eytel

Aka Sir Coda der Sohn des Drachen Viggo von Seiken Lord Rammstein

From: Personal Badge

To: Estate Badge; Esperance – Estate of (Ministry of Arms), Embattled Hope Sovereign of Arms

“Purpure, a crown enhanced and sustained by two lions combatant within a border embattled Or.”

New Registrations

Adria – Empire of

Imperium

Imperial Badge; Adrian Empire (Ministry of Archery)

“[Tinctureless] A sheaf of arrows.”

Imperial Badge; Adrian Empire (Ministry of Archery)

“[Fieldless] A sheaf of arrows Argent flighted Or.”

Imperial Badge; Adrian Empire (Ministry of Archery)

“Vert, a sheaf of arrows Or.”

Clear of Iain Griffin (Umbria) 2007

”Vert, a sheaf of arrows inverted between two batons sinister Or.”

“[Fieldless] A sheaf of arrows Or fletched Vert”

Imperial Badge; Adrian Empire (Ministry of Archery)

“Vert, two arrows in saltire Or.”

Imperial Badge; Adrian Empire (Ministry of Archery)

“Vert, two arrows in saltire Argent.”

Albion

Albion – Estate of

Estate Device; (Royal Orders and Awards), Courtesan’s Guild of Albion

“Purpure, a cock Or gorged of a collar Sable.”

Cesarino, Kathy

Personal Device; Aka: Cassandra Cesarino

“Per bend indented Purpure and Or, in sinister a comedy mask Argent.”

Alhambra

Alhambra – Estate of

Estate Device; (Dragon's fire – Canton of)

“Or flaunches Gules.”

Brunico

Brunico – Estate of

Estate Device; (Silk Road – House of)

“Per chevron Sable and Vert, in chief a mullet of eight points within a border Or.”

Smith, Jason

Personal Device; Aka: Aodhan MacGowan

“Per pale Argent and Azure, an anvil Sable.”

Hiemstra, Bethany

Personal Device; Aka: Sunnica Fairfax

“Per pale Azure and Gules, a pegasus passant Or.”

Hiemstra, Gwyneth

Personal Device; Aka: Beornia Freolic

“Per fess Gules and Purpure, a unicorn passant Or.”

Connacht

Meyer, Craig

Personal Device; Aka: Reyketill Silverhand

“Per bend sinister Gules and Vert, a gauntlet Argent debriused of a gutée d’Azure.”

Esperance

Esperance – Estate of

Estate Badge; (Ministry of Arms), Lion of Hope Deputy Minister of arms

“Purpure, a lion Or within a bordure embattled Or.”

Estate Device; (Blue – House of)

“Or, a chevron Sable and in base a double towered castle Azure.”

Coffman, Jeffrey

Personal Device; Aka: Kit the Blue

“Azure, a chevron between three scrolls Or and a camel statant Argent.”

McMahon, Alan R.

Personal Device; Aka: Allen Maclan McMahon

“Argent, three lions passant regardant Gules transfixed of a sword within an orle Sable and over all lying as if on a border a semy of trefoils Vert.”

Eytel, Giada Marie

Personal Device; Aka: Cinderella von Rammstein

“Per pale Argent and Purpure, two unicorn heads erased respectant Counterchanged.”

Henry, John B.

Personal Device; Aka: Henry Goodwynne

“Sable, a forked spearhead within a border Or.”

Rulings

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE HERALDRY MANUAL (2008):

§2.XIII.H §2: *Heraldic Design in the Adrian Empire ~ XIII: Restricted Charges ~ H: Non-Period Postures*

Striking:

Avians are sometimes found blazoned elsewhere as being in the “Striking” posture.

For example “Purpure, an eagle striking within a border Argent” (HIH Sir Stefan Belski - Brandenburg)

While this piece of armory is protected under the grandfather clause and is the protected heraldry of a past Crown of Adria it is of a non-period design.

“Striking” is a posture where the avian is depicted in profile with wings elevated and/or disclosed and the talons are outstretched as if to grab a prey item. This is a non-period heraldic posture and is disallowed in Adrian heraldry.

Blazons depicting an avian striking shall not be registered.

§2.V.A.5 §2: *Heraldic Design in the Adrian Empire ~ V: Partition Lines / Field Divisions ~ A: Dividing the Shield ~ 5: Special Field Divisions*

Chape, chape-ployé, chausse, chausse-ployé:

These field divisions are uncommon and are special in that **the non-field portion of this field division is never charged**. Only the field portion of this division may be charged. In the examples below, only the yellow sections may contain charges.

The Chapé and Chaussé are drawn with straight lines.

Or, a chapé Azure



Or a chaussé Azure



The Chape-ployé and Chausse-ployé are drawn with curved lines. The Chape-ployé reminds one of a theater curtain opening or closing and the Chausse-ployé looks a bit like a golf tee.

Or, chapé-ployé Azure



Or chaussé-ployé Azure



Policy and Procedure

In the last LoRR of Sir Francesco several rulings were handed down. These rulings and additional information will be inserted into the Heraldry Manual which will be re-released as an update.

Ministerial duties;

(1) Effective immediately all ministers of arms **MUST** enter a blazon which describes the corresponding emblazon on each proposal form they process. If there is no local or regional blazon entered, the College of Arms will return the proposal form as being incompletely filled out. This policy has been in place for some time but has not been enforced. It shall be enforced from now on.

(2) I have been asked to initially focus on education and to that end I would like the minister of arms of each subdivision (if you are a minister of arms for a subdivision and process the proposals for grants of arms, this means you) to begin the process for each proposal with a documented local conflict check and appraisal. This is to be done for each item in your packets of proposals.

The results are to be included in your monthly report to Beltazure.

Doing conflict checks and reporting them will help you get a taste of what goes on at the Imperial level and help you educate your populace on why things sometimes seem to take forever.

Once again; after your local conflict check has been done, make a note of the result(s) and include the notes in your monthly report to Beltazure.

Monthly reports should include whatever heraldic activity took place in your subdivision that month even it is just answering a question or two. The “No Activity this month” report is no longer acceptable. The second most visible element of Adria to the mundane world is our heraldic display. Get active with it and include the activity in your report.

Remember:

Reports go to Beltazure.

Proposals go to your Regional Imperial Deputy.

What is protected armory and what is not

Some heraldic estate devices are and should be protected for historical purposes.

Protected:

The main past and present arms of a Duchy, Archduchy, Kingdom and Adria.

The main personal arms of each past and present Crown of a Duchy, Archduchy, Kingdom and Adria. Only the personal arms registered to a crown during their coronation are so protected. For example if a member bears "Azure, a fleam Argent" during coronation but registers the new arms "Gules, a maunch Or" at a later date, only "Azure, a fleam Argent" is protected.

This protection extends even to personal heraldry that has been struck from the armorial of Adria. In every case, those personal arms which have been struck may only be displayed in abatement (upside down) when included on any document for any purpose.

The personal arms of Companions of The Imperial Order of the Fleur-de-Lis.

Unprotected:

Alternate or additional personal devices of a prior crown.

Badges

The arms of Houses, Baronies, Counties, Marches, Shires, Cantons, Regencies and sponsored or unincorporated Imperial lands.

"Presence" Banners

The Internal Matriculation of Arms;

On occasion (quite often actually) members move from one subdivision to another. Unfortunately, there had been no method which would easily allow heraldry to follow them.

A form letter entitled "Letter of Matriculation" is being made available and will be placed on the Adrian Empire Imperial website which will address this problem.

Note that the matriculation of arms from one subdivision to another will not affect a protected historical device. Registered arms may move, but the history will remain. This means that you may see arms registered to an individual living and playing in a certain subdivision and also see the same arms protected as an historic item in a different subdivision. You may even see the same arms protected in several different subdivisions where the armiger has been seated as a crown. This is to preserve the history of each subdivision and is not a mistake.

How to matriculate personal arms from one subdivision to another:

Your arms may follow you when you change subdivisions.

Letter of Matriculation documents must be completely filled out, signed and dated for each member that is relocating. One form may be used for all arms registered to an individual.

When a member changes subdivisions, a letter of matriculation must be completely filled out, dated and signed by both the member who is changing subdivisions and by the chancellor of the subdivision into which the member is moving. Once the letter of matriculation has been completely filled out, the member may choose to copy the form and send it to the parties listed below using registered "Snail-mail" or may scan the completed form and attach it to an email which is sent to the parties listed below.

One copy for the minister of arms of the prior subdivision so that the arms may be released there.

One copy for the minister of arms of the subdivision the member is entering.

One copy for the personal records of the member.

One copy for the College of Arms.

After receiving a letter of matriculation the ISoA will include newly matriculated arms in the next LoRR and cause the Ordinary and Roll of Arms to be updated.

How to matriculate non-personal arms from one subdivision to another;

1. The leader of the relocating estate must provide the steward of the new subdivision with a verifiable list of the mundane names of those members who are moving at the same time. The list must represent the majority of the estate and the leader or senior member of the armigerous entity that is moving must first comply with IEW B.25 before completing and signing the form for distribution. These mundane names are verified against the imperial database. One Letter of Matriculation may be used to transfer all arms of relocating members. Matriculation may not take place unless and until the names of the relocating members of the majority of the estate are displayed on the Imperial website as residing in the new subdivision.

The steward of the new subdivision must inform the crown, MoA and steward of the old subdivision via email(cc Imperium) or registered snail mail that the majority of the estate has indeed changed subdivisions. Leader of the estate and the chancellor of the new subdivision sign and date the Letter of Matriculation form.

The leader of the estate attaches the list of mundane names to the signed and dated form.

The leader provides copies of the signed and dated matriculation form and attachment either electronically or via registered snail mail to;

- a. The MoA of the old subdivision for release
- b. The MoA of the new subdivision for registration
- c. His/her personal records
- d. Each relocating member for their personal records
- d. The College of Arms

What if the minister of arms of the old subdivision won't release the arms?

If this happens, the leader of the estate may send documentation to the Imperial Chancellor and Sovereign of Arms. The chancellor is there to ensure that Imperial Estates Writ B.25 is adhered to by all estates. The Imperial Sovereign of Arms will publish the release in a LoRR which is an official publication of The Adrian Empire inc. If the local minister will still not remove the arms from the local armorial, the matter must be escalated to the judiciary.

What if someone from the old subdivision disputes the move and claims the arms?

This situation has already presented itself and the result was a change to the bylaws to handle it. IEW#B.25 states that estate arms belong to the estate and not to the person who registered them. If the majority of the estate relocates, the heraldry may be matriculated as described elsewhere in this document.

Can I display heraldry that is considered “Historical”?

Yes and no.

For the sake of argument, let's pretend you have personal arms registered as in the example above. “Azure, a fleam Argent”. We'll also assume that you are a knight. You contend for the crown of your kingdom and you are victorious. Congratulations, Your Royal Majesty.

You may continue to bear your personal arms on your shield, surcoat or whatever during your reign even though a Crown is generally expected to “Become” the subdivision they lead. Occasionally you will see a crown sign an email or other correspondence using nothing more than the name of Their subdivision. This is very period and correct.

Since the arms you bore during your coronation were “Azure, a fleam Argent” just before you adopted the arms of the kingdom, they are marked by the College of Arms as the historic arms of a Crown for your kingdom. They are still yours, but they are now a part of the history of your kingdom too.

If Your Royal Majesty's membership expires and you return to Adria at a later date, you would be able to petition the College of Arms for a reinstatement of arms ONLY if “Azure, a fleam Argent” were the arms you bore during your coronation AND when your membership expired.

You may NOT petition for a reinstatement of arms if they are a protected historic item and you bore other arms after they were protected. For example, if you registered “Gules, a maunch Or” and adopted those arms as your primary personal arms (the ones you put on a shield, surcoat or banner etc.) you would not be eligible to petition for the reinstatement of “Azure, a fleam Argent”.

Likewise, if you were to release “Azure, a fleam Argent” at any time either during or after your reign in favor of some other device such as “Gules, a maunch Or”, you would no longer be able to display “Azure, a fleam Argent” except as an historic item. When you release them they are no longer your arms. They belong to the history of your kingdom and are protected from release and from re-registration.

Can my estate re-register “Historical” arms?

Maybe.

For this argument, let us assume that you registered a piece of armory for the House of the Rising Sun in the Kingdom of Angria.

Lots of people like the way your house plays and it grows into a barony, county, march and eventually gets large enough to form a Duchy.

Once the new Duchy is recognized by the Imperium, the arms of the Duchy of the Rising Sun are a part of Adrian history and are protected by the College of Arms.

As often happens, things don't go quite as planned and there is dissention within the Duchy of the Rising Sun. You and ten other people decide to leave and form a subdivision of your own. You leave The Duchy of the Rising Sun and form an Imperial Shire with the blessing of the Imperial Crown.

Here is where you may experience a problem. Even though you were the registrant of the arms for the House of the Rising Sun, you do not own the arms. The estate owns the arms. This is described under IEW#B.25 which states that estate heraldry belongs to the estate. It doesn't matter that you were the person to sign the proposal form and got the arms registered in the first place. Estate arms belong to the estate and not to any single person. You and your new shire have no claim or rights to the arms of the Duchy of the Rising Sun. You must register new arms for your new Shire.

If the **majority of the populace of an estate relocates**, the arms may be matriculated as described above. This is the ONLY time an estate may re-register an historic piece of armory. Estate armory is a part of the

history of the previous subdivision and is protected, but it is also the current heraldry of the relocating majority of the estate which retains control.

For example; more people in the Archduchy of the Rising Sun get fed up with things and decide to move back into the Kingdom of Angria. If the Archduchy had a population of 70 people after the first eleven left, and 36 of those decided to move back into the Kingdom of Angria, they would have a legitimate claim on the arms of the Archduchy because they comprise the majority of the current population.

The College of Arms must matriculate the estate arms from the ailing Archduchy back into the Kingdom of Angria which would have already confirmed a new estate at the appropriate level. In this case, the County of the Rising Sun.

I know; that sucks for the 34 remaining members of the Archduchy, which is now nameless and way under numbers. The remaining members are faced with some big problems. They have to get their numbers up if they want to remain an Archduchy AND they have to come up with a new name and heraldry.

The Archduchy of the Rising Sun is but a memory fading into Adrian History, unless the County of the Rising Sun gets enough people to branch off from Angria again...

What if the estate changes its heraldry?

If the estate is of sufficient station to warrant the protection of its arms, those arms remain protected as historic heraldry even when the estate adopts new arms. Protected arms are not eligible for re-registration except as noted above.

What if the estate is defunct?

The heraldry of a defunct estate is protected as a part of Adrian History only if the estate was of sufficient station. In all other cases, the heraldry is released and you may register it for your purpose. If an estate of sufficient station is being "Re-established" the Imperial Crown may direct the College of Arms to reinstate protected armory. This will not erase the history of a subdivision, rather it resurrects it and makes it active once again.

Releasing non-personal armory;

On occasion armigerous entities cease to exist. This includes entities such as Estates which are declared defunct and Orders which go barren. At the local level, when a chancellor of a chartered subdivision publishes an article of dissolution for any given non-personal armigerous entity, a simple "Note to Release" sent by the chancellor to the local minister of arms is sufficient notice to cause a release. The local minister of arms shall include a copy of the note to release in his or her monthly report to their Regional Imperial Deputy. Once the ISoA receives notification from the Regional Imperial Deputy, the release will be included in the next LoRR. The single note to release shall encompass all devices (except those protected as historic armory) registered to any dissolved armigerous entity.

At the Imperial level, should a Domain be dissolved or declared defunct, a note from the Imperial Chancellor to the Imperial Sovereign of Arms is all that is required. Once received, the ISoA shall include the release in the next LoRR. The single note to release shall encompass all devices (except those protected as historical devices) registered to the dissolved Domain.

Sponsored Shires and Imperial Cantons

What is the title of our minister of arms office?

If sponsored by a Kingdom the office will carry the ministerial title of “Herald” regardless of any personal title the herald may hold.

If sponsored by an Archduchy the office will carry the ministerial title of “Pursuivant” regardless of any personal title the herald may hold.

In the case of an Imperial Canton, the office will carry the ministerial title of “pursuivant” regardless of any personal title the herald may hold.

In any case when using the title of office as part of a signature the minister of arms of these subdivisions shall also use their personal rank.

For example:

Shire sponsored by a Kingdom:

“In Service,

Herr Minister der Wappenkunde Gunter von Prosit, *Iron Pursuivant Extraordinary*

Herald of Heidelberg”

Shire sponsored by an Archduchy:

“In Service,

Paddy McBlazon MacDrunken Ma’Hootch, *pursuivant*

Pursuivant of Glenfiddich”

Imperial Canton:

“In Service,

Sir Sean O’Thumpemstick, *Sheleightly Herald*

pursuivant of the Canton of Emeraldia”

Administrative policy

The College of Arms shall process no proposals at the Imperial level during the months of October and November.

This is to allow time for the changeover between imperial administrations and to help ensure that no proposals get lost during transition.

Local ministers of arms shall continue to process and accept heraldic business during this time.

In no way does this policy mean that a minister of arms may skip their monthly reports during transition. This policy applies ONLY to the proposal checking and registration process, not to your reporting requirements.

Local ministers of arms, or the crown of a subdivision where there is no minister of arms, are required to file a monthly report by Adrian Bylaw. The structure of an heraldic report is described in the manual of heraldry.

Regarding the heraldry of real world organizations in history;

The College of Arms of Adria recognizes and protects the heraldic arms of

- (1) The Poor Knights of Christ and the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem (The Templars)
- (2) Knights Hospitallers of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem (The Hospitallers)
- (3) Order of Teutonic Knights of St. Mary's Hospital in Jerusalem
(der Deutsche Ritterorden or The Teutonic Order)

The College of Arms shall make no registrations regarding the arms of these organizations and places no claim whatsoever on their heraldic devices.

Since we re-create history but do not take on the actual personae of historic individuals nor claim to be actual members of the orders and organizations represented, we can display the heraldry of these organizations just like an actor would do while onstage. It's ok as long as we acknowledge the fact that we don't own the heraldry and do not profit by using it. By -NOT- registering their arms in The Adrian Empire inc. instead recognizing that they exist mundanely, we protect ourselves and pretty much guarantee our right to display them as an educational organization.

Yours in Service,



Sir Coda der Sohn des DrachenViggo von Seiken

Wappenkönig von Adria
Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms

