



Letter of Registration and Return JANUARY 2011

TO ALL AND SINGULAR as well Nobles and Gentles as others to whom these presents shall come, Sir L'Bet'e deAcmd,
Fleur-de-Lis Principal Herald and King of Arms of the Realm and Empire of Adria sendeth Greeting,

Though I have just received a good amount of proposals, I felt it unfair to hold off any longer the publishing of the LoRR. There is a lot of information to cover. I thank all my Deputies who have been worked pretty hard the past three months in order to make this all happen.
So Onwards~~

Sir L'Bet'e de Acmd
Fleur- de- Lis King of Arms

THE HERALDRY MANUAL

The Heraldry Manual has been updated. Originally the heraldry manual was updated to provide a better example of the material and information related. The consolidation of years of rulings and precedents along with pictorial examples were inserted to provide a more comprehensive education for the reader. Minus the addition of the section on Blazoning, 98 percent of the information was the same or added material directly from the writings of Sir Nigel. Unfortunately it seems this action has opened the door to allow individual ISOA's (including myself by this example) the precedent to change alter or amend the manual with little to no consideration of the members of the College or oversight of the need or correctness of the action. In my naivety I never imagined that the precedent I set would open the door for constant changes to the manual with every new ISOA. Where I had hoped to strengthen the college with education has in turn set the path for great weakness in its foundation which I can foresee in the future leading to the permissions granted to the college being revoked. If such has not already begun. I have studied the past three editions of the manual and have updated to this current version based on the following criteria.

1. That the primary purpose of the manual is to provide the rules and regulation for registration and design of heraldic arms for the empire.
2. That the structure of the college be defined and as such that the laws of the empire which govern the college be exactly relayed within its pages with out alteration, opinion or bias.
3. That no presumption be made to suggestively create laws of display which exceed the standard laws of the empire.

Excluding format adjustments, I will note the primary changes and the reason why in this LoRR.

In conclusion on this subject I shall call upon the College to impose at least a 2 year moratorium on the manual to begin in March 2011. Between now and then, most likely in early March, I shall call a conclave of the college to review this issue as well as others. An agenda will be published for this meeting and once announced I will accept submissions for consideration by the College.

THE ARMORIAL JANUARY 2011

It has been many years since an official Armorial of the Empire has been published. During these years chapters have risen and fallen, members have joined and left, they have also moved to various chapters other than the ones they were birthed in. As such, various locations in regards to personal arms may be incorrect. It is the local MoA or the registrant themselves who is responsible for informing the College. If anyone finds a mistake or issue please contact me at my

email address caderivi@aol.com. I will not respond to this type of information on the boards as it hinders my ability to track such instances.

NOTICE; OFFICIAL COMPLAINT OF OFFENSIVE ARMORY

Where as the Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall be the Chief Heraldic officer of the Empire and Whereas The Imperial Sovereign of Arms shall have the exclusive right to resolve conflict of armorial devices:

On the 7th of December a letter of Complaint was filed in reference to Arms displayed in the Terre Neuve Armorial located at <http://kingdomofterreneuve.org/members/armorial>

The Arms in reference are those of one Sir Badger Kelly McDonnon.

The Complaint being that the device is perceived to display the symbol of the Nazi SS.

Reference ruling;

Armory suggesting social or political movements or events that may be offensive to a particular ethnic, racial, or religious group will not be permitted. Swastikas, even though they are documentable as period charges, are not registerable due to their mundane association with the Nazi party.

This investigation is on going.

OFFICAL RULING

The image known as the Compass Star is a SCA invention, is not a period charge and is hereby disallowed for use in Adrian heraldry.

~~~REGISTERED ARMS~~~

ALBION

Ann Kemsley Albion Device
Argent, a bear rampant within a bordure gules.

Kathryn Kemsley Albion Device
Azure, a rose slipped and leaved within a bordure Or.

Winter Bane Albion Estate
Ermine, upon a pile sable a sun Or.

CONSTANTINOPLE

Corbin La Serre Constantinople Device
Per pale purpure and vert, two ravens displayed respectant Or.

MALTA

Malta Malta Flag
Per fess gules and vert, a cross throughout and in canton a crown Or.

Malta Malta Badge
Fieldless, the letter M argent.

Malta (Knights of) Malta Badge
Fieldless, a cross per fess gules and vert fimbriated Or.

Malta (in memoriam, Christopher Benard) Malta Device
Per fess gules and vert, a St. Bernard winged argent collared with a barrel and haloed Or.

YORK

Crysanna Bryanne Jonet Clarendon

York

Device

Per chevron rayonny Or and sable in base a tree blasted and eradicated in chief a comet fesswise gules.

~~~~~RETURNED ARMS~~~~~

MALTA

Malta

Malta

Badge

Tinctureless, the letter M.

- VIOLATION; SECTION 2, IV.D.2
Tinctureless armory is restricted to Royal and Imperial Crowns, and the ministries that serve them (the offices may register them, but not the individuals).

~~~~~TRANSFERRED ARMS~~~~~

From: County of Militis Concordis, Alhambra

To: Dorn das Schwarz Brause, Tyr~lynn

Estate Device:

Gules, a pale dovetailed argent

From: Salvatore Tecchi

To: Isobel Tecchi

Personal Device:

Per pale Sable and Gules, a bull's head affronté between four Maltese crosses Argent.

Estate Device:

Per pale Sable and Gules, four Maltese crosses Argent.

From: Al Sayyida Al Farisa Nisha

To: Yoni Rosalia

[Fieldless] a cartwheel Or.

~~~~~**RELEASED ARMS**~~~~~

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**Ian McMillan**      kildare                      Device  
Azure, a sunburst or within a bordure embattled argent.

**House Dragul**      Dragon's Mist                      Estate  
Per fess indented sable and argent, a plate between in fess an increscent and a decrescent Argent and a tower sable, overall a bar gules.

**House ElfsDragon**                      Dragon's Mist                      Estate  
Azure, an open book argent covered sable and edged or between in fess two swords argent hilted, a chief embattled or

**House Dragul**      Dragon's Mist                      Estate  
Azure, a pall inverted argent between an hourglass argent sanded or, a scroll or surmounted by a quill bendwise argent.

**Canton of Stone Reaches** Ekaterinegorod Estate  
Per fess indented sable and gules, three chevronels braced argent

**Golden Acorn, Order of the** Ekaterinegorod Badge  
Purpure, a cross or between three acorns argent slipped and leaved vert.

**House Kildarn** Ekaterinegorod Estate  
Per bend sinister vert and azure, in dexter a sword Argent, hilted or, and in sinister a drakkar proper, mast and sail argent maintaining a pennant gules.

**Clan Kildarn** Ekaterinegorod Estate  
Per bend sinister vert and azure, in bend a sword bendwise sinister inverted argent hilted or and a lymphad proper sailed argent.

**Clan Kildarn** Ekaterinegorod Estate  
Gules, a Kildarn knot proper.

**Clan Kildarn** Ekaterinegorod Estate  
Vert, a sword inverted or.

**Cellaig Kell (House of)** Ekaterinegorod Estate  
Quarterly Azure and Gules, four fleur-de-lis Counterchanged.

**Arial Macrath** Bedegraine Device  
Per fess azure and argent, in base a wolf passant sable.

**Gowen Corr** Bedegraine Device  
Vert, a Celtic cross within a bordure inverted or.

**Gowen Corr** Bedegraine Badge  
Or, a cross throughout between four mullets pierced vert.

**House (of) Corr** Bedegraine Estate  
Vert, an arrow inverted flaunched or.

**Angus of the Isle** Andorra Device  
Vert, on a bend between two boars sejant argent three trefoils vert

**Burgandy, Shire of** Burgandy Badge  
Per chevron sable and gules, a sun in its splendour within a bordure or

**Lowenburg (Shire of)** Lowenburg Device  
“Per chevron nebuly Or and Purpure, three oak leaves  
Or.

**Lowenburg (Shire of)**      Lowenburg      Device  
Per chevron nebuly Purpure and Or, three oak leaves Purpure

**Lowenburg (Shire of)**      Lowenburg      Device  
Or, on a chevron Purpure three oak leaves Or

**Lowenburg (Shire of)**      Lowenburg      Device  
Purpure, on a chevron Or three oak leaves Purpure

**Lowenburg (Shire of)**      Lowenburg      Badge  
Quarterly Or and Purpure, semy of oak leaves Or

**Lowenburg (Shire of)**      Lowenburg      Badge  
Quarterly Purpure and Or, semy of oak leaves Purpure

**Lowenburg (Shire of)**      Lowenburg      Badge  
Or, on a chief Purpure three oak leaves Or

**Lowenburg (Shire of)**      Lowenburg      Badge  
Purpure, three oak leaves two and one Or

**Lowenburg (Shire of)**      Lowenburg      Badge  
[Fieldless], an oak leaf Purpure.

**Lowenburg (Shire of)**      Lowenburg      Badge  
Purpure, an oak leaf Or

**Brewers Guild of Sangrael**      Sangrael      Badge  
Per chevron purple and vert, a chevron rompu and in chief two goblets argent.

**Caspain Dunbar**      Sangrael      Device  
Per saltire purple and vert, in pale a death's head and a tankard or.

**Caspain Dunbar**      Sangrael      Badge  
Purpure, in saltire a sword argent and a quill sable, a bordure indented as if by a triangular chief vert fimbriated or.

**Gwenllian Derwen**      Sangreal      Device  
Per bend sinister vert and argent, three crescents and three oak leaves counterchanged.

**Gwenllian Derwen**      Sangreal      Badge  
Argent, an oak leaf within a bordure vert.

**Isabeau Dionne**      Sangreal      Device  
Sable, a pale gules, overall a wyvern displayed, tail nowed all within a bordure rayonny or.

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| <b>Isabeau Dionne</b>                                                                                                                                              | Sangreal    | Badge  |
| [Fieldless] A sword inverted argent enfiling an annulet or.                                                                                                        |             |        |
| <b>Jamie MacDonald</b>                                                                                                                                             | Sangreal    | Device |
| Per chevron checky argent and gules, and gules, a chevron azure and an anchor argent.                                                                              |             |        |
| <b>Roger Lamont</b>                                                                                                                                                | Sangreal    | Device |
| Argent, a cross fitchy and a bordure azure.                                                                                                                        |             |        |
| <b>Spyro of Sangrael</b>                                                                                                                                           | Sangreal    | Device |
| Pily bendy azure and vert, a demi-dragon argent.                                                                                                                   |             |        |
| <b>Duckie</b>                                                                                                                                                      | Sangreal    | Device |
| Quarterly Azure and Vert, a duck couchant contorny Or within twelve mullets in annulo Argent.”                                                                     |             |        |
| <b>Robin McKee</b>                                                                                                                                                 | Sangreal    | Device |
| Purpure, on a chevron between three boar's heads muzzled and erased close in chevron and a man's arm argent maintaining a hammer bendwise Or, three mullets Sable. |             |        |
| <b>Rose Raven Feather</b>                                                                                                                                          | Desert rose | Device |
| Argent, three ostrich feathers sable.                                                                                                                              |             |        |
| <b>Thurston Kobald Thornson</b>                                                                                                                                    | Desert Rose | Device |
| Vert, a ram's head caboshed argent.                                                                                                                                |             |        |
| <b>Reichardt Bartholomeus</b>                                                                                                                                      | Carolingia  | Device |
| Argent, three crosses patty fitchy sable, on a chief indented gules an escallop in dexter or.                                                                      |             |        |
| <b>Duncan MacLang</b>                                                                                                                                              | Galloway    | Device |
| Per bend argent and azure, a lion rampant guardant counterchanged.                                                                                                 |             |        |
| <b>Greylund Winter</b>                                                                                                                                             | Brandenburg | Device |
| Per fess dancetty and fleury-counterfleury argent and sable.                                                                                                       |             |        |
| <b>Bienenstich de Medici</b>                                                                                                                                       | Chesapeake  | Device |
| Per fess vert and sable, three bees in fess or.                                                                                                                    |             |        |
| <b>Vikieria, Clan</b>                                                                                                                                              | Kincora     | Estate |
| Vert, four arrows in cross bases cojoined to a annulet argent                                                                                                      |             |        |
| <b>Votankeld (Barony of)</b>                                                                                                                                       | Kincora     | Estate |
| Azure, four morning-star flails forming a circle with their hafts per cross, bases conjoined to an annulet Argent.                                                 |             |        |
| <b>Voteankeld, Barony</b>                                                                                                                                          | Kincora     | Estate |
| Azure, four Flails in cross bases cojoined to a annulet argent                                                                                                     |             |        |

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| <b>Duchy of Kildare</b> | Kildare | Badge | [Fieldless] An acorn argent.                    |
| <b>Duchy of Kildare</b> | Kildare | Badge | [Fieldless] An acorn sable.                     |
| <b>Duchy of Kildare</b> | Kildare | Badge | [Fieldless] An acorn slipped and leaved argent. |
| <b>Duchy of Kildare</b> | Kildare | Badge | [Fieldless] An acorn slipped and leaved sable.  |
| <b>House Lochlann</b>   | Kildare | Badge | [Fieldless] A chalice argent.                   |
| <b>House Lochlann</b>   | Kildare | Badge | [Fieldless] A horseshoe inverted argent.        |

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## THE CHANGES:

1. The first one may notice is the removal of all sections regarding display of Arms

### XIV. ACHIEVEMENT OF ARMS      XIII. ARMORIAL BEARING,

Also parts of article XI on the combining of arms.

The Why? Simply put they have nothing to do with the Rules for Registration, Administration and Design

These sections deal with the Extra's of what you can do with Arms once they are approved. These might be fine guidelines for educational purposes. Yet, the reality is that less than an estimated 2% of the Empire will read this manual, let alone understand it. This manual is not meant for the average Adrian, it is meant for Heralds (Ministers of Arms). Who in turn are supposed to educate the populace they serve and help them in the creation of their arms, based on the rules in this book. This type of information should be presented in a much less tedious environment. Perhaps in something such as the College of Arms presents: A Guide for Heraldic Display, ( and I stress the "Guide" part.) Again this information isn't a bad concept, just deserves a better venue and be more accessible to the average member. We have already begun working on the concepts for this and open the door to any who are willing to assist in this endeavor.

### Historical Crown Arms.

The College of Arms will no longer recognize the concept of Protection of Historical Crown Arms.

The Why: First, we must look at what the College of Arms does, which is register and protect the arms of the membership and entities within the Empire. The protect aspect is of great importance.

You see once the Arms of Sir Bruce are protected, no one in the empire may have the same arms or “USE” said arms without the permission of Sir Bruce. Neither the Duchy of Dirt, the Barony of Water nor Sir Mudd has the right to display Sir Bruce’s Arms with out his consent. This even applies to the College of Arms; even though we keep an Armorial does not mean we have the right to display Sir Bruce’s arms. Many times these things are done though under an assumed consent. Yet if Sir Bruce made a complaint it would be the College’s responsibility to enforce his wishes. Now with this designating of Historical Crown Arms we are in sense placing a secondary ownership upon Sir Bruce’s Arms. In Essence the College of Arms owns the Arms because we deemed them Historical and as such other entities are displaying Sir Bruce’s Arms because they claim historical rights to said arms. Which is again a false assumption due to the fact that the College would own them and no other entity may use them with out permission of the College.

An Example may help: Sir Bruce serves as King in the Kingdom of Sand. Through this experience Sir Bruce becomes disgusted with this Chapter; he eventually leaves wanting nothing to do with it. The Kingdom of Sands website ends up displaying Sir Bruce’s Arms as a Past Crown. Sir Bruce files complaint requiring them to remove it.

Right here is the catch.

1. Does the College of Arms enforce Sir Bruce’s right of Arms and Display?
2. Does the College inform Sir Bruce that because his Arms are now Historical Crown Arms that the Chapter has the right to display them.

It is the opinion of This ISOA and the Senior Staff of the College that the first purpose of the College is to protect Sir Bruce’s Arms for Sir Bruce.

Second, I am aware that part of this was an attempt to preserve arms of Crown who may have left the game and whose arms have subsequently been released by the College of Arms. Such being a way to protect arms that yes have history, but would also be more than likely not be registered as presented today. Yet, the issue is that the College of Arms now owns these arms, for they were not registered properly with an owner and only deemed as protected. It is really improper for the College to own these arms and could easily lead to abuses.

Which brings me to the Third reason: This is an administrative nightmare, the amount of red tape to track and verify is beyond the duties and purpose of the college. The need to track and keep a second specific purpose armorial is a burden. We are talking about currently having to keep track of 52+/- arms a year as to whether they got their title or not and with the ever growing trend of 6

month crowns it could be more. With recent figures close to a third of all registered arms would be considered historically protected.

Fourth, Many of these arms were never registered by the College of Arms and wouldn't pass even according to older rules. This gives an unfair carte blanc registration to any one just for being a crown.

Solutions: We do recognize the concern in regards to released arms and we will be bringing this issue before the Conclave of the College to consider whether or not to cease releasing personal arms with out a specific request.

Also, there are two policies currently in effect to handle display and release issues.

1. A member who serves as Crown may give the Chapter permanent permission to display said arms.
2. A member may Will their arms to a person or Chapter / entity in the case that they cease to be a member of the Empire, thus giving complete display and ownerships rights.

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3. Worthy of Adria,

The format for inception as a Worthy of Adria has changed, returning to the previous process.

Why: It is no doubt that many whom we share this existence of Adria with are worthy of remembrance in our individual eyes and maybe even to the whole of the chapters we reside in. Yet the concept of Worthy of Adria is to recognize those who's presence and efforts reached far beyond the local estates and borders of a chapter and enriched the environment of the greater whole of Adria.

Though the inception is based on a broader spectrum, the process is now far simpler to put forth with very little red tape.

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## Sovereign Chapters

Replaced all references to Sovereign chapters, with Chartered Chapters.

### **III. REGISTRATION LIMITS**

#### **A. INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES AND DOMAINS page 14**

iv. Sovereign chapters have no limit on the number of items they may register.

Why: This is an issue due to the word “Sovereign”. A Sovereign chapter is defined in our law. “Chartered Chapters” would be a better choice, for this is what has always been the Rule. Kingdoms are the only Sovereign Chapters in the Empire as defined by Adrian Law. The “no limit” rule is applied to all chapters in order to allow for orders, awards, presence banners and such. If left this way “Someday” one could interpret to mean only Kingdoms are allowed such rights.

This wording is also stated under section XI.C.c. on page 42

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## Geographic Subdivision

Replaced all reference from Geographic Subdivision to Chartered Chapters,

Why: It is what the law now calls them.

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## Removed

*Forms presented without the “Local Blazon” included will be returned to the local MoA as an incomplete presentation and will not be processed at the Imperial level.*

Why: The reality is that way too often, crowns or temp ministers are the ones submitting the forms. They often have little to no knowledge or interest in heraldry. Let alone the skill to Blazon. With a rule like this the “rules mongers” will be sending stuff back because of the rules instead of checking on the circumstance. While I agree that active Ministers of Arms should be filling out the blazon, I feel this is better handled as ISOA to herald. Often a little guidance, education or push can correct this situation.

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## Removed from Manual

**XI. COMBINED ARMORY page 41**

This was originally titled Marshalled armory. Though the descriptive education on dimidiation and impalement is beneficial, there is a misleading of the education in the combining of arms. The combining of arms is Marshalling, dimidiation and impalement are forms of marshaling. They are not three separate things. There is also an attempt to regulate the use and display of arms under this section. Please remember that the Colleges authority extends to register Arms. Marshalled arms can not be registered.

**Under XI.A.1. it says “Dimidiation is not allowed in Adria “.**

Why: Such is a historical practice, and how people combine their arms to show relationships is their business. Again such combining can not be registered so there is no need to control the creativity and enjoyment.

**Under XI.C.2.**

**Only registered arms may be marshaled**

Why: No “person” is required to register arms, and such would force registration. If a husband and wife wish to marshall their arms the College has no say in it.

**c. While seated, the head of any active sovereign chapter assumes the arms of the chapter as his/her own, temporarily setting aside personally registered armory. For this reason the ruler of a sovereign chapter may NOT marshal personal arms with those of the estate. This includes the arms of Duchies, Archduchies, Kingdoms and the Empire.**

Why: Again not proper to try and control how chapters display and practice heraldry. The Colleges job is to educate and guide not force practices of display. Such rules should be brought before the Estates and if accepted should appear in Estates writ 18 ARMIGEROUS RIGHTS,

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## Fleur De Lis

Returned to original ruling

## **IX. B. Fleur de lis. 3. B. page 30**

**“does not extend to objects “Jessant-de-lis”.**

Why: Should apply, it is a clear and defined fleur de lis

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## Sovereign Status of the Adrian College of Arms

Rewrote the section:

Why: The description given is a bit wrong in its presentation. I completely agree and can back up the Sovereign status of the College. What it means and why it is the way it is. There is actually a good amount of it in our history.

This rewording of the original metaphorical description by Sir Nigel has truly perplexed me over the past few months. I see nothing wrong with Sir Nigel's description, we have had a few Imperial Crowns since its inception and I think many can see that all in all it's icing to sweeten the reality of the bland cake. On the other side of the coin those who become crown and know very little if anything about the College and its history might butt heads with the College and visa versa, if such information is not spelled out clearly.

The College is not autonomous; The Estates have defined sovereignty within the "Sovereignty of the Empire". Such entities are not autonomous.

I have written many versions of what this section could say, what is hard is keeping the story out in order to try and explain. In the end I decided on KISS. What has been published is based on Law and historical documents. The statement about local ministers of Arms being able to act with out the attention or approval of their Crown reach's too far. The sovereignty of the College does not extend into the chapter office.

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### **OWNERSHIP**

Replaced with original law.

Why: This can be an important issue; though reference is made to the law--(A.E. Bylaws Writ B.25.). What is written here is a summation and interpretation of the Law to a degree. It would be better to keep the law in the manual as it has been rather than send one to another manual.

Also the actual Law states:

**"The armorial device of an estate shall be considered the property of the estate"**  
referencing in the singular.

The recent version states;

**"Estate orders, awards, badges, flags and devices are encompassed by this law. "**

Though hypothetically I agree with the thought, such is not what the law says; the ISOA and the College do not have the right to interpret Adrian law. An official ruling from the Imperial Chancellor (which could be temporary) or a civil court (binding) or extrapolation by the Estates in an amendment can say such, but putting it in the manual makes the appearance that such is truly defined and so.

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## Matriculation

Changed the Letter of Matriculation” back to Letter of Transfer in reference to the transferring of arms.

Why: Matriculation means to register in a heraldic sense; the subject matter this is involved with is in reference to arms that are already registered. Such as when one wishes to transfer ownership or update the known residence of arms. When transferring we are not registering already registered arms.

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## Removed detailed descriptions of Titled Imperial Deputy duties.

Why: It is important for the ISOA to be able to assign ministers and appoint responsibilities based on the needs of the College as well as the strengths of the minister. At Times in the Empire we may only require two regional deputies and at times we may need five. If the person serving as Phoenix is able to handle the entire east coast and that is all necessity demands then Phoenix may be the only East Coast. Also having served in this office a few times I find that the person I need as Beltazure is usually based on my needs in a specific area. I may need a right hand minister who is a wiz at heraldic design yet is not a very good administrative manager. Or Beltazure may be far better and supporting and educating heralds than Vox Cronis who is really just a stand in for the ISOA and Beltazure if they are unavailable. These descriptions create an inflexibility that the College to often needs.

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## Ruling updates

Updated the manual to reflect design rulings posted in previous LoRRs in reference to pentacles, per chevron divisions, and ship wheels.

Why: Because such is what actually belongs in a manual update.