

Unto Their Imperial Majesties, and to all unto these letters come do I, Baron Sebastian Javier de la Cruz, Imperial Sovereign of Arms, send greetings.

This is the Official Letter of Registration and Return for the month of October, 2014.

Reports were received from the following chapters:

Albion, Connacht, Drachetor, Malta, Monaco, Somerset, Stirling, Terre Neuve, Tyr-Lynn, Wolfendorf, Varheim

The following chapters did not send in reports:

Alhambra, Altland, Auroch's Fjord, Bisqaia, Brandenburg, Brunico, Caer Leon, Cashel, Chesapeake, Cyprus, Esperance, Gloucester, Isle of Crete, Lancaster, Mann Abhainn, Murrisk, Pembroke, Raven's Fjord, Roanoke, Thinaria, Umbria, York

As we begin this, the final LoRR of the reign of TIM Wright and Mary Elizabeth, I want to take a few moments to offer my appreciation to several people who have made my job as Imperial Sovereign of Arms such a smooth and enjoyable one.

To Their Imperial Majesties, I offer my sincerest thanks and appreciation. You have honored me with your trust and with the duties of this position. I only hope that I have served Your Majesties well and have executed the duties of the office to Your satisfaction.

To the Kings and Queens of Arms, Heralds, and Pursuivants of the Empire, I offer my gratitude to each and every one of you. The College of Arms thrives upon the contributions, hard work, and dedication of the ministers of arms of every chapter in the Empire. Without your work, there would be no College. Thank you for all that you do.

To my deputies, I offer more gratitude than I can put in to words. Each and every one of you has served exemplarily in your positions. You have made my job easier, been available whenever I needed assistance, and have done much to help make the College of Arms what it is.

As is the tradition within the College, the deputies to the Imperial Sovereign of Arms who have served with distinction have been honored with their own personal heraldic title, recognized throughout the College as a mark of distinction earned only through dedication and hard work. Today, I am honored to bestow such titles upon my own deputies, who have earned this recognition time and time again.

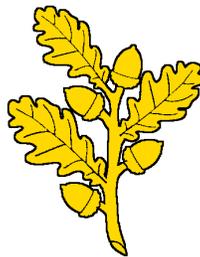
To **Dame Constance Rosewall**, Beltazure Queen of Arms, I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done. You have been my right hand, the principle educator of the College of Arms, and my go-to research guru for the past twelve months. Your help, and friendship, has been invaluable. In recognition of your work, I bestow the title:



Porthenys Herald Extraordinary

As well, I register for your personal use the above badge: *[Fieldless] A chouch close Sable, beaked and armed Gules, debruised of an escutcheon Or.*

To **Sir Ansel de Gace**, Phoenix King of Arms, I offer my sincerest thanks for your work. Though you took up the mantle of Phoenix without much prior discussion, you have filled the role admirably. Your work with the NE and SE regions of the Empire has been beyond reproach. In honor of your commitment to the College of Arms, I bestow the title:



Aventine Herald Extraordinary

Additionally, I register for your personal use the following badge: *[Fieldless] An oak branch Or.*

To **Sir Vanyev Betzina**, Griffin King of Arms, I offer my sincere gratitude. As the King of Arms for the NW and SW regions, you have fulfilled your duties with grace and dedication. I know that balancing the position of Griffin with a demanding mundane work schedule is not always easy, and you have never let me down. In recognition of your dedication, I bestow the title:



Sinister Herald Extraordinary

Further, I register for your personal use the following badge: *[Fieldless] A sinister demi-escutcheon Sable surmounted a herald's staff bendwise Gules and a second bendwise sinister Or.*

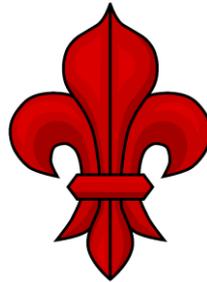
To **Dama Antonia Lopez**, Codex Herald, I can only offer my thanks and amazement at your dedication. Through numerous emails and conversations, you have continued to astound me at your incredible attention to detail and keen eye. Multiple times, you have caught potential issues and helped resolve them before they could become problems. You have a very bright future in the College of Arms. In honor of your dedication, I reconfirm your title:



Lobo Plateado Herald Extraordinary

As well, I register for your personal use the following badge: *[Fieldless] A cross flory quarterly Purpure and Gules surmounted by a wolf rampant Argent.*

To **Baron Francesco Gaetano Greco de Edessa**, Tyger Herald, I regret that there is not another title I can bestow upon you. As a King of Arms in your own right, you already have the highest title the College of Arms can bestow. You have been my friend, teacher, and confidant since my earliest days in the Empire. Though I cannot grant you another title within the College of Arms, I can offer a personal token of my gratitude. I grant to you the right to wear upon your person or augment your arms with my personal badge in recognition of the years of assistance and friendship you have offered me.



[Fieldless] A fleur-de-lis Gules.

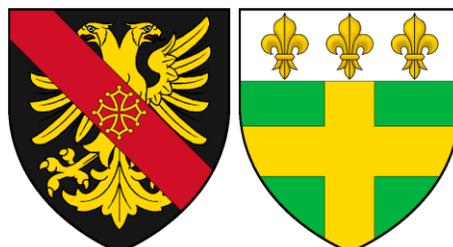
This past year has been a busy one, with the heraldic manual updated, a new “how-to” guide published, and a large array of educational articles written by the Beltazure Queen of Arms. Over the next year, beginning in December, the College shall continue its focus on education and the encouragement of heraldic display in the Empire.

But, for this, the final LoRR of the reign of TIM Wright and Mary Elizabeth, I wish to end with one final article on the use of personal heraldic titles in the Adrian Empire. This article, which will follow the registration, will also include a listing of all chapter-level heraldic titles the College of Arms has currently recorded. Further, it will include a call for those chapters which have not yet chosen a title and/or heraldic badge for their Minister of Arms to take the time between this and the next LoRR, to be published in December, to consider the addition of such a title and badge for the office.

In Service to the Empire,

BARON SEBASTIAN JAVIER DE LA CRUZ

**BARON IMPERIAL & ROYAL
IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN OF ARMS**



TRANSFERRED:

Albion



From: House Aberffraw (Stirling)

To: House Aberffraw (Albion)

Sable, on a fess Argent a lion passant Sable.

REGISTERED:

Albion



House Dragon's Soul

Device

32-02

Sable, a dragon's head erased and in chief an annulet Or.



Bow-Wolf of Hart

Device

5866

Sable, a wolf's head erased within a bow drawn Argent.



Jade Wesley

Device

8697

Per pale Vert and Argent, a skull de Mortis Counterchanged.



Keyin Black Sword

Device

8484

Vert, a Bengal tiger rampant contourne maintaining a sword all within a border Argent.

College of Arms



Porthenys Herald Extraordinary

Badge

10-02

[Fieldless] A chouch close Sable, beaked and armed Gules, debruised of an escutcheon Or.



Aventine Herald Extraordinary

Badge

10-02

[Fieldless] An oak branch Or.



Sinister Herald Extraordinary

Badge

10-02

[Fieldless] A sinister demi-escutcheon Sable surmounted by a herald's staff bendwise Gules and a second bendwise sinister Or.



Lobo Plateado Herald Extraordinary

Badge

10-02

[Fieldless] A cross flory quarterly Purpure and Gules, surmounted by a wolf rampant Argent.

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House deAcmd

Device

45-02

Or, a stag rampant Sable collared of a crown Or.



Gwenivyre Moon-Smith

Device

6569

Vert, three triangles conjoined, one and two, between two dragons segreant Or.

Tyr-Lynn



Barony of Teufel Hunden

Device

52-02

Sable, a chevron Or between in chief two wolf's heads erased respectant and in base a wolf's head erased Argent.



House Nelbog

Device

52-02

Gules, a pale chevrony inverted of seven Or and Sable between two Latin crosses flory Or.



House Zealand

Device

52-02

Sable, a plate fracted.

Varheim



Wolfgang Archer

Device

8754

Gules, a bend cotised Or between in chief a bow armed and drawn contourne and in base a wolf's head erased Argent.

Wolfendorf



Maison de Guerre

Device

64-02

Azure, an arrow inverted Argent between three crescents Or.



Arik Wolfgang von Grünhügeln

Device

8623

Vert, a wolf passant and on a chief wavy Argent three tourteaus.



Gunner Bloodaxe

Device

8624

Per bend sinister Gules and Azure, on a bezant a horse rampant Sable.



The following information is presented for educational purposes by The Imperial Sovereign of Arms.

Adrian Heraldic Titles

Within the Adrian Empire, like mundane heraldic Colleges, individual Kings/Queens of Arms, Heralds, and Pursuivants are usually recognized by a specific title. This, like the mundane title of “President” or “Prime Minister” is meant to represent the office and not the individual. As people will come and go through a position, the office remains. The most recognizable of such titles within the Empire is that of “Fleur-de-Lis King of Arms”, the title granted to the position of Imperial Sovereign of Arms.

In addition to the ISOA, there are titled offices for the primary deputies. Though not all of them are used for each ISOA (i.e. I do not utilize Centaur or Dragon), each is available for use. Those include:

- Beltazure King/Queen of Arms
- Centaur King/Queen of Arms
- Dragon King/Queen of Arms
- Griffin King/Queen of Arms
- Phoenix King/Queen of Arms
- Bezant Herald
- Codex Herald
- Mantle Herald
- Tyger Herald
- Vox Coronis Herald

Though each of the above titles are reserved for the ISOA and his or her deputies, chapters, domains, and guilds around the Empire have the right to reserve a specific title for their use. Currently, the titles we have in use are as follows:

- **Albion** – Lion’s Head King of Arms
- **Bisqaia** – Wolf Pursuivant
- **Esperance** – Embattled Hope King of Arms & Embattled Lion Herald
- **Malta** – Falcon Herald
- **Monaco** – Ash Herald
- **Somerset** – Rampart Herald
- **Stirling** – Castilla King of Arms
- **Terre Neuve** – Raven King of Arms
- **Wolfendorf** – Leopard Herald
- **York** – White Rose Herald
- **Domain of the Blue Rose** – Azure Rose Herald

- **Church of Adria** – Basilica Herald
- **Corsairs** – Sidon Herald
- **Knights Hospitaler** – White Cross Herald

If a chapter, domain, or guild does not have a title for their Minister of Arms, I highly encourage the members of that group to consider adding one. Any title that is not currently in use may be taken (so long as it conforms to Adrian standards).

As well as the above, there are also personal heraldic titles that are reserved for individuals within the Empire. These are granted by the ISOA through the bestowing of the titles of King/Queen of Arms, Herald Extraordinary, or Pursuivant Extraordinary onto dedicated and worthy individuals.

The title of King/Queen of Arms, as a personal title, is reserved for those who have held the position of ISOA and, as determined by their successor, have successfully fulfilled the duties of the office and have contributed extraordinarily to the College of Arms.

Herald and Pursuivant Extraordinary are reserved for deputies to the ISOA and may be granted at any time, typically at the end of an Imperial reign. These titles are granted to deputies who have served with exemplary service.

Currently, the personal titles held in the Empire include:

- Aventine Herald Extraordinary
- Azure Cat Pursuivant Extraordinary
- Beast King of Arms
- Black Rose King of Arms
- Chapeau Herald Extraordinary
- Corbeau Herald Extraordinary
- Eagle Herald Extraordinary
- Epigonation Herald Extraordinary
- Lobo Plateaodo Herald Extraordinary
- Mermaid Pursuivant Extraordinary
- Metropolitan Pursuivant Extraordinary
- Mitre King of Arms
- Nowed Pursuivant Extraordinary
- Perelada King of Arms
- Porthenys Herald Extraordinary
- Sinister Herald Extraordinary
- Solaris Pursuivant Extraordinary
- Trinity King of Arms
- Unicorn Herald Extraordinary

Now, beyond all the above titles (more than forty of them), each title is entitled to have a badge registered by the College of Arms specifically for the use of that position or individual.

For example, take a look at the three badges below:



From left to right, we have the badges of the Mitre King of Arms, Embattled Hope King of Arms of Esperance, and the Ash Herald of Monaco.

Each of these badges represents the person holding the personal title or the position in which a person is serving.

Of the more than forty heraldic titles in use in the Empire, we have 32 registered badges. This means that a good number of Kings/Queens of Arms, Heralds, and Pursuivants do not have a badge reserved for their title or position.

As the College of Arms continues on in to the next reign, I encourage all Ministers of Arms in the Empire to consider registering a title and badge for the office they hold. As well, I encourage any personally titled King of Arms, Queen of Arms, Herald Extraordinary, and Pursuivant Extraordinary to contact me to register a badge to represent your accomplishment.

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