

## Kingdom of Atlantia Letter of Decision, January, 2014

Unto Gabriel Laurel, Juliana Pelican, Emma Wreath, and the commenting Members of the College of Arms, does Hróðný Rognvaldsdóttir, Golden Dolphin Herald of Atlantia, sends humble greetings. These are the names, devices, and badges that we are hoping you will approved for registration.

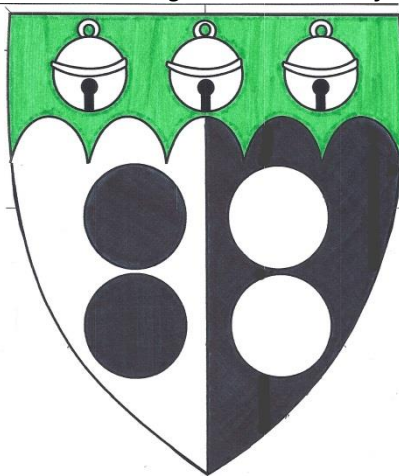
I am extremely grateful to those who commented in our Kingdom Garden. We had a good showing of new heralds as well as experts from within and without kingdom. Those commenters were Alain Llewelyn ap Rhaglan (Albatross), Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane (Metron Ariston), Alys Mackyntoich (Eastern Crown), Andreas von Meißen (Rowel), Beatrice Shirwod, Brunissende Dragonette, Cian mac Ceallachain Ui Dubhlaich (Nereid), Deirdre O'Bardon, Etienne Le Mons (Vexillum), Gisela vom Kreuzbach (Triton), Gunnvor silfraharr (Orle), Isabella Delfino (Sable Trident), Madog Hir of Aire Faucon, The Northern Atlantia Commentary Group (Wynne ferch Rhodri, Deirdre O'Bardon, and Beatrice Shirwod), The NE Calontir commenting group (consisting this month of Rohese de Danan (Shadowdale Pursuivant) & Gawain of Miskbridge (Green Anchor)), Ragnar Leifsson, Reginald de Beauchamp (Green Shark), Sabine Berard, and Wynne ferch Rodhri (Neried).

I find it exciting that two regional commenting groups have joined forces to lend their expertise to our discussions.

## ACCEPTANCES

### Abu Ahmed Khalid al-Rashid - New Device

*Per pale argent and sable, four roundels counterchanged and on a chief engrailed vert three hawk's bells argent.*

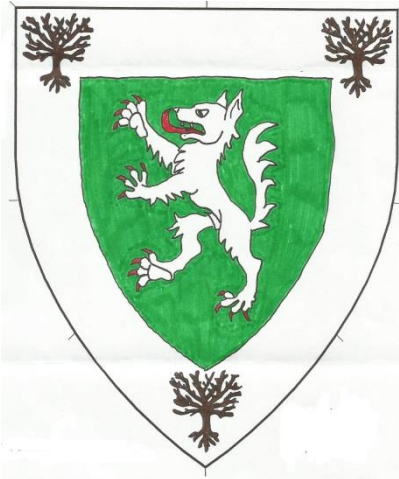


Originally submitted as "*Per pale argent and sable, four roundels counterchanged and on a chief engrailed vert three hawk's bells argent*" in Atlantia's internal letter of November 2013, it was withdrawn by the submitter to correct drafting problems.

Consulting Herald: Beatrice Shirwood

### Alesander Davidson - New Device

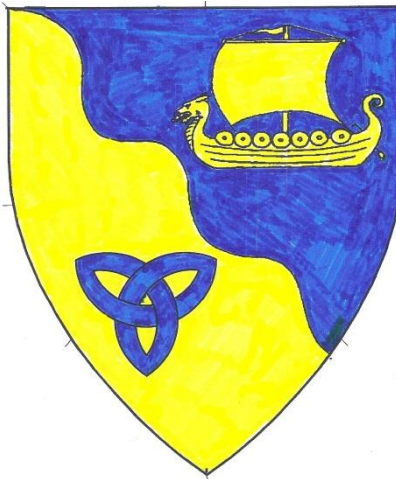
*Vert, a wolf rampant and on a bordure argent three trees blasted proper.*



Consulting Herald: Ealasaid MacDonald, Middlegate Pursuivant Extraordinary

### **Arnbjörg Karlsdóttir - Resub Device**

*Per bend wavy azure and Or, a drakkar under sail and a triquetra inverted counterchanged.*



This is a resubmission after the October 2013 Laurel return of *“Per bend wavy azure and Or, a drakkar under sail and a triquetra inverted interlaced with an annulet counterchanged.”*

“This device is returned for violating SENA A3D2a, for having "slot machine" armory, more than two types of charge in the same group. Precedent states:

This device violates our ban on so-called 'slot machine' armory. There are three types of charge in the secondary charge group: annulets, triquetras, and a phoenix. Unless the submitter can provide evidence that the annulet interlaced with a triquetra is a period heraldic motif considered to be a single charge, we will continue to interpret an triquetra and interlaced with an annulet as two charges. [Catherine Wentworth of Cambridge, R-Outlands, August 2008 LoAR]”

Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson, Caer Gelynniog Cornet Herald

### **Arria Marina - New Name Change**

The submitter is releasing her alternate name, Frida von Feldkirchen, registered through Atlantia in June, 2011.

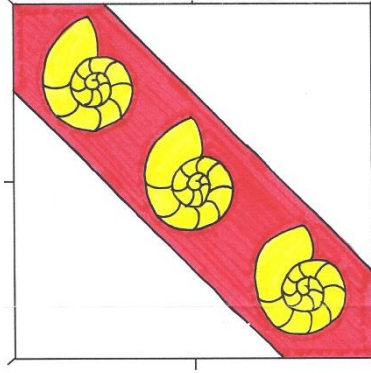
Consulting Herald: Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Metron Ariston

### **Azza al-Shiraziyyah - New Name Change**

Consulting Herald: Ealasaid MacDonald, Middlegate Pursuivant Extraordinary

**Beatrice Shirwod - New Badge**

*Argent, on a bend gules, three nautilus shells Or.*



Consulting Herald: Beatrice Shirwod

**Bera in Svarta - New Name & New Device**

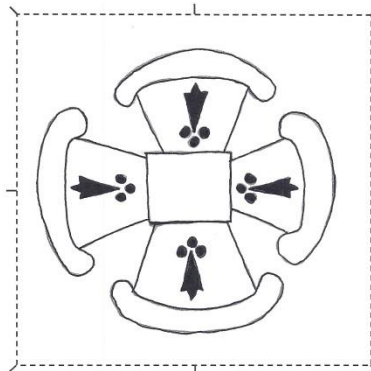
*Or, a bear passant sable and in chief three crosses of St. Brigid gules.*



Consulting Herald: Ealasaid MacDonald, Middlegate Pursuivant Extraordinary

**Branwen Madyn Wallis - New Badge**

*(Fieldless) On a cross of Canterbury argent four ermine spots tails outward sable.*

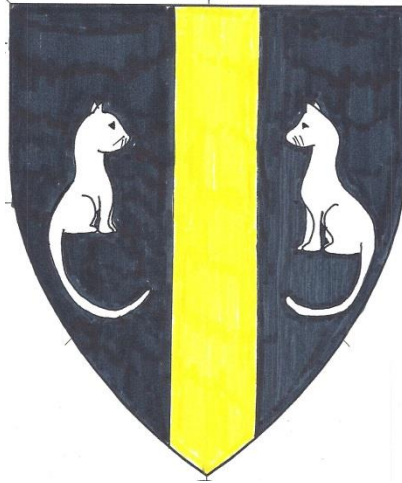


Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell

The badge was redrawn after commentary to regularized the depiction of the cross, which depiction is grandfathered to the submitter as it copies her already-registered badge, "*(Fieldless) On a cross of Canterbury Or a cross of ermine spots sable*", registered January 2000 via Atlantia.

### **Cordell Howe - New Device**

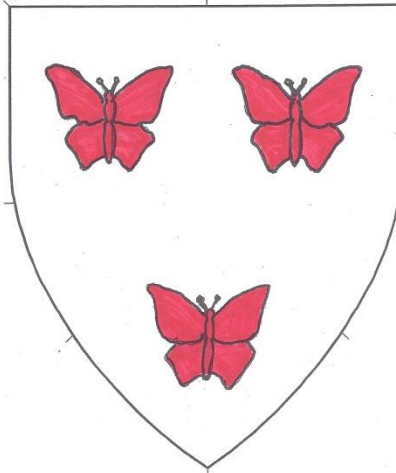
*Sable, a pale Or between two domestic cats sejant respectant argent.*



This is a resubmission on the Kingdom level. The original device was submitted in the Atlantian November 2013 letter with the blazon "*Or, between two domestic cats sejant respectant argent, a pale sable.*", and was withdrawn by the submitter to correct the metal-on-metal problem.

### **Corryn MacGregor**

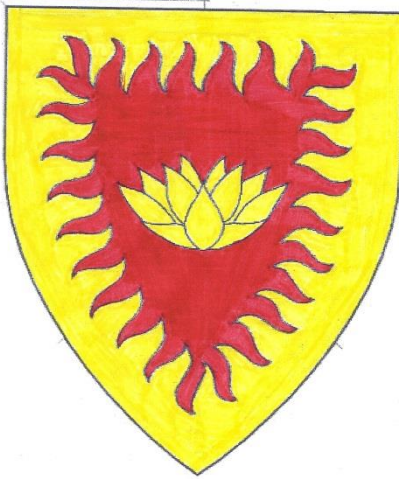
*Argent, three butterflies, two and one, gules.*



This was mistakenly placed in the 'return' category last month when it was meant to be sent on to Laurel. The submitter has accepted Golden Dolphin's apologies.

### **Delia Flammen - New Name & New Device**

*Gules, a lotus blossom in profile within a bordure rayonny Or.*



**Éadaoin an Fheadha inghean Uí Shéghdha - New Name** (see 'Returns for Device')

Originally submitted as Éadaoin An Fheadha Ó Séaghdha , with the submitter's permission the spelling was changed to Éadaoin an Fheadha inghean Uí Shéghdha.

Consulting Herald: Anais VonKoeslin

**Elena Muños de Palma - New Name** (see "Returns" for Device)

Consulting Herald: Ealasaid MacDonald, Middlegate Pursuivant Extraordinary

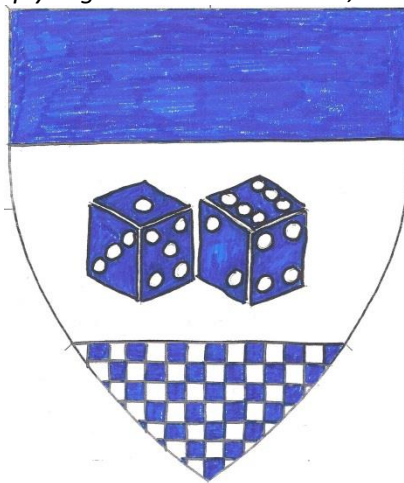
**Faolán mac Raghnaill - New Name** (see "Returns" for Device)

Name Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell

Originally submitted as "Faolán MacRagnall ", the submitter approved the spelling change to correct to the early modern Irish genitive form of the surname during a phone conversation with Golden Dolphin on 16Jan2014.

**Fionn MacKonnell - New Device**

*Argent, azure in chief, chequy argent and azure in base, two dice azure marked argent.*



Consulting Herald: Julia Dacia Silva

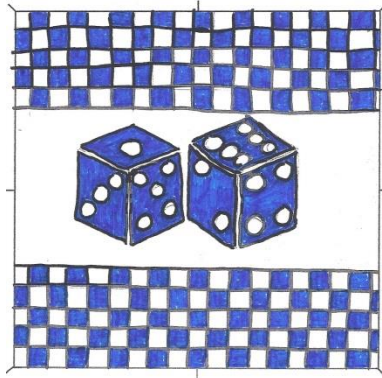
This is a resubmission after the Atlantian return in March, 2012 of "*Azure, three sparrow feathers bendy alternating palewise sable on an inverted triangle argent.*" This is being sent to Laurel even though it has (or appears to have) both a chief and a base as the precedent from December 2011 states "But these will have to be considered on a case-by-case basis". So rather than returning it internally, we ask for a Laurel ruling. {Here is the Dec 2011 cite.)

*"Or, a key palewise wards to base and a base, on a chief embattled gules a compass star Or"*. While precedent

generally disallows a design with both a chief and a base, "[w]e leave open the possibility that there might be designs with a chief and a base together, which would not blur the distinction from a charged fess: if the chief and base were different tinctures, for instance, or if they had different lines of division. But these will have to be considered case-by-case; we'd love to see some period examples of them." [Cynwrig de Montain, Nov 2006, R-Artemisia] A fess embattled on the upper edge is certainly not uncommon in period armory; however, if this were a fess the key would be expected to be in a fesswise orientation. As the key is palewise, it necessarily takes up more of the field than it would if it were upon a fess, and so in this case we are inclined to give the submitter the benefit of the doubt. "

### Fionn MacKonnell - New Badge

*Chequy argent and azure, on a fess argent, two dice azure marked argent*

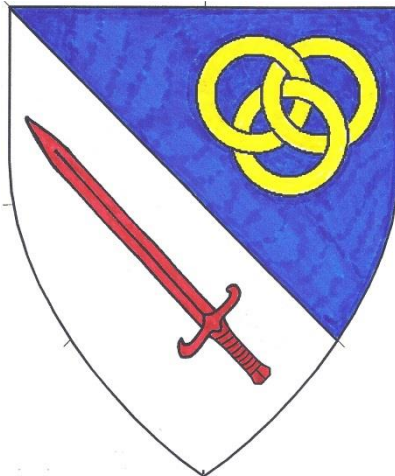


Consulting Herald: Julia Dacia Silva

During in-kingdom commentary, some commenters were concerned about the trian aspect of the die, however devices showing this aspect have been registered fairly recently; see the Atlantian entry in the Oct 2011 LoAR, "Eoin mac Giric. Name and device. *Azure, four plates in cross each charged with a die azure.*" and Jan Langhe ten Walde, "*Per pale argent and purpure estencely argent, on a chief rayonny Or two dice purpure marked argent.*" registered via Æthelmearc in the March 2013.

### Hjorr Guðmundsson - New Device

*Per bend azure and argent, chief three annulets interlaced Or, a sword bendwise gules.*



This is a resubmission after the July, 2013 Atlantian return of *Per bend azure and argent, in sinister chief three annulets interlaced Or and a sword gules*, which was returned so the annulets could be interlaced and the sword drawn larger to take up more of the field.

Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson, Caer Gelynniog Cornet Herald

### Hróaldr Punnskeggr - New Name

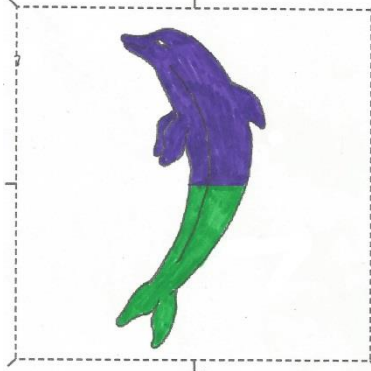
Consulting Herald: Martyn de Haliwell



The submission form lists the name as Hróaldr inn Punnskeggr. At the bottom there is a note; "After he left [Pennsic consult area], it was pointed out that "inn" (the) was not documented with this byname. However, it cannot be dropped without his permission. We leave that to kingdom." During a phone conversation between the client and Golden Dolphin at 2:54pm, 7Dec2013, permission to drop the "inn" from his name (as shown on the form) was granted.

### Isabella Delfino - Resub Badge

*(Fieldless) A natural dolphin haurient per fess purple and vert.*



This badge is a resubmission after the Laurel Sept 2013 return of "*(Fieldless) A natural dolphin haurient purple.*" for conflict with the device of Arinbjorn Talverri, "*Or, a narwhal haurient purple.*" There was a DC for fieldless, but nothing for the difference between a natural dolphin and a narwhal. Previous to that was a withdrawn device, "*Per saltire purple and vert, a natural dolphin argent*" which was withdrawn by the submitter during the in-kingdom commentary period in December, 2012.

Consulting Herald: Isabella Delfino Sable Trident Pursuivant

### Morwenna Trevethan – Resub Badge

*Gules, on a bear statant erect argent maintaining a pitcher Or distilling three gouttes d'eau a goutte de larmes.*



This is a resubmission after the Laurel July 2013 return of "*Gules, on a bear statant erect argent maintaining a pitcher Or distilling three gouttes d'eau, a goutte de sang.*" with the comment, "This device is returned for redraw, for violating SENA A2C2 which states "Elements must be drawn to be identifiable." The tertiary goutte de sang here is so small that many commenters did not notice it at all."

That return was following the Atlantian return dated Oct. 2012, for "*Gules, on a bear statant erect argent maintaining a pitcher Or distilling three gouttes d'eau, a goutte d'eau*", returned for violating SENA A.3.B.2: "Good contrast between two tinctures means that they are not from the same classification.", drawn with azure gouttes on a gules field."

Some commenters may notice that this badge was not presented in the Kingdom December 2013 letter. Its inclusion here is by Triton's direction.

### Olivia Isabelle - New Name

Old Item: Oliva Isabelle, to be released.

### Tadio da Venezia - New Name

Consulting Herald: Ealasaid MacDonald, Middlegate Pursuivant Extraordinary

### Thomas Fetherstan - New Device

*Per bend argent and lozengy argent and sable, a bend vert, in base a feather bendwise sable.*



This is a (kingdom-level) resubmission after the withdrawal of "*Per bend sable and chequy argent and sable, a bend vert, in base a feather per bend argent*" by the submitter to make changes suggested during the Atlantian November 2013 commentary period. That submission followed the January 2008 Atlantian return (under the original attempted name of Thomas Pyne) of both the name and device "*Per pall arrondy vert, argent and sable, a pine tree argent.*" The return at that time stated, "As the position of the tree is forced by the tincture of the field, no difference can be derived from the movement of the tree from the center of the field and as a result the armory conflicts with Susan of Winterwood ("*Counter-ermine, a pine tree coupé argent.*")".

Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson, Caer Gelynniog Cornet

### Tristan di Lupo - New Name (see "Returns" for Device)

### Ulrich járnhauss - New Device

*Per pale sable and Or, in pale three crescents between two skulls all counterchanged.*



The device "*Per pale sable and Or, in pale three crescents between two skulls counter-changed.*" was withdrawn by the submitter while it was in discussion on the Atlantian internal letter of November 2013. This is a resubmission on a kingdom level, having corrected the size variances between the skulls and the crescents.



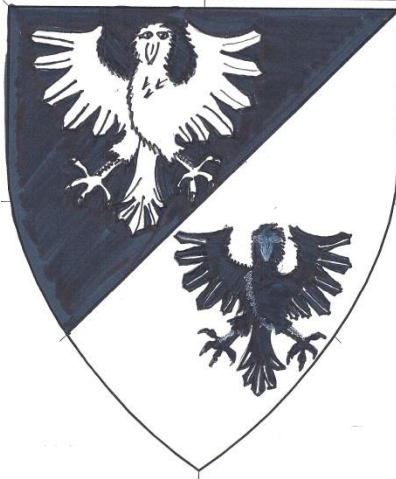
Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson, Caer Gelynniog Cornet

**Vermundr Vighjalmsson - New Name** (see "Returns" for Device)

Name Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell

**William of Nicosia - New Name & New Device**

*Per bend sinister sable and argent, two ravens guardant displayed counterchanged.*



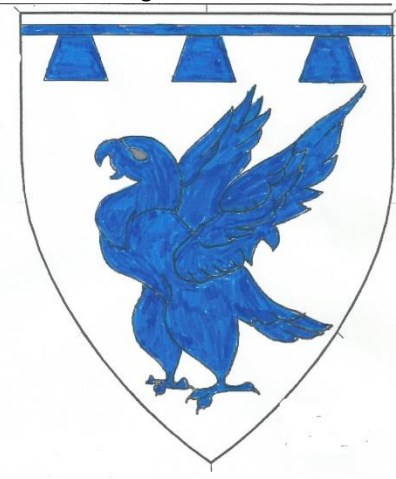
There is a Step From Period Practise for the non-eagles being displayed. The client likes the picture and doesn't care which sort of bird these are blazoned as.

Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell

## RETURNS

**Éadaoin an Fheadha inghean Uí Shéghdha - New Device**

*Argent, a hawk rising and a label dovetailed azure.*

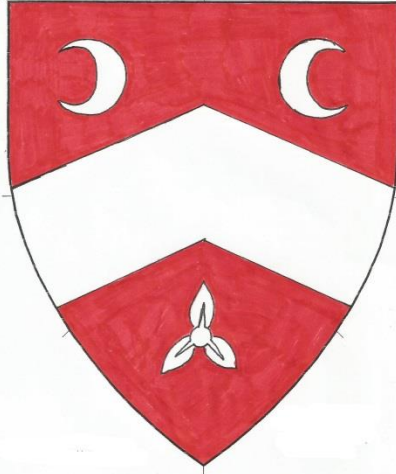


Consulting Herald: Anais VonKoeslin

This is being returned due to a conflict with Thorvinn blóðøx: reg. 7/13 via Caid: "*Argent, a falcon striking maintaining an axe bendwise, a tierce azure.*" There is one DC for changing the tierce to a label.

**Elena Muños de Palma - New Device**

*Gules, a chevron between an increscent, a decrescent, and a trillium flower argent.*

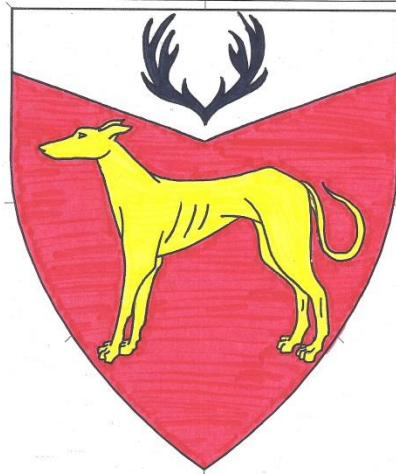


Consulting Herald: Ealasaid MacDonald, Middlegate Pursuivant Extraordinary

This is being returned for conflicts with Cuhelyn Cam vap Morcan, reg. 7/99 via Meridies: "*Gules, a chevron between three crosses crosslet argent.*" And Elizabeth Beaumont of Worcester, reg. 12/10 via Lochac: "*Gules, a chevron between two roses argent barbed and seeded proper and a Latin cross argent.*" In each case, there is one DC for the change in type of the secondaries. As a note, by precedent the use of the New World trillium blossom is a step from period practice.

**Faolán mac Raghnaill - New Device**

*Gules, a greyhound statant Or, and on a chief pointed argent a stag's attire sable.*

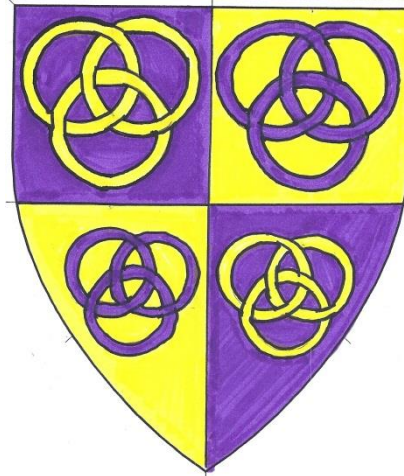


Device Consulting Herald: Beatrice Shirwood

This is being returned for reworking as there is no "chief pointed" in heraldry. The argent section is neither a chief triangular nor a properly drawn field "per chevron inverted". If it is redrawn with a true chief triangular (whose ends would originate in the upper corners of the shield), it would be blazoned "*Gules, a greyhound statant Or, on a chief triangular argent a stag's attire sable.*" Or it could be redrawn with a per chevron inverted field division, which would divide the field much more equally, and that would be blazoned "*Per chevron inverted argent and gules, a stag's attire sable and a greyhound statant Or.*" Both appear to be registerable, but the submitter will have to decide which rendition he desires.

### Josephina Caradoc - New Name & Device

*Quarterly purpure and Or, in each quarter three annulets interlaced counter-changed*



Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell

Unfortunately, both name and device must be returned for reworking. The documentation provided was from a source considered 'risky' and did not, in translation, support the surname of "Caradoc". Commenters were able to find elements close to that spelling but not exactly that spelling. If the submitter wished a Spanish name, from the Family Search Historical Records there was:

Josephina Cortijo; Female; Christened 22 Mar 1609 in Valladolid, Spain; Batch: C87188-1

Jaume Cararach; Male; married 06 Sep 1592 in Catedral, Gerona, Gerona, Spain; Batch: M89153-2

Bernardino Lopez Cardadoz; Male; married 16 Sep 1569 in Valladolid, Spain; Batch: M87382-1

Diego Cardador; Male; married 22 Aug 1593 in Santiago Apostol, Valladolid, Valladolid, Spain; Batch: M87106-1

This would give the submitter a choice of three surname spellings. Alternately, in the British context there is Josephine Pattison christened on 18 January, 1578, at Durham (Batch #: P00052-1).

Further information for creating like-sounding names is available on the Atlantian OSCAR garden page for the December 2013 Letter of Proposal.

The device has run afoul of our rules against giving the appearance of marshalling, which took some of us by surprise when it was pointed out. SENA says, ""Multiple Charges in a Section: When any section of such a field contains multiple charges of the same type in a way that cannot be described as a standard single pattern covering the entire field, multiple charges of different types, or multiple charge groups, it creates the appearance of marshalling."

And this example in particular:

"Per pale sable and erminois, each section charged with three billets two and one counterchanged creates the appearance of marshalling, because each section appears to be an independent piece of armory."

### Séamus Leisdair - New Name

This is being returned for the same reason as cited in the May 2013 return, as the same documentation was provided.

### Sinn Larensdotter - New Device

*Per fess argent and sable, a sun between six mullets of eight points counterchanged.*



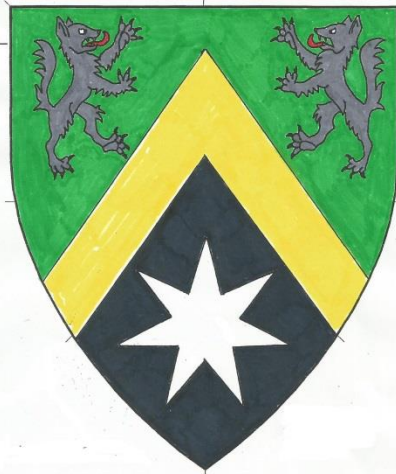
Consulting Herald: Fergus o'Hanna

It is with true regret that we must return this distinctive and lovely device as being unregistrable. By current precedent there is no distinct change between a sun and a mullet of *eight* points so this falls under the "sword and dagger" rubrics:

"Having two close variants of a charge in a design is confusing and makes the charge groups difficult to identify. Thus, two charges or depictions of charges that are artistic variants of one another or that otherwise are considered to have less than a distinct change (DC) between them are not allowed in a single armorial design."

#### **Tristan di Lupo - New Device**

*Per chevron vert and sable, a chevron Or between two wolves combattant and a mullet of seven point argent.*

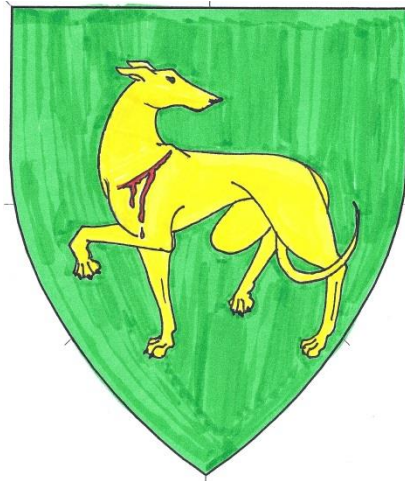


This is being returned so the wolves can be re-colored (or rather, not colored) as the grey used is too dark against the green field. They CAN be colored in with a lighter grey but then run the risk of being returned again if it is judged too close to a color rather than a metal. Other than that, the device is great, and one commenter called it "awesome". Another commented, "Nicely drawn chevron and well-proportioned secondaries!"

Consulting Herald: Ealasaid MacDonald Middlegate Pursuivant Extraordinary

#### **Vermundr Vighjalmsson - New Device**

*Vert, a greyhound passant regardant Or, vulned in the shoulder proper.*



Device Consulting Herald: Beatrice Shirwod

This is being returned for conflict with the badge of Brymstone College as registered Atenveldt in March, 2005 "*(Fieldless) A three-headed hound passant Or.*". There is no difference by precedent for the number of heads or their orientation. It is also in conflict with the devices of Tristen Sexwulf as registered through Æthelmearc in June, 1998 "*Quarterly gules and sable, a wolf statant Or.*" and with the device of Sorcha ní Fhaolain as registered through Anstoerra in June, 1992, "*Vert, a wolf passant between three mullets of seven points Or.*", there being only one distinct change for the tincture of the field in the former and the removal of the secondary charge group in the latter.

We suggest that if a greyhound passant is used in the replacement device, it be drawn with both hind legs on the ground rather than balancing on its right foreleg and left hind leg, or having its poor right hind leg bent so drastically that it might be mistaken for another item of anatomy.

I remain, in service to the SCA,  
Hróðný