Atlantian Letter of Decision, March 2015

Unto the College of Atlantian Heralds, does Lady Seraphina Delfino, Golden Dolphin Herald of Atlantia, send Greetings. Here all the items intended for our March 2015 Laurel Letter of Intent.

I would also like to thank the following heralds for their assistance with commenting on the internal letter, without their assistant writing this letter would be incredibly challenging: Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane (Metron Ariston), Alys Mackyntoich (Blue Tyger), Beatrice Shirwod (Opal), Bjorn inn havi, Deirdre O'Bardon (Northern March), Ealasaid MacDonald (Finsterwald), ffride wlffsdotter (Goutte d'Eau), Gawain of Miskbridge (Green Anchor), Gisela vom Kreuzbach, Herveus d'Ormonde (Morsulus), Hrothny Rognvaldsdottir (Nereid), Madog Hir of Aire Faucon (Kraken), Magnus von Lübeck, Ragnar Leifsson (Red Shark), Roland Redmayne, Sabine Berard, Sovany Barcsi Janos (Manticore).

Adeline de Bruyeres - New Name & New Device

Purpure, a goat rampant Or and in chief three fleurs-de-lys argent.



Name Consulting Herald: Seraphina Delfino, Golden Dolphin Herald

Device Consulting Herald: Madog Hir, Kraken Pursuivant

Áine Meave d'Alton - New Name (See Returns for Device)

Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell, Blue Shark Herald

Alianor atte Red Swanne - New Alternate Name

Hrefna in rauða Þorgrimsdottir

Consulting Herald: Ealasaid MacDonald, Finsterwald Pursuivant

Anabel Pennington - New Name Change

Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson, Red Shark Pursuivant

Antonius Renaldo da Castello - New Device

Gules, a chevron sable fimbriated and in base a sheaf of three arrows inverted Or.



This device is a resubmission of the November 2014 Atlantian return of "Gules, a chevron sable fimbriated and in base three arrows palewise inverted Or".

"Unfortunately, this was returned for conflict. It is in conflict with Amaranth Wolfsbane, registered through the Middle in September, 1996 ("Gules, on a chevron between two Latin crosses bottony and a demi-sun issuant from base Or, a chevron sable."). There is only one distinct change for changing a sun to arrows. There isn't a second distinct change for arrangement because the arrows are in a non-standard arrangement. In order for a device to be registered it must have two distinct changes from any other registered device. It was suggested that the submitted could clear the conflict by putting the arrows in a sheaf."

Bjorn inn hávi - New Badge

Sable, a bend Or between a seahorse and five swords argent.

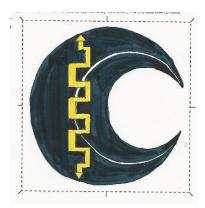


Consulting Herald: Rycherd of Caistron, Compass Star Pursuivant

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Order Name & New Badge

Award of the Bolt and Crescent

(Fieldless) On a decrescent sable a lightning bolt Or.



The Order name is resubmission after the August 2014 Atlantian return of "Award of the Crescent Bolt".

"This award name was being returned for reworking since the OED has <crescent> as an adjective meaning "growing, waxing" and the sense of something crescent-shaped doesn't show up until after 1600. It is not really possible to use 'crescent' as an adjective to modify the word 'bolt'. However it may be possible to use "the Award of the Crescent and [Lightning] Bolt" since the SCA recognizes both 'crescent' and 'lightning bolt' as charges."

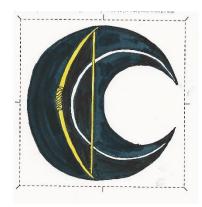
The badge is resubmission after the August 2014 Atlantian return of "(Fieldless) A decrescent sable, charged overall with a lightning bolt Or."

"The badge was returned because as drawn, the lightning bolt is barely overall and requires redrawing to make it larger so it does not become lost in the decrescent. At this time, if the badge were to be redrawn and resubmitted, it appears that it would be free of conflict."

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Order Name & New Badge

Award of the Bow and Crescent

(Fieldless) On a decrescent sable a bow Or.



The award name is a resubmission after the August 2014 Atlantian return "Award of the Crescent Bow".

"This award name was returned for reworking since the OED has "crescent" as an adjective meaning "growing, waxing" and the sense of something crescent-shaped doesn't show up until after 1600. One suggestion was to modify the award name to "The Award of the Crescent and Bow" since a crescent (or decrescent) is a charge, making the naming pattern into the documentable "charge + charge format."

The badge is a resubmission after the August 2014 Atlantian return of "(Fieldless) A decrescent sable charged overall by a bow reversed Or."

"Unfortunately, this bow was barely overall and needs to be drawn larger and more distinctly from the crescent. Its position off-center from the crescent would be difficult to blazon and may cause problems - it would be safer to center them to each other, or to shrink the bow so it fits into the crescent ("A crescent sable charged with a bow reversed Or")."

Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell, Blue Shark Herald

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Order Name (See Pends for Badge)

Award of the Scarf and Crescent

The Order name is a resubmission after the August 2014 Atlantian return of "Award of the Crescent Scarf".

"This was returned for reworking because the order name does follow one of the patterns from Smith's article and rather suggests that the intent is to play upon the Order of the White Scarf and Artemisia's similar Order of the Golden Scarf, but those use "normal" color + charge patterns. It is possible that "the Award of the Crescent and Scarf" or more appropriately given the appearance of the badge and period regalia order name patterns, "the Award of the Crescent and Band" might be easier constructions."

The badge is a resubmission after the August 2014 Atlantian return of "(Fieldless) A decrescent sable, charged overall with a bend couped Or."

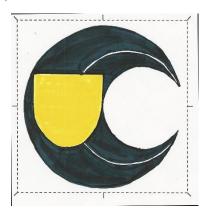
"The badge was returned for redrawing, as the bend couped is barely overall but besides that, you can't charge a crescent with a bend (couped or not). On the other hand, extending the bend right to the bounding box should make it fine, and shrinking the crescent a bit will help."

Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell, Blue Shark Herald.

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Order Name & New Badge

Award of the Shield and Crescent

"(Fieldless) On a decrescent sable an inescutcheon Or.



The Award name is a resubmission after the August 2014 Atlantian return of "Award of the Crescent Shield".

"This is being returned for reworking based on the medieval meaning of the word "crescent" since the construction here would mean "a waxing shield". It could be, however, easily modified to "the Award of the Crescent and Shield", making it follow the pattern of Charge (Crescent) + Charge (Shield), based on the patterns found in "Medieval Secular Order Names" by Juliana de Luna (http://heraldry.sca.org/laurel/names/order/new/)."

The badge is a resubmission after the August 2014 Atlantian return of "(Fieldless) A decrescent sable, overall an escutcheon Or."

"The badge was returned for a redrawing as the escutcheon is barely overall. The nature of the shield is such that, if it were truly drawn overall, it would obscure the identity of the decrescent to an unacceptable degree. It may be possible to charge the crescent with an escutcheon."

Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell, Blue Shark Herald

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Order Name

Award of the Spur and Crescent

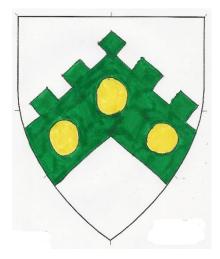
The Award name is a resubmission after the August 2014 Atlantian return of "Award of the Crescent Spur."

"The award name was returned as it does not follow the pattern stated but rather that of two charges. We recommend modification to the "Award of the Crescent (or Decrescent!) and Spur."

Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell, Blue Shark Herald

Cadwalader ap Ieuan - New Name & New Device

Argent, on a chevron embattled vert, three bezants.



Consulting Herald: Agnete Köslin, Sea Stag Pursuivant

Der Thommain Breathnach - New Blanket Permission to Conflict

Per saltire purpure and vert, a tower within a bordure embattled argent.

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Per saltire purpure and vert, four triquetras points to center argent.

Elizabeth Taylor atte Red Swanne - New Device

Per saltire azure and sable all estencely, a wolf rampant argent.



Consulting Herald: Etienne Le Mons d'Anjou, Vexillum Pursuivant

Faílenn Chu ingen ui Fháeláin - New Device

Per pale vert and argent, two seawolves respectant counterchanged each maintaining in saltire a trident sable and a point pointed counterchanged.



This is a resubmission of a device "Per pale vert and argent, two sea-wolves respectant counterchanged each maintaining a trident sable".

"The device was returned by Atlantia in January 2015 for conflict with a device registered to Rhys ap Morgan, in November 2003 "Per pale vert and argent, two greyhounds combattant counterchanged". There is one distinct change for greyhounds and seawolves, however there is no difference for the maintain tridents. It was suggested during in kingdom commentary that the submitter could add a complex line of division to clear the conflict. If the submitter wants to make the tridents

larger to clear the conflict, others issues such as marshalling and the tridents being color on color could become a problem. "

This is also resubmission of the September 2014 Atlantian return of "Per pale vert and argent, two seawolves combatant counterchanged each maintaining a trident sable."

"This was returned for redrawing of the seawolves and tridents, to have their sizes enlarged. We suggested slightly changing the depiction of the seawolves to make their tails clearly tails rather than wings."

Consulting Herald: Etienne Le Mons d'Anjou, Vexillum Pursuivant

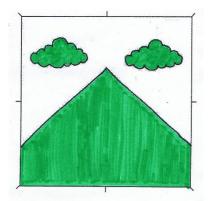
Grimkell of Bright Hills - New Name (See Returns for the Device)

Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell, Blue Shark Herald

Hidden Mountain, Barony of - New Order Name & New Badge

Award of the Vert Cloud

Per chevron argent and vert, two clouds vert.



Consulting Herald: Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Metron Ariston

Hidden Mountain, Barony of - Resub Order Name

Order of the Vert Mountain.

Consulting Herald: Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Metron Ariston

Machteld Cleine - New Name

Consulting Herald: Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane, Metron Ariston

Séamus Blaer de Maxwell - New Device

Argent, on a saltire nowy quadrate sable, a panther couchant guardant argent spotted of diverse tinctures.



The device is a resubmission after the January 2015 Atlantian return of "Argent, on a saltire quadrate sable, a panther couchant guardant argent spotted of diverse tincture."

"The device was returned because the posture of the panther is ambiguous as the panther does not appear to be standing up or laying down. The posture could be couchant, statant or passant. SENA states elements must be drawn to be identifiable. While some allowance will be made for lack of artistic skill, the identity of elements must not be ambiguous. Ambiguity can be created when a depiction falls between two states that contribute to difference, such as tincture, posture, or type of charge. We sometimes say that such a depiction blurs the distinction between the two states, and it may not be registered. Once the posture of the panther is fixed, the device is conflict free as of the decision letter."

Consulting Herald: Séamus Blaer de Maxwell, Coronet

Stephan Grimm - New Badge

Lozengy gules and argent, a sheaf of three arrows surmounted on horseshoe sable.



This submission is to be associated with Honorable Company of Grimmsfield

Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell, Blue Shark Herald

Yri in Roskva - New Name Change

Old Item: Ysabella Cacemoine, to be released.

Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson, Red Shark Pursuivant

Returns

Áine Meave d'Alton - New Device

Per chevron counter-ermine and azure, a unicorn's head erased contourny argent and in base a crescent Or.



This device has to be returned because the per cheveron line division does not divide the areas of the device equally. As per the May 2011 Cover Letter "*Per chevron* lines of division, *chevrons* as a primary charge, and their inversions should have their mid-line placed roughly on the notional mid-line of the space available to them." Please advise the submitter, the placement of the unicorn's head does diminish the identifiability of the per chevron line.

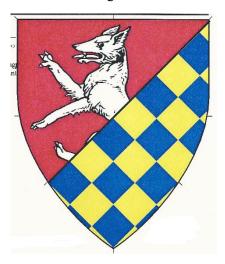
Fjorleif in Vefja - New Name Change

Name is being withdrawn by the submitter.

Consulting Herald: Ragnar Leifsson: Red Shark Pursuivant

Grimkell of Bright Hills- New Device

Per bend sinister gules and lozengy Or and azure, a demi wolf rampant issuant from a line of division argent

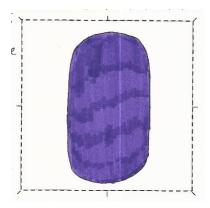


Unfortunately, this device must be returned for conflict with Johnathan Crusadene Whitewolf's badge "Quarterly sable and gules, a demi-wolf rampant erased argent." There is distinct difference for changes to this field but there is no difference between the two wolves. Any proposed device must two distinct changes from any registered armory in order to be registered. Please advise the submitter that a demi-wolf does not include the hind legs.

Consulting Herald: Wynne ferch Rhodri ap Hywell, Blue Shark Herald

Seraphina Delfino - New Badge

(Fieldless) A cartouche purpure.



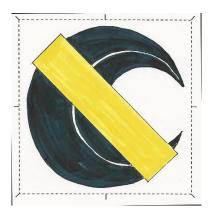
Submitter is withdrawing the badge.

Consulting Herald: Seraphina Delfino, Golden Dolphin Herald

Pends

Bright Hills, Barony of - New Badge

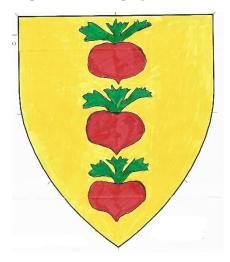
(Fieldless) A decrescent sable overall a bend couped Or.



This badge is being pended to confer with the submitter on how they wish to proceed with this badge. The original submission is considered barely overall and is not registerable. The submitter was deciding if they want to approve a suggested redraw. Pending submission until April Decision meeting.

Wulfric Beornsson - New Name & New Device

Or, in pale three turnips gules leaved vert.



This name is being pended to get in contact with the submitter to see if he will allow us to change the patronymic to Old English or find evidence of the name used in Norse. Since the name is documented as Old English, it has to use the Old English formation for Patronymics. As per SENA PN.1.B.1: "A registerable name phrase must follow the rules of grammar and structure for a single time and place. It may not mix languages unless that mixing of languages within a name phrase is attested as a period practice." Pending until April Decision Meeting.

The device must also be pended since the name is pended. Device submissions cannot go to Laurel without a registered name or name submission in process. Pending until April Decision Meeting.

Consulting Herald: Gisela vom Kreuzbach, Herald