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Star Principal Herald - Position Open for Applications

Know that the position of Star Principal Herald of the Kingdom of Ansteorra is now open for applications. Applications for this position will be accepted until July 31, 2005. Copies need to be sent to Their Highnesses Ansteorra (Prince Jason and Princess Saereid), to the Laurel Queen of Arms of the SCA, Inc. (Elisabeth de Rossignol), and a copy to myself (current office holder). Addresses for each should appear in the Black Star (the new Laurel Queen of Arms was appointed this month and I can forward contact info if you need it before it appears in the back of the Black Star with the other corporate officers). Applications should include the kingdom application for office form, photocopies of a current membership card and photo ID, and a letter detailing strengths and plans for the office. The chosen applicant will assume the office at the Fall Crown Tournament, October 1, 2005, to be held in the Northern Region.

The Star Principal Herald is the Chief Heraldic Officer of the kingdom with upline reporting duties and responsibilities to both Crown and the Laurel Sovereign of Arms. Specific duties of the Star Principal Herald can be found by reviewing three documents:

- 1) Article X of the Administrative Handbook of the College of Arms of the SCA, Inc. (<http://www.sca.org/heraldry/laurel/admin.html>);
- 2) Article II., Section 6 of Kingdom Law of the Kingdom of Ansteorra (http://www.ansteorra.org/regnum/seneschal/forms/2005_Ansteorra_Law.pdf);
- 3) Section 1 of the Administrative Handbook of the College of Heralds of Ansteorra (http://www.ansteorra.org/regnum/herald/docs/COHAdmin_Handbook_2003.pdf).

There is some overlap in items described in each.

Some (but certainly not all) specific duties of the principal herald include:

1. **Supervisory Duties** — The Star Principal Herald is required to exercise oversight over deputies and territorial heralds to ensure the smooth functioning of heraldry in the kingdom. However, in all cases, it shall include the responsibility for the warranting and training of appropriate heraldic officers for all official branches in the kingdom.
2. **Ceremonial Duties** — The Star Principal Herald shall be generally responsible for the conduct of ceremonies within the kingdom. In particular, the Principal Herald or a responsible deputy shall perform any ceremonial duties required by kingdom law and custom or requested by the Crown.
3. **Miscellaneous Duties** — The Star Principal Herald shall be responsible, either directly or through designated deputies, for performing any miscellaneous duties required for the furtherance of heraldry within the kingdom. As kingdom law and custom require or the Crown requests, this may include service on Curia, diplomatic service, service on Courts of Chivalry and other courts, etc.
4. **Insignia Duties** — The Star Principal Herald shall be responsible for the establishment of guidelines for and approval of all insignia of rank applying to all armigerous and non-armigerous titles, ennoblement's, grants, awards, etc., within the Kingdom.
5. **Continuance Duties** — The Star Principal Herald shall have a warranted deputy who shall be responsible for the maintenance of the office in the event that the Officer shall be unexpectedly unable to perform the duties of the office. The Crown shall warrant said deputy and the Corporate Superior shall be notified of the appointment where appropriate. The choice of deputy is up to the Principal Herald.
6. **College Leadership** — The Star Principal Herald is expected to provide leadership as the head of the College of Heralds. Star should consult the College of Heralds concerning matters of importance or before making broad changes in the structure of the College.

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Monthly Deadlines

15th Deadline for Submissions to Asterisk

20th Comments on ILoL of Previous Month due to Retiarius

25th Deadline for articles/letters to Obelisk

Decision Meetings

Jun 4 Northkeep's Castellan
CoH meeting for ILoL 2005-04

July tba
? CoH meeting for ILoL 2005-05

Aug tba
? CoH meeting for ILoL 2005-06

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INTERNAL LETTER OF INTENT 2005-05

Please find herein the ILol for May 2005. The next decision meeting for the 2005-04 ILol will be at Northkeep's Castellan on June 4th. Currently the July and August meetings are tba.

Emma Asterisk

[Obelisk note: They are now in India and will be back with their newest daughter soon. Hooray!]

1) Alexander Meyrick of Sheridan. (Bjornsborg)
New Name.

Major Changes: No. **Minor Changes:** Yes. **Gender:** None specified.

Change for: Language: 16th Century England.

Authenticity: 16th Century England

Documentation Provided: All documented from Beardsley, C.W., *A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*, 1901 ed.

<Alexander> - p46

<Meyrick> - p528

<Sheridan> - p684

Asterisk Note: Photocopies were provided.

2) Anne de Bicester. (Ffynnon Gath)

New Name. New Device.

Documentation Provided: <Anne> - 1390, Welsh Withycombe, ODECN, p25
<Bicester> - header spelling for 1086
<Bernecestre>, p39, Ekwall, ODEP-N

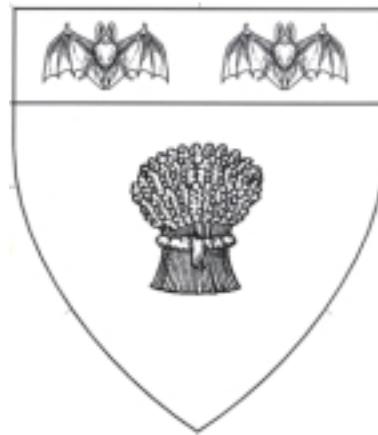
<le Baxter> - Welsh occupational byname found in Rhuthin court records in 1295.

<Martin~ le Baxt'e> and <Ph's le Baxter> although these are the only examples Mistress Tangwystyl has. See attached email dated Thursday January 9, 2003.

Reaney, P.H. and R.M. Wilson, *A Dictionary of English Surnames*, 1995 ed, p33 s.n. Baxter shows a spelling of <Bakestre> in 1260.

3) Branwen le Baxter.

(Bjornsborg)
New Name. New Device.



Azure, a garb Or and on a chief Or two reremice displayed sable.

Major Changes: No. **Minor Changes:**

Yes. **Gender:** Female.

Change for: None specified.

Authenticity: No request

Documentation Provided: <Branwen> was ruled SCA compatible in June 1996. Reaney & Wilson (p 61 s.n. Brangwin) date Brangwayna to 1250, and various surname forms to later. However, this is not a form of Branwen, but rather of Brangwain, which is a different name. Therefore, Branwen is not registerable as a documented name, though it remains SCA compatible. [pBranwen ferch Gwythyr, 11/01, A-East] from the on-line version of draft of name precedents from the tenure of Master Francois la Flamme as Laurel Principal King of Arms. Accessed 01/11/03. <http://home.earthlink.net/~mranc/sca/pelican.html#N->

Argent, a horse rampant and in chief a garden rose gules, slipped and leaved vert, all within a bordure sable.

Major Changes: Yes. **Minor Changes:** Yes. **Gender:** Female.

Change for: Meaning: town of Bicester.

Authenticity: Late 14th century England

4) Branwen le Baxter.

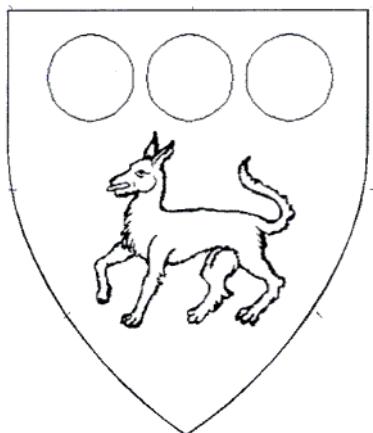
(Bjornsborg)
New Badge.



(Fieldless) A raven close Argent maintaining a sheaf of wheat fesswise Or.

5) Charles Ó Floinn. (Rosenfeld)

New Name. New Device.



Azure a wolf passant argent in chief three bezants.

Major Changes: No. **Minor Changes:**

Yes. **Gender:** Male.

Change for: Sound (none specified).

Authenticity: No request

Documentation Provided: <Charles> - 1273, p62, Withycombe, ODECN 3rd ed.
<Ó Floinn> - undated, p532, Wolf, *Irish Names and Surnames*

7) Erich Rabe. (Ravens Fort)

New Name. New Device.



Per fess argent and gules, a raven sable and a skull Or.

Major Changes: Yes. **Minor Changes:**

Yes. **Gender:** Male.

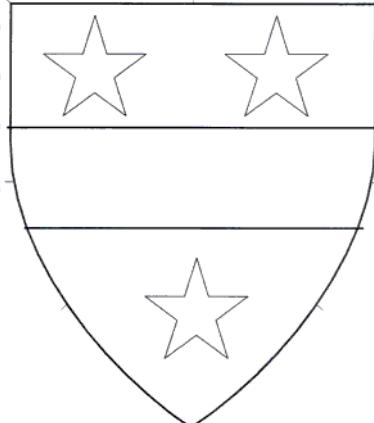
Change for: Meaning (none specified).

Authenticity: Language/culture: 13th-14th century German

Documentation Provided: <Erich> - Bahlow (Gentry translation) p118 header Erich gives Erich of Hoya 1377-1426.
<Rabe> - Brechenmacher p363 header Rabe from 1384 gives the name Peschil Rabe.

9) Henry de Bracy. (Bjornsborg)

New Name. New Device.



Per fess Gules and Vert, a Fess Or, between three Mullets Or.

Major Changes: No. **Minor Changes:**

Yes. **Gender:** Male.

Change for: None specified.

Authenticity: No request

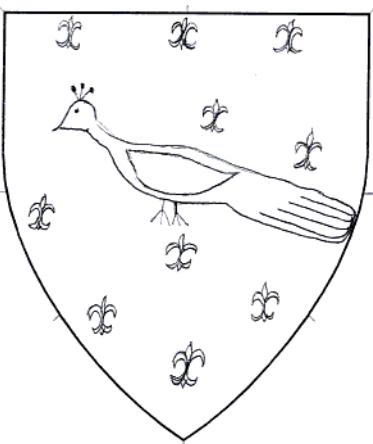
Documentation Provided: <Henry> - Karen Larsdatter (Karen Harris). "Masculine Given Names Found in the 1593 Subsidy Roll for York and Ainsty, England" <http://www.sca.org/heraldry/laurel/names/york16/given-masc-alpha.htm>

<de Bracy> - A letter sent in regards to another inquiry (letter #2253). It gives the information on this name, and cites the Reaney and Wilson source *A Dictionary of English Surnames*. <http://www.panix.com/~gabriel/public-bin/showfinal.cgi?2253+0>

Asterisk Note: All photocopies provided.

6) Dominique Michelle Le Vesseur. (Wiesenfeuer)

Name registered 2/1999 via Ansteorra.
Device Change.

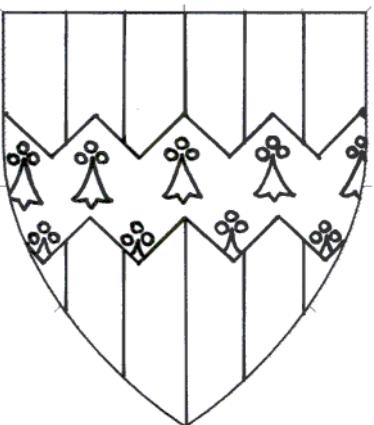


Argent, semi-de-lys purpure, a peacock pavonated vert.

Asterisk Note: Submitter requests old device to be released if registered.

8) Estrill Swet. (Mooneschadowe)

Name registered 12/1986 via Ansteorra. Device Change.



None given.

Asterisk Note: Field is purple and white stripes, with a black fess and white ermine spots. My proposed blazon is *Paly purpure and argent, a dance counter-ermine*.

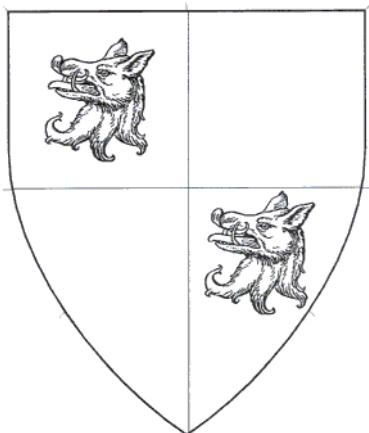
Submitter requests old device be changed to a badge if registered.

**COURT REPORTS
ARE DUE WITHIN
TWO WEEKS OF AN
EVENT.**

10) Kolskeggr Thorolfsson.

(Bjornsborg)

Name registered 6/2003 via Ansteorra.
Resubmitted Device.



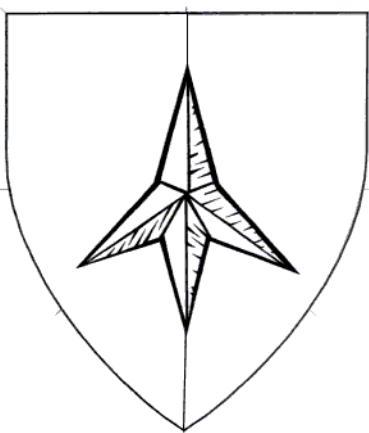
Quarterly Sable and Gules, in bend two boars heads erased Or.

Submission History: Previous submission, “Gyronny, gules and sable, a plate between three boar heads, erased or, armed argent, langued gules” was returned at kingdom May 2004 for lack of good contrast between the divisions of a gyronny field.

11) Mylisant de Impinton.

(Mooneschadowe)

Name registered 10/2003 via Ansteorra.
Resubmitted Device.



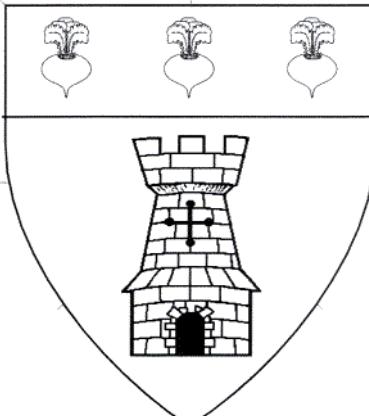
Per pale argent and azure, a caltrop counterchanged.

Submission History: Previous submission “Per pale azure and argent, a caltrop counterchanged” was returned by Laurel 11/2004 for conflict with Richard Longstride: *Per pale azure and argent, a mullet counterchanged.*

12) Radegund of Tours.

(Bjornsborg)

New Name. New Device.



Sable, a tower argent, and on a chief argent three turnips proper.

Asterisk Note: The turnips have green tops, largely pink bodies, with white tips and a white stripe between the pink and green.

Major Changes: Yes. **Minor Changes:**

Yes. **Gender:** None specified.

Change for: None specified.

Authenticity: No request

Documentation Provided: <http://www.panix.com/~gabriel/public-bin/showfinal.cgi?912+0>

If needed, an extra ‘a’ or ‘e’ may be added onto Radegund to Latinize it.

Asterisk Note: A printout of S. Gabriel’s report 912 is attached.

13) Robin of Bjornsborg.

(Bjornsborg)

Name Change from Robin of Seawinds.

Submission History: Name registered 11/2000 via Ansteorra.

Major Changes: Yes. **Minor Changes:**

Yes. **Gender:** Male.

Change for: None specified.

Authenticity: No request

Documentation Provided: <Robin> - Beardsley, C.W., A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames, ed 1901. p650.
<of Bjornsborg> -locative byname

Asterisk Note: For some odd reason, the boxes at the bottom of the name form had been deleted. Out of the kindness of my heart, I have redrawn them on the form. Otherwise, that would be cause for return.

Status of ILols

ILol 2004-06: Commentary 2004-09

Gazette. Lol 2004-08.

Laurel meetings scheduled
12/18 & 27/2004.

ILol 2004-07: Commentary 2004-10

Gazette. Lol 2004-09.

Laurel meetings scheduled
1/29 & 1/15/2005.

ILol 2004-08: Commentary 2004-11

Gazette. Lol 2004-10.

Laurel meetings scheduled
03/19 & 26/2005.

ILol 2004-09: Commentary 2004-12

Gazette. Lol 2004-11.

Laurel meetings scheduled
03/19 & 26/2005.

ILol 2004-10: Commentary 2005-01

Gazette. Lol 2004-12.

Laurel meetings scheduled
04/30 & 16/2005.

ILol 2004-11: Commentary 2005-02

Gazette. Lol 2005-01.

Laurel meetings scheduled
05/28 & 15/2005.

ILol 2004-12: Commentary 2005-03

Gazette. Lol 2005-02.

Laurel meetings scheduled
06/25/2005.

ILol 2005-01: Commentary 2005-04

Gazette. Lol 2005-03.

ILol 2005-02: Commentary this
Gazette. Lol 2005-04.

ILol 2005-03: Comments next
Gazette. Decision meeting
5/7/05.

ILol 2005-04: Comments due Retiarius
5/20/05. Decision meeting
6/04/05.

ILol 2005-05: Comments due Retiarius
6/20/05. Decision meeting
tba.

ANSTEORRAN COLLEGE OF HERALDS

Annotated Internal Collated Commentary on ILoI 0502

Please find herein the decisions made on April 3rd, 2005. - Emma Asterisk

Unto the Ansteorran College of Heralds does Jayme Dominguez del Valle send Greetings!

For information on commentary submission formats or to receive a copy of the collated commentary, you can contact me at:

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Retiarius@ansteorra.org

Commenters for this issue:

Canute
Gawain of Miskbridge - Green Anchor Herald
Maridonna Benvenuti
Magnus von Lübeck – Orle Herald

Collated Commentary on ILoI 0501

1. Chemin Noir, Canton of. (Chemin Noir)

Name registered 2/2004 via Ansteorra. New Device.

Retiarius Note: A blazon was not supplied with this device. The description provided by the submitter is included below:

Central Panel: black
Outer Panel: yellow
Star: black outlined in yellow
Laurel Wreath: green

Cnute

[Device] *Or, on a fess sable surmounted by a laurel wreath vert a mullet of five greater and five lesser points Or voided sable.*

[Fieldless] On a mullet of seven points sable a decrescent gules fimbriated argent... According to RfS VIII.3 "Voiding and fimbriation may only be used with simple geometric charges placed in the center of the design." This does not apply to tertiary charges... LoAR 10/1996 - Eiríkr Tryggvason R-MERIDIES

This mullet voided is a tertiary charge.
Return for violating RfS VIII.3.

Gawain

[Device] *"Or, on a pale sable surmounted by a laurel wreath vert, a mullet of five greater and five lesser points voided Or."*

After following the discussion of this device on SCAHRLDS, I must say that if there is any latitude about allowing this or not, my opinion is that it's sufficiently identifiable so long as the clients don't draw the Or line any thinner. For that matter it could be drawn a bit wider with no harm done.

Magnus

[Device] *"Or, on a pale a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable, fimbriated Or, overall a laurel wreath vert."*

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Issue: Can a tertiary be fimbriated?

I agree with Erik that this ruling is the torpedo that sinks fimbriated tertiaries. Chemin Noir's mullet is simple geometric design, like the heart, which could be fimbriated as a primary. However it loses identifiability as a fimbriated tertiary charge. This is the reason for our long standing ban on thin line heraldry. This is the reason I would give to return it at kingdom. [Alexander de Seton of Altavia, April 1999, R-Middle] "Badge. (Fieldless) On a seahorse erect maintaining a lochaber axe azure, a heart gules fimbriated argent. This is being returned for the fimbriation of the heart. RfS VIII.3. notes that Voiding and fimbriation may only be used with simple geometric charges placed in the center of the design. While a heart is simple enough to fimbriate as a sole primary charge, as a tertiary it is so small as to lose identifiability when fimbriated."

Issue: Can a mullet of 5 greater and 5 lesser points be fimbriated?

Mullets of six or more points may be voided and interlaced (the Star of David, for instance, is perfectly acceptable). [Diego Mundoz, August, 1993, pg. 6] [November 1993 LoAR ANSTEORRA-RJ] "Aisline Bertrand de Langres. Name and device. Vert, two cats sejant addorsed regardant, tails entwined, ermineois, in base a compass star sable fimbriated argent. The compass star meets the guidelines established by Master Bruce for voiding and fimbriation. Please tell the submitter that the fimbriation should be drawn a little thicker, to more clearly delineate the compass star."

Older precedents disagree. Does the compass star ruling overturn these or was the compass star being treated as a 4 pointed mullet?

"Most of the commenters felt that a mullet of eight points was too complex a charge to void or fimbriate." [The device was returned for this reason] (LoAR 4/92 p.21).

[A mullet of seven points charged with another] "Several commenters noted that the primary charge is effectively a mullet fimbriated and that under RfS VIII.3 a mullet of seven points is too complex a charge to fimbriate." (LoAR 6/92 p.15).

Master Bruce's fimbriation guidelines

"It seems to me that, if roundels and lozenges were voided in period, then charges of comparable simplicity may likewise be voided. Of course, this begs the question of defining "simplicity" for purposes of voiding. (Which definition differs entirely from that of "simple geometric charge" for Rule X.4.j.ii, or "simple armory" for X.2...) The arguments presented in [the] submission provide a rule of thumb we can use. We consider voiding to have the same visual weight as adding a tertiary charge — i.e. Sable, a cross Or voided gules and Sable, a cross Or charged with another gules are interchangeable blazons, yielding the same emblazon. This view is supported by period heraldic treatises: e.g. Guillim's Display of Heraldrie, 1632, in discussing chevrons voided, says "if you say voided only, it is ever understood that the field sheweth thorow the middle part of the charge voided. If the middle part of this chevron were of a different metall, colour, or furre from the Field, then should you Blazon it thus: A Chevron engrailed Or, surmounted of another, of such or such colour." We can use the equivalence between voiding and adding tertiaries to determine when voiding is acceptable: if the voided charge can be reblazoned as On a [charge], another — that is, if the inner line and the outer line of the voided charge are geometrically similar — then it's simple enough to void. For instance, in the illustrations below, figure A could equally well be blazoned a delf voided or a delf charged

with a delf; either blazon is correct for that picture. Figures B and C, on the other hand, are definitely a griffin's head voided and a griffin's head charged with another, respectively; the emblazons are quite dissimilar, and the inner line of figure B is not the shape of a griffin's head. The delf voided, then, is acceptable, but the griffin's head voided is not.

By this guideline, mullets, hearts and triangles are all simple enough to be voided or fimbriated. This is only a rule of thumb, of course, not an ironclad law, but it helps us decide a thorny question, it's consistent with how we (and some period heralds) view voiding, and it eliminates the need to collect reams of case law. I shall be employing it henceforth. (15 January, 1992 Cover Letter (November, 1992 LoAR), pp. 2-3)

Issue: Maintained books may not be fimbriated. This is the most recent ruling located on this issue. The book is not simple like the mullet and isn't in the center of the design. This ruling doesn't help much with the tertiary fimbriation issue. [Jens Sveinsson, May 2003, R-Atenveldt] [a merman maintaining an open book argent fimbriated gules] ... the maintained book may not be fimbriated. RfS VIII.3 states, in part, Voiding and fimbriation may only be used with simple geometric charges placed in the center of the design. An open book is not a simple geometric charge and it is not in the center of the field in this device. Note that the book was blazoned on the Letter of Intent as an open book argent bound gules, but that blazon would not necessarily recreate the fact that the binding fimbriates the book around all of its edges."

Issue: Grandfather issues since the parent herald has this type of mullet registered. Their parent barony has a mullet of 5 greater and lesser points voided but it's not a tertiary. So discussion of any grandfather issues is not relevant. Northkeep - The following badge associated with this name was registered in December of 1986 (via Ansteorra): "Argent, a tower sable within a mullet of five greater and five lesser points voided gules."

College Action

Device: Withdrawn by submitter for rework.

2. Dougal del Keir. (Wiesenfeuer)

New Name. New Device. *Per pale vert and sable, on a pale argent four celtic crosses vert.*

Cnute

[Device] Clear

Gawain

[Name] The summaries of the Black citations are correct but so brief as to be a bit misleading. The entry for the surname "Dougal" gives examples of its use as a given name from as early as 1128, but the submitted spelling is only cited as a surname without a dated example. The entry for "Keir" says it has two derivations, first as a toponymic with citations of "Ker" from 1242, "del Keire" (undated), "del Ker" from 1296, and "of Keir" from 1462, to mention the most pertinent. The second derivation is as a "personal name", but it's not clear to me whether this means a patronymic or an epithet. In any case, the examples given are not so close to what the client is submitting.

[Device] "Celtic" is a proper adjective.

Magnus

[Name] Dougal - Black under Dougal has Dugal 1261; Dougale (surname) 1415; Dougall (surname) 1552. Under Dougelson he has Will-

iam Dougalsone 1296. del Keir - Black page 388 under Keir has Alexander del Keire 1296, William of Keir 1462.

College Action

Name: Forwarded to Laurel as <Dougal del Keire>.

Device: Forwarded to Laurel as "Per pale vert and sable, on a pale argent four Celtic crosses vert."

3. Glynnis MacArthur. (Wiesenfeuer)

New Name.

Gawain

[Name] Again, the given name citation is overly brief. The Withycombe entry in its entirety: "**Gleninis, Glynis** (f.): a Welsh name, derived from Welsh *glyn*, 'a valley'. Now (1976) rather common in England." Not a stirring endorsement of its period use in Scotland. Gruffudd is just a bit more helpful: his entry for "Glynis" is "Form of 'Glyn' ". He says that's a diminutive of "Glyndur" and has it ("Glyn") marked as masculine. His entry for "Glyndur" does cite Owain Glyndur, whose dates are 1353-1416(?). Again, weak support for the feminine given name's existence in period. Note that nowhere is an example given of the client's spelling.

Magnus

[Name] Glynnis - Withycombe under Gleninis lists Glynis as a Welsh name in 1976 rather common in England. So the name is modern according to Withycombe. I couldn't find any references for it in period. Return for lack of documentation as a period given name. MacArthur - Black under MacArthur has M'Carthur from 1529.

Maridonna

[Name] Withycombe, (1977 3rd ed.) s.n. Glennis, Glynis: "Welsh name, derived from Welsh *glyn*, 'a valley'. Now (1976) rather common in England." She gives no examples of period spellings. Not all names in Withycombe are period. :)

I have found nothing that tells me that this given name was used in period. There is also Da'ud's precedent: "Glyn appears to be a placename and a surname in period, but not a given name. We will need evidence of its use as a given name in period before we can register it." (LoAR 7/91 p.24).

Black has lists late period spellings of s.n. Mac Arthur: M'Carthair 1569, M'Airthour 1595, M'Arthur 1580, Vc Harther 1618, Mc harter 1549, M'Arthur 1589, McArtour 1516, M'Carthour 1580.

If documentation for Glynnis is found there is one weirdness for Welsh/ Scots mix.

College Action

Name: Returned for lack of documentation of Glynnis.

LAUREL ACCEPTANCES AND RETURNS FOR NOVEMBER 2004

The following are the Ansteorran excerpts from the Laurel November 2004 letter published on 30 March 2005.

ACCEPTANCES

Doran Wyld.

Submitted as *Dearan Wyld*, Dearan was proposed as a given name based on the patronymic *Ó Dearáin*, which Woulfe, *Irish Names and Surnames*, glosses as "descendant of Dearan." However, Woulfe defines "Dearan" as "great". No independent evidence was found that Dearan is a period given name rather than a descriptive name. Precedent, most recently confirmed in February 2003, says:

No documentation was found that Siridean was used as a given name in period.

Siridean was submitted based on the Gaelic surname form *Ó Sirideán* found in MacLysaght's *The Surnames of Ireland* (s.n. (O) Sheridan). However, not all Mac and O surnames derive from given names. Some derive from descriptive bynames. For example, the surname *Ó Balbháin* (Woulfe, p. 433 s.n. Ó Balbháin) means 'descendant of the stammerer'.

Metron Ariston describes the uncertainty regarding the origin of this name:

There has been a great deal of controversy over the ety-

mology of Sheridan and its Irish antecedent over the years. Some people state that the putative *Ó Sirideán* meant "son of the Searcher", i.e., is an attributive patronymic rather than a patronymic formed from a given name. Others insist it must have been derived from a rare given name (based largely on its use as a patronymic as far as I can tell). The Clan Sheridan web site itself (www.longford-tourism.com/genealogy/sheridan.html) notes "O' Shiridean literally translates as descendants of Sheridan the meaning of which is uncertain." I was not able to find a clear instance of its use as a given name (as opposed to a portion of a patronymic) in period [...].

Lacking evidence that Siridean is plausible as a given name in Gaelic in period, it is not registerable as a given name.

The same situation applies to the name *Dearan*.

Metron Ariston found the given name *Deran* in *The Dictionary of the Irish Language: based mainly on Old and Middle Irish materials*. We have changed the name to *Deran Wyld* in order to register it. No dates were included with the dictionary citation for *Deran*, but the spelling is consistent with Middle Irish Gaelic. Therefore, we will give the submitter the benefit of the doubt that it dates within 300 years of the 13th C citation for the byname. The name combines Gaelic and English, which is one step from period practice.

Eibhlín inghean Roibeáird.

Name change from Eibhlín MacEogan.

Her old name, *Eibhlín MacEogan*, is released.

Fearghus Cochrane.

Device. Sable crusily Or, a wyvern erect

Fiona inghean uí Mheadhra.

Device. Per chevron sable and gules, three roses and a seadragon Or.

Isolda Vogelsang.

Name change from Isolda von Rügen.

The given name, *Isolda*, is grandfathered to her.

Her old name, *Isolda von Rügen*, is released.

Jaques the Spink.

Name and device. Argent masoned azure, a bear rampant sable and on a chief embattled azure, two arrows inverted in saltire Or.

Jon Rolfsson.

Device change. Or, a crossbow between two wolves salient addorsed gules.

His previously device, *Azure, masoned argent, on a bend sinister, Or three gloves palewise sable* is released.

Lyneya de Grey.

Name.
Nice name!

Medb Liath.

Device. Azure, six round buckles Or.

This device does not conflict with Kristen de Kennett, *Azure, an annulet engrailed Or surmounted by a sewing needle bendwise argent*. There are CDs for changing the number of charges and the tincture of half the primary group.

Melessent Michel.

Name and device. Azure, a vol between three crescents, on a chief dovetailed argent three compass stars sable.

Michel de Groot.

Name and device. Per pale sable and gules, two mullets and on a chief argent a cross fleury sable.

Please advise the submitter to draw the cross more recognizably fleury.

Michel de Groot.

Badge. Quarterly argent and gules, a cross fleury sable.

Moira Lindsay.

Device. Quarterly azure and gules, a phoenix between three mullets of four points argent.

Oddleif knarrarbringa.

Name.
A very typical Old Norse name!

Rachael MacKinney.

Name and device. Vert, an equal-armed Celtic cross Or between three thistles argent.

Taya Fitzphilip.

Device. Argent, in pale three trilliums sable between flaunches azure.

William Black Dragon. Name (see RETURNS for device).

There was some discussion about whether double surnames were registerable in English. The practice is rare, but is found on occasion. Pelican wrote in February 2002:

There hasn't yet been much research done regarding double surnames in 16th C England. But from the evidence that has been found, we can say that in cases where both names were inherited, the two surnames indicate the surnames of the child's parents. In fact, Withycombe (p. xlivi) dates *Robert Browne Lilly* to 1593, noting that his father was *John Lilly* and his mother's maiden name was *Browne*. In a number of the instances of double surnames in the Dymock parish registers, this construction was an indication of illegitimacy. But considering the small amount of data we have at this time, it would be premature to presume that this is always the case. Indeed, the notation in Withycombe of *Browne* being "his mother's maiden name" would indicate that some of the time both parent's surnames were given to children born to married parents. [Benedict Saint-Jean Eldridge, 02/2004 LoAR, A-Atenveldt]

Therefore, this name is registerable as submitted.

RETURNS**Catrin ferch Rhys.** Name.

Conflict with *Katherin verch Rhys*, registered October 2003. *Katherin* and *Caitlin* are variants of the same name, and when pronounced properly differ by only a single sound in the middle of the name.

Mylisant de Impinton. Device. Per pale azure and argent, a caltrop counterchanged.

The device conflicts with Richard Longstride: *Per pale azure and argent, a mullet counterchanged*. There would need to be substantial difference for these to be clear (via X.2), and two extensive precedent hunts yielded up decisions giving significant, but NOT substantial, difference. So X.2 does not apply. While there is a CD between the mullet and the caltrop, that is the only CD available.

William Black Dragon. Device. Argent, a dragon couchant and a chief rayonny sable.

This is being returned for a redraw. The line of division of the chief is halfway between *rayonny* and *indented*. It needs to be drawn to be recognizably one or the other.

LAUREL ACCEPTANCES AND RETURNS FOR DECEMBER 2004

The following are the Ansteorran excerpts from the Laurel December 2004 letter published on 20 April 2005.

ACCEPTANCES**Borek Vitalievich Volkov.** Badge. (Fieldless) A Russian Orthodox cross reversed Or.

This is clear of Cáemell NicEntaggart: *Per bend sinister azure and Or maily azure, a cross of Lorraine Or*. There is one CD for changes to the field. After consideration we have decided that there is a significant difference between a cross of Lorraine and a (Russian) Orthodox cross. The angled lower crossbar is a major defining characteristic of the Orthodox cross, and as such is just significant enough.

The cross was not blazoned as *reversed* on the Letter of Intent, but the default "Orthodox" crosses all have the bottom crossbar bendwise sinister by default, and this one is the opposite.

Jean Claude Clisson. Name.**Kaitlyn MacKenna.** Badge. (Fieldless) A hand mirror Or.**Robert of Galloway.** Name.**Skorragarðr, Canton of.** Branch name.

Submitted as *Skarrgardr, Canton of*, the protheme *Skarr-* is unattested in Old Norse placenames. The similar sounding protheme *Skorr-*, meaning "rift" is found in the *Landnamabok* in the placenames *Skorradalr* and *Skorrholt*. Therefore, we have changed the name to *Skorragarðr* in order to register it.

Wyndhame, Shire of. Release of device. Per pale embattled gules and Or, in dexter chief a laurel wreath Or.**RETURNS****Wyndhame, Shire of.** Transfer of branch name to Wyndhame, Shire of.

The acceptance of transfer of this shire name was returned, therefore, the transfer must also be returned.

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Some further explanation of skills and job requirements include (but are certainly not limited to):

1. The Principal Herald should generally be expected to attend all Crown Tournaments and King's Roundtables. Attendance at all Coronations would be beneficial. The principal herald leads plenary meetings of the College of Heralds at Roundtables or such times as the principal herald deems appropriate.
2. The Principal Herald exercises oversight and supervision of the College of Heralds, a large staff of deputies addressing the large volume of duties and responsibilities carried out. Supervisory experience of moderately large groups would be beneficial.
3. The Principal Herald provides: four reports to the Crown during each calendar year (at Roundtables and Crown Tournaments), four quarterly reports to the Laurel Sovereign of Arms due by the last day of February, May, August, and November, and an annual report to the Laurel Sovereign due by February 15 of each calendar year.
4. The Principal Herald, either directly or through delegated staff, is responsible for all aspects of heraldry conducted within the Kingdom of Ansteorra. This partially includes: maintaining a smooth submission process for names and armorial, maintenance of award constitutions for kingdom awards and orders, the update and publication of the kingdom Order of Precedence, the quality of field heraldry and court heraldry at kingdom events, heraldic education (in addition to education efforts conducted by the Arts & Sciences Ministry), oversight and selection of bids for the annual kingdom Heraldic and Scribal Symposium, commentary on submissions within kingdom, commentary to the College of Arms on submissions from all kingdoms and principalities of the SCA, Inc., records retention of pertinent documents and materials, oversight of Sumptuary Law and interpretations of the legality of coronets for various ranks, the encouragement of period heraldic display throughout the kingdom, to counsel the Crown on matters pertaining to heraldry within the kingdom, to advise local groups with respect to the creation of awards and orders, to maintain communication among all of the various arenas in which the principal herald represents the kingdom, to produce monthly letters for the kingdom newsletter (Black Star) and the heralds' newsletter (Ansteorran Gazette), and to generally be available to answer questions of a heraldic nature from any level of the populace. Delegation is considered a critical skill. Communication is considered a critical skill.
5. To exercise, through the the deputy office of Star Signet, oversight of the College of Scribes in Ansteorra.
6. Administration skills are critical to the position. Knowledge of heraldry and a ready access to heraldry experts of various fields is critical to the giving of accurate information and interpretation of heraldic practice.
7. The principal herald is responsible to provide the kingdom exchequer budgets for the each calendar year for the College of Heralds and the College of Scribes.

Questions concerning this office can be directed to the current office-holder or any prior Star Principal Herald.

Sincerely,

Seigneur Etienne de Saint Amaranth, Star Principal Herald

ANSTEORRAN GAZETTE

May 2005

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Internal Commentary	Retarius	All Who Comment
Inquiries about Scribal Matters	Regional Scribes, Star Signet	All
Requests for Scrolls to Paint or Painted Scrolls	Regional Scribes	All
Donation of Insignia	Sable Scroll	All
Correlation of Scrolls Given/Not Given	Crown, Sable Scroll	Branch Heralds, Royal Herald
Subscriptions for Ansteorran Gazette	Asterisk	Private Subscribers
Change of Name or Contact Info INCLUDING ADDRESS CHANGES	Obelisk, Star Principal	All
Letters/Articles/Etc. for Gazette	Obelisk	All
Resignations and Applications	One Level Up	All
Administrative Matters	Star Principal	Regionals*, All
Achievement Registrations, Questions	Stellar Scroll	All

*These items are requirements of the job. **If you receive these, it is a requirement of your job to send them to Asterisk promptly.

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