

Letter of Registration & Return

- Hugust - September -- October 2009 -

PRAY ATTEND ALL KINGS ET. QUEENS OF ARMS PRAY ATTEND ALL HERALDS OF ARMS PRAY ATTEND ALL PURSUIVANTS OF ARMS PRAY ATTEND ALL CLERKS OF ARMS

HEAR THESE WORDS OF LETTERS WRIT BY THE FLEUR-DE-LYS KING OF ARMS.

GREETINGS.

With the dawn of the new Imperial Reign, new Imperial Ministers will be appointed. It was with glad tidings and a heavy heart that I have informed the Imperial Crown Heirs of my desire to step-down, at the end of this current reign, from the Office of the Imperial Sovereign of Arms. It is not for the reason of my inability nor want to serve, but for my desire to concentrate my efforts in the other leadership positions I currently hold.

Unto Their Imperial Majesties, Sir l'Bete & Dame Lenora — it was my pleasure serving your heraldic needs during this past year. The pledge of loyalty I swore unto You as Your Minister will not stop at the Reigns end, but becomes my faithful pledge of continued loyalty and support, to You and to Your Heirs.

Unto Sir Vanyev (Belt Azure), Dame Claire (Griffin), Sir Sebastian (Phoenix et. Dragon), Sir Allistar (Codex), & Sir Dorn (Tyger), *THANK YOU* for your steadfastness and devotion to your duties to the Imperial College of Arms. You made my doing the job as the Imperial Sovereign of Arms easier. Be proud of the work we have accomplished, as the College of Arms is Ministry of successes.

Unto all Kings & Queens of Arms, Heralds, Pursuivants, & Clerks of Arms and all Ministers of Arms, it has been my pleasure serving by your side. It is because each of you, that the Imperial College of Arms has run smoothly and has maintained its standard of excellence, as well as an institution of higher learning.

Before I present unto you my final Letter of Registration & Return, it is my pleasure to grant the following honourary Warrants of Office:

Sir Vanyev Betzina, is hereby Granted the Honourary Title & Rank of **Sinister Pursuivant Extraordinary**, with a Badge registered within and to the Imperial College of Arms, as: **[Fieldless]** a demi-escutcheon palewise contourné Sable., for avid, firm and constant service to the Imperial College of Arms, as Belt Azure King of Arms (Deputy Imperial Sovereign of Arms).

Don Sebastian Javier de la Cruz, is hereby Granted the Honourary Title & Rank of *Chapeau Herald Extraordinary*, with a Badge registered within and to the Imperial College of Arms, as: *[Fieldless] a chapeau Gules turned up Ermine.*, for exemplary service to the Imperial College of Arms, as Phoenix et. Dragon King of Arms (Deputy Imperial Sovereign of Arms - East), Mantle Herald (maintaining the College of Arms Pictorial Armourial), Basilica Herald (Minister of Arms for the Church of Adria).

As my tenure as the Imperial Sovereign of Arms comes to a close, I say unto all, Thank you! Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving with you, in a field of study that I am deeply passionate about preserving, protecting, & defending — the simple Art & complex Science of Heraldry of the Middle Ages.

And now, I will depart, but I will not be far. I will continue to offer ANY & ALL my services as a heraldic consultant. If I am wanted or needed to assist in any heraldic office, I will be happy to serve the Imperial College of Arms and the Empire as sort.

I pray that you all fare well.

■ Baroné Francesco Gaetano Gréco d'Edessa

Sovrano d'Armi Imperialé

Fleur-de-lys King of Arms

Flaming Herald Extraordinary

~ <u>REGISTERED</u> ~

ADRIA

Order of the Golden Cross

BADGE

Sable, a cross and in canton a fleur-de-lis Or

Chancellery, Imperial Ministry of the

BADGE

Azure, a cross Or between four castles Argent.

*NOTE: A year ago, during the event of the November 2008 Imperial Estates/Imperial Coronation, I had shown this device to the current Imperial Chancellor (Sir Thomas) & the current Emperor (Sir l'Bete), as a device for the Office of the Imperial Chancellery, of which they liked it. It was to my own fault that I had forgotten to register it in a LoRR. So with this publication I correct that error.

ADRIA (DOMAIN)

Imperial Order of the Hospital of St. Bella in Jerusalem

FLAG

Sable, a Maltese cross Argent, on a chief Gules four Maltese crosses Argent.

DEVICE

Gules, on a pale Sable overall a Maltese cross Argent.

DEVICE

Sable, on a pale Gules overall a Maltese cross Argent.

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BADGE

Gules, a Maltese cross Argent.

BADGE

[Fieldless] a Maltese cross Argent.

CAMBRIDGE

Krac de Chevalier

DEVICE - Estate

Gules, on a pale Sable a Maltese cross at honour point Argent.

*NOTE: A 'Letter to Conflict' is on file from the Imperial Order of the Hospital of St. Bella in Jerusalem.

Francesco Gaetano Gréco d'Edessa

BADGE

Per fess enarched Gules and Vert, a San Damiano crucifix Argent with character figures Sable.

Salvatore Tecchi

DEVICE

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

CASTILLES

Dewey of Castilles

DEVICE

Per pale Gules and Azure, in fess three estoilles Or.

COLLEGE OF ARMS

Chapeau Herald Extraordinary

BADGE

[Fieldless] a chapeau Gules turned up Ermine.

Sinister Pursuivant Extraordinary

BADGE

[Fieldless] a demi-escutcheon palewise contourné Sable.

YORK

House Tecchi

DEVICE - Estate

Per pale Sable and Gules, four Maltese crosses Argent.

*NOTE: A 'Letter to Conflict' is on file from Salvator Tecchi.

Isobel Tecchi

DEVICE

Azure, on a chief wavy Argent three dolphins embowed Azure.

- ~ Reconsidered on Appeal ~
- NONE •
- ~ Reblazoned ~

ADRIA (DOMAIN)

Imperial Order of the Hospital of St. Bella in Jerusalem

BADGE

Azure, a Maltese cross within a bordure embattled argent.

*NOTE: Reclassified from this Domain's FLAG (primary Device) to a BADGE.

~ <u>Transferred</u> ~

COLLEGE OF ARMS

Vingulf (previously: Desert Rose)

DEVICE

Sable, a phoenix rising within a bordure Argent.

*NOTE: Although the Vingulf Estates decided to transfer its membership to Umbria along with their heraldry, Adria's history should not forget that Vingulf (& previously Desert Rose) were once a territories in their own right. Hence, this Device is *also* a protected Device within the College of Arms, as Historic Estates.

BRUNICO

Brunico

DEVICE

Azure, a cluster of grapes and a border Argent.

TRANSFERED FROM: Alhambra

TRANSFERED TO: Brunico

NOTE: Transferred with the consent of the Alhambra Estates & by Imperial Decree^{} regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

Schmitt Bailey

DEVICE - Estate

Argent, a tower and a chief Sable.

TRANSFERRED FROM: Albion

TRANSFERED TO: Brunico

*NOTES:

- (1) A mistake in registration occurred when it was registered, which is corrected with this 'Transfer of Arms'.
 - (2) A 'Letter to Transfer Arms' is on file.

CONNAUGHT

Amorium

DEVICE - Estate

Gules, a drakkar and on a chief embattled Argent, three mullets of eight Gules.

TRANSFERED FROM: Alhambra TRANSFERED TO: Connaught

NOTE: Transferred with the consent of the Alhambra Estates, by Imperial Decree^{} regarding electronic Transfer of Arms. & a 'Letter to Transfer Arms' is on file.

Clan Silverhand

DEVICE - Estate

Gyronny of eight Gules and Vert, a phoenix issuant from flames Argent and on a chief Sable three gauntleted hands Argent.

TRANSFERED FROM: Alhambra TRANSFERED TO: Connaught

*NOTE: A 'Letter to Transfer Arms' is on file.

House Silvervale

DEVICE - Estate

Per pile Azure and Vert, over all a tree blasted and eradicated Argent.

TRANSFERED FROM: Alhambra TRANSFERED TO: Connaught

NOTE: Transferred with the consent of the Alhambra Estates, by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms, & a 'Letter to Transfer Arms' is on file.

Salix alba Sericea

DEVICE

Argent, on a bend Gules four bezants. TRANSFERED FROM: Alhambra TRANSFERED TO: Connaught

*NOTE: A 'Letter to Transfer Arms' is on file.

BADGE

*Or, a quill bendwise Sable.*TRANSFERED FROM: Albion
TRANSFERED TO: Connaught

*NOTES:

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 - (2) A 'Letter to Transfer Arms' is on file.

CYPRUS

House Black Arrow

DEVICE - Estate

Or, an arrow bendwise sinister Sable.

TRANSFERED FROM: Umbria TRANSFERED TO: Cyprus

NOTE: Transferred by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

Iain Griffen

DEVICE

Vert, a sheaf of arrows inverted between two batons sinister Or.

BADGE

[Fieldless] A sheaf of arrows Or fletched Vert.

TRANSFERED FROM: Umbria TRANSFERED TO: Cyprus

NOTE: Transferred by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

Margarita DuBois

DEVICE

Argent, an anvil enfiling a sword inverted Sable, on a chief Vert three annulets Or.

DEVICE

Argent, a bend sinister Purpure surmounted by a arrow inverted bendwise Purpure.

DEVICE

Purpure, a bend sinister Argent surmounted by a arrow inverted bendwise Argent.

BADGE

Argent, a arrow inverted bendwise Purpure.

TRANSFERED FROM: Umbria TRANSFERED TO: Cyprus

NOTE: Transferred by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

Ulis Rowden

DEVICE

Sable, upon a bend between two bows Or a arrow bendwise sinister Sable.

TRANSFERED FROM: Umbria TRANSFERED TO: Cyprus

NOTE: Transferred by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

Waylon of Winchester

DEVICE

Argent, on a chevron Vert between three open books Proper three arrows palewise Argent.

TRANSFERED FROM: Umbria TRANSFERED TO: Cyprus

NOTE: Transferred by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

ROANOKE

Gaeth Fionn

DEVICE

Azure, a garb and on a chief embattled Or three Maltese crosses Azure.

TRANSFERED FROM: Alhambra TRANSFERED TO: Roanoke

NOTE: Transferred with the consent of the Alhambra Estates & by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

UMBRIA

Umbria

BADGE

[Fieldless] a fleur-de-lis Vert.

BADGE

Or, a fleur-de-lis Vert.

TRANSFERED FROM: Allistair CuChlainn Halliday

TRANSFERED TO: Umbria

*NOTES:

- (1) These Badges were gifted to Umbria, by Sir Allistar.
- (2) An electronic 'Letter to Transfer Arms' (in accordance with Imperial Decree* regarding electronic Transfer of Arms) is on file, along with Umbria's Letter of Acceptance.

Vingulf

DEVICE

Sable, a phoenix rising within a bordure Argent.

TRANSFERED FROM: Vingulf TRANSFERED TO: Umbria

[Originally registered to: Desert Rose (March 2006)]

NOTE: Transferred with the consent of the Vingulf Estates & by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

Isle de Morte, (Historical Estate of)

DEVICE

Per pale Gules and Sable, a death's head Argent.

TRANSFERED FROM: College of Arms

TRANSFERED TO: Umbria

*NOTES:

- (1) Although this Device are considered a protected Device, by the College of Arms as a 'Historic Estate', they are *also* registered to Umbria by Imperial Mandate.
- (2) Transferred by Imperial Decree* regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

Barony of Badenoch

DEVICE - Estate

Sable, a winged dexter arm maintaining a sword Gules.

TRANSFERED FROM: Cyprus TRANSFERED TO: Umbria

NOTE: Transferred by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

Barony of Seawolf

DEVICE - Estate

Per fess Sable and Azure, a sea-wolf erect supporting a trident Argent.

TRANSFERED FROM: Vingulf TRANSFERED TO: Umbria

NOTE: Transferred with the consent of the Vingulf Estates & by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms

House Seawolf

DEVICE - Estate

Vert, a sea-wolf erect Argent.
TRANSFERED FROM: Vingulf
TRANSFERED TO: Umbria

NOTE: Transferred with the consent of the Vingulf Estates & by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

Kate Macpherson MacIntosh

DEVICE

Per pale Azure and Purpure, a thistle Argent.

TRANSFERED FROM: Cyprus TRANSFERED TO: Umbria

NOTE: Transferred by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

Michael Sinestro

DEVICE

Sable, a sinister hand appaumy Argent.

TRANSFERED FROM: Cyprus TRANSFERED TO: Umbria

NOTE: Transferred by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

Philippe DeBois Guilbert

DEVICE

Quarterly Gules and Sable, 1st and 4th a raven contourny Sable, 2nd and 3rd a lion contourny tail nowed Gules, maintaining in sinister forepaw a crown Or.

BADGE

Sable, a raven displayed reguardant Sable fimbriated Gules.

BADGE

Paly bendy Sable and Gules.

BADGE

[Fieldless] A fleur-de-lis per pale Sable and Gules.

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BADGE

[Fieldless] A Maltese cross Gules.

TRANSFERED FROM: Cyprus TRANSFERED TO: Umbria

NOTE: Transferred by Imperial Decree regarding electronic Transfer of Arms.

~ <u>Returned</u> ~

· NONE ·

~ Released ~

• NONE •

~ Rules & Rulings ~

I.
*Imperial Decree to the Imperial Sovereign of Arms
Regarding Electronic 'Transfer of Arms'

On 18 September 2009, Their Imperial Majesties sent unto my Office an Imperial Decree, instructing the Imperial Sovereign of Arms to: "At this time you shall accept any written form of communication presented to your office, whether it is email, text, fax or letter. You shall accept any registration presented in these formats to which a hand written signature is presented on such form...."

In compliance with the aforementioned decree, within the section 'Transferred', in my notations of each transfer affected, you will find in the statement: "Transferred by Imperial Decree* regarding electronic Transfer of Arms".

II.
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE
HERALDRY MANUAL (2008): §5.XIII.D, §5.XIII.D(1), §5.XIII.D(2)

§5: College of Arms ∼ XIII: Structure of the College of Arms ∼ D: Ranking System

King of Arms:

Reserved for: (1) the Imperial Sovereign of Arms, (2) Deputy Imperial Sovereign(s) of Arms, and (3) the primary Minister of Arms that serve Kingdoms, (upon petition & acceptance of the Imperial Sovereign of Arms). In addition, (4) as a alternative* retirement title for former Imperial Sovereigns of Arms, [*given by the Imperial Sovereign of Arms, to former Imperial Sovereigns of Arms who have served with distinction].

<u>Herald Extraordinary:</u>

Former Imperial Sovereigns of Arms may style themselves with the rank of Herald Extraordinary, if they remain active in the College and maintain a current Adrian membership.

Pursuivant Extraordinary:

Former Deputy Imperial Sovereigns of Arms may style themselves with the rank of Pursuivant Extraordinary, if they remain active in the College and maintain a current Adrian membership.

§5.XIII.D(1):

The Imperial Sovereign of Arms may grant a permanent title to a Pursuivant Extraordinary or Herald Extraordinary, either as a reward for service or by petition from the individual affected. In addition, a title & the rank of King/Queen of Arms may be given as a alternative* retirement title to a former Imperial Sovereigns of Arms, [*given by the by the Imperial Sovereign of Arms, to former Imperial Sovereigns of Arms who have served with distinction].

§5.XIII.D(2):

The Imperial Sovereign of Arms may also raise a Pursuivant Extraordinary to the rank of Herald Extraordinary for exceptional talent or service. These rankings are good ONLY in the College of Arms. Outside our little world-within-a-world, we are all just Ministers of Arms. Heraldic rank does not equal Adrian rank.

III.

TITLES RECOGNIZED WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF ARMS

Basilica Herald — (Church of Adria)
Sidon Herald — (Domain of the Corsairs)
White Cross Herald — (Imperial Order of the Hospital of St. Bella in Jerusalem)

IV. Promotions

In July 2009, the Rank of Albion's Minster of Arms was raised from Herald of Arms to King/Queen of Arms.

Thank you for your time and attention.

I pray that you fare well.



Baroné Francesco Gaetano Gréco d'Edessa

Sovrano d'Armi Imperialé Fleur-de-lys King of Arms



