

LETTER OF REGISTRATION AND
RETURN
SEPTEMBER 2014

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

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

Reports were received from the following chapters:

Albion, Connacht, Drachetor, Esperance, Malta, Monaco, Somerset, Stirling, Wolfendorf

The following chapters did not send in reports:

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

This month, we have:

- 19 Transfers
- 20 New Registrations
- 3 Returns
- 1 Ruling

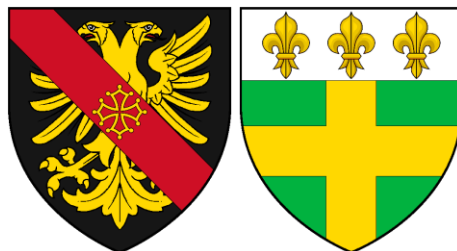
Though we had planned to have an educational article this month, mundane considerations did not allow us to get to one as planned. We hope to have one next month, which will also mark the last LoRR until December.

With the end of the reign of TIM Wright and Mary Elizabeth approaching, and subsequent coronation of HIM Wright and HIH Elizabeth, November's heraldic activity will be included in December.

In Service to the Empire,

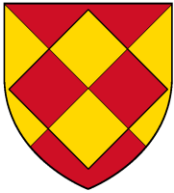
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**BARON IMPERIAL & ROYAL
IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN OF ARMS**



TRANSFERRED:

Cyprus



From: Barony of Bismark (Umbria)
To: Barony of Bismark (Cyprus)
Per saltire Gules and Or, a lozenge Counterchanged.



From: House Blackstaff (Umbria)
To: House Blackstaff (Cyprus)
Bendy sinister Argent and Sable

Umbria



From: House Blackarrow (Cyprus)
To: House Blackarrow (Umbria)
Or, an arrow bendwise Sable.

Varheim



From: Canton of Amorium (Connacht)
To: Canton of Amorium (Varheim)
Gules, a drakkar, sails unfurled, and on a chief embattled
Argent, three mullets of eight points Gules.



From: Woodcarvers Guild (Connacht)
To: Woodcarvers Guild (Varheim)
Argent, a mallet and a chisel in saltire Gules.



From: Worshipful Company of Smiths (Connacht)
To: Worshipful Company of Smiths (Varheim)
Per pale Argent and Vert, a sword inverted Counterchanged
issuant from an anvil in base Sable.



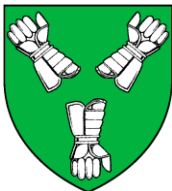
From: Worshipful Company of Smiths (Connacht)
To: Worshipful Company of Smiths (Varheim)
[Fieldless] Two hammers crossed in saltire Argent.



From: Worshipful Company of Smiths (Connacht)
To: Worshipful Company of Smiths (Varheim)
[Fieldless] A pair of tongs Argent.



From: County of the One Ring (Connacht)
To: County of the One Ring (Varheim)
Sable, an annulet Argent.



From: Barony of Silverhand (Connacht)
To: Barony of Silverhand (Varheim)
Vert, in pall three gauntlets, fists outward, Argent.



From: Clan Silverhand (Connacht)
To: Clan Silverhand (Varheim)
Gyronny Vert and Gules, a phoenix Argent and on a chief Sable
three gauntlets Argent.



From: House Cinghiale Volante (Connacht)

To: House Cinghaile Volante (Varheim)

Argent, a boar passant Sable and on a chief Gules, a dexter wing palewise Or.



From: House Crimson Boar (Connacht)

To: House Crimson Boar (Varheim)

Argent, a boar statant Gules, chained Or, and on a chief sable two spears crossed in saltire Argent.



From: House of the Dark Drake (Connacht)

To: House of the Dark Drake (Varheim)

Argent, a dragon's head erased Sable and a chief lozengy Argent and Sable.



From: House Silverhand Invictus (Connacht)

To: House Silverhand Invictus (Varheim)

Sable, a gauntlet bendwise maintaining a laurel wreath Argent.



From: House Silverhand Musicus (Connacht)

To: House Silverhand Musicus (Varheim)

Gules, a gauntlet bendwise maintaining a harp Argent.



From: House Silverhand Venatori (Connacht)

To: House Silverhand Ventatori (Varheim)

Gules, a gauntlet bendwise maintaining a spear bendwise sinister Argent.



From: House Silvervale (Connacht)

To: House Silvervale (Varheim)

Azure, a pile Vert and overall a tree blasted and eradicated Argent.



From: Duchy of Alhambra

To: Cryspen mac Marrigu

[Fieldless] A raven, wings displayed inverted, dechaussee Sable.

REGISTERED:

Albion



Antonia Lopez-Hawk

Device

6639

Sable, a seahorse Or and a wolf Argent combatant.



Antonia Lopez-Hawk

Device

6639

Per bend indented Azure and Argent, a tree fructed and eradicated Counterchanged.

Church of Adria



Congregant Flag

Flag

11-00

Per pale Sable and Or, three fleur-de-lis Argent.



Order of the Papal Guard

Device

11-00

Sable, a pallium Gules, fimbriated and tassled Or, overall two halberds crossed in saltire surmounted by a fleur-de-lis Argent.



Order of the Papal Guard

Badge

11-00

[Fieldless] A halberd bendwise Gules crossed in saltire by a halberd Sable, all surmounted by a fleur-de-lis Argent.



Sanctuary of Westminster (See of Esperance)

Badge

11-02

Purpure, issuant from a sunburst inverted Proper, a dexter hand in benediction Or.

Connacht



Adina

Badge

6005

Or, a triquetra interlaced with an annulet Gules.



Adina

Badge

6005

[Fieldless] A triquetra interlaced with an annulet Gules.

Constantinople



Agnes Rosenberg

Device

9010

Sable, a wolf's head erased and on a tierce Or, three fleur-de-lis palewise Gules.

(ISOA Note: Please see "Rulings," following the registrations, for a detailed explanation of the tierce and its use in Adrian heraldry.)



Gwlados Vachan wreic Wymark

Device

8526

Azure, a Catherine wheel and on a chief Argent, three locks Azure.

Esperance



Kingdom of Esperance

Badge

01-00

[Tinctureless] A dexter hand inverted enfiled in chief by a crown.



Canton of Gaston

Device

01-02

Azure, on a bend gules, fimbriated, a crown between two fleur-de-lis Or.

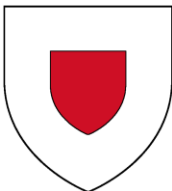


Canton of Gaston

Badge

01-02

[Badge] A dove with its dexter wing elevated and inverted Azure, beaked and armed Gules.

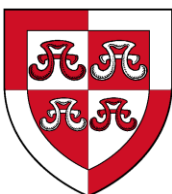


County of Bastone

Flag

01-02

Argent, an escutcheon Gules.



County of Bastone

Device

01-02

Quarterly Argent and Gules, four water bougets and a border all Counterchanged.



County of Bastone

Badge

01-02

[Fieldless] A water bouget per pale Argent and Gules.



Mary of Windsor
Badge
[Fieldless] A bee volant Or.

9051

Monaco



Edmond Nathaniel Denton
Badge
[Fieldless] A fleur-de-lis quarterly Gules and Azure.

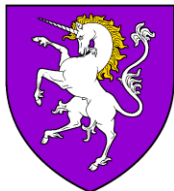
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Wolfendorf



House Jotunheim
Device
Or, an escarbuncle Azure, jeweled Argent, and a border Sable.

64-02



Rika Ivarrdotter
Device
Purpure, a unicorn rampant Argent, mained Or.

8926

RETURNED:

Albion

Bow-Wolf of Hart
Device

5866

Argent, a wolf's head erased within a bow drawn to dexter Sable.
(ISOA Note: Only 1 CD from Cromar Volfsblot of Esperance, "Argent, a wolf's head caboshed Sable, orbéd Or.")

Esperance

Canton of Gaston

Flag

01-02

Azure, a fess Gules fimbriated Or.

(ISOA Note: Overwhelming visual similarity with Edmond Nathaniel Denton of Monaco “Per bend Azure and Gules, a fess Counterchanged fimbriated Or.” Though there exists two theoretical points of difference in the “Per bend” and Counterchanging, the overall effect is too visually similar. The addition of a charge or use of a different ordinary, such as a pale, would clear this conflict.)

Mary of Windsor

Device

9051

Per chevron inverted Azure and Argent, in chief a bee volant Or and in base two arrows inverted in saltire Sable.

(ISOA Note: Returned for Marshaling {X.A.I}. Marshaling is defined, per the heraldry manual as “Any design wherein the field is divided Per Bend, Per Chevron, Per Fess, Per Pale, Quarterly, Per Saltire, or any variations thereof (such as “Inverted”), wherein the charges on either side of the line of division are of different types.”)

RULING:

In the LoRR of August, 2014, I held over the submission from Agnes Rosenberg of Constantinople. This month, I registered the submission.

The reason for the holdover had to do with the use of a charged tierce. The tierce, unlike ordinaries such as the chief or fess, is more rarely seen in period armory. Though rare, when it does appear it is usually left uncharged. Examples from period are hard to come by, but when they appear they tend to support the “uncharged tierce” tradition, with only one example found of a charged tierce. In that instance, the tierce is charged with a fess, which acts as a charge in the absence of other charges. *(See examples on the next page.)*

However, even with this in mind, I found that there still remained a simple question of whether it could be charged. While some ordinaries, by sheer size and design, cannot be charged (i.e. Orle, Double Tressure), I could see no size impediments which would disallow charging of a tierce.

Additionally, there is the problem of the appearance of marshaling. A charged tierce, if drawn too large, could become confused with a “per pale”



c.1475-1475 *Armorial et
Traité d'Héraldique*
FRANCAIS 24381



1550-1555 *Insignia
Neapolitanorum,
Genuensium*
[BSB Cod.icon. 279]

division in which different charges appear on opposite sides of the line of division. Any such use of “per pale” is marshaling and is disallowed in Adrian heraldry.

The problem with that line of thinking is that, if the ultimate argument stems from “it could be drawn to large,” then the College would have to apply the same standard to a charged chief.



1500-1550 *Wappenbuch* [BSB Cod.icon. 392 d]

Both the chief and the tierce utilize one-fifth to one-third the total area of the field. Both the chief and the tierce could be drawn too

large and create the illusion of marshaling (“per fess” and “per pale,” respectively). So, if we allow a charged chief, what argument could be made to disallow a charged tierce?

It is with that in mind that I issue the following decision:

A charged tierce shall be allowed in Adrian heraldry. It shall be treated, for the purposes of rules and restrictions, under the same guidelines as a chief.

With that said, I do wish to issue some recommendations. Given that tierces were primarily uncharged in period armory, and that the tierce itself is a late-period ordinary, it is recommended to leave a tierce uncharged in Adrian heraldry. Should a submitter wish to charge a tierce, they are *highly* encouraged to be careful with display so as to not make the tierce too large and give the appearance of marshaling.

This ruling shall be effective with the publication of this Letter of Registration and Return.