



The Village Idiot

Newsletter of the Barony of Windhaven

January ASL

Minutes of the December Business Meeting

December 6, 2015

3pm Waverly Masonic Lodge

Next Meetings: Sunday January 17th 3pm
Pizza King, Appleton; Sunday February 7th,
3pm TBD

Seneschal's Report: Lady Marketa reported that her quarterly report was sent in.

Chatelaine Report: Lady Aesa that an article and video about the Barony was in the Post Crescent.

Exchequer's Report: Lady Marketa reported on behalf of Lady Xanthippe that we have \$7686.44 in our account. \$634.18 belongs to Bentbridge. We have \$38 towards our next Lodge payment. HE Mira reported that the donation to the Kingdom for SUN wasn't the correct amount. She made a motion that we send an additional check to correct this. Lady Gwen seconded. Motion carried

Chronicler's Report: Lady Aesa reported that the Village Idiot got out. Her quarterly report was also sent in on time.

Herald's Report: Lord Iohannes reported that he put an article in the newsletter about picking a name. He will continue to show names and devices for the group as they are approved. There were over 20 submissions handed in at the consultation table at Boar's Head.

MOAS Report: Not present- no report

Knight's Marshal's Report: Not present-no report. HE Grimmund mentioned that the Domesday report did get in on time.

Rapier Captain's Report: HE Grimmund reported that practices continue the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at Waverly Masonic Lodge in Appleton beginning at 6pm. Domesday report was in on time. Lady Audrey is a M.I.T. as of December 5th. She received her cloak authorization. Brice received his single authorization at Boar's Head.

Youth Combat Marshal: HE reported that there will be boffer at Haire Affaire. Lady Xanthippe is working on classes for Fighters School.

Web Minister's Report: Lord Iohannes reported that Bentbridge will have their own Order of Precedence and can have documents added to their page. His quarterly report was in on time.

College of Bentbridge: Anora and Takemitsu reported that they are working on their Constitution and February's Orgsmorg. The campus may allow rapier next semester. There is a group going to Twelfth Night in Minnesota. Professor Sherman has been approved to receive a Viking Longhouse. UWGB should receive either Summer or Fall 2016. Bentbridge is looking at a Fundraiser to help raise travel costs.

Baron & Baroness Report: HE Mira reported that Nordskogen will have a new Baron & Baroness invested at Twelfth Night and

Jaravellir will have a new Baron & Baroness invested at Tournament of Chivalry on January 30th. HE Mira is working on gifts.

Old Business:

- We have Known World Handbooks available
- Reminder to bring monetary donations to Monday night rapier practices at the Lodge or any other activities that we hold there.
 - Fighter's School-HE Mira has asked Sir Kaydian to find Amored instructors. HE Grimmund is working on Rapier as well as Cut & Thrust instructors. Lady Xanthippe is working on Boffer instructors.

New Business:

- Sewing Days-Scroll cases Sunday December 13th from 1-6pm at Waverly Masonic Lodge (see photos in the gallery)
- Winter Moot-Doors will open at 4:00 pm. Dinner is at 6pm. The site is DRY. (see photos in gallery)
- No word on Fall Crown bid yet

Guild Reminders:

Project night-Their Excellencies' house continues on Wednesdays



Herald's Section
Submitted by Lord Iohannes



The Basics of Heraldry:
Lesson 1: Colors

The design of a Heraldic device (or a badge) follows some basic rules called Heraldic Style.

In the coming months, I will discuss these basics. It may be handy to navigate to the Baronial website and download a copy of the Order of Precedence which depicts many devices you can practice what you learn. This month, we will discuss colors.

Not all colors can be used. In our period, only certain colors were used and the SCA follows this practice. Heraldic colors, referred to as "tinctures" come in three groups: Metals, Colors, and Furs. These groups are organized in a way that allows visual contrast when used. This is called the Rule of Tincture and basically says that you cannot place a metal on top of a metal or a color on a color. You can place then next to each other in the same layer horizontally, but not vertically. When named, the term used is French in origin.

There are two metals:

- "Or" representing gold. Or is always capitalized when written. Yellow is used for Or when depicted.
- "argent" representing silver. White is used for argent as opposed to grey.

There are five colors:

- "vert" which is green
- "azure" which is blue
- "sable" which is black"
- "gules" which is red
- "purpure" which is purple.

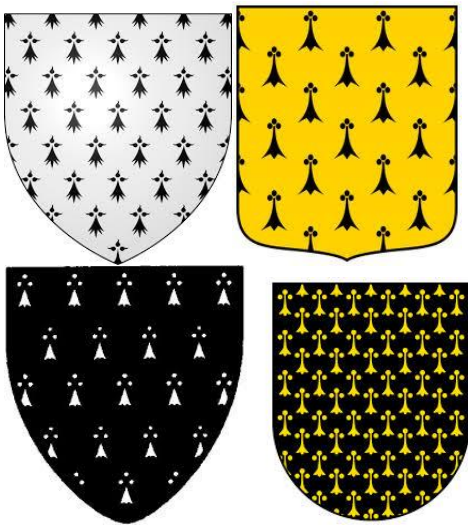
<u>METALS</u>	<u>COLORS</u>
Argent = silver/white	Azure = blue
Or = gold/yellow (note: Or is always capitalized!)	Gules = red
	Purpure = purple
	Sable = black
	Vert = green

The third group, called furs, is a bit of a wildcard. Furs are a pattern instead of a solid tincture and represent the pelts of certain animals (ermine and squirrel). Some furs are considered metals, some are colors, and some are neither and termed as neutral. Which category they fall into for the purposes of the

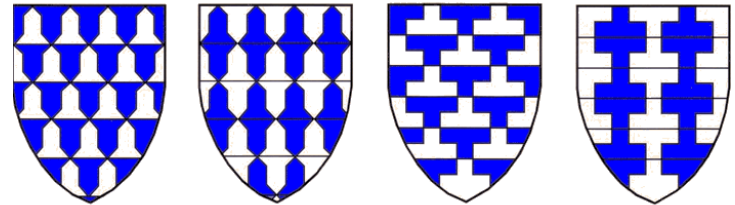
Rule of Tincture depends on the tincture that dominates the pattern. Use of furs can be an easy way to make your design distinctive but can also be difficult to reproduce.

There are eight furs:

- "ermine" which is white with black spots and is treated as a metal
- "ermineois" which is yellow with black spots and is treated as a metal
- "counter-ermine" which is black with white spots and is treated as a color
- "pean" which is black with yellow spots and is treated as a color



- "vair" and "potent" and their "counter" patterns which are evenly blue and white and represent the pelt of a squirrel. Vair, Countervair, Potent, and Counterpotent are all treated as neutral which means they are not affected by the Rule of Tincture because they are considered to be evenly divided.



▲ Vair

▲ Countervair

▲ Potent

▲ Counterpotent

It is also possible to change the color of the spots provided the Rule of Tincture is followed or to change the tinctures for vair, for instance "argent ermined gules" which is white with red spots or "vairy argent and gules" which is a white and red bell pattern. If changed, the tinctures are specified when written or described. If not changed, the standard term is used which indicates the default tinctures automatically without further description. There is also a wide variety of different styles of spots that can be used in the ermine patterns but they are all treated the same regardless of how drawn.

There is one exception to the Rules mentioned called "proper". This is often used with an object, plant, or animal when colored as it would be found in nature. For instance, a tree proper is depicted with a brown trunk and green leaves even though brown is not a heraldic tincture. Not all objects, flora or fauna can be depicted as proper and this should be used with caution. A list of defined objects plants, and animals having a "proper" coloration can be found in the Glossary of Terms. The Glossary can be downloaded from the SCA College of Heraldry website heraldry.sca.org. When used, it is typically handled under the Rule of Tincture as follows:

- Use of light grey or light skin tones is treated as a metal
- Use of dark grey, dark skin tones, brown (usually wood), or dark pink is treated as a color

For practice, review the Order of Precedence file and see if the devices shown satisfy the Rule of Tincture and name the tinctures used.

The SCA College of Heraldry published its December Letter of Acceptances and Returns on 12/18/2015. The following members of the Barony were affected:

Name:

- Conrad Grewe

Submitted: Lord Iohannes Glenfidanus,
Baronial Herald

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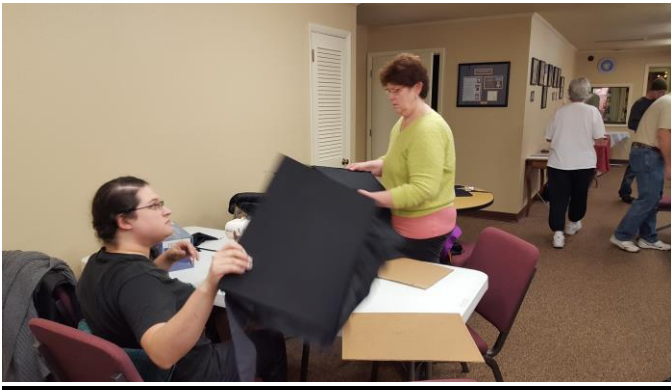
Photo Gallery

Brice received his initial Rapier authorization at Boar's Head



Scroll Case making Day





Baronial Moot



Games



Dancing



Yummy Food!

