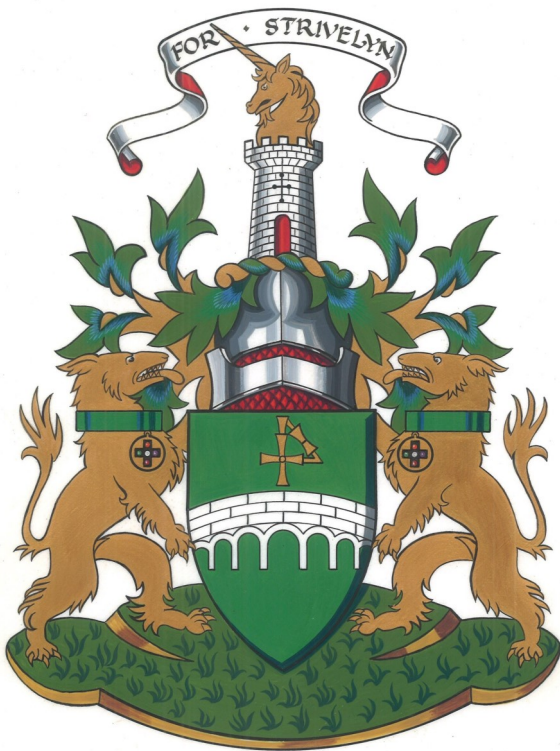


# Practical Heraldry for the Self-Isolator

## Week 6D– The Merchant Guilds

Running parallel with the Incorporated Trades, which were for manual craftsmen, were the Merchant Guilds, which grew up to protect the commercial interests of the towns. In earlier times, there was no cross-over between the Trades and the Guilds and usually the latter claimed precedence, the Dean of Guild being the “Second Citizen” after the Provost or Lord Provost while the Deacon Convener of Trades would be “Third Citizen”.

The Guildry of Stirling claims to be the oldest Guildry on Scotland, the arms were recorded in 2016 and the current Dean is Mrs Elizabeth Roads LVO, Snawdoun Herald and the first woman Dean in the Guildry’s 900 year history.



Vert, an enarched bridge of seven arches Argent, in chief the reversed numeral 4 in baroque style Or. Above the Shield is placed an Helm suitable to an Incorporation with a Mantling Vert doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for a Crest a tower Argent, masoned sable port Gules, issuant from the parapet a unicorn’s head Or, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto “FOR STRIVELYN”, on a compartment below the Shield are set for Supporters two wolves Or each gorged with a collar Vert from which is pendant a bezant fimbriated sable charged a jewelled cross of five stone Gules Vert, Sanguine, Purple and Argent.

### The Guildry Incorporation of the City of Dundee, granted arms 2018



*Per saltire Azure and Or, in chief on a base wavy of two barrulets Argent a whale's tail-fin Sable supporting a ship in full sail Argent, in base a pot of three growing lilies Argent, the pot charged with a double chi-rho reversed Sable, in dexter flank an open book Proper, binding and fore-edges Gules, in sinister flank three pallets in bend interlaced with three pallets in bend interlaced with three pallets in bend sinister coupé Tenné, charged with a shuttle in bend sinister Proper.*

## The Burgesses of Guild of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen



The Burgesses of Guild of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen ranks as one of the oldest civic institutions in Scotland. The Burgesses are first mentioned in historical documents in 1124 when Aberdeen was a centre of trade and commerce.

HRH The Duchess of Cornwall presented the Burgesses with their coat of arms in 2016.

Ayr, Berwick-on-Tweed (formerly in Scotland), Brechin, Lanark and Perth also have flourishing Guildries.



## The Merchants House of Glasgow

*Gules a terrestrial sphere Argent, encircled by an equatorial band cotised Sable, charged with the signs of the Zodiac of the Last, en surtout an escutcheon parted per fess Argent and Gules, from a mount in base an oak tree the stem surmounted of a salmon on its back with a silver ring in its mouth, on the top of the tree a robin red-breast and in the sinister fess point an ancient handbell all proper, in base below the sphere a merchant's mark resembling the figure 4 of the Second.*

The Merchants House of Glasgow recorded arms in 1912, some 8 months after the Trades House. The principal charge of the Merchants' coat of arms is essentially a globe of the world with the Trades House arms on it—the latter being itself a slightly differenced version of the arms of the City of Glasgow.

## The Dean of Guild Court of the Burgh of the City of Glasgow

Established under Letters of Guildry 1605,

*Quarterly of five: 1st: Argent, fretty enarched Vert, a full-rigged ship in full sail Proper, flagged Gules.*

*2nd. Azure on a chevron couped between two towers in chief Argent, masoned Sable and in base fourteen arrows Or bound of the first, a pair of compasses Proper.*

*3rd. Gules an ancient Scots nail-hammer and axe in saltire surmounted of a wright's chisel, edge downwards, paleways, all Proper.*

*4th: Argent on a mount in base Vert an oak tree Proper the stem at the base thereof surmounted of a salmon on its back also Proper with an annulet in its mouth Or, in dexter chief a martlet Gules, in the sinister chief an ancient handbell Proper,*

*5th entée en point Sable a demi-figure representing St Mungo issuant from the base, vested and mitred, his right hand raised in the act of benediction and having in his left hand a crosier all Proper.*

