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**Ealdormere
Letter of Comment
On the
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Internal Letter**

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Unto Lord Trillium, the Ealdormere College of Heraldry and the people of Ealdormere does Lord Percival de la Rocque, Green mantle Herald send greetings. The following are the commentary notes on the 01 August 2004 letter of intent.

As always the device miniatures have been deleted to save space. See the August Letter for mini Pictures if desired.

1. **Aelric Blackthorn** (Device Resubmission at Kingdom). Name appears on the July 2004 External letter of Intent.

Argent, a chevron cotised gules between three roses sable.

Original device of "Argent, a chevron gules between three roses sable" was returned on the June 2004 ILOI for conflict with "Cynwrig Cynydd August 97 via Middle of 'Argent, a chevron gules between two mullets of six points voided and interlaced and a greyhound sable" There is only One CD for the secondary charge group. The addition of the cotise on this new design appears to give a second CD to clear conflict.

***Returned for Redraw. The cottising while clearing the conflict on this submission is drawn far too narrow and needs to be redrawn to at least 2 or 3 times as wide as currently shown. As drawn they are all but invisible from any but the closest examination.**

2. **Andrew Cameron** (Device Resubmission at Kingdom) Name appears on the July 2004 External letter of Intent.

Per pale wavy argent and azure a bear and a dog combatant counter changed.

Original submission of "Per pale argent and azure, a bear and a dog combatant counter changed" was returned on the June ILOI for violation of RFS XI.3 as Marshalled Arms.

The change of the line of division to a complex line (wavy) clears this infraction.

***Passed on to Laurel with the note that the wavy divisions should be drawn larger and with fewer actual waves. It is suggested that the number be reduced by about half and the size doubled on the waves. It is hoped Laurel will also agree that a redraw is not needed but that the divisions waves do need to be shown larger on any display of this device.**

3. **Blacksword, House** (New Name and Badge) Submitter name Lothar the Gregarious appears later in this letter. There are no checks or indications of any desire for a given period/culture or language.

Documentation indicates Blacksword as a constructed name based on,

Reaney, A Dictionary of English Surnames. Revised 1977.

"Black" pg 46-47 constructions include Blackstone: Blackston- 1086 Wm.

Blackston, 1235. Blackthorn: John de Blakethorn - 1276. Blackwood: Wm. De Blacwode -1327. Blackford: Roger de Blakeforde -1296.

"Sword" pg 436-437 {OE} sword. Robert Suerd - 1185, Peter Swerd - 1297.

"House" is a standard SCA nominator for a group such as desired here.

(Fieldless) a kris, bendwise sable.

***Returned:** First it was pointed out that this entry should appear under the name of the person registering it and thus it should appear under Lothar's entry later in this letter. These submissions appear to be possible on its own merits with commentary documents as supplied by several sources because the submitters name is being returned (see Lothar) we have no choice but to return these entries as well until such time as a possible name is forwarded to hold them under.

4. **Cainder ingen hui Chatharnaig**
(Badge Resubmission at Kingdom)
Name registered Sept. 2000 via the Middle. (name appearing on forms is Cainnear inghean Hui Chatharnaig)

Argent vetu ploye sable, a slow match sable.

Original badge of "Per inressant argent and sable an equatorium Or" was returned on the Sept 03 ILOI for a redraw. The line "per inressant" is not a known period heraldic line of division. Additionally the appearance of the charge item "equatorium" was too similar to many other round charges to be distinct from any distance. This new submission is a total redraw and clears up all of the problems previously mentioned.

***Return for Conflict as follows**
[Argent vêtü ployé quarterly sable and gules, a cat passant guardant sable] This conflicts with Amber Lang, Vert, on a lozenge argent, a cat sejant guardant sable. When comparing armory using a vêtü field with armory using a lozenge, the comparison must be made in two ways: as if both pieces of armory used a vêtü field, and as if both pieces of armory used a lozenge. If we consider Isabel's armory as the equivalent blazon Quarterly sable and gules, on a lozenge ployé throughtout argent a cat passant guardant sable, there is one CD from Amber's armory for changing the field, but no difference by RfS X.4.j for changing only the posture of the tertiary charge. There is no difference between a lozenge and a lozenge ployé, nor is there difference between a lozenge

and a lozenge throughout. [Isabel Margarita de Sotomayor y Pérez de Gerena, 11/02, R-Trimaris]
Precedents - François, under FIELD DIVISION -- Vêtü

Considered as sable, on a lozenge throughout ployé argent a slow match sable:

Meryk the Rogue - April of 1997 (via the East):

Sable, on a lozenge argent a sea griffin contourny purpure.

Single CD for multiple changes to the tertiaries.

5. **Ealdormere, Kingdom of** (New Heraldic Title) **Silver Wolf Herald**
Care most about meaning and make no requests as to gender, period, culture or language. This title is to be used for the immediate previous Kingdom Principle Herald (Trillium) and will move with the office each time a new Trillium is chosen.

The only documentation for this name is that it follows long accepted SCA as well as mundane tradition of heraldic titles that consist of (Colour + Heraldic Charge Item)

***Withdrawn by Kingdom due to impending conflict with An Tir –Order of Silver Wolf. We have addressed a letter requesting permission to conflict and this item is withdrawn and pended awaiting outcome.**

6. **Eoin MacLeod** (New Name) Wishes a Male name and cares most about the language/culture of Scots Gaelic.

Eoin: attached copies of web document titled "Concerning the names Iain, Ian, and Eoin"
<http://www.medievalscotland.org/problem/names/iain.shtml>
"Eoin is a Gaelic form of John". "It was carried to Scotland by Irish settlers and has remained in use in both Irish and Scottish Gaelic to the present day". Some dates cited in the document include 12th thru 16th century and well past 1600 as a standard Gaelic form of John.

MacLeod: Blacks, Surnames of Scotland. 1986. S.n. McLeod, Gillandres MacLeod 1227.

***Returned for Conflict**

This conflicts with Eoin Mac Leo{id (where the \ represents a grave accent over the previous letter), registered 01/1994 via An Tir.

7. **Gina Dragoni** (Name and Device Resubmission) Seeks a female name and cares most about language/culture for Italian with no time period specified. ****Will NOT accept major changes****

Both items in various forms have been returned previously a few times. The Most recent was the name being returned at Kingdom level in May 2004 for several problems with the period use of some of the elements. Most were found to be unsupported in period or with the documentation chosen. The device was pended at this time awaiting a name resubmission.

Gina: Submitters mundane Given Name. Attached copy of Birth Certificate.

Dragoni: Defelice; Dizionario dei Cognomi Italiani Pg 116. S.n. Drago (no date cited?) appendix H book no copies attached. Fucilla; Our Italian Surnames. Pg 142 animal names footnote 84 and Pg 161 occupative names footnote 21. Appendix H book no copies attached. Lastley submitter has attached a web document titled "La Storia di Palazzo Dragoni" <http://www.palazzondragoni.it/Inglese/indexing.htm> the gist of this print out indicates that a place called Dragoni palace was built in about the 14th century by a family called Dragoni.

Or, on a nordic spectacle helm a dragon passant purpure.

Attached are several web documents detailing this type of helm. <http://www.soton.ac.uk/~tpg/ArtsOfWarPart4.htm> states a date of 5th to 10th century <http://albionarmorers.com/images/armoring/iph0041-b.jpg> is a photo of a helm of the

type drawn with no documentation as to its authenticity.

<http://www.angelfire.com/wy/svenskildbiter/armsandarmour/mailshrt.html> shows a description and photo of a spectacle helm from the Gjermundbu Find

***Forwarded top Laurel. It makes me happy to say we have finally come up with a name and device that appears to have what is needed to be registered and we look forward to Laurels ruling.**

8. **Greenhithe Bae The W{ae}ter** (New Canton Name) They care only about a name with a similar meaning and have attached a poll of the canton in support of the name.

The documentation is rather sketchy being only a type written page of information from the group themselves stating that.

Greenhithe is a town on the Thames river England and that this comes from the official web site of the Hamlet of Greenhithe, Kent England. And was known as Greenhuth as late as 1363. No URL or copy attached.

From the fist Hypertext Edition of the Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, E. Cobham Brewer 1894. "Hythe or hithe is a low place on a river bank for landing a boat. From Old English. Hyth , "port, harbour, haven". They also cite Queenhithe (London). The Hithe or strand for landing and unlading barges and lighters in the city.

They offer no documentation or support for the construction of the name or the elements Bae the Water. We ask for any assistance possible here.

***Forwarded to Laurel. We have added some supporting documentation from our commentary process and this name should be register able though it will probably have some changes made to it.**

9. **Katerina of Renfrewshire** (New Name and Device) Seeks a female name accurate for language, culture and time period of 14th century Scottish.

Katerina: Withycombe 3rd Ed. Pg 1862 a
12th century English womans given name.

Renfrewshire: Blacks Pg 688. Adam de
Renfru 1296, Robert Reynfru 1304 and
Galfridus Renfrew 1408.

*Lozengy, gules and Or a boar passant,
pierced by an arrow, sable.*

***Name Forwarded to Laurel Device
Returned for conflict.
The name documentation did not provide
support for the use of "Shire" as
submitted but as all other elements
appear sound we have forwarded the
entry to Laurel in hopes that a ruling can
be made to accept the name with minor
changes.**

**The Device is returned for conflict with.
This conflicts with Thomas of Ravenhill
(reg. 01/2001 via the Middle),
"Per bend lozengy vert and argent and
Or, a boar passant sable." There
is one CD for the field, but none for the
effectively maintained arrow.**

10. **Lothar the Gregarious** (New Name
and Device) seeking a male name
accurate to language, culture and time
period for 10th Century Anglo Saxon.

Lothar: Bahlow: Pg 322 Lothar II Germanic
King

Gregarious; Geirr Bassi Haraklsson: pg 21
name meaning fun, good cheer etc.

*Lozengy, sable and argent, three wolves
teeth azure.*

***Name and Device Returned (see also
Blackword, Household submission)
Name is returned for Lack of
Documentation. Gregarious is not found
in Geirr Bassi as claimed and no support
could be found from our commentary
process.**

**The device itself appears to be clear of
conflict and any design problem or rules
violations. However as no registerable
name is being sent forward we have no
choice but to return the device as well.**

11. **Matthew de Bradenham** (New Name)
Seeking a male name accurate to
language, culture and time period of
14th Century English (Essex).

Matthew: Withycombe 1947: Pg 99 12th C.

Bradenham: Mills. Pg 49 1086AD.

***Forwarded to Laurel. We have beefed
up the documents from our commentary
process to help support this submission.**

12. *Nikolai Domingo de Vallejo* (Badge
Resubmission at Kingdom) Name
registered 05/2003 via Ealdormere

The original submission of "Per bend wavy
sable and vert, a wolfs head erased
contourney argent" was withdrawn from the
June ILOI at the submitters request due to
numerous problems with style and
Identifiability of the complex line of
division.

*(Fieldless) a wolfs head erased contourney
argent.*

***Forwarded to Laurel**

13. **Offangaard** (New Canton Name and
Device) Seek a name authentic for
language and meaning of Southern
Guard. Poll of the populace in support
of submissions attached.

Created name constructed as follows.

Ofan: adv (1) from above, down
downwards:

<http://www.northvegr.org/zoega/h3180.php>

Gardr; m (1) fence, wall (2) enclosed space,
yard(5) stronghold, castle

<http://www.northvegr.org/zoega/h161.php>

also from

<http://www.yorku.ca/inpar/language/OldNorseFlashCards.pdf>

card #1673: ofan = southward

card #3281: gardr = enclosure.

Azure, an increasent argentwithin a laurel wreath, on a chief argent four compass stars azure.

***Name Forwarded Device returned for conflict.**

The device conflicts with .. This conflicts with Susan of Tirnewydd (reg. 10/1992 via the Middle)

"Azure, an increasent and on a chief argent four mullets azure". There is one CD for adding the laurel wreath. While a mullet of five points is significantly different from one with eight points (per X.4.f), this is not the substantial change that is required per X.4.j.ii for a CD.

We also noted several flaws with the overall design of this device and include these notes here for future resubmissions of this device. "... the laurel wreath is not drawn correctly. "A properly drawn laurel

wreath should not have sufficient room between its tips to place another charge. [Darkstone, College of, 02/00, R-Middle]" [Uma, Shire of, 10/01, R-Drachenwald]"

"It must also be returned for stylistic reasons. Laurel wreaths must, by long standing precedent, be drawn in a circular, or mostly circular, shape...[Fiodnach Eoghan, Shire of, 11/01, R-Trimaris]"

14. Rising Waters, Barony of: (Award Name Appeal from Kingdom) **Fiona's Pearl.** This submission was returned at the Kingdom level in January 2004.

This award is intended to be named after the Late Baroness Fiona Averylle O'Connor of Maidenhead. Founding Baroness of Rising Waters, White Mantle Herald Extraordinaire and Patron of Children. It will be given to children of the Barony who display efforts in the Arts and Sciences beyond the scope of their age or experience.

*As an appeal Kingdom can not refuse to forward this submission to Laurel for ruling. I include it here in hopes of gaining more

support or approval from internal commentary based on the stated appeal attached.

Documentation re name elements:

Fiona: has been found to be SCA compatible in the past based on precedence originally made under Wilhelm von Schlüssel in 04/1981 and re stated several times since, the most recent being under Francois la Flamme in 11/2001.

Pearl: Oxford Concise English Dictionary 1995 edition Page 1005. N. a usually white or blueish grey hard mass formed within the shell of a pearl-oyster or other bivalve molusk. Highly prized as a gem for its luster.

The original intent of forming this name as documented used the belief that it fell under the Period construction as in "A Collection of Period Order Names" found at <http://www.nwlink.com/~badger/sca/ordernames.html>. copy was attached and is once again. This was returned at the Kingdom level based on Internal commentary that a Society Name (Fiona) is not the same as a Saint or other important historic persons name etc. and no support was given for this type of construction.

In appeal of this decision we have attached A document asking for a precedence being set by Laurel for the following reasons. (excerpts and paraphrased as follows)

First it is our belief that the use of physical objects in order and award names is covered by presedence as set by Jaelle of Armida 09/1997 and Elsbeth Anne Roth 02/2000.

As submitted this award name follows a pattern of (society name + Object) that is one step away form the registerable practice of (Holy name + Object). It is our contention that this period practice using Saints names was based on the highly religious structure of the period and peoples belief that these "Saints" were "People" who's lives were worthy both of honour and emulation. These Saints were for the most part people who had lived lives of deep pious devotion, service to a cause or belief and most often involved some degree of self

sacrifice. In terms of the society of the time these Saints were the model others strive to be like and sought out for guidance and help of a personal or spiritual nature.

We therefore feel in our anachronistic SCA society with accelerated histories, new Kings every 6 months, a verbal sung and spoken history and legend that goes back a mere 39 years yet speaks of an ancient and mythical past and the people who lived it. We sing of our Mighty Kings, Noble Knights and warriors and do battle to inspire tales and legends that rival those of Arthurian legend and fable. Why should we not be able to honour our own people as those in the past were honoured.

Naming our orders and awards after actual historic figures while makes them perfectly registerable in the SCA. However we ask that Laurel consider how similar to historic practice this type of naming practice would be within our society and its limited history, lack of overt religious display and accelerated gaining of fame and renown within the SCA.

Within the SCA as a whole, the Kingdoms of the Middle and Ealdormere and specifically the Barony of Rising Waters we feel that if anyone deserved the honour of being so noted it is the Late Baroness Fiona. Her awards within the society include no less than 8 awards granting some level of Precedence. The most important of these are, Court Baronetcy 11/1987, Landed Baroness as Founding Baroness of Rising Waters in 1988 and Pelican in 10/1990. Fiona also served as Dragon Principle Herald of the Midrealm among many other heraldic positions from Local to Kingdom level. She held several awards granting no precedence including no less than two augmentations of her arms and many Kingdom, Principality and Baronial awards. Her input and guidance was instrumental in founding the Barony of Rising Waters and later her good council was of great assistance to our fledgling kingdom as we stepped out of the shadow of our Midrealm parent.

On a personal note Fiona was a Lady in all ways. A picture of grace and inspiration to all. She strove to offer her service to all at any level and in any way she was able. Her

words and guidance were cherished and valued by all who she touched. In later years despite her failing health Fiona continued to play an active part in the society at every opportunity. Her electric scooter became a familiar site at events all over the kingdom and she was never far away when advise, council or just a friendly chat was needed. Even as her time grew short she continued to attend events up to a few short days before her passing because she wanted to share with her friends and SCA family as much as she could before her time among us was done.

We therefore appeal to Laurel to see fit to make allowance for this type of name practice in honour of our people in our historic time who if not in title at least in actions emulate the Saints and worthy historic figures of the past.

We attach a petition in support of this appeal signed by the Baron and Baroness Tancred and Rosalinda of Rising Waters, The entire Baronial populace as well as several gentles of Ducal, County and Viscounty rank, several Peers of the Realm, Landed Barons and Baroness's of Ealdormere and many other citizens of the Kingdom of Ealdormere. A total of 77 names limited only by the fact we did not have time to reach more of the populace of the Kingdom.

***Forwarded.. we have no choice as this is an appeal however it should be pointed out that commentary supported this appeal.**

15. **Rising Waters, Barony of:** (Award Name Appeal from Kingdom) **Fiona's Pebble.** This submission was returned at the Kingdom level in January 2004

This award is intended to be named after the Late Baroness Fiona Averylle O'Connor of Maidenhead. Founding Baroness of Rising Waters, White Mantle Herald Extraordinaire and Patron of Children. It will be given to children of the Barony who display efforts in the area of Service beyond the scope of their age or experience.

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I include it here in hopes of gaining more support or approval from internal commentary based on the stated appeal attached.

Documentation re name elements:

Fiona: has been found to be SCA compatible in the past based on precedence originally made under Wilhelm von Schlüssel in 04/1981 and re stated several times since, the most recent being under Francois la Flamme in 11/2001.

Pebble: Oxford Concise English Dictionary 1995. Pg 1006, n. a small smooth stone worn by the actions of water.

**In order to save space please see the remainder of the appeal information under the previous item #14. All documents except the type of item (Pearl vs. Pebble) are identical for both appeals. A full copy of the appeal will be added to the External letter when it is prepared.

***Forwarded.. we have no choice as this is an appeal however it should be pointed out that commentary supported this appeal.**

16. Torquil McGloid of Harris (New Name) Seeks a male name authentic to language or culture of the Hebrides.

Torquil: Black, George, Surnames of Scotland. Pg. 775

McGloid: Black, George, Surnames of Scotland. Pg #538 header Macleod.

Harris: Mackay, George Scottish Place Names. No page number or other info provided.

***Forwarded to Laurel. Minor corrections and supporting documentation added to submission.**

17. Wencenedl of Rokesburg (Device Resubmission at Kingdom) Name was on the May 2004 XLOI.

*Azure, a hart contourney trippant
reguardant, a chief embattled argent, three
dragonflies azure.*

Previous device of "Azure a heart tripart reguardant, a chief embattled argent three dragonflies azure". Was returned May 2004 for Conflict with ""Brian Angus McDonald 01.1991 via Ansteora Azure a stag passant maintaining a gonfannon and on a chief embattled argent three roses azure. There is no CD for the head position or passant vs. statant. Also none for maintaining the gonfannon and this leaves but one CD for the change of type for the tertiaries.

The new submission simplifies flips the heart to the contourney and this should clear the conflict.

***Forwarded to Laurel * appears to clear all conflict problems created by original device.**

Respectfully Submitted by
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Green Mantle Herald