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 Kingdom of Ealdormere

Unto Excellent Trillium, Lord Green Mantle, the Ealdormere College of Heraldry, and commenting heralds everywhere does Lady Cainder ingen hui Chatharnaig send warm greetings and a wish for a cup of something warm in your hands this chilly season. I hope my letter finds you all in the best health and ready to comment on the following items for consideration and commentary.

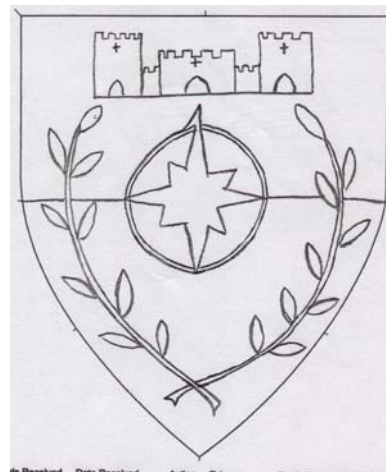
\*In all cases unless indicated otherwise, submitters will accept all changes and creation of holding names as required for their desired authenticity.

1. **Bastille du Lac, Shire of** – Name and Device. Will not accept **major** changes changes, wishes a name authentic to French language and/or culture caring more about language/culture should changes be necessary. Petition of populace is included supporting both name and device.

*Per fess sable and azure, a compass rose within a laurel and a castle in chief Or.*

The client has provided photocopied reference to *Life in a Medieval Castle* by Joseph and Frances Gies. Various sections are underlined to reference Bastille being used in 1436 along with pictures of “The Bastille of Paris”. Fredrick the II is referenced as having build “Castel Del Monte” (Castle of the Mount) in Southern Italy to evidence the formation of their name from “The Medieval Fortress” (no author or publisher cited). Also, photocopy

from “Great Medieval Castles: A Geographical Guide” (no author or publisher cited) are “Kraak des Chevaliers or Citadel of the Knights” the most powerful and famous of the Crusader castles from the early 12<sup>th</sup> century. Also a photocopy of a glossary referencing Bastille and Castello? But no mention of which book it came from.



*\*\*Commentors suggested that it is necessary that this device is returned for redraw due to the improper*

*rendering of the laurel wreath. 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]. Laurel wreaths must, by long standing precedent be drawn in a circular, or mostly circular shape [Fiodnach eoghan, Shire of, 11/01, R-Trimaris]*

*There were no comments or conflicts indicated regarding the client's name submission.*

2. Cainder ingen hui Chatharnaig - Jolly Procrastinators – New Household Name and Device. Clients will accept major and minor changes and care most about meaning. The client wishes a name authentic for English language/culture. (name reg. 09/00)

*Or, a chalice sable, on a chief purpure a shear bendwise, a pen passing between the blades bendwise sinister argent.*

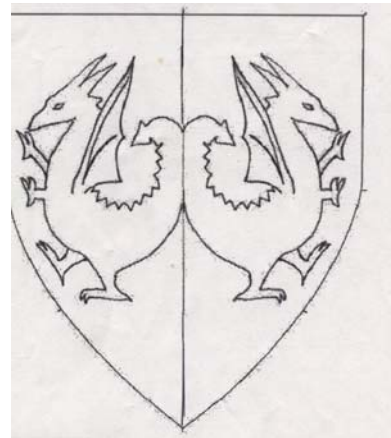
Client References Project Ordensnamen available at <http://www.sca.org/heraldry/laurel.names/order> - Name construction elements as groups – names of groups of people and qualities – intangible descriptors. This name follows the Adjective + Group pattern as “Christian Militia, Teutonic Knights, Angelical Knights”



*\*\*\*Commentors could find no conflicts with this name or device. No dates have been provided for the words used in the name. There was some question regarding the correct form for the device to be submitted on. Because this is a personal submission of a device for a household the form should be correct for the submission.*

3. Constance the Curious (name reg 12/01) – returned for identity of charge problems. The submitter has added a second set of legs (arms) that will hopefully clear confusion regarding the identity of the charge.

*Per pale argent and purpure, tworampant dragons addorsed counterchanged.*



\*\*\*Commentors advised that this device is clear of conflicts.

4. **Griffin de Stokeport** – Name Change (from Griffin Brandt to Griffin de Stokeport) (Name previously registered 02/96 via Middle) Will accept major and minor changes, cares more about sound, wishes authentic name for 14<sup>th</sup> Century England.

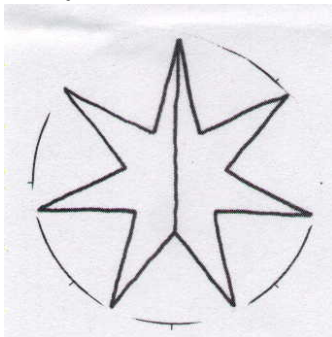
The client sites *English Surnames*, P.H. Reaney 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed pg 428

\*\*\*Commentors suggested that this name is inadequately documented as no dates have been provided for either element and wish to add the following documentation.:

Withycombe s.n. Griffin dates <Griffinus> and <Griffith> to 1428. Reaney & Wilson s.n. Griffin date this spelling to 1130 and 1197. There are no specifically 14<sup>th</sup> C spellings, but in the 13<sup>th</sup> C there is <Gruffin> 1285, <Griffin> 1219, <Griffen> 1230, so his spelling is probably reasonable for the 14<sup>th</sup> C too. R&W s.n. Stokeport have <de Stokeport> 1204, 1246.

5. **Griffin de Stokeport** – New Badge (see above item for name details)

[Fieldles] A mullet of seven points per pale azure and Or.

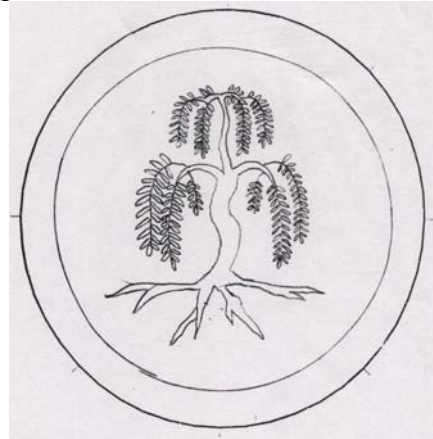


\*\*\*Commentors advised that this badge appears clear of conflicts.

6. **Lachlan MacLean - House Golden Willow** – New Household Name and Badge Will accept major and minor changes, cares more about meaning. (name reg, 07/03)

*Vert, a willow tree blasted and eradicated within a bordure Or.*

Client references Rfs III 2.b.iv – this name is constructed as an “inn name”. Also English Sign Names by Kathleen M. O’Brien available at [www.s-gabriel.org/names/marilinn](http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/marilinn) - includes references to roses, bushes, vines and crab-tree. To use “willow” seems a reasonable extension of the pattern. In order not to conflict with the Midrealm’s Award of the Willow, we have added a designator “golden”.



\*\*\*Commentors advised that no date referenced had been included in the documentation and offer the following:

the OED online s.v. golden dates the spelling <golden> to 1398 and willow dates to Chaucer, 1386\_ A Knight’s Tale\_.

The badge appears clear of conflict.

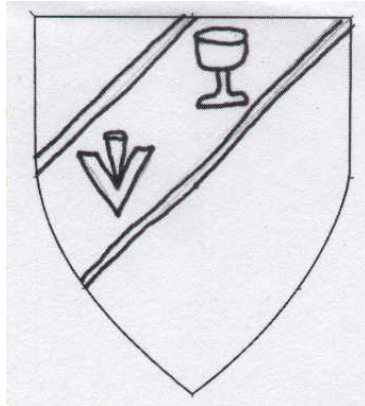
7. **Mahhild de Valognes** – New Name and Device. Client will

accept major and minor changes, cares most about sound, female orientation and wishes time period authentic to 11<sup>th</sup> Century Angle Norman.

*Per bend sinister azure and sable, on a bend sinister enhanced sable fimbriated argent, a broad arrow and a chalice Or.*

Client references Withycombe, English Christian Names, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed – p202. Surname – nephew to William I, as well as Domesday book available at

[www.domesdaybook.co.uk/landowners-z.html](http://www.domesdaybook.co.uk/landowners-z.html)



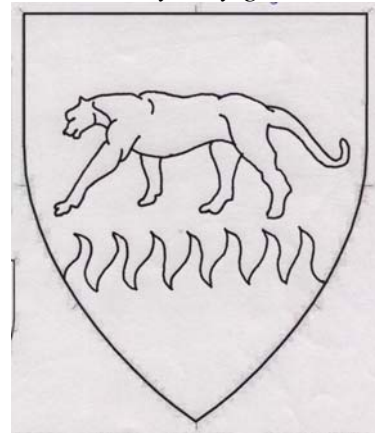
*\*\*\*Commentors suggested that this name requires further documentation and offer the following: Withycombe s.n. Mathilda says “the French [forms] were <Mahhild>...and these were all sued in England.” This documentation is lacking date evidence.*

*“Scarpes enhanced should issue from most of the way across the chief, taking up most of the top half of the armory. These issue from less than halfway across the chief. [Gruffydd ap Idwallon, 04/02, R-Artemisia] judging by this most recent precedent, this enhanced bend*

*should be registerable. No conflicts have been found.*

8. Maria the Black – Device Resubmission (name registered 06/2001, device rtn 06/2001 LOAR) – returned for problems with augmentations. The client has removed all augmentations thus the previous conflicts should be cleared.

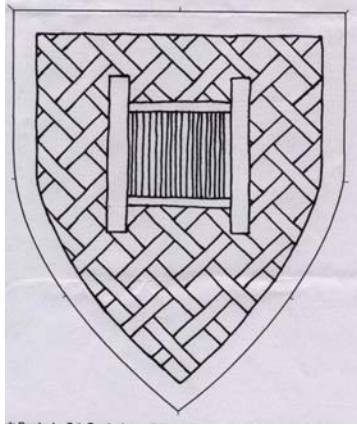
*Argent, a natural panther passant sable, a base rayonny gules.*



*\*\*\*Commentors indicated that this device should be clear of conflicts.*

9. Medb ingen Dúngaile – Device Resubmission at Kingdom (name registered 03/2003, device return 04/2004) – returned for 1 CD point of conflict. Client has added a bordure that clears this conflict.

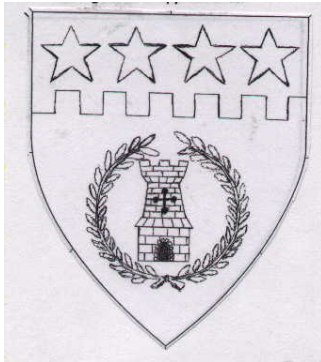
*Azure, fretty argent a slaie Or surrounded by a bordure Or.*



*\*\*\*Commentors suggested that this device should be clear of conflicts.*

10. Offangaard – Canton Device  
Resubmission (name sub 09/04  
E-EloI)

*Azure, a tower within a laurel wreath and on a chief embattled Or four mullets azure.*



*\*\*\*Commentors suggested that this device is clear of conflicts.*

11. Sven gunnolfr Ragnaldson –  
Name and Device Resubmission  
-returned at Kingdom 06/2004  
due to lack of documentation for  
name. Client has changed the  
middle name to lower case and  
will allow minor changes and  
that clears the conflicts  
mentioned in previous  
commentary. Client is seeking  
only to have a male name.

*Per chevron Or and sable, two  
wolves combatant and a drakkar  
sable.*

Client references two web sites for  
Sven:

[www.babynamenameguide.com/categoryscandinavian.asp?strAlpha=S&strCat=Scandinavian&strOrder=Category](http://www.babynamenameguide.com/categoryscandinavian.asp?strAlpha=S&strCat=Scandinavian&strOrder=Category)

As well as:

<http://sven.com/svens/name.html>

For gunnolfr:

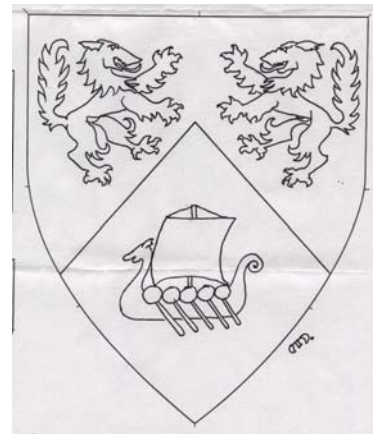
<http://hem.passagen.se/peter9/gram/>

And for Ragnaldson:

<http://www.regia.org/clanivar.htm>

And lastly:

“A simple guide to creating old  
Norse Names” by Aryanhwy merch  
Catmael



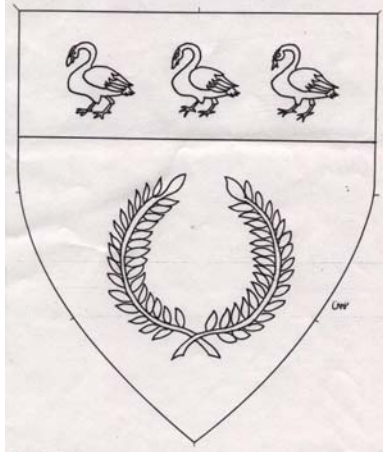
*\*\*\*Commentors suggested that this device is clear of conflicts and the submitter has followed suggestions with his name [Norse does not support the use of 2 Given names. Sven Gunnolfr. A change of Gunnolfr from a Given name to a descriptive nickname using an uncapitalized spelling could resolve this issue but as the submitter accepts no changes, this item must be returned..Letter of return commentary July 21/04 EcoH]*

12. Swans Keep, Canton of –New  
Name and Device. Client will not  
accept major changes, cares

about meaning, sound and language/culture if changes need to be made. Client wishes name to be authentic for language/culture though no language/culture were specified. Petition of populace is included supporting the name as submitted.

*Argent, a laurel wreath and on a chief azure three swans close argent.*

Client references Swan –  
MagotoSwan 1379 s.n. Swan, pg 730 in Bardsley  
Keep – declared SCA Compatible – see attachment (precedents of Master Francois cited)  
Intended as the keep held by/founded by someone whose surname is Swan.



\*\*\*Commentors suggested no documentation was provided for the construction and offer the following: *Smith's English Place-Name Elements* s.v. swan (1) says that this "is difficult to distinguish from <swan> 'herdsman, swineherd, peasant', but may be assumed in stream and lake names." Examples of modern place names include <Swanborne>, <Swanlake>, and <Swanmore>.

S.v. swan (2) says that this is 'sometimes difficult to distinguish

from <swan> 'swan' and an OE personal name <Swan>." Examples of this element used in place names include <Santon>, <Swanton>, <Swanage>, <Swanick>, <Swanborough>, <Swancote>, <Swanacott>, <Swanley>, <Swanscombe>, <Swanshurst>, <Swanthorpe>. Since <-ton> 'town', <-wic> 'dwelling, building, collection of buildings', <-cot> 'cottage, hut, shelter, den' are the same type of substantive element as <-keep>, this supports <Swankeep> or <Swanskeep> as a reasonable extrapolation. The modern form of <Swanton> is found as early as 1451 per Ekwall s.n. Swanton, and s.n. Swanwick is <Swanwyk> c1278, so <Swan-> is a reasonable period form.

13. Urraca de la Mar – New Name.  
Client will not accept major changes, cares most about language/culture and is interested in an authentic 15<sup>th</sup> Century Spanish female name.

Client references <http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/diego/reilly.html>  
A Partial List of Leonese and Castilian Given Names 1050-1200; <http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/miguel/sahagun/sahagunNames2.html#names>  
Medieval Spanish Names from the Monastery of Sahagun; [http://www.historiaviva.org/nombres/nombres\\_cordob15-ing.shtml](http://www.historiaviva.org/nombres/nombres_cordob15-ing.shtml)  
Cordobese Names of the 15<sup>th</sup> Century; <http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/juliana/isabella/locative.html> Spanish Names from the late 15<sup>th</sup> Century.

*\*\*\*Commentors suggested the following information be added:  
<Urraca> is found 6 times between 1097-1101 in Antonio's article "Medieval Spanish Names from the Monastery of Sahagun". It's also found in Diego's "A Partial List of Leonese and Castilian Given Names 1050-1200"*

*<de la Mar> is found in Juliana's "Spanish Names from the Late 15th Century".*

Here ends this January 2005 Letter of Comment. Contained herein are: 5 New Names, 4 New Devices, 2 New Badges, 2 Name Resubmissions, 6 Device Resubmissions, 1 Name Change for a total of 20 items as listed on the December 2004 Internal Letter of Intent. Here listed is the commentary collected regarding this listing of submissions. Questions and comments may be directed to me regarding this letter.

I remain in service to the Crown, the Staff and the Dream,

Lady Cainer ingen hui Chatharnaig  
Green Mantle Herald, Kingdom of  
Ealdormere