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## Ealdormere Letter Of Intent 18 September 2003

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Unto Francois la Flamme, Laurel King of Arms and the members of the College of Arms from Percival de la Rocque, Green Mantle Herald, Nele Ap Llewellyn, Seeblatt Herald and the Ealdormere College of heralds. Greetings Lords and Ladies and good wishes unto you all and our hopes that those of you on the east coast are safe and dry as Hurricane Isabel makes for shore.

It is the intention of the Kingdom of Ealdormere to register the following items.

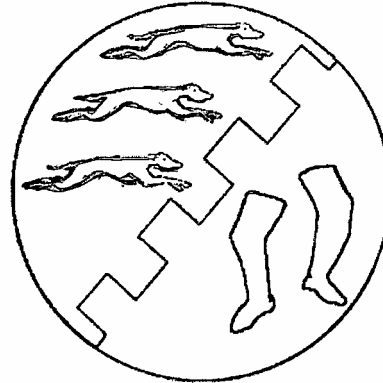
### 1. **Auguste Valeson** (New Badge; Name and

Device submitted 20 May 2003 XLoI)

*Per bend embattled sinister azure and argent,  
three greyhounds courant contourny and a pair  
of legs coupes addorsed, all counterchanged.*

As our internal commentary produced some concern over the use of the original submitted blazon of Stockings rather than legs we have attached commentary from Da'ud ibn Auda, al-Jamal Herald, as follows.

"Regarding the "stockings", Parker, \*A Glossary of Terms Used in Heraldry\*, cf. "Hose", notes: "Hose: these are apparently borne on one ancient coat of arms. Argent, three hose gules--HESE, Roll, temp. ED. I., penes Soc. Ant." On the downside, he gives no illustration of hose. The \*Pictorial Dictionary\*, 2nd ed., cf "Leg", states: "Human legs may be clothed in men's hosen, as in the canting arms of de la Hose c.1244". Again, there is no illustration. Problems of knowing the depiction of period heraldic \*hose\* aside, there is no difference between this \*pair of hose\* and a \*pair of legs coupes\*; we could avoid the problem of depiction entirely by simply reblazoning them as \*a pair of legs coupes\* ("pair" because there is both a dexter and a sinister leg; "two legs" would default, like wings, to two \_dexter\_ legs).



### 2. **Ealdormere, Kingdom of** (New Badge) - (*Fieldless*) *A wolf rampant maintaining an ostrich feather argent.*



*(Note: The previous badge submission for the Kingdom of Ealdormere were approved unanimously by Their Majesties, Their Highnesses and the Privy Council of Ealdormere for submission at their June 2003 meeting.)*

**3. Phillida Parker** (Device resubmission;  
Name registered December 2002)

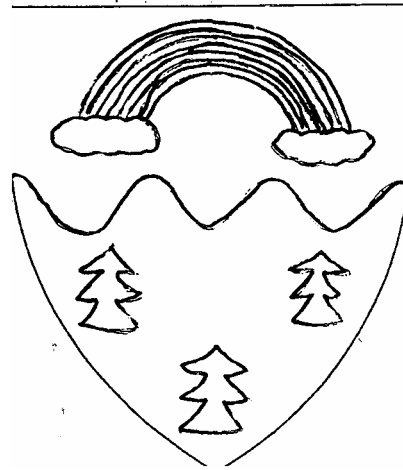
*Per fess wavy azure and Or, a natural rainbow  
and three fir trees vert.*

The field treatment has been changed at the suggestion of the Laurel College of Arms, quoting from the LOAR of February 2002: "The clouds have no contrast with the argent portion of the field on which the rainbow lies. This may well be a reason for return ... we encourage the submitter to avoid this question by resubmitting with a rainbow where the clouds have some contrast with the underlying field."

Once again we offer the following from our internal commentary in support of this resubmission. Again quoting Da'ud ibn Auda,

"The charge in chief must be specified as a \*\_natural\_ rainbow\*, as it has the seven bands of the natural rainbow rather than the four of the heraldic one.) Well, she's fixed the potential problem with the clouds noted by Laurel, in the \_December\_ 2002 LoAR, which was mailed in February 200\_3\_. (On the other hand, the \_real\_ reason for the prior return was the inversion of the tinctures of the bow. Has \_that\_ been fixed in this resubmission?) However, by making the field behind it a color, she's introduced a new difficulty. "A rainbow is a multi-colored arc found in the sky in rainy or misty weather. As found in heraldry, it is an arc fesswise, embowed to chief, the ends terminating in clouds [599]. The default heraldic rainbow has four bands; when blazoned "proper", these bands are Or, gules, vert, and argent, with argent clouds, on a dark field; and on a light field, the bands are azure, vert, Or, and gules, with the tincture of the clouds to be specified. The rainbow is a period charge, found in the arms of von Mosen, c.1600. The "natural rainbow proper", an SCA invention, has white clouds, and seven colored bands, as found in nature: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. Technically, the natural rainbow proper is a neutral charge, and may be placed on any tincture of field; in practice, the field should not be a dark one." (\*Pictorial Dictionary\*, 2nd ed., cf. "Rainbow") (emphasis added) She could fix this problem

by changing to an heraldic rainbow, with the bands Or, gules, vert, and argent".



This letter includes 2 new badges and 1 device resubmission.

This concludes our letter for this month and we hope that all is found in order and acceptable with these items.

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