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**Ealdormere
Letter of Intent
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Unto Shauna, Laurel Queen her deputies and commenting heralds everywhere does Lord Percival de la Rocque, Green Mantle Herald send greetings. It is hoped this letter finds you all well.
It is the intention of the Kingdom of Ealdormere College of Heraldry to register the following items.

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

1. **Asa Gormsdottir** (New Name)
Seeks a Female name accurate for language and culture of Norse (Hedeby if possible) with no specified time period.

For both names she cites the Old Norse Name by Geirr Bassi Haraldsson. Asa is on page 8 as a feminine given name and Gormr is on page 10 with Gormsdottir being a Patronymic based on standard practice as contained in this book.

Our commentary produced the opinion that as presented the name needs some accent marks to match those found in the stated name sources and a minor spelling correction as follows.

Ása Gormsdáttir. Further it was stated that both names appear in the Landnamabok but no dates or page references are given. This however indicates the name is appropriate for the time period of the settlement of Iceland.

The submitter accepts changes and we therefore request Laurel rule on the minor alterations that we have suggested for spelling and accents.

2. **Aveline Karnatz** (New Name)
Seeking a female name cares most about the sound and has no preferences for language culture or time period. .

Aveline - Withycombe, 1947. Pg 54 header name Evelyn gives the spelling Aveline as Norman 12th century.
Karnatz - Bahlow, 1967 pg 273. S.N. (from Norse)

Commentary on the By Name Karnatz created some discussion and conflict over the interpretation of Bahlow.

From Aryanhwy merch Catmael we have "The header in Bahlow is Karnatz, and the entry says "(fre. in Ro.): Wendish pl.n. like <Kolbatz> and others; cf. <Karnin>, <Karnitz>." There is no entry for <Karnin>, <Karnitz>, or Kolbatz. Without evidence that <Karnatz> is the medieval name of this place, this name is not registerable."

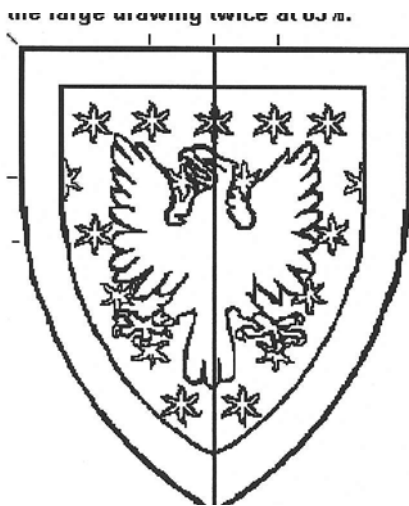
From the submitters consulting herald Wencenedl of Rokesburg comes, " I did up the documentation for her and I'm afraid I don't read German. However, the person I had translate Bahlow (and I gave the page name where Karnatz is - it's its own header as I recall) told me it said it was "from Norse"

With no way of checking the ability or skill of the mentioned interpreter and not having access to this book nor a person fluent in medieval German we will pass this on to Laurel and ask for a ruling.

3. **Brendan of Dormansford** (Device resubmission) Name registered September 2000 via Ealdormere.

Previous device "Gyronny sable and purple, an eagle displayed argent and in chief three estoiles Or" was returned for violation of RFS VIII.2.b(iv) Contrast requirements. We feel this new submission addresses the problem.

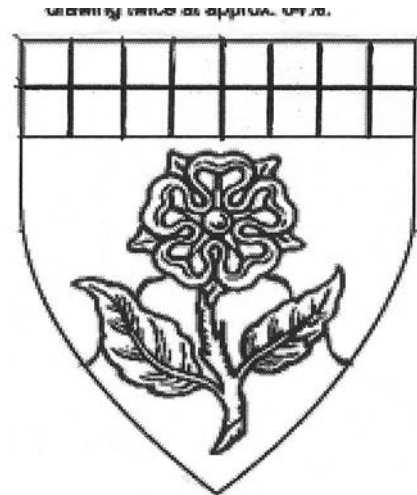
Per pale azure and argent semy of estoiles, an eagle displayed within a bordure all counterchanged.



At the commentary level some discussion ensued over the placement and size of the Estoile and whether this was actually semy or if "strewn of estoile" or some other description would better suit the emblazoned picture.

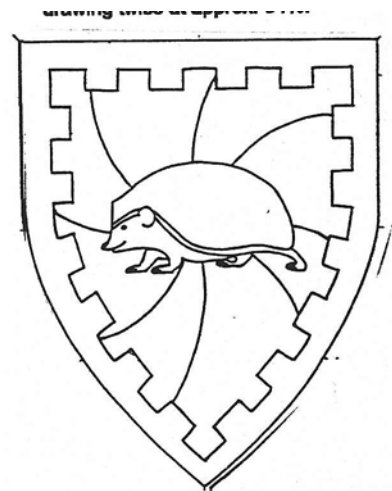
4. **Caitlin inghean Tomais ui Duibhir** (New Device) name submitted on March 04 XLOI. Device submitted at that time was voluntarily withdrawn by submitter at Kingdom level..

Per chevron wavy Or and azure, a rose slipped and leaved proper, on a chief counter-compony Or and azure..



5. **Dagr Bollason** (New Device). Name registered June 2001 via Ealdormere.

Gyronni arrondi argent and vert, a hedgehog statant proper within a bordure embattled sable.



A question was raised about the Proper colouration for a Hedgehog. However none of the members of the commentary meeting could come up with any colour other than brown with a white or pale underbody and darker feet as shown on the submission forms. We will therefore pass this on for a ruling on this as the "proper" colouration.

6. **Drogo of Black Forge** (New name)
Seeks a male name authentic for Norse and cares most about language and culture.

Drogo - AD 1063 Medieval Sourcebook Feudalism, A Military Society: "Truce of God" by Drogo Bishop of Terouanne and Count Baldwin of Hainault.
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/t-of-god.html>
Copy attached.

Of Black Forge - Byname constructed in keeping with "The Bynames of the Viking Age Ruinic Inscriptions- Physical Objects.by Christer Romson <http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/lindorm/runicbyname/objects.html>
Copy attached.

After much discussion and commentary on this name we offer the following added comments and documentation.

"As far as I can tell, <Drogo> is not a Norse name. Academy of S. Gabriel 2163 (<http://www.s-gabriel.org/2163>) intimates that it is Frankish." from Aryanwhy and the following to counter the above comes from Wenceneol his consulting herald.

Since Bishop Drogo signed the Peace of God in 1063, I believe that would make it Norman name. 1063 is, of course, 3 years prior to 1066 and the year of the Conquest. Part of the problem for Harold Godewinson that year was having to fight Harald Hadrada in the north and then William in the south. Harald is very definitely a Norseman. If an Englishman had contact with both Norsemen and Normans, isn't it reasonable to believe that the Norse and the Normans had contact with each other? And this is still within the Viking period since it is 13 years later that Godred Crovan goes a-Viking and assumes the Kingship of the Isle of Man. So, having a Viking-age byname and a Norman (if it's not provable to indeed be Norse itself) should be allowable since they are in the same time period and had contact.

Finally it has been indicated through the submission herald that the submitter would be happy to drop the "Authentic for Norse"

requirement if this name is found to not be Norse/Norman and can be made to work as put forth.

Some comment was also put forth that the by name did not fit within the "colour +object" construction as supported by the supplied documents as Black Forge creates a "Place" name not an object name. It is however our belief that a Forge is also an object as used by smiths of all sort to heat metal and is also a noun when indicating the process of Forging metal. We feel this is an adequate example of this type of name construction.

7. **Ealdormere, Kingdom of** (new Badge)

Gules a triquetra inverted and in chief a crown argent.



8. **Hugh Rose of Kilvarok** (New Name and Device) Requests a Male name authentic to 14th century Scottish and cares most about Language/Culture. above.

Hugh - Whithycombe (1947) pg 74

Rose - Blacks Pg 699 AD 1360

Kilvarok - Blacks Pg 699 AD. 1360

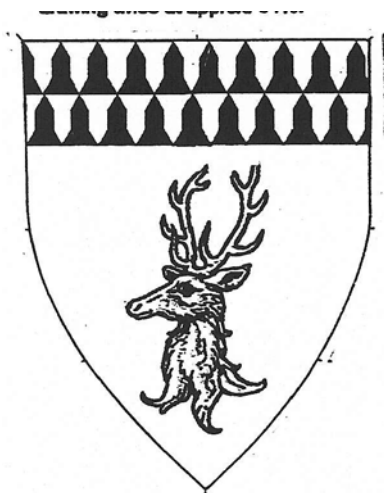
Some discussion ensued over the combination of Scots and English as presented so we offer the following from Aryanwhy.

"There is one weirdness for combining Scots and English in the same name, per the 09/2001 LoAR. Since he wants an authentic name, let's see what we can do about getting him one. "13th & 14th Century Scottish Names"

(<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/symonFreser/scottish14/>) has <Hew> once, and "Early 16th Century Scottish Lowland Names" (<http://www.medievalscotland.org/scotnames/lowland16/>) has <Hew>once as well, in 1502. Therefore, to comply with his request for authenticity, I recommend changing the given name to <Hew>."

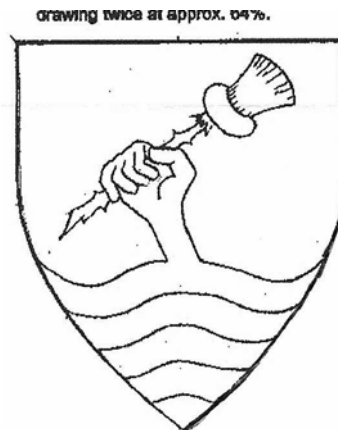
Our commentary meeting could produce no better recommendation and as any changes are acceptable to the submitter we forward this item supporting the change to Hew.

Vert, a stag's head erased argent a chief vairy sable and argent.



9. **Johan de Foderingeye** (Device resubmission from Laurel level) Name registered June 2002 via Ealdormere. Previous device submission "Argent, an oak tree couped proper and a chief vair" was returned by Laurel June 2002 for conflict with "O'Connor, Don important Non SCA armory Argent, a tree eradicated vert." New submission is a total rework and thus clears the mentioned conflict.

Argent, a hand maintaining a thistle flower slipped bendwise azure issuant from a ford proper.



10. **John Lindsay** (New Name) seeks a male name accurate for 15th century celtic. Will NOT accept any changes.

John - Submitters given name (drivers license copy attached)

Lindsay - Blacks Pg 430

The header is Lindsay, and the entry has <de Lindeseya> a. 1124, <de Lindeseia> 1174. R&W s.n. Lindsay have <de Lindesie> 1207, and Bardlsey s.n. Lindsey have <de Lyndesey> 1273, <de Lindesay> 1273, <de Lyndeseye> 20 Edw. I, <de Lyndesaie> II Ed. I, <de Lyndesay>1379, and <Lynseye> 1546.

Also an attached copy of a web document called Clan Lindsay

(<http://electricscotland.com/webclans/htol/lindsay2.html>)

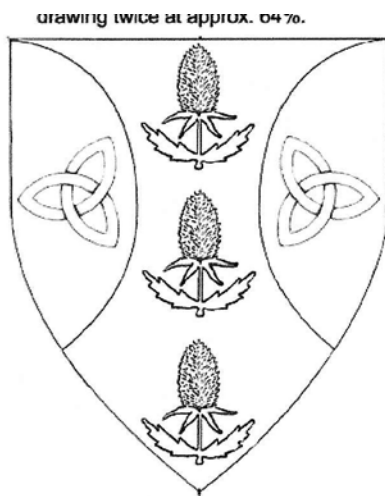
Some discussion was made regarding acceptance of a drivers license as documentation under mundane name allowances. However we would like to add for John the following documents to help it stand alone and eliminate the need for this allowance.

Withycombe Pg. 178 header John "common 12th to 15th C.

11. **Liadan Chu** (device Resubmission)
name registered Nov 03 via
Ealdormere.

Device returned for redraw at this time for the following reasons. "Flaunches were not drawn in period style coming out of the chief of the shield and extending well down onto the curved lines of the shield." Redraw appears to address the problem. Also "In addition, the triquetras on the mini-emblazon are not drawn in the same orientation as the ones in the full-sized emblazon, and they are difficult to blazon." We felt this statement was wrong based on the copies of submission held by us but regardless the new submission blazons these items in the aspect they are shown on both drawings now.

*Argent, three teasels slipped and leaved
vert, between two flaunches purpure each
charged with a triquetra fesswise one point
outward Or.*



One commentator raised the question about the aspect of the triquetra never having been registered before but the majority of our commentary either made no mention of this or believed that the posture/aspect had no relative concerns as blazoned/emblazoned.

We leave this for Laurel to rule upon as needed.

12. **Ludwig von Tschelln** (New Name and Device) Wishes a male name with no indication of language/culture or time period. Will NOT accept major changes.

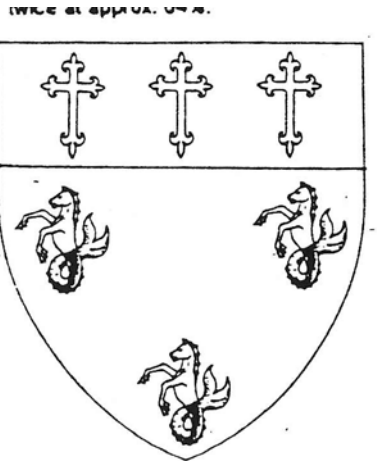
Ludwig - "New Century Cyclopedia of Names, Barnhart C.L. Volume 2 Appleton-Century-Crofts Inc.
Pg 2536 & 2520 (copies attached.) are lists of names of people all with the given name Ludwig. Unfortunately as nothing was highlighted I had to search through these pages and the only listing with a period date appears to be under a name heading Louis II stating this person became Ludwig of Germany born C. 804.

Tschelln - "The origins of Modern Germany by G. Barraclough. 1979. Oxford.
(copies attached of the contents and page 39) the reference indicates the map shows Germany in the years 919-1024 and shows on the map on page 39 a Town called Tschelln.

Commentary produced the following item to assist in documentation for the given name. St. Gabriel Report #1982, February 23, 2000 which dates Ludwig to 1280 and 1407? The reference given is to: Talan Gwynek, "German Given Names 1200-1250"
www: J. Mittleman, 1997
<http://www.panix.com/~mittle/names/talan/germ13/>

The report itself is at:
<http://www.panix.com/~gabriel/public-bin/showfinal.cgi?1982+0>

*Azure three sea horses argent and on a chief
argent three crosses flury azure.
*no blazon given by submitter. *Submitter
has already been advised of need to draw
seahorses much larger.*



Commentary was split 50/50 as to if the device should be returned for a redraw or simply to inform the submitter to draw the seahorses large enough to fill the space given in a more period style. As we have already done this and the submitter understands this we will forward this in hopes that Laurel simply restates this need.

13. May de la Wold (New Name)Wishes for a female name accurate for 14th c. English in time and language/culture.

May - Reaney and Wilson under header name May - May de Hindley dated to 1379. (page number not indicated)
Scott ? cites May as feminine given name from Yorkshire (attached web document at <http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/talan/yorkshire>)

De la Wold - Reaney and Wilson (sn. Wald) cites Richard of ye Wolde and John atte Wolde dated to 1327
-Bardsley (sn. Wold) John atte Wold dated to Edward III era.

It was the majority opinion of our commentary that "de la" was French/Norman and as the submitter wishes and English name we recommend to Laurel that this "de la" be changed to "of" or "of the", "May of the Wold" being the nicest sounding of the two when spoken.

14. Roberto Valason (Change of Holding Name) from **Auguste of Ben Dunfirth** Holding name was registered on the August 2003 LoAR. Originally submitted as Auguste Valason. Laurel letter of return follows.

Auguste Valason. Name.

The College only found one example of the name Auguste dated close to period. Aryanhwych merch Catmael's article "French Names from 1601" (<http://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/french1601.html>) lists the name August as appearing once, and the form Auguste as appearing once, in the source document. The College was unable to find any evidence that this name was used in France earlier than this time.

Therefore, this name combines a French given name dated to 1601 with an Old Norse byname. As Valason is documented from Old Norse sources that record names used before approximately 1100, this name has one weirdness for a temporal disparity of greater than 300 years.

This submission did not provide information regarding the level of contact between French speakers and Old Norse speakers. Depending upon the level of contact between speakers of these languages, combining French and Old Norse in a name is either a weirdness or not registerable. Either status, when combined with the temporal disparity, is cause for return in this name.

The new submission is using the Submitters mundane name Roberto (Birth Certificate attached) and Valason from Harladsson Pg 17 "Vali using the constructed patronimic Valason. As noted above Valason was acceptable to Laurel in the original submission just not as part of the same combination with Auguste.

From our commentary this time we received one comment that the same temporal disparity occurs with Roberto. However it is our opinion this Weirdness based on the submitters Mundane Name allowance should not be a deciding factor and only the one weirdness for his Mundane name

element should be taken into consideration here. We again forward this for ruling by Laurel.

15. **Roberto Valason** (Device Resubmission) Holding Name Registered Aug. 2003 Via Ealdormere. (see item #14 above re change of holding name. It is the submitters and our desire that should the name change above be returned and this device found acceptable that the device be registered under the holding name "Auguste of Ben Dunfirth" as above.

Device was returned on the September 2003 LoAR see notes below.

Auguste of Ben Dunfirth. Device. Argent, a peacock in his pride azure gorged with a coronet palisado argent between two barrulets all between two teapots spouts to sinister vert.

This submission would be the defining instance of a teapot in the SCA. Precedent is consistent in indicating that defining instances of charges need to be documented as being appropriate for SCA use: "This is being returned for lack of documentation.

The provided documentation does not clearly document the "teapot" vessel used in this submission as being appropriate for SCA heraldry:<<

"New Blazon"

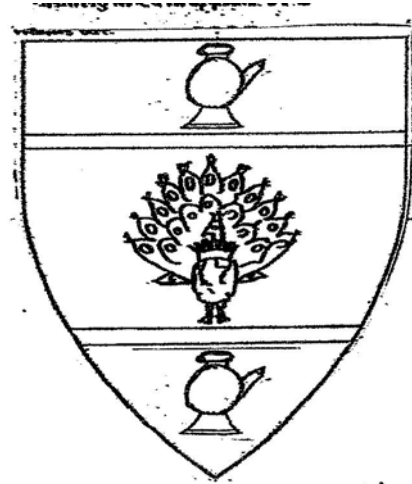
Argent a peacock in its pride azure collared by a pearled coronet argent within two barrulets between two spouted pots vert.

The submitter is a court baron and entitled to use a coronet in his armory. "Court Baroncy 29 April 2000 (ce.) by HRM's Kildare and Josephine (letter from Kingdom Herald attached.)

We have changed the Blazon and Emblazon from that returned above and offer as supporting documentation for the emblazoned item the following.

VonVolborth, Heraldry Customs Rules and Styles, Blandford press . Pg 137 (copies attached to submission) showing an object on a device similar to the one shown here and said to be contained in the arms of (von) Dreher, Wurttemberg, nobility of the Holy Roman Empire by letters patent 16th

century. We believe this supports its use on the submission however we have no firm idea of what to call it at this point and are open to suggestions. We have termed it a spouted pot however it may be a tea pot or other similar object of the time with some sort of spout for pouring.



16. **Wencenedl inigena Jagomus of Rokesburg** (New Name)

Seeks a female name authentic to 12th C. Scottish Borders area and cares more about language/culture.

Wencenedl - "Cornish (and other) Personal Names from the 10th Century Bodmin Manumissions' found at (<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/tangwystyl/bodmin/celtic.htm>) copies attached.

Jagomus - St.Gabriel report #1582 and 1611 latin form of James. Copies attached.

Rokesburg - "Roxburgh as Place Name and Family name over the Centuries" by Prof. Donald C MacGregor (<http://www.rosecom.ca/~dbmacg/rosebrugh/origins.htm>) appendix II copies attached.

Much was said of this submission in commentary and many incidents of the name elements not coming from similar language/nationality groups. However the

submitter herself presses a rather compelling argument and I offer it here for considerations.

The "inigena Jagomus" is a remnant of my earlier flirtation with a Manx person (which were known occasionally to mix Oghamic with Latin), but I'm not so terribly attached to it that I can't live without it. So why don't we just pass it on up to Laurel as Wencenedl of Rokesburg. As for Wencenedl - in the cited article, Tangwystle notes that: "During this period, it is difficult to distinguish between names in the various Brythonic languages on purely linguistic grounds." and "Therefore, all Brythonic names are simply included with the Cornish. There are, however, several names that appear to be of Goedelic rather than Brythonic origin." Then, in the list, "Guencen" is the 41st name down. Under that heading the variant "Wuencen" is also noted. The 42nd name down is "Guencenedl" and the variant "Wencene[thorne]el is also noted. Since the the W- variant is given, that is what I have used. I know that the W-variant contains a thorne, but in the interest of being able to type it, I have consciously chosen the rest of the "Guencenedl" spelling. I believe this is a reasonable assumption to make. Rokesburg - Appendix II of Prof. MacGregor's article is entitled "ROKESBURG AND ITS VARIANTS, A.D. 1120-1153" There are no less than 12 spellings cited. "Rokesburg" is dated to 1139. "Rokesburge" is the way it is spelled in David's Charter granting the Church of Clackkanan to the Abbey of Stirling (that document is Appendix III of the article). Earlier, MacGregor notes that the earliest is known spelling is "Caer Rywc" from the Book of Taliesen (paragraph 4, main article). He also notes "Rokesburg is for this reason mentioned at least fifty-one times in the documents in Sir Archibald Lawrie's collection of Early Scottish Charters prior to A.D. 1153." I chose Rokesburg because that is the spelling that most appealed to me from the myriad

choices. As for the combination, I've checked the Linguistic Weirdness rulings and there is nothing against Cornish and Scots. Since Scots & Gaelic, Scots & Welsh, and Gaelic & Old English are all registerable, I believe this one should be, too. Although, again, Tangwystle is not certain all the names on her list are actually Cornish. Some could be Welsh. And if that is the case with Wencenedl (and I believe there is room for doubt) then the name Wencenedl of Rokesburg definitely falls within the established limits of registerability.

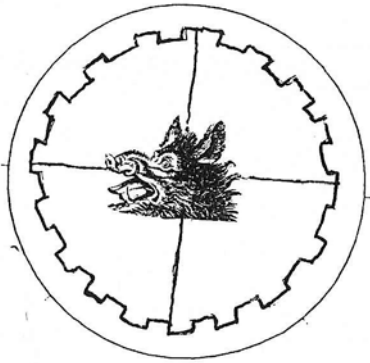
We pass this on and hope Laurel can make a ruling to find this argument acceptable.

21. Westbelleford, Canton of (Badge resubmission Laurel level) Name registered December 2002 via Ealdormere original submission returned March 2003 for conflict. Signed document supporting submission from Canton Members attached.

Conflict with Hugo Maundivelle, the Improvident, Quarterly Or and sable, in the first quarter a Boar's head couped sable, tusked and langued proper. There is one CD for changing the field. There is no additional difference for the location of the boar's head on the field, as the boar's head in Hugo's arms is forced to lie on one of the Or quarters, and may not lie in the center of the field as in this badge. The change in location on the field is thus "caused by other changes to the design" and is not worth difference by RfS X.4.g.

Quartered argent and Or, a boars head couped sable within a bordure embattled gules.

*the addition of the Bordure adds a second CD and clears the conflict mentioned above.



This then ends our letter this month.
Contained are 19 entries including 8 New
Personal Names , 4 New Devices, 1 New
Badge, 1 Holding Name Change, 4 Device
Resubmission's and 1 Badge Resubmission.

For the 13 new items payment will be
forwarded separately.

We hope all is found in order with these
submissions and they be found acceptable to
Laurel and the society.

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