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Ealdormere
Letter of Intent
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Unto François Laurel King of Arms, Evan Wreath and Margaret Pelican and commenters the world over does Lady Cainnear inghean Hui Chatharnaig, Green Mantle Herald of Ealdormere send greetings, salutations and warm wishes. It is our intent to have the following items registered and so are presented for your consideration and commentary.

Contained herein are: 2 New Names, 4 New Devices, 2 Device Resubmissions from Laurel return, 1 New Heraldic Title for a total of 9 items.

As always, suggestions for improvement are gratefully appreciated.

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

Lady Cainnear inghean Hui Chatharnaig
 Green Mantle Herald, Kingdom of Ealdormere

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

- 1. Ælric of Blacktorn** (New Device - Name registered on the Nov 04 LOAR) Was returned at Kingdom previously for redraw as cotises were far too narrow to be recognizable at any distance. Client has redrawn cotises much wider and more clear addressing concerns in the previous return.

Argent, a cotised chevron gules between three roses sable.



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2. **Ealdormere, Kingdom of** (New Heraldic Title) Silver Wolf Herald

Client cares most about meaning and makes no requests as to gender, period, culture or language. This title is to be used for the immediate previous Kingdom Principal Herald (Trillium) and will move with the office each time a new Trillium is chosen.

Only documentation for this name is that it follows SCA as well as mundane tradition of heraldic titles (Colour + Heraldic Charge Item) As per RfS III.2.b.iii. A Letter of Permission to Conflict is included from HL Coryn of the Woods, Seneschal of the Shire/Barony of Borealis, regarding Silverwolf, Order of the (registered 12/1999 via An Tir) (Support for the conflict can also be provided by the Kingdom Herald of An Tir)



3. **Hugh de Rose** (Device)
Resubmission at Laurel from Sept 04 LoAR – Name registered Sept 04 LoAR) Was returned for violating RfS VIII.2.b as the blazon on the original submission was coloured the reverse of the blazon so that the vair touching the field presented in colour on colour. The client has left the image as a proper black and white. I have included the coloured image to show the client addressed the return issue.

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

4. **Jehanne de Kael** (New Name and Device) Client wishes name be female of the 12th Century and is concerned with sound.

Jehanne – email da'ud, al-jamal 02/08/05 “ The ‘old French’ for ‘Joan’ is Jehanne”

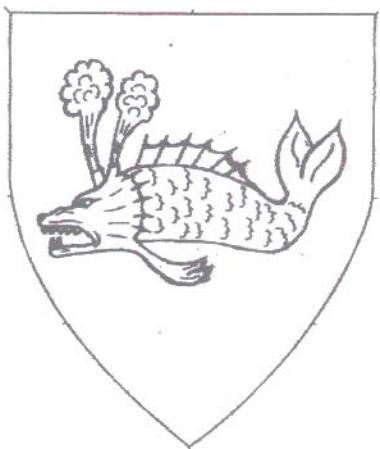
-email aryanhwy 02/09/05 “I searched for <Johanne> in the Academy's report archive. I found report #1571 (<http://www.S-gabriel.org/1571>); report #2183 (references to census of Paris); report #1312; Cateline de la Mor, “Sixteenth Century Norman Names” (SCA; KWHS Proceedings, 1994; WWW: J. Mittleman, 1997; Jacobsson, Harry, E/tudes d'Anthroponymie Lorraine les Bans de Tre/fonds de Metz (1267-1298>

(Go:teborg: Gumperts Fo:rlag, 1955); Morlet, Marie-Therese, Etude d'Anthroponymie picarde, les noms de personne en Haute Picardie auz XIIIe, XIVE, Xve siecles_ (Aimens, Musee de Picardie 1967)

-An Index to the Given names in the 1292 Census of Paris by Lord Colm Dubh, August 17th 2004

-Academy of Saint Gabriel – report 1312, Sept 27, 1998
De Kael – The Norman People, 1975 reprint of 1874 ed page 185. “Call, or De Kael, from Bretagne or Poitou, where the name existed as late as 13th century when Walter Cael was envoy to England from the Viscount of Thouars...”

Azure, a whale naiant Or.



5. **Kolbjorn skattkaupandi**
(Device Resubmission from Jul 04 LoAR – Name registered Nov 03 LoAR) Was returned as the odd positioning of the wings of the python render it unidentifiable. Client has redrawn to address Laurel's concerns with identifying the python due to wing position.

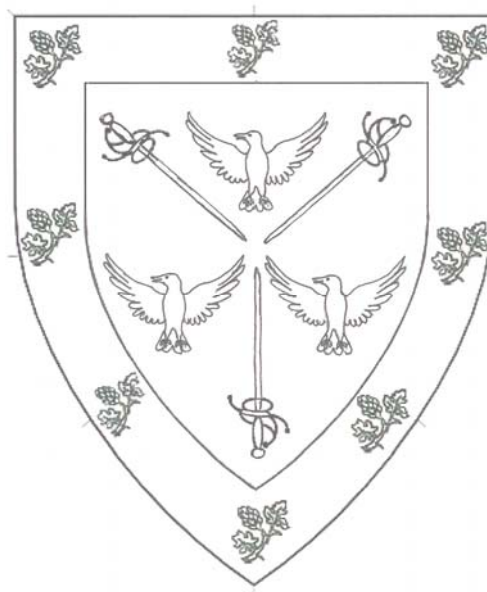
Argent, a python contourny wings addorsed within a bordure purpure.



***Commenters advised that bordure needed to be wider however due to the number of times this client has resubed this device felt it should be sent on to Laurel. We have advised the submitter to draw the bordure wider in future. Device to appear on the April 29, 2005 EloI.

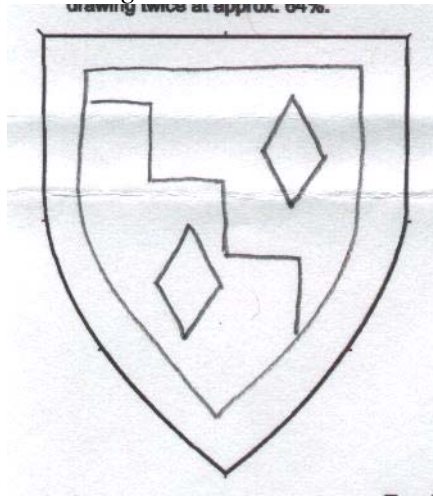
6. **Malachi Blacksley** (New Device – name registered May 04 LoAR)

Argent, three rapiers in pall points to center gules between three crows one and two displayed sable, a bordure sable with hops or.



7. **May de la Wold** (New Device - name registered Sept 04 LoAR)

Per bend indented azure and vert, two lozenges argent, within a bordure argent.



8. **Snæbjörn sverdsbrjótr** (New Name) Client wishes a male Old Norse name and cares most about meaning, language and culture.

Snæbjörn – Found in OW.Norse as Snæbjörn. The first element Snjó- or Snæ- is from OW.Norse snjár, snjór, snær (from proto-Scandinavian *snaiwaR, “snow”. Most proper names are compounded in the oldest form of snær, however some are also found with the later spelling Snjó-. The second element –björn from OW.Norse björn, which in turn derives from Primitive Scandinavian *bernuR, “bear”. An extremely common name in West Scandinavia, originally derived from a by-name meaning “bear”. This was a very popular name, as many runic examples attest: ... Found in Old Danish as Biorn, in Old Swedish as Biorn and Biörn, and in OW.Norse

as Biörn or Björn. Found in Latinized Old Danish as Bero, Berno, Biorno, Biornus. Snæbjörn occurs in the runic nominative case from snaybiarn. A short form of masculine names in Bjarn- or björn is Bjarni.

Appears in the Landnámabók

Other sources:

Geir Bassi Haraldsson. *The Old Norse Name*. Studia Marklandica I. Olney, MD: Markland Medieval Militia. 1977 p14 s.n. Snæbjörn; Fellows-Jensen, Gillian.

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Copenhagen. Akademisk Forlag.

1968. pp. 346, 348 s.n. Snæ-, -björn;

Cleasby, Richard and Guðbrandr

Vigfusson. *An Icelandic-English Dictionary*. 2nd ed. Oxford:

Clarendon. 1957. pp. 66, 575, 577

s.v. björn, snjór, snær,

Lena Peterson. Nordiskt

runnamnslexikon. (Dictionary of

Names from Old Norse Runic

Inscriptions). Språk- och folkminnes-

institutet (Institute for Dialectology,

Onomastics and Folklore Research).

Accessed 30 May 2003. s.nn.

Snøybiörn, Snió-/Snøy-, biörn,

Biarni

Sverdsbrjótr – (sword-breaker) In

Old Norse there are two kennings for

“sword-breaker” (see Rudolf

Meissner, *Die Kenningar der*

Skalden. Ein Beitrag zur

skaldieschen Poetik. Bonn/Leipzig:

Shcroeder. 1921)

(1) blikskerðir sverða “gleam-damager of swords”, a kenning for a warrior. Used by Sturla Þórdarson in the poem Hrafnsmál, verse 17, found in Hákonar saga gamla ch. 116.

(2) Brjótr sverðs “breaker of sword”, another kenning for a warrior. Used by Grettir Ásmundarson in one of the Lausavísar (:loose verses”) in Grettis saga Ásmundarsonar ch. 30. Also used by Gizurr Þórvaldsson in one of the Lausavísar in Sturlunga saga.

In both cases, the kenning uses the phrase meaning “swordbreaker” to mean a warrior and the expectation would be of someone who was breaking their enemies’ swords in battle. In terms of forming a by-name, only the second example would be suitable as the first is too convoluted for the type of simplicity normally found in by-names.

Though there is not a documented by-name meaning “swordbreaker”, there are some close parallels listed in Aryanhwymerch Catmael’s “Viking Bynames found in the Landnámabók”: haugabryótr, “cairn-breaker, grave robber”; hornabryótr, “horn-breaker”; völubryótr, “witch-breaker, exorcist”. Also see these by-names from Lindorm Eriksson’s “The Bynames of the Viking Age Runic Inscriptions” which used weapons as part of the by-name construction: Ásgautr rauðumskjöldr, “Ásgautr red-shield” Flir aðalmerki/aðalmækir, which is either “Flir cliff-banner-bearer” or “Flir good-sword”

Özurr Sax/Saxi, which could be “Özurr the Saxon” or “Özurr sax-knife”. Based on the evidence of the kennings above and the examples of other by-names with brjótr, I think sverðsbryótr would be a reasonable Old Norse by-name.