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**Ealdormere
Internal Letter of Intent
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Unto Lord Trillium, the Ealdormere College of Heraldry and commenting heralds everywhere does Lord Percival de la Rocque, Green mantle Herald send greetings. It is hoped this letter finds you all well.

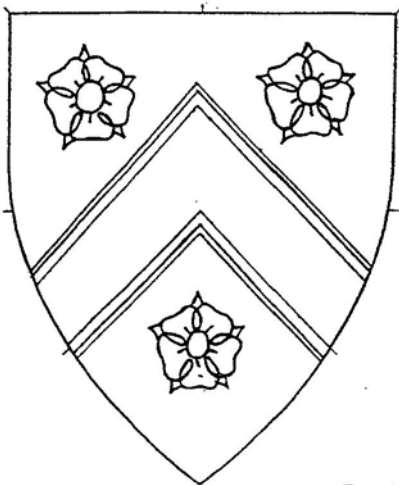
The Following items are presented for your consideration and commentary.

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

1. **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.



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.



3. **Blackword, 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,

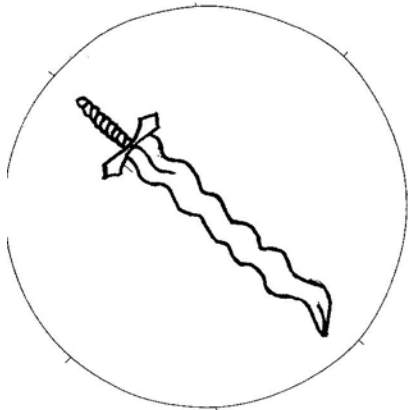
Reaney, A Dictionary of English Surnames. Revised 1977.

"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.

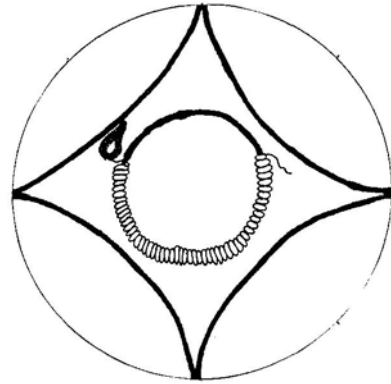
(Fieldless) a kris, bendwise sable.



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.



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)

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/ian.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.

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/armor/viking/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



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.

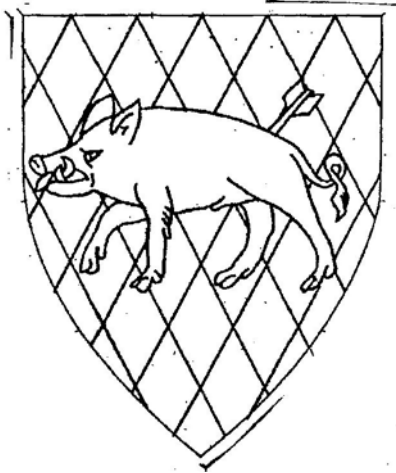
They offer no documentation or support for the construction of the name or the elements Bae the Water. We ask for any assistance possible here.

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

Katerina: Witherby 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.

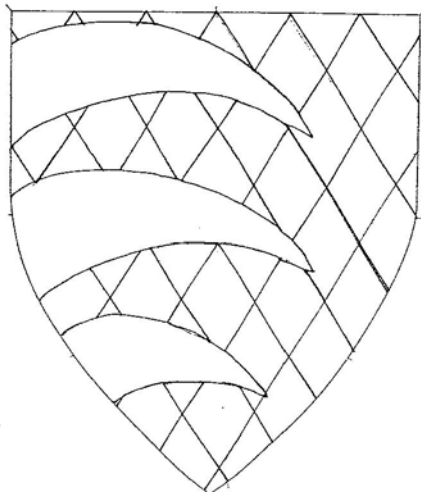


10. **Lothar the Gregarious** (New Name and Device) seeking a male name accurate to language, culture and time period for 10th Century Anglo Saxon.

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.



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.

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.



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/h318o.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 argent within a laurel wreath, on a chief argent four compass stars azure.



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 precedence 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 from 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 Baronety 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.

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

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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.

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.

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

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

Previous device of "Azure a heart trippant regardant, 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 simply flips the heart to the contourney and this should clear the conflict.



This then ends this letter. Contained are 6 New Names, 2 New Devices, 1 New Badges, 2 New Canton Names 1 New Canton device, 1 New Heraldic Title, 1 Name Resubmission, 4 Device Resubmission's, 2 Badge Resubmission's, 2 Appeals of Kingdom returns. for a total of 22 items.

We invite commentary from one and all and particularly seek new Internal commentary. A simple interest in heraldry is all that is needed for commentary. Take this opportunity to learn by doing and seeing what other commentary says and how it agrees or conflicts with your own.

Due to impending War I will welcome commentary due back to Myself, Seeblatt and Trillium Herald no later than Monday 30th of August 2004. (an extra weekend for those of you who like to leave things till the last minute.) In keeping with the policy of holding Commentary Meetings at events and in as many different locations as possible we will head north this time and hold a commentary meeting at Tournament at Baron's Howe (formerly called Bonfield Battle) in Flaming Sky/North Bay on the weekend of September 3rd thru 6th. Exact time, date and location will be announced at the event. Hopefully this will also be combined with the Heraldic Round Table planned for that event by Trillium.

Respectfully Submitted by
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