Unto the populace of Atlantia, greetings from Alisoun MacCoul of Elphane!

In this letter you will find the results of the deliberations of the College of Heralds of Atlantia on submissions received during the month of December, 2003. These deliberations were the first fruits of a new method of considering submissions designed to allow more heralds to participate in the process and assist our submitters with their knowledge and library resources. Instead of Golden Dolphin meeting once a month at a specified location with whatever heralds can make that meeting, at the beginning of each month she/he sends out an internal letter of intent with information on all submissions received in the previous month to dozens of heralds who have expressed interest in commenting on submissions. A few days before the deadline for submitting submissions to Laurel, Golden Dolphin collates all the comments received and decides whether an item should be included on a letter of intent to the College of Arms, should be returned for further work or should be pended for some technical or administrative reason. Notification letters are then sent to submitters and shortly thereafter results are posted in summary format in appropriate locations (the Merry Rose, the Atlantian heralds' listserve, the *Acorn*) and in greater detail on the official Atlantian heralds' web site (herald atlantia sca.org).

While new to Atlantia, this process has been used with great success in other kingdoms and, thanks to the efforts of the many heralds who commented in the month of January, it looks like we are off to a good start here as well! If you wish to participate in this process or have questions about the process, please do not hesitate to email me at silverdragon@charleston.net or to call me at 843-881-5517.

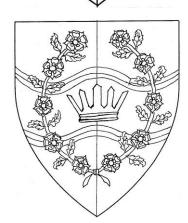
ACCEPTANCES:

The following submissions have been accepted and included on a Letter of Intent to the College of Arms from Atlantia dated 29 January, 2004:

Æthelwine of Ealdgythesleage. New name and device. Per pale sable and gules, two ravens respectant argent. The name was submitted as Æthelwine of Aldgythleah. Discussion in the Atlantian College focused on the issue of whether Aldgythleah was a valid Old English form and whether it was grammatically constructed with the preposition "of". Since of takes the dative in Old English and the submitted form was a nominative, some modification was clearly required so we have modified the locative to the correct theoretical Old English dative form: Ealdgythesleage.

Anna de Brabant. New name. (Consulting Herald: Pedro de Alcazar)

Atlantia, Kingdom of. Consort of Atlantia. Resubmitted arms. Per pale argent and azure, on a fess wavy cotised counterchanged a crown vallery Or, overall a wreath of roses proper. This is identical to the arms returned by the Laurel Office in April, 2003, for insufficient evidence of support from the populace. With the final polling results in hand 457 responses were received with 412 votes in favor of changing the arms and 45 against. In the Letter of Intent we noted that this response is almost five times larger than the polling previously considered insufficient with a 90% positive response in place of the approximately 80% positive response in the previous polling.



Atlantia, Kingdom of. Coral Branch, Order of the. Resubmitted name. This is a resubmission from the name of Order of the Bright Leaf for the kingdom arts and sciences award. That name was returned by Laurel in May, 2003, for lack of documentation of the language and structure in period order names.

Benefşe al-Rashida. Resubmission of change of name from Briana MacConmara. This name was returned on the September, 2003, Letter of Acceptances and Returns from Laurel under the header Benefşa al-Raschida because no forms had been received. At that time Laurel noted, "Based on this information, *Benef{s,}e al-Rashida* is a registerable form of this name." Had the forms been received, they would indicated that the form suggested is the one we actually documented so we simply resubmitted the name to correct the administrative forms problem.

Brenna of Storvik and Gauss Magnússon. Resubmission of badge. (Fieldless) On a mullet of eight points sable a bird Or. This was returned by Laurel in April, 2003, for conflict with Eliahu ben Itzhak ("Or, on a mullet of six points sable, a griffin segreant contourny Or."). Eliahu has graciously provided a letter of permission to conflict (a very nice one too with a depiction of his arms, their badge and his signature in both English and Hebrew!)

Cassandra Arabella Giordani. Resubmission of device. Per chevron embattled azure and argent, three annulets, one and two, argent and a rose proper.

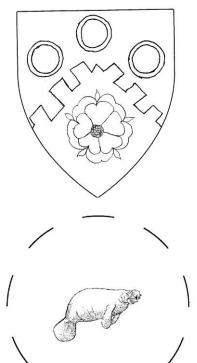
Cassandra the Forlorn. New badge. (Fieldless) A manatee naiant to sinister Or

Courtney of Houghton. Resubmission of change of name from Catrin ferch Llewelyn o Aberystwyth.

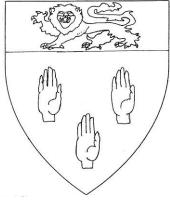
Gaston Valmont. New change of name from Peter Valmont.

Isabel Henry. New Name.

James de Biblesworth. New name.

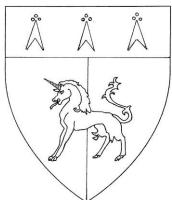


Jonah Mac Coghlan. New name and device. Sable, three hands appaumy and on a chief argent, a lion passant guardant gules.



Melissent d'Artois. New change of device. Per pale azure and vert, a unicorn statant argent and on a chief Or three ermine spots sable.

Miles de Locwode. Resubmission of name. (Consulting Herald: Connor Sinclair)



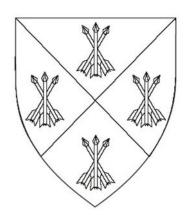
Miriam Calvert of Gidiehall Honiburn. New device. Or, goutty de vin, a cow rampant vert. (Consulting Herald: Avraham ha Rofeh)

Nikulai Ivanovich. Release of badge. He has provided a holograph document witnessed by Triton and Metron Ariston releasing his badge "Argent, a chevron vert between a fox courant gules and a feather fesswise azure." This was originally his device and was registered to him as a badge at the time he changed his primary armory in October, 2001. (

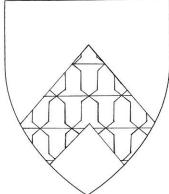


Órlaith Carey. New release of primary name of Orlaith of Storvik and change of primary name to Órlaith Carey. Her current primary name was registered in November, 2000. She has provided a holographic document witnessed by Triton and Golden Dolphin indicating that she wishes to release that name and henceforth be known solely by the name of Órlaith Carey, registered to her as an alternate persona name in September, 2003.

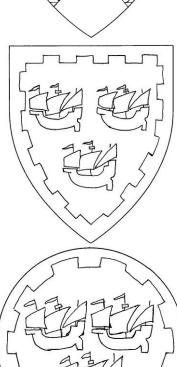
Rhiryd ap Gwerstan. New name and device. Per saltire azure and vert, four sheaves of arrows inverted argent.



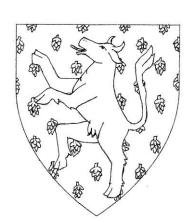
Robert of Calais. New device. Sable, a chevron vair. His name was submitted on the October, 2003, Letter of Intent from Atlantia.



Royce Kensington. New name and device. Sable, three carracks and a bordure embattled argent.

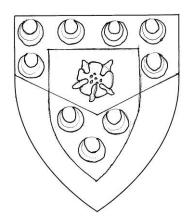


Royce Kensington. New badge. Vert, three carracks and a bordure embattled argent. (Consulting Herald: Gwenllian ferch Maredudd)



Samuel Calvert of Gidiehall Honiburn. New device. Or, semy of hop flowers inverted, a cow rampant vert.

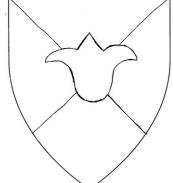
Siubhan inghean Alasdair. New name and device. Per chevron inverted argent and azure, a rose proper and three crescents, two and one, argent, all within a bordure per chevron inverted azure, crescenty argent, and argent. (Consulting Herald: None specified)



RETURNS:

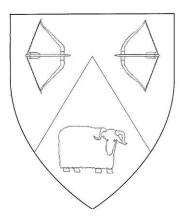
The following submissions have been returned for further work:

Anna de Brabant. New device. Per saltire Or and argent, a tulip flower gules. Returned for conflict with Dai of the Tulips as registered in January of 1973 according to the on-line armorial ("Argent, a tulip gules slipped and leaved vert."). Two clear differences are required between pieces of registered armory. There is one clear visual difference for the field, but the slipping and leaving does not contribute difference by long-standing precedent.

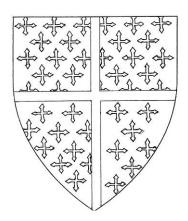


Atlantia, Kingdom of. Golden Gazelle, Order of the. New name. This was returned because the *Oxford English Dictionary* does not show this spelling of gazelle until the late seventeenth century and no commenter was able to produce an earlier citation. (The only pre-1600 citation is one that uses a Spanish form in a "which they call" phrase.) Since the etymological material in the *Oxford English Dictionary* does support a fourteenth-century Old French version of *gazel* borrowed from Arabic, we have returned it with the suggestion that the Crown consider the French form of *Gazel d'Or*.

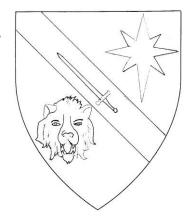
Etxatxu Enequy Jaudonebiquendiostea. Resubmission of name and device. Per chevron Or and purpure, two bows drawn and nocked, arrow points to center, sable with grips and fletching argent and a ram statant guardant contourny argent. While the documentation for the first two elements of the name was adequate, the documentation provided for the final element indicated that the submitted form needs to be modified to have the meaning that the submitter intended. According to the submitter's documentation *Jaudonebiquendosteaco* would probably be registerable, but the submitter allowed no changes at all so the name had to be returned. Since we could not send on a registerable Society name, the device also had to be returned.



James de Biblesworth. New device. Per pale gules and azure, all crusilly barby, a cross argent. The primary charge was blazoned as a fillet cross, indicating that the cross was intentionally drawn thin. The Society has not registered fillet crosses as primary charges for some time. It was the consensus of the heralds commenting on this submission that the cross was too thin for a normal cross throughout and so the device as a whole must be returned for redrawing with the cross wider in all its arms.



Miles de Locwode. Resubmission of device. Azure, on a bend between a compass star and a lion's head cabossed Or, a sword azure. The armory as it stands conflicts with the armory of Laure Anne the Plaidweaver as registered in July, 1995 ("Azure, on a bend between two dragons segreant addorsed Or a stick shuttle azure.") Two clear differences are required between pieces of registered armory. There is one difference for the change in secondary charges between the dragons and the charges on this submission. However, since the new submission does not have identical secondary charges lying on the field, it is not a "simple" case and so two changes would have been required to the charge on the bend: type and tincture or type and number, etc.

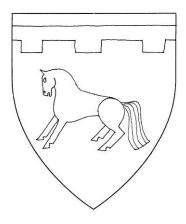


Windmaster's Hill, Barony of. Banda de Campeador of Windmaster's Hill. New order name. This name was intended to be a literal Spanish translation of the English "Band of Champions". Two problems were noted with this name in commentary. The first is that the Spanish does not in fact say what the submitters thought it did. *Campeador* is an equivalent for an military instructor, not far off the modern drill instructor in fact. The word for champion in Spanish is *campeón* so Band of Champions would translate out at *Banda de Campeónes*. The second and more far ranging question was whether the name was too generic to register under current Society policy. The Laurel Office has been regularly returning such terms as "Baronial Champion of X" and "Champions of X" as too generic to register (though they can be used as non-registered associations with badges to identify them). Since 'band' here is the kind of collective group term that the College of Arms routinely ignores in considering registerability (like "order of", "canton of", etc.), there is a high probability that this name would be considered too general to register, even with the name of the barony appended.

PENDS:

The following submission has been pended for further consultation with the submitter:

Eibhlín Capall Bán. New name and device. Vert, a horse statant and a label argent. The name as submitted was a backformation from the English of White Horse using medieval Irish sources. However, further research had suggested an actual Irish byname (albeit one used for a man) of "of the White Horse" using different Irish words for "horse" and "white": in eich gil. Since this is Middle Irish and she wanted a given name from the early modern Irish period, Golden Dolphin did some linguistic research and documented the early modern equivalent of the



name with the alternate epithet (*Eibhlín an Eich Gile*). Since attempts to contact her by email and telephone were unsuccessful, we are pending the submission as a whole while we attempt to contact her by post to see if she prefers *Eibhlín an Eich Gile* or *Eibhlín Capall Bán*. Since the name was pended the armory had to be as well.

If you have any questions about any of these submissions or the submissions process, please email the Golden Dolphin Herald at silverdragon@charleston.net or call her at 843-881-5517.

Your servant,

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