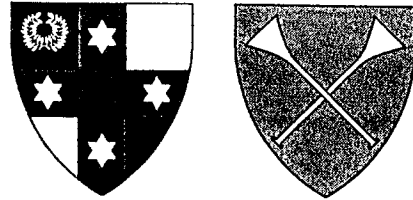


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Unto the College of Heralds of the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac, and unto all others who might read this missive, does Gereint Scholar, Crux Australis Herald, send warm greetings. This is my *Crux Australis Monthly Letter* for February XXIII.

This Month's Highlights

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Contacting Your Crux Australis Herald

In case you didn't notice last month, I'm working a different shift: something like 3.00 to 10.00pm. My lifestyle seems to have settled down, and I've got some more accurate contact details.

Try calling me at home on (08) 223-6407 weekdays between 12.00 noon and 3.00pm, or after 10.30pm — we rarely go to bed before 3.00am. Weekend afternoons are a good bet too. Never *ever* call before noon. If you have an *urgent* problem, you can try calling me at work on (08) 344-0721 between 3.00pm and 6.00pm (note the changed number *again*), or on (08) 344-0505 between 7.00pm and 10.00pm — but be prepared to leave a message, since I'll usually be busy.

As always, the best thing to do is to *write*. I much prefer letters to telephone calls. I deal with more than 50 telephone calls a day at work, often nearer 70, and I like to relax at home. Besides, literacy was a respected skill in the Middle Ages, and we'd do well to follow that example.

Crux Australis is Very Poor

I've just finished doing my annual financial report. My predecessor as Crux Australis Herald, Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson, is a generous man. He put a lot of his own money into the office, to the extent of hundreds of dollars every year. Alas, I can't afford to be as generous as Master Thorfinn, and although I did put *some* of my own money in, the Crux Australis office was more than \$200 in the red at the end of 1988. This ain't good enough. So, after extensive discussions with the Vesper Principal Herald, there's gonna be a few changes around here...

New Submission Fees

After discussions with the Vesper Principal Herald, a new fee structure for Lochac's heraldic submis-

sions will come into force on 1st May — replacing the system which has been operating for several years.

Under the current system, the submission fees vary depending on the kind of submission. In addition, the rates are fixed to the US currency, which means the fee varies from month to month as the exchange rate changes. It's messy, it's difficult to understand, and it's time for a change.

Like the entire West Kingdom College of Heraldry, I'll be moving to a "one transaction, one fee" system. There'll be a flat fee for a "heraldic transaction", whatever that might be: new name, new device, new badge, change of registered name and so on. Consequently, a name and a device submitted together count as *two* transactions. (As before, resubmissions after a return will be free, as is releasing registered items.) The new submission fee will *not* fluctuate with changes in the exchange rate.

That fee will be \$8 for a transaction, whatever that transaction might be. Of this, US\$4.00 goes to the Vesper Principal Herald (which, incidentally, is less than in the rest of the Kingdom). The remainder stays in Australia, paying for the costs of running my office or any special projects we might invent. For each device submission, \$2.50 will be a Scribes Tax, to help the College of Scribes prepare all those pretty award scrolls. This tax is included in the \$8 fee.

The increase isn't great. A name and device will now cost \$16; they used to cost around \$13 to \$15, depending on the weather. It's certainly less than inflation. And it's easier to understand.

The new fees come into force on 1st May, the first day of the Society New Year. Any submissions I receive for the May meeting must be accompanied by the new amount. Explanatory articles are scheduled for the April and May editions of *Pegasus*.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ANEALA: Your fees will be different. Please consult with your Baronial Pursuivant, Lord Kane Greymane.

Paying for Your Camel

Until now, I've sent these *Camels* free to everyone who's the rostered herald of a local group. This costs too much money. I intend that *everyone* will pay for their *Camels*, starting on 1st May. At \$10 a year, it shouldn't be too hard for local SCA groups to pay for their local herald's copy, and I'll give you plenty of time to "cough up". And as before, anyone is perfectly at liberty to photocopy *Camels* and distribute them however they like.

This is an official "statement of intent". If you have any comments on this, or any better suggestions, please let me know as soon as possible. Otherwise, the subscription fee will come into force on 1st May. There'll be more news next month.

New Submission Forms

New submission forms will also come into use as soon as they're ready. There'll be one form for a name, one for a device, one for a badge — and that's it. Every active herald in the Kingdom of the West be sent masters suitable for photocopying, printed on heavy paper, well before 1st May. There'll even be an explanatory "procedures sheet"! As of Twelfth Night A.S. XXIV (1990), submissions will no longer be accepted on the old forms.

New Rules: The Latest News

The New Rules are running late. The second and final draft for comments is expected any day now, and may even get to me before this *Camel* gets to you. If there's time, we'll have a meeting to discuss the New Rules at the Rowany Festival. If everything runs to schedule, the New Rules will take effect from 1st May. There's a chance, however, that the date might be put back yet again. Stay tuned for details — and in the meantime continue using the current rules, just like we have been.

It's Report Time Again

Yes, Lucky Group Heralds, your next Quarterly Report is due at the Rowany Festival — the last weekend in March. Yes, some of you still haven't done or Twelfth Night reports — but I'll get to that. To refresh your memory, here's a few notes about writing reports.

Four times a year, a local group heralds *must* provide me with written reports. They're due at the four Principality events: Spring Coronet, Twelfth Night, Autumn Coronet and Midwinter. You can find the exact dates by looking in *Pegasus*. Your report needn't be anything fancy to look at. It doesn't even need to be typed — unless your handwriting is as disgusting as mine.

Ideally, your report should include as much information as possible. There's no need to go overboard; after all, I have to read everything you send. And if nothing much has happened, you can just write and say "nothing much has happened". But here's a few suggestions.

List the heraldic submissions you've sent since your previous report. I can check to make sure I haven't lost anything. Australia Post is generally very good, but my desk occasionally eats things. Tell me whether people with "returned" submissions are working on a resubmission.

Mention the events at which any Court, Field or Duty heraldry was done. I don't need to know about anything other than the heraldry. Tell me who did it and whether they were any good. If there were problems, tell me what they were and how you solved them. I can pass on useful tips to others, and I can provide advice or training when it's needed. Send copies of any special ceremonies you wrote. Again, if they're good I can share the ideas with others.

List all the awards that were granted to people from your group. Include the date of the award and the names of the Royalty who gave it. This is a useful cross-check of my files, especially if the recipients haven't registered their names. You wouldn't believe the strange spellings we sometimes get. Then again, maybe you would...

Remember to put the date on your report (and everything else you send, for that matter), as well as your name, address, telephone number and the name of the group you're from. If you've changed your address, make sure you mention it specifically. Putting it on the envelope isn't good enough, I'm afraid: I throw away envelopes as soon as they're opened.

Give a copy of your report to your Seneschal, and keep one for the group's files. If you're in a Barony, give one to the Baron and Baroness too. And if for some reason you can't report on schedule, please let me know.

Why Report Anyway?

Why all this carry-on about reports anyway? Here's four reasons why I find reports useful:

- It lets me know you're still the local herald for your group, and that you're doing the job right. Part of my job is reporting on heraldic activities throughout Lochac, and making sure there aren't problems. Unless I see you frequently, your reports are the only way I have of knowing that you're doing your job. Lochac is far too big for me to supervise by rumour.
- If you've got a problem, you can share it with me — and maybe I can help. Moreover, if I see the same sorts of problems cropping up in several groups, I can do something about it.
- It's extremely useful to put things down in writing. Although we live in the age of the telephone, if something's written down it can be shared with others.

- Every three months, you're forced to sit down and think: "What *has* happened in my group?" You'll probably find that all sorts of interesting things have happened. And it's bound to remind you of something you've overlooked.

What Happens if I Don't Report?

If I don't get your report on time, I wait a little bit — just in case the mail is running late. Then I write to you asking where your report is. Your seneschal gets a copy of that letter. If you don't repond to that, you get increasingly less gentle reminders. If you miss two reports in a row, and I haven't got a reasonable excuse from you, then I write to you, your seneschal and, if you're in a Barony, the Baron and Baroness too, asking why you shouldn't be sacked. If I don't hear back pretty soon after that, you *do* get sacked. Then your group is in the awkward situation of finding a replacement real quick. By the way, every SCA-group is *required* to have an active herald. If a group herald gets sacked, the Lochac Seneschal is notified straight away, and he may have to take some action of his own.

All this is not idle threat. Three group heralds in Lochac have been sacked, sorry, "removed from office", this month. Three other groups had better respond pretty soon or they'll find themselves in bother too. I've been fairly lenient about reporting until now. However, reporting is a basic job requirement of group heralds. If you're not even staying in touch with your superior officer, how do I know you're doing any other parts of your job? Enough said.

Are You a Member Yet?

Just another reminder that all local heralds *must* be paid-up members of the SCA. I checked the membership list on 15th December, when I still found quite a few local heralds without paid-up memberships. I haven't got around to chasing you yet, but rest assured I will. The new Lochac Seneschal is particularly concerned that more than 50 local officers are not members. I'd like to reassure him that the College of Heraldry isn't a problem, but I can't. Will you all please make sure your memberships are up-to-date *before* I have to write to you? (Should I mention that Principality Law *requires* you to be members? No... I shouldn't have to.)

If your membership has expired, if you've never joined, or if you're just not sure of your current membership status, contact the Deputy Registrar for Australia, Baroness Aislinn de Valence [Megan Dansie], P.O. Box 607, Unley 5061. Telephone (08) 272-3791. There's a membership form in every issue of *Pegasus*.

"Hi, I'm the New Herald for..."

Well, it's not quite that simple. When a herald knows that he or she is going to leave office for one reason or another — being "promoted" to group seneschal seems to be the favorite reason around the Kingdom at the moment — he or she should contact their Principality Herald (that's me) and introduce their successor as soon as that successor is found. It is not on to skip town without finding a replacement! If a direct introduction isn't possible (which is likely given the size of Lochac), then a letter of introduction is in order.

But what if the old herald has indeed skipped town, or hidden permanently under a rock? Then the new herald ought to introduce him- or herself to me, and some annoying paperwork is in order. For Colleges, Cantons and Shires, a note from the seneschal that the new person is indeed the new herald is sufficient. Sooner or later, that note finds its way to the Vesper Principal Herald, who will amend her roster accordingly and, sooner or later, get a Roster Letter to the new herald. In Baronies, the Baron and Baroness need to sign that note too — the Baronial Herald is their officer and they have some say in who it is. And Vesper has a say too; suffice it to say that she believes that the people who do the work ought to get the nice titles.

Regular Meetings

At my regular monthly meetings we look at the latest heraldic submissions from around Lochac, forwarding some to the Vesper Principal Herald, returning others to the submitter for reworking. As a result of recent changes to my working pattern, the meetings are now held on *Sunday afternoons* at The New Scriptorium, 25 Blackburn Street, Adelaide, starting at 2.00pm. The next meeting is Sunday 12th March. An additional meeting will also be held at the Rowany Festival over the Easter weekend. After that, they'll be 16th April and 14th May (tentative).

The Hund Pursuivant, Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson, holds weekly meetings to provide Lochac's comments on the submissions from other kingdoms. They're an excellent opportunity to learn about conflict research, and to look at examples of heraldry from around the Known World. They're 8.00pm Monday nights somewhere in Stormhold [Melbourne]. Please check with Thorfinn on (03) 25-6348 for the location. Regular commentary is also taking place in River Haven [Brisbane], Llyn Arian [Lake Macquarie NSW], Ynnis Mawr [Hobart] and Aneala [Perth]. Contact the relevant local herald for details.

This Month's Submissions

The College of Heraldry of the Kingdom of the West in the Principality of Lochac held its February meeting at The New Scriptorium on the afternoon of Sunday 15th. Present were Master Gereint Scholar, Crux Australis Herald; Sir Haos Windchaser, Acting Frette Rouge Pursuivant; Robert Furness of Southwood, PE for Blessed Herman; PE At Large Baroness Aislinn de Valence; and Cornets/visitors Mistress Bryony of the Bees, Baroness Selfran the Singer, baby Rowan Pawl and The Cat. The last two were more of a distraction than a help...

1. **Arenvald von Hagenburg** (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Saint Cecilia, HID414]

Per chevron chequy Or and azure, and sable, in base a dragon rampant Or.

Elizabeth Withycombe's *Oxford Dictionary of English Christian Names* gives *Arenvald* as the Old German version of *Arnold* (p.30). There was no documentation for the placename *Hagenburg*, nor could I find it in my old high school atlas. Nevertheless, it does consist of common German elements, so I've submitted it in the hope that someone else might be able to specifically document the name.

Consulting heralds: Thorfinn Hrolfsson and [Dominic Ianello].

2. **Eadward Fetel** (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Ventbarré, HID415]

Or, three leather straps with buckles palewise proper, a bordure gules.

The Laud Manuscript, one of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles, has *Eadward*, a variant of *Eadweard* (*Two of the Saxon Chronicles Parallel*, Earle & Plummer, Oxford University Press 1892, vol.1 p.123). The Saxon King Eadward the Martyr reigned AD975-80. Bosworth & Toller's *An Anglo-Saxon Dictionary* (OUP, 1898) gives *fetel* as a noun meaning 'girdle' or 'belt' (p.284). *Fetel* should therefore be a suitable, if somewhat TSCA epithet, especially given the proposed device — provided that some Knight or other doesn't object to "Edward the Belt". The submitter will accept corrections to the grammar.

Consulting herald: Melloney de Charteris.

[Note: "TSCA" stands for "Typical SCA", and it's pronounced "tisker". When referring to a name, it means the kind of names that are common enough in the SCA, although they sound more like something from a fantasy novel — and certainly nothing like the sort of names people really did have in period. Usually, TSCA is a neutral term. But it can also be used sarcastically, especially when referring to sappy fantasy names like "Brianna of the Misty Lake of the Unicorns" or complex epithets like "James the Wooden-Legged Coward".]

3. **Greth de Trobrigge** (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard, HID408]

Paly of seven argent and vert, on a chief gules, a martlet close argent.

Grethe, spelt with a final 'e', is a German diminutive form of *Margaret*, according to the submitter's documentation (*Baptismal Names*, Rev Joseph L Weidenhan, Kenmore Productions 1931, p.279). Withycombe doesn't list the name, but Charlotte Yonge's *History of Christian Names* does (p.121). *Greth*, without the 'e', would be pronounced differently, even if I could find it in any of my resources. The submitter will accept changes to the spelling, such as *Grethe*, or the alternate *Margaret* if *Greth* cannot be documented. Her preference is for something with the '-eth' sound at the end of the name.

Reaney's *Dictionary of British Surnames* lists *Trobrigge* as a variant of *Trowbridge* and *Troubridge* (p.355).

I'd prefer the device to be blazoned *Argent, three palets vert...*; I couldn't find any examples in Papworth of *paly* of an odd number of segments. However, the submitter wants to make sure the green and white areas are evenly spaced across the device.

However it's blazoned, the device is clear of Bradborne: *Argent, three palets azure, a chief gules* (Papworth p.1015), counting a major for the tincture of the palets and a minor for the martlet; and of Lodyngton: *Argent, three palets azure, on a chief gules a lion passant guardant Or* (Papworth p.1015), again counting a major for the tincture of the palets and a minor for changing the tertiary charge; and similarly of all the other *palets* and *paly* devices in Papworth (pp1012-1019).

Consulting herald: Haos Windchaser.

[Note: *The College of Heraldry registers the emblazon of a device, the picture, not the actual words of the blazon — although of course the blazon is what we write down and print in an armorial. The College may change the blazon of the device to more accurately or simply describe the submitter's emblazon.*]

4. **Kaatje van der Hagen** (new name; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard, HID417]

Yonge gives *Kaatje* as the Dutch version of *Kate* or *Katherine*, although without giving a specific date (p.123). *van der Hagen* is the Dutch for "from the Hague", and is mentioned in this form in Geoffrey Cotterell's *Amsterdam: The Life of a City* (D C Heath Ltd). One Dutch Captain [?] van der Hagen is mentioned as setting out in 1604 to take over Molucca and set up a spice factory (p.84). If he was doing this in 1604, he must have been given his family name before 1600 — and therefore in period.

Consulting herald: Gereint Scholar.

5. **Myfanwy ferch Dafydd** (change of holding name; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard, HID221]

The holding name *Myfanwy of Innilgard* was registered in June 1987. This new name is Welsh for "Myfanwy, daughter of David", and appears free of problems. *Myfanwy* is a common Welsh female name dating from before the 14th century. *Dafydd* is listed in P C Bartrum's *Early Welsh Genealogical Tracts* (p.182). The submitter will accept corrections to the grammar.

Consulting herald: Gereint Scholar.

6. **Rionach O'Melaghlin** (new name and device; SUBMITTED) [Innilgard, HID418]

Per fess wavy argent and purpure, in pale a harp reversed and an otter statant counterchanged.

O'Corrain & Maguire's *Gaelic Personal Names* lists *Rionach* on p.156. Edward MacLysaght's *Irish Families, their names, arms and origins* (Figgis, Dublin 1972) says under the entry for the surname *MacLoughlin* that one form "of Royal status... [is]... *O Maoilsheachlainn* in Irish... up to the end of the seventeenth century always anglicized *O'Melaghlin*" (p.121).

The device should be clear of Friederich Tomasson av Knusslig Hamn: *Per fess indented purpure and argent, in pale a snowy owl in winter phase descending proper, and a bard's harp purpure* (SCA badge, Jan 87). We count a major (or a good minor) for the orientation of the colours of

the field, and another major for the difference between an owl and an otter.

Consulting herald: Haos Windchaser.

[Note on Blazon: A "harp" has the soundbox on the sinister side of the shield, so the person playing it would also sit to the sinister, from where they'd face to the dexter — the default position for humans and beasts doing things on a shield. Obviously, therefore, a "harp reversed" is the other way around, with the soundbox on the dexter side.]

7. Saint Cecilia, College of (new name; SUBMITTED) [Stormhold, HID421]

This College is based at LaTrobe University in Melbourne. St Cecilia was a virgin martyr, and is documented in William Caxton's *The Golden Legend, or Lives of the Saints*.

Consulting herald: none listed.

[Note on usage: As the Laurel Queen of Arms has previously observed, while modern sources generally abbreviate the word "Saint" to "St", period manuscripts considered contracted forms precisely that. The College of Heralds wouldn't register "Bndicts" for the Latin name "Benedictus", or "Thos" for "Thomas", yet these abbreviations are used in many period manuscripts. There is much evidence to suggest that scribes regarded the full version as normal, with abbreviations used where required.

But even though the name will be registered in its full and proper form, this doesn't forbid the use of abbreviations. In fact, the use of period ligatures and abbreviations should be encouraged in everyday use.]

You can find drawings of these devices on the back of this page.

News of Previous Submissions

The West Kingdom College of Herald's *Minutes* for January arrived on 10th February. You'll find the relevant extracts for Lochac and Aneala attached as pages V-1 to V-2.


Books and Merchandise

For heraldic publications in Lochac, see Master Thorfinn Hrolfsson [Steve Roylance], 1592 Malvern Road, Glen Iris Vic 3146. Phone (03) 25-6348. Make cheques payable to "S Roylance".

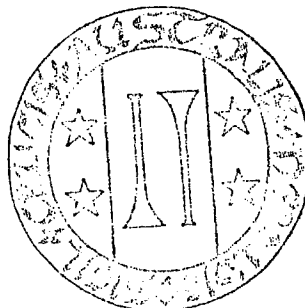
The *Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry* is \$11 (\$13.10 posted). Bulk discounts are available. The first *Update* to the *Armorial and Ordinary* is \$4.00 (\$5.20 posted). The second *Update* is \$4.20 (\$5.40 posted). Complete copies of the *Armorial and Ordinary* and the *West Kingdom Heralds Handbook* are available on special order; please contact Thorfinn for the current prices.

Subscriptions to the West Kingdom College of Heralds *Minutes* are always available from the Vesper Principal Herald for US\$10. The *Minutes* are the Kingdom-level equivalent to the *Camels*. They include a report of what happens at the monthly meetings and pictures of all the armory forwarded to Laurel for registration. As of 1st May, all "overseas" subscriptions — those for us here in Australia — will rise to US\$15 to help cover the more expensive postage.

Your servant,

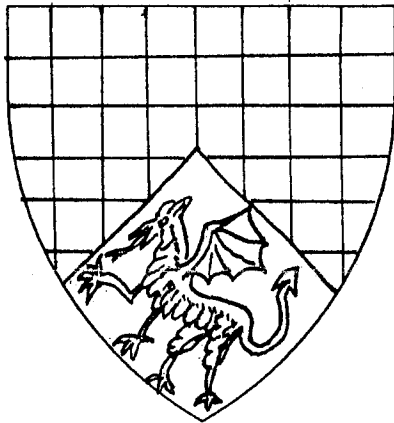
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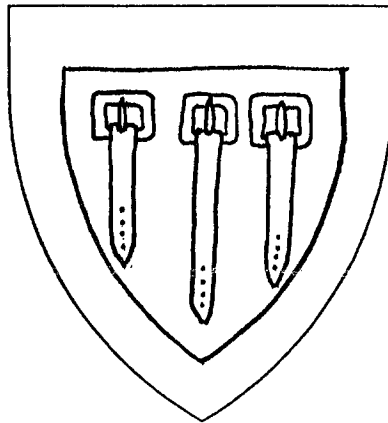


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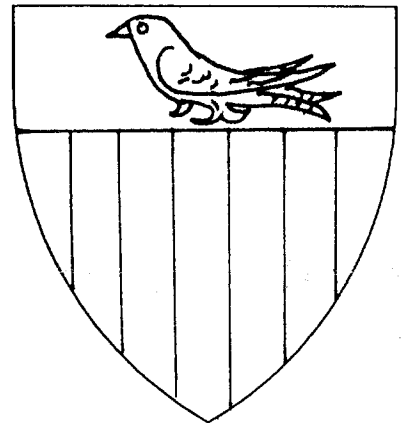
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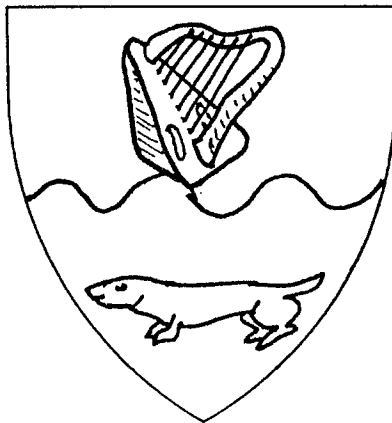
2. Eadward



3. Greth



6. Rionach



This drawing of an otter is living proof that you don't have to be an artist to be a herald!

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The following submissions were passed by the Vesper Principal Herald of the Kingdom of the West on 8th January XXIII (1989), and were SUBMITTED to the Laurel Queen of Arms:

6. Elfarch Myddfai (River Haven) device resubmission, name registered

Or, a bear armed with eagle's talons rampant to sinister gules.

His name was registered on the Laurel LoAR of August 1986; this device is a redesign based on the bear/leopard/eagle monster returned by Laurel at that time. This is a simple monster based on two very common heraldic critters and is in an amply identifiable posture. It is somewhat close to the device of Bess the Obscure, "Vert, a grizzly bear rampant to sinister proper", but we feel it is certainly clear. There is a point for the colour of the field, a minor for the colour of the bear, and at least another minor for the addition of the eagle's talons. The submitter would really like the monster blazoned as either "ursus invasus" or as a "drop-bear". It seems that there is this, um, mythical creature native to the Australian bush (or at least to the Australian imagination) that looks rather like a bear and drops from trees onto unwary prey passing below.... Consulting herald: the submitter; anthropological notes by Gereint Scholar.

7. Evelynne van der Haagen (Aneala) new name, see RETURNS for device

"Evelynne" is a TSCA spelling variant of the given name "Evelina, Evelyn" cited on page 113 of Withycombe. It seems a reasonable enough variation and she will take a documented form if it is not accepted by Laurel. Her surname is supposed to be Dutch for "of the Hague". It appears to be correct, but I cannot tell for certain. She is willing to take a corrected version. Consulting herald: Kane Greymane.

14. Otto von Besenberg (Aneala) new name, see RETURNS for device

"Otto" was and is a common given name in Germany, and is attested in this spelling in the Domesday Book (Withycombe, p. 231). The surname is coined, and means "of Broom Hill", a translation of the submitter's mundane birthplace. Consulting herald: the submitter.

15. Rowena of Loxton (Llyn Arian) new name and device

Azure, a fess sable fimbriated between three martlets volant, a bordure argent.

"Rowena" is cited on page 259 of Withycombe, who notes that it seems to have been originated by Geoffrey of Monmouth (well in period), who gave it to the daughter of Hengist in his history. "Loxton" is a town in Somerset. A fess certainly should be simple enough to fimbriate! Consulting herald: Conachar MacAlpin.

18. Valerian Zakharevitch Druzhinin (Llyn Arian) name and device resubmission

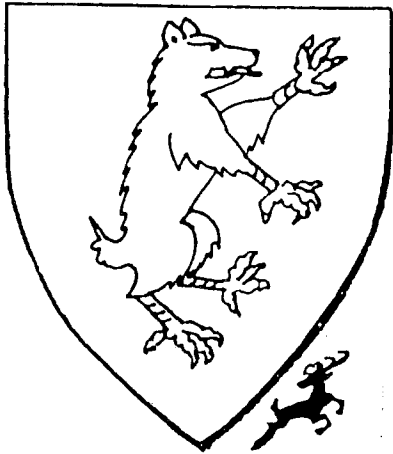
Gules, two bears rampant addorsed Or, each maintaining in their lower forepaw a scimitar argent, on a chief triangular Or, three crescents gules.

The submitter's name in substantially the same form was returned by us in October '87 for more documentation, as it seemed to be unacceptable at that time from what we could figure out. The submitter has responded by sending us copious documentation. He documents "Valerian" as the name of the Archbishop of Vilna in 1560 or thereabouts and "Zakhar" as the name of a mayor of Novgorod in 1477. Both are cited in Vernadsky A History of Russia, Vol. IV, pages 232 and 57.

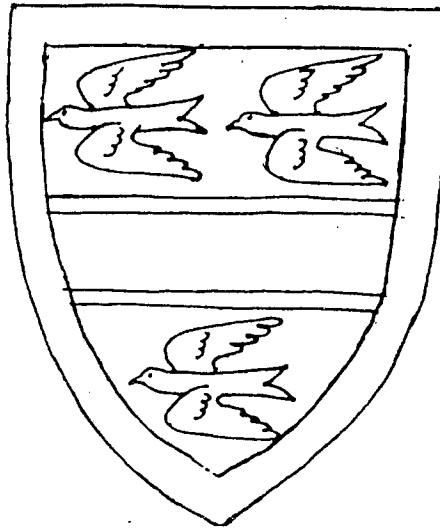
"Zakharevitch" is the properly formed patronymic from "Zakhar". He also cites a bibliography which includes a "V. Druzhinin" as an author, although not in period. He also included a citation from The Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet History, (ed. Joseph L. Wiczyński, p. 79) which notes "Druzhina" as a period word meaning "an association or society of various people"; it was used as early as the fourteenth century. As Russians often made surnames from pet-names and epithets ("druzhin" literally means "friend"), it could also be a legitimate surname derived from an epithet (see Unbegaun, p. 210). Consulting heralds: the submitter, Conachar MacAlpin, special assistance from Bogdan Il'ich Volknoi, of Caidd.

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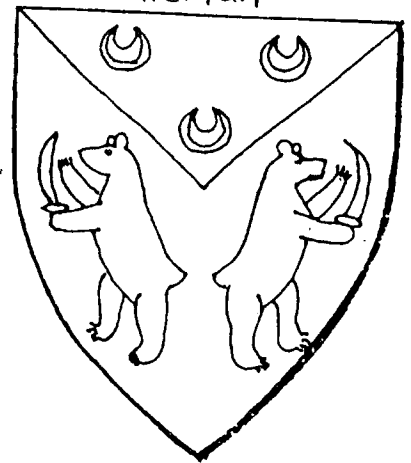
6. Eifarch



15. Rowena



18. Valerian



The following submissions were RETURNED by the Vesper Principal Herald of the Kingdom of the West on 8th January XXIII (1989):

Evelynne van der Haagen (Aneala)

name passed, device returned

Per bend sinister argent and purple, seven fusils in bend sinister between a mulberry leaf vert and a sewing needle bendwise sinister argent.

Without the seven fusils running along the line of division on the argent half of the field, this would be a perfectly good design. The impression given by the line of fusils is that there had been a bend sinister there somewhere and it escaped, only leaving some tracks to show where it went. As the fusils are important to the submitter, we will be making some suggestions of better places for their placement. Consulting herald: Kane Greymane.

Otto von Besenberg (Aneala)

name passed, device returned

Sable, an eagle displayed head to sinister and a chief indented argent.

This is very good, very classic style and unfortunately is in conflict with the mundane arms of Bridgewater, "Sable, an eagle displayed and a chief argent" (Pap. p. 308). There is a point for changing the line of division on the chief, but even at our most optimistic we can't get away with calling the position of the head enough of a minor to give the additional difference needed. This chief is actually "indented" rather than "dancetty" as the submitter originally blazoned it. It was ruled by Wilhelm von Schlüssel in August of 1980 that the term "dancetty" can only be applied to ordinaries with two sides; one sided ordinaries have to be "indented", although they can be "indented of three points" if one wants to be very specific. It is better to just blazon them as "indented" and put the "of three points" in the Notes To Scribes section. Consulting herald: the submitter.

Stormhold, Barony of

badge resubmission returned

Azure, a drakkar affronty Or.

This badge was originally submitted in April '87 and was returned because the emblazon was not recognizably a drakkar. Unfortunately, the previous February a device had been registered to Francis Pesket of Arundel, "Per chevron Or and azure, a longship affronty under full sail counterchanged". There is a point of difference for counterchanging by a line of division and another minor point is needed. The odds are fairly good that we did not have the LoAR with that registration in hand when the badge was first returned and did not remember the previous submission. Sorry, folks! Consulting herald: Thorfinn Hrolfsson.