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Minutes of the December 20, 2009 College of Heralds Meeting

Meeting commenced at 11:00 AM.

In attendance were: Su *Crescent*, Illuminada *Dolphin*, Hrorek *Chevron*, Jeanne Marie *Noir Licorne*, Thomas *Quatrefoil*, John ap Griffin, Morin Chiardhubh ni Bhardain , Martin FitzJames, Martin Monteyro do Monte, Ursula *Green Staff*, Uluric *Trident*, Cormac *Seraph*.

Upcoming meetings are: January 17th, February 21st, March 21st, April 25th, May 16th, June 20th

Unless otherwise noted, all submitters will accept the creation of a holding name, if appropriate. Approved submissions will be forwarded on the January 31, 2010 Letter of Intent.

Angels, Barony of the

Amina de Talavera de la Reina. Kingdom Resub Name Change

Name] Her previous primary name, Sheryl of Thespis was registered 01/73. Her previous name submission *Amina Sherifa de Talavera de la Reina* was returned in 09/05 because Sherifa was deemed presumptuous. This submission addresses the previous concerns by removing the problematic element.

The submitter desires a feminine name, will accept minor but not major changes, and if new name is approved wishes to retain her old name. The submitter was contacted during the meeting and agreed that if necessary for registration, de la Reina may be dropped. Her form was altered prior to submission.

Amina is a feminine Arabic given name (*ism*) in "Period Arabic Names and Naming Practices" by Da'ud ibn Auda (http://heraldry.sca.org/laurel/names/arabic-naming2.htm). It is also found as a feminine given name in "Andalusian Names: Arabs in Spain" by Juliana de Luna (http://heraldry.sca.org/laurel/names/andalusia.html); these names date from 700 to 1200.

de Talavera de la Reina of "Talavera de la Reina." This is a locative surname based upon a town in central Spain on the north bank of the Tagus River. Alfonso XI gave it to his Queen, Maria of Portugal, in the 14th century hence "de la Reina" (of the queen). The submitter documents this place from the Encyclopedia Britannica. Juliana de Luna, "Spanish Names from the Late 15th Century" (http://heraldry.sca.org/laurel/names/isabella/locative.html), includes de Talavera as a locative surname. We note however that the full name has been registered before, to Esteban de Villahermosa y Guzmán de Talavera de la Reina in 05/92 via the West. We realize that prior registration is not documentation, but are hoping that there may be documentation in his submission or the accompanying commentary supporting the use of the full city name. Name approved and forwarded to Laurel.

Calafia, Barony of

Blár {0,}lfúss inn fjalla. New Name.

[Name] The submitter desires a masculine name, will accept minor but not major changes; however, the submitter verbally stated that he will allow the name elements to be reordered if necessary as well as dropping *inn* if necessary. If the name must be changed, he cares most about the meaning "black, desirous of beer, the mountain".

Blár is found in *Scandinavian Personal Names in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire* by Gilliam Fellows Jensen (Copenhagen: I commission hos Akademisk forlag, 1968); photocopies have been provided. **Blár** is the header (p. 57). The entry states:

L. b) **Randulfus Bla de Scitebroc, Rannulfo Bla.** abl. 1202 Ass 646, 1033. An orig by.n. "black, livid". Recorded in late WScand (Lind BN 29) and also in Swed (XenLid 102).

We are unable to find *Blár* as a personal name in Lind. However, the S. Gabriel report 3078 (http://www.s-gabriel.org/3078) notes the existence of several given names that began as nicknames, including " <Braido:> 'broad', <Lamo:> 'lame', <Swarta> 'black', and <Wakraz> 'watchful, quick, undaunted'." The cited reference is " Peterson, Lena. 'Lexikon o"ver urnordiska personnamn' (WWW: Spra*k- och Folkminnesinstitut, n.d.). http://www.sofi.se/GetDoc?meta_id=1464".

{o,}Ifúss is found in Geirr Bassi, p. 30 as a nickname meaning "desirous of beer".

inn fjalla is a constructed byname meaning "the mountain". The preposed form of the byname -Fjalla is found in Geirr Bassi, p. 21. Geirr Bassi, p. 17, includes *Spak*- (wise-, gentle-) as well as *in spaka* and *inn spaki*both meaning wise. Based on this, we believe that it is possible to create a byname with the definite article from a prepose byname.

The correct form may by Fjalla-Blár {0,} If úss but we ask the College for help in creating a registerable name.

Name approved and forwarded to Laurel.

Ketill rauðskeggr, New Badge. Azure, a pair of compasses Or, a bordure argent.

[Name] Registered 02/06.

[Armory] Submitted on a fieldless badge form, the submitter was contacted and approved the changes indicated to a fielded badge.

Badge approved and forwarded to Laurel.

Darach, Barony of

Bruce Draconarius. Kingdom Resub Badge. (Fieldless) an orb argent.

[Name] Registered 04/91.

[Armory] At the November meeting, the submission: (Fieldess) an orb Or was returned for conflict. This submission addresses that concern.

Badge approved and forwarded to Laurel.

Naevehjem, Barony of

Angus Storm. Laurel Resub Badge. (Fieldless) A wood chisel blade to base argent.

[Name] Registered 09/02.

[Badge] This submitter's previous submission with the same blazon was returned on the July 2009 LoAR.

This badge is returned for administrative reasons. The submitted emblazon depicted on OSCAR had the chisel with the blade to chief. The actual form depicts the chisel with the blade to base. This violates section V.B.2.e of the Administrative Handbook, which requires that "An accurate representation of each piece of submitted armory shall be included on the letter of intent."

The scan had inadvertently been inverted.

This resubmission shows the chisel correctly in the same position as on his device, correctly blazoned.

Badge approved and forwarded to Laurel.

Wintermist, Shire of

Ketill Olafsson. New Name and Device: *Vert, on a fess bretessed argent, two talbots passant respectant sable.* [Name] The submitter is interested in a masculine name, he will accept minor but not major changes. He is interested in a name authentic for language/culture (Scandinavian) and if the name must be changed he cares most the sound (unspecified). Submitted as Ketil_Olafsson. the name was changed to Ketill Olafsson to match the documentation. All of the name elements are documented from Geirr Bassi.

Ketill is found as a masculine given name on p. 12.

Óláfr is found as a masculine given name on p. 13; the patronymic is formed in accordance with the rules on p. 17. Accents can be omitted as long as they are omitted consistently. The spelling was changed to Ketil<u>l</u> Olafsson to match the documentation.

Name and device approved and forwarded to Laurel.

<u>Tahira al-Fahida</u> New Name and Device: *Per chevron azure and gules, an elephant argent between three horseshoes open ends to center Or.*

[Name] The name was submitted as Tahira Al-Fahid. The submitter desires a feminine name. She will accept minor but not major changes. She requests authenticity for language/culture (Arabic/Persian) and if the name must be changed she cares most about the language/culture. The submitter has approved the change in the gender of the byname. Ursula *Green Staff* provides the following documentation (thanks!):

Tahira is a feminine given name; *Tahira* bint Ahmad al-Tanukhiyya is a woman who transmitted hadith (Islamic religious tradition); her name is recorded in a biographical dictionary by the eleventh-century writer Al-Khatib al-Baghdadi. (Nadia Maria el Cheikh, "Observations on Women's Educations in Islamic Societies", in Francois Georgeon and Klaus Kreiser, ed.s, Enfance et jeunesse dans le monde musulman, p. 61,

 $http://books.google.com/books?id=3Q88mbRNsLwC\&pg=PA61\#v=onepage\&q=\&f=false\)$

al-Fahid is a masculine byname meaning 'lynx' or 'panther'. The fourteenth-century writer al-Damiri wrote, "*Al-fahid* means a man resembling a lynx in its sleeping much and its insolence." (Muhammad ibn Musa al-Damiri, ed. Atmaram Sadashiv G. Jayakar, Ad-Damiri's Hayat al-hayawan, p. 562

http://books.google.com/books?id=nTELAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA562#v=onepage&q=&f=false)

In order to match the given name, the byname should be feminized. Juliana de Luna, "Jewish Women's Names in an Arab Context: Names from the Geniza of Cairo" (http://heraldry.sca.org/laurel/names/geniza.html) lists Fahda, glossed as 'cheetah', as a feminine given name, and Fahda and al-Fahid which both come from the root fahd, the by-name was changed to al-Fahida.

Name approved as changed and forwarded to Laurel. Device approved and forwarded to Laurel.