



Kingdom of Avacal College of Heraldry
Kingdom Submissions Letter of Decisions
March 20, 2017



Greetings to the Avacal College of Heraldry from HL Rowyn Arden the Bard, Kingdom of Avacal Submissions Herald.

The following submission will be forwarded to Laurel on the Avacal external letter dated 2017-03-31 and were taken from the Avacal KLoI of 2017-02-23.

Forwarded to Laurel Sovereign of Arms:

1. **Avacal, Kingdom of** - New Heraldic Title. White Rabbit Herald.
2. **Avacal, Kingdom of** - New Heraldic Title. White Wyvern Herald.
3. **Edward MacKay** - New Name & New Device. *Per bend sinister gules and sable, a lion Or and a horse argent rampant addorsed.*

The blazon (words) was adjusted to better describe the emblazon (picture) and minimize issues with Unity of Posture.

4. **Eymere atte Dale** - New Name.
5. **Letta Maria Borgi** - New Device. *Or, a talbot sejant sable, a bordure azure papellony argent.*

OSCAR finds the name on the Avacal LoI of November 30, 2016 as submitted.

6. **Matteo della Marca** - New Name & New Device. *Per fess sable and argent, a demi-sun Or issuing from the line of division and a compass rose gules.*
7. **Montengarde, Barony of** -New Order Name. *Dragon of Montengarde, Order of the.*
8. **Montengarde, Barony of** -New Order Name. *Embowed Cedar, Order of the.*
9. **Montengarde, Barony of** -New Order Name. *Flower of Montengarde, Order of the.*
10. **Montengarde, Barony of** -New Order Name. *Sable Drum, Order of the.*
11. **Montengarde, Barony of** – New Badge. To be associated with the Sergeantry. *Quarterly argent and Or, a round buckle and a bordure sable.*
12. **Sadb ingen Tuathail** -New Alternate Name. *Sadb Jófreysdóttir.*



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The following submissions were returned for further work:

1. **Montengarde, Barony of** - New Order Name. *Emissary of Montengarde.*

"Emissary" is not an Order or Award designator currently recognized in the Standard for Evaluation of Names and Armory Appendix E.B.

Even if we add "Award of" or "Order of" before "Emissary", this would mean that Emissary would have to follow one of the standard patterns. The example of the fool as a group and/or person has now been shown as a heraldic charge. Specifically from the August 2014 Cover Letter:

"Unser Hafen, Barony of. Order Name Order of the Minstrels of Unser Hafen. This order name is also returned because it does not fit a period pattern of order names. The article cited in the Letter of Intent included a category for orders named after occupations. However, a reexamination of the evidence shows that there is not a pattern of just any occupation being used in such order names. The first example, the fool, appears to be based on a heraldic charge. The second, the Grail-Templars, is a religious order. As minstrels are not a religious order and do not wear distinctive dress that would make them a plausible heraldic charge, this submission does not fit those patterns."

Therefore, the "emissary" also does not fit either one of these patterns. We attempted Order of [the] Children of Saint Ferdinand for Montengarde but it also didn't fit the pattern. They were able to change that to the Order of Children of Saint Ferdinand because "Children" is a late period English surname that can be used as a given name. We attempted to do the same thing for "Emissary" as a given name and/or later period surname but were unable to document it as a name.

2. **Montengarde, Barony of** - New Order Name. *Horns of the Minotaur, Order of the.*

The horns of a minotaur would be heraldically described as a bull's horns. Specifically, we have a precedent set with the Griffin's Paw from the April 2008 LoAR which states: "Though the name was justified on the LoI as following the "heraldic charge" meta-pattern, while griffins are period heraldic charges, no evidence was provided that their paws were either period heraldic charges or are compatible with period heraldic charges. It is unlikely that such evidence could be provided; separated from the rest of the griffin, a "griffin's paw" will either be an eagle's jambe or a lion's jambe."



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This is why Montengarde's device has a bull's head. We would have to describe this as a bull's horn. We would understand that the barony might not want this description so we have chosen to return this for further work.

The following submissions were pended until next meeting:

None