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Greetings unto Shauna Laurel, Margaret Pelican, Evan Wreath, the entirety of the College of Arms, and any other to whom these presents may come, from Istvan Blue Tyger, on this, the feast day of Saint Maximus of Aquila!

It is the intent of the East Kingdom to register the following items.

1 Smoking Rocks, Barony of - New Order Name - *Companions of the Rock*

No major changes. OED Compact Edition p 2563 gives 'Rock: a large rugged mass of stone' and 'something which affords a sure foundation or support.' The dated forms are 'rokke' 13??, rocke 1400, and rocks 1560 .

The pattern of period order names that it follows is taken from *Project Ordensnamen* by Meradudd Cethin (<http://www.sca.org/heraldry/laurel/names/order/>). It follows the pattern of naming orders after things, such as Garter, Sword, Scale, etc.

This order name was deemed at kingdom to be in conflict with the *Award of the Rocke of Seagirt*. (May 2004, via An Tir)

'Award' and 'Companions' are designators for purposes of RfS V.2.a, and Seagirt is the branch name. The remaining descriptive elements are 'Rocke' versus 'Rock'

Permission to conflict is allowed to clear name conflict in the presence of a group designator, as per the return for 'Award of the Rising Star' for Ansteorra, Kingdom of on the September 2001 LoAR: [Award of the Rising Star] This name is being returned for lack of documentation of the construction of the order name. No documentation was provided, and the College found none, that an abstract descriptive such as Rising was used to modify a noun such as Star in period order names. Barring such documentation, this name must be returned.

Note: had such documentation been found, this name would have registerable as Award of the Rising Star of Ansteorra, since Ansteorra has a letter of permission to conflict from the owner of the household name House Rising Star, and group references (which are normally transparent for conflict purposes) can clear a conflict in conjunction with a letter of permission to conflict. [Ansteorra, Kingdom of, 09/01, R-Ansteorra]

The Barony of Seagirt has given such permission in the full knowledge of the proposed name of the new order, and a letter of permission signed by their baron, baroness, seneschal, and herald is attached. A petition from Smoking Rocks, with the signatures of the majority of their officers is attached.

2 Tobyn Kembold (M) - Resub Device



Or, a dragon sejant gules wings elevated and addorsed.

The name was registered in January 2003. His original device *Or, a dragon sejant close gules and a bordure sable* was returned in October 2003 with the following comments:

The College had difficulty identifying the dragon. A number of the identifying features of the dragon are obscured by its posture. The wings are folded against the body and are hard to see. The clawed feet are all flattened out so that their exact type is also hard to see. This depiction of the dragon is also generally confusing. The tail is unusual for a dragon, ending in a leonine tuft. While the head is clearly the head of some sort of monster, the type of monster is not immediately identifiable as a dragon. This needs to be redrawn as a clearly identifiable dragon. We also strongly suggest that the wings be in the two standard postures for dragon wings, addorsed or displayed, instead of being close.

This submission is an entirely different design.

We also offer a **Letter of Correction** to the following items from the September 30 East Kingdom LoI:

17. Eibhlí ingean uíin Choilen - Device

Argent, a sheaf of a needle inverted and two arrows gules between flaunches purpure.

The LoI incorrectly had the flaunches as 'azure'.

35. Rónán Meablach - Device

Azure, a lynx rampant argent a chief rayonny Or.

The LoI had given the posture of the lynx as combattant.

There are, by my count, 1 device resubmission and 1 order name submission. That makes a total of 1 payable action and two total actions. We'll send the \$4 at some point, I'm sure.

In service,

Istvan

This letter was originally going to be issued on the 15th, which is the feast day of Teresa of Avila, patron saint of headache sufferers. For more information on her life, see http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=208. It's worth a read just for the humor value.