

April 2023

East Kingdom

Internal Letter of Decision

East ILol dated 03/06/2023

To the most noble members of the East Kingdom College of Heraldry, greetings! You will find below the decisions rendered on the submissions for the Internal Letter of Intent issued on 3/6/2023.

Many thanks to the following commenters who provided assistance this month:
 Alys Ogress, Drasma Seahorse, ffride Morelle, Gunnvor Orle, Jeanne Marie Palimpsest, Mathghamhain Ua Ruadháin, Rosina von Schaffhausen, and Sláine Diademe.

Your commentary and insights are always greatly appreciated.

1: Alastar Tucker

Action	Description	Decision
New Household Name	Ölhornar	Forward with changes
New Badge	(Fieldless) A child statant maintaining a drinking horn argent	Forwarded



Language (Scandinavian/Norse language) most important.
 Meaning (People of the Ale Horn) most important.

We request assistance in improving the documentation for this household name.

Ölhornar is intended to mean *Ale-horn People*.

öl-horn is a term found in Cleasby and Vigfusson p763 sv ÖL, defined as "n. an ale-horn, Landn. 261."

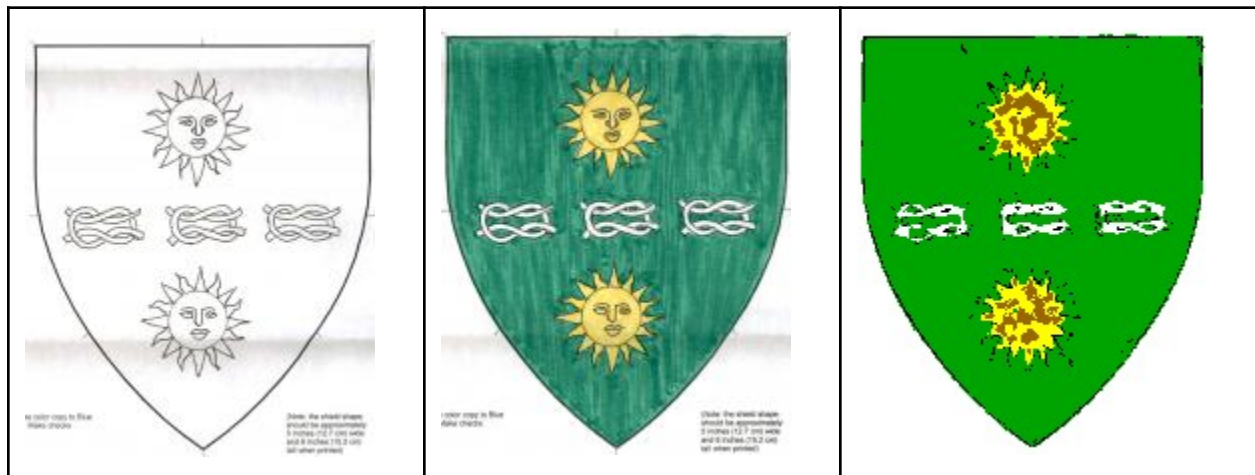
The submitter believes that **-ar** is the nominative plural ending for this type of noun, according to the rules of Icelandic grammar laid out in Cleasby and Vigfusson.

Notes:

As constructed, this household name does not follow a documented pattern for Old Norse household names. Household names in Old Norse are generally farm names, which are formed using the genitive form of a byname with a locative suffix such as *-staðir* ("steads"). Additionally, commenters were unable to document a pattern of bynames formed using the element *-horn*. Kingdom commenters provided several options for the submitter to choose from; they have selected *Qlfússtaðir*. We thank Gunnvor Orle and ffride Morelle for their work.

2: Alexandra Morgaine of Silverwood

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Device	Vert, in fess three Bouchier knots argent and in pale two suns in splendor Or	Forwarded



The submitter's previous design was returned on the East Kingdom January 2023 Letter of Decision:

This device is returned for use of a Vergina sun, which has previously been ruled unregistrable: "This device is returned for not being reliably blazonable, which is a violation of SENA A1C which requires an emblazon to be describable in heraldic terms. The Macedonian sun was documented as an artistic motif from ancient Greece through the Byzantine empire. Depictions showed mullets of a variable number of points, generally fracted with the fragments at the same or different distances from a central roundel. As such, a Macedonian sun is not reliably blazonable and cannot be registered." [Aleah de Spencer, 10/2015, R-Artemisia] (<http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2015/10/15-10lar.html#81>)

This resubmission addresses the reason for return.



Notes:

3: Antonius Gracchus

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Antonius Gracchus	Forwarded
New Device	Sable, on a bezant a jackdaw volant proper, a bordure Or semy of gunstones	Forwarded



Submitter desires a masculine name.
 Culture (2nd Century BCE Roman) most important.
 Spelling (Preference for Gracchus) most important.

Antonius is a masculine nomen found in "A Simple Guide to Imperial Roman Names" by Ursula Georges (<https://heraldry.sca.org/names/roman.html#nomen>).

Gracchus is a masculine cognomen found on the Honorific Inscription from Ipsca-Izcar (Baetica) in the name M(arcus) Livius Gracchus (M LIVIVS GRACCHVS), transcribed and listed in the "Epigraphic Database Heidelberg's Inscription Database" (<https://edh.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/edh/inschrift/HD031308>).

The pattern *nomen + cognomen* is found in "A Simple Guide to Imperial Roman Names," cited above.

Notes:

Commenters questioned whether we can reasonably blazon this jackdaw as *proper*, given the lack of a defined *proper* for jackdaws. SENA A3B1 states "In general, charges that do not have a heraldically defined *proper* may be described as *proper* when a normal person would be able to color them appropriately from knowing only the sort of item with no further color description. So, a tree, a thistle, and an elephant can be *proper*." Slaine Diademe notes that a jackdaw is generally defined as "a black-plumaged bird with a grey nape and distinctive pale-grey irises," which matches the depiction in this emblazon; we therefore believe it is reasonable to blazon this jackdaw as *proper*.

4: Hartshorn-dale, Barony of

Action	Description	Decision
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New Order Name	Company of the Azure Hart	Forwarded
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NOTE: Hartshorn-dale is in the process of going barony, with investiture planned in Nov 2023. Laurel said to put the new designator on the forms.

Company is a standard designator for order names allowed under Appendix E of SENA. This particular spelling can be found in the MED, s.v. toward: (1426) Reg.Chichele in Cant.Yk.S.42 (Lamb 69)340 : I be quethe..x li. toward a purchas of an halle for the company.

Azure is the color blue and a heraldic tincture, with the submitted spelling found in the MED, s.v. asur: (a1398) *Trev.Barth.(Add 27944)310a/b : The colour indicus & fenetus is blew colour..also such colour is in azure; but here of loke tofore in tretys..of þe stoon lazulus.

Hart is a synonym for a red deer, and is noted as being used for heraldic depictions of this animal in the MED, s.v. hert: c1450(1410) Walton Boeth.(Lin-C 103)p.234 : He þat is ferd and fleep wip-uten need, An hart þou myght hym calle.

The pattern of naming orders with a color and charge is found in Juliana de Luna, "Medieval Secular Order Names", <http://medievalscotland.org/jes/OrderNames>. The use of a heraldic tincture instead of an ordinary color term is allowed per the April 2012 Cover Letter: "Given the variability in the use of heraldic and everyday terms, and the confusion this causes for submitters and commenters, we are hereby allowing the use of heraldic color terms in order names as well as the everyday terms."

Notes:

5: Hartshorn-dale, Barony of

Action	Description	Decision
New Order Name	Order of the Heartsease	Forwarded

NOTE: Hartshorn-dale is in the process of going barony, with investiture planned in Nov 2023. Laurel said to put the new designator on the forms.

Order is a standard designator for order names allowed under Appendix E of SENA. This particular spelling can be found in both Middle and Early Modern English. Examples from the MED, s.v. ordre and OED, s.v. order are as follows:

- (a1470) Malory Wks.(Win-C)50/9 : Onys for the hyghe Order of Knyghthode lette us jouste agayne.
- a1600(1472) Rec.Bluemantle (Jul C.6)380 : On the morne after the feast come to the chapter of the order of the garter, into the chapter howse, come the Kinge, the Duke of Glocester, therle of Essex, the lord Berners, the lieutenaunte of thorder, therle of Doglas, [etc.].
- 1530 Palsgr. 236/2 Knight of the order of saynt micheall

Heartsease is a common name for two types of native European plants, *Viola tricolor* (pansy) and *V. lutea* (wallflower), per the OED, s.v. heartsease. Plants known to people in period can be used as heraldic charges under A2B2b of SENA, and heartsease/pansy has been previously registered:

The term pansy in period referred to heartsease, not the modern pansy that is a hybridized species, shown in this depiction. Pansies should be drawn with five distinct petals, not four. A period depiction of a pansy can be seen at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Embroidered_bookbinding_Elizabeth_I.jpg. [Clara Makkynnay, June 2013, R-Atenveldt]

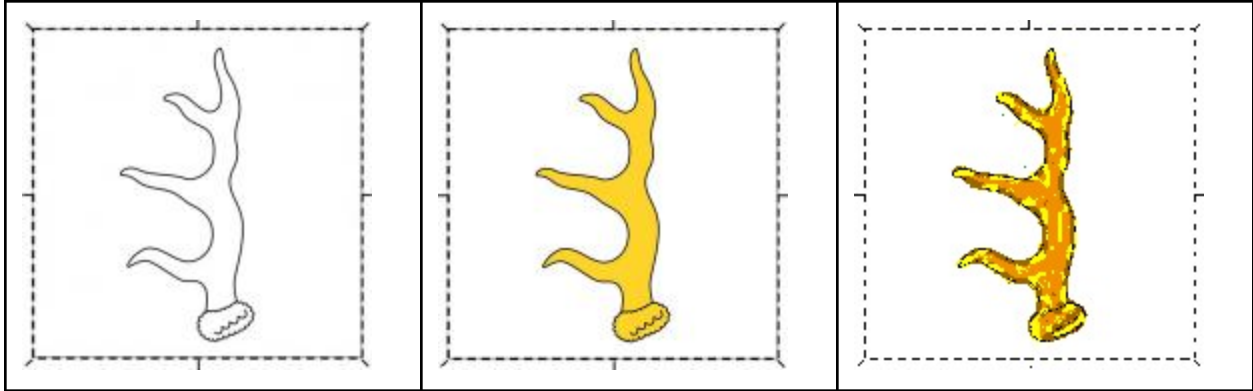
The submitted spelling is found in Randle Cotgrave's *A Dictionarie of the French and English Tongues*, published in 1632 (https://books.google.com/books?id=eC9d4_pQclEC&pg=PP963&dq=heartsease).

The pattern of naming orders with a heraldic charge is found in Juliana de Luna, "Medieval Secular Order Names", <http://medievalscotland.org/jes/OrderNames>. An example is seen above (*order of the garter*).

Notes:

6: Hartshorn-dale, Barony of

Action	Description	Decision
New Order Name	Society of the Golden Attire	Forwarded
New Badge	(Fieldless) A stag's attire palewise Or	Forwarded



NOTE: Hartshorn-dale is in the process of going barony, with investiture planned in Nov 2023. Laurel said to put the new designator on the forms.

Society is a standard designator for order names allowed under Appendix E of SENA based on its use in order names found in German and Latin documents. An example in Latin from England is Societate ... de Garteris (ablative) [Societas ... de Garteris] ('society of the garters') found in Juliana de Luna, "Medieval Secular Order Names", <http://medievalscotland.org/jes/OrderNames>. The submitted spelling is found in the MED, s.v. barrester:

- (1466) Black Bk.Lin.Inn1.41 : [All being summoned who are of the said Society, as well at the Bench as at the Bar, called] vtterbarresters.

Golden is a color term found in the MED, s.v. planteine and golden:

- (a1398) *Trev.Barth.(Add 27944)231a/b : The vtter syde of þe crowne oper myter was a cercle of gold..and vpon þe cer-cle stood golden floures liche to planteine fro temple to temple.
- (a1398) *Trev.Barth.(Add 27944)198b/a : Þe colour þerof is demed golden by day and fyry by night.

Attire is a single horn of an animal such as a stag, and a heraldic charge, per the PicDic (<https://misholme.com/?s=attire>), among other meanings. The submitted spelling is found in the MED, s.v. dere (used for another meaning):

- c1455 Spec.Miser.(Tak 32)239 : Hit was to myin hertte mochell dere [rime: gere] Yif any man hadde any better attire.

The pattern of naming orders with a color and charge is found in Juliana de Luna (ibid.). The use of a heraldic tincture and ordinary color terms are allowed per the April 2012 Cover Letter: "Given the variability in the use of heraldic and everyday terms, and the confusion this causes for submitters and commenters, we are hereby allowing the use of heraldic color terms in order names as well as the everyday terms."

Notes:

Commenters were unable to find a specific precedent clarifying that different types of animals' horns receive at least a DC from one another. We note that SENA Appendix M states that "In general, two charges that were considered independent charges in period will have at least a distinct change," and that the page in the Pictorial Dictionary of Heraldry on animals' horns (<http://mistholme.com/dictionary/horn-animals/>) cites several examples of different types of horns in period heraldry. We therefore believe this submission to be clear of conflict with the various other registrations of, e.g., *(Fieldless) A [non-stag animal]'s horn Or*, and forward it accordingly.

7: Hartshorn-dale, Barony of

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge Association	(Fieldless) A hart salient contourny azure	Forwarded

This submission is to be associated with *Company of the Azure Hart*.

This badge was registered to the Shire of Hartshorn-dale in April of 2020, via the East.

Notes:

This item would have been combined with the order name submission above, had OSCAR permitted that; given the updates to OSCAR in the intervening month, we will try again for the external letter.

8: Hartshorn-dale, Barony of

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge Association	(Fieldless) A heartsease azure seeded within and conjoined to a masle Or	Forwarded

This submission is to be associated with *Order of the Heartsease*.

This badge was registered to the Shire of Hartshorn-dale in February of 2021, via the East.

Notes:

This item would have been combined with the order name submission above, had OSCAR permitted that; given the updates to OSCAR in the intervening month, we will try again for the external letter.

9: Hartshorn-dale, Barony of

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge Association	Azure, an unstrung bugle horn bendwise sinister Or	Forwarded

This submission is to be associated with *Populace*.

This badge was registered to the Shire of Hartshorn-dale in October of 1988, via the East.

Notes:

10: Kara Njalsdottir

Action	Description	Decision
New Device	Purpure, a pall inverted raguly between three dragonflies argent	Forwarded



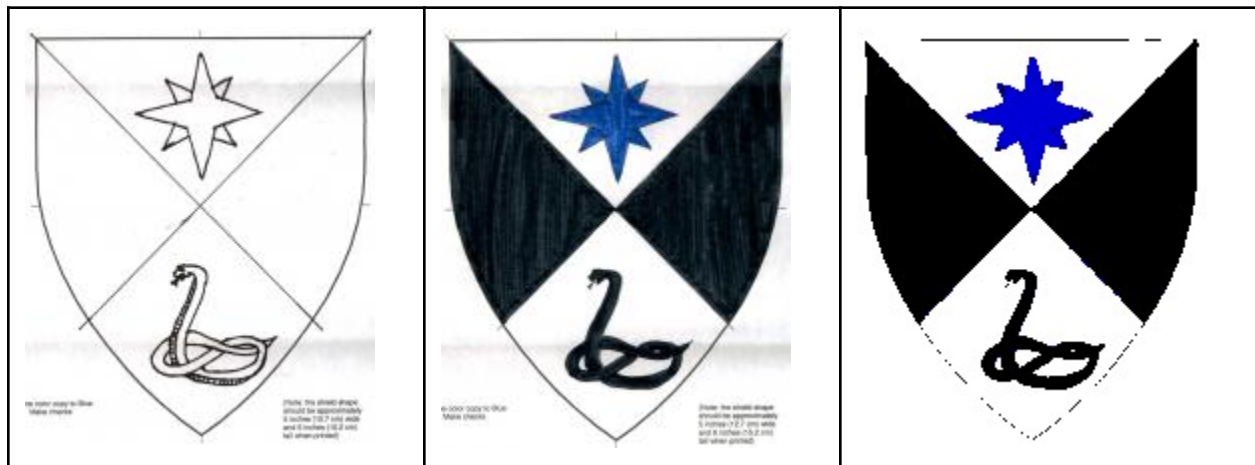
Submitter has permission to conflict (included in the packet) with Hürrem bint Osman al-Urduni's device *Purpure, a pall inverted raguly between two lotus flowers in profile and a squirrel argent*. See visual reference below.



Notes:

11: Ormhildr Linudottir

Action	Description	Decision
Resub Name	Ormhildr Linudottir	Forwarded
Resub Device	Per saltire argent and sable, a compass star azure and a serpent erect tail nowed sable	Forwarded



This is a resubmission of the name *Embla Lindudottir*, which was returned on the East Kingdom Letter of Decision from January 2023:

This name must be returned for violation of PN4C: "Names may not contain an unmistakable claim of superhuman abilities, magical powers, or divine origin. In general, a name phrase used by normal human beings during our period is not considered to be

a claim to superhuman abilities or divine origin." Precedent states that the given name Embla cannot be registered for this reason:

This name must be returned due to lack of documentation for the given name Embla. Embla is a wholly legendary figure from Norse mythology; specifically, it is the name of the first woman created by the gods in one of the Norse creation myths. Unlike several other names from Norse legend, such as Dagný, which were used as the personal names of ordinary people later in period, there is no evidence that Embla as a name was used as anything but part of a creation myth. By long-standing precedent, names of purely legendary figures are not registerable. [Dairenn ingen Chellaig, 10/2010 LoAR, A-Æthelmearc] Further, this name cannot be constructed from attested elements. Therefore, this name must be returned. [Embla Hánefsdóttir. Name change from Emeludt Hansler, 2/2018 LoAR, A-Atlantia] (<http://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2018/02/18-02lar.html>)

As commenters could find no evidence to suggest a reason why Pelican might overturn this precedent, this name must be returned.

This resubmission addresses the reason for return.

Ormhildr is an Old Norse feminine given name found in "Viking Names found in Landnámabók" by Aryanhwy merch Catmael (<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/norse/landnamabok.html>).

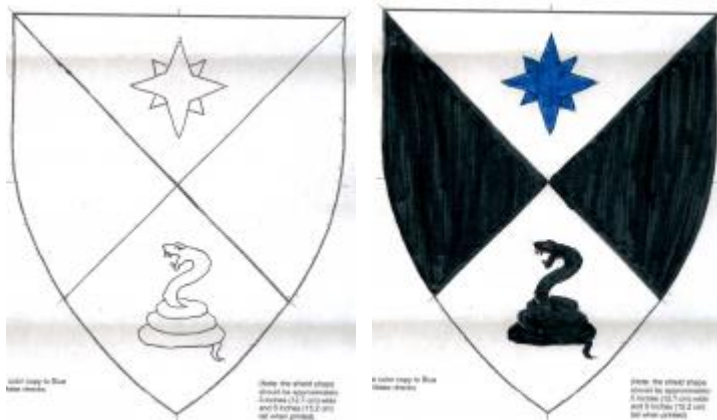
Linudottir is an Old Norse byname meaning "daughter of Lina." **Lina** is found in Landnámabók, per the Viking Answer Lady website (<http://www.vikinganswerlady.com/ONWomensNames.shtml#>), which states "This name appears in Landnámabók for Lína, daughter of Þórleif Þórðardóttir in ch. 48." **Linudottir** is formed according to the process found on page 18 of Geirr Bassi.

"Old Norse matronymic bynames are rare, but they are attested. [Álfrún Gunnvarardóttir, 10/2010 LoAR, A-Ansteorra] Therefore, they may be registered even though they are not among the common patterns found in Appendix A." [Dagmær Spanudóttir, 6/2020 LoAR, A-Ansteorra]

The submitter's previous device, *Per saltire argent and sable, a compass star azure and a serpent erect tail coiled sable* (images below) was returned on the East Kingdom Letter of Decision for January 2023 for the following reason:

This device must also be returned for use of a charge in an unregisterable posture: "This device must be returned for depicting a snake in a posture which cannot be adequately described by a defined heraldic posture, which is required by SENA A.2.C.1. "Coiled erect" is not a posture found in period heraldry; generally, coiled is not seen from the side in this manner, but instead involved with itself." [Karl Hohn, 3/2017, R-Atlantia] (<https://heraldry.sca.org/loar/2017/03/17-03lar.html#96>)

This resubmission attempts to address the reason for the return.



Notes:

12: Perronnelle de Croy

Action	Description	Decision
New Device Change	Per pale Or and argent, two Cornish choughs respectant sable, on a chief azure three crosses moline Or	Forwarded

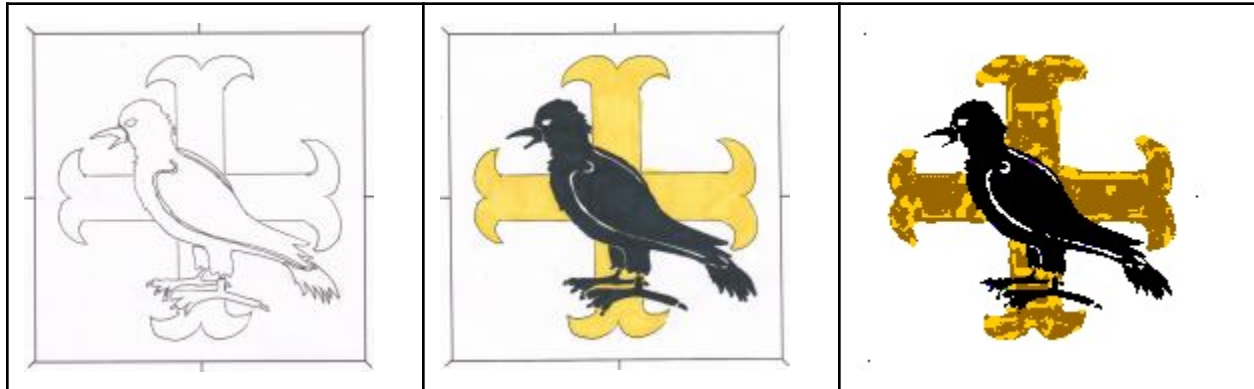


Old Item: *Argent, on a pale azure between two lions combatant gules three fleurs-de-lys argent.*, to be released.

Notes:

13: Perronnelle de Croy

Action	Description	Decision
New Badge	(Fieldless) A cross moline Or surmounted by a Cornish chough sable	Forwarded



Notes:

14: Salvia Angeli

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Salvia Angeli	Forwarded
New Badge	(Fieldless) A phoenix purpure rising from flames argent, charged on each wing with an eye argent irised vert	Forwarded



Submitter desires a feminine name.
 No major changes.
 Spelling (Angeli) most important.

Salvia is the feminized form of the nomen *Salvius*, found in "A Simple Guide to Imperial Roman Names" by Ursula Georges (<https://heraldry.sca.org/names/roman.html#nomen>). The name is feminized by converting -us to -a, as described in the same article.

Angeli is the possessive form of the cognomen *Angelus*, as found in the Public Legal Inscription from Trebula Mutuesca in the name T(itus) Cosidius Angelus (T COSIDIVS ANGELVS), transcribed and listed in the Epigraphic Database Heidelberg's Inscription Database (<https://edh.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/edh/inschrift/HD000745>).

The possessive is formed by converting from -us to -i, and the pattern *Feminine Nomen + Possessive Cognomen* is found in "Roman Nomenclature" under the header Names of Citizen Women by Barbara F. McManus (http://vroma.org/vromans/bmcm Manus/roman_names.html).

Notes:

Commenters are reminded that *flames* are part of the definition of a *phoenix*, and conflict checks involving phoenixes should not involve checking for flames as well.

15: Þóra Hauksdóttir

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Þóra Hauksdóttir	Forwarded
New Device	Or, a hawk displayed between in fess two arrows inverted sable and a base indented barry indented azure and argent	Forwarded



Submitter desires a feminine name.
 Language (Nordic in period) most important.
 Meaning (daughter of Hawk) most important.

Þóra is an Old Norse feminine given name found on The Viking Answer Lady website (<http://www.vikinganswerlady.com/ONWomensNames.shtml#thorn>) with references to the following sources: GB pp. 16; FJ pp. 296; CV pp. 743 s.v. Þórr; NR s.v. Þóra. Both Þora and Thora are acceptable spellings of the given name under our transliteration rules in SENA. The submitter prefers use of the þ character.

Hauksdóttir is an Old Norse patronymic byname. **Haukr** is a masculine given name from Landnamabok in GB. The genitive is **Hauks-** per p.17 of GB. The marker **-dóttir** is also on the same page.

This name and device originally appeared on the East Kingdom LoI of 01/29/2023; as the associated name was withdrawn, and the submitter has no other registered name, so must the device be withdrawn. This is therefore being submitted as new.

Notes:

Since withdrawn items appear as returns on the corresponding LoAR, these are properly resubmissions, not new items, and will appear as such on the external letter.

16: Vigdís eldr

Action	Description	Decision
New Name	Vigdís eldr	Forwarded
New Device	Per chevron rayonny argent and purpure, two	Forwarded

	hummingbirds hovering respectant sable and a peacock feather argent	
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Submitter desires a feminine name.
 No major changes.
 Sound (Unspecified) most important.
 Meaning (Fire) most important.

Vigdís is an Old Norse feminine name found in "Viking Names found in Landnámabók" by Aryanhwy merch Catmael (<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/norse/landnamabok.html>).

eldr is an Old Norse descriptive byname meaning "fire" found in "Viking Bynames found in the Landnámabók" by Aryanhwy merch Catmael (<https://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/norse/vikbynames.html>)

Notes:

This concludes the letter of internal kingdom decisions.

In service to College and Kingdom,
 Aněžka Liška z Kolína
 Blue Tyger Herald