

What to do about Silver Service?

Information regarding Children's Awards

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Recently a question was brought up regarding the new children's awards – the Silver Alce for fighting and the Silver Sycamore for art. Can we paint a badge for them on the scrolls? The answer would be preferably not.

When the original question was brought to my attention, I went to our fair Kingdom Herald, The Honorable Lady Giulietta da Venezia and deputy herald, The Honorable Lord Cadell Blaidd Du about this. Both informed me that the names for the awards have been submitted to the Laurel of Arms. The award name of "Silver Alce" has passed and the "Silver Sycamore" is in the process of being passed. Giulietta stated "The names were registered, but no badges were submitted".

Incidentally, the Cornelian, the Sigil and the Jewel of Aethelmearc are also non-registered badges/tokens. Like wise, the children's service award, the Silver Buccle, is not a registered badge. It is quiet possible that badges will never be submitted for the Silver Alce and Silver Sycamore because traditionally there isn't badge for the Silver Buccle. "We really don't like the idea of submitting a badge for the other silver awards and not the Silver Buccle" Giulietta explains, "it could all too easily lead to 'my youth award is better than yours because mine has a badge,' and I think we can all agree that we don't want to go there!" In addition, many want to keep to the original tradition and meaning of the Silver Buccle being a token.

If the name Silver Alce and Silver Sycamore have passed, but there are no passed badges, what of the medallions? What some of the Royalty have been doing is give out pewter pilgrimage medallions or a personal medallion, but as Giulietta notes "it is a token, not a badge." She further noted "as for depictions of the badges...there aren't any, since there aren't any registered." The Silver Buccle was traditionally just a token (a silver buckle) given to the receiving child for their work.

Why should we hold off on putting the device on the scroll? Not too long ago we had a similar problem with the "Other Martial Arts" Grant award, which included throwing weapons, coursing, equestrian and more. The original name and badge that was submitted was later rejected. The problem that occurred after that was a number of scrolls being sent out with a award/badge that didn't really exist.

What do we, as illuminators, do when we get an assignment for a Silver Alce or Silver Sycamore? Feel free to paint silver deer or silver sycamore leaves into the boarder, or portray the children engaged in the activities but Giulietta strongly recommends "stay away from painting a red & silver alce or sycamore, since it's not been submitted (much less registered)."

If you would like to learn more about the awards we do have that have passed heraldry, feel free to go to <http://www.pbm.com/~lindah/jessa/aethelmearc.htm>