

# Kingdom of Aethelmearc

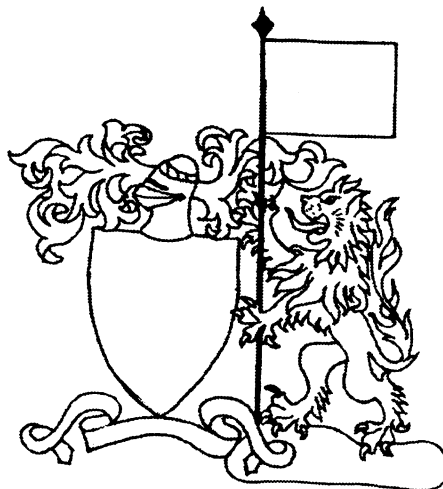
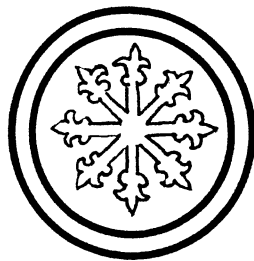
## AWARDS AND HONORS

Some Kingdom Orders have tokens, others have badges. Badges are registered heraldry and should be displayed on a roundel. Tokens are unofficial and may be displayed on a blank background or incorporated into the illumination. Scrolls for Kingdom Orders should include an emblazon (picture) of the Order's badge. It is not necessary to include the blazon of the badge in the text. Any Kingdom award scroll may carry an emblazon of the Arms or badge of Aethelmearc.

The Arms of Aethelmearc belong to the King and Queen. They are appropriate to use on scrolls given by the King and Queen.

The badge belongs to the people of Aethelmearc, which means anyone from Aethelmearc may use it.

Heraldic achievements are not regulated by either Aethelmearc or Society heralds. You may use them on any award, but they are especially well suited to Awards that convey Arms (Award of Arms, Grant of Arms, Arms by Letters Patent). If in doubt about what is proper to use, please consult a herald.



## Sample Scroll Wordings

These wordings are suggestions only. Feel free to write your own as long as you follow the basic formula for wordings outlined in section K. Many thanks to the authors of these wordings

### Kingdom of AEthelmearc Non-Armigerous Orders and Awards

Non-Armigerous awards are those that carry no precedence. These include any that are given out at Baronial level and below ... and a number that are given by the kingdom. Some traditionally come with scrolls, others do not.

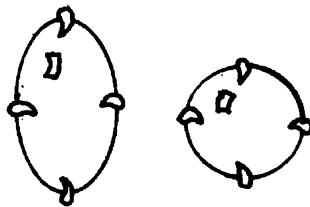
#### ORDER OF THE CORNELIAN

Courtesy, gallantry and gentle conduct are the brilliant gems of Our Realm. (name of recipient) has so distinguished him/herself by his courtliness as to be a shining example to all, and thus do We (name of King & Queen), King and Queen of AEthelmearc bestow upon him/her Our noble Order of the Cornelian, that all may know of his/her virtues. Done this (number) day of (month) A.S. (year) at (event) in Our (name of hosting group)

(Signatures of King and Queen)

#### ***Token of the Order***

No registered badge. It's symbol is the cornelian gemstone, which is red.



## SIGIL OF AETHELMEARC

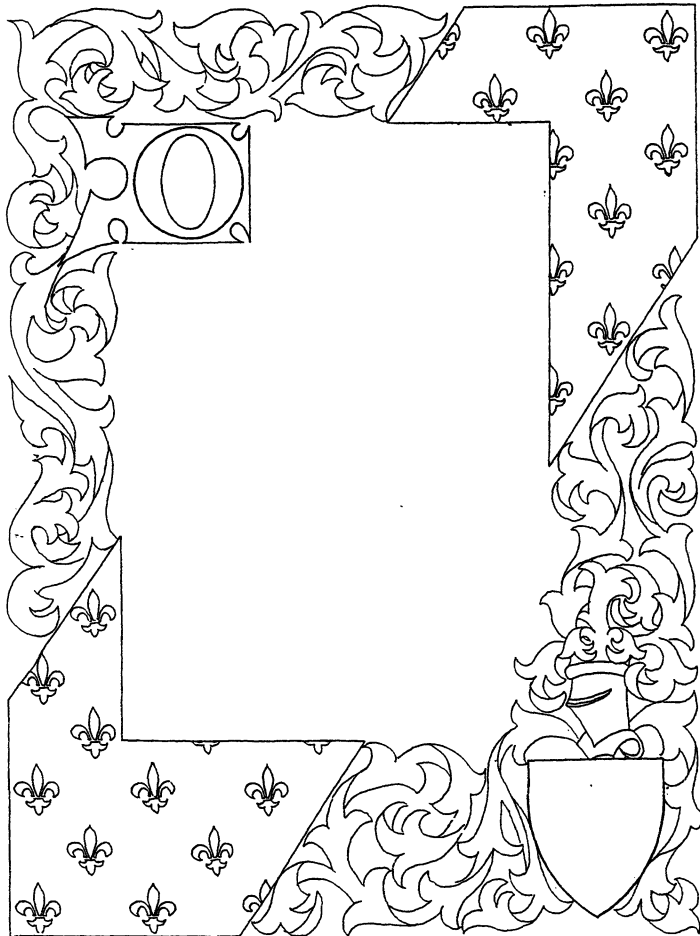
Many are the joys of a King and Queen, but many too are the burdens of the Crown. Our well beloved (name of recipient) has labored greatly to lighten those burdens for Us, and therefore do We, (name of King & Queen), King and Queen of Aethelmearc, in gratitude for his/her aid and support, bestow upon him/her the Sigil of Aethelmearc. Done this (number) day of (month) A.S. (year) at (event) in Our (name of hosting group)

(Signatures of King and Queen)

### ***Token of the Order***

No registered badge. Its symbol is an Aesc (pronounced "ash"). It may be represented in any colors on any background.

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Inspired by a style of illumination popular in France 1480-1490.

Borders were often broken up with a series of sections or ribbons. Pages contained at least 3 but occasionally upwards of 20 compartments filled with a wide variety of motifs including florals and plants, figures of people or or animals, and heraldry. The wide palette of colors available to the illuminators of this period were used. Several examples of this style can be found in *Western European Illuminated Manuscripts*.

## JEWEL OF AETHELMEARC

As the curtain of night draws across the sky at the end of each day, the stars appear to guide weary travelers on their way. Of all these glowing guides each night, one shines brightest, illuminating with confidence and strength, granting peace of mind to those seeking to find their path. Such is so within Fair Aethelmearc. Our populace is like that night sky, filled with the bright talents of Our people, resplendent with deeds of chivalry, honor and knowledge. We have taken comfort in the efforts of this man/woman. Always a quiet presence, often behind the scenes, he/she in nonetheless omnipresent and tireless when work is to be done. Most importantly, this man/woman is the epitome of chivalry and there is nothing We value more. Thus do We name (recipient's name) as the (get # of Jewel from Signet) Jewel of Aethelmearc. Done by the hand of (king's name) King by Right of Arms and (Queen's name) Our chosen Queen at (event -date -AS)

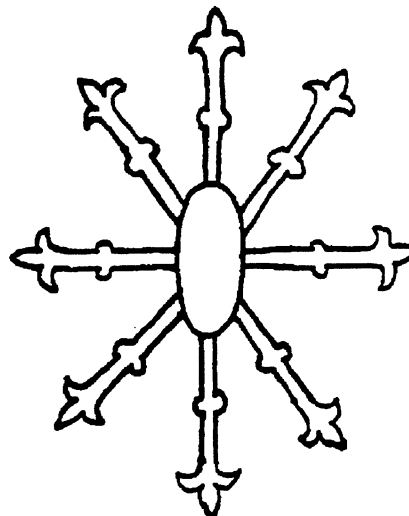
(Signatures of King and Queen)

Brightest treasures of Fair Aethelmearc, each one a glowing inspiration. Until this day they have numbered only (get # of Jewel from Signet) so rare and precious the qualities that set them apart. We, (King's name), King of Aethelmearc by right of arms, and (Queen's name), respected & beloved Queen do not make lords & ladies, companions of any order or even Peers. It is Our duty and great joy to affirm and publicly recognize that which already exists. On this (#) day of (month), AS (year) as we celebrate (event) in Our (hosting group), (recipient's name) is welcomed as the (#) Jewel of Aethelmearc. In this good & noble lord/lady We see the embodiment of chivalry in thought, counsel & deed. He/she is truly a priceless jewel – worthy of the token & esteem.

(Signatures of King and Queen)

### ***Token of the Order***

No registered badge. The medallion that gets passed on to each new member is a brass escarbuncle with an oval shaped white stone in the center.



Kingdom of Aethelmearc Non-Armigerous Awards  
For children (ages 14 and under)

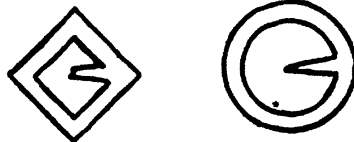
**ORDER OF THE SILVER BUCCLE (service)**

Bright and fair are the children of Our Realm, but (name of recipient) has shone most brilliantly by reason of his/her grace, dignity and willingness to serve. Therefore are We (name of King & Queen), King and Queen of Aethelmearc, right pleased to induct him/her into Our Order of the Silver Bucle, and We do charge him/her to continue in his/her ways that the Kingdom might flourish. Done this (number) day of (month) A.S. (year) at (event).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

***Token of the Order***

No registered badge. Its token is a silver buckle.



**ORDER OF (arts)**

Attend and know that We (name of King & Queen), King and Queen of Aethelmearc, do wish to recognize and honor (name of recipient) for he/she has added to the pleasure and ambiance of Our Realm through (artistic endeavor/s). Right pleased are We to acknowledge this gentle. We do encourage and further do charge him/her to continue in his/her ways that the Kingdom might benefit and delight in their accomplishments. Done at (event) this (number) day of (month) A.S. (year).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

***Token of the Order***

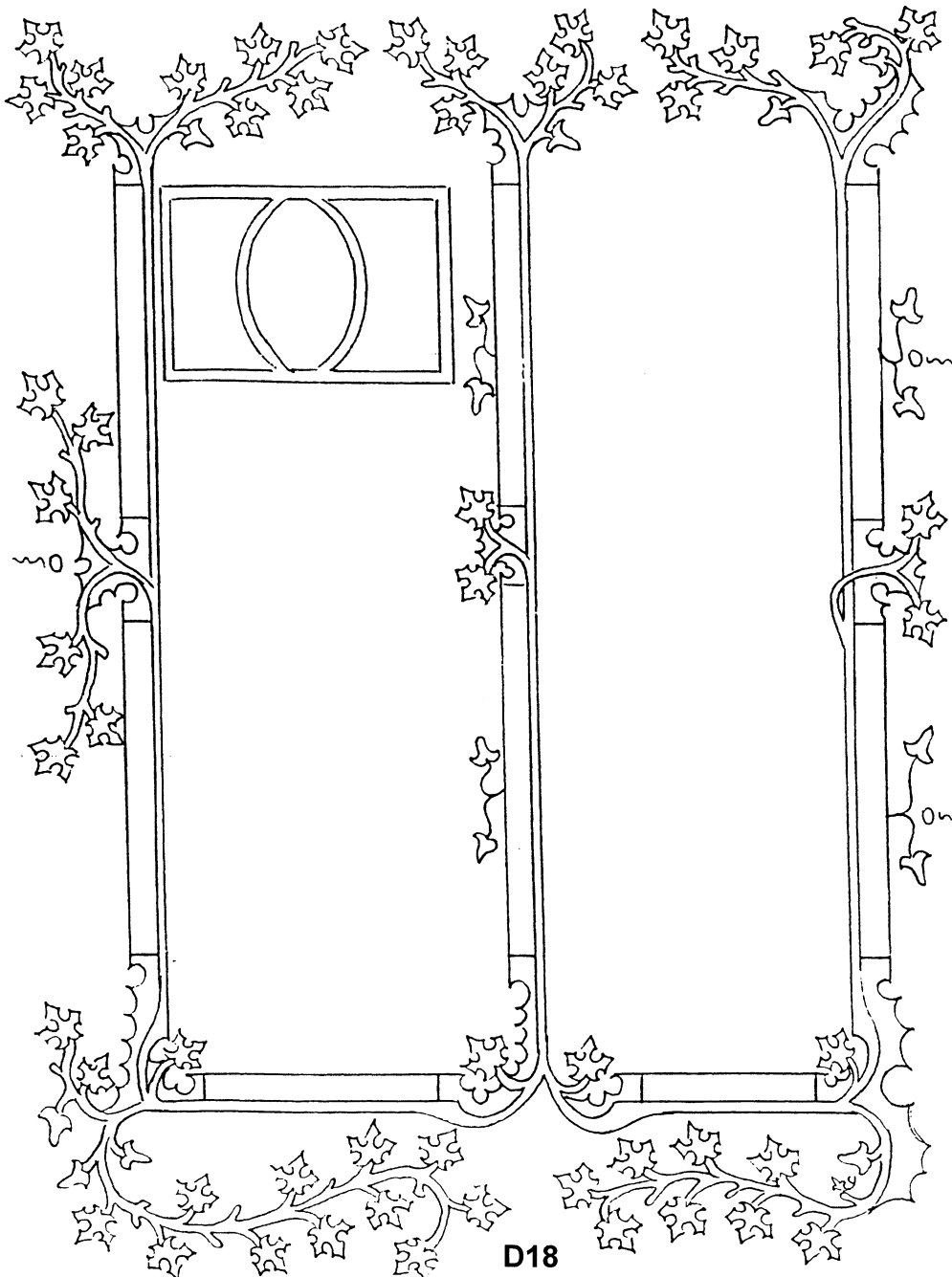
## ORDER OF

(martial)

It is right and proper that those who excel on the field of honor be recognized. (name of recipient) has demonstrated prowess, chivalry, honor and much promise (in the list, on the range, etc) as a (martial specialty). We (name of King) King by Right of Arms and (name of Queen) Queen of Aethelmearc, are happy to recognize such noble efforts. We do charge him/her to continue and further be an example to others, young and old alike. This is Our Will, done this (number) day of (month) A.S. (year) at (event).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

### ***Token of the Order***



## **Awards of Arms**

Let it be known to all to whom these presents come that We (name of King) Rex and (name of Queen) Regina, have found the many works and services, especially (reason for award) of Our right noble (name of recipient) to be of merit. Thus We give unto him/her these Arms, blazoned (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later). Done at (event) in Our (hosting group) on this (#) day of (month) Anno Societatis (year)

(Signatures of King and Queen)

We, (name of King and Queen) Rex and Regina of AEthelmearc, knowing well the many good works of Our most worthy servant, (name of recipient) as (reason for award), do Award unto him/her the sole and exclusive right to these Arms throughout the Known World: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later). Given this (#) day of (month) AS (year) at (event) in Our (name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

### ***For service:***

Attend and know that We, (names of King and Queen), King and Queen of AEthelmearc hope not only to embellish, but to increase the dignity of Our Realm when We dispense titles of honor. (recipient's name) has distinguished him/herself through countless hours of unseen labor and an enthusiasm to assist whenever needed. As a token of Our high esteem for those who render such useful and admirable service, We find it Our noble duty and great joy to Award unto him/her Arms: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later). Done before all those assembled to witness Our Court this (#) day of (month), Anno Societatis (year) in the (name of hosting group)

(Signatures of King and Queen)

### ***For a Norse persona:***

There was a man/woman called (name of recipient), strong/fair and wise and of great honor, fearless, generous, even tempered and faithful to his/her friends, but careful in his/her choice of them. His/Her renown was such that (names of King and Queen) King and Queen of AEthelmearc for his/her works as (reason for award) did give him/her the right to bear these Arms: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later). And this was done on the (#) day of (month) AS (year) at (event) in Our (name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

***For an artist:***

Attend good gentles one and all. Hear these words of praise and commendation. We, (King's name), King by right of arms and (Queen's name), by grace and courtesy, Queen of Sylvan AEthelmearc have the great duty and privilege to recognize those whose skill and knowledge of the arts increases the beauty of Our fair land. (recipient's name) has greatly added to the splendor of Our Realm.

We are pleased to Award unto him/her these Arms: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later). Done before those assembled this (#) day of (month) in Our (hosting group)

(Signatures of King and Queen)

***For a fighter:***

By his deeds, (recipient) has distinguished himself on the field of battle as a skilled and honorable combatant. We, (name of King and Queen), King & Queen of AEthelmearc do acknowledge his/her martial prowess and Award unto him/her these Arms: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later). Given this (#) day of (month) AS (year) at (event).

(Signatures of King and Queen)



## Kingdom of AEthelmearc Orders of Merit – Armigerous Orders

The following Kingdom Orders are Armigerous; that is they carry with them an Award of Arms if the recipient doesn't already have them. Please remember that any award bestowing Arms must include a space for the Silver Buccle Herald to sign ... as well as the King and Queen. If the recipient has already been awarded Arms, skip the sentence following \*\* and go straight to the Corroboration and date (last sentence of the scroll).

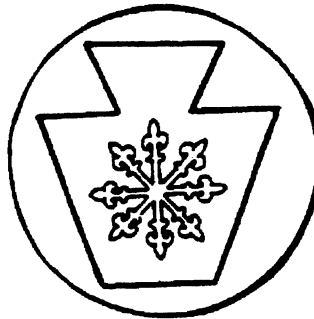
### ORDER OF THE KEYSTONE

Let it be known unto all good peoples that Our worthy and steadfast (recipient's name) has labored long and nobly as (reason for award) sacrificing much that Our Lands might prosper, and therefore do We, (name of King & Queen), King and Queen of AEthelmearc recognize his/her good service by inducting him/her into Our Order of the Keystone \*\* In further token of his/her newfound estate do We Award unto him/her these Arms (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later). Done this (#) day of (month), A.S. (year) at (vent) in (name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

#### ***Badge of the Order***

Or, on a keystone gules an escarbuncle argent



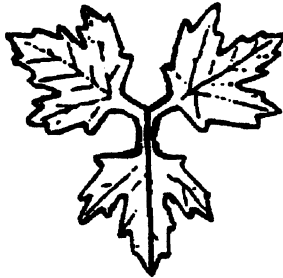
## ORDER OF THE SYCAMORE

Come ye all and learn of the skill and craftsmanship of Our most excellent (name of recipient) in the art/science of (area of expertise), whose talents have so enriched Our Realm that We (name of King), King of Aethelmearc and (name of Queen), Our Queen are moved to induct him/her into Our Order of the Sycamore. \*\* and further do We Award unto him/her these Arms (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later). Given by Our Hand Done this (#) day of (month), A.S. (year) at (event) in (name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

### ***Badge of the Order***

Fieldless, three sycamore leaves conjoined in pall, per pale gules and Or.



## ORDER OF THE GOLDEN ALCE

We, (name of King & Queen) King and Queen of Aethelmearc, having heard much of the prowess of Our brave and loyal (name of recipient) in (martial area) and knowing well his/her worth, do induct him/her into Our most noble Order of the Golden Alce and in further recognition of his/her achievements Award unto him/her these Arms, blazoned: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later). In witness whereof We have set Our Hand this (#) day of (month), A.S. (year) at (event) in (name of hosting group).

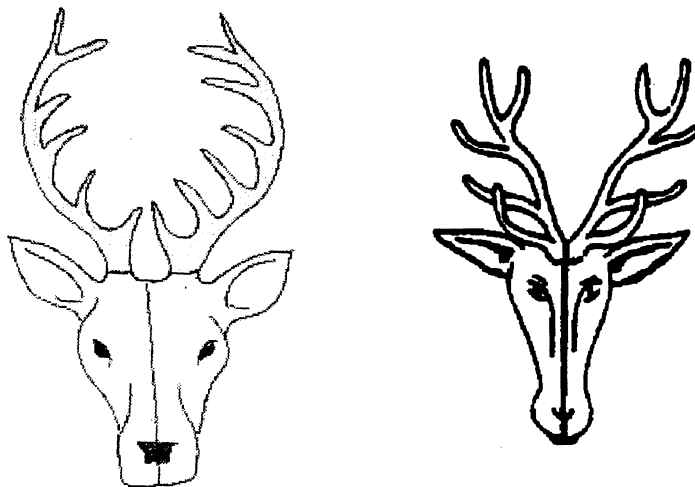
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Behold, among the proud and mighty warriors of Aethelmearc (recipient's name) stands at the ready with bow and arrows (sword & shield ...axe & knife...etc.). None can deny their prowess or the amount of time and effort this good lord/lady has devoted to the noble sport of archery (melee, thrown weapons, etc). We (name of King), King of Aethelmearc by Right of Arms and (name of Queen), Queen and glorious inspiration wish to recognize these accomplishments and induct him/her into Our Order of the Golden Alce \*\* and in further recognition Award unto him/her Arms blazoned thusly: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later) Done before all those here assembled to witness Our Court. Held this (#) day of (month) A.S. (year) at this (event).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

### ***Badge of the Order***

Fieldless, a stag's head cabossed per pale gules and Or.



## Kingdom of Aethelmearc Orders of High Merit – Grant Level Orders

The following Kingdom Orders carry with them Grants of Arms. Grants should include a space for the Silver Buccle Herald to sign as well as the Royalty. If the recipient already has a Grant of Arms or Patent of Arms (Peerage) exclude the section after \*\* and go straight to the Corroboration and date.

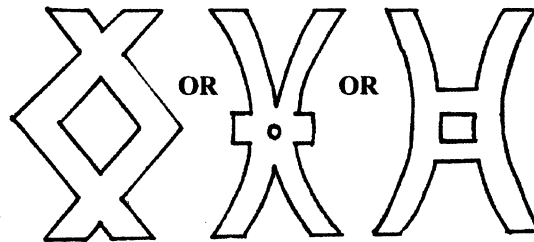
### ORDER OF THE MILLRIND

Know ye all that Our good and noble (name of recipient) has labored long and hard for the benefit of Our Kingdom, most especially as (reason for award). Therefore, at the request of the Companions and by Our wish, We, (name of King & Queen), King and Queen of Aethelmearc, do induct this noble lord/lady into Our Order of the Millrind, \*\* and further do Grant unto him/her the exclusive right to bear these Arms: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later) In witness whereof We set Our Hand this (#) day of (month) A.S. (year) at this (event) in (name of hosting group).

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#### ***Badge of the Order***

Fieldless, a millrind argent.



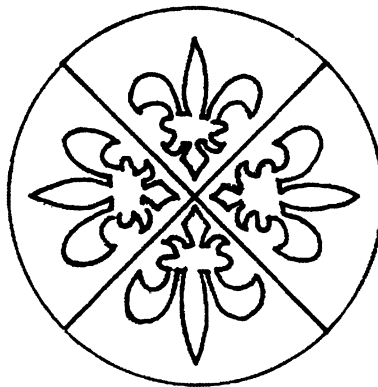
## ORDER OF THE FLEUR d'AETHELMEARC

Be it known that We, (name of King) King of Aethelmearc, and (name of Queen), Our Queen, have long observed the activity in the Art(s) of (particular art/arts) of Our most noble servant (name of recipient) and know him/her to be worthy of recognition and advancement for the improvements caused in Our Realm by his/her tireless efforts. Therefore do We create him/her a Companion of Our Order of the Fleur d'Aethelmearc, by these letters and the great acclaim of the Companions thereof. \*\*In further recognition of his/her achievements do WE Grant unto him/her these Arms. (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later) Given this (#) day of (month) in the Year of the Society (year) at (event) in Our (name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

### ***Badge of the Order***

Per saltire gules and Or, four fleur-de-lis in cross counterchanged.



## ORDER OF THE GAGE

We, (name of King), King of Aethelmearc, and (name of Queen) noble Queen and inspiration, have observed on many occasions the valor, courtesy and prowess of (name of recipient). We are moved by his/her many virtues and with the support of the Companions create him/her a member of Our Order of the Gage. \*\* In further token do We bestow upon this honorable lord/lady this Grant of Arms blazoned: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later) In witness whereof We set our hand this (#) day of (month) in the Year of the Society (year) at (event).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

### ***Badge of the Order***

Fieldless, a glove sable charged with an escarbuncle Or.



## ORDER OF THE SCARLET GUARD

Let it be known that We, (name of King and Queen) Rex et Regina AEthelmearc, are most pleased with the efforts of Our well beloved (name of recipient) to improve him/herself and the people of Our Realm through the practice and teaching of the mighty yoeman's skill of archery. Therefore do We, to the acclaim of the Companions of this esteemed Order admit him/her into Our noble Order of the Scarlet Guard \*\* Granting unto him/her these Arms: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later) Done before those assembled this (#) day of (month) Anno Societatis (year) at (event) in Our (name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

### ***Badge of the Order***

(Fieldless) A tassel per pale gules and argent



## ORDER OF THE WHITE SCARF

Let it be known that We (name of King & Queen) King and Queen of AEthelmearc, are well pleased with the efforts of (name of recipient) to improve him/herself through the practice and teaching of the art of the blade. Therefore do We, to the acclaim of the Companions thereof and in accordance with treaty admit him/her into the Order of the White Scarf: \*\*Granting unto him/her these Arms: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later) Done upon this (#) day of (month) in the (year) Year of the Society at (event) in Our (name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

### ***Token of the Order***

A white scarf.

## ORDER OF THE WHITE HORN

By his/her deeds, (recipient's name) has distinguished him/herself as (reason for award). We (name of King & Queen), King and Queen of Aethelmearc, acknowledge and commend his/her many efforts and admit this most worthy gentle into the Order of the White Horn. We bestow upon this noble Lord/Lady all rights and privileges of his/her new estate \*\*and in further tribute of such worthy and noble actions Grant unto him/her Arms thusly: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later) Done before his/her fellow Companions and all those assembled to bear witness this (#) day of (month) A.S. (year) at (event).

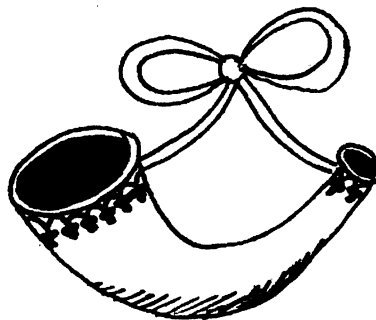
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Whereas anciently from the beginning the valiant and virtuous acts of worthy persons have been commended to the world with sundry monuments and remembrances of their good deserts. (recipient's name) has done numerous commendable services to (name of martial specialty) and been a leader through example. It is only fitting that We should recognize his/her efforts and welcome them into Our Order of the White Horn that all may know their worth.\*\* Furthermore We Grant unto His Lordship/Her Ladyship these Arms: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later). We (King's name) fierce and Mighty King of Aethelmearc and (Queen's name) Queen and most noble inspiration have set hereunto Our hand this (#) day of (month) Anno Societatis (year) before the Noble Companions of this Order and all here assembled at this (event).

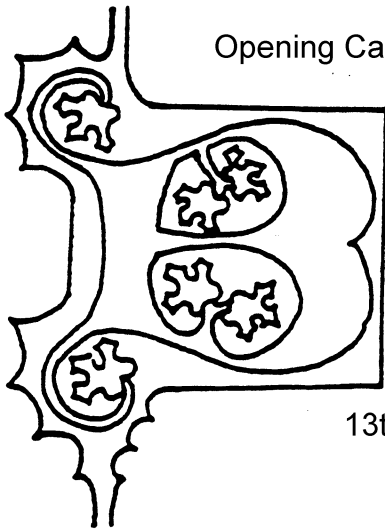
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### ***Badge of the Order***

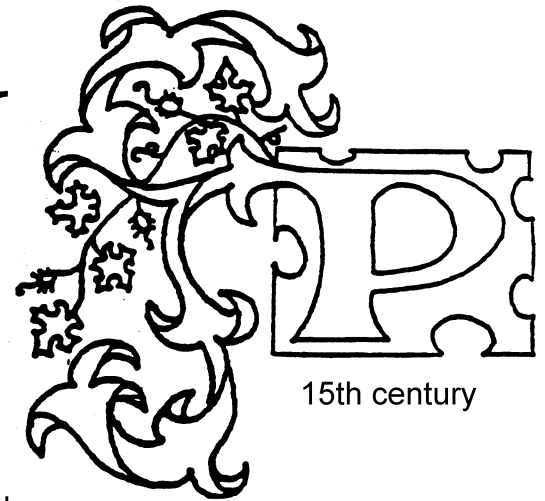
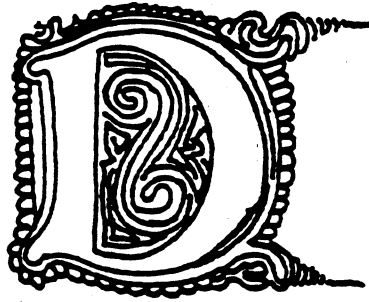
Fieldless, a hunting horn argent.



## Opening Capitals (Versal)



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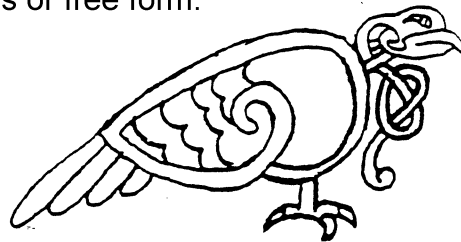
Early gothic capitals were often part of the bars and vine work. Mostly on pages where there is no miniature. an elaborate pen flourish may be used. Late Gothic capitals flowed into the illumination. Frames for capitals were usually rectangular. Short, fat capitals were the fashion. The space inside the letter is also ornamented with ivy, whitework, or a portrait. The backgrounds were usually in gold and the letters themselves were red or blue with whitework.

## Zoomorphics

The study of how to draw celtic animals is a course all on its own. Our best tool is personal observation. Being as zoomorphics are elements designed to fit into an existing space, each is different. They have certain characteristics which make them identifiable. This is usually the head, but sometimes there are similarities in legs, tails, fangs and toenails. Heads are distinct - eyes are raindrop shaped. Knotwork (bodies, tails, ears and legs) can be an ordered series of lines or free form.



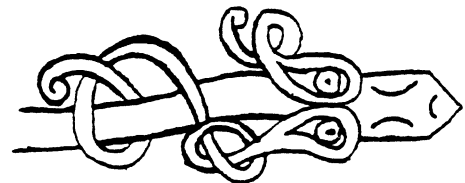
People - most figures are religious in nature. They are simplistic and stark compared to more modern drawings. Great attention is given to the draping of clothing.



Bird - round head, beak that curves into cheek area, usually 1 "feather" off top of head, semi circle body, feathered wing, at least 1 leg, talon.



Dragon - 2 pointed ears, spiraled upper and lower jaw, tongue and fang



Serpent - pointed nose, head formed by 2 raindrops, 2 ears - one usually shorter