

Grants of Arms and Baronial Scrolls

Grants of Arms are occasionally awarded by themselves ...like AoAs. Also similar to Awards of Arms they should include a space for the Silver Buccle Herald to sign.

Court Baronies **DO NOT** automatically carry with them a Grant of Arms. The Royalty must specifically request them. If you aren't sure whether your assignment includes a Grant or not, ask the Sylvan Signet. Territorial Baronies **NO LONGER** automatically include a Grant of Arms, please verify with the signet. If a Grant is not to be included in your assignment, omit the sentence after the ** and go straight to the Corroboration.

GRANTS OF ARMS

Know ye all and sundry that We, (name of King) King of Aethelmearc and (name of Queen) Our Queen, recognizing the worth of Our well beloved and faithful servant, (recipient's name), who has served Us well as (reason for award), do give unto him/her this Grant of Arms: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later), and he/she shal have the sole and exclusive right to these Arms throughout the Known World without let or hindrance. By Our Hand at (event) in Our (name of hosting group) on this (#) day of (month) Anno Societatis (year).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

In accord with all that is proper attend and bear witness. Since those things which are done lapse with the passage of time, and unless they are supported by written testimony, will easily slip the memories of men, We wish it to be known to all people both now and in the future that We, (names of King & Queen), King and Queen of Aethelmearc, knowing well the value of the service of (recipient's name), hereby Grant unto him/her these Arms (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later). We have strengthened this appointment of Ours, corroborating it in writing as witnessed by those assembled at (event) this (#) day of (month) Anno Societatis (year).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

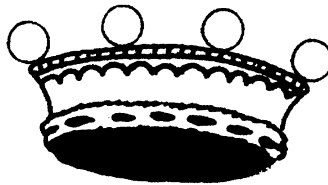
COURT BARONY

Let it be known unto all who hear these words: We, (names of King & Queen), Rex and et Regina Aethelmearc,, have noted the long and faithful service give to Our Realm by Our (recipient's name)through (reason for award). In recognition which do We this day confer upon him/her the dignity and splendor of a Baron/Baroness of Our Court, **and We do bestow upon him/her these Arms by Grant, 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).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

Token

A coronet of 6 pearls.



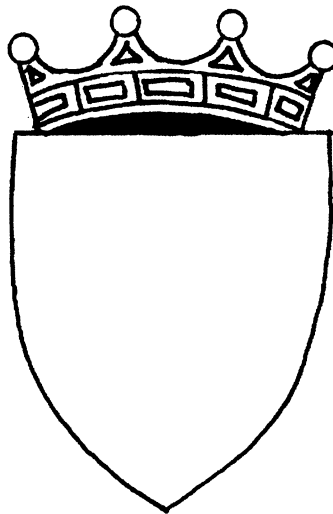
TERRITORIAL BARONY

To all to whom these presents come, known that We, (names of King & Queen), King and Queen of these Sylvan Lands of AEthelmearc, desiring to maintain the peace and general welfare of the good folk of (name of Barony), do by these Letters invest Our trusty and well beloved friend (name of recipient) with the title of Baron/Baroness of (name of Barony). And We do charge him/her to be both bold and steadfast in the defense of his/her people in war and peace, counting always their welfare above his/her own, as befits the shield and staff of his/her demesne. ** And We do bestow upon him/her these Arms by Grant: (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later) to be a sign and token of his/her newfound rank and estate, borne and displayed by Baron/Baroness (name of recipient) and no other throughout the Known World. Done under Our Hand this (#) day of (month) A.S. (year) at (event) in (name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

Token

A coronet of 6 pearls, also the Arms of the Barony should be displayed prominently on the scroll.



Peerage Scrolls

A Peerage is an award which bestows a Patent of Arms. There are four basic Peerages – The Order of the Chivalry, which includes Knights and Masters at Arms, The Order of the Pelican, The Order of the Laurel, and Royal Peers (Count/ess and Duke/Duchess). All of the Peerages come with Patents of Arms unless the recipient already has one. (Dukes and Duchesses are already assumed to have received a Patent with their County unless otherwise noted in the scroll assignment.) The wordings for the Orders of Chivalry were adapted by ones used by Mistress Maeve of the Lone Isles.

ORDER OF THE CHIVALRY (KNIGHTS AND MASTERS AT ARMS)

To all and singular to Whom these presents do come, Greetings. (name of recipient) has proven his/her chivalry and prowess on many a field of honor, and his/her nobility in the myriad gentle skills so prized by the people of Aethelmearc is known to all. Therefore do We, ((name of King) King by Right of Arms and (name of Queen), Our Queen, hearing the acclaim of his Peers, find him/her worthy to don the belt, chain and spurs of a Knight of Our Realm and most joyfully award unto him/her the accolade.. and as further sign and token of his/her newfound estate do We bestow upon him/her these Arms by Letters Patent: which shall be borne by him/her and no other. In witness whereof We have set Our Hand this (#) day of (month) A.S. (year) at (event) in (name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

To all to Whom these presents do come, let it be known that (name of recipient) has proven his/her chivalry and prowess on many a field of honor, and his/her nobility in the myriad gentle skills so prized by the people of Aethelmearc is known to all. Therefore do We, ((name of King) King by Right of Arms and (name of Queen), Our Queen, hearing the acclaim of his Peers, find him/her worthy to don the Baldric of a Master/Mistress at Arms and do joyfully receive him/her into the Chivalry of Our Realm. and as further sign and token of his/her newfound estate do We bestow upon him/her these Arms by Letters Patent: which shall be borne by him/her and no other. In witness whereof We have set Our Hand this (#) day of (month) A.S. (year) at (event) in (name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

Tokens:

A white belt, gold chain and gold spurs. The belt or chain may be shown encircling the emblazon. A white baldric (sash) is worn by a Master at arms.



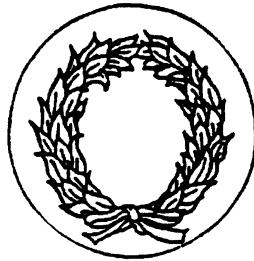
ORDER OF THE LAUREL

Hear ye all and know that We, (name of King) Rex and (name of Queen) Regina, recognizing the great skill and dedication of (name of recipient) in the high and noble art of (specialty) and further acknowledging his/her actions in teaching these skills to other that the people of Our Realm might benefit , do welcome him/her into Our right worthy and esteemed Order of the Laurel, to the acclaim of the Companions thereof. And in token of his/her newfound estate do We further bestow upon Master/Mistress (name of recipient) these Arms by Letters Patent (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later) and no other throughout the Known World. In witness whereof We have set Our Hand this (#) day of (month) Anno Societatis (year) at (event) in Our (Name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

Badge:

Or, a laurel wreath vert.



ORDER OF THE PELICAN

Be it known unto all to whom these presents do come that We, (name of King) and (name of Queen), Rex and Regina Aethelmearc, knowing well the extraordinary service done on behalf of Our Realm by Our (name of recipient), who has by his/her sacrifices and labors as (office or service) greatly improved the lot of Our subjects, and hearing the many voices lifted in praise, do most joyfully welcome him/her into Our esteemed Order of the Pelican, that all may know his/her worth. Furthermore do We bestow upon Master/Mistress (name of recipient) the sole right throughout the Known World to these Arms by Letters Patent, to wit: ** (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later) and no other throughout the Known World. In witness whereof We have set Our Hand this (#) day of (month) Anno Societatis (year) at (event) in Our (Name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

Badge:

A pelican in its piety; a chapeau.



Royal Peerages

The Royal Peerages include Count, Countess, Duke, Duchess or any other heraldically approved alternate title for a person who has reigned as Sovereign. County level recognition (first time King/Queen) come with a Patent of Arms only if the incoming Royalty specify that it is to be included and if the recipient doesn't already have a Patent. If you are unsure about your assignment, please ask Signet. If the recipient already has a Patent of Arms, eliminate the section marked ** and go straight to the corroboration. Since Royal Peerages aren't a surprise, it is recommended that scribes with Royal Peerage assignments ask about the recipient's preferences before beginning the scroll.

INVESTITURE OF A SOVEREIGN AS COUNT/COUNTESS

All shall know that (name of recipient) having by his/her valor, skill and strength of arm won the Crown of Aethelmearc, and having reigned as Sovereign from (date of Coronation) to (date of last court) has earned the honorable and noble estate of Count/Countess of Aethelmearc. Therefore do We (name of King and Queen) King and Queen of Aethelmearc recognize him/her in his/her title and rank with all of the titles, privileges and dignities appertaining thereunto, **most especially the right to bear these Arms by Letters Patent (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later) . Done by Us this (#) day of (month) Anno Societatis (year) at (event) in Our (Name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

Token of a Count/Countess:

A coronet embattled. Scribes may also want to include the Arms of the Kingdom of Aethelmearc and a full achievement of Arms.

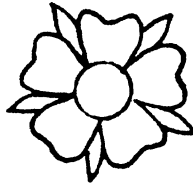


INVESTITURE OF A CONSORT AS COUNT/COUNTESS

Be it known unto all to whom these presents come that (name of recipient), having inspired his/her champion to win for him/her the Crown of Aethelmearc, and having reigned as Consort thereof from (date of Coronation) to (date of last court) has earned this day the honorable and worthy estate of Count/Countess of Aethelmearc. Therefore do We (name of King and Queen) King and Queen of Aethelmearc recognize him/her as Count/Countess (first name of recipient) ++ and Lord/Lady of the Rose, with all of the rights, honors and dignities appertaining thereunto, **most especially the right to bear by Letters Patent these Arms (blazon Arms or leave space for them to be added later) . Done by Us this (#) day of (month) Anno Societatis (year) at (event) in Our (Name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

++ Consorts are usually inducted into The Order of the Rose at the same time they are elevated to County rank. This is a polling order, so it is not automatic and can only be included at the request of the incoming Royalty.



INVESTITURE OF A SOVEREIGN AS DUKE/DUCHESS

Be it known unto all to whom these presents come that (name of recipient), having by his/her great courage and prowess at arms twice won the Crown of Aethelmearc, being first Crowned on (date of first Coronation) and again upon (date of second Coronation) and therefore having twice reigned as Sovereign of Aethelmearc, has thereby earned the right to the title and estate of a Duke/Duchess of Our Realm. Therefore do We (name of King and Queen) Rex and Regina, most joyfully invest him/her as Duke/Duchess (first name of recipient) with all of the rights, dignities and honors pertaining thereunto. In witness whereof We have set Our Hand this (#) day of (month) Anno Societatis (year) at (event) in Our (Name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

Token of a Duke/Duchess:

A coronet of strawberry leaves.



(Note: medieval strawberry leaves on coronets are highly stylized and look more like trefoils or Fleur-de-lis than natural strawberry leaves) Scribes may also want to include the Arms of the Kingdom of Aethelmearc and a full achievement of Arms.

INVESTITURE OF A CONSORT AS DUKE/DUCHESS

Let it be known to all and sundry that (name of recipient), having twice reigned over these Sylvan Lands, being first Crowned on (date of first Coronation) and again upon (date of second Coronation) and having borne the mantle of Consort with dignity and grace, has thereby earned the esteemed and worthy title of a Duke/Duchess of Our Realm. We (name of King and Queen) Rex and Regina, most joyfully invest him/her as Duke/Duchess (first name of recipient) with all of the rights, dignities and honors pertaining thereunto. In witness whereof We have set Our Hand this (#) day of (month) Anno Societatis (year) at (event) in Our (Name of hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)

A Duke or Duchess, unless he or she did not receive a Patent with his/her County rank will already be a Peer. Therefore Ducal scrolls almost never convey a Patent of Arms. If you are unsure of your assignment, please contact the Sylvan Signet



INVESTITURE OF A VICOUNT/VICOUNTESS

(even though we are now a Kingdom, there may be backlog scrolls for this peerage)

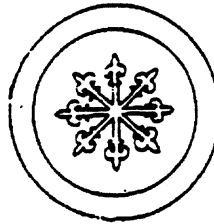
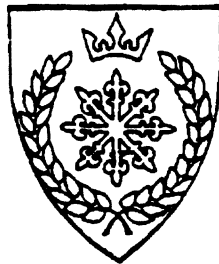
Letters of Embassy

AEthelmearc subjects who visit other Realms may sometimes be empowered by the King & Queen to act as Their Ambassadors.

LETTER OF EMBASSY

In times past, over shield top and mead bowl, the people of Our Kingdoms have met in friendship and tournament, The ancients who ruled over Us in those days found it meet to come together to share, grace, chivalry, courtesy and skills for which Our Realms are praised and by which Our Realms prosper. Therefore do We entreat Our most fair and gracious cousins (names and titles of receiving Monarchs), to accept Our Ambassadors/s at Your Court. Our worthy servants, (name/s of Ambassador/s) so that fellowship between Us and Our people may be pledged and renewed once more. Done by Our Hand this (#) day of (month) Anno Societatis (year).

Letters of Embassy are not awards and have no badge. The Arms or badge of the Kingdom may be used in the illumination



Writ of Summons

Occasionally the King & Queen will issue a Writ of Summons for a candidate for a Peerage to sit Vigil and/or appear before them at a later Court to announce their decision on becoming a Peer. A Writ of Summons bears no precedence and does not mean the candidate will become a member of a Peerage, it is only an invitation to join the Order. The badge of the Peerage should not be used, but the Kingdom Arms may be. Writs should be simple documents, not intricate award scrolls.

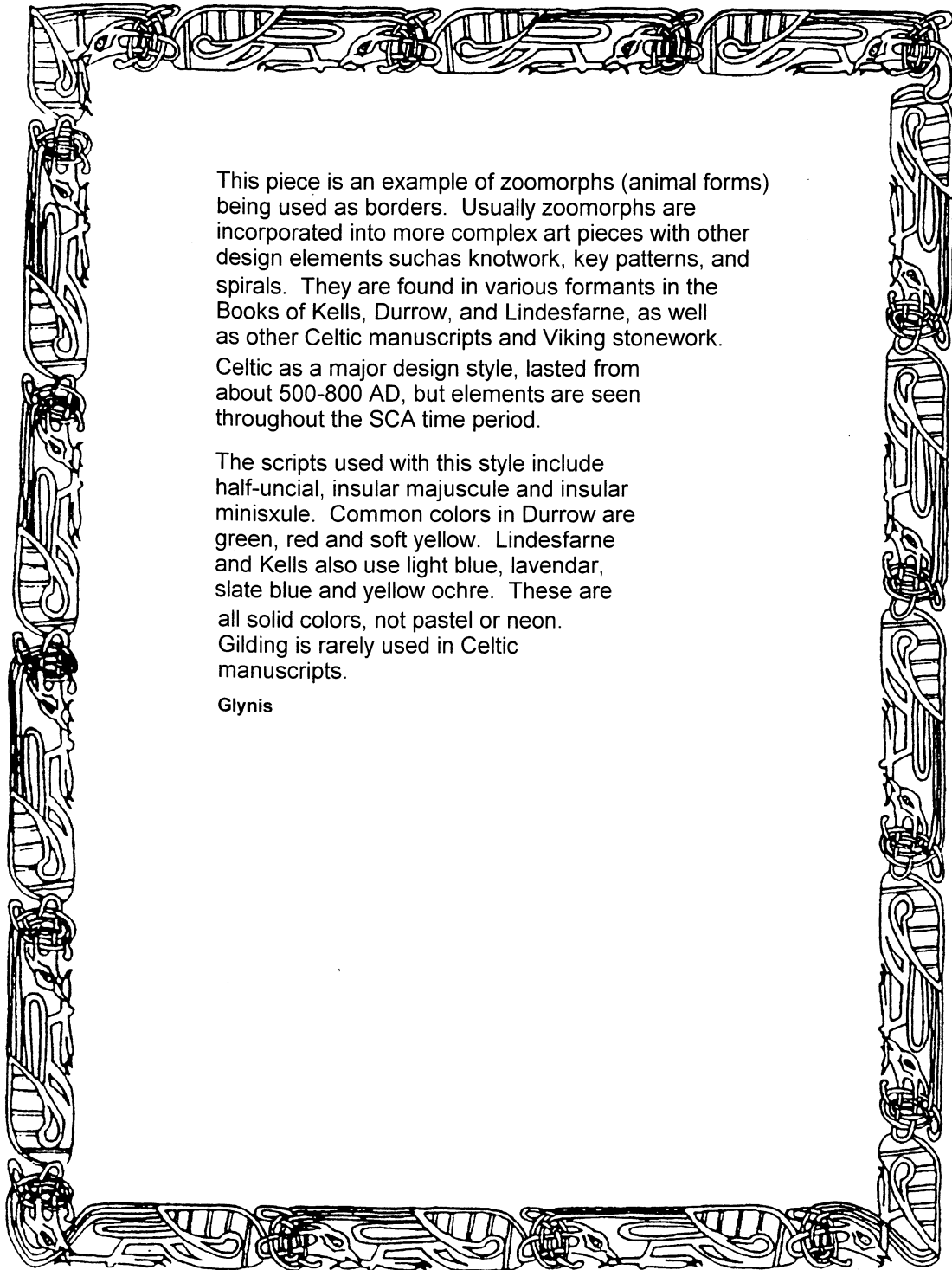
Attend and hear this decree of (names of King and Queen), King and Queen of Sylvan Æthelmearc. A passionate person will commit to a task with all of their heart, soul and resources. (recipient) has done this. He/She has persevered in his/her quest to be an example of honor, service, courtesy and added to this the skill, training and dedication required to excel at armored combat. Thus We command His Lordship/Her Ladyship, to attend (event) on the (#) day of (month) AS (#). There to sit Vigil in contemplation of elevation to the Order of the Chivalry. We further expect him/her to appear before Us at Our Court at (elevation event) to inform Us of his/her decision. As We have now made Our wishes known, let it be done.

(Signatures of King and Queen)

We, (names of King and Queen) King and Queen of Æthelmearc, to the assembled populace send greetings. We have heard much of (recipient), his/her careful work as (reasons). We laud his/her service and command that this dear lord/lady without delay render unto us his/her full attention.

You shall come to the (elevation event), on the (#) of (month), AS (#), within the (hosting group), ready to be recognized by ceremony as a companion of Our noble Order of the Pelican if it is your desire to join this Peerage. In the meantime you shall hear counsel to aid you in contemplation of elevation. And you will do this, that We may hear no more clamor thereupon for want of what is right and well deserved. Done this (event), on the (#) day of (month), AS (#) in Our (hosting group).

(Signatures of King and Queen)



This piece is an example of zoomorphs (animal forms) being used as borders. Usually zoomorphs are incorporated into more complex art pieces with other design elements such as knotwork, key patterns, and spirals. They are found in various forms in the Books of Kells, Durrow, and Lindesfarne, as well as other Celtic manuscripts and Viking stonework.

Celtic as a major design style, lasted from about 500-800 AD, but elements are seen throughout the SCA time period.

The scripts used with this style include half-uncial, insular majuscule and insular miniscule. Common colors in Durrow are green, red and soft yellow. Lindesfarne and Kells also use light blue, lavender, slate blue and yellow ochre. These are all solid colors, not pastel or neon.

Gilding is rarely used in Celtic manuscripts.

Glynis