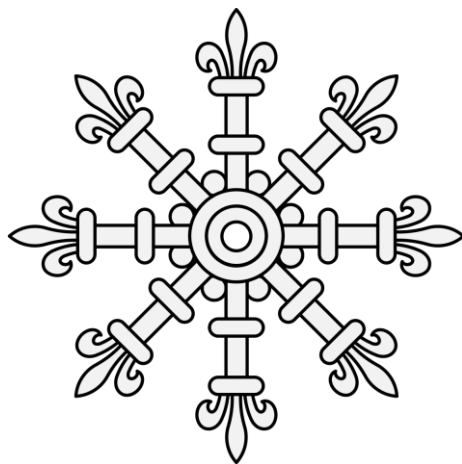


The
AEthelmearc
Pink Book

2nd Edition 2019



What is the Aethelmearc Pink Book?

It is a quick reference for scroll wording and the Kingdom awards. Small enough to fit into most scribal travel kits or to have within reach at your scribal desk. It is by no means, the definitive book of wording, but it can be useful for wording needed in a hurry.

The information in this booklet is taken from the last printed Red Book (2000). Thank you to those who contributed to that effort. New awards have been added to bring it up to date for 2019.

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i. Address

Ave...

Attend...

Above all others...

All shall know that ...

As did learned men in days of old...

By these words...

Before those here assembled....

Behold...

Be it known to all that...

Be it known that...

Cry unto the ends of the earth...

Consider...

Cherish...

Declare unto all...

Do ye all hear and tell others that...

Deserving of notice and commendation...

Do attend and know...

Due commendations and greetings: Know that...

Duty compels....

Each and all shall know that....

Evermore it shall be said....

Embrace the news, exclaim it loud and long....

From this day forth....

Far and wide let the word be spread....

Few are

Forasmuch as....

Go tell it....

Good Gentles....

Glad tidings....

Greetings to all to whom these presents come...

Hwaet!... (something along the lines of Listen!)

Hearken to these Our words...

Hear ye all and know that...

How shall one be rewarded

In as much as....

In Our Realm there is no finer....

It is only fitting....

It is Our intent to reward the deserving, and lest we be foresworn...

It shall be known unto all good folk that...

Justice decrees...

Joyful news is hereby proclaimed...

Knights, knaves and fold of every degree in between shall know...

*Know ye all to whom these presents come...
Let all draw near that they may hear...
Let it be known that...
Listen and learn...
Make it known...
Mark well and tell others...
Mindful of...
Many are...
Never doubt...
Note ye all and ring to others' notice...
Oh come ye all and know that...
Once upon a time...
On this day of days...
Observe...
Oyez! Oyez!
Pleased are We...
People of _____ attend...
Pray attend...
Proclaim it unto all peoples that...
Quiet deedes may yet speak loudly...
Rejoice!
Recalling...
Raise your voices and let the news resound...
Salutations and greetings. Let it be known that...
Sound the horns...
Strike the drums...
Say unto the multitudes...
Tell it forth...
To all to whom these presents come, know that...
Truly...
Take heed and tell to every generation...
Unto all proclaim...
Unto all to whom these presents ocme, know that...
Upon the occasion of _____...
Verify it shall be known that...
Virtue is its own reward, and yet...
Wheresoever We gather, be it known...
With glad hearts and good will...
Young and old alike, attend...
Ye here assembled...
Ye shall all know that....
Zounds!*

ii. Intitulation

(the act of giving title to)

***Please check the spelling of all names. If you have questions, please contact the Kingdom Signet. Period scrolls seldom gave a King or Queen's last name, so only the Royalty's first names are used in the SCA as well.*

We, (name of King & Queen), King and Queen of (Kingdom)....

We, (name of King & Queen), Rex and Regina

We, (name of King & Queen), King and Queen of the Laurel Kingdom of.....

We, (name of King & Queen), King and Queen of ((Sylvan Aethelmearc))....

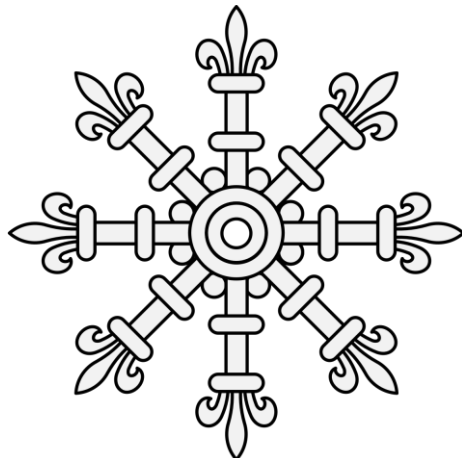
We, (name of King) King of (Kingdom), and (name of Queen) Our Queen.....

We (name of King), fierce and might King of (Kingdom), and (name of Queen) Our glorious Queen.....

We, (name of King), King of (Kingdom) by Right of Arms, and (name of Queen), Queen of (Kingdom)....

We, (name of King), King of (Kingdom) by Right of Arms, and (name of Queen) Queen and noble inspiration.....

We, (name of King), King of (Kingdom) by Right of Arms, and (name of Queen) his beloved Queen....



iii. Notification and Exposition

This is made up of three parts:

- 1) the lead in phrase*
- 2) the recipient's name*
- 3) the reason for the award.*

Always double-check the spelling of the recipient's name. If there is no reason given, you could use something like "service to Our Realm" or "Whose service has greatly benefited Our Realm". If you have any questions regarding any part of a scroll assignment, contact your Signet.

When using adjectives to describe the recipient, try to tailor them to fit the person. Some suitable adjectives include:

Good, loyal, faithful, noble, brave, excellent, wise, courteous, beloved, courtly, trusty, worthy, steadfast, strong, valiant, gallant, gentle, gracious.

...finding Ourselves in receipt of many good reports on the work of our noble servant (name) as (reason)...

...hearing much good of Our fair (name), especially of his/her/their work as (reason)....

...having observed the many good works and labor of Our brave (name) for (reason), and thus....

....having weighed well the works and labor of (name) as (reason).....

...noting the many sacrifices of Our good and well beloved (name) as (reason) and in recognition of his/her/their achievements....

...knowing that Our Realm has greatly benefited from the works of Our courteous and loyal (name) as (reason)....

...wishing to reward Our faithful servant (name) who has labored long and hard in Our Lands as (reason)....

...having found Our most excellent (name) to be worthy of advancement by reason of his/her/their work as (reason)...

...know that Our wise and gracious (name) has improved the lot of Our subjects by (reason), and therefore....

...seeing Our valiant (name) has given unstintingly of himself/herself/their self as (reason)....

iv. Dispostion

Never use “do grant unto (name) the Arms” on an AoA. This implies a Grant of Arms, not an Award of Arms.

Fill in the blazon if there is one, or leave several blank lines so that it can be added in later.

Note that the heraldic term “Or”, meaning gold, is always capitalized

An emblazon, or drawing of the Arms, can be added to the illumination. If the recipient has no registered arms, a blank shield can be left to be painted in later.

...do award unto him/her/them these Arms, blazoned (blazon if available)....

...do award the following Arms, to be borne by him/her/them alone throughout the Known World: (blazon)....

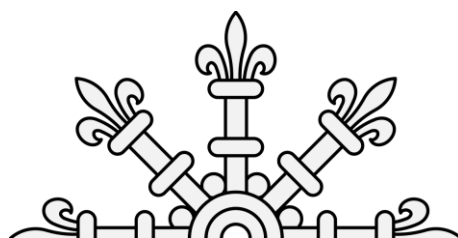
...do Award unto him/her/them the sole and exclusive right to bear these Arms, to wit (blazon).

...do give unto him/her/them this Award of Arms, and he/she/they shall bear: (blazon)...

...do Award unto him/her/them the right to bear these Arms: (blazon)....

...do declare that he/she/they shall bear these Arms from this day hence: (blazon)....

Do recognize his/her/their accomplishments with this Award of Arms, (blazon) to be displayed by Lord/Lady (name) and no other in all the lands of the Known World...



v. *Corroboration and Date*

The Corroboration consists of a phrase confirming that the award is given by the Royalty and is followed by the date. The number of the day can be written out as a word or indicated by a Roman numeral. The month should always be written out in full. The year (Anno Societatis, which may be abbreviated A.S.) may be written out as words or shown as a Roman numeral.

While the date is the only item required after the Corroboration, it is common to list the place (hosting group) where the award is given. The name of the event may also be included as well.

The standard arrangement is:

Given this thirty-first day of February, Anno Societatis MCX, at the Festival of Fire and Ice in Our Barony of the Flame.

Opening phrases for the Corroboration:

As We have so proclaimed...

Award upon...

Awarded by Us...

Done....

Done by Our Hand...

Done by Us...

Given...

Given by Us....

Given by Our Hand....

In witness whereof We have set Our Hand and Seal....

vi. The Signature Spaces

Either leave a plain blank space for the Royalty to sign or calligraph their titles with space above or beside them to sign. These titles should be in a smaller size font than the main body of the scroll text. Please DO NOT draw an inked line for the signatures, as this was not a period practice. Light pencil lines are OK and appreciated. You should leave a space for the Herald to sign on scrolls as appropriate to Kingdom policy.

The following arrangements are acceptable:

King

Queen

Herald



Rex

Regina

Herald



King

Queen

Herald



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 of 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 Aethelemarc, 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.

Non-Armigerous awards

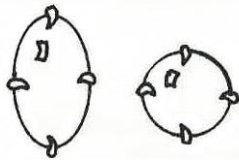
Carry no precedence. These include any that are given out at Baronial level and below, and a number that are given by the Kingdom.

Order of the Cornelian

Given to honor courtesy.

The token is a carnelian gemstone

There is no registered badge.



Order of the Sigil of Æthelmearc

Given for service to the Crown.

The token is the Æ (Aesch) of Æthelmearc.

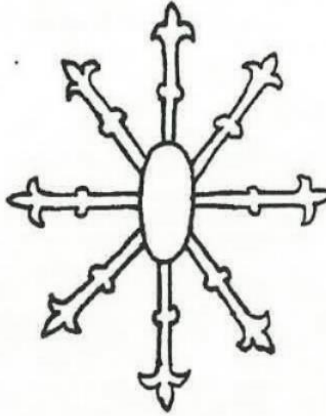
There is no registered badge.

The image shows the Æ (Aesch) symbol, a stylized letter 'A' with a horizontal bar across the middle, set against a light background.

Order of the Jewel of Æthelmearc

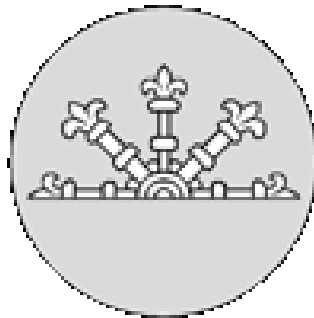
Given to recognize those outstanding individuals who exemplify skill, courtesy, chivalry and service. The Crown may recognize only one new member per reign, and consults with the members of the order before bestowing the award. There is an ancestral medallion that is passed on to each new member.

There is no registered badge.



Augmentation of Arms

Recognition of extraordinary achievement to the Kingdom and Society. The Crown can bestow any Augmentation They see fit, though the demi-escarbuncle (pictured here) is the most common augmentation.

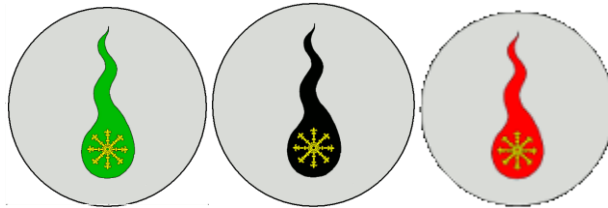


Award of Excellence

Given to honor excellence in the Eyes of the Crown. This distinction is recognized with a token from the Crown. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may be so recognized.

Award of the Golden Escarbuncle

*Given in recognition of a single noteworthy event in the eyes of the Crown. The color of the teardrop indicates the nature of the event: **Green** for Arts and Sciences, **Black** for Martial, and **Red** for Service.*



Order of the Golden Thorn

Given for protection and defense of the Crown, usually for service in time of war or on the battlefield

Order of the Silver Buckle

Given to outstanding subjects age 14 and under. The token is a silver buckle.



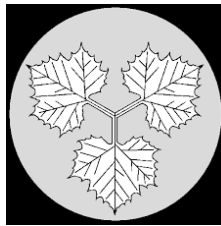
Order of the Silver Alce

*Given for accomplishments in the martial arts and sciences by subjects age 14 and under.
(same design as Golden Alce, done in silver)*



Order of the Silver Sycamore

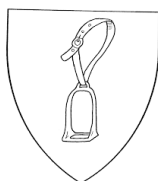
Given for accomplishments in the peaceful arts and sciences done by subjects age 14 and under. (same design as the Sycamore, done in silver)



Order of the Silver Stirrup

Given for authenticity in appearance while performing a martial activity by subjects age 14 and under, including research and teaching with an emphasis in visual merit, not skill level. (same design as the golden stirrup, done in silver)

****Note that the Orders of the "Silver Stirrup" and "White Stirrup" are registered in other kingdoms. Therefore, those order names should not be used for this order.*



Armigerous awards

Award of Arms

The Award of Arms, or AoA, is the first award that most SCA members receive. It gives an SCA member the right to display their device (coat of arms) and be titled as Lord or Lady. AoA's can be given for different reasons. The most common are for service in some area, skill on the field, or in the arts and sciences.

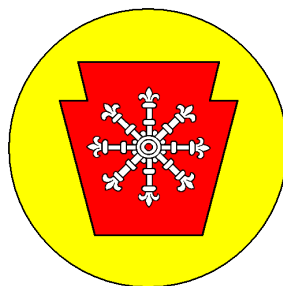
If the recipient has registered arms, it is common to include the blazon within the text and / or the image of the device within the illumination. You may also leave a blank space in the text and / or a blank shield so that the arms may be added later.

If you need help deciphering a blazon, contact one of the Kingdom Heralds for assistance.

Order of the Keystone

Given for service to the kingdom.

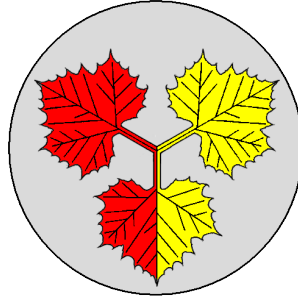
The order's badge is: Or, on a keystone gules an escarbuncle argent.



Order of the Sycamore

Given for accomplishments in the peaceful arts and sciences.

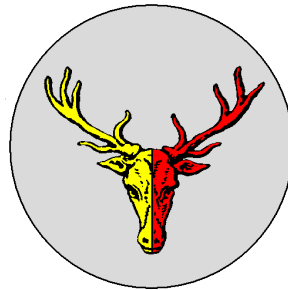
The order's badge is: (Fieldless) Three sycamore leaves conjoined in pall per pale gules and Or.



Order of the Golden Alce

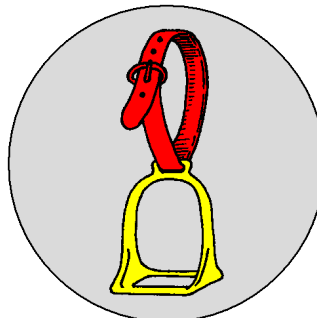
Given for accomplishments in the martial arts.

The order's badge is: (Fieldless) A stag's head cabossed per pale Or and gules.



Order of the Golden Stirrup

Given for authenticity in appearance while performing a martial activity, including research and teaching with an emphasis in visual merit, not skill level.



Orders of High Merit

Grant of Arms

Court Baronies and Territorial Baronies DO NOT automatically carry a Grant of Arms. The Royalty may choose to give Grants of Arms along with the titles Court Baron and Baroness. If you are not sure, check with the Signet.

The token for a Baron/Baroness is a coronet with 6 Pearls.

For a Territorial Baron/Baroness, the Arms of the Barony should be displayed prominently on the scroll.

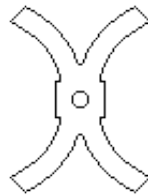


Grants of Arms do accompany the eight Kingdom Orders of High Merit, and occasionally, a Grant of Arms is given as a stand-alone award.

Order of the Millrind

Given to recognize service to the kingdom. Members of the Order of the Pelican are not eligible for this award.

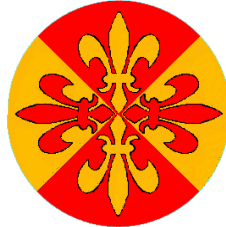
The order's badge is: (Fieldless) A millrind argent.



Order of the Fleur d'Æthelmearc

Given to recognize skill in the gentler arts. Members of the Order of the Laurel are not eligible for this award.

The order's badge is: Per saltire gules and Or, four fleurs-de-lys bases to center counterchanged.



Order of the Gage

Given to recognize accomplishments in the heavy lists and melee fields. Members of the Order of Chivalry are not eligible for this award.

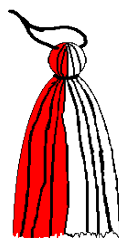
The order's badge is: (Fieldless) On a gauntlet sable, an escarbuncle Or.



Order of the Scarlet Guard

Given to recognize accomplishments of the archers of Æthelmearc.

The order's badge is: (Fieldless) A tassel per pale gules and argent.



Order of the White Scarf

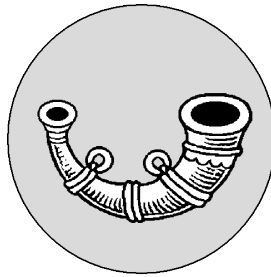
Given to recognize accomplishments of the fencers of Æthelmearc.

Members of the order are entitled to wear on their left shoulder a white scarf with the badge of Æthelmearc: Gules, an escarbuncle argent within a bordure Or.

Order of the White Horn

Given to recognize accomplishments in those martial areas not recognized by other martial Orders of High Merit.

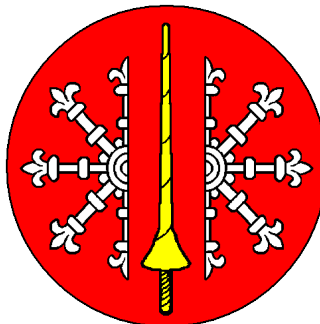
The badge of the order is: (Fieldless) A hunting horn argent.



Order of the Golden Lance

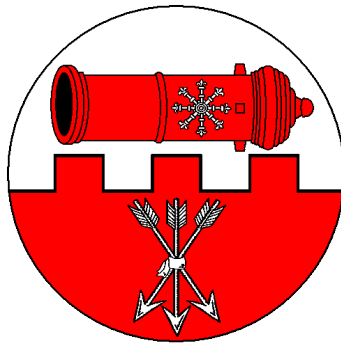
Given to recognize accomplishments in the equestrian arts.

The badge of the order is: Gules, a lance Or between two demi-escarbuncles palewise addorsed argent.



Order of the Scarlet Battery

Given to recognize accomplishments in siege combat and combat archery. The badge of the order is: Per fess embattled argent and gules, in chief a culverin dismantled gules charged with an escarbuncle and in base a sheaf of arrows argent.



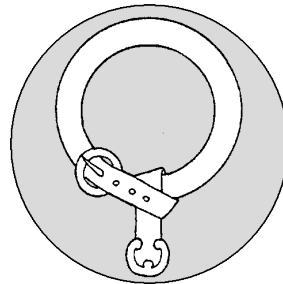
Peerage Orders

A Peerage is an award which bestows a Patent of Arms. All Peerages come with a Patent of Arms unless the recipient already has one, with the exception of first time Royal Peers, which is given at the discretion of the incoming Royalty.

Order of the Chivalry

Armored Martial Prowess (heavy weapons)

*Tokens are 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

Arts and Sciences

Badge: Or, a laurel wreath vert



Order of the Pelican

Service

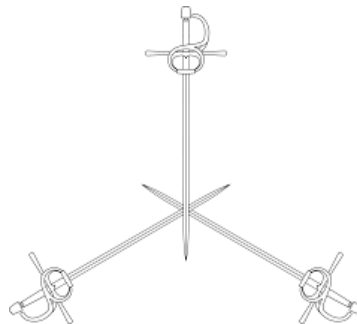
Badge: A pelican in its piety; a chapeau



Order of the Masters of Defense

Light Martial Prowess (Rapier)

Badge: (fieldless) Three rapiers in pall inverted tips crossed. Full-color vector .



Royal Peerage

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. If you are unsure, contact the Signet.

The token is a coronet embattled.



The titles of Duke / Duchess is bestowed with a second reign.

A Duke / Duchess, unless they did not receive a Patent of Arms with their County, is already a Royal Peer. Therefore Ducal scrolls never convey a Patent of Arms. If you are unsure, contact the Signet.

The token is a coronet with strawberry leaves. In period these leaves were highly stylized and look more like trefoils or Fleur-de-lis.



Writ of Summons

A document, "summoning" a person to appear in court.

This is usually given to notify a person that a Peerage Order (Chivalry, Laurel, Pelican, Master of Defense) wishes for them to join. It may instruct them to attend an event to sit vigil and receive counsel from Peers and populous. I will instruct them to contemplate joining the Order and to attend an event in the future (not always specified) to give their answer to the Crown.

Order of the Garnet

(a principality order, now closed)

Given to former consorts of Æthelmearc, who displayed gentility, grace, statesmanship, courtesy and chivalry during their reign. Companions are styled "Lady of the Garnet." Their duties are to promote courtesy and chivalry, to be an example of proper etiquette, to give counsel to the Coronet, to devise quests to promote the ideals of the order, and to give tokens of favor to those who perform extremely courteous/chivalrous acts, or to those who are constantly courteous /chivalrous. They have the privilege to select a Champion of the Garnet, and to convene a council to advise the Coronet on matters of courtesy and honor.

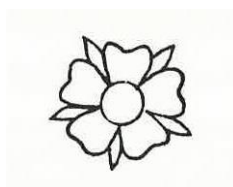
The token of the order is a garnet.

The Ladies of the Garnet retain their rank and precedence and may aid the Order of the Rose.

Order of the Rose

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. If you are not sure, contact the Signet.

Token of the order is a white Tudor rose.



Groups in Aethelmearc

Region 1

Shire of Ballachlagen

Barony of Blackstone Mountain

Shire of Misty Highlands

Shire of Port Oasis

Shire of Sylvan Glen

Region 2

Barony-Marche of Debatable Lands

Shire of Gryffyns Keep

Shire of Hunter's Home

Shire of King's Crossing

- *College of Silva Vulcani*

Shire of Riversedge

Shire of Steltonwald

Shire of Stormsport

Shire of Sunderoak

Region 3

Shire of Abhainn Ciach Ghlais

Barony of Endless Hills

Shire of Hornwood

Shire of Nithgaard

Barony of St. Swithin's Bog

Region 4

Shire of Blackwater

Shire of Hartstone

Shire of Heronter

Barony of Rhydderich Hael

- *Canton of Beau Fleuve*

Barony of Thescorre

Region 5

Shire of Angels Keep

Shire of Coppertree

Shire of Courtlandtslot

Barony of Delftwood

Dominion of Myrkfaelinn

Shire of Sterlynge Vayle

Shire of Syntersett