

# ORDER OF THE LEAF OF MERIT

Ceremony for the admission of new members to the Order of the Leaf of Merit

**PREPARATION:** Before the Court the Herald shall determine from Their Highnesses what order and in what numbers the new recipients shall be called forward. It is recommended that no more than three new members be admitted in any one calling unless there is particular reason why a larger number be recognized simultaneously. If the recipient does not yet have an Award of Arms, one is given simultaneously with the Leaf.

**Scroll/Promissory:** Promissory (or scroll, if completed) if this award comes with an Award of Arms, otherwise there is no paper.

**Token:** Pendant of a laurel leaf, hung from ribbons.

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Herald: Let (name (and name)) come now before Their Highnesses.

*(The people or their representatives come forward and kneel.)*

Herald: Those who give of their service to the Principality and the various parts thereof, support and enrich the Realm. It is the duty and pleasure of the Coronet to reward such service. Therefore do their Highnesses proclaim (name (and name)) worthy of great honor and, with the gracious permission of Their Majesties, do admit [him | her | them] to the right noble Order of the Leaf of Merit of the Kingdom of the West. Their Highnesses now bestow a single leaf of laurel as the sign of this award.

*(If, and only if, an Award of Arms is being given at the same time, the Herald should read the following text.)*

## AWARD OF ARMS

Herald: And Their Highnesses do also give unto (name) an Award of Arms. We grant you the rights and charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and We further grant you the right to bear as Arms such device as you may have properly registered with Our heralds, in the Kingdom of the West and throughout the Known World. Done by Their word and hand, this \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_ year of the Kingdom of the West,

\_\_\_\_\_, Princeps  
\_\_\_\_\_, Princepessa

 Prince/

 Princess:

***(The Prince and Princess present the tokens of the Order to the new member(s) and say whatever additional words they feel should be said about the new members.)***

Herald: For [Lord | Lady] (name (and Lord/Lady name)), Hip hip!

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