

ORDER OF THE ASH LEAF

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

- PREPARATION:** Before the Court the Herald shall determine from Their Highnesses what order and in what numbers the new armigers 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 an ash leaf, strung on ribbons.
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Herald: Let (name (and name)) come now before Their Majesties.

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

Herald: As the wood of the Ash gives its strength to stave and spear, so do the fighters who practice, study and teach the various arts of combat strengthen the Realm. It is the duty and pleasure of the Coronet to recognize and reward such deeds. 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 Ash Leaf of the Kingdom of the West. Their Highnesses now bestow a single leaf of ash as the sign of this honor.

(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

_____, Princepsa

 Prince/

 Princess:

(The Prince and Princess present the token(s) of the Order to the new member(s) and say whatever additional words They feel should be added to praise the virtues and deeds of the new member.)

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

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