

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 Majesties 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 a laurel leaf, strung on ribbons.
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Herald: Let (name (and name)) come now before Their Majesties.



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

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

 King/
 Queen: ***(The King and Queen present the token(s) of the Order to the new member(s) and say whatever additional words They feel should be said about the new member.)***

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

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