

ROYAL COMPANY OF ARCHERS

Ceremony for the Admission of a new member to the Royal Company of Archers

PREPARATION: None

Scroll/Promissory: The Roll of the Company, should be in the hands of one of the members of the Royal Company of Archers before the ceremony starts. If the new member does not already have a Grant of Arms, a Promissory or Scroll should be ready.

Token: Glove with the badge of the RCA on it (given by the Queen)

Herald: Your Majesties, Your Royal Company of Archers craves audience with you.

 **King:** Let them come forward.

(The Royal Company of Archers comes and kneels before the Crown, a spokesman remains standing.)


 **King:** What business do you bring before Us?

Spokesman: We wish to commend unto You for inclusion in our Company: _____.

 **King:** We are agreed. Escort _____ into Our presence.


(They go, fetch the candidate, and return with him/her.)

★ The Herald may give this speech, if His Majesty so desires.

 **King:** _____, We are minded to add you to Our Royal Company of Archers. Will you pledge to undertake the duties of a member of this Company, to continue your endeavors in archery as you have in the past and, from this day henceforth, to offer Us your advice and counsel on all matters related to this art?

Candidate: I will.

(A member of the Company brings Roll of the Company, on a firm surface, with pen.)

 **King:** Now do We admit you to Our Royal Company of Archers, and bid you seal your pledge by adding your sign manual to the Roll of the Company.

(The new member signs the Roll of the Company, which is being held by the Pursuivant.)



Queen: **Accept from Us this glove, in token of your membership in this Company.**

(Gives glove to the new member.)



NO GRANT -- If newest member does not already have a Grant of Arms ...

This box is a place for the herald to place a Post-it with the BLAZON of the grantee's arms.

Herald: *(name)*, whereas it has come to Our notice that through your great efforts on Our behalf and in recognition of your membership in Our Royal Company of Archers, it is thus Our pleasure to reward you with a Grant of Arms, **(if the device is registered add:** "to wit Blazon. Done by Our word and hand this day of in the year of the Kingdom of the West.
 , Rex Occidentalis
 , Regina



King: **Go now and join your companions.**

Herald: For *(name)*, newest member of the Royal Company of Archers, Hip, hip!