

THE ORDER OF THE WESTERN WHITE SCARF

Ceremony and Text for the Western White Scarf and a Grant of Arms

PREPARATION: The herald should if at all possible, determine whether the Grantee has a device registered and obtain the blazon for the device from the Armorial, to include in the text given below. Also determine whether the Grantee already has a Grant of Arms.

Scroll/Promissory: Scroll if prepared, Promissory otherwise.

Token: A White Scarf bearing a gold demi-sun to be worn on the left arm or shoulder.

Herald: The path to honor and service may take many forms for those of noble birth, and one of those forms is the study and teaching of the Art of Defense. Those who defend the Kingdom with their rapiers bring it honor and glory with their actions. Accordingly, by agreement with diverse other Kingdoms of the Known World, the Order of the Western White Scarf was established to recognize those whose skill in the Art of Defense is worthy of renown.

Herald: Let all Companions of the Order of the White Scarf, whether from the West or from another Kingdom, attend upon their Majesties.


(The Order of the White Scarf 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 (name) for inclusion in our Company. *(May speak on the virtues of the candidate.)*

 **King:** **We are agreed. Escort (name) into Our presence.**

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

 **King:** **(Name), mindful of your prowess upon the field and responsive to the wishes of the Royal Courtiers, We are minded to admit you to the Order of the Western White Scarf. Will you pledge to undertake the duties of a member of this Company, to continue your endeavors in the Art of Defense, and to offer Us your advice and counsel on all matters related to this art from this day henceforth?**

Candidate: I will.


 **Queen:** **Do you understand that as a member of this Order your honor and your skill will reflect forever upon Our Kingdom, and do you pledge to keep your honor always as bright as it is today?**

Candidate: I do.

 **OPTIONAL OATH**

 **King:** **Would you take an oath to your Crown and Kingdom?**

Candidate: I swear that,
as a member of the Order
of the Western White Scarf,
I shall strive
to bring only credit and honor
to my Kingdom, my Order, and myself.
I swear to teach
the Art of Defense
to any person
found honorable, trustworthy, and noble,
to treat all with courtesy,
and to remember always that my actions
must always bring honor
to my Queen.
So swear I, (Name).



 **King:** **And We for Our part do swear to (name)
that We will protect and defend [him | her]
with all Our power,
until We depart from Our Throne,
or death take Us,
or the world end.
So say We ,___, King of the West.**

 **Queen:** **So also say We, ___, Queen of the West.**

 **King:** **Is there a Scarf?**

(The token is to be presented to the Queen as its relevant history is given. It will then be affixed to the candidate by the Queen, with assistance from others or not, as the candidate chooses.)

 **Queen:** **Wear this Scarf with pride, as a token of your rank and responsibilities.**

 **King/**
 **Queen:** **We now name you as our newest Royal Courtier, and as a Member of the Order of the Western White Scarf. Arise and be greeted by your Order ...**

Candidate: *(Rises and greets his/her companions)*

 **King:** **Let the scroll be read.**

(If a scroll is present, it shall be read, otherwise follow the litany below.)

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

 **WITH PRIOR GRANT OF ARMS**

Herald: Be it known that Their Majesties, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the West do this day honor Their subject (full name), who has demonstrated [his | her] great skill in the Art of Defense and [his | her] courtesy both on and off the field. They name [him | her] a Royal Courtier, and admit [him | her] to the Order of the Western White Scarf. Further, They confirm [his | her] right to bear [his | her] Arms by Grant, to wit [blazon] or [such arms as they may register with our heralds]. By Our hands this ___day of ___ in the year ____ of the Kingdom of the West.
_____, Rex
_____, Regina

 **WITHOUT PRIOR GRANT OF ARMS**

Herald: Be it known that Their Majesties, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the West do this day honor Their subject (full name), who has demonstrated [his | her] great skill in the Art of Defense and [his | her] courtesy both on and off the field. They name [him | her] a Royal Courtier, and admit [him | her] to the Order of the Western White Scarf. Further, They award [him | her] the right to bear [his | her] Arms by Grant, to wit [blazon] or [such arms as they may register with our heralds]. By Our hands this ___day of ___ in the year ____ of the Kingdom of the West.
_____, Rex
_____, Regina

Herald: For (name), Royal Courtier and newest Companion of the Western White Scarf, Hip hip!

Hic Nihil Deficit