

SECTION VI -- PROTOCOL, TITLES, AWARDS AND PRECEDENCE

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AWARDS AND TOKENS IN THE WEST KINGDOM

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In the following pages we will discuss the various ranks of subjects of the Western Crown, the awards that convey those ranks, how they are attained, and what, if any, regalia is worn by members of said ranks, to signify their membership.

King and Queen

First and foremost are the King and Queen of the West. They wear (usually) the Crowns of State, which are sterling silver, with cast oak leaves and acorns for the King, and cast rose leaves and roses for the Queen. The King is chosen by right of Arms at Crown Tourney three times a year within the Kingdom of the West. Two months later, approximately, he is invested with the Crown. The lady whose favor he carries becomes the Queen. (It is theoretically possible for a lady to win the Crown, it has happened in Ansteorra to date. The changes in ceremonial for that case are known, but do not affect the regalia.)

Crown Prince and Princess

The Heirs to the Thrones of the West are the Crown Prince and Princess. They wear first laurel wreaths given them at the Crown Tournament, and are also given metal coronets, signifying their rank, which are more permanent.

Prince and Princess

The Prince and Princess of a Principality win their titles in much the same way the King and Queen do, although Their reign is six months in all Principalities in the West. Each principality has a unique set of coronets which are worn by the Prince and Princess. In addition, the Principalities have cloaks which are worn by their Royalty. See also Section IV.4 on Sumptuary Customs in the West, for more information.

NOTE: All of the above have a quality which might be known as "Royal Presence". This means that if ANYONE passes within ten feet of them (20 feet for the King/Queen), it is expected that they will bow/courtesy to show their respect. The same respect is given to the Thrones as if the King/Queen and/or Prince/ess were sitting on them. It is good manners to do so before a territorial Baron/ess, but not as expected.

If called before a King/Queen, or Prince/ess, while they are on the Thrones, one bows or courtesys, and then kneels (on the cushions - it's what they're there for.)

Dukes and Duchesses

Dukes and Duchesses are those who have served as King and Queen at least twice. They can usually be identified by the coronets they wear. These coronets normally have strawberry leaves in groups of three, set at four points on the coronet, and may have additional "personalized" decorations as well.

Counts and Countesses

These are folk who have served as King and Queen once. Again their coronets give them away. These are embattled, and may have additional personal decoration as well.

Viscount and Viscountess

A Viscount or Viscountess is a person who has served as Prince or Princess of a Principality at least once. Viscounty Coronets are in no way defined, but are a matter of personal taste. They normally reflect some element of the Principality Arms, plus personal decoration.

Note: The above are called Royal Peerages.

The Orders of Peerage

There are three Orders of Peerage which are given by the Crown. These are the highest ranks within the Society a person may attain unless they become Royalty. These Orders are: The Order of Chivalry, The Order of the Laurel, and the Order of the Pelican. The Order of the Rose is another order of peerage which is given to all who have served as Queen. Each of these orders has precedence equal with the others, and two people with different peerages are considered to be equals.

The Order of Chivalry

Members of this Order are either Knights or Masters at Arms, depending on whether or not they wished to swear fealty to the Thrones of the West at the time of their recognition. They are elevated to this rank for their ability on the field and for their courtesy and chivalry both on and off the field. Knights swear fealty to the King and Queen, sometimes to Princes, and are considered to be vassals of the King, while Masters at Arms may swear fealty to an individual King and Queen (or Prince and Princess) if they so desire. Knights wear white belts, and chains of large

single links, and prick spurs if they so desire. Masters at Arms wear only a white baldric, a belt worn diagonally across the chest. For the Knights the chain represents the bond of fealty between the King and His Knight. The white belt is a symbol of chivalry and prowess, which is why both Knights and Masters at Arms wear white belts, albeit in different ways. The spurs come from the days when knights were mounted warriors, and are the symbol of the rank of Knight.

The Order of the Laurel

Membership in the Order of the Laurel is given for excellence in the arts and/or sciences. Only a member of the Order of the Laurel may wear a medallion with a laurel wreath, and in the Kingdom of the West may wear a cloak with the laurel wreath on the back, possibly enclosing an emblazon of their Arms, and a smaller one on the front. The laurel wreath is a Greek symbol of achievement, and was also a symbol of Apollo, the Greek god of the Arts.

The Order of the Pelican

The Order of the Pelican is given for extraordinary service to the Kingdom, far and beyond that given by most members. The members of the Order may wear a medallion depicting a pelican in its piety (wounding itself to feed its young), and a cloak with the same on the front and back (as for the Laurel). The pelican in its piety symbolizes sacrificing oneself for others, and was also a medieval symbol of Christ (the ultimate symbol of sacrifice).

The Order of the Rose

This order is given automatically to Countesses in the Kingdom of the West. The Order of the Rose was created in the early days of the Society, before the title of Countess was used for those who had served as Queen. All Kings were, in those days, automatically made Knights, so it was felt that those who had served as Queen deserved recognition as well. The OR is not always accompanied by a patent of arms from one kingdom to the next, but is in the West. There is no medallion or other symbol for the Order.

Grants of Arms

In the Kingdom of the West, the Grant of Arms is usually given to Greater and Lesser Lords of State, their Deputies, (often) founding (landed) Baron/ess, the Royal Company of Archers, the Royal Company of Yeomen and the Guildmasters of Fence. A Grant of Arms may be given at Their Majesty's wish, and therefore there are no set standards for who may receive one. They are, however, somewhat rare. There is no token given for a Grant of Arms except for members of the either the Royal Company of Archers or the Royal Company of Yeomen.

The Royal Company of Archers

This was instituted to honor archers who have achieved high standing, and who are exemplars of courtesy and chivalry. The token is a glove to be worn in the belt, with the badge of the Order (which has not yet been designed) on the back. It carries a Grant of Arms. There may be only one new member named to the Order by each King and Queen.

The Royal Company of Yeomen

The members of this order have demonstrated high achievement and service to the Kingdom in war time with missile weapons, they are also exemplars of courtesy and chivalry. The token for membership in this order is a leather baldric with the badge of the order on it (not designed at this time). Membership in this order confers a Grant of Arms.

Guildmasters of Fence

This title is granted to those who support and teach rapier combat in the West. This title is granted by the Crown at the recommendation of the current Guildmasters of Fence. Guildmasters of Fence may wear a black glove bearing the badge of the guild (not registered at this time). Membership in this order confers a Grant of Arms.

The Order of the Western Lily

The Order of the Western Lily may be offered to those the Crown finds deserving of great honor for both their individual excellent achievements and for their consistent contributions in teaching others of their skills and knowledge of the arts, sciences and other activities that strengthen and enhance the Kingdom. Membership in this Order will carry an Award of Arms if the recipient does not already have one. The token for this award is a pendant of a natural lily dependent from ribbons.

Leaves of Achievement

There are three "Leaves of Achievement" given within the Kingdom of the West. The first is the Order of the Leaf of Merit, given for service; the Order of the Rose Leaf, given for expertise in the arts or sciences; and the Order of the Ash Leaf, given for excellence in combat and support of combat. These are given at the wish of Their Majesties or Their Highnesses, but often upon recommendation by knowledgeable people. Tokens for these awards are a cast pewter laurel leaf pendant for the Leaf of Merit, a pendant (in various media) in the shape of a rose leaf for the Rose Leaf, or a pendant in the shape of an ash leaf for the Order of the Ash Leaf. All of these confer an Award of Arms on the recipient if they are not already armigerous.

Awards of Arms

An Award of Arms is the first level of "armigerous" award. (It confers the right to bear arms.) It is given usually for service or other significant contribution to the well-being of the Kingdom or Principality, usually at the local level. There is no token given.

Territorial Baron/ess

Territorial Barons and Baronesses are the ceremonial heads of a Barony, and are the direct representatives of the King and/or Prince in their Baronies. They may wear coronets designed specifically for their Barony, and these coronets vary greatly.

Court Baron/ess

This title is given, as an addition to any other titles, by Their Majesties, for whatever reason They wish. If the person receiving a Court Baronage is not previously Armigerous, this award carries an Award of Arms. They wear a coronet of their own design, usually, but not always, decorated with pearls in addition to some personal insignia.

Non-Armigerous Awards

The Kingdom of the West has many non-armigerous awards, listed below in brief form.

The Queen's Order of Grace

The QOG is given to those the Queen finds courteous to all. Members of this order may wear a medallion of a crowned rose, from which is dependant a pearl.

The Order of the Golden Poppy

This award is given to those people who have won the Arts and Sciences Competition of the Kingdom for the current year. The members of the order used to be given a wreath of silk poppies to signify membership in the order. Now members are given a cloisonne token of a California poppy, and a cloak with poppies around the bottom.

The Order of the Silver Molet

The OSM was an order of Peerage which included those Peers who had shown the highest qualities of Peerage. The Knights may wear rowels on their spurs, and all members may wear cloaks based on the augmentation of their arms allowed by the College of Arms: "Argent, on a pile gules, an antique crown voided Or." Generally these cloaks are white, with the pile and crown on the back. This order was closed at Beltane, AS XXIV (1990).

The Order of Valor

This honor is given at the wish of the King, for great service in war. It is usually given to those who lead units, or who have made some other especially noteworthy contribution. Its symbol is a torse braided of green and gold, the colors of the Kingdom, and red, the color of blood.

The Order of the Silver Mantle

This honor is given by the Crown on the recommendation of the members of the Order to those who serve as consistently good examples of well-acquainted fighters. There is currently no symbol for the Order.

The Order of the Grey Goose Shaft

The OGGS is given for excellence in archery. The new member is presented with a personalized arrow.

The Muckin' Great Clubbe

This honor is given for ferocity on the field. The current holder of the honor maintains a massive club with a spike driven through the head. They are responsible for determining the next holder of the Clubbe, and for rubbing at least one pound of wax into the Clubbe.

The Old Battered Helm

The OBH is presented to those who die gloriously on the field. Histrionics are not mandatory, but do increase your chances. The OBH itself is a freon tank helm which has suffered greatly, for each new recipient is expected to mark the helm with a steel weapon of his/her choice in front of witnesses.

The Order of the Wooden Spoon

This Order consists of the victors of the Kingdom cooking contests. They are given to wear a wooden spoon dependent from a ribbon. It is possible to be given many of these tokens.

The Queen's Cypher

This award is given to those who have been thoughtful and helpful personally to the Queen. The QC recipients may wear a medallion which is personalized from Queen to Queen, normally in the shape of her initials. It is quite possible for a person to be given several QCs.

The Order of the King's Lance

This award is given to those who have shown excellence in and continued support of the equestrian arts. The token of this award is a silver lance suspended from a ribbon.

The Queen's Guard

This is an honor, rather than an award, and opportunity is offered to unbelted fighters who show much promise (quite often members of the Guard are knighted while still members, removing them from the guard). Members of the Queen's Guard wear a baldric of red leather with the device of the Queen tooled into it, and are given the favor of the Queen on whose guard they serve.

The Order of the Pied d'Argent

Membership is given to winners of the Kingdom dance competitions. Winners of these competitions are given a small pendant or pin of a silver dance slipper.

Knight Bannerette

This honor is given to individual members of the Chivalry who have shown continuing support to Crown and Kingdom in war. The Knight Bannerette may display on the fly of their banner a stripe colored barry Or and vert (the colors of the Kingdom).

Commendabilis

This honor is given to the person who fought in the finals of the Crown List, but did not win, and his or her consort. It is given in recognition of all the combatants who fought with honor and chivalry in the lists. Those so honored are given tokens of gold oak leaves on ribbons, which are returned to the Crown before the next Crown Tournament.

Wreaths of Valor and Chivalry

This honor is given at Crown Tournaments to (usually) unbelted fighters who have proven the most Valorous and the most Chivalrous on the field of honor that day. The tokens are wreaths of Rosemary, the Wreath of Valor has a red ribbon wrapped around it, and the Wreath of Chivalry has a white ribbon wrapped around it.

The King's Huscarls

This honor lasts for the reign in which it is granted, much like membership in the Queen's Guard. Members (usually of the Chivalry, but this is not limited to the Chivalry) are asked to serve as the King's house guard, specifically during war time. They are given to wear baldrics with the badge of the Huscarls ("Or, an antique crown voided, surmounted by a sword gules") to signify that they will stand between the Crown of the West and any danger that threatens it.

The Order of Arachne's Web

This is actually a guild of lacemakers. Membership is given to those who have shown excellence in the art of lacemaking. There are many ranks within the "Order", corresponding to levels of competence. The members of the Order present lace napkins to the Crown at each Coronation, and the lacemaker to the Queen is usually selected from amongst the members. The Order has turned into a Guild, and is no longer granted as an award by the Crowns of the West.

The Order of the Silver Nib

This is an award given by the Crown to members of the College of Scribes of the Kingdom, for excellence and quantity of scrolls in their scribe work. The token given is a silver pen nib on a black and gold braided ribbon.

Defenders of the West

This honor is given to those non-combatants that serve the realm most outstandingly during times of war. It is given to people such as water-bearers, marshals, heralds, chirurgeons, and many others. Members are given a braid of ribbons containing colors from the arms of the Kingdom and all of its Principalities (the colors used are blue, gold and green).

Pillars of the West

This honor is given by the Crown to groups (households, clans, etc.) who, as a group have served the kingdom outstandingly. While not an individual award, members of the group so honored may add an augmentation to the badge of the group: *On a canton vert, a crown of three points, voided Or.*

The Order of the Golden Acorn

This is given to those who have assisted in the upbringing of the Kingdom's children. The token is a small pendant of an acorn on a green ribbon.

Royal Pages of the West

This honor is given by the Crown to those children who have demonstrated exceptional courtesy and given of their service or talents to the Kingdom. The recipients are given a token of the letters "RP" strung from ribbons.

The Western Roll of Honor

This honor is given to those individuals, who, by their actions have inspired the populace or have substantially enriched the realm. Their name is added to the "Western Roll of Honor" (a scroll listing the name, date and deed they are being recognized for), and are given a token which shall be a heater shaped medallion with the Western demi-sun above a rolled scroll. At this time there does not appear to actually be a scroll, or if it exists, no one knows where it is.

West Kingdom Paragons of Merriment

The WKPM is given at the discretion of the Crown to those individuals who help create and support period entertainment and activities for the enjoyment of the populace and of the Kingdom. In particular those whose efforts enhance the festivities and evening revels through dance, music, performance arts, and any other social activity which may prove worthy for this honor. The token for this honor shall be a ribbon of festive colors with a leather roundel stamped with the initials of the award.

The Order of the Noble Manor

The Order of the Noble Manor will be given once per year, at June Crown, to those individuals whose excellent and regular efforts have created an exceptionally period and well-appointed encampment. The most recent recipient of the award will be given a banner to display, which shall be passed on each year, or may create a banner in a form that best suits their encampment. Any such banner shall incorporate the kingdom colors and the silhouette of a culturally appropriate dwelling. After the year of holding the initial banner, recipients of this honor may display a banner of their own with the same design. Note that this award is given to individuals, not to households.

The Order of the Queen's Treasure

The Order of the Queen's Treasure is offered by the Queen to those who, by their consistent efforts in creating various works and providing such items to the Crown to use as gifts to others, greatly contribute to the Crown's ability to show largesse. The token for this award shall be a treasure chest depending from a ribbon of kingdom colors.

The Western War Council

The Western War Council is appointed once a year by means of a mass melee tournament between war units. The war unit that is appointed Western War Council shall assume the role of command of the Army of the West Kingdom in time of War, at the discretion and direction of the Crown. The current War Unit designated as the Western War Council has the right to display on and off the field, a banner with the following badge: *Or, two thunderbolts in saltire, overall a demi-sun vert (or other badge, once registered)*. War units who have held this position in the past may display as an augmentation on the badge of their war unit, *On a canton checky Or and vert, a demi-sun sable*.

PRINCIPALITY AWARDS

This article is a listing of the awards given within each Principality of the Kingdom of the West, with description of the award, and any tokens that are given with it. These awards are given by the Prince and Princess of the appropriate Principality. (*Date Updated: March, AS XXXVIII*)

MISTS, PRINCIPALITY OF:

The Corollae Nebulosae - "Little Crowns of the Mists", there are three of these: The Corolla Aulica, given for service; the Corolla Muralis, given for leadership and achievement in war; and the Corolla Vitae, given to honor those who have given of their talents and skills to benefit the Principality. The token for the Corollae Nebulosae as a whole is a small cast pendant of a coronet within a bordure engrailed, the type of Corolla dependant on the color of the ribbon from which it is hung: White is for the Corolla Aulica, Blue - the Corolla Vitae, and Green is for the Corolla Muralis.

The Golden Branch (Order of the) - Given to honor past Bards of the Mists. The token is a piercework pendant of a "golden" branch (usually brass) hung with bells.

Pegasus (Order of the) - This is given to youth whose behavior and service are exemplary. The token is a pendant of a pegasus.

Princess' Order of Grace - Given to individuals displaying great courtesy and chivalry. The token is a medallion, with an engrailed border, a small coronet in the base, and a pearl dependant from the top.

Princess' Favor (Order of the) - given to those who have been helpful to the Princess during her reign.

Dames de la Mer (Order of the) - Awarded to those who have served as Princess of the Mists, members shall be "henceforth as they have been hitherto" models of honor and grace to all those in the Principality. The token of the order is a single pearl.

Period Encampment (Order of the) - awarded at the end of the current reign to an individual or household who has made a great effort to present an encampment with a medieval atmosphere. The token of the order is a pennon in the Principality colors of argent with azure engrailing, with a medieval pavilion in the center. The recipient will display this pennon during the following reign.

Torse of Honor, The - This is awarded to those non-belted fighters who have shown great courtesy, chivalry and honor. The token of this award is a torse of blue and white (to represent the principality) and gold to represent honor and chivalry and courtesy.

Silver Ivy (Order of the) - This is awarded to those who have served the Principality as Champion of the Mist and Champion's Consort. The tokens for this are a pair of pendants, one fitting inside the other, of an ivy leaf.

The Princess' Guard (formerly Princess' Escort) - is an honor, not an award, and is modeled on the Queen's Guard.

Armure Epatant (Order of the) - Awarded to those fighters (melee and missile) whose field "appearance" is exemplary and recognizable as a period form. The token is a golden garter, to be worn as the member sees fit.

Silver Spoon (Order of the) - Awarded to those who win the cooking competition held at most Principality events. The token is a silver (colored - often it is some metal other than silver) spoon hung from ribbons of blue and white.

Banner Bearer - The Banner Bearer is charged with the possession and maintenance of regalia, and will fight at the Sovereign's side when both are upon the field of battle. As the Banner Bearer follows the Sovereign, so does his position. The Sovereign shall bestow, in ceremony, the Bearer with His charge at Investiture and reclaim it at the Investiture of His Heirs.

Prince's Lance - The Prince's Lance is the personal armed guard of the Sovereign when He is in battle. The unit shall consist of armored combatants appointed by the Sovereign. The members of this guard shall wear on their helms torsos of green, blue, red. There will be one officer of the Lance, who shall be titled the Oberst [Colonel], chosen by the Sovereign -- his torse will be green, blue, red and white.

Saltatoris Nebularum – This is the dance competition held at Principality events, the victor of the competition shall be named Salator (male) or Salatrix (female), and be a member of the Ordo Saltatoris Nebularum. There is no token at this time. Listing of all Members of the Ordo Saltatoris Nebularum

Silver Muse – This is awarded to the victor of the Principality Arts Pentathlon, held over the course of a year. There is no token at this time. Listing of all Members of the Order of the Silver Muse

Equestrian Champion – The token of this honor shall be a silver harness mount and a baldric.

Cheval Argent – The high scorer for equestrian games run at any individual principality event may be given the honor of Cheval Argent.

Jaffa, Order of – The Order of Jaffa may be awarded to those who simultaneously display the heights of puissance and courtesy on the field of war. The token of the order is a braid of white, blue, and green for the colors of the Principality, dependent from the braid a single link of a chain, for chivalry and a rose, for courtesy.

CYNAGUA, PRINCIPALITY OF:

The Ruxton Award - This is the premier service award of the Principality. It award carries with it an Award of Arms, if the recipient does not already have one. Since this award is to honor those who have given of their time without thought of personal glory or gain, there is no token.

Scutiferus Cynaguae (Shieldbearer of Cynagua) - The secondary service award given for exceptional service. The token of this award is a small bronze shield suspended by black and gold ribbons.

Melan Pteron Cynagua (Order of the) - given for excellence in the Arts and Sciences, the token is a black feather hung from a black ribbon.

Winged Harp (Order of the) – This is given to former Bards of Cynagua upon their retirement, so that all may know of the service they provided for the Principality. The token is a medallion of a harp with wings ... the wings are "down", to differentiate the medallion from that of the Bard of Cynagua, where the wings are up.

Cynaguan Order of Grace - The premier courtesy award given by the Princess to no more than two people per reign. The token is a small crystal hung from a golden letter "C".

La Cortesia (Order of) - given for courtesy. The token is a crystal snowflake hung from a white ribbon. This Order is a polling Order.

The Friendly Castle (Order of) - given for hospitality. The is a swan above an heraldic "Friendly Castle" (a two towered castle with its gate raised). This Order is a polling Order.

Hearthstone - The Hearthstone is awarded to those who exhibit a medieval encampment, thereby enhancing the ambiance of the Current Middle Ages for all. The token is a piece of landscape jasper within a setting of silver.

The Cambium Award - The Cambium is awarded to those who maintain a well developed persona, thereby adding to the spirit of the Society. The token for this award is a small wooden heart hung from a yellow ribbon.

Torse Cynagua – The Coronet may award the Torse Cynagua to a fighter who has shown particular courtesy, chivalry and/or valor in the Coronet lists. This award is to be given out at the Coronet tourney after the lists and may be given only once per reign. The badge for this award shall be a torse of Argent, Sable and Or ribbons.

Cynaguan Medal of Honor - given by their Highnesses to those fighters who have demonstrated valor, bravery and skill in times of war. The token is a metal swan suspended from green and red ribbons.

The Roll of Captains - Their Highnesses may honor the Captain of Their guard by ordering his/her name inscribed upon the Roll.

Lord Defender of Cynagua – There may be a tournament once a year to determine the holder of this title. The purpose is to have a defender in case the Prince/ess is not able to do so. The list is restricted to unbelted fighters. The person who wins this title in combat retains the title for a year.

The Standard Bearer of Cynagua - Their Highnesses may honor a fighter residing within the Principality by naming that person as the Principality Standard Bearer for that Reign. Those so honored may be awarded a token of a banner, suspended from a ribbon of black and yellow. This is a temporary position, which means that it ends the next time a person is named to this position.

Crystal Swan (Order of the) - given to past Princesses of Cynagua. The token is a crystal swan.

Black Swan (Order of the) - Runner up in the Coronet Tournament. The token is a triangular silver pendant marked with a silver swan holding a sword. The token is passed down to the newest member. A smaller version of the token is also given to the member to keep.

Swan's Heart (Order of the) - given to the Consort of the Black Swan, the token is a stone of rose quartz in the shape of a heart hung from a white ribbon.

Gilded Swan (Order of the) - The coronet may honor those fighters who have added to the pageantry on the field of honor by the display of period armor ... The badge for the order is a bronze pendant of a helm with torse and mantling in the form of a swan.

Princess' Token - May be given to any whom the Princess feels gave "cheerful" help during her reign.

Cygnets - is an award given to younger members of the realm (under 16 years) for their contributions to the Principality. The token of this award is a black wooden swan suspended from a black ribbon.

Copper Spoon (Order of the) – The Cynaguan Cooking award, this is earned the same way as the Wooden Spoon at Kingdom level -- by winning a cooking contest. The token is a copper spoon hung from a ribbon.

Den Grimme Aeling (Order of the) – Translating literally to “The Ugly Duckling”, this award is given to non-Cynaguans who have given service worthy of recognition TO Cynagua. The token for this is an image of a cracked egg stamped on a metal circle.

Cynaguan Guard – Members of the Cynaguan Guard hold this honor for the duration of the reign of the Prince and Princess who admitted them to the honor. The duties will vary depending on the Royalty.

Princess' Champion – The Princess' Champion is an office held for the duration of the reign of the Princess granting the title. The job is to champion the honor of the Princess.

The Argenteum Solae – The Coronet may honor those members of the populace who have contributed their time, efforts and knowledge to the promotion and enrichment of the Equestrian Arts throughout the Principality of Cynagua. The token for this award shall be a small silver horseshoe, suspended on a sable ribbon. Listing of all Recipients of the Argenteum Solae

The Quill – The Coronet may honor scribes who have contributed through their support of time and expertise to the promotion and enrichment of the scribal arts. The tokens for this award will be as follows: for five scrolls and/or official documents, a bronze feather; for ten completed scrolls and/or official documents, a silver feather; for twenty completed scrolls and/or official documents, a gold feather.

Saethwyr Eithriadrol – Their Highnesses may honor those members of the populace who have excelled in their skills and knowledge of Archery, whether it be on the archery field or in war. The token for this award is a roundel of polished Yew.

Gladius Aquilus

The Order of the Gladius Aquilus is to be given by the Coronet to those who have demonstrated exceptional skill and knowledge in all aspects of Rapier. The token for this order shall be a gold toned triangular pendant, embossed with a black rapier pointing upwards.

OERTHA, PRINCIPALITY OF:

Companions of the Diamond Willow (Order of the) - This is given for service to the Principality. Members of this order are given a diamond carved from diamond willow to wear as a pendant.

Snowy Owl, (Order of the) - excellence in the arts. The token given for this award is a blue glass pendant etched with a white owl's feather, or a cast owl in flight (made of silver).

The Oerthan Order of Grace - this award is given for exceptional grace and courtesy. The badge is: *Quarterly argent and Or, a snowflake azure*. The token is a snowflake pendant in some medium dependant from a ribbon.

The Oerthan Sword (Order of the) -given for prowess in combat and chivalrous conduct, the token for this is a leather-mounted sword ring decorated with a seated wolf-at-bay.

Silver Ulu (Order of the) - given to commend outstanding cooks in Oertha. The token of the order is a small silver ulu pendant hung from a ribbon (an ulu is a very sharp, curved blade, shaped like a very wide U with a central handle, used by native Alaskan tribes in flaying and preparing animals and fish for cooking and preserving).

HOLDERS of the Heart - this is a companionship of past Ladies of the Snow (and usually Princesses of Oertha). The token for this is a small (usually carved wooden) heart hung from a ribbon.

The Princess' Riband - this is given to reward those who have been of exceptional service to the Princess. The token of the order is usually a ribbon of the Princess' personal colors, or other tokens determined by the Princess.

The Princess' Escort – This is to recognize individuals of skill and talent, whose duty it is to serve the Princess during her reign in whatever she may (lawfully) command. This honor is usually given to fighters, but not necessarily. Usually favors are made by the Princess and her court. This honor lasts from the time a member is admitted to the Escort until the end of the reign.

Raven's Heart (Order of the) - given to recognize service and courteous acts in the youth of the Principality, there is no token, but the recipients are given a scroll commemorating their membership in this Order.

Ladies of the Chamber - The ladies chosen are those who will attend her at court and events, and those who can offer counsel and advice as needed.

Polaris (Order of the) – given to those subjects who foster tradition and teach the customs and ways of the Society to the populace. The token of this award shall be a sphere of interlocking pearls suspended on a blue silk ribbon.

The Princess' Champion – The Princess may choose a champion, either by tournament or by personal selection, to defend Her honor and come to Her aid should it be within his/her power. This title lasts until the current reign is over. In Oertha, there is often a “heavy” champion and a “fencing” champion.

The Lord and Lady Guardian - these titles are given to the runners up in the Coronet Lists. There is a pair of blue mantles with compass stars on them that are worn by those so honored. The titles last until the end of the reign in which they were granted.

Bards of Oertha (Order of the) – The Coronet may elevate any of Their Subjects to The Order of the Bards of Oertha, who have notably enriched the Principality in the bardic arts. The Coronet may decide to present this recognition directly, or may determine the individual to be awarded through a contest.

Glove (Order of the) – given to those who have displayed chivalry and prowess on the rapier field, and possess the qualities of a courtier. The token for this award is a blue glove with a white wolf ululant (as in the arms of Oertha) on the cuff.

Argent Stylus (Order of the) – given to those who have made notable achievements in the art and service of scribing. The token for this award is a silver stylus suspended from a cord or ribbon.

Argent Wolf (Order of the) – This honor is given by the Crown to groups (households, clans, etc.) who, as a group have served the principality outstandingly.

BARONIAL AWARDS AND PROVINCIAL HONORS

The following is a list by Barony/Province within the Kingdom of the West, of their awards given (official or otherwise) with any badges and/or tokens that are used or given for the award. If no badges or tokens are listed, there are none. If an award is not listed, or is incorrect, please contact Baldric at the address given for the College of Heraldry elsewhere in this handbook. **NOTE:** While the term "awards" is used throughout, only Baronies may have "official" awards, Provinces may not. Many thanks to all the heralds (and non-heralds alike) who contributed to this listing. (*Updated: May, AS XXXVII.*)

MISTS, PRINCIPALITY OF:

DARKWOOD, BARONY OF:

Oak (Order of the) - The Barony's oldest and highest award, only given twice a year to the person who has contributed to the Barony in the most positive and influential manner.

Oak Tree of Service - A pendant of an oak tree dependant from a black and gold ribbon. This award is given four times a year for service to the Barony as an officer or autocrat.

Oak Tree of War - A pendant of an oak tree dependant from a white ribbon with a black stripe. This is given four times a year for outstanding prowess and/or being instrumental in the furtherance of the arts of war. This award is not limited to fighters.

Oak Tree of Enrichment - An oak tree dependant from a black ribbon with a white stripe is awarded four times a year for improving the Barony in a very visual or novel way in the Arts and/or Sciences.

Baron's and Baroness' Coils of Esteem - The Baron's Coil is a gold coil on a blue and white ribbon. The Baroness' Coil is a silver coil on a blue and white ribbon. Each is awarded at any Baronial court for making the Baron and/or Baroness' job easier. The recipient can be anyone who has helped make the Barony flow, and can be rewarded multiple times.

Baroness' Order of the Companion - A Baroness' Favour that can have service ribbons attached (see below). The recipient must be a model of SCA virtues, recommended by the Seneschal to serve the Baroness as advisors and ladies (or lords) in waiting.

Baroness' Ceremonial Escort - A Baroness' Favour that can have service ribbons attached (see below). The Recipient must be a non-fighter and a model of SCA virtues, recommended to serve as an escort for the Baroness.

Baronial Company of Archers - The award is a black and white hood, won by the highest scoring non-hooded archer (meeting the minimum) in a Royal Round during one of the two Baronial Archery Tournaments.

Baronial Captain of the Archers - Awarded the title of "Captain of Archers", the recipient serves for a time in this position. Must be the highest score of those "hooded" archers at the Royal Round during a Baronial Archery Tournament.

Captain of Darkwood - Given a Baron's or Baroness' Favour, entitled to wear special headgear and a surcoat. Must attend the Baron and Baroness at a majority of wars and war practices and lead their units. Must meet the minimum requirements of Huscarl (below) or Baroness' Ceremonial Escort. Chosen by the Baron or Baroness based on proven leadership and/or knowledge of war tactics.

War Lord of Darkwood - Awarded a Baron's or Baroness' Favour, entitled to wear special headgear and surcoat. Must meet the requirements of Captain of Darkwood and be able to train war units at all practices, lead the Huscarls at wars and advise the Baron on all aspects of war. Selected by the Baron based on proven knowledge of warfare, tactics, leadership, training and communication abilities.

Huscarl - Awarded a Baron's or Baroness' Favour, entitled to wear special headgear and surcoat. Must be a (heavy or light) fighter who can attend a majority of Baronial wars, and be a model of chivalry. Huscarls are the personal army of the baron.

Pages' Ceremonial Escort - Awarded by a recommendation of the Page School of Darkwood from the ranks of pages who have reached a level of competence to allow them to serve at Baronial Ceremonial activities. Must be a model of SCA virtue and responsibility.

Baronial Water Bearer - Awarded a Baron's Favour. Recommended by the Water Bearer's Guild.

War Practice Diamonds - Awarded to Baronial fighters and water bearers who arrive on time to war practice.

Baron's Purple Ribbons of Service - Awarded to those fighters and non-fighters who support the war effort in a war that the Baron has declared Baronial.

With Bell - Awarded to those who fought in every battle in a one-day or fought both days of a two-day war.

Baroness' Purple Ribbons of Service - Awarded to those members of the Orders of the Companion or Ceremonial Escort who serve the Baroness at official activities. **With Bell** - outstanding service at the Baroness' whim.

Company of Baronial Rangers and Yeomen – this recognition is given to those who desire to eventually obtain membership in the Order of Chivalry, and who have demonstrated proficiency in those areas of expertise required for such membership. Members of this Company may wear a special token to show membership (no description given). Members of the Company are expected to protect and defend the Barony of Darkwood through their skill at arms; uphold the ideals of chivalry; maintain a level of competence in the skills needed to become a member; assist in organization of succeeding Baronial Ranger tournaments. Upon attaining membership in the Order of Chivalry, a member of this company must resign.

CYNAGUA, PRINCIPALITY OF:

FETTBURG, BARONY OF:

Ponderous Millstone (Order of) - The highest service award in the Barony. It is given to those who have served the Barony over an extended period of time, putting out more effort than expected. The token is a ceramic millstone.

Brass Bell (Order of) - The Baronial service award. The token is a small brass bell, with a sounding clapper, pendant from a green ribbon.

Acanthus Leaf (Order of) - given for excellence in arts and/or science. The token of the Order is an acanthus leaf drawn in gold leaf on a green cabochon (pendant from a leather ribbon).

SOUTHERN SHORES, PROVINCE OF:

The Seneschal(e)'s Rose - given for outstanding service to the Province at the whim of the Seneschal(e). The token is a rose in any medium (seneschal(e)s whim!).

WESTERMARK, BARONY OF:

Westermark (Order of the) - given for many things, the token for this award is a pendant of the badge of the order: Five plates in annulo between in fess two chevronels inverted and conjoined to an annulet argent. The field color is how one determines what the order is given for. The field colors for each are: Purple for Service, Blue for the Arts and Sciences, and Red for service in wartime situations.

The Thug of the Westermark - This is the victor in the annual Westermark Tournament.

Argent Fleece (Order of) - is for those people outside the Barony who, because of their participation with the Barony, have enhanced the quality of the Society for the Barony. The token is a small wooden sheep pendant from a white ribbon.

Bitten Tongue (Order of) - is for puns, in excess. Quantity or quality is sufficient. The token is a purple leather tongue with a bite taken out of the lower right corner (as viewed by an onlooker).

Overly Punish (Order of) - is a suborder of the Bitten Tongue. This Order includes those members of the Bitten Tongue who continue to exclaim poorly constructed puns in quantity. The members of this Order have a large hole taken out of the center of their Bitten Tongue token.

Silver Tongue (Order of) - is to reward those who entertain the Barony with quality verbal and/or visual humor. Period humor is preferred. The token of the Order is a silver leather tongue with a bite taken out of the lower right corner (as viewed by an onlooker).

GOLDEN RIVERS, PROVINCE OF:

Golden Salmon - service award, the members may wear the badge of a roundel Vert, charged with a salmon naiant embowed, Or.

Arcarian - this is an archery award that has not been given for awhile.

Golden Rivers Champion - the victor is chosen by combat. Tokens for this award are a copper circlet for the victor and consort, and cloaks with the arms of the Province.

SILVER DESERT, PROVINCE OF:

Silver Desert Champion - winner of Annual Tourney, the victor wears a silver ram's head medallion.

The Great Tear - a polling order. For service of many years to the Province. Token is a piece of amber. New members must chose between being a 'fossil' or a 'sap' as the last line in the ceremony is "fossils for fossils and saps for saps".

Demo Dogs - a polling order. For unstinting service at demos. Token is a round leather piece with celtic dogs chasing their tails embossed on it. Motto on it, in latin, says "If we're all jousting, where are the horses?".

OERTHA, PRINCIPALITY OF:

ESKALYA, BARONY OF:

Companions of the Ivory Quatrefoil - This is given for service to the Barony. The token for this award is an ivory quatrefoil on a ribbon. The award used to be called the Eskalyan Order of Merit, but was judged to close to the British "Order of Merit."

Silver Bough (Order of the) - given to commend outstanding achievements in the arts and/or sciences.

Caltrap (Order of the) - given to reward those who have rendered personal service to the Baroness of Eskalya. The badge is: Per chevron sable and Or, in base a caltrap sable. New members are given a scroll.

Sable Riband (Order of the) - given for chivalry and grace. The token is a black garter.

WINTER'S GATE, BARONY OF:

Estoille (Order of the) - given for service to the Barony. The token is an embroidered medallion of the badge for the order: Sable, an estoille voided and a bordure argent.

Silver Swan (Order of the) - given for excellence in the arts and/or sciences.

Stout Heart (Order of the) - given to "friends" of Winter's Gate, those who, although they live outside the borders of the Barony, have been consistently friendly and helpful.

Gilded Lily (Order of the) - this is given for the best death on the field of honor. Members of the order may paint a gold heraldic lily on their helmets, one for each time they are given the award. The badge for the order is: Sable a lily blossom Or.

Bearclaw (Order of the) - Given for ferocity on the field of honor. Members of the order are usually given a medallion of a bear's paw print.

Ice Worm (Order of the) - Given for the most outrageous ideas that are actually carried out.

The Captain's Guard - Membership is automatically given to those who serve as the Captain of the Winter's Gate militia (the baronial champion's title).

Snowdrop (Companions of the) - Given to past "Hearts" of Winter's Gate (ladies of the Captain).

MARCHES:**ALLYSHIA, BARONY OF:**

Sea Lion (Order of the) – recognizes those who are the very ideal of what the gentry of the current middle ages should be. This is a polling order. The token for the order is a golden colored sea lion suspended from a blue ribbon.

Caprian (Order of the) - is given to those members who have shown service above and beyond that normally seen on the local level. This is a polling order. It carries a recommendation for an Award of Arms. The token for the order is a small gold colored goat suspended from a multi-colored ribbon.

Fern (Order of the) - given to those members of the Barony who, by example, demonstrate those qualities of courtesy or hospitality, that others should seek to emulate. The token for this award is a small silver-colored fern leaf suspended from a multi-colored ribbon.

Leaf du Jour (Order of the) - Awarded to honor those of the Barony who have shown themselves as steadfast hardworking members over a period of time. The token for the order is a single colored leaf suspended from a multi-colored ribbon.

Cornerstone (Order of the) - To honor those who have made exceptional effort to build and create a medieval environment. The token of the order is a building block suspended from a multi-colored ribbon.

Valhalla (Order of) - To honor and recognize those who have excelled above their peers in the creation of and have provided for the populace a festive occasion or event. The token is a small tankard suspended from a multi-colored ribbon.

Trinity (Order of the) - To recognize those who braced the rapids of the Trinity River at the annual Medieval Encampment. The token for this order is a small gold ships captain's wheel.

Young Gentles (Order of the) - To honor the younger members of the Barony who exhibit good manners, grace and courtesy. The token is a yellow ribbon favor with an embroidered 'G' thereupon.

EARNGYLD, BARONY OF:

The Aurora - This is given to those who consistently give of themselves in Arts & Sciences. Persons receiving this award have enriched the Barony with their knowledge of Arts & Sciences. The token is an abalone stone pendent

The Millstone (Formerly The Anchor) - This is given to those who consistently give of themselves in service to the Barony of Earngyld. Persons receiving these awards have enriched the Barony with helping set up events, bringing in new people and other services to the Barony. The token is a flat gray bead resembling a millstone.

Swordbearers (Order of the) - This is given to those who consistently give of themselves in support to fighting in the Barony of Earngyld. Persons receiving this award have enriched the Barony with there support towards fighting. The token is a dagger pendent

Red Talon – This is given to those who have done outstanding work in Service, for the Barony of Earngyld over along period of time. The token is an eagle claw with a red round crystal.

Green Talon – This is given to those who have done outstanding work in Arts & Sciences, for the Barony of Earngyld over a long period of time. The token is an eagle claw with a green round crystal.

White Talon – This is given to those who have given outstanding support to fighting, for the Barony of Earngyld for a long period of time. The token is an eagle claw with a white round crystal.

The Eagle's Talon - given to persons holding all three of the Talon awards (above). The token is a plain eagle talon (no crystal).

The Order of Really Creative Anachronists (ORCA) - This is the Baron and Baroness Award. It can be given for ANY Reason! The token is a pendant or pin of an Orca.

Order of the Crystal Rain – This is given to those who are consistently gracious and courteous to ALL. The token is a crystal drop pendent.

FAR WEST, PALATINE BARONY OF:

Sea Griffon (Order of the) - Recognizes those who are the ideal of what the gentry of the current middle ages should be. This is a polling order. The token for this order is a silver-colored sea griffon on a red field, pendant from a yellow ribbon.

Burdened Bouget (Order of the) - The Baronial service award. The token is a silver-colored bouget pendant from a red ribbon.

Attic Helm (Order of the) - Baronial award to recognize fighters of high caliber. The token for the order is a gold-colored image of a Greek helm pendant from a red and gold ribbon.

Oriental Dragon (Order of the) - Baronial award for arts and sciences. The token for the order is a gold-colored dragon on a billet of green jade pendant from a chain.

Hibiscus (Order of the) - The Baronial award to honor those of high courtesy and grace. There is no token for this order.

Empty Shell (Order of the) - Given to those who enriched the Barony by participating in events. This award is only given to those who are leaving the Barony. The token is a small empty shell pendant from a blue and silver ribbon.

Leaping Dolphin (Order of the) - Given to those who have served as Baron and Baroness of the Barony at the end of their tenure. Members of the order may display the Baronial badge below a baronial coronet.

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