

Awards of Calontir

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Why do awards exist and why are they presented in the SCA? It is all part of formal process to acknowledge and recognize the skills and contributions of members of the Society. It is showing respect for the hard work and efforts of individuals. In this discussion, we are going to speak of awards given to the populace of Calontir.

General Award Information

Awards are presented in the SCA for different areas of activity. These basic areas are:

1. Participation
2. Marshal Endeavor (Fighting or Archery)
3. Arts & Sciences Endeavor
4. Service

There are three (3) basic levels of awards in Calontir. Each level represents a progression of work, knowledge and skill in an area of activity.

The first level is called the AoA (Award of Arms) Level.

The second level is called the Grant Level.

The third and highest level is called the Patent Level.

The AoA Level means the award carries an Award of Arms. It indicates that the recipient is actively participating in the SCA and/or shows promise for the future in an area of activity. With the receipt of this level award the recipient gets the title of Lord or Lady.

If the award is being presented for:

Participation

Promise in the Marshal Endeavor of Fighting

Promise in the Marshal Endeavor of Archery

Promise in an Art Endeavor

Promise in a Science Endeavor

Service

A simple Award of Arms is presented.

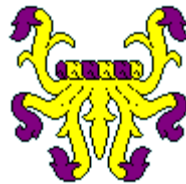
The Order of the Iren-Fyrd is presented

The Order of the Boga-Fyrd is presented

The Order of the Golden Calon Swan is presented

The Order of the Leather Mallet is presented

The Order of the Torse is presented.



Each award that belongs to an Order has a symbol/badge to represent that Order, which the award recipient is then entitled to wear or display.

The Grant Level means the award carries a Grant of Arms. It represents that the recipient shows great skill in an area of activity. With the receipt of a GoA level award the recipient gets the title of Lord or Lady, if they have not already received such via an AOA award. (Some kingdoms have the custom of using the titles of Lordship or Ladyship while other still other kingdoms use the titles Honorable Lord and Honorable Lady.)

If the award is being presented for:

Participation (in difficult to classify way)	A simple Grant of Arms is presented
Skill in the Marshal Endeavor of Fighting	The Order of the Iren-Hirth is presented
Skill in the Marshal Endeavor of Archery	The Order of the Boga-Hirth is presented
Skill in an Art Endeavor	The Order of the Calon Lily is presented
Skill in a Science Endeavor	The Order of the Silver Hammer is presented
Continued Service	The Order of the Cross of Calontir is presented.

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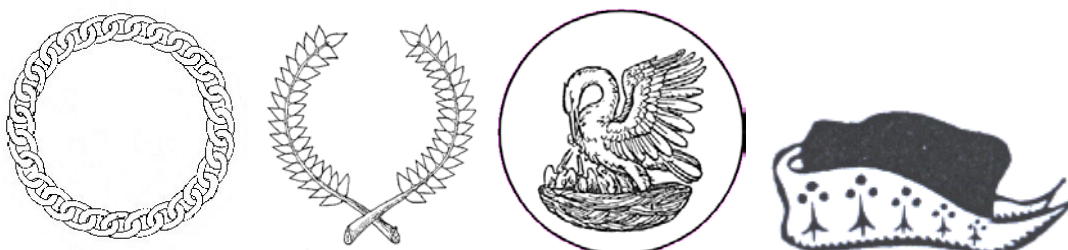


The Patent (or Peerage) Level means the award carries a Patent of Arms. It represents that the recipient shows expertise or mastery in an area of activity. With the receipt of a PoA level award the recipient's title is based on the Order: Master or Mistress (for Laurel, Pelican or Master/Mistress-of-Arms), Sir or Dame for (Chivalry).

If the award is being presented for:

Skill in the Marshal Endeavor of Fighting	The Order of the Chivalry (or Master-of-Arms) is presented
Skill in an Art Endeavor	The Order of the Laurel is presented
Skill in a Science Endeavor	The Order of the Laurel is presented
Extended Continued Service	The Order of the Pelican is presented.

Just as with the lower awards, members of the Peerage have symbols they are entitled to wear or display. Masters-of-Arms & Mistresses-of-Arms are entitled to wear a white baldric. Knights (members of the Order of Chivalry) are entitled to wear a white belt, spurs, and a chain which symbolizes their fealty to the Crown. Members of the Order of the Laurel are entitled to wear the badge of the Order and a wreath of Laurel leaves. Members of the Order of the Pelican are entitled to wear the badge of the Order and a 'Cap of Maintenance'.



Other Awards

Court Baronage – The accolade of Court Baron or Court Baroness is given for exceptional service to the Crown and/or the kingdom, and is a highly-prized award. Those who have served as Territorial Baronage receive this award upon completion of their tenure. The recipient of this award is addressed as “Your Excellency”.

Besides being a recognition of the work one has done within the SCA, being the recipient of one of the aforementioned awards gives you precedence. Precedence is the order of rank for ceremonial occasions. The higher the award you possess the higher the placement you have in ceremonies. In cases of equal rank, the recipient with the earliest date of receiving is placed first. In cases of equal rank received on the same day, alphabetical placement is used.

Non-armigerous Awards

There are some awards that convey no position in the Order of Precedence. The reason they hold no precedence is that they are special recognitions and fall outside the normal award structure. The following honors are this type of award:

Order of the Queen's Chalice: given to those young people who have provided service to the kingdom and its people above that normally expected of them.

Order of the Keeper of the Flame: given to those who through their appearance, actions, and deeds demonstrate an exceptional amount of honor and courtesy, and exemplify themselves in efforts to create a medieval aura. This award may be bestowed only once per reign. Companions of the order may place "Keeper of the Flame" after their name, and may bear the order's badge.

Order of the Sword of Calontir: given to those individuals or groups who have performed dramatic deeds concerning the art and science of combat, strategy, tactics, and/or Society warfare.



Queen's Endorsement of Distinction (QED): the Queen of Calontir bestows this recognition upon three individuals who have come to her notice during her reign; once in each of these categories:

1. Unto the individual combatant or archer who has shown the highest of chivalric behavior.
2. Unto the individual who has best exemplified gentle and courteous behavior.
3. Unto the individual who best exemplified the ideals and goals of the Society.

King's Favor: given at the discretion of the King for personal service to himself or to the Crown. The traditional token is a ring from the King's hand.

Order of the Rose: automatically bestowed upon all consorts who have successfully completed their reign, after their investiture in the county rank. Members may style themselves as Companions of the Rose.

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