

GRANT OF ARMS

Ceremony and Text for a Grant of Arms

PREPARATION: Grants of Arms are generally given to the Great Officers of State who are fulfilling their duties and to their chief deputies, and to territorial Barons and Baronesses, at the pleasure of the Crown. The Crown may also give a Grant of Arms for any reason which pleases them; although such Grants will be rare. The herald should determine the office which the Grantee is holding which is the cause of the Grant or other reason for the Grant, and 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 above.

Scroll/Promissory: Scroll if prepared, Promissory otherwise.

Token: None



Herald: Let (name) come now before Their Majesties.

(The subject shall come and kneel before the King and Queen.)



Herald: It is the privilege of the Crown to honour with a Grant of Arms those of Their subjects whose endeavours (as Officers of the Crown) have enriched the Realm. Therefore, hear now Their words:



Herald: *(If a scroll is present, it should be read at this point, otherwise, read the text below.)*



Herald: (name) whereas it has come to Our notice that through your great efforts on Our behalf (as Our (name of office)) you have significantly enriched Our Realm, 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 Anno Societatis.

(kname), Rex

(qname), Regina



King/Queen:

(The King and Queen may add any additional words which they have to enlighten the populace as to the virtues of the Grantee. If the scroll is done, then they will hand the Grantee the scroll.)



King/Queen: You now have Our leave to depart.



Herald: For (name) , Hip hip! (*3)