

# Lochac Company of Archers

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Awarded for: outstanding skill in the art of missile weapons, in consultation with the other members of the Company

Token: a pair of white leather gauntleted gloves.

Prep: The **Crown** should advise the candidate in advance of court, to allow them to make arrangements as to procession, supporters, etc. The **Lochac Company of Archers** should decide ahead of time who will speak on behalf of the Company as the Speaker, and who amongst them will speak on behalf of the candidate as supporters. The **Candidate** should speak to the Company as to any preferences they may have for supporters to speak on their behalf, and should make arrangements if they wish to have members of the Peerage to speak on their behalf as supporters. The **Herald** should find out who will be speaking as supporters of the Candidate. **Herald** must establish if the candidate already has a Grant level award, and if they have a registered device.

Armigerous: Grant

Scroll: Yes

Crown litany: Yes

**NOTE:** This, with the closed Order of the White Scarf, is the senior-most Grant level award, and should be treated with the same solemnity and ceremony as a Peerage Ceremony or an Augmentation of Arms.

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**Herald:** Your Majesties, the Lochac Company of Archers craves audience with You.

**Crown:** Let them come forward.

*The members of the Company come forward. The Speaker should make their reverence, but should not kneel, standing to one side.*

**Herald:** Chivalry, courtesy, honour and excellence in the martial arts is not solely the preserve of those who profess skills with a sword. The Archers of Lochac are known and feared throughout the Known World, and Lochac has defended this art martial against all who would lessen it. We value these skills highly, for it is simple truth that as long as there has been Lochac, there have been those who strive for prowess in missile combat.

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**Herald:** And so, in the 37<sup>th</sup> year of the Society, the first Crown of Lochac created the Lochac Company of Archers. This Order recognises those whose skill in the art of missile weapons is worthy of renown, and that their exceptional skill is only exceeded by their courtesy, honour and chivalry.

**Crown:** We understand that you believe there is one who is worthy of your Company.

**Speaker:** Yes, Your Majesties.

**Crown:** We have spoken with you at length, and We are in agreement. Let him/her be brought forward.

**Herald:** Let [*Name*] be brought to Their Majesties with due ceremony.

*The candidate is brought in, with such procession as has been arranged.*

**Crown:** You have declared that [*Name*] is worthy of elevation to your Company. Let the populace know, then, of their worth.

*Such Supporters as have been arranged stand and speak to the Candidates qualities.*

**Crown:** We have heard your words, and We are satisfied.

**Herald:** [*Name*], mindful of your prowess on the field and responsive to the wishes of your Order, We are minded to admit you to the Lochac Company of Archers. Will you pledge to undertake the duties of a member of this Company: to continue your endeavours in archery as you have in the past, to offer Us your advice and counsel on all matters related to this art, to promote and encourage archery within the Kingdom of Lochac, and to advise the Earl Marshal and the Archery Marshal on, and do research into, all aspects of the art of missile weapons, from this day henceforth?

**Candidate:** I will.

**Crown:** It is the custom of Lochac to give white gloves at this time. Who gives this token?

*The giver of the gloves stands, and their history is told. They are then given to the Crown.*

**Crown:** Wear these, as a mark of your estate.

**Herald:** [Name], we admit you to the Lochac Company of Archers, that all may know you stand and serve with courage, honour and skill.

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*The following only if already has a grant level award.*

**Herald:** With this, We recognise and reaffirm your Grant of Arms, being

❖ *[blazon of recipient's registered arms]*

OR

❖ *such device as you may properly register with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World*

and We remind all present that the members of the Lochac Company of Archers stand first in our esteem amongst those to whom Arms have been Granted.

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*The following only if does **not** yet have a grant level award.*

**Herald:** With this, We Grant you Arms, being

❖ *[blazon of recipient's registered arms]*

*OR*

❖ *such device as you may properly register with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World*

and we remind all present that the members of the Lochac Company of Archers stand first in our esteem amongst those to whom Arms have been Granted.

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**Crown:** Rise, and greet your Companions.

*The Company greets and embraces their newest member, while the Herald makes the proclamation.*

**Herald:** Know all that their Majesties, King [Name] and Queen [Name] have this [day] of [month] Anno Societatis [year] made [Name] the newest member of the Lochac Company of Archers – three cheers!