

Augmentation of Arms

Awarded for: exceptional and/or prolonged service to the Kingdom

Token: none – carries the right to Augment one's arms

Prep: **ensure the recipient has arms registered.** Check the blazon. The **Herald** should be aware of all the recipient's titles. The **Crown** will need to work with the Herald to personalise the ceremony beforehand.

Armigerous: No

Scroll: No

Crown litany: Yes

NOTE: the ceremony given here is only a suggested opening and ending, and a *personalised* ceremony **can and should** be written in full for each recipient. See end for advice on what should be included.

Herald: It is the right and privilege of the Crown to reward those who serve and support the realm. To those who have given of themselves at the highest level and over many years, it is their Majesties' pleasure to grant a rare and special honour, the right to an Augmentation of Arms.

Their Majesties call forward [*Name*].

The recipient comes forward and kneels.

Notables of the Kingdom may be asked to speak on the recipient's behalf

Crown: *such words are as appropriate.*

Let the Proclamation be read.

Herald: [*Name*], in honour of your outstanding and long service to the Kingdom, we grant you the right to augment your Arms of [*read blazon of recipient's present registered arms*], with such elements of the Kingdom's device and badges as you may properly register with our College of Heraldry, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

...continues...

Herald: By our command this [*day*] of [*month*], Anno Societatis [*year*],
[*King's name and Queen's name*], King and Queen of Lochac.
Call for three cheers as appropriate.

Things to consider for personalised Ceremony:

- Remember that this is awarded for very long-term, outstanding and continuous service; **it is, in effect, the greatest honour the SCA has to offer a person.** It is very a rare event and the ceremony should reflect the value of what is being done. This is **not** an event that should be done on the fly, or half-cocked; the Crown and the Heralds involved should and must invest in the time and planning required to make it outstanding. The Augmentation of Arms is awarded to someone who has done the equivalent of earning the same peerage several times over; the awarding therefore should be treated as seriously and with as much reverence, thought, theatre and ceremony as a Peerage.
- The Crown should have a good list of the achievements of the recipient on hand
- They may wish to have certain members of the populace speak on behalf of the recipient
- If others who have received an Augmentation of Arms are present, the Crown may wish to call them forth at the start of the ceremony, or have them accompany the recipient to the thrones, or have them standing present during the ceremony
- If the recipient is a peer, you may wish to make note of how long they have been peers in service to the kingdom. **NOTE** – if the recipient is **not** a peer, it must be seriously considered as to why they are being proposed for an augmentation and not a peerage.
- If the recipient is part of a household, they may wish to process in with their household
- Talk to Bombarde – s/he is responsible for writing and maintaining all the Kingdom ceremonies. While it is not essential that Bombarde writes personalised ceremonies, s/he could assist if required, and should be sent a copy of the final personalised ceremony if s/he did not write it, for the Kingdom's College of Heralds' records.