

Order of Taillefer

Awarded for: entertainment

Armigerous: No

Token: two conjoined silver masks of Tragedy and Comedy

Scroll: No

Prep: none

Crown litany: No

Herald: When William, Duke of Normandy, sailed to England to claim his Crown, he took with him his jongleur, Ivo Taillefer. At the Battle of Hastings, Taillefer stood in full view of the English and sang of Charlemagne, Roland and Oliver, inspiring the Normans with tales of high bravery, even as he juggled his sword to bring smiles to their faces. Before he lost his life to the Saxon shield wall on Senlac Hill, he brought lightness to the hearts of those facing death and inspired in them the will to do great things.

With that in mind, Their Majesties would honour [Name].

If not already called up, recipient comes forward.

Herald: There is a gift granted to few, the skill to entertain and amuse. With this gift, you lift our hearts when we are weary, you brighten our smiles and lighten our company. But more than this, like Ivo Taillefer before you, you inspire others. It is for this reason that we, King [Name] and Queen [Name], name you his heir and invest you with the Order of Taillefer.

Crown: *Speak of the recipient's deeds as appropriate.*

Present the token of the Order to the recipient.

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 Order of Taillefer – three cheers!