

Order of the Golden Sword

Awarded for: achievement in the field of heavy combat, including teaching.

Armigerous: Yes – Award of Arms

Token: an eagle grasping a sheaf of arrows in its claws, worn as a pendant.

Scroll: No

Crown litany: No

Prep: the **Crown** should be prepared to speak of the recipient's deeds. The **Herald** should check if the recipient holds an AoA already; if not, they receive one as part of the ceremony.

Herald: Their Majesties call [*Name*] to come before them.

Recipient comes before their Majesties and kneels.

Herald: From the first day of the Society, armoured foot combat has been at the heart of our history, our lineage and our Kingdoms. From this wellspring we choose our Crowns, from this tradition we shape our ideas of chivalry and honour. Those who practice, study and teach the skills of heavy combat, on both the tourney field and the war field, enrich our Kingdom and give strength to the Crown. [*Name*], by your deeds you ensure the future strength of our Crown, and in doing so, you do the Kingdom great honour. We are minded to honour you in return, by admitting you to the Order of the Golden Sword.

Crown: *Speak of the recipient's deeds and bestow the token of the order.*

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*This part only if the recipient does **not** already have an Award of Arms*

Herald We also give you an award of arms, and with it the rights and titles of a lord/lady of the realm, and charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further give you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

Herald: Know all that their Majesties, King [*Name*] and Queen [*Name*] have this [*day*] of [*month*] Anno Societatis [*year*] made Lord/Lady [*Name*] the newest member of the Order of the Golden Sword – three cheers!