

Order of the Golden Tear

Awarded for: substantial and unobtrusive service to the Kingdom

Token: a pendant in the form of a golden drop

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.

Armigerous: Yes, AoA

Scroll: No

Crown litany: Yes/No

Note: Tear as in from the eye, not tear as in ripping cloth.

Herald: A great castle should create awe in the beholder, both in the strength of its defences and in the beauty of the workmanship in its walls. But without strong foundations, hidden from sight, the castle is nothing but an illusion. So it is with the Kingdom, for though we see the strength of our combatants and the wealth of skill of our artisans, without the strong foundations of often unseen dedication and labour, our Kingdom will surely fall. We honour those on whom are laid the foundations of Lochac with the Order of the Golden Tear, and their Majesties are minded to admit [*Name*] to that company.

Recipient comes forward and kneels before the Crown.

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 give with this 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 Tear – three cheers!