

Order of the Rapier

Awarded for: achievement in the field of rapier combat.

Armigerous: Yes, AoA.

Token: a golden rapier worn as a pendant.

Scroll: 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.

Crown litany: No.

Herald: When the smith makes a sword, it is through heat and hammering that the blade gains strength and flexibility. But without skill, all the heat and forceful blows are as nothing, and so it is with the use of the blade itself. Skill in rapier requires courage, flexibility, speed and strength, but above all, it requires knowledge of the art gained through long practice and much learning.

In recognition of those who have devoted themselves to learning this art, for self-defence and the defence of the Crown, the Kingdom of Lochac awards the Order of the Rapier, and their Majesties are minded to admit [*Name*] to this order.

Recipient comes before their Majesties and kneels.

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 Rapier – three cheers!