

Cockatrice

Awarded for: Outstanding skills and service in the Arts and Sciences

Armigerous: Grant of Arms

Token: A cockatrice pendant

Scroll: Yes

Prep: **Crown** should familiarise themselves with recipients deeds that have deserved recognition. **Herald** should determine if the recipient has registered a device and if so have the blazon prepared. **Herald** should determine if the recipient already has a Grant of Arms and use the appropriate wording.

Crown litany: No

Herald: We are told that the village of Wherwell was once terrorised by a Cockatrice. Many were slain by its poisonous glance, until one man, by his cunning science, trapped it in a well. Having learned from the ancients how the Cockatrice might be slain, with great art he fashioned a mirror, which he showed the beast. The Cockatrice fought with great fury against its own reflection, until at last it died of exhaustion.

Thus we honour those of Our Kingdom who, by their studies and their skills, bring benefit to all our people, and so in the 44th year of the Society, the Crown of Lochac created the Order of the Cockatrice.

And with that in mind, Their Majesties invite [*Name*] to join that company.

[Name] approaches and kneels.

Crown: *speaks of the recipients deeds*

...continues...

Herald: The Artisans and Scholars of Lochac are Our greatest treasure, for with your learning and your works, you bring that which was dead and lost back to the living; with your teaching and your service, you breathe new life into age-old arts and sciences.

[*Name*], you have enriched Our Kingdom, and We therefore admit you to the Order of the Cockatrice, that all may know of your courtesy and honour, skill and knowledge.

The following only if already has a grant level award.

Herald: With this, We recognise and reaffirm your Grant of Arms, being

❖ [*blazon of recipient's registered arms*]

OR

❖ *such device as you may properly register with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.*

The following only if does not yet have a grant level award.

Herald: With this, We Grant you Arms, being

❖ [*blazon of recipient's registered arms*]

OR

❖ *such device as you may properly register 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 [*Name*] the newest member of the Order of the Cockatrice – three cheers!