

YOUR AWARD DOCUMENT

Charters and Scrolls

Scrolls and Charters are written testimony, in the form of beautifully calligraphed and illuminated manuscripts, given by the Crown to those They have chosen to recognize with award, favor or token

The words on a Scroll or Charter record the particulars of Their Royal Majesties' gift and must include:

~ THE ADDRESS ~

(names the intended audience)

To all whom these presents shall come...

~ THE INTITULATION ~

(states the title[s] and names[s] of the Royalty)

We <name of sovereign>, by right of arms [King/Queen] AnTir and, <name of consort>, [King/Queen] AnTir...

~ THE NOTIFICATION and EXPOSITION ~

(declares the deeds and name[s] of the recipient[s])

having weighed well the remarkable works and labors of <name(s) of recipient(s)>...

~ THE DISPOSITION ~

(identifies the gift)

do bestow upon [him/her/them] a <name of award or token>...

~ THE CORROBORATION and DATE ~

(gives the verification, validation and date)

all this We do confirm by Our hand and seal this <day> of <month>, anno societatas <year>.

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The Charter

Their Majesties solicit the An Tir College of Scribes to create suitable Charter Designs for use during Their reign. Master Designs are commonly created for An Tir's Award of Arms, Goutte de Sang, Jambe de Lion, Hastae Leonis, Leo Minor, Lions Cub and other awards, favors or tokens as may be desired by Their Most Royal Majesties.

Each master design includes illustration suitable for painting and descriptive calligraphy with blank spaces left for filling in the name of the recipient and the date of the award.

These Master Designs are collected by the Royal Scribe, photocopied onto special papers and distributed to the College of Scribes for decorative painting. The freshly illuminated documents are returned to the Royal Scribe who then assists Their Majesties in filling in final award particulars. The stunning and highly valued results of this process are called Charters.

A single Charter design will be presented to many different award recipients during the reign, but each finished Charter will have been made beautifully distinctive through the talented efforts of An Tir's scribal Artisans.

The Scroll

On those occasions when Their Majesties desire to present an individual with a completely unique document, a Scribe is solicited prior to the day of presentation, to create a Scroll befitting the recipient.

Most generally, Scrolls are created for the Award, Grant, Patent or Augmentation of Arms. If the individual has registered heraldry, the Scroll customarily includes Their Majesties' gift of the blazon and emblazon of the recipient's [heraldic achievement](#).

Scrolls may also be given for non-armigerous awards (which do not include personal heraldry) and may even be given to include more than one award. Examples of these are the An Tir Champions' Scrolls, the Sable Scrivener, the Mano do Oro, the Carp, etc.



It is preferred by Their Majesties that all recognized individuals receive their document on the day of recognition and plans are typically made in order to meet that goal. Sometimes however, recognition is made spontaneously by Their Majesties and then a Scribe is assigned to create the Scroll "after-the-fact".

Scrolls are normally personalized for the recipient and since Their Majesties hold most awards in confidence until the award day, a Wrangler is often appointed. The Wrangler assists the Scribe in secretly ascertaining the recipient's preferences for their scroll. The Wrangler is someone who has a close personal relationship with the recipient or has easy access to others with similar affiliations.

Alternatively, if the scroll is not prepared prior to the award date, the Scribe is then able to work directly with the recipient to discuss and identify personal preferences. This circumstance provides the recipient the ability to finance any purchases of special elements, like real parchment or gold leaf, for the Scribe's use on their scroll.



It is the ideal that an armigerous award be accompanied by an Heraldic Achievement Scroll. Sometimes though, the recipient has not yet registered a heraldic device and an achievement scroll can not be created. Their Royal Majesties may choose then to give a promissory note, a charter or a non-armigerous scroll at the time of the award.

When the recipient finally registers a heraldic device it is acceptable to approach the An Tir College of Scribes to request the creation of the personalized Achievement Scroll. Sable Sable, Kingdom Scribe assigns the task to a scribal artisan, the scribe and recipient confer to create the desired piece and Sable Sable assists in acquiring the gifting Royalty's and Black Lion's signatures and seals.