

Badge of the Order of the White Scarf of An Tir

In An Tir tradition, any Charter or Scroll created for Their Majesties' use in welcoming an individual into the Most Noble Order of the White Scarf of An Tir, needs to have this badge included somewhere in the design.



Blazon: *Checky Or and argent, on a fess sable a maunch argent.*

A Blazon is the formal or legal written description of a heraldic device. A Blazon also tells the scribe with words, how a heraldic image is to be drawn and colored. It describes the field (background) and the charge or charges (graphic images) placed upon the field.

The very first words of a blazon indicate how the background (field) is to be depicted. In this instance "***Checky Or and argent***" means that the field is to be a checkerboard of squares (***Checky***) of the alternating colors gold/yellow (***Or***) and silver/white (***argent***). **NOTE:** The first color called out (***Or***) is the color to be used in painting the first square of the checkerboard (i.e., the upper leftmost square).

The next four words of this blazon "***on a fess sable***" indicate that there is a fess, (which is the heraldic ordinary consisting of a broad horizontal band), colored black (***sable***) and with a single charge lying on top of it.

The last three words "***a maunch argent***" describe the charge that is lying on top of the fess. In this case it is a maunch (a stylized sleeve) colored white/silver (***argent***).

An attempt to draw or color a heraldic device differently than the blazon describes would make it no longer the appropriate device. In other words, heraldic emblazons permit little, if any, artistic license. A scribe should never stray from the instructions given in the blazon.