

The An Tir Charter

~ from Conception to Presentation ~

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The AnTir Crown Tournament decides our new Royal Heirs. From that eventful day, the Crown Prince and Princess of AnTir begin to prepare for Their ascension to the Sable Lion Throne. One of the most important things that They will do during Their Reign is to recognize the good works of Their noble subjects with tokens and awards. In AnTir, the Award Charter is one of the tools that can be used in the award ceremony. In preparation:

Their Royal Highnesses...

- ❖ determine if Their Reign will have a Theme.
- ❖ choose a Royal Scribe to serve Them.
- ❖ create Charter Texts (with assistance from Sable Sable, Kingdom Scribe), typically for the:
 - Award of Arms
 - Goutte de Sang
 - Jambe de Lion
 - others as desired
- ❖ convey to the Royal Scribe Their desires, in terms of design and number of each type of Charter.
- ❖ Order Their Royal Scribe to guide the College of Scribes in creating the Charter Masters for Their Reign.

The Royal Scribe...

- ❖ assists Their Highnesses as may be needed in developing texts and design criteria for Their Charters.
- ❖ prepares a Charter Criteria Document outlining Their Highnesses' design preferences.
- ❖ communicates Their Highnesses' directive to the AnTir College of Scribes to create Charter Masters per the approved Charter Criteria Document.
- ❖ sets the deadline for the Masters to be turned in per Their Highnesses' decree.

Members of the AnTir College of Scribes...

- ❖ create Charter Masters for Their Highnesses per the Charter Criteria Document.
- ❖ submit Masters to the Royal Scribe by the decreed deadline.

The Royal Scribe...

- ❖ contacts Sable Sable to provide Charter Paper from the Kingdom stores.
- ❖ collects the Charter Masters from the Scribes and presents them to Their Royal Highnesses for approval.
- ❖ arranges for the "selected" Masters to be photocopied onto Charter Paper creating the Charter Blanks.
- ❖ mails packets of Charter Blanks out to the College of Scribes for painting and embellishing.

Members of the AnTir College of Scribes...

- ❖ paint and embellish the blank Charters to create beautiful and unique award documents.
- ❖ return the illuminated Charters to the Royal Scribe by the requested deadlines.

The Royal Scribe...

- ❖ amasses the illuminated Charters received from the Scribes and does any extra finish work as may be needed.

Their Royal Highnesses...

- ❖ attend Their Coronation and are Crowned as Their Most Royal Majesties AnTir.

Their Royal Majesties...

- ❖ decide upon individuals They would like to recognize with tokens and awards, grants and patents of arms.
- ❖ instruct Their Royal Scribe, when appropriate, to prepare illuminated Charters by adding the recipients' names and the dates They intend to make awards.
- ❖ place Their Signatures and either the Kingdom Seal or the Signet Seal upon the prepared Charters.
- ❖ when seated in Their Royal Court, instruct Their Herald to call forth the recipient to stand before Them.
- ❖ instruct Their Royal Herald to read the words of the Charter for all to hear.
- ❖ present The recipient with the Illuminated Charter.

NOTE: When the reign is over, the original Charter Masters, any unused illuminated Charters and leftover Charter Blanks are sent to the Kingdom Scribe. These documents are safely stored for possible future use in replacing what may become lost or damaged and providing what may have been promised during the reign. At the time of this writing, Sable Sable, Kingdom Scribe retains a Past Reign Charter Deputy who is responsible for the organizing, filing and safekeeping of these documents and for fulfilling any legitimate requests.