

Ansteorran Award Insignia

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Ansteorra has a wonderful tradition of the Crown giving insignia to award recipients, so that they may wear a token and be recognized for their achievements. The insignia is often donated to the Crown by both groups and individual members of the populace. Making insignia is a wonderful gift that you, too, can give! There are many different types of insignia, and different skills required to complete them. This handout is an effort to break down the different types of insignia and materials needed, as well as their relative need.

When Creating insignia, keep in mind that there are several people these can be turned into! Sable Scroll is the first, and best choice to hand insignia over to, but you may also deliver created insignia to the Crown, a member of their entourage, or to the Insignia Deputy.

Braids:

Sable Falcon – Black, Gold
Queen’s Rapier – Red, White
King’s Archer – Green, Black
Golden Bridle – Gold, Green, White
Sable Flur – Green, White
Sable Sparrow – Black, Gold, Red

Materials: 1.5-2” metal ring, 30-36” cording

Cording: satin, macramé cord, leather lacing, etc

Finished Braid: 20” total, once looped on ring: approximately 9” each side.

The braids range from simple to complex. We have had single and double-stranded 3-and 4-strand braids as well as braids done with kumihimo. With thick enough cording you could also complete these with finger loop braiding. The goal is to show each color equally, and get them to a finished length such that they can be seen when hanging from a belt, but not be overly large or burdensome.

Generally speaking, Sable Falcon and Queen’s Rapier are the most frequently awarded of the braided awards, with Sable Flur and Sable Sparrow becoming more frequent. King’s Archer is of moderate need and Golden Bridle is fairly low.

Ribbons:

Star of Merit – Gold trimmed in Black, Ansteorran star centered on Gold stripe at end
Centurion – Gold trimmed in Red, Ansteorran star centered on Gold stripe at end
Golden Lance – Black trimmed in Gold, Gold lance centered on Black stripe at end
Arc d’Or White, Black, Gold, Black, White – equal bands
Iris of Merit – Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Violet

Materials: crochet thread (cotton, silk, etc. #10 crochet cotton thread recommended), ½ -¾” D-rings*

Finished size: approximately ¾”-1” wide and 26-30” long. Iris should be 32-36” long and do not have D-rings. Star of Merit and Centurion ribbons include an Ansteorran on the edge opposite the D-rings,

and the Golden Lance has a golden lance on the edge opposite the D-rings. 2 D-Rings should be threaded through a raw edge, turn the edge under, and stitch down. Attach D-rings on the front side of the ribbon so that when they are tied on, the front faces out.

Iris of Merit: equal parts of each color, divided by black or gold threads.

Potential pattern: with size #10 crochet cotton, you can get the right size/proportions by using 8/24/8. For example, 8 black, 24 gold, 8 black will create a Star of Merit.

For the Iris, It's suggested you use 2/8 for each color, so 2 black (or gold), 8 red, 2 black, 8 orange, 2 black, 8 yellow, 2 black, etc.

Star of Merit and Iris of Merit are of highest need based on frequency, with Centurion and Arc d'Or being of moderate need. Golden Lance is currently not given out frequently.

Medallions:

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| Sable Thistle | Rising Star | Order of the Laurel |
| Sable Talon | Aquila Aurea | Order of the Pelican |
| Sable Comet | Lyra Aurea | Order of Defense |
| Sable Crane | Lilium Aureum | |
| Compass Rose | | |

Materials: black and/or gold cording (ribbon, leather, finger loop, etc.) for medallions; pin backs
Medallion or pin can be cast, engraved, or painted on or carved in wood, ceramic, leather, or metal.
Fieldless can be on any background, light (white/gold) suggested to provide good contrast for badge.
Finished medallion/pin: 1-2" wide, use your best judgment. When making these insignia, make sure to double-check the badges. The Sable Thistle, for example, is not the same as a Scottish thistle (tuft on top) and the Sable Comet should be pointed to the right.

Medallion awards are the most needed insignia of the bunch, especially Sable Thistle, Sable Comet, and Sable Crane. Also of high need are the Rising Star, Aquila Aurea, Lyra Aurea, and Lilium Aureum. Sable Talon is of moderate need, and Compass Rose need is low. Usually the Peerage medallions are commissioned specifically for the recipient, so there is little need to have these on hand. Keep in mind, if you are commissioned to create one of these to refer to the badge. The Order of Defense insignia: there have been many medallions made in other kingdoms with the blades crossed in the wrong location – they should be crossed at the tips, not mid-blade. Because this is a new order, we are hoping to keep some of these medallions on hand until they are more widely available, and tradition is able to take over.

Award of Arms

Materials: 18 or 22 gauge metal (18 is the thickest option, 22 is thinner), Leather cording. Inches conversion to buy metal at the hardware store: 18g (0.040 in), 20g (0.032 in), 22g (0.025)

Width: ¼- ½ in.; **Length** 20 in.

Metal Finishing: For both, default length should be approximately 20", with an opening in the back. For AoA fillets, drill 1 hole per side, file the holes to remove burrs and use a thick cord, leather preferred, to tie it together, leaving a gap between 1-2 inches. Round the edges of the metal to avoid injury.

The AoA fillets are not official registered/reserved insignia. This means that, at this time, anyone can wear a fillet of ½ inch or less (any larger intrudes on the Baronial Coronet). It has become tradition that the crown awards upon the receipt of an AoA. That being said, these are the most frequently awarded and needed insignia by the Crown. It may also be possible to make these from other materials, such as stiffened leather.

Arc d'Or

Materials: white material (leather, cloth, wood), leather cording

Construction: There is no requirement for the material the bracer is made out of, and they are a varied piece of equipment. Historically they have been made from bone, wood or leather. Some are very small in surface area where others have covered the arm completely. So it really comes down to personal taste on what the wearer wants. That being said, you may refer to the attached pattern as a template. The Ansteorran star can be tooled, painted, or applied onto the bracer.

Usually this is a pass-down item by other members of the order. There will be times where there will be need to replace insignia that has become a pass-down piece.

Order of the White Scarf

Materials: white cloth, approximately 36+in x 6-8in

Suggested materials: silk, linen, cotton

Scarf should be long enough for the recipient to tie around his/her arm or pin across their shoulder.

This is usually commissioned for the recipient, so there is little need to create these to have on hand.

Centurion Cloak

Materials: red, yellow and black fabric (linen, cotton)

Construction: Applique badge design onto red cloak. Cloaks vary in size and shape, depending on the recipient, and may be customized to the recipient's persona. They may vary from circular cloaks (*see Master of Defense cloak below*) to Templar cloaks. Often these cloaks are trimmed and/or tied in gold. By tradition, these are usually passed down from one Centurion to another.

Because this is a pass-down item by other members of the order, there will be times where there will be need to replace it.

Order of Defense Collar

Materials: white leather, metal fittings including belt tips/chape for the ends and a ring or trefoil to bind the two ends together (and hang a medallion of the badge, should the recipient choose to do so). Please see attached pattern.

The premier collars were made of 4-5oz white leather, with belt tip fittings and a trefoil to bind the collar together and hold the medallion.

Usually items for Peerages are commissioned for the recipient prior to their elevation. Because this is a new order, we are hoping to keep some on hand until patterns are more widely available, and tradition is able to take over.

Order of Defense Cloak

Materials: white and gray cloth for body (2.25yds each, linen), embroidery or appliqué for badge, White cording (60in), add beading, trim (2.5yds cloak sides, collar), etc. as desired.

Premier cloaks were constructed using medium weight true White and medium grey 100% linen, 8x5mm hematite beads, 4mm glass pearl beads, and 9mm velvet dark grey ribbon. Embroidered patch was 8" with silver, gold and black embroidery.

Construction: The cloaks are half circle cloaks with a standing collar and a cloak radius of 35in. 1/2 inch grey velvet trim was used to trim the side edges of the white linen, with beading in hematite pearls and gold beads decorating the outside of the collar. 30in. cording was added at the edges of the collar to tie the cloak together under the arm. The badge of the order is embroidered on a linen circle and couched over the heart with hematite beads serving as a border around the circle. Cloaks may be customized to the recipient's persona.

As this is Peerage regalia, we expect that most cloaks will be commissioned specifically for the recipient prior to elevation. However, because this is a new order, we are hoping to keep some on hand until patterns are more widely available, and tradition is able to take over.

Coronets

Materials: The materials for this can vary greatly. One suggestion is to consider 18-22 gauge metal (18 is the thickest option, 22 is thinnest), Leather cording.

Inches conversion to buy metal at the hardware store: 18g (0.040 in), 20g (0.032 in), 22g (0.025)

Width: no restrictions, however suggested height is 1in. to 1.5in.

Metal Finishing: For both, default length should be approximately 20", with an opening in the back. For Court Barony Coronets, drill 3-4 holes, file the holes to remove burrs and use a thick cord, leather preferred, to tie it together, leaving a gap between 1-2 inches. Round the edges of the metal to avoid injury.

Court barony coronets are often, but not always, commissioned for the recipient, so it is helpful to have generic extras on hand. They are traditionally made of metal, but they could also be made of leather or from a woven band, or some other material of the recipient's choice.

Special Note: All fillets and coronets are subject to kingdom sumptuary law, located in Article X of Kingdom Law: http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/Kingdom_Law.pdf

Ducal and Comital Coronets, Territorial Baronial Coronets

These are always commissioned by or for the recipient, so there is no need to have extras on hand.



AWARD OF THE SABLE FALCON

Badge: NONE REGISTERED.

Insignia: A cord braided sable and Or tied to a metal ring worn on the belt.



AWARD OF THE QUEEN'S RAPIER

Badge: NONE REGISTERED.

Insignia: A cord braided gules and argent usually tied to a metal ring worn on the belt.



AWARD OF THE KING'S ARCHER OF ANSTEORRA (Name not registered*)

Badge: NONE REGISTERED.

Insignia: A cord braided sable and vert tied to a metal ring worn on the belt



AWARD OF THE GOLDEN BRIDLE OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: NONE REGISTERED.

Insignia: A cord braided Or, argent, and vert tied to a metal ring worn on the belt.



AWARD OF THE SABLE FLUR OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: NONE REGISTERED.

Insignia: A cord braided vert and argent tied to a metal ring worn on the belt.



AWARD OF THE SABLE SPARROW OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: NONE REGISTERED.

Insignia: A cord braided sable, gules, and Or tied to a metal ring worn on the belt.



AWARD OF THE RISING STAR OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: Or, a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable overall a point issuant from base gules.

Insignia: The badge of the award worn as a medallion or pin.



AWARD OF THE AQUILA AUREA OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: (Fieldless) On a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable an eagle's head Or.

Insignia: The badge of the award worn as a medallion or pin.



AWARD OF THE LILIUM AUREUM OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: (Fieldless) On a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable a fleur-de-lis Or.

Insignia: The badge of the award worn as a medallion or pin.



AWARD OF THE LYRA AUREA OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: (Fieldless) On a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable a lyre Or.

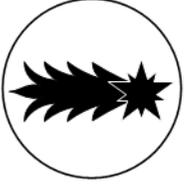
Insignia: The badge of the award worn as a medallion or pin.



ORDER OF THE LIONS OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: Or, a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable, overall a lion rampant argent.

Insignia: The badge of the award worn as a medallion or pin.



AWARD OF THE SABLE COMET OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: A comet headed of a mullet of five greater and five lesser points fesswise reversed sable.

Insignia: Badge of award worn as a medallion or pin.



AWARD OF THE COMPASS ROSE OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: Per chevron Or and gules, a compass rose sable.

Insignia: Badge of award worn as a medallion or a pin.



AWARD OF THE SABLE THISTLE OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: A blue thistle sable, slipped and leaved Or.

Insignia: Badge of award worn as a medallion or pin.



AWARD OF THE SABLE CRANE OF

Badge: Or, a crane in its vigilance sable, armed, orbéd, membered, crested, and throated Or, fimbriated sable, bearing in its dexter claw a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable.

Insignia: Badge of award worn as a medallion or pin.



AWARD OF THE SABLE TALON OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: An eagle's leg erased á la quise sable.

Insignia: Badge of award worn as a medallion or pin.

AWARD OF ARMS

Badge: NONE.

Insignia: NONE.

AWARD OF THE GOLDEN STAR OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: NONE REGISTERED.

Insignia: A unique token chosen by the granting Crown, bearing their initials or other personal mark.



AWARD OF THE KING'S GAUNTLET OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: NONE

Insignia: A leather or cloth gauntlet bearing an Ansteorran star (a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable) and the granting king's sigil/cypher.



AWARD OF THE QUEEN'S GLOVE OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: NONE.

Insignia: A cloth or leather glove bearing the Queen's Rose (a rose sable charged with another Or, thereon a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable) and the granting Queen's sigil/cypher.



ORDER OF THE STAR OF MERIT OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: Argent, on a fess Or, fimbriated, a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable.
Insignia: A ribbon Or edged sable charged with an Ansteorran star (a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable), worn above the left elbow or below the right knee.



ORDER OF THE IRIS OF MERIT OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: Or, a mullet of five greater and five lesser points voided sable, surmounted by a natural rainbow proper.
Insignia: A ribbon tinctured in the spectrum of a natural rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet) worn on the left shoulder.



ORDER OF THE CENTURIONS OF THE SABLE STAR OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: On an eagle displayed wings inverted Or a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable.
Insignia: A ribbon Or edged gules charged with an Ansteorran star (a mullet of five greater and five lesser points) sable worn as a garter, and/or the badge of the order prominently displayed on a red cloak.



ORDER OF THE ARC D'OR OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: Sable, on a fess argent a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable, overall two bows addorsed Or.
Insignia: A white archer's armguard charged inside the left or right forearm with an Ansteorran star (a mullet of five greater and five lesser points) sable and/or a ribbon of five equal-width stripes of argent, sable, or, sable, and argent, worn on either calf or above either elbow.



ORDER OF THE GOLDEN LANCE OF ANSTEORRA

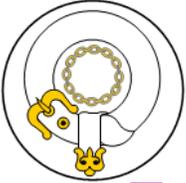
Badge: NONE REGISTERED.
Insignia: A ribbon sable edged Or charged with a lance Or worn as a garter, and/or a pennon bearing the badge of the order (once registered) displayed on a tournament lance



ORDER OF THE WHITE SCARF OF ANSTEORRA

Badge: Sable, on a pale argent between two rapiers, guards to center, proper, in chief a mullet of five greater and five lesser points sable.

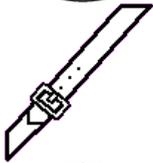
Insignia: A white scarf worn about the left shoulder or above the left elbow.



ORDER OF KNIGHTHOOD

Badges: A white belt. A circular chain.

Insignia: A plain gold chain worn around the neck and a white belt.



ORDER OF MASTERY OF ARMS

Badge: A white baldric.

Insignia: A white baldric.



ORDER OF THE LAUREL

Badge: A laurel wreath.

Insignia: Badge of the order worn as a medallion or pin.



ORDER OF THE PELICAN

Badges: A pelican in its piety. A pelican vulning itself. A chapeau.

Insignia: Badge of the order (a pelican in its piety) worn as a medallion or pin.



ORDER OF DEFENSE “Order of Defence”

Badge: (Tinctureless) Three rapiers in pall inverted tips crossed.

Insignia: (Fieldless) A white livery collar.

BARONY

Badge: none.

Insignia: A flat-topped or points-and-pearls coronet.



COUNTY

Badge: A coronet embattled.

Insignia: A coronet embattled, dovetailed on its top edge.



DUCHY

Badge: A coronet with strawberry leaves.

Insignia: A coronet with sprigs of strawberry leaves issuing from its top edge.

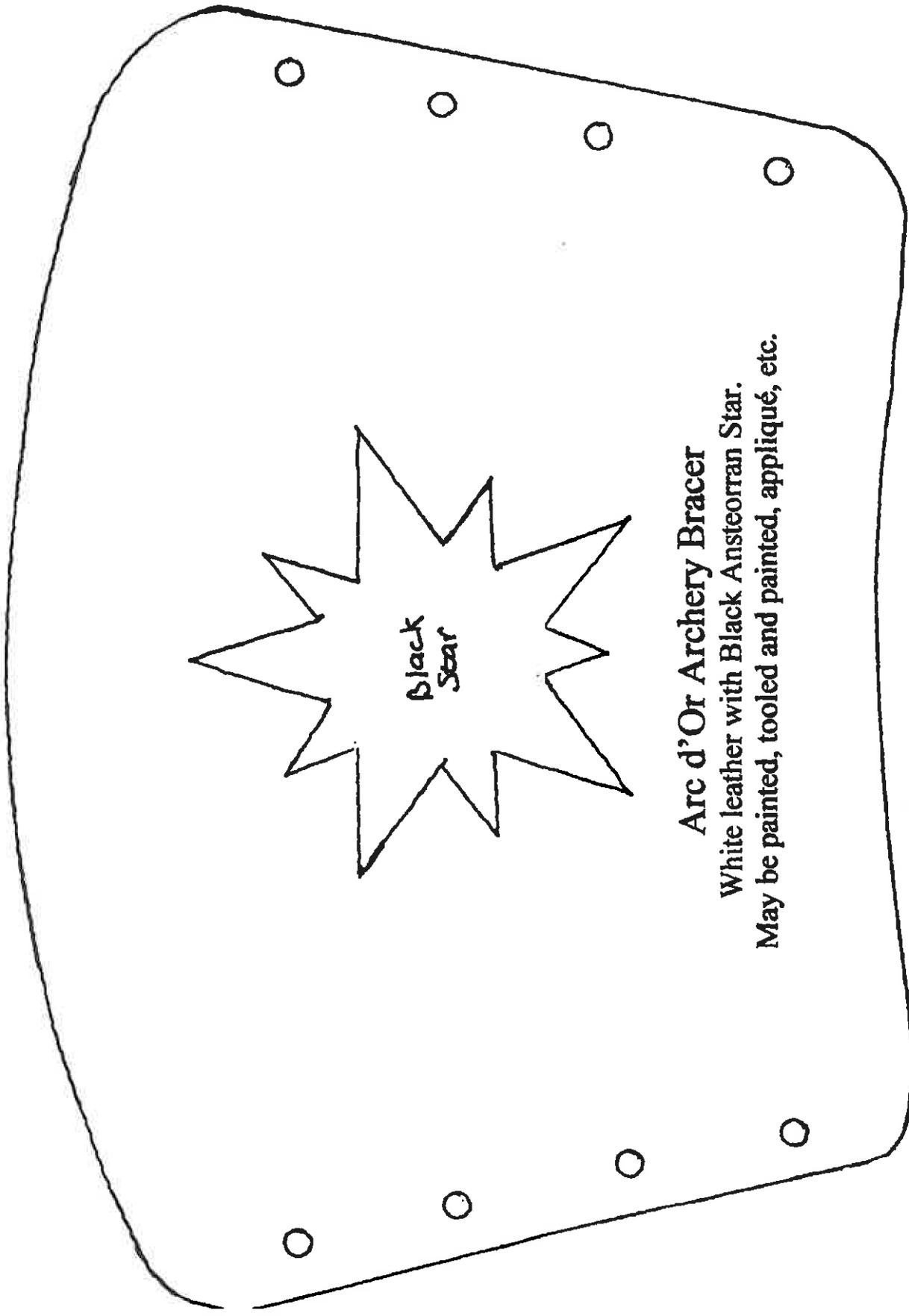
Online Resources:

- Award Texts (includes line drawings of badges):
http://heraldry.ansteorra.org/docs/award_constitutions.pdf
- Award Constitutions: http://heraldry.ansteorra.org/docs/award_constitutions.pdf
- Sumptuary Law: : http://seneschal.ansteorra.org/forms/Kingdom_Law.pdf
- Insignia Website: (pretty bare now, but watch this space for good things soon!)
<http://scribe.ansteorra.org/insignia.php>
- Gunnvor's graphics page (where most if the images in this handout come from!):
http://www.vikinganswerlady.com/Stars/Heraldry_SVG_Images/Ansteorran_Honors.htm

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Arc d'Or Archery Bracer

White leather with Black Ansteorran Star.

May be painted, tooled and painted, appliqué, etc.

Each square = .5inch
Pattern developed by
Master Kainin Tepesa

Mid-point of collar.
Mirror the pattern at
this point to get the
full upside-down U
collar shape.

