

AWARD CEREMONIES & SCROLL TEXTS

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide a set of artistic expectations, size parameters, and standardized sample scroll texts for awards given in the Barony of Gryphon's Lair, Kingdom of Artemisia. Scrolls are an original work of art and should be approached as such, allowing the calligrapher and illuminator as much freedom as possible. Scrolls are also meant to represent the ideals of period art and be produced in a timely manner without excess strain on artisans, so some specificity can be applied. Scrolls in the SCA vary in ornament from extraordinary works of art to simple legal documents. Typically, Baronial award scrolls are among the simpler scrolls done. Clear, neat calligraphy, with a small amount of illumination works well but the style and complexity are the artist's purview. For the purposes of this document a scroll has several parts: the opening, the name of the recipient, the name of the award, perhaps a description of the purpose of the award, the date and the closing (signatures). When you are comfortable with designing your own scrolls, the order of the parts may be varied somewhat. Each part is treated separately below, along with scroll layout and how assignments are made.

Award ceremonies will also be included, when applicable. These ceremonies may provide the scribe with background concerning the creation of the order, and its premier member. These details may come in handy for the advanced scribe when wordsmithing custom texts. Award Ceremonies in total should not be included in the scroll text.

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments for upcoming or backlogged scrolls can be obtained from the current Baronial Scribal Coordinator, a position of honor selected by the current Baron and Baroness. When a scroll is completed, please deliver the piece to the Baronial Scribal Coordinator, or to the Baronial Herald, who will see to obtaining signatures and delivery in court or, in the case of backlogs, delivery directly to the recipient.

You do not need to have an active assignment to practice your craft or create scroll blanks, which are either illuminated pages with space for calligraphy to be added later, or illuminated pages with spaces within the calligraphy for recipient names and dates to be added later.

SCROLL LAYOUT EXPECTATIONS

It is expected that scribes will make every reasonable effort to utilize materials that reflect the appearance of medieval artwork. This may include period and medieval materials as cost and comfort/experience of the scribe are able. It is preferred that gouache or period pigments and permanent inks be used and that acrylic paints, felt – tipped pens, and such materials be avoided. Pergamena, parchment, vellum, Bristol board, cold-press watercolor paper or other acid-free ground is recommended.

It is expected that scribes will attempt to produce illumination from a period exemplar or original artwork that is in keeping with one of the many period styles unless otherwise outlined in a commission/assignment. It is recommended that the scribe attempt to find out something about the recipient if the scribe is comfortable personalizing the scroll, particularly for a backlog.

It is expected that scribes will make every reasonable attempt to match calligraphic style with illumination style.

It is expected that scrolls will be prepared with at least a 1" margin around any art or text to allow for trimming to fit a frame or to cover any edge damage which may occur during transfer, presentation, and transport.

It is encouraged that scribes do their own wordsmithing. While there are a number of prepared texts in the following pages and examples of phrases to splice into a text there is strong support for creativity in text as there is in illumination. It is encouraged to use the texts in this handbook as exemplars and, if comfortable, to expand and personalize the scroll texts as suits the award, its purpose, or the persona or preferences of the recipient.

To encourage framing and reduce the cost thereof, it is recommended that the size of the face of the scroll should equal the standard mat openings for standard frame sizes [See below.] Use large margins, generally 1" around the face to allow for safe handling and transfer as well as ease in framing. It is also recommended to leave at least 1/4" margin within the face to offset the work and not crowd it against the mat.

Frame Size	Mat Opening	Paper Size
11" x 14"	7.5" x 9.5"	8.5" x 10.5"
16" x 20"	10.5" x 13.5"	11.5" x 14.5"
20" x 24"	15.5" x 19.5"	16.5" x 20.5"
24" x 36"	19.5" x 29.5"	20.5" x 30.5"

Leave plenty of room for signatures at the bottom. Use guidelines marked lightly in pencil when laying out calligraphy and remember to erase them when you're finished. Using a T-square or Ames lettering guide to mark the guidelines will help insure they are straight. You might want to use different color ink for the recipient's name and, possibly, for the name of the award. Plan ahead to make the text balanced on the page.

SCROLL TEXT LAYOUT AND WORDSMITHING

OPENING

Begin the scroll with one of the following phrases or an approximation:

- Be it known to all whom these presents come, that...
- Be it known that We, [fill in the names of the Baron / Baroness] do hereby recognize...
- Let all know that...
- See here and know that...

Appendix A includes additional sample openers starting with every letter of the alphabet, so that you might incorporate a specific letter of your choice.

NAME OF AWARDING CROWN OR CORONET

Give the first names and titles of the awarding crown or coronet, and the name of the lands they govern. Last names are set aside during a reign, and titles are used instead.

NAME OF RECIPIENT

After the opening, include the name of the person receiving the award. The scribe should insist on getting the full name for the scroll. Don't be tempted to take responsibility for getting the names right – check with the Baronial or Kingdom Herald.

DESCRIPTION

The scroll needs to describe the reason for the award, so include a phrase like

...by reason of [his/her] [artistic endeavor/martial prowess/ unfaltering service]...

The detail will be something like “his skill at brewing” or “her skill as an archer on the field of battle” or “his long and devoted service.”

NAME OF AWARD

Now identify the award. Be certain it matches grammatically with the rest of the text.

- ...is recognized as a member of the [Award Name]...
- ...is hereby created a member of the [Award Name]...
- ...shall be known as a member of the [Award Name]...
- ...and do hereby award [him / her] the [Award Name]...

DATE

The date will be the date at which the award is/was given, not the date of the scroll creation. One of the following forms or an approximation can be used:

Done this [number] day of [month], at [event] [Anno Societatis/A.S] [year in Roman numerals]

Done this day, being the [number] of [month], [Anno Societatis/A.S] [year in Roman numerals] being [modern year] in the Common Reckoning/Common Era.

Anno Societatis [year of the Society] is calculated from May 1, 1966. If you are unsure what year it is, consult <http://www.sca.org/links/calendar.html> for clarification. It also lists the Roman Numerals.

CLOSING

The Baron and/or Baroness need to sign the scroll, so leave a space for a signature[s] at the bottom. It is optional to write the word “Baron” and/or “Baroness” directly underneath the signature space and also optional to draw a line for the signature[s].

SCROLL SAMPLE TEXTS AND CORRESPONDING CEREMONIES

GRYPHON AND COMPASS (FORMERLY LUX GRYPHUS)

[AWARD OF ARMS PRECEDENT BEARING]

CEREMONY FOR GRYPHON AND COMPASS:

“Fall silent and hear these words! There are those in the Society whose endeavors provide great works of artistry and scientific endeavor. Others who make great sacrifice through their service to the Society. And others still who take up arms and hone the skills of a warrior.

Among our populace there are those rare few who devote their very being to the ideals that we treasure within the Society. These gentles help guide others by defining the Dream. They bear well the ideals of Honor, Grace and Courtesy.

To recognize such individuals, in the Year of the Society XXXIX, Thorvald and Bianca, Founding Baron and Baroness of Gryphon’s Lair, did create the Company of Lux Gryphus now called the Order of the Gryphon and Compass and did name Sextus Papellus Caesidious as its Premier.”

SCROLL TEXT GRYPHON AND COMPASS:

Come forward all and know We, _____ and _____, by Grace of the Crown and Their People, Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair, wish to recognize Our subject's unwavering pursuit of the Ideals of Grace, Courtesy, Honor and Duty. It is this example and by embracing of the Virtues of the Dream, do We find Ourselves moved to name <recipient name> as a member of the esteemed Order of the Gryphon and Compass. Done by Our hands this _____ day of _____ being ____ (event) ____ Anno Societatus _____ being _____ in the common reckoning.

(This section to be updated by Baronage or Crown) Constitution of the Lux Gryphus:

1. *There shall exist in the Barony of Gryphon’s Lair an award known as the Lux Gryphus, which may be given by the Baronage to those persons whose behavior is thought to show the highest ideals and values of the Current Middle Ages.*
2. *The holders of this award shall be styled as Companions of the Lux Gryphus, and shall be entitled to place the initials CLG after their names.*
3. *The Badge of the Order (upon approval) shall be: papelony azure and argent, a sunburst or.*
Arms & precedence
 - a) *This Order shall (with approval of the Crown) carry with it an Award of Arms if the recipient does not already hold one. Companions of this order shall take precedence after the Kingdom Orders of Merit and before the simple Awards of Arms.*
 - b) *If the Award is given to a person who bears a higher precedence than given above, their precedence remains unchanged.*
4. *No more than 2 Lux Gryphus shall be made each year.*
5. *Amendments to this constitution shall be made by the Baronage of Gryphon’s Lair or by the Crown of Artemisia.*

GRYPHON AND CANDLE (FORMERLY CERO E LUCE)

Arts & Sciences Award

CEREMONY FOR GRYPHON AND CANDLE:

“Their Excellencies call forward all members of the Cero e Luce here present.”

The Lady in Waiting will light a candle for Baroness. Baroness will light candles for the other members. The herald will begin to read the ceremony text as the members of the Cero search the assembled populace. Bethany (or the most senior member of the Order) will give an unlit candle to the new member and all members will escort the new member forward.

“And there shall be a light in the darkness, and by this light shall you see the beauty of these current Middle Ages. There are those who bear this light, gentle as a candle's glow, that fill the Barony with warmth. They demonstrate Medieval artistry, culture and learning, and ignite others with their passion.

As the candle is the Society's symbol of the Arts and Sciences, so shall the Gryphon and Candle, be a symbol of the artist within the Barony.”

As the new member of the Order is honored, the Baroness and members of the order will light the candle of the new member during the ceremony text.

SCROLL TEXT GRYPHON AND CANDLE:

With these words, know all ye that <recipient name> having provided an excellent example of skill and knowledge in the practice of the medieval arts and sciences does deserve Our appreciation. We therefore admit him/her to the Order of the Cero e Luce, and charge him/her to continue to share their light throughout the Kingdom. Done this ___ day of ___, Anno Societatis ___, being ___ Gregorian.

ORDER OF THE GRYPHON AND HAMMER

Armored Combat Award

CEREMONY FOR GRYPHON AND HAMMER:

“In the days when the earth was young and the heavens wept at the plight of man, the sacred hammer Mjollnir was created and placed in the hands of mighty Thor. With this weapon, Thor was commanded to defend Asgaard.

In this tradition, do we ___ and ___, Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair, recognize the members of the Order of the Gryphon's Hammer, and charge those warrior souls whose blood flows hot with fearsome prowess to defend and protect Gryphon's Lair from her enemies near and far. At this time, we ask all members of the Order of the Gryphon's Hammer to come forward.

Their Excellencies command <recipient name>to join them at this time!”

SCROLL TEXT GRYPHON AND HAMMER:

Tremble, ye mortals, for before you stands a mighty army, champions of the battlefield and defenders of the homeland. Our enemies shall quake in fear and cower before <recipient name>, a rightful member of the Order of the Gryphon and Hammer.

May you continue to pummel Our foes into the blood-soaked ground, for only the foolish shall stand in the path of glory and victory. For the Lair!!

Done this ____ day of ____, AS ____ being ____ in the Common Era.

ALTERNATE SCROLL TEXT GRYPHON AND HAMMER:

Just and wise were the actions that created an Order in the tradition of Thor's sacred Mjöl­nir, to recognize those warriors souls whose blood flows hot with fearsome prowess and who defend and protect the Lair from her enemies near and far. Their Excellencies <Baron> and <Baroness> of the Barony of Gryphon's Lair now command that <recipient name> join the Order of the Gryphon and Hammer, and charge <him/her> to continue to stand as a champion of the battlefield and defender of the homeland. Done this <#> day of <month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being the year <#> in the Common Reckoning.

ORDER OF THE FLAME OF PHAROS

Service Award

CEREMONY FOR FLAME OF PHAROS:

"Built to warn sailors of the treacherous sandbars off Alexandria, the world's first lighthouse, Pharos, was both grand and essential, displaying its light to far reaches. Without its crucial radiance, Alexandria would not have been one of the busiest ports in the ancient world.

In fair Gryphon's Lair, there are individuals whose light of service support the activities of all others; those who are beacons for all to follow, illuminating the dark of night with confidence and strength, granting peace of mind to those seeking to find their path. Thus, was the order of the Flame of Pharos created, to recognize such service and Meraud des belles Feuilles was named its Premier."

SCROLL TEXT FLAME OF PHAROS:

Let it be known to all and sundry that _____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair recognizes that the fire of service burns strong in the heart of <recipient name>, always present when there is work to be done. It is therefore Our desire and honor to name him/her a Member of the Order of the Flame of Pharos, that he/she may continue to be a beacon to all gentles of the Lair. In witness thereof We have set Our hand this (date) day of (month), Anno Societatis (AS year), being (year) in the Common Reckoning."

VESICA PRESUL

Rapier Award

CEREMONY FOR VESICA PRESUL:

In AS XLIV, being 2009 Gregorian, Math and Daria, Second Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair established the Vesica Presul to honors those whose sword craft is a display of dance and a rhythm of deadly force and named Vilhelm Silberhammer its Premier.

SCROLL TEXT VESICA PRESUL:

Keen of blade and wit are the fencers of the Barony of Gryphon's Lair, whose skill combines the ferocity of combat with the gracefulness of dance. <recipient name> has excelled in this arena, and thus do We, ___ and ___, Baron and Baroness, commend him/her with admission to the ranks of the Vesica Presul. Let his/her formidable blade dancing skills with the rapier continue to serve the Barony of Gryphon's Lair with grace an honor. Done this ___ day of ___, Anno Societatis ___ being ___ in the Common Era.

GRYPHON AND TABLET

Teaching Award

Created by Michael and Bengta, and affirmed by Vilhelm and Bethany, Jaquelinne de Radonvilliers was named Premier.

SCROLL TEXT GRYPHON AND TABLET:

Pray fall silent and heed the words of <Baron's Name> and <Baroness's Name>, Baron and Baroness of these fair lands of Gryphon's Lair. Within these lands reside many artists, craftsmen, musicians, and those skilled in the combat arts. Their works and deeds are praiseworthy and of much renown throughout the Kingdom. The works of these nobles are great, yet greater still is the work of those who are willing to pass on their knowledge to others, and lead them on the path to their own successes. One such noble is the gracious and generous <recipient name> who is always willing to spread the light of instruction to any near or far. It is thus Our great privilege to make <him/her> a member of the Order of the Gryphon and Tablet, and ask <him/her> to continue sharing <his/her> talents and abilities with others so that they may also grow. Done this <#> day of <month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being the year <#> in the Common Era.

ALTERNATE SCROLL TEXT:

Pray fall silent and heed the words of <Baron's Name> and <Baroness's Name>, Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair. The Barony shines bright with the light of knowledge, thanks to those who share of themselves. For generously teaching, <recipient name> is hereby inducted into the Order of the Gryphon and Tablet. We charge <him/her> to continue furthering the skills and aptitude of the populace by instructing others. Done this <#> day of <month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being the year <#> in the Common Reckoning at <event name>.

GRYPHON AND AXE

Thrown weapons award

SCROLL TEXT GRYPHON AND AXE:

Whereas your skill and prowess with Axe, Knife and Spear have reached truly exemplary standards, We _____ and ____ Baron and Baroness of Gryphons Lair, are pleased to recognize your abilities by naming you, a Companion of the Order of the Gryphon and Axe. We ask that you continue to hone your skills and share your knowledge with all people of this Barony and beyond. Done this <#> day of , Anno Societatis <#>, being the year <#> in the Common Era.

ALTERNATE GRYPHON AND AXE TEXT:

Most noble gentles of the realm pray heed. We, <Baron's Name> and <Baroness's Name> Baron and Baroness of the Barony of Gryphon's Lair are pleased to recognize the prowess of <recipient name>, whose skill with axe, knife, and spear has reached exemplary standards. It is therefore ordained, enacted, and established that he is inducted into the Order of the Gryphon and Axe. We ask that <he/she> continue to hone <his/her> skills and share <his/her> knowledge with all who seek it. Done this <day> of <Month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being <year> in the Common Era.

GRYPHON AND BOW

Archery Award

SCROLL TEXT GRYPHON AND BOW:

Let it be known that We ____ and ____, Baron and Baroness of Gryphons Lair, are most pleased with the efforts of Our well beloved <recipient name>. We ask that you continue to hone your skills and share your knowledge with all people of this Barony and beyond through the practice and teaching of the mighty yeoman's skill of archery. Therefore do We admit to Our noble Order of the Gryphon and Bow. Done before this day of , Anno Societatis , being Gregorian

MANTLE OF GRYPHON'S LAIR

Award for Service and support of Gryphon's Lair from outside the Baronial Borders.

Premier: Jennet Moir de Brechin of the Barony of Loch Salann.

SCROLL TEXT MANTLE OF GRYPHON'S LAIR:

In times past, over shield top and mead bowl, the people of Our Barony have met in friendship and tournament. There are those who have traveled far and wide to share their grace, chivalry, courtesy and skills, there is one such amongst us now. Our well beloved <recipient name> has greatly enriched the Barony of Gryphons Lair. Therefore do We ____ and ____ Baron and Baroness of Gryphons Lair, name <him/her> The Mantle of Gryphons Lair. We

charge you to continue in your good deeds for one year and one day. Done before this <#> day of <month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being <year> Gregorian

GRYPHON'S COVEY

Youth Award

Caitlynn the Killer Attack Butterfly is Premier

SCROLL TEXT GRYPHON'S COVEY:

Bright and fair are the youth of the Barony of Gryphon's Lair, but <recipient name> has shown most brilliantly by reason of <his/her> grace, dignity, and willingness to <list any other reasons for award>. Therefore are We, <Baron> and <Baroness>, pleased to induct <him/her> into the Fellowship of the Gryphon's Covey and charge <him/her> to continue in <his/her> ways. Done this <day> day of <Month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being <year> Gregorian, at <event name>.

ORDER OF ST. BIANCA'S HEART

Award for outstanding service as Retinue

Premiers were: Carson of the Blue Eyes, Skylar of the Brown Eyes, Sven the Templar, Jaqueline de Ravonvilliers, Fiametta da Trastavere, Malatesta Simonetti, Gwyneth verch Morgan, Allegretza di Pannettier, Bengta Rolfsdottir, Azir de Lucera, and Domnal Lunn "Griff".

Our realm has been mightily enriched by those who work behind the scenes, tirelessly devoting their days and nights to reinforce the dream. It is with humble gratitude that We, <Baron's Name> and <Baroness' Name>, Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair, induct <Recipient's Name> as a member of the Order of St. Bianca's Heart, for outstanding succor as retinue to the Baronial Coronet. Done by Our hand on this <day> day of <Month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being <year> in the Common Era, at <event name>.

ARTS & SCIENCES CHAMPION

SCROLL TEXT FOR ARTS & SCIENCES CHAMPION:

As the Muses have gathered within these great halls to summon forth the artisans of Our Barony, We, <Baron's Name> and <Baroness's Name>, Baron and Baroness of the Barony of Gryphon's Lair are well-minded of the inspiration shown to Us by one artisan in particular whose work has excelled beyond Our expectations on this day, and whose work has exemplified the Arts and Sciences in the Lair. Thus it is with joy in Our heart that We do proclaim <Recipient Name, or blank line> as Our Champion of Arts and Sciences, on this <day> day of <Month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being <year> Gregorian, at <event name>.

ALTERNATE SCROLL TEXT FOR ARTS & SCIENCES CHAMPION:

Treasured to Us are the Arts and Sciences of the Barony of Gryphon's Lair, personified in each artisan on this day. As Our Barony benefits greatly from the knowledge and talent shown on this day of joyful competition, so are We,

<Baron Name> and <Baroness Name>, Baron and Baroness, honored to select <Recipient Name, or blank line> as Our Champion of Arts and Science. Done by Our hand on this <day> day of <Month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being <year> in the Common Era.

RAPIER CHAMPION

SCROLL TEXT FOR RAPIER CHAMPION:

Daring and gallant, the rapier fighters of Gryphon's Lair epitomize grace and courtesy in the arte of defense. A grand tournament has been held and thus do We, <Baron> and <Baroness> name <Recipient name or blank line> as Rapier Champion of the Barony of Gryphon's Lair. Done this <day> day of <Month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being <year> in the Common Reckoning.

HEAVY CHAMPION

SCROLL TEXT FOR HEAVY CHAMPION:

Proclaim unto all that We, (Baron's name) and (Baroness' name), Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair, having weighed well the honorable works and labors of <recipient name or blank line>, and having observed (her/his) combat skills this day, do hereby command (her/him) to stand as the Armored Combat Champion of this Our barony. Done by Our hand the (number) day of (month), A.S.(year).

ARCHERY CHAMPION

SCROLL TEXT FOR ARCHERY CHAMPION:

Now let it be known that We, <Baron's Name>, and <Baroness' Name>, Baron and Baroness of the venerated and noble Barony of Gryphon's Lair, have witnessed the skill and prowess of <recipient name or blank line> upon the field of archery, and thusly are well pleased to name <him/her> as Baronial Archery Champion. Done by our hand this <day> day of <Month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being year <year> Anno Domini.

THROWN WEAPONS CHAMPION

SCROLL TEXT FOR THROWN WEAPONS CHAMPION:

Loyal Gentles all, pray heed the words of <Baron's Name> and <Baroness' Name>, Baron and Baroness of the esteemed Barony of Gryphon's Lair. At this <Event name>, a grand tournament was held, challenging all comers to share their skills with axe, knife, and spear. We are pleased to name <Recipient name or blank line> as our Thrown Weapons Champion on this <day> day of <Month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being year <year> Anno Domini.

YOUTH COMBAT CHAMPION

SCROLL TEXT FOR YOUTH COMBAT CHAMPION:

Great feats of bravery and skill at arms have been displayed by <recipient name or blank line>, who has epitomized the future of combat in the Barony of Grypyhon's Lair at <event name>. Thus We, <Baron's Name> and <Baroness' Name>, Baron and Baroness are overjoyed to name <him/her> as the Youth Combat Champion this <day> day of <Month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being year <year> in the Common Era.

NON-OFFICIAL RECOGNITIONS TO BE GIVEN BY THE BARONAGE (FORMERLY "KNOT" AWARDS)

BABY GRYPHON'S FEATHER

Unofficial award for newborn members of the Barony.

SCROLL TEXT FOR BABY FEATHER

The Good Book said go forth and be fruitful. It is with abundant thanks for your selfless act that We, <Baron> and <Baroness>, Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair, choose to thank <parents' names> for delivering darling <baby name> into Our Baronial family. We therefore present them with a Baby Gryphon's Feather, a symbol of the new and bright generation, and the hope of the future of Gryphon's Lair. Done this <day> day of <Month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being <year> Gregorian, at <event name>.

ORDER OF THE CORNERSTONE

Presented to an officer whose contributions and service exceed the normal bounds of their office.

SCROLL TEXT FOR CORNERSTONE:

All cease your current endeavors and pray heed to this proclamation! A cornerstone has been lain to support the foundations of a great and magnificent structure. This structure is Gryphon's Lair, and the Cornerstone is known as <Recipient name>, for exemplary service in his/her official capacity as <officer titles/reason for award>.

It is with heartfelt gratitude for <his/her> endeavors that We, <Baron Name> and <Baroness Name>, Baron and Baroness of Gryphon's Lair recognize him/her as a Cornerstone of Gryphon's Lair this <day> day of <Month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being <year> Gregorian, at <event name>.

ORDER OF THE HEARTHSTONE

Presented to those who open their homes to others for guilds and activities

SCROLL TEXT FOR THE HEARTHSTONE:

Come forth, good gentles of the land and know that <recipient name> has opened their hearth and heart to the Barony of Gryphon's Lair by hosting <name of guild activities, practices, classes, etc.>. By generously extending

their homes to us, with gratitude We, <Baron name> and <Baroness name>, Baron and Baroness, admit him/her into the Order of the Hearthstone. Done this <day> day of <Month>, Anno Societatis <#>, being <year> in the Common Reckoning.

FEATHERS

Feather tokens are given to recipients as thank you's. These have no precedence but are a token of appreciation. There is no limit to the number of feathers that can be given to an individual. Feathers may be awarded without a scroll. Should a scroll be requested, utilize the guidelines within this document to custom craft a text best suited to the purpose of the feather.

ARTS AND SCIENCES FEATHER - Presented to those members of the Lair who have demonstrated superior talents in the Arts and Sciences.

FIGHTING FEATHER - Presented to those members of the Lair who have demonstrated superior abilities in Combat.

SERVICE FEATHER - Presented to those members of the Lair who have provided dedicated Service to the Shire.

FABULOUS FEAST FEATHER - Presented to those members of the Lair who have excelled in preparing and presenting feasts.

RETIRED SHIRE OF GRYPHON'S LAIR "KNOT" AWARDS

The below "knot" awards were a tradition of Gryphon's Lair when it was a Shire. The spirit of these tokens of appreciation are now replaced with real Baronial Awards of different names. This list is kept here as a memorial of the past. Should the Coronet choose to utilize these in the future, this section can be revised.

GOLDEN FEATHER OF THE GRYPHON - Presented by the Seneschal once each tenure to the individual who has provided exceptional service, above and beyond the call of duty, to the Shire of Gryphon's Lair

BLUE CRYSTAL OF THE GRYPHON - Presented by the Seneschal of Gryphon's Lair once each tenure to the individual who best represents the highest ideals of our Society

RAMBLING ROCK OF THE LAIR - Presented to a person not of Gryphon's Lair for exceptional service to the Lair

BRASS GRYPHON - Presented as a token of appreciation to those individuals who have contributed their time, efforts, and knowledge to the benefit of the Shire.

WARM FUZZY - Presented as a token of appreciation for a specific service to the Shire, normally by someone who is not a part of the Lair.

KNOT HERE - Presented to those individuals who are absent from the Shire for an extended period of time due to military service.

APPENDIX A

As gathered from the An Tir scribes handbook (<http://scribes.antir.sca.org/Scribes/altopenphrase.html>), CaidWiki (http://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Opening_Phrases_for_Scrolls#B), and other personal collections, below are sample openers in alphabetical order.

Use your best judgement and be sure to change Crown/Baronage and name of group/Kingdom appropriately.

A

All attend these presents (...)
All gather and attend these presents (...)
All know by these presents that We (...)
All shall know (...)
All shall know by these presents (...)
All shall know that We (...)
As is in accord with Our will (...)
As you are here, so do We greet you, and charge you to bear witness ...
Attend all gentles and nobles unto whom these presents shall come (...)
Attend ye all now to the words of the Baronage ...

B

Beauty and skill go hand in hand and shine forth from the products of _____'s labours and so it is (...)
Be it known (...)
Be it known to all (...)
Be it known to all men (...)
Be it known to all by these presents (...)
Be it known to all that We (...)
Be it known to all unto whom these present letters may come (...)
Be it know to all unto whom these presents come (...)
By these letters may all men know (...)
By this, the will of the Thrones of An Tir be known (...)

C

Come forth good gentles of the Land and know (...)
Come forth good and noble gentles and know (...)
Come forward all, and know that We (...)
Craft displayed at such a high level should be rewarded and so (...)

D

Do all here present pay heed (...)
Do ye all hear and tell others that We (...)
Due commendations and greetings from (...)
Do ye all hear Our words (...)
Do ye all hear the words of Our Herald (...)
Do ye all listen and tell others (...)
Due commendations and greetings (...)
Duty and Service are the burdens of Office and when one takes these up, showing such selflessness (...)

E

Each and all shall know (...)
Each sovereign is gifted the joy of rewarding the deserving and _____ is such a one (...)
Enriching have been the deeds of Our servant _____ (...)
Ever gracious, loyal and steadfast (...)
Ever minded of the duty and honour of presiding over Our people of <group name> (...)
Exaltation and joy mark this day (...)

F

Far and wide though Our subjects may roam, words of their deeds still reach Our ears (...)
Forasmuch as We (...)
From a passionate heart and gifted hands are born rare and priceless objects (...)
From this day onward, let all people know from these presents (...)

G

Gather ye and attend these presents (...)
Good and loyal gentles all, pray heed to the words of...
Grace and beauty (...)
Great feats of bravery and skill at arms have been displayed by _____ (...)
Greetings unto all to whom these presents come (...)

H

Having observed that...
Hear ye all these presents (...)
Hear ye all and know (...)
Heralds proclaim loudly for all to hear Our words so that they may know (...)
Here do We (...)
Honoured are We _____ and _____, King and Queen of ____ with the deeds of Our...

I

In as much as We have observed that...
It is Our prerogative as King and Queen to honor with the title of (...)
It is the judgement of the Throne and the peoples' will that great acts shall be rewarded (...)
It shall be known to all that (...)

J

Joyful greetings to (...)
Joyous is the message of the Angels that shout great news to the world, Listen to their voices and know (...)
Jubilation fills An Tir in acknowledgement of _____'s deeds (...)
Just as We reflect the glory of the Crown, so do our subjects reflect that glory of ____ (...)
Justice requires that...
Joy and peace good gentles of the Land (...)

K

King _____ and Queen _____ are minded to (...)
Kinship grows from the service one gives to their kingdom (...)
Know ye all to whom these presents come (...)

Know all men by these presents (...)
Know all unto whom these presents come (...)
Know all ye that...
Knowingly and with great joy do We (...)

L

Lesser would be the beauty of Our mighty realm An Tir without the skills of _____ (...)
Let all gentles and nobles know by these presents (...)
Let All know (...)
Let it be known (...)
Let it be known unto all (...)
Let it be known by all the Land (...)
Let all nobles and gentles know by these presents (...)
Long are the accolades given to Our subject _____ for accomplishments in service/skill...

M

Make unto (...)
May it be known to all (...)
May it be told unto all the land (...)
May it be proclaimed throughout Our Realm and to the very corners of the knowne world (...)
Merciful in battle and skilled of hand are the trademark of _____ (...)
Most noble gentles of the realm, We give you greetings...

N

Never shall Our Kingdom be darkened while the deeds of Our loyal subject _____ serve Us (...)
None may know the true extent of Our pleasure on this day as We now reward Our servant (...)
Now let it be known to all (...)
Now let all know (...)

O

Observe ye all and relay it again, that...
O come all good people of the Land and know (...)
On this _____ day of _____, anno societatis ____ (...)
Open wide the gates and proclaim to all (...)
Our realm has been mightily enriched by _____ (...)
Our subject, _____ (...)
Outstanding are the efforts of _____ (...)
Oyez, Oyez listen to the words of your King and Queen An Tir (...)

P

Pleasing has been the service/art of _____, Our loyal subject and We are minded (...)
Pray let all know (...)
Prerogative is Ours in awarding faithful subjects (...)
Proclaim Our words so that the people will know (...)
Proclaim to all gentles and nobles that (...)
Proclaim unto all that (...)

Q

Quality has been witnessed in the skills/accomplishments/arts of Our subject _____ (...)
Queens' joys are many and so are her burdens, when one comes along who lightens the load (...)
Quench thy cavils, and heed the words of...
Question not, rather accept the will of the Crown, namely that...
Quiet yet stunning have been the arts with which _____ has enriched Our Kingdom (...)
Quintessential is the nobility embodied by _____ (...)
Quake at these words spoken by Our Herald good gentles of the Land (...)

R

Rally one and all, so that you may know (...)
Record in your hearts that...
Reflect upon the beauty and craftsmanship that _____ has so kindly given to enrich Our Realm (...)
Reflect upon the deeds and accomplishments of _____ who has enriched An Tir by (...)
Rejoice good people of the land and hear these words (...)
Rejoice good people and hear Our words (...)
Rest ye quietly, good Lords and Ladies, and hear the words of...
Righteous are We in Our knowledge that (...)
Rightfully do We acknowledge the many and diverse efforts of Our Subject _____ (...)

S

Salutations and greetings (...)
Salutations to all unto whom these presents come (...)
Selfless actions undertaken without thought of personal gain exemplify the traits displayed by (...)
Stunning are the accomplishments of _____ in skill/area that delight Our Realm (...)
Surrounded by wonders is the Crown (...)

T

Tales of such deeds as _____, Our noble subject demonstrates, shall be told for aeons (...)
Tell all what was done here this day, that he bear faith and witness to the same.
Tell one and all (...)
Tell one and all that We _____ King and _____ Queen of _____ do (...)
That which graces and enriches Our most fair and wondrous Kingdom (...)
The Will of the Thrones be known (...)
Those who give of their service to the Kingdom (...)
To all and singular to whom these presents shall come, greeting (...)
To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come (...)
To all unto whom these presents come, greeting (...)
Treasured above all else (...)

U

Unselfish is the devotion with which _____, Our loyal servant has enriched Our Realm (...)
Unto all to whom these present letters may come (...)
Unto all to whom these present letters may come, greeting! Know that We (...)
Unto all to whom these presents may come (...)
Unto the populace (...)
Unworthy would be the Crown if We did not recognize the deeds of _____ (...)

V

Various are the traits that make a good warrior/artisan/servant (...)
Verily, it shall be known that (...)
Verily, We (...)
Vital are the traits and skills with which ____ has enriched An Tir (...)

W

Warm are Our hearts with the works/accomplishments of _____ in serving ____ (...)
We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of _____, give you greetings (...)
We, _____ King and _____ Queen of _____ wish to express Our special appreciation to (...)
What is done here shall be made known to all, that...
When Our realm is glorified with exemplary deeds, We take notice (...)
Whereas it has come to Our notice that...
Whereas We (...)

X

Xanthes had heard of your deeds in ages past (...)

Y

Ye all shall know (...)
Ye all shall know that We, (...)
Yea though Our kingdom is large, the service/deeds/arts of one have stood out (...)
Yeoman and nobles, people of <name of group> both high and low, pray heed...
Years of service go into the making of any office (...)
Ye shall all know that...

Z

Zealous have been the services with which _____ has served Our land (...)
Zephyr of the air pass the knowledge of Our words (...)
Zestful celebration shall mark this _____ day of _____ Anno Societatis, for all shall know (...)