

OFFICIAL ACHIEVEMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE KINGDOM OF ANSTEORRA

This edition of the official achievement guidelines (formerly referred to as the official achievement texts) for the Kingdom of Ansteorra supersedes all previous editions.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This document covers two distinct but related topics:

- The **registration and display** of achievement elements. Details about this topic can be found in the “Achievement Registration Regulations” section of this document.
- The **official wording** used for the documents by which the Star Principal Herald affirms that an individual has the right to display specific achievement elements. Details about this topic can be found under the “Achievement Texts” section of this document.

WHAT IS AN ACHIEVEMENT OF ARMS?

An achievement of arms is the full display of not just one’s registered arms, but also additional heraldic elements that may include a crest, helm, livery, motto, and supporter(s). For further explanation of these terms, refer to the glossary at the end of this document.

In Ansteorra, everyone who has an AoA-level award or higher and a registered device is entitled to add achievement elements to the display of their registered device. Which elements you may display are dependent on your rank.

The most common uses for achievements of arms are for achievement scrolls (which are discussed in more detail in the “Achievement Texts” section of this document) or on banners or gonfalons.

Our achievement registration process is unique to Ansteorra. Unlike names and armory registration, achievement registration is not regulated at the Society level. An achievement registered in Ansteorra may not be recognized in other kingdoms.

NOTES ON THIS REVISION

Major alterations to this document from the February 2009 edition include the following items:

- Details about the achievement registration regulations (intended primarily for submitters and heralds) have been separated from information about the achievement texts (intended primarily for scribes).
- This “Notes on this Revision” section was added.
- Outdated or broken links in the “Links of Interest” section were replaced with more current information.
- Significant changes to the achievement registration process have been implemented:
 - Helm style, orientation, and color are no longer regulated.
 - Crests are now available to those of AoA rank.
 - Mottos are now available to those of Grant-level rank.
 - Supporters are now available to those of Peerage rank.
 - Single supporters are now available as an option to those entitled to them.

These changes were implemented as the result of a detailed proposal for change, which was followed by an extended education and discussion period, an amended proposal, and a survey of the populace.

- Details about achievement registration for official branches has been added. This information has already been available on the website, and has been included here for consistency.
- The achievement registration guidelines have been clarified to indicate that compartments are unregulated and that supporters must be animate.



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LINKS OF INTEREST

- http://www.yehudaheraldry.com/rolls/index.php/roll_c/rolls
An excellent list of links to online period rolls of arms, with many examples of various achievement displays.
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/College_of_Arms#mediaviewer/File:Grant_of_Arms_for_Henry_Draper_of_Colnbrook_1571.jpg
An English grant of arms document from 1571.
- <http://m.bonhams.com/auctions/16116/lot/1010/>
A Spanish patent of nobility, 1552.



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Registration and protection of achievement elements only applies within the boundaries of Ansteorra.

Rights to any registered achievement items will not be lost due to any later changes in these rules. Rights conferred by orders and awards resigned or revoked will not remain registered.

Ansteorra does not claim to give submitters the right to infringe on armory registered with the SCA College of Arms. Registration of an item as a achievement element does not allow its use in any other context, including use as a personalized stand-alone badge, or as a stand-alone charge on a standard or banner. If you seek an item for general armorial usage, register a badge with the SCA College of Arms.

SUMMARY

The following table summarizes the **significant** achievement elements that an individual is entitled to display according to their rank:

	Registered Arms	Helm	Livery	Crest	Motto	Supporters	Coronet of Rank
AoA	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Grant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Patent	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Nobility Only	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
AoA/Nobility	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Grant/Nobility	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Patent/Nobility	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Note that ceremonial honors (such as King's Champion, Queen's Blade of Honor, Premier Bard, etc.) and non-armigerous awards (such as Sable Flurs, Sable Falcons, Golden Bridles, etc.) do not entitle the recipient to any special achievement elements.



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BRANCH ACHIEVEMENTS

Officially recognized branches (as defined in the SCA Governing Documents at <http://www.sca.org/docs/pdf/govdocs.pdf>) are entitled to display achievement elements on a shield shape as follows:

- The Kingdom, any future Ansteorran Principalities, and Baronies are entitled to the same achievement elements as individuals who are both nobles and peers.
- Other Branches (Provinces, Shires, Cantons, Ridings, Colleges, Strongholds, and Ports) are entitled to the same achievement elements as individuals who are peers.

Incipient branches, as well as guilds, households, and other unofficial groups are not entitled to display achievements or arms. They may display registered badges to which they are entitled.

Further information about how each of the elements in the table above may be displayed is provided in the following sections. In all cases, achievements may not incorporate the armory or insignia of any award or order to which the submitter is not entitled.

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT ELEMENTS

REGISTERED ARMS

The arms (or “device”) are the foundation of any full achievement display. Additional achievement elements may not be registered until the submitter’s arms have been registered with the SCA College of Arms. Registered arms may be displayed on either a period-appropriate shield shape of the submitter’s choosing or a lozenge shape (traditionally used for the display of the arms of women).

HELM

The style and color of the helm must be appropriate to the time period and cultures covered by the SCA. The orientation of the helm is unregulated.

LIVERY

For arms displayed on a shield shape, the livery consists of a torse and mantling. For arms displayed on a lozenge shape, the livery consists of a bow and cloak. Note that within period, the use of torsos varies: for instance, they are ubiquitous in English achievements, but nonexistent in German ones. The use of a torse in Ansteorran achievements is at the discretion of the armiger.

- AoA: No furs or strewn charges are permitted on the livery. Livery uses one color and one metal.
- Grant: Livery (torse and mantling) may now use any two of a color, a metal, and a fur, but sufficient contrast must be maintained. No strewn charges are permitted on the livery.
- Patent or Nobility: One side of the livery may now use a strewn charge, but sufficient contrast must be maintained.

Restriction: The following additional restrictions apply to mantling (or cloaks, for lozenge shapes):

- Strewn charges of mullets of five greater and five lesser points are reserved to past Crowns of Ansteorra
- Strewn charges of roses are reserved to members of the Order of the Rose
- Strewn charges evocative of the armory of other SCA kingdoms are prohibited

CREST

For arms displayed on a shield shape, the crest is placed on the helm. For arms displayed on a lozenge shape, the crest is placed on the torse above the bow. Crests must be free of conflict within the kingdom and with significant historical crests.



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Restriction: Members of Patent Orders may use a badge of the order as a crest, but this privilege grants no exclusive rights to that crest.

MOTTO

Mottos may be in any language that existed in period. Modern versions of period languages are accepted as well. The motto must be appropriate to the dignity of the rank.

SUPPORTERS

Individuals entitled to supporters may choose to display either a single supporter or a pair of supporters. Supporters must be animate and must be free of conflict within the kingdom and with significant historical supporters. Note that supporters are conflict-checked as a single item. Reversing the positions of an identical pair of supporters does not clear conflict. A single supporter is not clear of conflict from a pair of identical supporters, but is clear of a mismatched pair. (A single lion rampant azure is free of conflict from a lion rampant azure and an owl close vert, but is not clear of two lions rampant azure.)

Restriction:

- Lions argent or ermine are reserved to the Kingdom of Ansteorra and Lions of Ansteorra.
- The sable crane is reserved to the Kingdom of Ansteorra, and as a memorial element for individuals who die without having registered supporters (if they were entitled to them).

CORONET OF RANK

For arms displayed on a shield shape, a rank-appropriate coronet either replaces the torse or loosely encircles the base of the helm. For arms displayed on a lozenge shape, the rank-appropriate coronet replaces the torse. Coronets must follow the sumptuary laws of Ansteorra or the kingdom in which the noble title was granted.

PERSONAL ARMORY

People can automatically use their own registered armory in their achievement, regardless of conflict with other people's previous achievement registrations, as long as it is not a claim to higher rank than they possess. (An armiger can use her registered badge as a crest even if somebody has a similar crest, but a non-armiger cannot.)

ADDITIONAL DISPLAY ELEMENTS

- Compartments are unregulated.
- Current and former Greater Officers of State are entitled (but not required) to display as part of their achievement a banner hung from a spear or banner pole and bearing the kingdom ensign followed by the badge of the relevant Greater Office.
- Members of the Order of the Pelican are entitled to replace the torse with a chapeau/cap of maintenance and/or to a wreath of pelican feathers encircling the arms.
- Members of the Order of the Laurel are entitled to replace the torse with a wreath of laurel leaves and/or to a wreath of laurel leaves encircling the arms.
- Members of the Order of the Rose are entitled to replace the torse with a wreath of roses and/or to a wreath of roses encircling the arms.
- Knights are entitled to a white belt and unadorned gold chain encircling the arms.
- Masters of Arms are entitled to a white baldric encircling the arms.

The display elements listed above are considered **artistic** embellishments (as opposed to the **significant** elements listed in the table earlier in this section).



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CONFLICT CHECKING

Only supporters and crests are conflict checked. Sable Crane Pursuivant will make a good faith effort to conflict check achievement elements according to the guidelines above. However, in-kingdom conflict checking of achievement elements is not bound by the same detailed rules as Society-level conflict checking for armory, which are known as the Standards for Evaluation of Names and Armory (SENA). Sable Crane Pursuivant has leeway to determine conflict on a case-by-case basis according to his or her best judgment. Conflict may be cleared with a signed Letter of Permission to Conflict (LoPtC) from the appropriate party or parties.

THE ACHIEVEMENT REGISTRATION PROCESS:

To register an achievement, submitters must complete and submit an Achievement Submission Form, available online at <http://heraldry.ansteorra.org/achievements.php>. It is advisable for submitters to ask for the help of a herald when completing the form. Sable Crane Pursuivant will review the application for completeness, accuracy, and conflict, and will notify the submitter of any issues. If there are no issues, Sable Crane Pursuivant will register the achievement in the online database, and will notify the submitter of the registration.

There is no fee to register an achievement.

SOME EXAMPLES OF ACHIEVEMENT REGISTRATION IN ANSTEORRA

Jane is new to the Society. She has all of the enthusiasm that we love about newcomers, and jumps in to help with lots of projects. She works hard for the Shire of Marchepane Mountain, and after a time her hard work comes to the notice of the Crown of Ansteorra. Her shire hosts Crown Tournament, and she pitches in everywhere. That night, the King and Queen call her up in court, praise her hard work, and give her an Award of Arms. Excited by the honor, she works up a design for her achievement display. Since she has long since registered her name and device, she is free to submit her arms, livery, and crest to the Sable Crane Pursuivant for registration. Someday, if she keeps working at this rate, she may receive higher awards, and by extension be entitled to more achievement elements.

The rest of these examples are all actual cases.

AOA EXAMPLE

Elena is a hard worker. Her service came to the notice of the Crown, and she received an Award of Arms. She is now entitled to register her arms, livery, and crest. Soon after, Lady Elena received a Sable Thistle for her skill as an illuminator. Since this is also an AoA-level award, she is not entitled to register any new achievement elements.

GRANT-LEVEL EXAMPLE

Brian is an active and helpful youth. Brian's contributions came to the notice of the Crown, and he received a Rising Star. Because the Rising Star is non-armigerous, he is not entitled to register an achievement. However, his continuing efforts soon earned him his AoA. He is now entitled to register his arms, helm, livery, and crest. He is recognized with several more non-armigerous and armigerous awards over the years, but is not entitled to any new achievement elements. Eventually, the Crown honored Lord Brian's stellar service by making him a Companion to the Order of the Star of Merit. He can now update his achievement registration with a motto. Later, he received a White Scarf for his excellence with a rapier. Because the White Scarf is also a Grant-level award, he is not entitled to any additional achievement elements.



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PEERAGE EXAMPLE

Gwyneth is an accomplished artisan and a hard worker. Gwyneth's contributions came to the notice of the Crown, and she received an Award of Arms. She is entitled to register an achievement that includes her arms, helm, livery, and crest. Later, Lady Gwyneth received both a Sable Thistle and a Sable Comet. Since these are both AoA level also, she is not entitled to register any new achievement elements. Lady Gwyneth continued to improve in her arts and several years later was granted an Iris of Merit. Now she can add her motto to her achievement, once she registers it. A few years later, she was elevated to the Order of the Laurel, which entitles her to add a significant achievement element (supporters) to her achievement display, and she can also now display a Laurel wreath encircling her arms, if she so desires (this is an artistic embellishment, and does not require registration). Eventually, in recognition of her years of service, she was made a member of the Order of the Pelican, which does not entitle her to any new significant achievement elements, but does allow her to add another artistic embellishment, like replacing the torse with a cap of maintenance.

PEERAGE/NOBILITY EXAMPLE

Ulf is a hard worker. His hard work came to the notice of the Crown, and he received an Award of Arms. He is entitled to register an achievement that includes his arms, helm, livery, and crest. Over the next three years, Lord Ulf received four other AoA-level awards, none of which entitled him to any new achievement elements. Then, because Lord Ulf is a skilled bard, the Crown made him a Companion to the Order of the Iris of Merit, which allows him to register a motto. A few years later, Ulf was elevated to the Order of the Laurel by the Crown and became Master Ulf. He is now entitled to register supporters and add the appropriate artistic embellishments to his achievement display. Two years later, he was invested as the Baron of Namron. When he steps down, he is made a Court Baron for his service to the barony. He is now entitled to a full achievement including arms, helm, livery, crest, motto, baronial coronet, and supporters.



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After you have received confirmation that your achievement has been registered, you are encouraged to ask a scribe you know to create your achievement scroll. If you do not know a scribe, please contact the Star Signet, who can assist you in locating a qualified scribe.

To receive a signed achievement scroll:

- Your arms must be registered with the Society College of Arms
- Your achievement elements must be registered with the Ansteorran College of Heraldry

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CHARTER SCROLL AND AN ACHIEVEMENT SCROLL?

A **charter** is usually a pre-printed, hand-painted scroll and **Letters Patent** are original, personalized scrolls; both are signed by the Crown. Everyone who receives an AoA-level or Grant-level award in the kingdom of Ansteorra should get a charter when they are called into court to receive their award, and Letters Patent are often commissioned by or for those who receive Peerages or Noble titles.

An **achievement scroll** is a document confirming your arms as registered with the Society College of Arms and your additional achievement elements as registered with the Ansteorran College of Heraldry through Sable Crane Pursuivant. New ranks and awards may entitle you to a new achievement scroll. The scroll is an original, personalized scroll signed by the Star Principal Herald. In most cases, if you want an achievement scroll, you must commission one directly from an available scribe.

LAYOUT AND STYLE

The majority of Ansteorran award scrolls are created after the fashion of illuminated manuscript pages. Usually, the higher the award ranks, the more elaborately the scroll is made. This practice is also common in all other Society kingdoms. While not historically accurate, this type of scroll has the distinct advantages of providing an outlet for the artistic ambitions of Society scribes and providing the recipient of the scroll with a beautiful piece of art to hang on their wall. In Ansteorra, all achievement scrolls are original works.

In brief: The documents used in period to confirm achievements of arms were legal instruments consisting of lengthy, complex texts accompanied by varying amounts of illumination. The achievement display was always a significant portion of the design. In some achievement documents, the only illumination was the heraldic element. Others were almost as elaborate as an illuminated manuscript page. Layout was always horizontal (“landscape”).

Remember to leave room for the Star Principal Herald’s signature (approx. 3” x 1.5”) when creating achievement scrolls! If a seal is to be applied, special care must be taken when preparing the achievement document. Please contact Star Principal Herald or Blanc Gryffon (Mistress Serena Lascelles) for more details.

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APPROVED VARIATIONS FOR THE TEXTS

Italicized sections are variable using the following approved variations:

being Anno Domini [number] – being [number] by the common reckoning

[Bracketed words] detail what text is inserted at that point.

<Phrases in sideways carets> are optional phrases which can be deleted from an achievement text by those wishing to create scrolls containing less calligraphy.

NOTES TO SCRIBES: In addition to the approved variants for all texts, it is also allowable to substitute another persona-appropriate day/month/year reckoning, such as Arabic or Hebrew, for the standard Western European day/month/year (“Anno Domini”) if requested by the client. (You could even date it from the founding of Rome for Roman personae!) However, it is your or your client’s responsibility to provide proof to the Star Principal Herald that the conversion is accurate.

Alternate texts must be approved by the Star Principal Herald on a case-by-case basis.



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THE TEXTS

AWARD OF ARMS

(11" X 14", original)

TO ALL and singular unto whom these presents shall come [name] Star Principal Herald of Ansteorra sends greetings. WHEREAS from the earliest days the valiant and virtuous acts of worthy persons have been commended to the world with sundry emblems of excellence of which the premier has been the awarding of arms and which continues thus to this day AND BEING requested of [name of recipient] to examine the records of the Society College of Arms and my Office do find that by Award of Arms is entitled to bear ensigns armorial TO WIT [blazon of arms] and livery [livery tinctures] and for the crest [blazon of crest] <as more plainly appears in the margin> THE WHICH I the aforesaid Star Principal Herald by the authority of my Office by the Laws of Ansteorra and the Society do confirm unto and for the aforesaid [name of recipient] to have and enjoy forever without let or hindrance by any person whomsoever IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Office this [number] day of [month] Anno Societatis [number] *being Anno Domini [number]*.

_____[signature of Star]____

GRANT OF ARMS

(11" X 14", original)

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PATENT OF ARMS

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NOBILITY ONLY

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NOBILITY AND PATENT OF ARMS

(11" X 14", original)

TO ALL and singular unto whom these presents shall come [name] Star Principal Herald of Ansteorra sends greetings. WHEREAS from the earliest days the valiant and virtuous acts of worthy persons have been commended to the world with sundry emblems of excellence of which the premier have been the patent of arms and nobility and which continues thus to this day AND BEING requested of [name of recipient] to examine the records of the Society College of Arms and my Office do find that by Patent of Arms and Nobility is entitled to bear ensigns armorial TO WIT [blazon of arms] and livery [livery tinctures] and for the crest [blazon of crest] with the motto [text of motto] with supporters the dexter a [blazon of dexter supporter] the sinister a [blazon of sinister supporter] <as more plainly appears in the margin> THE WHICH I the aforesaid Star Principal Herald by the authority of my Office by the Laws of Ansteorra and the Society do confirm unto and for the aforesaid [name of recipient] to have and enjoy forever without let or hindrance by any person whomsoever IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Office this [number] day of [month] Anno Societatis [number] *being Anno Domini [number]*.

____[signature of Star]____



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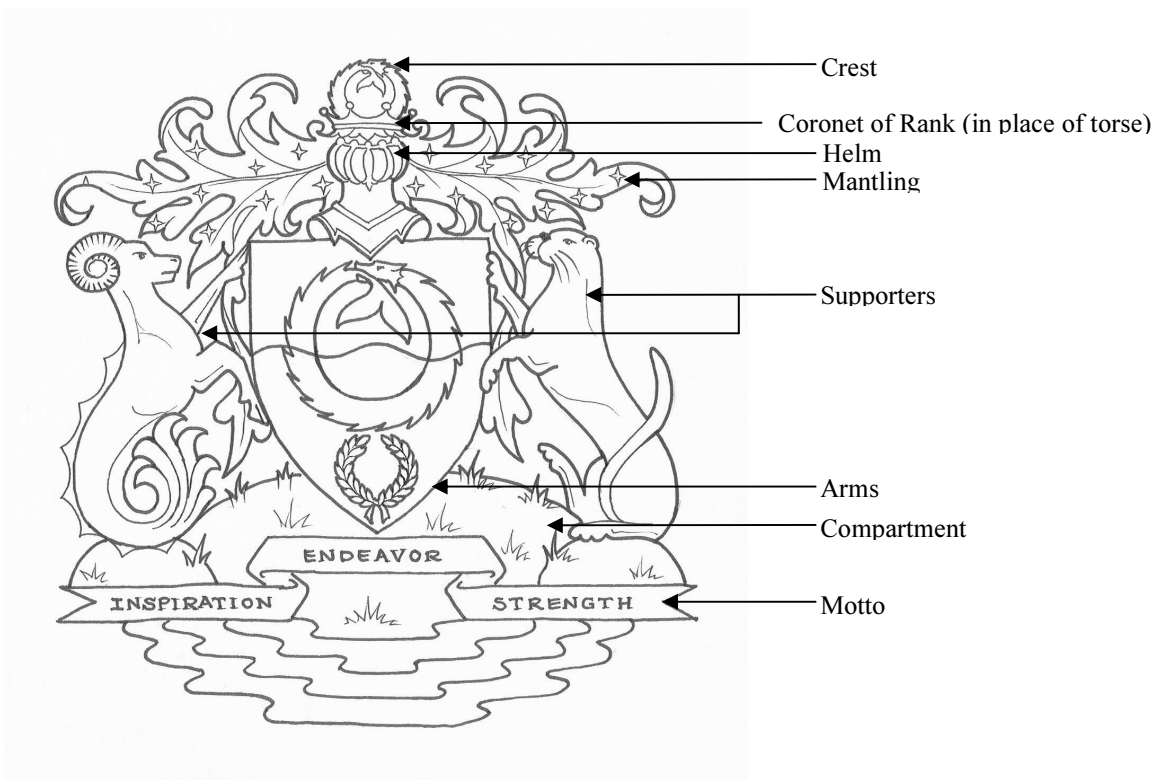
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The definitions below are for these words as used in an SCA context. Modern-world meanings for these words may differ significantly.

Armiger—“A person who has been awarded the right to arms. Arms in the Society can only be given by the Crown of a kingdom, and come in three levels: Awards of Arms, Grants of Arms, and Patents of Arms (or Letters Patent). A person with registered personal armory who is not an armiger has a device, but only armigers have arms.”¹

Arms—“In the SCA, people who have been awarded arms by the Crown of a kingdom may call their heraldic device ‘arms.’ The distinction between arms and a device is not tracked by the College of Arms.”¹

Achievement—“The complete display of armorial bearings,”² which may include elements such as arms, crest, livery, motto, and supporters. In Ansteorra, an achievement scroll is a document signed by the Star Principal Herald that confirms your arms as registered with the Society College of Arms and your armorial bearings as registered with the Ansteorran College of Heralds through Sable Crane Pursuivant.



Armorial Bearings—“The symbols borne by an armiger to distinguish him or her from others.”²

Ceremonial Honors—In Ansteorra, Ceremonial Honors are kingdom-level recognitions that convey no rank or precedence. Ceremonial Honors include all of the Kingdom-level championships (King’s Champion, Queen’s Champion, King’s Lancer, Royal Huntsman, Premier Bard, Kingdom Artisan, Kingdom Middle Eastern Dance Champion), plus the King’s Blade of Chivalry, the Queen’s Blade of Honor, and the Guardian of the Queen’s Hope.

Charter—In Ansteorra, a charter scroll is one signed by the Crown that documents the granting of a non-armigerous, AOA-level, or Grant-level award. Charters are usually pre-printed and hand-painted.



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Compartment—“The representation of the ground or other surface on which the supporters, shield, and motto stand.”¹ In Ansteorra, the compartment is an optional artistic element of an achievement, and does not require registration.

Constitution—In Ansteorra, a document signed by the Crown and the Star Principal Herald that defines how a kingdom Order or Award is given and/or regulated.

Crest—“A three-dimensional object adorning the top of the helmet.”²

Device—“A heraldic design that uniquely represents the person or group that owns it. A person who has not been awarded arms may register personal armory as a device. This device will become arms when the person receives an award, grant, or patent of arms. The distinction between arms and a device is not tracked by the College of Arms.”¹

Letters Patent—In Ansteorra, a Letters Patent scroll is one signed by the Crown that documents the granting of a Peerage-level award. Letters Patent are usually hand-crafted, original scrolls.

Livery—The mantling and torse together.

Lozenge—“A diamond-shaped device used to display the arms of women.”²

Mantling—“Material protecting the back and sides of the helmet and the wearer’s neck.”²

Star Principal Herald—Head of the Ansteorran College of Heralds.

Star Signet—Deputy to the Star Principal Herald and head of the Ansteorran College of Scribes and Illuminators.

Sable Crane Pursuivant—Deputy to the Zodiacus (Precedence) Herald who is responsible for registering individual and group achievements.

Supporters—“Figures supporting the shield of arms.”²

Torse—“A twisted cord of material around the top of the helmet, below the crest.”²

¹ <http://heraldry.sca.org/heraldry/coagloss.html>, Glossary of Terms as Used by the College of Arms of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc.

² Stephen Slater, *The Complete Book of Heraldry: An International History of Heraldry and its Contemporary Uses*, (London: Anness Publishing Ltd 2002).



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