

AETHELMEARC SIGNS THE TREATY OF THE GOLDEN LANCE

On the 27th day of July Anno Societatis XLVIII, Aethelmearc joined with the Kingdoms of Anteorrea, Caid, Trimaris and Atlantia in recognizing equestrians within their kingdoms with a Grant level award by signing the Treaty of the Golden Lance.

During the reign of Count Isenwulf Thorolfssone and Countess Rosalinda of Castile, it was decided that The Order of the White Horn would no longer be used to recognize all those martial disciplines other than Heavy fighting (Rattan). This Order would be designated for those skilled in Thrown Weapons and other Orders would be designated for Combat Archery, Siege, and Equestrian. At that time, it was decided that Aethelmearc would join other Kingdoms in the use of the Order of the Golden Lance in order to recognize its equestrians. After determining the procedures necessary, this original plan has come to fruition during the reign of Duke Maynard von dem Steine and Duchess Liadain ni Dheirdre Chaomhanaigh. Through their efforts, the Treaty was signed at this year's past Pennsic.

Shoshido Roku-I Tora (Gozen), the current Kingdom Equestrian Officer, contacted the appropriate people to determine the process which needed to be fulfilled in order that Aethelmearc could enter into the Treaty with the other Kingdoms. This involved creating a document which would be signed, coordinating with the other Royalty members to ensure their attendance at Pennsic as well as that of their Principal Heralds, and setting a date and place for the Treaty to be signed. Under the direction of the Crown, these details were "ironed out" and it was determined that the Treaty would be signed immediately after Opening Ceremony during the Known World Party.

After the Opening Ceremonies were completed, the members of the Royalty retired to the East Kingdom's pavilion on the field, where the Known World Party was set to begin. Initially the Treaty was laid upon the tables designated for the use of Aethelmearc so that they could share their food and wine with the attendees. Due to the congestion in this area, the Treaty was later moved to a central area away from any liquids which could endanger the paper upon which the Treaty was drawn. After a short time, all the parties had signed the Treaty.

With the signing of the Treaty and inclusion of the Order in Kingdom Law, equestrians of the Kingdom can now be recognized by this Order for their skills in the equestrian arts as well as service to the equestrian community. Companions of the Order are entitled to wear a badge of the Order and/or a ribbon "Sable edged Or charged with a lance Or" worn on either the calf or above the elbow, or as a pennon bearing the badge of the Order on their Tournament lance. Additionally, when traveling throughout the Known World, they are recognized by these other Kingdoms for their rank which is retained if they relocate.

The pictures below show the Royalty and Principal Heralds of the Kingdoms of Anteorrea, Caid, Trimaris, Atlantia and AÆthelmearc signing the Treaty. (Note that titles are not included, as the persons are identified by their offices at the time of signing.)The Treaty which was created by Shoshido Roku-I Tora is also shown below after signing.

The first to sign the Treaty was the King of Trimaris, Kurn O'Farrell of Ulster. The second picture shows the Triskele Herald, Posadnik Sasha Gregor'evich Vilanov, signing the Treaty. (My apologies as I was unable to capture the image of Queen Eridani Aureus signing the Treaty.)



The Queen of Ansteorra, Gwen verch Cynwrig de Ynys Mon signed for both her and her King (Lochlan Dunn)



Avery Shaw, Proxy to the Star Principal Herald, Andrewe Baldwyn, signing the Treaty.



The King and Queen of Atlantia, Amos and Ysabella. . (My apologies as I was unable to capture the image of the Queen actually signing the Treaty.)



The Triton Herald, Gisela vom Kreuzbach, signing the Treaty.



The King of Caid, Sven Örfhendur and Quen Cassandra Zoë Paganel, sign the Treaty.



The Crescent Principal Herald, Cormac Mor signs as the King of Aethelmearc looks on.



The Queens of Aethelmearc and Caid confer at the Treaty signing prior to Aethelmearc signing.



The King of Aethelmearc, Maynard von dem Steine signs the Treaty for Aethelmearc.



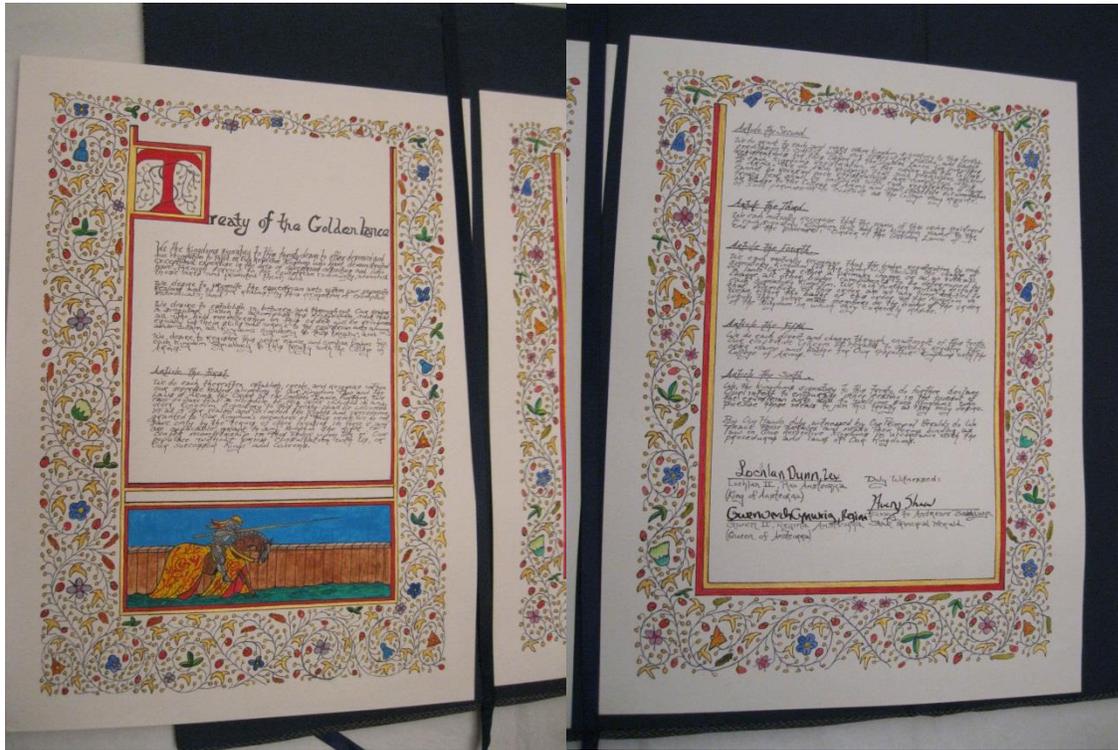
The Queen of Aethelmearc, Liadain ni Dheirdre Chaomhanaigh, signing the Treaty.



Silver Buccle Herald, Kameshima Zentarou Umakai, signing the Treaty.



Signed Treaty of the Golden Lance and the artist and author of this article, Shoshido Roku-I Tora (Gozen)



The original is maintained by Aethelmarc and the four signing Kingdoms each received a copy of the Treaty.