

Augmentations of Arms

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An augmentation of arms is an award that allows the recipient to display on their heraldic device a symbol that denotes recognition of outstanding service to the kingdom. Amongst heralds, and most other folk, it is considered one of the “coolest” awards that can be received.

According to current Kingdom Law in *Appendix III: The Sumptuary Laws of Calontir* within the section entitled AIII-321 AUGMENTATIONS OF ARMS, it states: “At their pleasure the Crown may bestow an Augmentation of Arms to an individual or group who has rendered outstanding service to the Kingdom. This Augmentation will be approved by the Crown and the recipient so honored, and subject to approval by the College of Heraldry. While frequently the Augmentation will be the Ensign of Calontir, other Augmentations will be allowed at the Crown’s discretion.”

What this means is that while there has been a standard form (symbol/design) that has been used for the augmentation, it does not mean the recipient –has– to utilize that form. Another form may be used **IF** the Crown presenting the award approves and the design is allowed by the SCA College of Arms.

There are now two standard forms of augmentation the Kingdom has “pre-approved” for use by gentles that have receive this award. As noted in the sumptuary law, one is the design of the Ensign of Calontir. This is generally utilized as a canton (square in dexter chief position) or an escutcheon of honor (shield in center position) with the motif having a purple background and gold Cross of Calatrava. This works well for coats-of-arms which have a metal field (argent or Or). The other form has been registered by the kingdom as a “standard augmentation” and uses the motif of having a purple background with a gold Cross of Calatrava and a gold border. This works well for coats-of-arms which have a color field (azure, gules, purpure, sable or vert).

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