

It's an honour

THE USKORIAN HONOURS SYSTEM

2019 Overhaul and refresh

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Welcome

I hope this document receives you well, it is my intention as High Queen of Uskor to present to my people and the wider international community the new way in which we honour those who are outstanding or display exceptional behaviour in their endeavours and fields.

Honours, state awards and orders of chivalry are not just ways to honour those who have made extraordinary achievements but are also when done correctly are real and tangible objects of statehood and community.

Within Uskor there are many exceptional people and this is a way of honouring them.

Charlotte,

High Queen of Uskor, Imperatrix and Jarl of Denton.



Her Majesty the High Queen

What is an honour, an order of chivalry and state award?

Put simply an honour is the Commonwealth's way of honouring in a public way a person's contribution to various fields of endeavour, when those contributions are noteworthy or particularly honourable.

What is an order of chivalry? An order of Chivalry is an order of knights and associated persons, originally these were founded as Christian orders of warrior knights who fought in the crusades. In the modern day these are often found in secular monarchies and some republics and function as orders of merit, recognising exceptional contributions to the state, monarch or in various fields of human endeavour.

A state award is an award that is awarded by a state that recognises achievement that the state considers noteworthy, an example of this could be a long service award to a public servant by the state.

Finally, state decorations are medals and other objects that are awarded by the state when it has recognised their outstanding or reward worthy deeds or actions, an example of this is a soldier being awarded a bravery decoration by the state for brave conduct under fire.

Who and how does Uskor award its honours, orders of chivalry and state awards and decorations?

Her Majesty Charlotte, the High Queen of Uskor is the fount of honour within the Commonwealth of Uskor.

Essentially that means that our High Queen is the source of all honour within our tiny kingdom and thus all orders of chivalry, state decorations and awards, and honours are given in her name and usually by herself or under her command.

Legitimate titles, including those relating to the honours system, peerages and nobility and others are solely awarded or bestowed in Uskor by Her Majesty the High Queen.

This right is set out in §4.2.xii of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Uskor, which extends to Her Majesty the High Queen the right to grant medals, titles of gratitude, state awards and titles of nobility.

Persons may be nominated for an honour or Her Majesty may award one based on their endeavours and any noteworthy contributions to their fields of endeavour.

Orders of Chivalry: Knighthoods within Uskor

Within Uskor there are various orders of chivalry where founded by Her Majesty the High Queen of Uskor.

These orders are designed to be bestowed upon people by the Her Majesty as she sees fit as a reward for particular meritorious or noteworthy conduct or action that contributes either to humanity in general or in particular to Uskor, the Uskorian monarchy or renders service to the state.

Within Uskor there are four such orders of chivalry they are:

- The Order of Merit of the Commonwealth of Uskor (The Order of Merit)
- The Royal Charlotte Order
- The Order of Uskor
- The Most Noble and Honourable Order of the Labrador Retriever (The Order of the Labrador)

Persons who are appointed to the various orders with a rank of Knight Officer or higher are entitled to the pre nominal title of Sir or Dame depending on their choice, with their spouse or primary partner being entitled to be styled either, Lady [surname of knight], Gentleman [surname of knight] or Gentleperson [surname of knight].

The Order of Merit of the Commonwealth of Uskor

The Order of Merit of the Commonwealth of Uskor (The Order of Merit) is an order of chivalry within Uskor that was formed to honour those people who in any field of endeavour, have rendered meritorious service to the Crown and nation or who have become distinguished by their eminence, talents, contributions or other merits.

Anyone is eligible to be nominated to Her Majesty for this honour.

Knights within this order are permitted to include the order within any heraldry granted to them.



Heraldic Emblem of the Order of Merit

Table of Ranks

Rank	Pre-Nominal Title	Post Nominals
Knight Grand Cross	Sir/Dame	KGCM
Knight Commander	Sir/Dame	KCM
Knight Officer	Sir/Dame	KOM
Knight	None	KM
Gold Medal	None	None
Member	None	None

Her Majesty the High Queen is the Sovereign and Principle Knight Grand Cross.

The Royal Charlotte Order

The Royal Charlotte Order is a dynastic knighthood order established by Her Majesty the High Queen for recognition of services to herself and the Crown in right of Uskor.

The various grades are awarded at the sole discretion of Her Majesty the High Queen who is both sovereign of the Order and its Grand Master.

Knights within this Order are permitted to include the insignia of The Royal Charlotte Order within any heraldic arms granted to them.



Heraldic Emblem of the Royal Charlotte Order

Table of Ranks

Rank	Pre-Nominal Title	Post Nominals
Knight Grand Cross	Sir/Dame	KGCCO
Knight Commander	Sir/Dame	KCCO
Knight Officer	Sir/Dame	KOCO
Lieutenant	None	LCO
Member	None	MCO

The Order of Uskor

The Order of Uskor is an order of chivalry created to recognise outstanding service to the Crown and people of Uskor.

This particular order of chivalry is only open to citizens and residents of Uskor.

Citizens may be nominated to the Lord High Keeper of Fire, who along with the Prime Minister and Lord Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Council then advises Her Majesty the High Queen on the merit of the nominations.



*Heraldic Emblem of the Order of
Uskor*

Her Majesty the High Queen is the sovereign of the Order with the Lord High Keeper of Fire being the Chancellor of the Order.

Persons who have been awarded the Order of Uskor are permitted to use the heraldic emblem of the order in any heraldic arms they may bear.

Table of Ranks

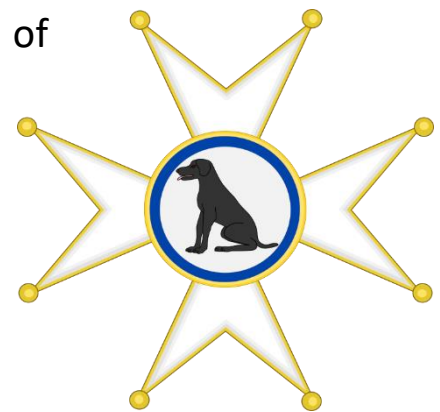
Rank	Pre-Nominal Title	Post Nominals
Companion	None	UC
Officer	None	UO
Member	None	UM
Medal	None	OUM

The Most Noble and Honourable Order of the Labrador Retriever

The Most Noble and Honourable Order of the Labrador Retriever (The Order of the Labrador) is an order of Chivalry named for the Labrador Retriever, the national animal of the Commonwealth of Uskor.

This order was established to honour those who have meritorious service in the field of caring, working for and with disabled people and for disabled excellence.

Her Majesty the High Queen is the sovereign of the order and Commander Dame Kellie von Neu Schellenberg ^{KGCL} is the order's Chancellor.



Heraldic Emblem of the Order of the Labrador

Knights within this Order are entitled to add to their heraldic arms the heraldic emblem of this order.

Table of Ranks

Rank	Pre-Nominal Title	Post Nominals
Knight Grand Cross	Sir/Dame	KGCL
Knight Commander	Sir/Dame	KCL
Knight Officer	Sir/Dame	KOL
Lieutenant	None	LL
Member	None	ML
Medal	None	None

State Awards and Decorations

Within the Uskorian Honours system there are various state awards and decorations that Her Majesty the High Queen may grant to various people.

People may nominate someone to the Prime Minister, or the Minister for Culture who will then advise Her Majesty of the nomination and give advice regarding the award or non-award of the honour.

The Order of the Steel Cross

The Order of the Steel Cross is awarded to Uskorian citizens meritorious service to Uskor or the International Community, it may also be awarded as an honorary award to non Uskorian citizens.

Within the Order of the Steel Cross there are three ranks

Table of Ranks

Rank	Post Nominals
Grand Cross	GCSC
1 st Class	SC
2 nd Class	SC

The Order of Sword and Axe

The order of the Sword and Axe is the highest state award for services rendered to the Crown in right of Uskor and Her Majesty's Government.

The class of Grand Cross with Sword or Axe is a class of this honour in which Her Majesty presents a sword or axe as a token of high regard and thanks for the services that person has rendered to the Crown in right of Uskor and Her Majesty's Government, a person awarded a sword or axe is permitted to carry it openly upon them anywhere within Uskor.

Table of Ranks

Rank	Post Nominals
Grand Cross with Sword or Axe	GCSA
Grand Cross	GCSA
1 st Class	OSA
2 nd Class	OSA

The Order of the Seax

The order of the Seax is named for the Anglo-Saxon and Norse knife of the same name. This honour is award for extraordinary services to humanity.

The class of Grand Cross with Seax is a class of this honour in which Her Majesty presents a seax as a token of high regard to the extraordinary service to humanity which the bearer has performed.

Table of Ranks

Rank	Post Nominals
Grand Cross with Seax	GCS
Grand Cross	GCS
1 st Class	OS
2 nd Class	OS

Cross of Liberty

The Cross of Liberty is awarded for outstanding service to Uskor or the International Community. This honour can be bestowed upon both citizens of Uskor and non-citizens.

Table of Ranks

Rank	Post Nominals
Grand Star	GSL
1 st Class	CL
2 nd Class	CL

The Order of Athleticism

The Order of Athleticism is awarded for outstanding achievements in sport and athleticism with an emphasis on Uskorian sporting achievements.

Table of ranks

Rank	Post Nominals
Grand Cross	GCA
Gold Medal	OA
Silver Medal	OA

The Royal Order of Wordsmithing

The Royal Order of Wordsmithing is awarded to Uskorian citizens for meritorious service to Uskor in the field of writing or otherwise for outstanding achievements in writing (including journalism).

Table of ranks

Rank	Post Nominals
1 st Class	OW
2 nd Class	OW

The Order of Ageishjalmur

The Order of the Ageishjalmur is named for the Norse sigil called the Helm of Awe, which is said to inspire fear and terror in one's enemies and aid in battle.

The Order of Ageishjalmur is awarded for conspicuous bravery or gallantry in exceptional circumstances, in this regard it has similar role in the Uskorian Honours System as the Victoria Cross and Cross of Valour do in the Australian Honours System.

This honour is the highest honour within Uskor's honours system and all uniformed Uskorian citizens must salute those whom have received this honour regardless of station or rank if that person is also uniformed.

This honour has one class.

The Order of the Yggdrasil

The Order of the Yggdrasil, named for the cosmic tree within the Norse pagan cosmology, this honour is awarded for meritorious service to the community and environment.

Table of ranks

Rank	Post Nominals
Grand Cross	GCY
1 st Class	OY
2 nd Class	OY

Order of Precedence – Honours System

Within the Uskorian Honours System, various awards, decorations and orders of chivalry have a set order of precedence or ranking among themselves and the other orders.

Within the Honours System's Order of Precedence, some foreign honours have been included such as the Victoria Cross.

Table of Precedence from Highest to Lowest

Victoria Cross and Cross of Valour
The Order of Ageishjalmur
Order of Merit of the Commonwealth of Uskor
Order of the Sword and Axe
Order of the Seax
Order of Uskor
Royal Charlotte Order
Order of the Labrador
Steel Cross
Cross of Liberty
The Royal Order of Athleticism
The Royal Order of Wordsmithing
The Order of the Yggdrasil
Australian Honours and Decorations ¹
Foreign Orders of Chivalry and State Awards and Decorations ²

¹ In their order of precedence and order of wear.

² As permitted by Her Majesty the High Queen of Uskor.

Approved foreign awards excluding those of Australia must be worn on the right-hand side of the person, Australian awards and honours may be worn on the left side whilst in Uskor without prior consent from Her Majesty the High Queen.

Peerages and Nobility

Whilst Uskor doesn't have a feudal system, nor a class system as such (due to most of Uskor's citizens either being working class or lower middle class by Australian standards) we do have a system of nobility and peerages within the Honours System.

Most of the ranks of the peerage and nobility within Uskor do not hold any power based upon their titles, with the exception of royalty and Her Majesty the High Queen, Jarls hold some delegated powers from the Crown.

Titles of nobility and the peerage in general do not confer a status above other Uskorian citizens in law with the exception of Jarls.

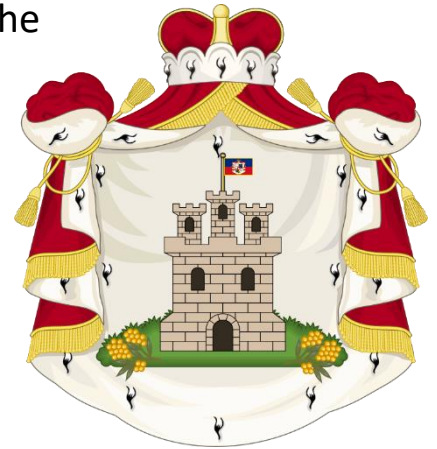
It is however expected that nobles and the peerage uphold honourable conduct and loyalty to the Crown.

Her Majesty the High Queen grants titles of nobility within Uskor through either a writ of acceleration or by letters patent.

Royalty and the Peerage

Royalty within the peerage, enjoy various styles and titles by virtue of the blood or other family relationship to Her Majesty the High Queen.

The rules governing the titles and styles used by royalty besides Her Majesty the High Queen are set out in letters patent and the House Law of the House of New Schellenberg, which is the royal house of the Commonwealth of Uskor.



Heraldic Badge of the House of New Schellenberg

The House Law of the House of New Schellenberg also outlines the roles of titled court officials such as the Lord High Keeper of Fire, Thegn of the Commonwealth and the Marshal of the Realm.

List of royal titles within Uskor

Title	Style	Role	Spouse/Primary partner titles	Spouse/Primary partner styles
Crown Prince / Crown Princess	His/Her Royal Highness	First born child of the High Queen	Prince of the Crown or Princess of the Crown	Her/His Highness
Princess Royal	Her Royal Highness	Sister of the High Queen	[name] the Lord Royal	His Highness

The High Queen Mother	Her Serene Majesty	Mother of the High Queen	[name], the Lord Katherine	His Grace
Prince/Princess	His/Her Royal Highness	Children of the High Queen	Lord [name] of [name of any subsidiary title held by the Prince / Princess	His/Her Highness
Grand Duchess	Her Serene Highness	Female partner of the High Queen of Uskor	High Queen and Imperatrix	Her Majesty
Grand Prince	His Serene Highness	Male partner of the High Queen of Uskor	High Queen and Imperatrix	Her Majesty
Grand Princex	Their Serene Highness	Non gendered partner of the High Queen of Uskor	High Queen and Imperatrix	Her Majesty

Jarls

The title of Jarl stems from old Norse and denotes a ruler of a particular area. Within the Commonwealth of Uskor Jarls are hereditary or elected and appointed members of the nobility who have been delegated some devolved authority from the Crown over a particular area (called a Hold).

The title Jarl within Uskor is gender neutral, and has the style of His/Her/Their Excellency in written and formal occasions.

Jarls may also be referred to with the style Jarl [name] of [Hold] or [name] Jarl of [hold] in conversation, and semiformal and informal occasions.

The partners of spouses of Jarls are not entitled to a courtesy title or style by virtue of their partnership with a jarl, however they may use their own titles and styles or those of the Jarl's other styles and titles if they would be entitled to do so otherwise.

Jarls may appoint to serve and assist them any number of thegns and gesiths, who shall enjoy the title of Jarl's Thegn or Jarl's Gesith to differentiate them from Thegns and Gesiths appointed by Her Majesty the High Queen directly.

List of non-royal peerage and nobility titles

Title	Style	Rank in nobility after royalty and the High Queen
Jarl	Jarl [name] [name of Hold]	1
Duke / Duchess	Lord [name]	2
Marquis / Marchioness	Lord [name]	3
Count / Countess	Lord [name]	4
Viscount / Viscountess	Lord [name]	5
Baron / Baroness	Lord [name]	6
Thegn	No style	7
Gesith	No style	8

Her Majesty the High Queen may through this issue of a writ of acceleration or through Letters Patent may grant a person a title of nobility either for life, or as a hereditary title that shall be passed to their legitimate heir (included adopted and fostered heirs).

The primary partner of a person with a noble title shall be entitled to use the title of lord ie partner of would be referred to as Lord [name] of [location of noble title].

The eldest child of a noble title holder may use the next lesser title as a courtesy title, with all other children being styled the Lord [surname].

All holders of noble titles are entitled to petition Her Majesty the High Queen and her heralds for a grant of arms.

Service Decorations and Awards

Service decorations and awards are decorations and awards given to Uskorian Civil Servants and Her Majesty's Forces (such as those involved in civil defence, defence and law enforcement) to honour and pay tribute to their services and merit worthy achievements.

There are three divisions within this section of the honours system.

Table of Decorations and Awards

Civil Service	Coast Guard and Defence	Civil Defence	Law Enforcement
Badge of Honour	Badge of Honour	Badge of Honour	Badge of Honour
Civil Service Meritorious Service Award	Defence Merit Award	Civil Defence Order of Merit	Law Enforcement Order of Merit
Virtuous Service Award	Bravery Award	Bravery Award	Brave Conduct Award
Long Service Commendation	Long Service Award	Long Service Commendation	Long Service Commendation
Community Service Commendation	Service Commendation	Community Service Commendation	Community Service Commendation
Good and Ethical Conduct Commendation	Safe and Ethical Conduct Award	Good and Ethical Conduct Commendation	Safe and Ethical Conduct Commendation
High Queen's Commendation	Unit Commendation	Unit Commendation	Unit Commendation

This decorations and awards are worn on the right side of the awardee's chest and in uniform above the service name plate except the badge of honour which is worn under the name plate.

Each service is responsible for nominating respective personnel for award to the High Queen through their chain of command and commissioner.

Any uniformed person in service to Her Majesty the High Queen directly shall also be entitled to wear on their left hand pocket a golden shield device with the Uskorian Lion in silver and upon leaving direct service with Her Majesty shall be entitled to wear on their left breast under any decorations and honours a silver shield device with a golden Uskorian Lion.

Revocation, cashiering and renouncement

Her Majesty the High Queen upon the advice of the Prime Minister of Uskor may following a serious conviction of a recipient issue a revocation of honours such as state awards and decorations and orders of chivalry, especially if said conviction brings said order or the honours system into disrepute.

Her Majesty may only revoke an honour granted following all final appeals through Uskor's judicial system or the judicial system of another country where Her Majesty believes justice to have been fair and in accordance with Uskorian norms.

Following a conviction and unsuccessful appeals process for a person who is in Her Majesty's Forces who has been convicted of treason or similar offenses against the Crown or crimes against humanity, she may authorise the convicted person to be cashiered of their honours, rank and other awards and decorations and if they are an officer for their sword to be broken.

This cashiering must take place in public.

A person who has been convicted of treason or similar crimes against the crown or has committed crimes against humanity shall upon an unsuccessful set of appeals automatically forfeit any noble titles that have been bestowed upon them and any hereditary titles shall be immediately inherited to their legitimate heir.

All revoked and cashiered awards, honours and decorations must be returned to Her Majesty the High Queen.

A person may renounce any honour bestowed upon them by writing to Her Majesty the High Queen and announcing their intention to renounce their honour, award, title or other decoration, Her Majesty will then upon the advice of the Prime Minister either accept or decline the request to renounce an honour, title, award or decoration and under what conditions Her Majesty has agreed to accept the renouncement.

Letters Patent regarding this document

I CHARLOTTE, High Queen of Uskor, Imperatrix, Queen of Pentacles, Jarl of Denton and Duchess of New Lichtenstein, Marchioness of Freyjavik, Countess of New Schellenberg, Baroness of Uskor Square, to Our Subjects whatsoever to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Know Ye that We of Our especial grace certain knowledge and mere motion do by these Presents advance that within the above document entitled “It’s an Honour: The Uskorian Honours System, 2019 Refresh and Overhaul” do we create and have the rules, and other such instruments outlining in accordance with §4.2.xii of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Uskor how and under what general conditions we may grant medals, titles of gratitude, state awards and titles of nobility. Further we shall cause medals and other insignia for such medals, titles of gratitude, state awards and titles of nobility as we see fit to command into being.

Further within the above document entitled “It’s an Honour: The Uskorian Honours System, 2019 Refresh and Overhaul” we do outline how one may renounce an honour, title or decoration and how we may revoke or cashier said awards, honours, medals and titles.

Further we declare that this document shall form an appended part of the House Laws of the House of New Schellenberg.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. WITNESS Ourselves at the Jarls Hall and Castle Winter in Freyjavik on the twenty-eight day of September Two Thousand and Nineteen in the third year of Our Reign.

By the High Queen herself electronically signed

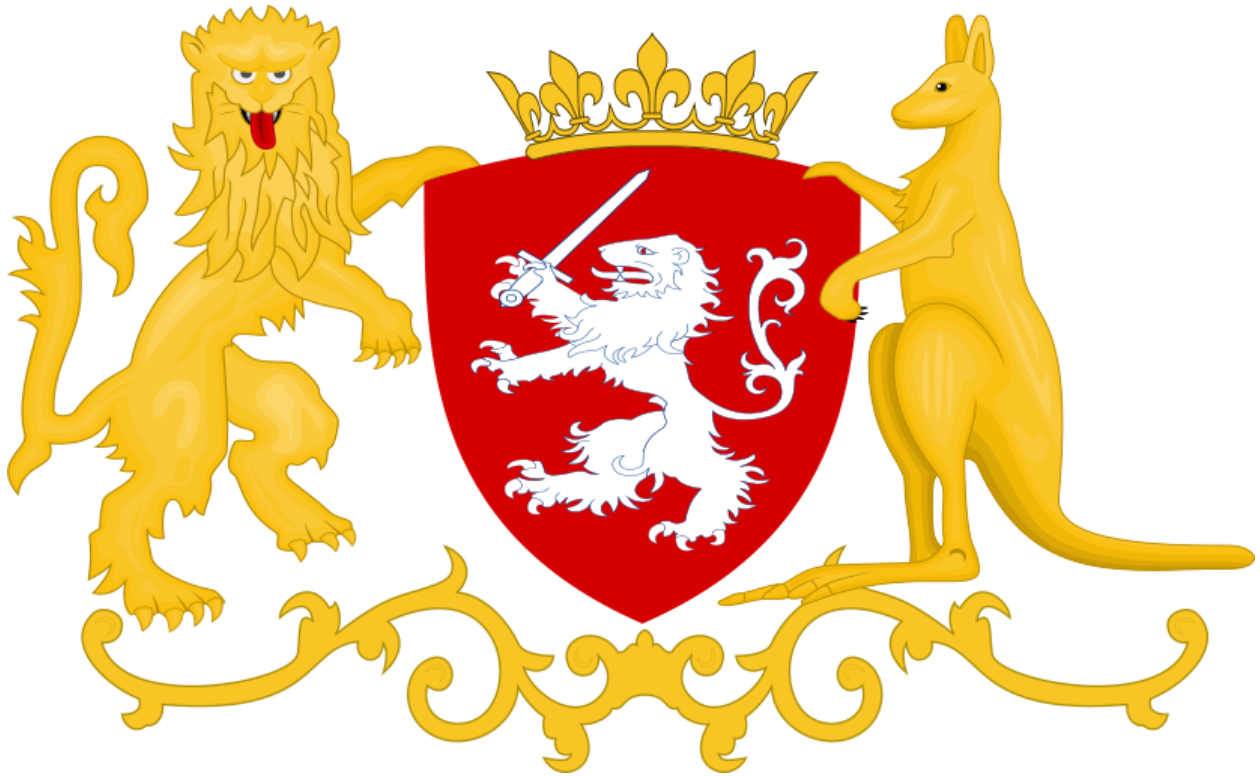
Charlotte M. Regina I.



The Right Honourable Prime Minister, countersigned

C. Nymoria

Her Excellency Inspector Claire Nymoria MLC HQA Jarl of Lundevik, Prime Minister of Uskor, Minister for General Government Affairs.



Justice and Freedom!

The Commonwealth of Uskor

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