

Persona Name: _____

Sponsoring Knight/Noble: _____

Requirements for Becoming a Bowman

- Complete and submit a Warwick membership form
- Be current on dues
- Attend three household meetings
- Serve as waiters at a minimum of three feasts
- Learn the Page's bow
- Be able to explain the Bowman example
- Select a Noble or Knight for a sponsor
- Complete the Bowman Archery ceremony
- Obtain your own feast gear (plate, bowl, cups, and utensils)

Requirements for Becoming a Marksman

- Learn the organizational structure and titles of Warwick, as well as those who serve in those positions
- Learn the rules of court, including the forms of address of those of the peerage and noblige
- Learn the rules of eating etiquette
- Learn the rules of courtesy
- Learn the Knight's Code
- Serve as Head Server in at least three feasts
- Complete your Squires necklace
- Acquire medium impact armor or the tools and equipment appropriate
- Compete in at least three organized competitions or tournaments
- Read a book about the Middle Ages (no less than 150 pages) and write a book report. At a court meeting, make an oral presentation about the book, using your report
- Acquire a simple outfit of at least a tunic, breeches, and a belt. In the case of ladies, a simple dress and belt should be procured. The colors should be in the livery of your noble or knights colors, but this is not a requirement
- Serve as a loyal and faithful bowman to your house for at least 6 months
- Pass an oral or written examination that proves legitimate working knowledge in all areas listed as requirements for becoming a Bowman

Requirements for Becoming a Knight Archer

- Learn the rules of heraldry. Be able to identify by name the tinctures, metals, and furs, and the laws governing them. Be able to identify by name on sight the basic divisions of fields, lines of partition, and ordinaries. Be able to list at least 10 charges and their proper names. Be able to explain the rules of helmets, crests, mantles, coronets, and badges. Identify all coats of arms of the Offices of Warwick
- Develop and register your coat of arms with the Officer of Arms
- Make a surcoat, (or article of clothing that is considered upper class for your persona) & battle shield with your coat of arms
- Acquire appropriate armor as needed for your level of Combat Archery (Heavy or Light) plus the tools and equipment appropriate for the position
- Obtain the proper outfit for dressing at court and a stand with which to display your new shield
- Write a 2,000-word essay on the time period you are portraying

Requirements for Becoming a Knight Archer (cont.)

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- Custom make your own Arrow with your charge colors as your cresting (one usable arrow required)*
- Compete in at least 10 organized tournaments, contests, or formal challenges*
- Read the Archery Manual and pass the Archers Test. Have it graded by the Officer of Archery and send the results in to the Crown*
- Earn certification as an Archery Line Officer*
- Aid in marshaling at least four archery tournaments*
- Sponsor a Bowman*
- Have the endorsement of a Noble, and the Officer of Archery*
- Write a 1,500-word essay on the progression and use of archery in the Middle Ages*
- Memorize the Knight's Code*
- Appear before the Council of Knights and petition to endure the Trials of Knighthood*
- Obtain a Knight's Cape Clasp to be presented at court*

Requirements for Becoming a Knight Archer Champion

- Select a Knight Archer Champion to teach you your position.
- Participate in at least 20 tournaments, competitions, or formal challenges.
- Sponsor a Marksman to Knighthood.
- Must be an active member of the following Archery Rosters for a period of **NO** less than 1 year: Target Archery, Combat Archer (Either Heavy or Light), and Thrown Weapons.
- Write a 2,500 word thesis on some aspect of chivalry during the Medieval/Renaissance time period.
- Obtain a written recommendation from the Officer of Archery, Steward, and the Crown. This recommendation is not only a voucher of skill, but also one of the highest characters a Knight has to offer.
- Obtain your own weapons rack*
- Obtain your own armor stand (if a Heavy Archer), (Light Archers do not need this).
- Hand make a true Medieval Combat Arrow using a replica Medieval arrowhead, and using your Arms colors as your cresting. This will not be shot, for display only. (The only part of this arrow that does not have to be handmade, and can be store bought is the arrowhead). This will be judged and accepted by the Officer of Archery. Once accepted, the Officer of Archery will notify the Crowns, and the arrow returned to the owner.
- Upon completion of all requirements, and when the Knight's Patron Sponsor believes the applicant is prepared, the applicant will be allowed to take the Knight Archer Champion examination.
- Pass the Knight Archer Champion Examination.
- Upon completion of all requirements for Knight Archer Champion, the advancement application shall be forwarded on to the Crown for approval. The application must be approved by the Crown of the Realm (peerage may only be granted by the Crown). The application must be accompanied with all letters of recommendation and the thesis written by the candidate. Remember, the thesis will remain a part of the Knight Archer Champions' file in the Realm archives.
- Obtain a Crown-approved Knight Archer Champion Coronet to be presented at Court.