

Scroll Texts for the Barony of Forgotten Sea

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Trident Tree

To all those of highest honor as well as the lowest degree, do we, Gianlupo and Giraude, Baron and Baroness of Forgotten Sea, send greeting, Touch the earth. From the earth we are come, and to it we shall return. The greatest of us and the least of us have the same beginning and the same end. There are some along the way who also touch the sky—who distinguish themselves in service, their roots firmly planted in the soil of our barony, sheltering our people, taking light from the sun and giving it back in the form of a fire. We call these outstanding servants Trident Trees, and set them forth as examples to follow. Such a one is -----, who touches both earth and sky, whom we invite to take a place in our Order of the Trident Tree. To (him/her/them), we touch the earth. Given this day -----, our thrones being set in the fields of Forgotten Sea.

Order of the Escallop

Let the wolves of the forest and the bears of the mountains take note and remember, Gianlupo and Giraude, Baron and Baroness of Forgotten Sea, are speaking: Our barony has lands, but its treasure is its people. Though the seas once covered these lands, they have receded, leaving reminders. So too our people cover these lands, but among them are those worth remembering. We find ----- such a one, whom for long service, we invite to be seated in our Order of the Escallop, that all should remember their honors and treasure their service, as indeed do we. Given this day -----, from the fields of Forgotten Sea.

Baronial Colors

We, Gianlupo and Giraude, Baron and Baroness of Forgotten Sea, stand upon the field of honor and declare our minds. We honor those who have gone before, for they are heart and soul. We honor those who serve with us now, for they are bone and sinew. We honor those who are to come, for they are our life's blood. We honor ----- who has shown their merit, and should bear the Baronial Colors. Before the people, so say we, Gianlupo and Giraude.

Baronial Mark of Merit

The wolf shall howl and the bear shall roar, but the trees shall tremble at the word of Gianlupo and Giraude, Baron and Baroness Forgotten Sea. The leaf of a tree is its factory, gathering sunshine, producing food for the whole tree, casting shade and shelter for the community. Know that -----has been distinguished by exceptional productivity and is therefore an example set before our people with this Mark of Merit. From the Forests of Forgotten Sea, so say we, Gianlupo and Giraude, on the ----- day of -----.

Silver Griffin

We, Giraude and Gianlupo, Baroness and Baron of Forgotten Sea, greet gentles and nobles of every degree, Flint and steel, spark and furison, these are the signs of the griffon. (name-----), distinguished in -----, has lit the way and is a leader among us. So shall we celebrate, so shall we remember-----with the Order of the Silver Griffin, with all rights and privileges appertaining thereto. In remembrance of this day-----, we, Giraude and Gianlupo, have set our hands and seal.

(Note from Master Gerald -- Yup, I changed the order of the names. That griffon is a female. I'm also thinking of how this acts in court—we've done the usual order time after time—an exception or two goes not amiss. However, if you prefer to have all the scrolls in the usual order, feel free to do so. The opening lines refer to the Order of the Golden Fleece--had a griffon as their heraldic animal, and their insignia had furisons--the steel of a flint and steel set.)