

Regulation 03-2024 Establishing the

# Heraldic Privileges of the Georgian Nobility & Knightage

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This document establishes regulations for the heraldic privileges of the Georgian nobility and knightage. These regulations provide a default, foundational, and explicit set of rules surrounding the heraldic privileges of these statuses in order to provide clear expectations and coherence to the heraldic practices surrounding them.

These regulations will serve as the general standard for appropriate heraldic practices for this subject matter. Individual cases wherein alternate or additional privileges have been and will be conveyed by the Head of the Royal House will prevail over these regulations and will be duly respected by the College.

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## 1. Nobility

### 1.1. Coronet of Rank

A core heraldic privilege of members of the Georgian nobility is the display of coronets of rank in order to signify their designated rank (or ranks) in the hierarchy of the Georgian nobility.

#### 1.1.1. Forms of Coronets of Rank

The particular forms of coronets of rank authorized for use in heraldry by the Royal House of Georgia is detailed in Regulation 04-2024.

#### 1.1.2. Placement of Coronets of Rank

Armigers entitled to a coronet of rank may place their coronet in one or more of the following locations:

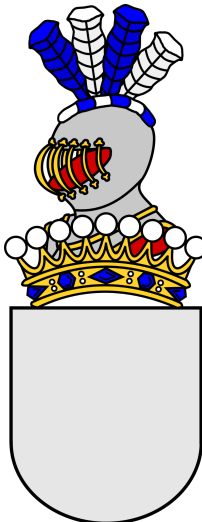
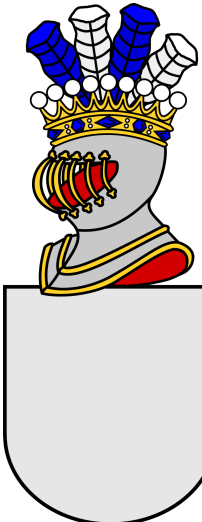
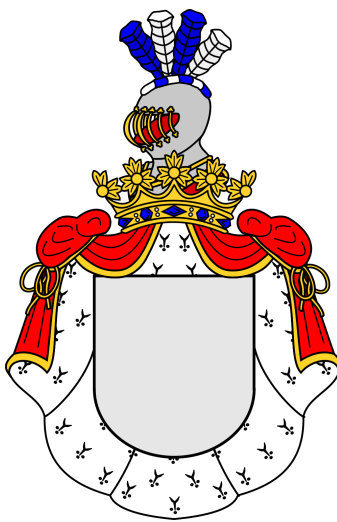
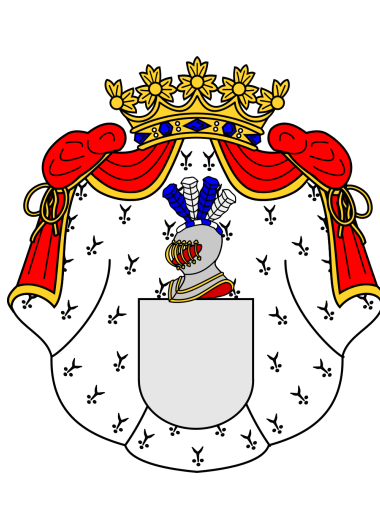
1. Above their shield and below their helm or helms (if included)
2. At the base of their crest or crests in lieu of or with a torse and in lieu of any other form of crest coronet<sup>1</sup>  
*and/or*
3. At the top of their mantle (if entitled to one)<sup>2</sup>

### Coronets of Rank Display Placement

<sup>1</sup> Should an armiger already possess a crest coronet of a non-nobiliary nature, they may substitute it for their applicable coronet of rank, however this will require the alteration of the blazon of their crest if they choose to do this.

<sup>2</sup> Should an armiger choose to display their mantle surrounding just their arms, supporters, etc. with the helm(s) and crest(s) above and outside of the mantle, the coronet of rank atop the mantle will be immediately above the shield as in location option 1, thus merging location options 1 & 3 in this instance.



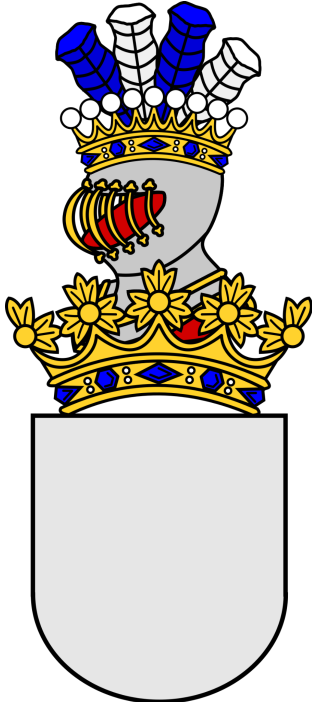
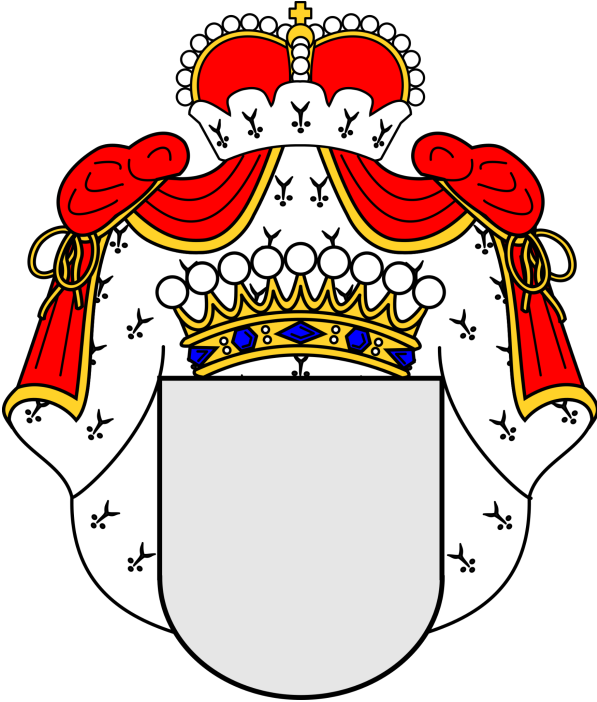
			
<i>Location Option 1</i>	<i>Location Option 2</i>	<i>Location Option 3</i>	
<i>Emblazonments by Seán M.H. Brazeau.</i>			

Armigers who hold multiple nobiliary distinctions may opt to display multiple coronets of rank, each pertaining to a different title which they hold. This is discouraged for those cases without existing precedent, but the recommended approach in those instances wherein this is done would be to either:

- Display the coronet of rank of the highest title in *location option 1* and the other rank coronet in crest following *location option 2*, or
- Display the coronet of rank of the highest title upon the top of the mantle in location option 3 and the lesser title in *location option 1*.

### Displaying Coronets of Rank for Multiple Ranks



	
<p><i>Approach A</i></p>	<p><i>Approach B</i></p>
<p><i>Emblazonments by Seán M.H. Brazeau.</i></p>	

### 1.1.3. Use of Coronets of Rank as Charge and as Components in Badges, Supporters, etc.

In addition to the display of a coronet of rank as an element in its own right, coronets of rank may be used as a charge in the coat of arms, as a component of a heraldic badge, supporters, flags, etc. Generally, this will be restricted to the use of coronets of rank appropriate to an armiger's rank. As these uses of the coronet do not constitute formal displays of rank, however, there may arise scenarios wherein coronets of rank may be authorized for use as charges or components of emblems for an armiger not of a given noble rank.

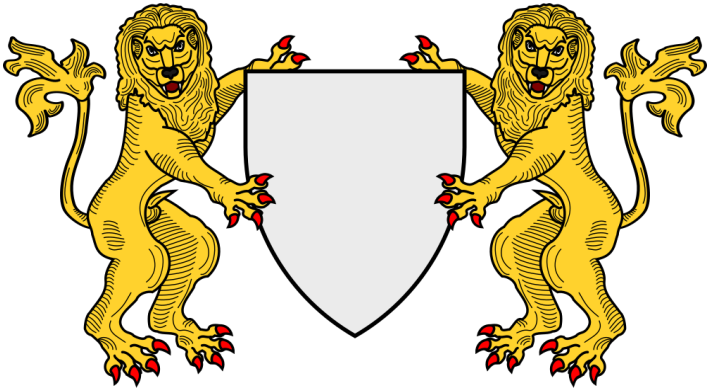

## 1.2. Supporters

All recognized titled nobles are eligible for the privilege of a hereditary grant of supporters from the Royal Heraldic College of Georgia as an additament to their armorial achievements. These supporters must be granted by the Royal Heraldic College of Georgia or otherwise be directly sanctioned by the Head of the Royal House of Georgia for their use to be considered valid.

Supporters will either be placed on each side of their shield or otherwise be a single supporter placed behind their shield (in either case "supporting" the shield as they hold it).



Supporters may also be granted on a hereditary or personal basis to others at the sole discretion of the Head of the Royal House of Georgia. *(For the granting of non-hereditary supporters to Knights Grand Cross and Knights Grand Collar of the Order of the Eagle of Georgia, see section 2.4 below.)*

Supporters	
	
<i>Two supporters, one on each side of the shield.</i>	<i>One supporter behind the shield.</i>
<i>Emblazonments by Seán M.H. Brazeau.</i>	

## 1.3. Mantles

### 1.3.1. Princely/Ducal Mantle

For those armigers holding a noble title of princely or ducal ranking, the use of a *mantle Gules lined ermine and edged Or with a fringe Or* is permitted as a heraldic privilege of their rank.

This mantle may be displayed either way as follows:

1. Surrounding the entirety of the rest of the armorial achievement, or
2. Placed around the shield, supporters, orders/decorations, and compartment but below the helm and crest.

### Princely/Ducal Mantle Placement



<p><i>Mantle placement 1</i></p>	<p><i>Mantle placement 2</i></p>
<p><i>Above are the applicable placement options for other forms of mantles as well.</i> <i>Emblazonments by Seán M.H. Brazeau.</i></p>	

### 1.3.2. Royal Mantle

The Royal Mantle, described as a *mantle & pavilion Gules an orle Or, lined Ermine and edged & with a fringe of the first* (meaning a mantle and pavilion with the outer side in red with a gold line slightly inwards from the edge, the inside being ermine fur, and the edges being both trimmed with gold and having a fringe in gold hanging from them) is typically reserved for dynasts recognized by the Head of the Royal House of Georgia. However, at his sole discretion, the Head may extend the privilege of its use to others, which has historically only occurred on an exceptional basis.

Like above, this mantle may be displayed either way as follows:

1. Surrounding the entirety of the rest of the armorial achievement, or

2. Placed around the shield, supporters, orders/decorations, and compartment but below the helm and crest.

### Royal Mantle



*Armorial Achievement of the Royal House of Georgia with royal mantle. Emblazonment by Tania Crossingham.*

### 1.3.3. Helms

Flexibility exists with the helms of Georgian nobles: like with the helms of commoners, they may face in any direction.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, Georgian nobles are not locked into using one particular form of helmet and may use any standard or non-standard helm design, as appropriate, other than the gold helm of a sovereign. Nevertheless,

<sup>3</sup> Some heraldic traditions from the era of “paper heraldry” would require that the helm face a particular direction based on an armiger’s status, but the contemporary practice is generally to instead have the helm face in the direction of how the crest is displayed.

they possess the privilege of using a silver helm with golden bars (which may be of any particular number; this detail is not significant for Georgian heraldry) as a reflection of their status, which is the default helmet of their degree. Our current practice is to not blazon the helm in a grant or registration of arms, with the form of helm being open to change from emblazonment to emblazonment so long as it follows the aforementioned limitations.

## 2. Knightage

### 2.1. Order Insignia *(Updated 01 Feb 2025)*

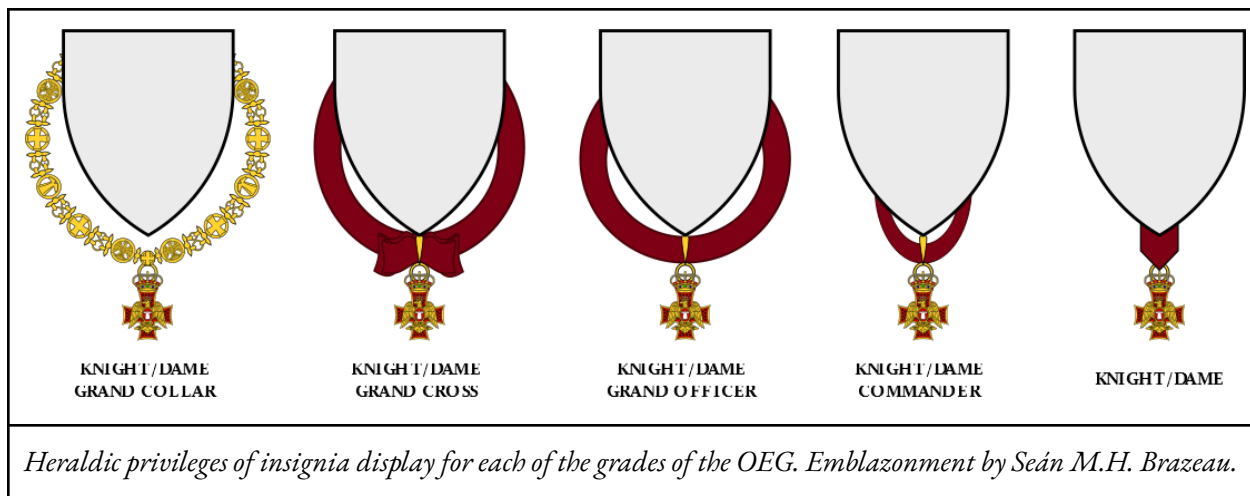
#### 2.1.1. Order of the Eagle of Georgia and the Seamless Tunic of Our Lord Jesus Christ (OEG)

Armigers who are members of the OEG may have the heraldic insignia appropriate to their grade displayed as a part of their armorial bearings officially sanctioned with the Royal House of Georgia. The heraldic display of insignia applies to brevets dated **on or after 01 January 2025**. Ancient knights and dames — those breveted before this date — may retain the insignia rules valid on the date of their brevet. Confrères of the Order may display their insignia on their armorial achievements without prior approval.

The particular displays authorized are as follows for each grade in ascending order:

- **Knights/Dames:** Display of the medal of a knight/dame of the OEG suspended from the bottom of the shield.
- **Knight/Dame Commander:** Display of the neck insignia of the OEG suspended from the lower flanks of the shield.
- **Knight/Dame Grand Officer:** Shield encircled by a ribbon surrounding 3/4 of its circumference, with the badge pendant.
- **Knight/Dame Grand Cross:** Encirclement of the shield with the sash and ribbon of the Order, with the badge pendant.
- **Knight/Dame Grand Collar:** Encirclement of their shield with the collar of the Order.

#### OEG Heraldic Insignia



### 2.1.2. Order of the Crown of Georgia

Members of the Order of the Crown of Georgia may display the badge of the Order beneath their arms.





### 2.1.3. Order of Saint Queen Tamar

For the Order of Saint Queen Tamar, the badge appropriate to the grade of the armiger in the Order may be displayed beneath the arms. The badge for each grade is as follows:

- **Senator/Lady Senator of the Grand Badge:** Golden Grand Badge



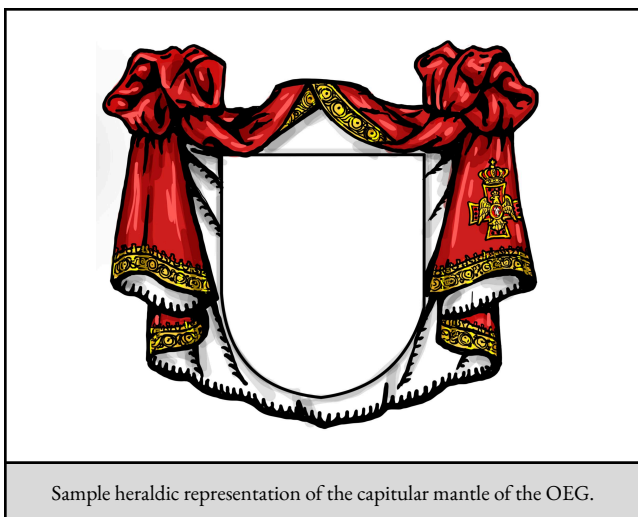
- **Knight/Lady of the Grand Badge:** Silver Grand Badge

Badges of the Order of Saint Queen Tamar	
	
<i>Golden grand badge for a Senator/Lady Senator of the Grand Badge.</i>	<i>Silver grand badge for a Knight/Lady of the Grand Badge.</i>
<i>Emblazonments by Seán M.H. Brazeau.</i>	

#### 2.1.4. Other Orders and Awards

The insignia of orders and awards outside of the Royal Georgian Orders which entitle the recipient to insignia which they may display in their heraldry shall only be considered for inclusion in grants & registrations with the College and more generally in official heraldic displays with the Royal House of Georgia at the sole discretion of the Head of the Royal House of Georgia.

## 2.2. Capitular Mantle of the OEG



Sample heraldic representation of the capitular mantle of the OEG.

Members of the OEG may make use of the mantle of the order as an additament to their armorial achievement.

This mantle may be displayed by either surrounding the entirety of the armorial achievement, or placed around the shield, supporters, orders/decorations, and compartment but below the helm and crest.

**The form of the capitular mantle of the OEG is addressed in Regulation 07-2024.**

## 2.3. Helms

Helms for knights/dames, like for nobles and for commoners, are highly flexible. Knights/dames possess the right to a silver helm with golden bars (which may be of any particular number; this detail is not significant for Georgian heraldry) as a reflection of their status, which is the default helmet of their degree. Nonetheless, like for nobles they might also use other standard helms open to all or also may use appropriate non-standard helmets in emblazonment authorized for official use in a Georgian context. Our current practice is to not blazon the helm in a grant or registration of arms, with the form of helm being open to change from emblazonment to emblazonment so long as it follows the aforementioned limitations.

## 2.4. Supporters

All holders of the grade of Knight/Dame Grand Cross and Knight/Dame Grand Collar of the Order of the Eagle of Georgia and the Seamless Tunic of Our Lord Jesus Christ are eligible for a lifetime (non-hereditary) grant of supporters from the Royal Heraldic College of Georgia as an additament to their armorial achievements. These supporters must be granted by the Royal Heraldic College of Georgia or otherwise be directly sanctioned by the Head of the Royal House of Georgia for their use to be considered valid.

Supporters will either be placed on each side of their shield or otherwise be a single supporter placed behind their shield (in either case “supporting” the shield as they hold it).