

Corpora interpretation: Does Corpora VIII. A.4.e.(i) (Order of the Mark) include mounted archery?

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I was asked for an interpretation of Corpora VIII.A.4.e “Order of the Mark” and whether the specific requirements for inclusion into that order encompassed “mounted archery”. Corpora VIII. A.4.e.(i) states:

*“The Order of the Mark*

*1. Members of the Order of the Mark may choose to swear fealty, but are not required to do so. The candidate must have attained the standard of excellence in skill and/or knowledge equal to that of their prospective peers in a pre-17th century ranged martial pursuit as practiced in the SCA. The candidate must have applied this skill and/or knowledge for the instruction of members and service to the kingdom to an extent above and beyond that normally expected of members of the Society.” (emphasis added).*

This is not so much an interpretation as it is an explanation of what Corpora states in plain language: “...pre-17<sup>th</sup> century ranged martial pursuit as practiced in the SCA...” **Any ranged weapon** (a projectile including but not limited to arrows, javelins and/or spears) activity that is covered under approved SCA Marshalate activity whether the candidate is standing, on their knees, or on horseback, is included in this specific requirement for induction into the Order of the Mark.

All candidates for Patents of Arms, including the Order of the Mark, must also meet the general requirements as outlined in Corpora VIII. A.1.