

Pomp and Circumstance returns to Dornoch

The Royal Burgh of Dornoch will witness pageantry on Sunday it has not seen since it lost burghal status on local government reorganisation in 1975.

In a colourful ceremony after a parade to Dornoch Cathedral, Mr Charles Burnett, the Dingwall Pursuivant of Arms, will read out the Grant of Arms to Dornoch Community Council and its chairman, Mr Donald Goskirk, will be invested with a badge of office gifted by Mr and Mrs Derek Holt of Skibo Castle.

Under the command of parade marshal Major Alisdair Shaw of Creich, two pipers and two burgh halberdiers will lead off a procession of the last Provost of Dornoch, Mr Harry Clunie along with former Bailies, Dean of Guild and members of the Town Council from the Courthouse across the road to the Cathedral.

They will be accompanied by a matching procession of the Chairman of the Community Council, two former chairmen and members of the council. Behind them in procession with a bannerman bearing his official flag will come the Dingwall Pursuivant in his medieval heraldic costume.

Taking up the end of the procession will be the Queen's representative in Sutherland, the Lord Lieutenant, Col Allan Gilmour of Invernauld.

The procession assembles at

10.30 am and will reach the west door of the Cathedral at 10.55 am.

Cathedral minister the Rev James Simpson will announce the presentation of the Grant of Arms and the gift of the chairman's badge to the community council.

At the conclusion of the morning service, the procession will leave the Cathedral to cross the Square for the benefit of the cameras of many residents and tourists who are likely to be attracted to the event.



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Festival Week —

Sunday is also a very colourful day with the presentation of the Dornoch Coat of Arms during the Festival Week Cathedral service.

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Community council take up arms

A GRANT of arms was yesterday presented to a new generation of burghers, the community council, in Dornoch Cathedral.

Past and present marched in procession to the morning church service. First came kilted pipers, halberdiers and bannermen. Behind them were figures from public life and taking up the rear, from the Lord Lyon's Court in Edinburgh, were Mr Charles Burnett, the Dingwall Pursuivant, in his colourful costume and hat, his personal standard bearer and The Queen's representative in Sutherland, the Lord Lieutenant, Colonel Allan Gilmour of Invernauld.