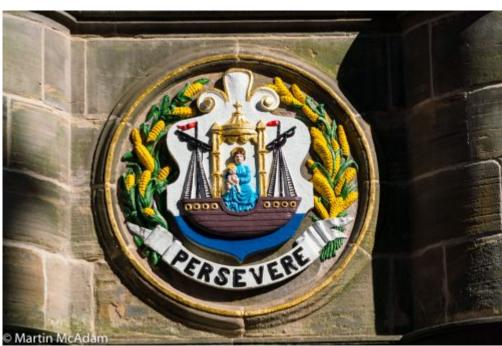
Royal proclamation takes place today

As a new UK parliament is to be elected next month, this morning in an ancient ceremony the Lord Lyon King of Arms will read the proclamation this morning at the Mercat Cross.









At 12 noon he will ascend the cross with the Sheriff Clerk representing the Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders, the Returning Officer for Edinburgh, Her Majesty's Officers of Arms and the State Trumpeters of Scotland. A Guard of Honour from Balaklave Company, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland and the Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland, will also be present.

The procession, which will begin at the Signet Library in West Parliament Square before proceeding onto the Royal Mile, will comprise: State Trumpeters, Lyon Macer, Returning Officer, Falkland, Linlithgow, Unicorn and Dingwall Pursuivants, Marchmont, Snawdoun and Rothesay Heralds, Sheriff Clerk, Lord Lyon.



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