

Regent Dunning
Presentation of the Medallion and Mace

President McArthur, it is now my pleasure to present to you the symbols of office. Dr. McArthur, would you please join me at the podium?

The presidential medallion symbolizes the authority conferred as a sacred trust by the Regents upon the President as the chief executive officer of the university.

By virtue of his office, the President is personally entrusted with the responsibility of promoting the mission and the values of the institution.

Created specifically for the installation of President McArthur, the central graphic of the bronze medallion is the university seal which depicts the sun rising over the Wichita Mountains. Along the brass chain are the names and tenures of Cameron's sixteen previous presidents.

While the presidential medallion represents the personal authority of the President as leader of the institution, the university mace represents the institutional authority of the university.

The mace, made of wood and clad with metal, was used as a weapon during the Middle Ages. Now the mace symbolizes the authority of the faculty in academic matters and the practice of shared governance within the university.

Cameron's mace was designed and created in 1981 by Benson Warren, a member of the Art Department faculty. It is cast in bronze and displays in bas-relief the peaks of the Wichita Mountains from the university's seal.

And now, by virtue of the authority of the Board of Regents governing The University of Oklahoma, Cameron University, and Rogers State University, I hereby bestow on you these symbols of office. Carry them proudly as you represent this great institution and the great state of Oklahoma.

(Regent Dunning places medallion around President McArthur's neck.) (Mike Dunn hands the mace to President McArthur)

On behalf of the Board of Regents, I welcome you as the seventeenth president of Cameron University. I assure you of our confidence in you, and pledge our support to you as you strive to continue the greatness that is this university's destiny.

I now present to you, friends of the university, the seventeenth president of Cameron University, John M. McArthur.