

# CORONATION OF THE KING AND QUEEN OF LOCHAC

## Notes and Explanations

Coronation is probably the single most complex ceremony we perform. As such, the following notes are here put forth to assist the Royalty, the Crown Prince and Crown Princess, and the Heralds, in preparing for the ceremony.

Also, the form given here is considered to be the standard format of the Kingdom of Lochac Coronation Ceremony. It is understood that many Crown Princes and Crown Princesses may wish to modify this ceremony to personalize it. There are a few items that should not be changed, and these are noted below, with reasons for not changing them.

## LISTS FOR THE HERALDS

To assist the herald(s) running court, the following names need to be provided, or the Herald must find them (in the cases of the names of the Princes/Princesses):

The names of the King and Queen

The names of the Princes and Princesses

The names of the Queen's Guard

The name of the Knight Counselor to the Queen's Guard (Optional)

The Champion(s) (if they are to be named)

The herald should also determine whether the Crown Prince/ss will need prompting on the oath, whether the robes of state will be used and other variables

## BEFORE COURT

The King and Queen should determine, which members of their Court will stay behind the Thrones, this should be a small a number as possible. If the whole Royal Household stays, then the switch at the beginning of Coronation becomes quite awkward. Along the same lines, the Crown Prince and Crown Princess should determine which members of their household/Court will stand behind the thrones -- for the exact same reason. Too many people attempting to change places causes major congestion and heartburn for all involved.

## ROBES OF STATE

Use of the Robes of State is optional. Using them can be quite impressive and add to the beauty of the ceremony. However, there are times that this should be reconsidered (for example, if the Crown Prince and Crown Princess have particularly spectacular clothes, the Robes of State would cover them; or if the event is Twelfth Night (which is often very hot), or if the robes do not suit the style of the incoming Royalty).

## THE CORONATION PARTY

The Coronation party as shown includes an honour Guard. These are optional. The Coronation Party also shows a Cupbearer, who is optional. The Cupbearer is in an equivocal position in the ceremony. In some cases, people have had a child come forward, which, while cute, gives the impression of a ring-bearer in a wedding. The opinion of some of the heralds is that it would be better to have a member of the nobility of the Kingdom who is not particularly a part of the Crown Prince and Princess's Court be the cupbearer if this option is used.

The attendants who stand behind the Throne should be familiar enough with the ceremony that they know what to do when pieces of regalia are called for.

## FEALTY FROM OFFICERS, Etc. TO THE KING AND QUEEN

The Fealty & Homage oaths are set up in a special fashion here. Since some Royalty has strong opinions of the order in which fealty should be received from Princes and Princesses, Barons and Baronesses, Peers, and Officers, the ceremonies are laid out so that they can be rearranged as needed, each set of oaths taking one page. The fealty oaths should not be changed. They say everything that needs to be said, in a nice, straight-forward method.

## FEALTY REPLY FROM THE KING AND QUEEN

The Fealty & Homage oaths are written with the King accepting each oath and the Queen agreeing. This can be varied, the King and Queen may alternate who swears the acceptance with the other agreeing, or the Queen may say the acceptance oath in full for each of the fealties.

## FEALTY -- CHIVALRY

This was changed so that the Knights are swearing fealty to both the King and Queen (as required by Corpora -- VI. Branch Administration, A. Royalty, 1. General, a. Definitions) Crown. The Sovereign and Consort of a kingdom, acting together and VII. Personal Awards and Titles, A. Patents of Arms, 4. Patent Orders, a. The Chivalry, 1) Specific Requirements, b) To join the Order of Knighthood, the candidate must swear fealty to the Crown of his or her kingdom during the knighting ceremony.

## MASTERS OF ARMS

There are none of these at present in Lochac, an amendment to the ceremony may be necessary should this option be exercised.

## HERALD

When performing the Oaths of Fealty -- please wait until ALL members of the Order called have had a chance to come forward as it may take some significant time to get to the Royal presence.

## QUEEN in her own right.

Should the Queen have won the Crown Tourney, then a special ceremony will be needed to be written.

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The Coronation of the King and Queen of Lochac shall take place at the end of the final Court of the outgoing King and Queen, or at a special Coronation Court. The King and Queen shall be seated upon Their Thrones, and They shall wear the Royal Crowns and the Robes of State (optional). Their attendants shall stand behind Them. Their personal banner bearers shall be present, with Their personal banners, which shall be furled. The Herald shall stand at the King's right. If the Great Officers have not been requested to join in the Coronation Party, the Seneschal, and Principal Herald should stand ready at the back of the court, or in some place where they may approach easily.

The Coronation party shall normally consist of:

- EM/S Earl Marshall or Spokesman
- HG Honour Guard (optional, does not have to be Chivalry ...)
- B Banner Bearers
- CP Crown Prince
- Cps Crown Princess
- A Attendants
- C Cupbearer (optional)

The Coronation Party shall form a procession and come forward. One possible form for this Procession is as follows:

	EM/S	
HG		HG
HG		HG
B		B
CP		CPs
A		A
A		A
HG		HG
	C (optional)	

The Earl Marshall/Spokesman shall halt a respectful distance from the Thrones, and the rest of the Coronation Party shall halt a respectful distance behind him/her. The Earl Marshall/Spokesman shall make a reverence to Their Majesties. The Cupbearer should stand at the back of the Court, and not come forward until that part of the ceremony (if the Cupbearer is used.)



King: For half a year We have been your King, and, as We swore at Our Coronation, We shall depart Our throne.

King: Prince (kname),  
since you have been given  
victory over the field  
for the greater honour of your lady,  
We would welcome you  
as Our successor  
to this Crown and Throne.  
Will you now swear fealty  
to the Kingdom and populace of Lochac?

Prince: I will.

Queen: For half a year, We have reigned at the side of your King and have been Queen of Lochac. As We swore at Our Coronation, We also will relinquish Our throne.

Queen: Princess (qname),  
since you have inspired  
your champion  
to victory over the field,  
We would welcome you as Our successor  
to this Crown and Throne.  
Will you now swear fealty  
to the Kingdom and populace of Lochac?

Princess: I will.

Herald: Fealty must be sworn on a sword of steel. Bring forth the Great Sword of State!

*The Earl Marshall shall present the Great Sword of State to the King, who shall draw the sword and shall hold it on the palms of both hands. The Crown Prince shall place his hands upon the Great Sword, and upon the hands of the King. The Queen shall place her hands, palms upward, under the Great Sword. The Crown Princess shall place her hands upon the Great Sword and upon the hands of the Queen.*

*If the Crown Prince and Crown Princess wish, they may repeat the Oath together, or they may repeat it each in turn. If they know the Oath by heart, the services of the Herald may be dispensed with.*

Herald/Prince:            Here do I swear by mouth and hands  
fealty and protection  
to the Kingdom  
and populace of Lochac  
to uphold the Laws of the Kingdom  
to speak and to be silent  
to do and to let be  
to strike and to spare  
to punish and to reward  
in such matters as concern the Kingdom  
in need or in plenty  
in peace or in war  
in living or in dying.  
In these ways and in all others  
I will strive to govern this Kingdom wisely.  
I shall bear these burdens gladly and  
for half a year serve as King of Lochac  
and then freely stepping aside  
for my lawfully chosen successor.  
This I swear to uphold until I depart my throne,  
or death take me, or the world end,  
So say I, (kname).

Herald/Princess:        Here do I swear by mouth and hand  
fealty and protection  
to the Kingdom  
and populace of Lochac  
to uphold the Laws of the Kingdom  
to speak and to be silent  
to do and to let be  
to strike and to spare  
to punish and to reward  
in such matters as concern the Kingdom  
in need or in plenty  
in peace or in war  
in living or in dying.  
In these ways and in all others  
I will strive to govern this Kingdom wisely.  
I shall bear these burdens gladly and  
for half a year serve as Queen of Lochac  
and then freely stepping aside  
for my lawfully chosen successor.  
This I swear to uphold until I depart my throne,  
or death take me, or the world end,  
So say I, (qname).

*The King shall return the Great Sword to the Earl Marshall.*

OPTIONAL - Robes of State

*The King and Queen shall remove the Robes of State and hand them to the honour Guard.*

**King:**                   **Take these Robes of State  
and hold them in trust for Our Successors.**

*The King and Queen shall remove the Robes of State and hand them to the honour Guard.*

CONTINUE

*Then the King and Queen shall simultaneously remove Their Crowns. The King shall hold His Crown above the head of the Crown Prince. The Queen should hold Hers in both hands in front of Herself.*

**King:**                   **Now We, (okname), do crown You, (kname), King of  
Lochac.**

*As Out-going King says the words "King of Lochac": he should place the crown on the new King's head. At the same time, the new King's banner is furled by an attendant. The outgoing-King's banner should be unfurled by an attendant.*

**Herald:**               **Long live the King!**

**Populace:**           **Long live the King!**

OPTIONS - *Two versions of this speech.*

**Ex-Queen:**           **And I, (oqname), give into Your hands this Crown, with  
which to bestow the style and title of Queen of Lochac  
upon Your consort.**

**Ex-Queen:**           **With this Crown name your lady Queen of Lochac.**

*Outgoing Queen gives Crown to King.*

**King:**                   **We, (kname), King of Lochac, crown You, (qname)  
Queen of Lochac.**

*Places Crown on Queen's head At the same time, an attendant furls Queen's banner, and the old-Queen's banner is unfurled and both the King and Queen's banners are taken away.*

**Herald:**               **Long live the Queen!**

**Populace:**           **Long live the Queen!**

*The new Queen shall rise.*

OPTIONAL - Robes of State

*The honour Guard shall place the Robes of State upon the King and Queen.*

CONTINUE

*Then the former King and Queen shall step down from before the Thrones. The new King and Queen shall step up to the Thrones and turn to face the populace. The attendants of the former King and Queen shall come from behind the Thrones, with their Banner Bearers carrying their banners unfurled, and form a procession. The former King and Queen shall face the Thrones, and make a reverence.*

#### OPTION 1

**King:** You have served Our Kingdom well.  
Be welcome into Our Court.

*The King and Queen shall seat Themselves upon the Thrones. Their attendants shall come forward, make a reverence, and take their places as instructed.*

*The former King and Queen move behind the thrones, their attendants and the honour Guard depart*

#### OPTION 2

**King:** You have served Our Kingdom well.  
You have Our leave to depart.

*The King and Queen shall seat Themselves upon the Thrones. Their attendants shall come forward, make a reverence, and take their places as instructed.*

*The former King and Queen shall depart with their attendants and the honour Guard depart. This allows them to get ready for their County/Ducal investiture.*

*If the Crux Australis Principal Herald is performing the ceremony, he/she should hand off the Ceremony book to the backup herald, so that Crux Australis will be prepared to step into the ceremony.*

#### OPTION – Cup bearer

*The cupbearer shall come forward and make a reverence.*

**Cupbearer:** Your Majesties, accept these cups in token of the hopes of your Kingdom, that You will drink deep of happiness in Your Reign.

**Queen:** My [lord | lady], We thank you.

*The Cupbearer shall present the cups to Their Majesties, who shall take them and drink. The Cupbearer shall depart.*

(Backup) Herald (quietly): Your Majesty, may the populace be seated?

King/Queen: (If they so desire) Yes.

(If Yes) Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to be seated.

*Then the Earl Marshall, Seneschal, and Crux Australis Principal Herald shall come forward with their symbols of office to present them to the King and make a reverence. The Earl Marshall shall step forward with the Great Sword of State:*

Earl Marshall: Your Majesty, I deliver into Your Hands the Great Sword of State, symbol of Your power of arms.

*The King shall take the Great Sword of State, hold it, inspect it, and return it.*

King: We thank you, my [Lord | Lady] , and We return it to your keeping, to hold until such time as We shall require it.

*The Earl Marshall shall return to his place, and the Seneschal shall come forward with the Great Book of Law of the Kingdom and make a reverence.*

Seneschal: Your Majesty, I deliver into Your Hands the Great Book of Law of the Kingdom, symbol of Your power of justice and law.

*The King shall take the Book, inspect it, and return it.*

King: We thank you, my [Lady | Lord] , and We return it to your keeping, and we Charge you to uphold Our Laws, and to administer them as We shall require.

*The Seneschal shall return to her/his place and the Crux Australis Principal Herald shall step forward with the Great Seal of the Kingdom and make a reverence.*

Crux Australis Herald: Your Majesty, I deliver into Your Hands the Great Seal of the Kingdom, symbol of the word of the Crown.

*The King shall take the Seal, inspect it, and return it.*

King: We thank you, my [Lord | Lady] , and we return it to your keeping, and We charge you to keep it safe, and to use it as We shall require.

*The Principal Herald shall return to his place, and all three officers shall depart (the Crux Australis Principal Herald to take his/her place as court herald, if proper).*

# FEALTY FOR THE OFFICERS OF STATE

Herald: Let the Officers of State come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.

*The Officers shall come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.*

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to (kname) and (qname), your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will faithfully discharge your Offices, obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, uphold the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, and, mindful that the harmony of the Kingdom springs from your deeds, treat courteously with those of every degree, until the King depart from His Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Officers: I so swear.

King: And We for Our part  
do swear fealty to these Our Great Officers,  
and to those who serve with them,  
to protect and defend them with all Our power,  
until We depart from Our Throne,  
or death take Us,  
or the world end.  
So say We, (kname), King of Lochac.

Queen: So also say We, (qname), Queen of Lochac.

*The Great Officers return to their places.*

# FEALTY FOR THE TERRITORIAL BARONS AND BARONESSES

Herald: Let the Barons and Baronesses of Rowany, Aneala, Innilgard, River Haven, Stormhold, Politarchopolis, Ynys Fawr, StFlorian de la Riviere, Southron Gaard, Ildhafn, Mordenvale or Their Representatives come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.

*The Barons and Baronesses come forward and kneel. If representatives come forward for ay of the Baronies, they shall present their scrolls and stand to the side. Representatives do NOT swear fealty for the Barony.*

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to (kname) and (qname), your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will obey Their lawful commands, hold and administer Their Baronies, support all your people in their various endeavors, bring all good works to the notice of Their Majesties, and, mindful that the harmony of your Baronies springs from your own deeds, treat courteously with all, whatever their degree or station, or death take you or the world end?

Baron/esses: I so swear.

King: And We for Our part  
do swear fealty to you,  
Our Barons and Baronesses,  
and do swear to support,  
protect and defend you and your Baronies  
with all Our power,  
until We depart from Our Throne,  
or death take Us,  
or the world end.  
So say We, (kname), King of Lochac.

Queen: So also say We, (qname), Queen of Lochac.

*The Barons and Baronesses return to their places.*

# FEALTY FOR THE ROYAL PEERS

Herald: Let those Dukes, Duchesses, Counts, Countesses, Viscounts and Viscountesses who wish to swear fealty now come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.

*The Royal Peers come forward and kneel.*

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to (kname) and (qname), your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will uphold the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, and treat courteously with those of every degree, until the King depart from His Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Royal Peers: I so swear.

King: And We for Our part,  
do swear fealty to these Royal Peers of Lochac,  
and do swear to protect and defend them  
and all their households  
with all Our power,  
until We depart from Our Throne,  
or death take Us,  
or the world end.  
So say We, (kname), King of Lochac.

Queen: So also say We, (qname), Queen of Lochac.

*The Royal Peers return to their places.*

# FEALTY FOR THE KNIGHTS OF LOCHAC

Herald: Let all Knights of Lochac here present come forward with their swords girded on.

*The Knights shall come forward and kneel. Their Majesties shall rise.*

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to (kname) and (qname), your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, uphold the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, faithfully perform the duties of your Noble Order, pay heed to Her Majesty's example in matters of Courtesy, and treat with chivalry those of every degree and station, until the King depart His Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Knights: I so swear.

King: And We for Our part  
do swear fealty  
and swear to these Knights of Lochac,  
to protect and defend them  
and all their households  
with all Our power,  
until We depart from Our Throne,  
or death take Us,  
or the world end.  
So say We, (kname), King of Lochac.

Queen: So also say We, (qname), Queen of Lochac.

*The Knights shall rise, draw their swords, and salute their Majesties. Then they shall sheathe their swords and return to their places.*

# FEALTY FOR THE COMPANIONS OF THE LAUREL

Herald: Let those Companions of the Order of the Laurel who wish to swear fealty now come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.

*The Companions of the Order of the Laurel who wish come forward and kneel.*

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to (kname) and (qname), your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will uphold the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, faithfully perform the duties of your Noble Order, obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, and treat courteously with those of every degree, until the King depart from His Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Laurels: I so swear.

King: And We for Our part,  
do swear fealty to these  
Companions of the Order of the Laurel,  
and do swear to support the Noble Order  
to which they belong,  
and to protect and defend them  
and all their households  
with all Our power,  
until We depart from Our Throne,  
or death take Us,  
or the world end.  
So say We, (kname), King of Lochac.

Queen: So also say We, (qname), Queen of Lochac.

*The Members of the Order of the Laurel return to their places.*

# FEALTY FOR THE COMPANIONS OF THE PELICAN

Herald: Let those Companions of the Order of the Pelican who wish to swear fealty now come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.

*The Companions of the Order of the Pelican who wish come forward and kneel.*

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to (kname) and (qname), your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will uphold the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, faithfully perform the duties of your Noble Order, obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, and treat courteously with those of every degree, until the King depart from His Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Peers: I so swear.

King: And We for Our part,  
do swear fealty to these  
Companions of the Order of the Pelican,  
and do swear to support the Noble Order  
to which they belong,  
and to protect and defend them  
and all their households  
with all Our power,  
until We depart from Our Throne,  
or death take Us,  
or the world end.  
So say We, (kname), King of Lochac.

Queen: So also say We, (qname), Queen of Lochac.

*The Members of the Order of the Pelican return to their places.*

## HOMAGE OF THE POPULACE

Herald: Let all of the populace who wish to do homage to Their Majesties come forward now and kneel before them.

*The populace shall gather and kneel before the Thrones.*

Herald: Do you promise to honour (kname) and (qname), your undoubted King and Queen, to support them in any way that is within you power, and to obey any such lawful commands as They shall give?

Populace: I so swear. (or other suitable phrases)

King: We do hear and accept  
the homage of these, Our subjects.  
And We do affirm,  
as We have sworn before,  
that We will protect and defend them  
with all Our power.  
So say We, (kname), King of Lochac.

Queen: So also say We, (qname), Queen of Lochac.

*The populace shall return to their places.*

Herald:                   The solemn rite/ceremony of Coronation is ended.  
                              All hail and , King and Queen of Lochac. (Cheers!!)

*If there is to be no formal Court held immediately, the King and Queen process out, followed by Their attendants and any other Royalty present.*

*If there is to be a formal Court immediately following the Coronation, the first item of business should be the Investiture of any new Royal Peers. If there is to be no such Investiture, the first business shall be at Their Majesties' pleasure. This Court will also have the investiture of guards, guards' counselor, Royal household and champion.*