

INVOCATION OF THE CROWN LISTS

Ceremony for the Invocation of the Crown List of the Kingdom of Lochac variant 2

PREPARATION: In preparing for the invocation, the Herald should obtain from the Sovereign a list of those unbelted fighters who will stand with the Chivalry for the purposes of the challenges, each of these fighters will be listed by the color of the field they will start on - and a list of the order in which the remaining unbelted fighters will make their challenges.

Scroll/Promissory: None

Token: None



Herald: The populace of the Kingdom of Lochac is summoned to witness the Invocation of the Crown Lists of the Kingdom so all may bear witness to those who would be King and Queen in this land.

(When the populace has gathered)



Herald: Let all who would compete for the Crown of Lochac assemble before the King and Queen, along with their consorts if they wish.

(Fighters and Consorts gather and kneel)



Herald: Your Majesties, assembled before You now are all those who would be King and Queen of Lochac.



King: **Make them known to Us.**



Herald: Let each fighter come forward, as his or her name is called, and be introduced to Their Majesties. Any who wish may introduce the person for whose honour they will fight. Knights shall assemble before the King, other fighters before the Queen.

(Fighters are called forward by name, one at a time. They may each introduce their consorts. The fighters return to their places, one by one. During this process, the King waits till all the fighters are lined up and then walks the line of the unbelted and selects, who should be "Knights for the Day")



King:

My Lord Marshal,
let the fighters know
the manner in which this
tourney shall be conducted this day

Marshall:

(The Marshal shall step forward and do so.)



Herald:

You have all heard the conventions of combat for this tournament, and you all know the Rules of the Lists. Do you swear to abide by these rules and these conventions during these Lists?

Fighters:

I so swear.



Herald:

And do you each have one whose favor you shall bear in these Lists, and who shall reign beside you should you be given victory over the field?

Fighters:

I do.



Herald:

And do you each swear that, should you be given victory in these Lists, you will swear fealty to the Kingdom and populace of Lochac. And do you swear that you and your consort can and will fulfill the duties and obligations of a King or Queen of Lochac, and that you will rule justly and to the utmost of your abilities, as long as you shall reign?

Fighters:

I do.



Queen:

Now let the consorts swear



Herald:

Do you each swear that, should your fighter be given victory in these Lists, you will swear fealty to the Kingdom and populace of Lochac. And do you swear that you and your consort can and will fulfill the duties and obligations of a King or Queen of Lochac, and that you will rule justly and to the utmost of your abilities, as long as you shall reign?

Consorts:

I do.

NOTE: Herald -- change the following to reflect how the Lists are being dealt with at this particular tournament.



Herald:

Now let each of these unbelted fighters, as his name is called, challenge any one of these fighters ranked before the Royalty for the honor of the first round of combat in the Crown Lists. Step forward, with your consorts if they be present, and present yourselves to Their Majesties.

(The Herald shall then call the names of the fighters standing in the unbelted line. The next fighter should be called as soon as the preceding fighter's challenge has been accepted.)

(When the last challenge has been accepted, the Herald shall ask of His Majesty if there is further need of his services, and if there is none, shall take his leave.)



King/Queen: (The King may, if He wishes, make an exhortation to the fighters; as may the Queen.)



Herald:

Then upon pain of expulsion from these Lists, bear witness to these words.

Bear no stone in this Tournament that may act as a talisman for victory. Yet you all bear the cornerstone of our Kingdom on the field this day. Let your Honour be a rock on which all your deeds stand.

Bear no Amulet today hoping for victory by it's worth. Yet you must display for all token by which you are measured. Let your skill at arms and prowess on the field be the badge by which all know you.

Bear no herb of virtue that by sweet essence victory will be yours. Yet beauty must temper the struggle of arms and clash of combat. Let the favours you bear and the grace of those who inspire you be your guide this day.

Then, let Honour, Skill at arms and Inspiration be the Hallmarks of our tourney this day. Let them be displayed proudly by all who fight here, whether as bright coin to purchase victory or earnest medallion remembering honourable defeat.



King:

Fight this day as you would have history remember you
Fight this day to make your consorts proud.

Use your skills and prowess with courtesy and honour.
For the honour you earn this day will be echoed in the word
and deed in all the Kingdom by all the subjects of the
Crown.

Fighters, go and prepare yourselves
For the Crown Tourney does now begin



Herald:

For the fighters in the Crown Lists, Hip, hip (* 3)
