

INVESTITURE OF THE CHAMPION OF LOCHAC

PREPARATION:	This is the ceremony used to invest the runner-up in a crown tourney as Champion of Lochac.
Scroll/Promissory:	None
Tokens:	Champion's Baldric, Old (Principality) Sword of State.
Information:	This ceremony is based on one originally developed for the Principality of Lochac. This version created by Uberto Renaldi in February <i>anno societatis</i> xxxviiiij (2005).

King/Queen: At our coronation we swore to protect our kingdom with all our power. This promise we shall not break, but we cannot fulfil it unaided.

King/Queen: Therefore, we are minded to appoint a Champion to this realm; one who will guard our shores against invasion, pursue those who incite rebellion, fight any challenge made against us or our subjects and, should our reign be cut short by misfortune, act as regent until our successors are crowned.

King/Queen: It is plain to us that there is none better to serve this role than {she/he} who fought most valiantly against us in that Crown Tournament which, by our victory over {her/him} we were chosen to be your king and queen. Let them, and the one who inspired them to such valour, now be called forth.

Herald: Let [*Champion*] and [*Champion's Consort*] now present themselves to Their Majesties.

(Those named come forward and kneel.)

King/Queen: [*Champion*], by your prowess you have proved yourself worthy to be Champion of this realm. Will you accept this office?

Champion: I shall, and full gladly.

King/Queen: And do you also swear to perform faithfully the duties of this office: to protect our realm from harm without and within, to maintain the peace and be a loyal subject until our reign is ended and our successors crowned?

Champion: I so swear, as those assembled here are my witness.

(King stands, with baldric in hands.)

King: This baldric has a long history, having been worn by the many champions of the Principality of Lochac. Wear it, proudly, as token of your Office.

(King puts baldric on Champion.)

(Queen stands, with favour.)

Queen: *[Champion's Consort]*, as acknowledgement of your inspiration to *[Champion]*, we are pleased to give you this favour.

(King takes Old Sword of State)

King: This sword of steel was the symbol of the power of the Princes of Lochac. Let it now be the symbol and instrument of your office.

(King hands sword to Champion.)

Herald: For *[Champion]*, the Champion of Lochac, and *[Champion's Consort]* {her/his} inspiration and consort.
[STANDARD CHEERS].