## **Court Barony**

<u>Awarded for:</u> given at the whim of the Crown for service to the Crown, OR given to Landed Barons/Baronesses when stepping down (see NOTE).

- <u>Token:</u> none given by the Crown; recipient entitled to wear and display a baronial coronet.
- <u>Prep:</u> A "stunt coronet" should be sourced (unless the recipient already owns one, in which case that should be used.) The **Crown** may wish to personalise the ceremony; this should be discussed beforehand. The **Herald** should check to see if the recipient has an AoA; <u>if not</u> it is awarded as part of the ceremony.

<u>Armigerous:</u> AoA <u>Scroll:</u> No <u>Crown litany:</u> Yes

<u>NOTE:</u> it is the Kingdom's tradition that outgoing Landed Barons/Baronesses may be rewarded with a Court Barony and/or a Grant of Arms. This is a separate ceremony *Recognition of Outgoing Landed Baron & Baroness*.

Herald: Let [*Name*] come before their Majesties.

Recipient kneels before the Crown.

The Crown may wish to speak hear of the actions of the recipient.

**Herald:** It is the prerogative of the Crown to honour with titles those whose personal service and noble attributes have pleased them. [*Name*], you are one such as this.

The King and Queen take the hands of the recipient between theirs. Should more than one recipient be called up at once, this part must be done individually.

Herald: We name you Baron/ess [*first Name*], of the Court of Lochac. We recognise your service to Us, and to Our Kingdom, and swear to protect you as Our loyal and beloved subject. Let all know that an insult to you is an insult to Our Court, Our Crowns and Our Kingdom, and it will be honoured as such. We charge you to remember this: we have named you as one of Our Royal Court, and that of Our successors, for as long as the Kingdom stands, and We charge you that from this moment henceforth, you will always walk as though in Our presence, with honour and duty-bound.

Coronet is placed on the recipient's head.

**Crown:** Wear this coronet as a symbol of your new estate.

If the recipient does not already have an AoA, the award is now given as follows:

- **Herald:** We also give you the rank, rights and titles of a lord/lady of the realm, and charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further give you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.
- Herald: Be it known to all that King [*Name*] and Queen [*Name*] do by their words, here proclaimed, confer great honour upon their subject, [*Name in full*], and do make him/her a Baron/ess in the Court of Lochac, and to the ends of the Known World.

Done this [day] of [month] Anno Societatis [year] – three cheers!