

Divestiture of Outgoing Landed Baron & Baroness

Awarded for: n/a

Armigerous: n/a

Token: n/a

Scroll: No

Prep: The **Outgoing B&B** will need to ensure that they have their fealty rings, ready to surrender them to the Crown. The **Herald** should determine if the Baronial Coronets are inheritable or the personal possessions of the outgoing Baron and Baroness.

Crown litany: Yes

NOTE: It is tradition that the outgoing Baron and Baroness are given a Court Barony and/or a Grant of Arms. The **Crown** may wish to do this immediately, before investing their successors, or they may wish to do so after the investiture, in which case, they should do it before any other business in their court.

Herald: Let *[Name]* and *[Name]*, *[Number]* Baron and Baroness of *[Barony]*, come before their Majesties.

Recipients kneel before the Crown.

Herald: There are many who serve the Kingdom, and countless ways in which the Kingdom may be served. Many give greatly of their time and their skills, but some give more than any other, for they give themselves for years to one group, in deep service to their Barony and through that, the Kingdom.

[Name] and *[Name]*, you have been Our representatives in this, Our Barony of *[Barony Name]*. You have served not only Ourselves, but many of Our predecessors. Our Lands have been kept safe in your hands, and We have watched them prosper in your care. You have brought Our words and desires to Our people, and you have brought Our worthy subjects to Our notice. You have lead Our people, and encouraged and rewarded their endeavours. You have advised Us when We have needed it, and you have supported Our Officers, Our Orders of Peerage and your cousins, Our Barons and Baronesses, across Our Kingdom. While there are many servants to the Kingdom, it is with great reason that we rank our Landed Barons and Baronesses first-most among them.

Herald: Now it is time for you to take on other roles and let the care of your Barony pass to your successors.

Crown When you were invested as Baron and Baroness, you were given silver tokens of the oaths of Fealty, between the Crown and Our Barony of [*Name*].

We now say this to you:

With all honour, We release you from your oaths to Us;

With all honour, We break the bands of fealty;

With all honour, We declare you are no longer Our vassals;

With sore heart and great love,

we take from you these Baronial lands of [*Barony name*]

and all the rights and responsibilities that go with them.

We ask you to surrender those silver rings

that were given as tokens of fealty between you and Us.

The outgoing Baron and Baroness remove the rings from their hands and give them to the Crown.

This next if the Coronets belong to the Barony (i.e. are inheritable) and not the Baron and Baroness:

Crown: We must also ask of you the Coronets of [*Barony*], that we may bestow them upon your legitimate successors.

The Baron/ess remove the Coronets from their heads, and give them to the Crown.

Crown: Before all, we declare that We release you as Our Baron and Baroness of [*Barony Name*].

2

*This next if the Coronets belong to the Baron and Baroness (i.e. **not** inheritable):*

Crown: Before all, we declare that We release you as Our Baron and
Baroness of [*Barony Name*]

Outgoing Baron and Baroness remove their coronets and pass them to waiting attendants.

Resume

If the Crown intends to bestow Court Baronies and/or Grants of Arms immediately, go straight into the ceremony “Recognition of Outgoing Landed Baron-ess”.

If they intend to give recognition later, call for three cheers:

Herald: For [*Name*] and [*Name*], in recognition of their years of service to the Barony of [*Name*] and the Kingdom of Lochac, three cheers!