

# Investiture of Landed Baron & Baroness

**Ceremony:** The Investiture of the new Landed Baron/ess of an established Barony.

**Token:** Coronets of the Barony; silver Baronial Rings.

**Prep:** **Herald** must determine with the **King** and **Queen** as to which shall speak for the Crown at appropriate points. Some Baronies have 'inheritance' Coronets, which are passed from Baron/ess to their successors; some Baronies expect each new Baron/ess to have their own. It must be established which is to be used before the Ceremony.  
The **Herald** will need to establish which reporting date the Barony has (see NOTE) and provide that date for the command on reporting (page 3)  
The **Herald** will need to establish which number Baron/ess they are, for the final recognition (page 5)  
**Herald** must make sure they have the full name and title of the Seneschal of the Barony, for when they are called, and make sure the **Seneschal** knows their litany.

**Armigerous:** no

**Scroll:** No

**Crown litany:** Yes

**NOTE:** \* Reporting Dates:

**May Crown** - Innilgard, Ynys Fawr, Mordenvale, Krae Glas;

**Midwinter Coronation** - Stormhold, Saint Florian-de-la-rivière, Southron Gaard, Rowany, River Haven;

**November Crown** - Politarchopolis, Aneala, Ildhafn.

**Crown:** Our Barony of [*Barony Name*] is too precious to leave without good guardians, and We must appoint successors. We have considered this matter at length, and with consultation, We believe that [*Name*] and [*Name*] will be worthy successors to all those who have come before them.

**Herald:** Let [*Name*], Seneschal of [*Barony*], come before their Majesties.

*Baronial Seneschal comes forward, bows but does not kneel.*

**Herald:** Seneschal, will you confirm that their Majesties were honestly, wholly and truly advised of the feelings and desires of the people of Innilgard in this matter?

**Seneschal:** Your Majesties, I can confirm that all members of the Barony were given open, equal and fair chance to express their views and to advise Your Majesties.

**Crown** Then let them come forward and be recognised.

**Herald:** Let [*Name*] and [*Name*] come forward and claim their place.

*Incoming Baron and Baroness come forward with ceremony, but do not kneel.*

**Herald:** [Name of Barony]! Is it your will to have [Name] as your Baron, and [Name] as your Baroness?

**Populace:** Ay!

**Crown** Then it being Our will, and the will of Our people, kneel before Us.

*Incoming Baron and Baroness kneel.*

**Herald:** [First Name] and [First Name], have you been advised of the duties, rights and responsibilities of this rank, and have you studied the Laws of the Kingdom and the Society regarding your role, that you may do only that which is lawful, and have you the strength and the will to stand and serve the Kingdom of Lochac through this, its Barony of [Name]?

**Baron/ess:** I have.

**Herald:** Let it be known that you, [First Name] and [First Name], are by Our will and the will of Our people, henceforth Baron and Baroness of [Barony] until such time as We or Our successors to these crowns shall call you forth to render an account for your stewardship and release you from your duties. We further charge you to render every year, at [Crown Event\*] an account of your Barony.

**Herald:** Will you swear fealty to King [Name] and Queen [Name], undoubted rulers of Lochac by right and by law, and to their legitimate Heirs, in all things for as long as you serve as Baron and Baroness?

**Baron/ess:** I will.

*Oaths are to be sworn separately, not in unison.*

**Baron:** I, *[Name]*,  
swear fealty to You, *[Name and Name]*, King and Queen of Lochac,  
and to Your heirs and successors.

I swear that I will obey Your lawful commands,  
that I will faithfully hold and administer Your Barony of *[Name]*,  
and that I will support Your people in their various endeavours  
and bring all good works to the notice of Your Majesties.

Mindful that the harmony of this Barony springs from my deeds,  
and in knowledge that all I do reflects upon the Crown I serve,  
I will treat all with courtesy, whatever their degree or station,  
until I step down as Baron, or death take me, or the world end.

**Crown:** We hear your oaths, and name you Baron of *[Barony Name]*.  
Wear this coronet that all may know your station.

*King places coronet on head of new Baron.*

**Baroness:** I, *[Name]*,  
swear fealty to You, *[Name and Name]*, King and Queen of Lochac,  
and to Your heirs and successors.

I swear that I will obey Your lawful commands,  
that I will faithfully hold and administer Your Barony of *[Name]*,  
and that I will support Your people in their various endeavours  
and bring all good works to the notice of Your Majesties.

Mindful that the harmony of this Barony springs from my deeds,  
and in knowledge that all I do reflects upon the Crown I serve,  
I will treat all with courtesy, whatever their degree or station,  
until I step down as Baroness, or death take me, or the world end.

**Crown:** We hear your oaths, and name you Baroness of [*Barony Name*].  
Wear this coronet that all may know your station.

*Queen places coronet on Baroness's head.*

**Crown:** And We swear our fealty to you,  
and swear to you and to Our people  
that We will protect and defend you with all Our power,  
until we depart from our throne, death take us, or the world end.  
So say we, Lochac.

In token of Our solemn oaths of fealty to you,  
We give you these rings, set with the device of Our Kingdom,  
that all may know you are Our vassels.  
If any threaten you, or this Our Barony of [*Name*],  
We charge you to send these rings to Us,  
and We shall come to your aid  
with all the forces We have at Our command.

*The Baronial rings are given.*

**Crown:** You have Our leave to rise, and join us in Our Court.

**Herald:** Be it known to all that King [*Name*] and Queen [*Name*] name  
[*Baron's Name*] and [*Baroness's Name*] as Baroness and Baron of  
[*Barony*], [*number*] to that estate. For our new Baron and Baroness,  
three cheers!