

Investiture of First Landed Baron and Baroness and Creation of New Barony

Ceremony: The formal recognition and creation of a new Barony, and the Investiture of the first Landed Baron.

Armigerous: no

Token: Coronets of the Barony; silver Baronial Rings.

Scroll: No

Prep: **Herald** must determine with the **King** and **Queen** as to which shall speak for the Crown at appropriate points.

Crown litany: **Yes (quite a bit)**

Herald must make sure they have the full names and titles of the Kingdom and Group Seneschals of the Barony, for when they are called, and make sure the **Seneschal** knows their litany. The **Kingdom Seneschal** and **Group Seneschal** should be prepared for when they speak, as they will not be prompted by the Herald once called. The Kingdom Seneschal will need to inform the **Herald** of the new reporting dates and which date the new Barony has. The **Crown** must make sure they know the name of the Group Seneschal.

Herald: Let the Shire of [*Name*], with their Seneschal, [*Full Name and Title*] come before their Majesties.

Populace of the Shire come forward and kneel in a semi-circle. Their Seneschal bows, but remains standing to one side.

Seneschal: May it please Your Majesties, we, the people of Your Shire of [*Name*], feel that we have grown in size and dignity. We wish to petition You to create the lands in which we dwell a Barony in this Kingdom of Lochac. We have fulfilled all the requirements of Law, and we wish to present this document of petition, that bears the signatures of our people, both those present here, and those who could not attend on Your Majesties today.

Group Seneschal presents the petition, but remains standing.

Crown: We are well aware of your Shire, for its people have made it a shining jewel in Our Kingdom. We have heard your petition, and We are of a mind to honour it. Let the Kingdom Seneschal come forward to advise us on this matter.

Kingdom Seneschal comes forward, bows but does not kneel.

Crown: [Name], Our faithful Seneschal, may We, in good faith and by the Law, act on Our desire and create this new Barony?

Kingdom Seneschal: I have looked to the history of this Shire, and seen the reports of its officers. I can assure You that all that is required by Law and by Custom has been done, Your Majesties. It is my considered advice that You may indeed act on your wishes.

Crown: Then hear these words from us, O Lochac, and do not forget them! We, [Name] and [Name], undoubted rulers of Lochac, do on this day create and establish the Barony of [Name]. We invest it with the rights and privileges of the Baronies of Lochac, and command the Heralds, Scribes and Kingdom Officers to amend all laws, histories and documents to show that this place of [Name] is the [13th] Barony of the Kingdom of Lochac, and takes its place as equal with the Baronies of Rowany, Innilgard, River Haven, Stormhold, Aneala, Ynys Fawr, Politarchopolis, Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière, Southron Gaard, Ildhafn, Mordenvale, and Krae Glas. This is Our Wish, this is Our Command – let none forget it.

Herald: Lochac! Pay heed and attend! From this moment forth, [Group Name] is a Barony, with the rights and privileges of such. Let the College of Heralds make note of this change, and the registration of [blazon of Group Device] as kept in the College's records be amended to show this. Let the Kingdom laws, customs, calendars and order of precedence be amended to show this. Let the Regnum of the Kingdom be amended, and likewise the Rolls of Arms. Let this moment be preserved in the annals and histories of Lochac, never to be forgotten.

For the new Barony of [Group Name], three cheers!

Crown: But a Barony needs a Baron and Baroness. We have a mind to elevate [*Name*] and [*Name*] to this place, but We would have accord in Our lands. [*Group Seneschal*], have you spoken to your people, and are you able to advise Us in this matter?

Seneschal: Your Majesties, I can confirm that all members of [*Group Name*] were given open, equal and fair chance to express their views, and our desire matches that of 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*], first of that estate. For our newest Barony, and its Baron and Baroness, three cheers!