

Coronation - traditional template ceremony

Awarded for: right to rule the SCA Kingdom of Lochac

Armigerous: No

Token: Crowns of Lochac. Robes of State.

Scroll: No

Prep: see **“Preparation for Coronation – Crown P&P and Herald must read this before the Coronation”** printed separately.

Crown litany: **Yes**

The **Outgoing Crown** should note that when their Heirs make their oaths of fealty, the Crown does **not** respond, as fealty is not being made to them, but to the Kingdom.

Note: it is expected that this ceremony will be individually tailored to each occasion.

Given the formal occasion, Crux Australis Principal Herald should be Herald for the Coronation, if available.

If Crux is the Court Herald, there should be a second herald to take over when Crux is required to present the Book of Ceremonies to the Crown.

When the Crown have concluded all their business and released their Household, Guards, etc.

Herald: Let all present gather and bear witness to the Coronation Ceremony of the Kingdom of Lochac.

Your Majesties, his/her Royal Highness, Prince/ss [*Name*], having won by honourable combat the right to succeed to the Throne, presents himself/herself to claim from your Majesties’ hands the Crown and Throne that is rightfully his/hers, and further claims the right to have her/his Royal Highness, Prince/ss [*Name*] crowned Queen/King of Lochac, by right of Inspiration, Grace and Courtesy. Your Majesties, will you honour these claims?

Crown: Summon the Earl Marshal.

Earl Marshal comes forward, bows to the Crown and remains standing.

Sovereign: Lord Marshal, was the Crown Tournament conducted according to the Laws and Traditions of the Kingdom of Lochac?

Marshal: Yes, your Majesty.

Crown: Then We shall honour these claims.

Earl Marshal moves to stand behind the thrones with the Sword of State.

Herald: Let their Royal Highnesses approach the Thrones.

The Coronation party comes forward with ceremony. The Honour Guard should move to the Royal Presence, bow, and then move to either side where they should kneel or stand at attention.

The Crown Prince and Princess wearing the princely Coronets, come forward and kneel before the King and Queen. The Heir by Right of Arms shall kneel before the Sovereign, and the Heir by Right of Inspiration shall kneel before the Crown Consort. Their two body attendants shall stand behind and to the (outer) side of them, ready to take the Coronets from them, and then the Robes of State.

Sovereign: For half a year, We have been your King/Queen, and as We swore at Our Coronation, the time has come that We shall depart Our throne.

Prince/ss [Name], for the honour of your lady/lord, and with her/his inspiration, you were tried by combat and given victory over the field, and thus We welcome you as Our successor to the Crown and Throne. Will you swear to uphold the laws of the Kingdom and the Society, and will you swear fealty to the Kingdom and the populace of Lochac?

Heir by Right of Arms: I will

Consort: For half a year, We have reigned at the side of your King/Queen by Right of Arms, as the Queen/King of Lochac. As We swore at Our Coronation, We will also this day relinquish Our throne.

Prince/ss [Name], by your grace and courtesy, you inspired your champion to hold victorious against the field, and so We welcome you as Our successor to the Crown and Throne. Will you swear to uphold the laws of the Kingdom and the Society, and will you swear fealty to the Kingdom and the populace of Lochac?

Heir by Inspiration: I will.

The Crown Prince and Princess remove their Coronets and pass them to the waiting attendants.

Herald: Fealty must be sworn on a sword of steel. Bring forth the Great Sword of State.

The Earl Marshal presents the Great Sword of State to the Sovereign by Right of Arms, who draws the sword and hold it on the palms of both hand, as does the Crown Consort. The Heirs place their hands over that of the Sovereign and Crown Consort.

If the Heirs wish to make their oaths of fealty separately, the Herald should repeat the oath as written for each. If the Heirs know the oath by heart, the Herald should be silent.

Herald/Heirs: Here do I swear by mouth and hand
fealty and protection to the Kingdom and populace of Lochac,
to uphold the Laws of the Kingdom,
to speak and to be silent,
to do and to let be,
to strike and to spare,
to punish and to reward
in such matters as concern the Kingdom,
in need or in plenty,
in peace or in war,
in living or in dying.
In these ways and in all others
I will strive to govern this Kingdom wisely.
I shall bear these burdens gladly
and for half a year serve as the Crown of Lochac,
and then freely step aside for my lawfully chosen successor.
This I swear to uphold until I depart my throne,
or death take me, or the world end.
So say I, [*Name*].

The Sword is sheathed and returned to the Earl Marshal.

The Crown remove the Robes of State and hand them to the waiting attendants.

Herald: All heed the Crown!

The Sovereign and Crown Consort simultaneously remove the Crowns. The Sovereign holds his/her Crown above the head of the Crown Prince/ss by Right of Arms.

Sovereign: Now We, [Name], crown You, [Name], undoubted King/Queen of Lochac.

As the outgoing sovereign says the words 'King/Queen of Lochac', he/she places the crown on the new King/Queen's head.

As the new King/Queen rises, the Herald calls:

Herald: Long Live the King/Queen! *Populace Recit.*

Consort: Now We, [Name], crown You, [Name], undoubted Queen/King of Lochac.

As the outgoing crown consort says the words 'Queen/King of Lochac', she/he places the crown on the new Queen/King's head.

As the new Queen/King rises, the Herald calls:

Herald: Long Live the Queen/King! *Populace Recit.*

The Honour Guard/Attendants holding the Robes of State bring forth the robes, and with the help of the former Crown, they place them on the shoulders of the new Sovereign and Crown Consort.

The former sovereign and crown consort step down from before the thrones.

The New Sovereign and Crown Consort step up to the Thrones, and turn and face the populace.

The Former Sovereign and Crown Consort face the New Sovereign and Crown Consort, and make their reverences.

Crown: [Name] and [Name], you have served Our Kingdom well. With all honour, we release you from your oaths of service. With reverence and Our thanks, you have Our leave to depart.

The former sovereign and crown consort, and their retinue, bow again, and depart with procession.

The Herald should indicate to the Earl Marshal, Kingdom Seneschal and Crux Australis Herald to come forward with their symbols of office.

Marshal: Your Majesties, I deliver into Your hands the Great Sword of State, symbol of Your power of arms.

The Sovereign takes the Great Sword of State, unsheathes and inspect it, then sheathes and returns it.

Sovereign: We thank you, my Lord/Lady, and We return it to your keeping, to hold until such time as We shall require it.

The Earl Marshal returns to their place.

Seneschal: Your Majesties, I deliver into Your hands the Great Book of Law of the Kingdom, symbol of Your power of justice and law.

The Crown takes the Book and inspects it, then returns it.

Crown: We thank you, my Lord/Lady, and We return it to your keeping, and We charge you to uphold Our Laws, and to administer them as We shall require.

The Seneschal returns to their place.

Crux: Your Majesties, I deliver into Your hands the Book of Ceremonies of the Kingdom, symbol of the word and majesty of the Crown.

The Crown takes the Book and inspects it, then returns it.

Crown: We thank you, my Lord/Lady, and We return it to your keeping, and We charge you to keep it safe, and to use it as We shall require.

Crux returns to place. All three officers bow, and depart for their former positions.

Herald: Let the Barons and Baronesses of Rowany, Innilgard, River Haven, Stormhold, Aneala, Ynys Fawr, Politarchopolis, Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière, Southron Gaard, Ildhafn, Mordenvale, and Krae Glas come forward and kneel before their Majesties. If there are any who come on behalf of those Baronies who are not here present, let them bring forth their scrolls of fealty and announce for whom they act.

*The Landed Barons and Baronesses kneel before the Crown. Any representatives come forward, bow, and stand. If there are any such, the Herald asks them to name which Barony they represent. Having named their Barony, they hand their scroll of fealty to the Crown, bow again and step back. **Representatives do NOT swear on behalf of their Barony.***

Herald: Before [*King's name*] and [*Queen's name*], your undoubted King and Queen, do you swear fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, and do you swear that you will uphold their Majesties' honour, obey their lawful commands, hold and administer their Barony, support all your people in their various endeavours, bring all good works to the notice of their Majesties, and, mindful that the harmony of your Barony springs from your deeds, treat all persons with courtesy, whatever their degree or station, until the Crown depart their Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Baron/esses: I so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part swear fealty to you, Our Barons and Baronesses, and swear to support, protect and defend you and your Baronies with all Our power, until We depart Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.
So say We, Lochac.

Crown: Rise, and join our Court.

Barons and Baronesses rise and take their places on the Baronial seats on the Royal Dais.

Herald: Let the Greater Officers of State, being the Kingdom Seneschal, Crux Australis Principal Herald, Earl Marshal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Chronicler, Chirurgeon, and Constable come forward and kneel before their Majesties.

The eight Greater Officers come forward and kneel before the King and Queen.

Herald: Before [*King's name*] and [*Queen's name*], your undoubted King and Queen, do you swear fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, and do you swear that you will uphold their Majesties' honour, obey their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, faithfully discharge your Offices, and mindful that the harmony of the Kingdom springs from your deeds, treat all persons with courtesy, whatever their degree or station, until the Crown depart their Throne, death take you, or the world end?

Officers: I so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part swear fealty to these Our Great Officers, and to those who serve with them, and swear to protect and defend them with all Our power, until We depart our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.

So say We, Lochac.

You have our leave to depart.

Herald: Let the Royal Peers here present stand and be known, and let those of their number who wish to swear fealty come forward and kneel before their Majesties.

Royal Peers who will swear come forward and kneel before the King and Queen.

Herald: Before [*King's name*] and [*Queen's name*], your undoubted King and Queen, do you swear fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, and do you swear that you will uphold their Majesties' honour, obey their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, and mindful that the harmony of the Kingdom springs from your deeds, treat all persons with courtesy, whatever their degree or station, until the Crown depart their Throne, death take you, or the world end?

Peers: I so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part swear fealty to these Royal Peers of Lochac, and swear to protect and defend them and all their households with all Our power, until We depart our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.

So say We, Lochac.

You have Our leave to depart.

Herald: Let the companions of the Bladed Orders of Peerage stand and make themselves known, and let the Knights and those members of the Order of Defense who are in fealty to the Crown come forward to reaffirm your oaths to your new King and Queen.

Members of the Orders of Chivalry and Defense stand up, and those who are in fealty to the Crown come forward and kneel before the King and Queen.

Herald: Before [*King's name*] and [*Queen's name*], your undoubted King and Queen, do you swear fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, and do you swear that you will uphold their Majesties' honour, obey their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, faithfully perform the duties of your Noble Order, and mindful that the harmony of the Kingdom springs from your deeds, treat all persons with courtesy, whatever their degree or station,

until the Crown depart their Throne, death take you, or the world end?

Peers: I so swear.

Crown: And we for Our part swear fealty to these Peers of Lochac, and swear to support their noble Order, and to protect and defend them and their households with all Our power, until We depart our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.

So say We, Lochac.

The Knights and such members of the Order of Defense as choose shall unsheathe their swords, and salute the Crown. Having done so, they will sheathe their swords.

Crown: You have Our leave to depart.

Herald: Let the companions of the Peaceable Orders stand and make themselves known, and let those Laurels and Pelicans who are in fealty to the Crown come forward to reaffirm your oaths to your new King and Queen.

Peers who are in fealty to the Crown come forward and kneel before the King and Queen.

Herald: Before [*King's name*] and [*Queen's name*], your undoubted King and Queen, do you swear fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, and do you swear that you will uphold their Majesties' honour, obey their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, faithfully perform the duties of your Noble Order, and mindful that the harmony of the Kingdom springs from your deeds, treat all persons with courtesy, whatever their degree or station, until the Crown depart their Throne, death take you, or the world end?

Peers: I so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part swear fealty to these Peers of Lochac, and swear to support their noble Order, and to protect and defend them and their households with all Our power, until We depart Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.
So say We, Lochac.
You have our leave to depart.

Herald: Would all those subject of the Kingdom of Lochac who wish to make homage to their Majesties come forward and kneel before them.

Subjects come forward and kneel before the King and Queen.

Herald: Do you now promise to honour [*King's name*] and [*Queen's name*], your undoubted King and Queen, to support them in any way that is within your power, and to obey such lawful commands as they shall give?

Subjects: I so promise.

Crown: We do hear and accept the homage of these our subjects, and We affirm what We have sworn before, that We will protect and defend them with all Our power, for as long as We may reign.
So say We, Lochac.

Herald: Know all that this solemn rite and ceremony of Coronation is thus ended. All rise!
Long Live [Name] and [Name], King and Queen of Lochac!
Three cheers...

See "Preparation for Coronation... etc." for what should happen next.