

# First Court After Coronation - Guidelines

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There is no set ceremony for the first Court, however, there are a number of things that should be done by the new King and Queen in their first court after Coronation.

First Court can be held immediately after the Coronation ceremony is complete, or the new King and Queen may want to have a break between the two, but they should be done on the same day.

The following need to be done (not necessarily in this order):

- ❖ Investiture of Count/Countess (if appropriate)
- ❖ Induction into the Ladies of the Rose (if appropriate).
- ❖ Investiture of Duke/Duchess (if appropriate)
- ❖ Investiture of the Champion and Lord/Lady of Lochac
- ❖ Appointment of Royal Household
- ❖ Appointment of the Queen's Guard
- ❖ Appointment of the King's Guard/Mead Guard (if there is to be one)
- ❖ Appointment of the Royal Archers/Yeomen (if there is to be one)
- ❖ Appointment of the Queen's Champion (if there is to be one)
- ❖ Special appointments for the reign
- ❖ If they were not given when fealty was sworn, Baronial reports from the appropriate Baronies should be made.

The **Crown** must provide the Herald with a complete list of names for appointees.

The **Herald** should consult with the **Ladies of the Rose** as to what they wish to do, if the former Consort is being given her County. Note that there is no specific ceremony for the Rose, but generally the senior most Lady will welcome the new Countess into the company.

There is no set ceremony for appointing the house hold, but the pattern is generally:

- ❖ Call forward those being appointed in batches (e.g. household, then guard, etc)
- ❖ The Crown names what the appointment is to, and gives out any tokens, badges and/or regalia
- ❖ The Crown may briefly outline their expectations
- ❖ The Crown may invite those appointed to join their court
- ❖ Appointees will move to stand behind the thrones, or return to the populace.

Note that it is not required to call cheers for those appointed but the Crown may request it.

## **Giving Awards:**

Views differ as to whether the Crown should or should not give other awards during their first court. The general feeling seems to be that, given how much time on the day will already have been devoted to court, awards in First Court should be kept to a minimum.