

Appointing a new member to the King's (Mead) Guard

Token: Crown Consort's choice

Armigerous: No

Prep: **Crown** should determine if they will use the term King's Guard, Yeoman Guard, or the old Principality name, Mead Guard, and inform the Herald, who should amend the ceremony appropriately. **Crown** should determine if any of the proposed guard are squires or cadets, and if so, should establish if their Peer will be present – if not, the **Crown** should ensure written permission from the Peer is sent. Likewise, the **Herald** should determine if the Peer is present to be called forward, and if not, to make the appropriate amendment to the ceremony.

Scroll: No

Crown litany: Yes

NOTE: by tradition, it is assumed the King's Guard is the Sovereign by Right of Arms' Guard. If the Sovereign is **not** the King, the title should be changed appropriately. ALSO NOTE: More than one Guard can be made at the same time.

Herald: Let [*Name(s)*] come before his/her Majesty.

Recipient(s) come forward to kneel before the Crown Consort

Sovereign: As the Rightful Rulers of Lochac, We fear no harm from Our People, but it suits Our dignity to have Guards, comprised of those of Our realm we consider to be of worthy skill on the field of combat, to attend Us and to serve Our will. You have come to Our notice, and we invite you to serve Us as one of Our King's Guard. Will you accept this invitation?

Guard: I will.

Consort: Are you bound in fealty as a squire or cadet to any Peer?

Guard: *answers yes or no; if yes, names their Peer*

This next only if a Guard is also a squire and/or a cadet and their Peer is present.

Herald: Let [*Name of Peer*] stand and come forward to answer her Majesty.

Sovereign: It is Our wish to appoint your squire/cadet to Our Guard. We are mindful that he/she is bound in service to you, and so We ask for your lawful consent to their service. Do you give it?

Peer: Yes

Sovereign: We thank you, and We freely vow unto you that We shall require of your squire/cadet nothing that brings them into dispute with you or your household, nor violates your oaths to each other.

*This next only if a Guard is also a squire and/or a cadet and their Peer is **not** present.*

Herald: Your Majesty, [*Name of Peer*] has sent letters confirming that [*Name*] is indeed his/her Squire/Cadet, and gives his/her lawful consent for [*Name*] to serve you.

Sovereign: We send him/her Our thanks. [*Name*], We freely vow to you that We shall require of you nothing that brings you into dispute with your Knight/Master/Mistress, nor his/her household, nor violates your oaths to each other.

Herald: [*Name(s)*], Do you now accept the responsibilities of service in the Yeoman Guard of [*Name*], King of Lochac, and do you pledge to come to his Majesty's aid, should it be necessary and within your power, to stand with him upon the field of War, and to stand by him in his Court of Peace? And do you swear, before the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, to do no dishonourable thing while in his Majesty's service, remembering at all times that his dignity is invested in your words and deeds?

Guard(s): I do

Sovereign: *Gives baldrics or other tokens to the Guard(s) and speaks as to his/her requirements of them.*

Herald: For the newly made King's Yeoman Guard – three cheers!