

# Recognition of Count/Countess

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Awarded for: Having ruled as King or Queen for the first time.

Armigerous: PoA

Token: none given by the Crown; recipient entitled to wear and display a county coronet.

Scroll: Yes

Crown litany: Yes

Prep: A “stunt coronet” should be sourced (unless the recipient already owns a personal one, in which case that should be used.) The **Herald** should establish if the recipient has registered arms. The **incoming Crown** should discuss with the **outgoing Crown** what sort of ceremony they want, e.g. something written specifically, would they like time between stepping down and recognition to change, organise a procession in, etc. also if they wish to receive their County in unison or separately, also if they will be using Count/ess or an alternative title. The **Herald** should establish if the recipient(s) wish to swear fealty.

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*Summon only if there has been a gap between divesture and this recognition.*

<**Herald:** Let [Name] and [Name] come before their Majesties.>

*Recipients kneel before the Crown.*

**Herald:** [Name] and [Name], you have ruled as King and Queen of Lochac, and We wish to recognise your service to Our Kingdom. That all may know of your great works, We would ennoble you and recognise you with a Patent Royal.

*The King and Queen take the hands of the recipient between theirs.*

**Crown** [Name], we recognise and name you as a Royal Peer, within Our Kingdom and across the Known World. We honour your service to Lochac, and swear to protect you as Our loyal and beloved subject. Let all know that an insult to you is an insult to Our Court, Our Crowns and Our Kingdom, and it will be honoured as such. We charge you to remember this: we have named you as a Count/ess of Lochac, for as long as the Kingdom stands, and We charge that you always walk as though in Our presence, with honour and duty-bound.

*Coronet is placed on the recipient's head.*

**Crown:** Wear this coronet as a symbol of your estate and Our esteem.

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*This next only if swearing fealty:*

**Herald:** Before [*Name*] and [*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 do swear fealty to you, and do swear to protect and defend you and all your households with all Our power, until We depart Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, Lochac.

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**Herald:** Count/ess [*Full Name*], We grant you the rank, rights and title of a Royal Peer of the Realm, and give you the right to bear arms by letters Patent, being:

❖ [*blazon of recipient's registered arms*]

OR

❖ *such device as you may properly register with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.*

*When both have been recognised:*

**Herald:** Be it known to all that King [*Name*] and Queen [*Name*] do by their words here proclaimed, confer great honour upon their subjects, [*Name in full*] and [*Name in full*], and do recognise them as Count and Countess within the Kingdom of Lochac, and to the ends of the Known World.

Done this [*day*] of [*month*], Anno Societatis [*year*].

For Lochac's newest Count and Countess, three cheers!