

RETIRING OF A BARON AND BARONESS AND NAMING OF A NEW BARON AND BARONESS FOR AN EXISTING BARONY

(This ceremony is to be used when the retiring Baron and Baroness are to be included in the ceremony.)



Herald:

Let now come forward (b1) and (b2), Baron and Baroness of (place).
Let come forward , Seneschal of (place), and the people of that
Barony.

(The Baron and Baroness come forward and kneel directly before Their Majesties. The Seneschal bows and then stands to one side. The people of the Barony kneel in a semi-circle.)

Baron/ess:

Your Majesties, it saddens us greatly that we can no longer serve as
Your Baron and Baroness in (place). May we have leave to give over
our Coronets into Your keeping, until You find others to fill this
place?



King:

We greatly regret that you can serve Us no longer, for Our
Barony has prospered under you. We thank you for holding
Our lands well, and for administering them capably. You
may give your Coronets into Our keeping, and We will hold
them until another Baron and Baroness are chosen. You
now have Our leave to depart.

(The Baron and Baroness give their Coronets to the King and Queen, who set them aside. They then arise and leave.)



Herald:

For (b1) and (b2), who have served Their Majesties well -- Hip, hip!

(If there are no suitable candidates for Baron and Baroness, the populace of the Barony is given leave to depart, and the Barony becomes a Crown Barony until suitable candidates are found. If there are suitable candidates, the ceremony continues.)



King:

A Barony should have a Baron and Baroness. Are there any
among you whom you wish Us to consider for this position?

Seneschal:

Your Majesties, the people of (place) request that You consider (b3)
and (b4), whose accomplishments and virtues are known to You.



King:

Is it the wish of the people of that (b3) and (b4) be named
your Baron and Baroness?

Populace:

It is. Yes. Indeed. etc.

Seneschal:

Your Majesty, those of the Barony who could not be present on this
day have been asked their thoughts in this matter. It is their wish that
(b3) and (b4) be named as our Baron and Baroness.



King:

The wishes of the people of are in accord with Our own wishes in this matter. Call (b3) and (b4) before Us.



Herald:

Let (b3) and (b4) approach Their Majesties.

(They come forward and kneel directly before Their Majesties.)



King:

(b3) and (b4), We are minded to name you as Our Baron and Baroness in (place). Are you willing to undertake the duties of this position?

Baron/ess:

I am.

(The King and Queen hold forward the Coronets of the Barony, and the Baron and Baroness place their hands on them.)



Herald:

Do you, (b3) and (b4), swear fealty to (kname) and (qname) King and Queen of Lochac; and do you swear that you will obey Their lawful commands, that you will faithfully hold and administer Their Barony of (place), that you will support your people in their various endeavors, that you will bring all good works to the notice of Their Majesties, and, mindful that the harmony of your Barony springs from your deeds, that you will treat courteously with all, whatever their degree or station, until the King depart from His Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Baron/ess:

I so swear.



King:

And We swear now Our fealty to you, and swear to you and to Our people in that We will protect and defend them with all Our power, until We depart from Our Throne, or death take us, or the world end. So say We, (kname), King of Lochac.



Queen:

So also say We, (qname), Queen of Lochac.



King:

Let it be known that you, (b3) and (b4), are henceforth Baron and Baroness of (place) until such time as We or Our Successors to these Crowns shall call you forward to render an account of your stewardship. And We further charge you to render, every two years at (event), an account of your Barony for the years just past.



King/Queen:

(The King and Queen place the Coronets on the heads of the Baron and Baroness.)



King/Queen: By these Coronets, let your rank be known to all.



King/Queen: You have Our leave to depart.



Herald:

Their Majesties name (b3) and (b4) as Baron and Baroness of (place).
For Their Majesties (kname) and (qname), Hip, hip! (*3)