

CREATION OF A NEW BARONY

AND INVESTITURE OF THE NEW BARON AND BARONESS

(This ceremony is to be used when a Shire or Province is changing status, and there are acceptable candidates for the Baronial positions.)



Herald:

Let the representatives of the Shire of (place) come before the Throne.

(The Seneschal bows, and then stands to one side. The people of the branch kneel in a semi-circle.)

Seneschal:

May it please Your Majesties, we, the people of Your Shire of (place) do petition that You create the lands in which we dwell a Barony in Your Kingdom of Lochac. Those of our Shire who could not be present have prepared this document, and have signed their names thereto, to show that they also support this request.



King:

We are minded to grant your petition. Let Our Seneschal come before Us now.

(Seneschal of Lochac comes before the Thrones, and stands to the side.)



King:

My [Lord | Lady] Seneschal, has all that is needed been accomplished that We may under Law and Custom create a Barony of these lands?

Lochac Seneschal:

The requirements have been fulfilled, Your Majesty.

(The King gives the Seneschal leave to retire.)



King:

Then do We establish (place), formerly a Shire, as a Barony in this Our Kingdom of Lochac. Yet a Barony should have a Baron and Baroness. Who shall We consider for that office?

Seneschal:

Your Majesties, the people of request that You consider (b1) and (b2), whose accomplishments and virtues are known to You.



King:

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



Herald:

Let (b1) and (b2) approach Their Majesties.

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



King:

(b1) and (b2), 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.



Herald:

Do you, (b1) and (b2), 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 all 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 own 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:

Then let it be known that you, (b1) and (b2), 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.

(If there are coronets, the King and Queen place them 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 (b1) and (b2) as Baron and Baroness of (place). For Their Majesties and for the Barony of -- Hip, hip! (*3)