



THE ORDER OF CHIVALRY

This section contains the "standard" ceremony for admittance of a new member, the alternate for a spokesman, the alternate for a Master-At-Arms.

HERALD: CHECK WITH THE ROYALTY BEFORE TALKING TO THE CANDIDATE.

This may be a surprise peerage, and if so, you could spoil the surprise by talking to the candidate first. Before the ceremony, the following items need to be assembled or arranged:

The Order of Chivalry are responsible for:

- ✘ A CHAIN (Knight)
- ✘ A BELT (Knight) or BALDRIC (Master-at-Arms)
- ✘ A PAIR OF SPURS (Knight)
- ✘ The name of the Spokesperson (if any)
- ✘ Attendants (if any)

Which 'Optional Opening' is to be use

1. Candidate processes in
2. Candidate is searched
3. Candidate is already in Court

The Candidate is responsible for:

- ✘ What sword to swear fealty on?
- ✘ What sword to be knighted by?

Will the candidate swear fealty? If not, use the MASTER AT ARMS alternate

- ✘ Is the candidate a member of the Queen's Guard?
- ✘ Is the candidate squired to a knight?
- ✘ Will the candidate accept the buffet?

Which 'Optional Opening' is to be used? (There are 3)

The Heralds are responsible for (talk to the candidate if not a surprise):

The blazon of the candidate's arms. This should be placed on a post-it note, and placed in the (appropriate) ceremony below.

- ✘ Will the candidate swear fealty? If not, use the MASTER AT ARMS alternate
- ✘ Is the candidate a member of the Queen's Guard?
- ✘ Is the candidate squired to a knight?
- ✘ Will the candidate accept the buffet?
- ✘ Which 'Optional Opening' is to be used? (There are 3)
- ✘ Regarding Fealty:

This was changed so that the Knights are swearing fealty to both the King and Queen as required by Corpora -- VI. Branch Administration, A. Royalty, 1. General, a. Definitions, "6) Crown. The Sovereign and Consort of a kingdom, acting together" and VII. Personal Awards and Titles, A. Patents of Arms, 4. Patent Orders, a. The

Chivalry, 1) Specific Requirements, b) "To join the Order of Knighthood, the candidate must swear fealty to the Crown of his or her kingdom during the knighting ceremony."

CHIVALRY CEREMONY, OPTION 1 - SUMMONING THE CANDIDATE OR PROCESSIONAL



Herald:

The strength and stability of the Kingdom lie in these virtues of its people: creativity, service and chivalry - for if any of these are lacking, the Kingdom fails. The fighters of the Kingdom defend it with their swords and with their honor bring it glory on the field.



Herald:

Let all Members of the Order of Chivalry of this Kingdom here present come forward and kneel before the Crown.

(The Chivalry shall come forward and kneel before the Throne.)



King:

We are minded to admit (name) into the Order of Chivalry. Let [him | her] now be brought forward.



Herald:

Let (name) approach Their Majesties.

(goto point 1)

CHIVALRY CEREMONY, OPTION 2 - FINDING THE CANDIDATE



Herald:

The strength and stability of the Kingdom lie in these virtues of its people: creativity, service and chivalry - for if any of these are lacking, the Kingdom fails. The fighters of the Kingdom defend it with their swords and with their honor bring it glory on the field.



Herald:

Let all Members of the Order of Chivalry of this Kingdom here present come forward and kneel before the Crown.

(The Chivalry shall come forward and kneel before the Throne.)



King:

What business have you before us?

(Spokesperson shall stand and say,)

Spokesperson:

Your Majesty, we, the Chivalry of Lochac feel our numbers are not complete, and that there is one here present whose honor prowess, and chivalry, both on the field and in the hall, entitles [him | her] to recognition as our Peer.



King:

We are agreed. Go forth and bring the candidate to Us.

(The spokesperson shall turn, with attendants, and with some indirection, search the assembled populace. Then they shall find the Candidate and bring him/her before the King.)

Spokesman:

We here present (name) for Your Majesty's consideration as a Candidate for membership in Our order.



King:

You have spoken with Us of [him | her] before. We are in agreement that [he | she] is worthy of Membership in your noble Order.

(goto point 1)

CHIVALRY CEREMONY, OPTION 3 - CANDIDATE ALREADY IN COURT



Herald:

You do not have Their Majesties Leave to depart.



Herald:

The strength and stability of the Kingdom lie in these virtues of its people: creativity, service and chivalry - for if any of these are lacking, the Kingdom fails. The fighters of the Kingdom defend it with their swords and with their honor bring it glory on the field.



Herald:

Let all Members of the Order of Chivalry of this Kingdom here present come forward and kneel before the Crown.

(The Chivalry shall come forward and kneel before the Throne.)



King:

We are minded to admit (name) into the Order of Chivalry.

(goto point 1)

(Point 1) continue at this point of the ceremony, after entrance.



King: Kneel.

(When the candidate has knelt on the cushion(s):)



King: (name),
right mindful of your prowess upon the field,
and responsive to the wishes of your peers,
We are minded to create you
a Member of the Order of Chivalry.
Will you accept from Us this honor,
and will you swear fealty to this,
Our Crown and Throne of the Kingdom of Lochac?

(If the Candidate does not feel that he/she can swear fealty, go to Master of Arms Ceremony If the candidate feels that he/she can swear fealty, then he/she shall answer:)

Candidate: Yes, Your Majesty.

CANDIDATE IS A QUEEN'S GUARDSMAN OR SQUIRE

(If the Candidate is a member of the Queen's Guard, then the Queen shall say:)

QUEEN'S GUARD MEMBER



Queen: You are a member of my Queen's Guard. I thank you for your service to me and only regret that I must lose you from my Guard to your new estate.

Candidate: It was my honor to serve you on your Guard. I return this baldric to you as a sign that my service to you in that capacity is ended.

(If the Candidate is the squire of a Knight or the fosterling of a Master-at-Arms, then the King should say:)

SQUIRE



King: If you are squired to any Knight of this Realm, name him now.

Candidate: Your Majesty, I am squired to Sir (knight).



Herald: Sir (knight), approach Their Majesties.

(The Knight approaches and stands next to his squire.)



King: Sir (knight), We are minded to Knight your squire. Will you now release [him | her] from your service and release him from whatever fealty exists between you?

Knight: I now release you, (name), from my service and the fealty we have had between us.

Candidate: It has been my honor and pleasure to train with you. I release you, Sir

(knight), from all of the responsibilities and duties you took upon yourself when I became your Squire. (I here return this token of my bond to you.)

(Candidate returns his squire's belt, if there was one.)

FEALTY TO THE CROWN



King:

Will you now give Us your word that you will henceforth comport yourself as befits a Peer of Our Realm, as you most surely have until now, and that you will attempt in all your endeavors to be a noble example to Our people?

Candidate:

I will. (or equivalent speech)



King/Queen:

Will you promise further to treat all with Courtesy, and to uphold the Laws and traditions of Our Kingdom?

Candidate:

I will. (or equivalent speech)



King:

On what sword do you wish to swear fealty?

(The Candidate shall reply, and this sword shall be presented, hilt foremost, to the King. The King shall take it and lay it across his upraised palms.)



King:

Place your hands upon Our own.

(The Candidate shall place his hands upon the hands of the King.)



Herald:

To your Liege and before your peers, repeat after me:

Here do I swear,
by mouth and hand,
fealty and service,
to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac,
to speak and to be silent,
to come and to go,
to strike and to spare,
to do and to let be,
in such matters as concern the Kingdom,
on my honour,
and the lawful commands of the Crown,
in need or in plenty,
in peace or in war,
in living or in dying,
from this hour henceforth,
until the King depart from His Throne,
or death take me,
or the world end,
so say I (name).



King:

And this do We hear, nor fail to remember,
and We for Our part do swear fealty to you, (name) ,
to protect and defend you
and all your household,
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.

THE DUBBING AND BUFFET



King: By what sword do you wish to be Knighted?

(The Candidate shall reply. If the sword chosen is a different sword, then the sword of fealty shall be returned to its owner and the new sword shall be presented hilt foremost to the King.)



King: By what name do you wish to be Knighted?

(The Candidate shall reply.)

(The King shall then lightly strike the Candidate three times with the flat of the blade, first upon the left shoulder, next upon the right shoulder, and finally upon the top of the head, while saying:)



King: I dub thee once
I dub thee twice
I dub thee Knight.

(The sword shall be returned to its owner.)

(If the new Knight wishes, the buffet may be given.)

BUFFET



King: Bow your head.

(The new Knight shall bow his head.)



King: Know, now that you are made a Knight,
that you must succor the defenseless,
seek justice for those of every station,
and maintain the honor of Knighthood.
Let this blow remind you that Knighthood
shall bring you pain as well as honor.

(The King shall deliver a light, symbolic slap to the cheek of the new Knight.)

CHAIN, BELT AND SPURS



King: Rise, Sir (name) .



King: Are there spurs?

(The King may ask of the history of the spurs, if there is any. The Knight shall briefly tell of the history of the spurs. If spurs are to be presented to the new Knight, two knights shall come forward and place the spurs upon his heels. When they have finished, the King shall say:)



King: Wear these spurs in token of your rank.



King: Is there a chain?

(The King may ask of the history of this chain, if there is any. The Knight shall briefly tell of the history of the chain. The King shall take the chain of knighthood and place it about the neck of the new Knight, saying:)



King: Wear this chain in token of your fealty.



King: Is there a belt?

(The King may ask of the history of this belt, if there is any. The Knight shall briefly tell of the history of the belt. A Knight will hand the King a Knight's belt. The King will hand the Knight's belt to the Queen. The Queen shall take the belt of Knighthood and fasten it about the waist of the new Knight, saying:)

Queen: Wear this belt in token of your chivalry.

(Then the King and Queen shall congratulate the new Knight, and the King shall say:)



King: Go now to your peers.

PROCLAMATION AND CHEERS

(The herald shall exhort the cheers of the populace. The Chivalry shall congratulate the new knight. While this is being done, the herald shall read the scroll of proclamation - if no scroll is present, the herald shall read the appropriate text below:)



Herald: For Sir (name), newest Knight of the Kingdom of Lochac, Hip, hip
*3

(Read Scroll Text after the cheers)

NO SCROLL - NO PRIOR PATENT



Herald: Be it known that Their Majesties, (kname) and (qname), King and Queen of Lochac, do on this day elevate Their subject, [knight], to the Peerage of this Kingdom, and do name [him | her] Knight, and do admit [him | her] to the Right Noble Order of Chivalry, and They do grant until [him | her] by Letters Patent these arms: Blazon, to bear and to hold without let or hindrance throughout Their Realm. By Our word and hand this [number] day of [month], Anno Societatis [year].

(kname) Rex

(qname) Regina

NO SCROLL - PRIOR PATENT



Herald: Be it known that Their Majesties, [kname] and [qname], King and Queen of Lochac, do on this day create Their subject, [knight], Knight, and do admit [him | her] to the Right Noble Order of Chivalry, and do confirm [his | her] right to bear [his | her] arms by Letters Patent, to wit: Blazon. By Our word and hand this [number] day of [month], Anno Societatis [year].

(kname) Rex

(qname) Regina

(After the proclamation or scroll has been read, the Herald will set it aside, to be conveyed to the new Knight later.)

MASTER AT ARMS

(If the Candidate does not feel that he/she can swear fealty, then he/she shall answer:)

Candidate: No, Your Majesty, I may not.



King:

Will you then accept the title of [Master | Mistress]-at-Arms in token of your prowess and chivalry upon the field?

Candidate: Yes, Your Majesty.

QUEEN'S GUARDSMAN OR SQUIRE

(If the Candidate is a member of the Queen's Guard, then the Queen shall say:)

QUEEN'S GUARDSMAN MEMBER



Queen:

You are a member of my Queen's Guard. I thank you for your service to me and only regret that I must lose you from my Guard to your new estate.

Candidate:

It was my honor to serve you on your Guard. I return this baldric to you as a sign that my service to you in that capacity is ended.

(If the Candidate is the squire of a Knight or the fosterling of a Master-at-Arms, then the King should say:)

SQUIRE



King:

If you are squired to any Knight of this Realm, name him now.

Candidate:

Your Majesty, I am squired to Sir (knight).



Herald:

Sir [knight], approach Their Majesties.

(The Knight approaches and stands next to his squire.)



King:

Sir [knight], We are minded to name your squire (name) a Master-at-Arms. Will you now release him from your service and release him from whatever fealty exists between you?

Knight:

I now release you, (name), from my service and the fealty we have had between us.

Candidate:

It has been my honor and pleasure to train with you. I release you, Sir (knight), from all of the responsibilities and duties you took upon yourself when I became your Squire. I here return this token of my bond to you.

(Candidate returns his squire's belt if there is one.)

PROCLAMATION AND CHEERS



King: Rise, [Master | Mistress] .

(The Queen shall take the white baldric and place it across the right shoulder of the new Master/Mistress.)



Queen: Wear this baldric in token of your prowess and chivalry.

(Then the King and Queen shall congratulate the new Master, and the King shall say:)



King: Go now to your peers.

(The herald shall exhort the cheers of the populace. The Chivalry shall congratulate the new Master. While this is being done, the herald shall read the scroll or proclamation:)



Herald: For the [Master | Mistress] [master] newest [Master | Mistress]-at-Arms of the Kingdom of Lochac, Hip, hip (*3)

(Read Scroll Text after cheers)

NO SCROLL - NO PRIOR PATENT



Herald: Be it known that Their Majesties, (kname) and (qname), King and Queen of Lochac, do on this day elevate Their subject, [master], to the Peerage of this Kingdom, and do create [him | her] a [Master | Mistress]-at-Arms, and do admit [him | her] to the Right Noble Order of the Chivalry, and They do grant until [him | her] by Letters Patent these arms: Blazon, to bear and to hold without let or hindrance throughout Their Realm. By Our word and hand this [number] day of [month], Anno Societatis [year].

(kname) Rex

(qname) Regina

NO SCROLL - PRIOR PATENT



Herald: Be it known that Their Majesties, (kname) and (qname), King and Queen of Lochac, do on this day elevate Their subject, [master], [Master | Mistress]-at-Arms, and do admit [him | her] to the Right Noble Order of Chivalry, and do confirm [his | her] right to bear [his | her] arms by Letters Patent, to wit: Blazon. By Our word and hand this [number] day of [month], Anno Societatis [year].

(kname) Rex

(gname) Regina

(After the proclamation or scroll has been read, the Herald will set it aside, to be conveyed to the new Master later.)