

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE TITLE AND ESTATE OF A COUNT FOR A CANDIDATE NOT A PEER

Ceremony for the Acknowledgment/Investiture of a Count

- PREPARATION:** Before the ceremony, the Herald should discover the blason of the arms of the new Count, if there is no scroll. The Herald should also determine, if the new Count/Earl wishes to swear fealty at this time. The new Count/Earl should have gathered his escort (as described below), and have them ready at the back of Court, as this should be the first piece of business in Their Majesties' first Court.
- NOTE:** The estate of Count is automatic for a King completing his reign at the regular and published events and it is assumed on stepping down to his successor.
- Scroll/Promissory:** Scroll of Arms, if prepared.
- Token:** County Coronet, if prepared.

(The new Count/Earl shall hare as his honour guard a Count or worthy knight on his right bearing his banner, and another on his left bearing the Scroll of Arms.)



Herald

Lord _____, approach the throne.

(The new Count/Earl and his honour guard shall come forward and the new Count/Earl shall present himself before the Throne. They shall make a reverence to Their Majesties.)

Spokesman/Herald: May it please Your Majesties, Your loyal subject, Lord _____, having by his valour, skill, and strength at arms having won the Crown of this Kingdom, and having reigned as King of Lochac, and thus by his own ability having earned the title and rank of a Count of this Realm, makes bold to approach You, that he may receive the same title from Your Majesty.

(Then the King shall place the coronet over the head of the new Count/Earl, saying:)



King:

Lord _____, be known henceforth as Count/Earl in this, Our Realm.

(Places coronet on the head of the new Count/Earl, and raises him up.)

FEALTY - if the new Count/Earl is not already a Peer of the Realm, he should be offered a chance to swear fealty at this time.

(If the new Count wishes to swear fealty at this time do the following fealty oath:)



King:

Do you wish to swear fealty at this time ?



Herald:

To your Liege and before your Peers repeat after me:
Here do I swear, by mouth and hands,
fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac,
to speak and to be silent,
to do and to let be,
to come and to go,
to strike and to spare
in all matters as concern the Kingdom
upon my honour and the lawful command of the Crown
in need or in plenty,
in peace or in war,
in living or in dying,
until the King depart from His Throne,
or death take me or the world end,
so say I ____.



King:

This do We hear, nor fail to remember,
and We for Our part do swear fealty to you, ____
and to all your household, to protect and defend you 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.

CONTINUE



King:

Let the Herald read the Scroll of Arms.

(The Count or knight bearing the Scroll of Arms shall present it to the Herald The Herald shall read it and then return it.)

(If there is no Scroll of Arms, the Herald shall read the text following the box:)

NO SCROLL PRESENT



Herald:

Know by these presents that We, (kname) and (qname), King and Queen of Lochac, in recognition that Our subject has reigned as King in Our realm, do hereby style him Count/Earl. We do grant his sole and exclusive right to bear the following Arms by Letters Patent in the Kingdom of Lochac. (Blason) By Our word and hand this ____ day of ____, Anno Societatis ____ ,

(kname) Rex;

(qname) Regina.



Herald:

For Count/Earl ____ . hip, hip! (*3)

(The new Count/Earl shall thank the King, and the Counts in his honour guard shall congratulate him. Then the new Count/Earl and his honour guard shall stand to the side, if the person who reigned with him is being made a Countess. Otherwise, they leave.)