

Investing the Champion and Lord/Lady of Lochac

Awarded for: Combatant and Consort who placed second in the Crown Tourney

Armigerous: No

Token: Champion's Baldric, the Old Principality Sword of State, a favour for the Lord/Lady of Lochac.

Scroll: Yes

Prep: **Crown** should have a token or favour prepared to give to the Lord/Lady

Crown litany: Yes

NOTE: If the Champion & Lord/Lady of Lochac are present at the Coronation, this should be done when the Crown is appointing their Household.

Herald: Let [*Champion*] and [*Consort*] come before their Majesties

Champion and Consort come up.

Crown: At Our coronation, We swore to protect Our kingdom with all Our power. This promise We shall not break, but We cannot fulfil it without aid. Therefore, We are minded to appoint a Champion, one who will guard Our shores against invasion, pursue those who incite rebellion, and fight any challenge made against Us or Our subjects.

Sovereign: [*Champion Name*], it was by Our final victory over you in the Crown Lists that We were chosen to be the Crown. We can think of none more worthy to stand as Our Champion. Moreover, should Our reign be cut short by misfortune, the Kingdom will have need of a Regent until such time as Our Heirs may take the throne, and We would name you as Regent, if the need arises.
Will you accept this weighty honour from Our hand?

Champion: I will.

Crown: Then We name you as Our Champion, and Champion of all Lochac.

Herald: [*Champion Name*], do you swear to perform faithfully the duties of the Champion of Lochac: to protect the realm from harm without

and within, to maintain the peace and be a loyal subject until Our reign is ended and Our successors crowned.

Champion: I so swear.

Crown: Wear this Baldric, that all may know you are Our Champion. Bear it faithfully, for it has an ancient and honourable history.

Crown places Baldric on the Champion.

Crown: As Crown Prince and Princess, we wore the Coronets of the old Principality of Lochac, that Our past may not be forgotten. This sword of steel was the symbol of the power of the Princes of Lochac. Let it now be the symbol and instrument of your office.

Gives the sword to the Champion.

Sovereign: Although it was by my sword that the Crown was won, no Sovereign of Lochac has ruled alone. The Crown must honour both war and peace, might and law, strength and gentle skill. If Our Champion must act as Regent should Our reign fail, We would make sure that s/he is likewise supported. [*Consort Name*], on that day that We won the Crown, you stood as the inspiration to Our ultimate challenger. Will you stand with him/her, to support him/her as Champion, and should the worst befall Us, to act as Co-Regent?

Consort: I will.

Crown: Then We name you as Lord/Lady of Lochac. Take this token from Our hands, that all may know the faith and trust we place in you.

Herald: For the Champion and Lord/Lady of Lochac – three cheers!