

# Invocation of the Crown Lists

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Prep: See “Preparation of the Crown Tourney and Invocation”  
It is suggested that the Tourney Herald be on hand to direct the Combatants and their Consorts where to stand.

Crown litany: **Yes**

Given the formal occasion, Crux Australis Principal Herald should be Herald for the Invocation, if available.

NOTE: This is a suggested ceremony only – the Crown may wish to alter or replace it completely as they choose. The only absolute requirements are that the combatants and their consorts publically confirm they are able to rule if they win.

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**Herald:** Today, those of note and valour gather here to vie for the Crown of Lochac. All present, pay heed, for you are called on to bear witness that this day is done with honour, prowess, courtesy and chivalry, that when the Heirs to the Crown of Lochac are named, there can be no doubt as to their worthiness.

Their Majesties call on all combatants who wish to fight in the Crown Lists today, with their Consorts if they are present, to come forward and present themselves now.

*The Court Herald will call each Combatant and Consort by name, with appropriate titles, in the order provided by the Lists Officer, to come forward and present themselves to the Crown.*

*Each Combatant will present themselves to the Crown, and then present who they fight for that day, with such words as they find appropriate.*

*The Crown welcomes each person, and asks them to join the side of the Sovereign (King/Queen) or the Crown Consort (Queen/King). The Combatant and Consort move to that side, where they form a line in order of presentation.*

**Crown:** My Lord/Lady Marshal, please come forward and explain the rules of the day.

*The Marshal comes forward and explains the format and any specific requirements for the tournament.*

**Herald:** You have all heard the conventions of combat for this tournament, and you all know the Rules of the Lists. Do you who compete on the Field of Honour this day swear to abide by these rules and these conventions?

**Combatants:** I so swear

**Herald:** Do you, who compete on the field today, and you who stand as their inspiration, swear that you meet the requirements of those who would be Sovereign and Crown Consort, as stated in the Laws of the Kingdom and the Society, and that you hold membership in good keeping, and do you further swear that, should you be given victory this day, you will swear fealty to the Kingdom and populace of Lochac, and do you further swear that you can and will fulfil all the duties and obligations required of the Crown of Lochac, and that you will rule justly and to the utmost of your abilities, and do you further swear that when the appointed time comes, you will with honour surrender the Crown to your rightfully appointed successors?

**Combatants and Consorts:** I so swear

**Herald:** Then upon pain of expulsion from these Lists, bear witness to these words:

Bear no stone in this Tournament that may act as a talisman for victory. Yet you all stand as the cornerstone of the Kingdom on the field this day. Let your Honour be the rock on which your deeds stand.

Bear no Amulet, hoping for victory by its worth. Yet you must display for all the tokens by which you are to be measured. Let your skill at arms and prowess on the field be the badge by which all know you.

Bear no herb of virtue, that by sweet essence victory will be yours. Yet sweetness and virtue must temper the struggle of arms and clash of combat. Let the favours you bear and the grace of those who inspire you be your guide this day.

Then let Honour, Skill at Arms and Inspiration be the hallmarks of this tournament. Let them be displayed proudly by all who fight here, whether in bright victory or honourable defeat.

*The Crown at this point may wish to address the Combatants and Consorts, speaking as to Their expectations, etc.*

*In this following part, “Queen’s side” refers to the side of the Crown Consort, and “King’s Side” refers to the side of the Sovereign by Right of Arms, and should be changed if appropriate*

**Herald:** Let each Fighter upon the Queen’s side, as their name is called, make their Challenge to whom they will that stands upon the King’s side, to determine the first round of combat in the Crown Lists. Let it be known that any may refuse a challenge, with no reason given, and no dishonour to either party. Once a challenge has been accepted, we ask that the combatants kneel or otherwise show that they have been called to the List.

*The Herald reads from the list provided, while the Lists Officer or their assistant stands by and makes note of the challenges.*

**Herald:** These challenges have been made with honour, let them be fought likewise. Remember this – though only one of you shall have the victory, each of you must ensure that whomever shall win the day has truly been tested, in skill, in strength, in honour and in chivalry. Let each of you show your very best, that We may be sure Our Heirs were truly tested and truly chosen. You each make history – make it a proud one. You who come as Consorts to those who would meet on the field – remember that you come to Inspire, and by that inspiration, you would be Queens and Kings. Be worthy of that honour.

*The Crown may wish to address the field or speak words of inspiration here.*

**Herald:** For the Combatants in the Crown Lists and their Consorts, three  
cheers!

Long live the King! *recit*

Long live the Queen! *recit*

Combatants, go and prepare yourselves.

*Note: Court is not ended, as the entire Tournament is considered part of Court.*