

Appointing a new member to the Queen's Guard

Token: Crown Consort's choice

Armigerous: No

Prep: **Crown** should determine if any of the proposed guard are squires or cadets, and if so, should establish if their Peer will be present – if not, the **Crown** should ensure written permission from the Peer is sent. Likewise, the **Herald** should determine if the Peer is present to be called forward, and if not, to make the appropriate amendment to the ceremony.

Scroll: No

Crown litany: **Yes**

NOTE: by tradition, it is assumed the Queen's Guard is the Crown Consort's Guard. If the Crown Consort is **not** the Queen, the title should be changed appropriately. **ALSO NOTE:** More than one Guard can be made at the same time.

Herald: Let [*Name(s)*] come before her/his Majesty.

Recipient(s) come forward to kneel before the Crown Consort

Consort: As the Rightful Rulers of Lochac, We fear no harm from Our People, but it suits Our dignity to have Guards, comprised of those of Our realm we consider to be of worthy skill on the field of combat, to attend Us and to serve Our will. You have come to Our notice, and we invite you to serve Us as one of Our Queen's Guard. Will you accept this invitation?

Guard: I will.

Consort: Are you bound in fealty as a squire or cadet to any Peer?

Guard: *answers yes or no; if yes, names their Peer*

This next only if a Guard is also a squire and/or a cadet and their Peer is present.

Herald: Let [*Name of Peer*] stand and come forward to answer her Majesty.

Consort: It is Our wish to appoint your squire/cadet to Our Guard. We are mindful that he/she is bound in service to you, and so We ask for your lawful consent to their service. Do you give it?

Peer: Yes

Consort: We thank you, and We freely vow unto you that We shall require of your squire/cadet nothing that brings them into dispute with you or your household, nor violates your oaths to each other.

*This next only if a Guard is also a squire and/or a cadet and their Peer is **not** present.*

Herald: Your Majesty, [*Name of Peer*] has sent letters confirming that [*Name*] is indeed his/her Squire/Cadet, and gives his/her lawful consent for [*Name*] to serve you.

Consort: We send him/her Our thanks. [*Name*], We freely vow to you that We shall require of you nothing that brings you into dispute with your Knight/Master/Mistress, nor his/her household, nor violates your oaths to each other.

Herald: [*Name(s)*], Do you now accept the responsibilities of service in the Guard of [*Name*], Queen of Lochac, and do you pledge to come to her Majesty's aid, should it be necessary and within your power? And do you swear, before the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, to do no dishonourable thing while in her Majesty's service, remembering at all times that her dignity is invested in your words and deeds?

Guard(s): I do

Consort: *Gives baldrics or other tokens to the Guard(s) and speaks as to his/her requirements of them.*

Herald: For the newly made Queen's Guard – three cheers!