

Standard Litany for Tournaments

Description: used at the start of each round in a tournament. The litany can be varied slightly for interest and to help save the Heralds' voices.

Regarding titles – only titles earned through combat should be used, and only one title at a time (i.e. Duke, or Sir, **not** Duke-Sir, etc). In the opening round, when the combatants are first introduced on the field, you can be more descriptive and theatrical in your introduction, but after this first round, stick to title and name only.

Herald: Would [*Name 1*] and [*Name 2*] report to the field, [*Name 3*] and [*Name 4*] should arm and stand ready.

Name 1 and Name 2 will enter the field. When they are both present and are ready:

Herald: Here do meet on the field of honour,
 [*Name 1*] and [*Name 2*] *allow time for the crowd to cheer each*
 Gentles (*), *(* or my lords, or other suitable honorific)*
 Salute the Crown
 Salute the one whose favour you bear
 Salute your most honourable opponent.
 At the Marshals' command...

Marshals: Lay on! (*Heavy*) or Allez! (*Rapier*)

*The Marshals will control the fight, and at the death should indicate with their marshal poles the victor. If the Herald is at all unsure as to who won, **ask!***

Herald: Victory to [*Name*]

*If victory is to be determined by a best of three, salutes are called at the beginning, then "Victory to [*Name*]" at the end of the first two; the third and/or deciding bout is announced with*

Herald: Victory in this bout to [*Name*]

Example 1: First round in a heavy tournament, with a best-of-three format.

Herald: Would Duke Fred Burke and Joseph Blowe report to the field, Sir John Doe and Her Majesty, Queen Jane to arm and stand ready.
Here do meet on the field of honour:
Duke Fred Burke, Knight of the Order of Chivalry
and Joseph Blowe, of the Queen's Guard
My Lords! Salute the Crown. Salute the one whose favour you bear.
Salute your most honourable opponent.
At the Marshals' command...

Marshals: Lay on!

Herald: Victory to Joseph.
At the Marshal's command...

Marshals: Lay on!

Herald: Victory to Duke Fred.
At the Marshal's command...

Marshals: Lay on!

Herald: Victory and the bout to Duke Fred Burke.
Would Her Majesty, Queen Jane, and Sir John Doe report to the field,
Kim Ordinary and Robin Fighter to arm and stand ready.
Here do meet on the field of honour,
Her most glorious Majesty, Queen Jane of Lochac, and
Sir John Doe, Knight of the Order of Chivalry and Master of Defense.
Honoured gentles, salute the Crown. Salute the one whose favour you bear.
Salute your most honourable and worthy opponent.
At the Marshals' command...

Marshals: Lay on!

Herald: First kill to her Majesty.
At the Marshal's command...

Marshals: Lay on!

Herald: Victory in the second to her Majesty. Do you wish to continue the bout?
Then at the Marshal's command...

Marshals: Lay on!

Herald: Victory to Sir John and Victory in the round to her Majesty!
Would Kim Ordinary and Robin Fighter report to the field, etc.

Example 2: Third round in a rapier tournament, single kill.

Herald: For this third round of today's tournament, would Duke Fred Burke and Joseph Blowe report to the field, Master John Doe and Her Majesty, Queen Jane should arm and stand ready, and Kim Ordinary and Robin Fighter should prepare.
Here do meet: Duke Fred Burke and Joseph Blowe
Gentlemen, salute the Crown. Salute the one whose favour you bear
Salute your most honourable opponent.
At the Marshals' command...

Marshals: Allez!

Herald: Victory to Joseph Blowe.
Would her Majesty, Queen Jane, and Master John Doe report to the field,
Kim Ordinary and Robin Fighter to arm and stand ready, Count Tim Cann
and Jean Cerf to prepare.
Here do meet Her Majesty, Queen Jane and Master John Doe
Honoured Gentles, salute the Crown. Salute the one whose favour you bear
Salute your most honourable and worthy opponent.
At the Marshals' command...

Marshals: Allez!

Herald: Victory to her Majesty.
Would Kim Ordinary and Robin Fighter report to the field, and Count Tim
Cann and Jean Cerf arm and stand ready.
Here do meet Kim Ordinary and Robin Fighter.
Gentles, Salute the Crown
Salute the one whose favour you bear
Salute your most honourable and worthy opponent.
At the Marshals' command...

Marshals: Allez!

Herald: Victory to Robin.
Count Tim Cann and Jean Cerf to report to the field.
In this final bout of round three meet Count Tim Cann and Jean Cerf.
My Lords! Salute the Crown. Salute the one whose favour you bear
Salute your most honourable and worthy opponent.
At the Marshals' command...

Marshals: Allez!

Herald: Victory in the final bout of round three to Count Tim.