

Changeover of Kingdom Officers

Prep: **Crown** must tell the herald if they will need prompting. The **Herald** should establish if the candidate is willing to swear fealty – some people may not for personal reasons, and so should instead promise fidelity.

Crown litany: Yes

Herald: Let the [*title of Kingdom Officer*] come before their Majesties.

The Outgoing Officer come forward.

Crown: [*Name*], you have served Us well as Our [*Kingdom Officer*], but the time has come for Us to release you from your duties. Have you found a worthy successor?

Outgoing: I have, your Majesties.

The Incoming Officer is named.

Herald: Let [*Incoming Officer's Name*] come forward.

Incoming Officer comes forward.

Herald: [*Name*], is it your will to take on the Office of [*Kingdom Office*]?

Incoming: Yes.

Herald: Have you been instructed in all the duties of the Office?

Incoming: Yes.

Herald: And as [*Kingdom Officer*] will you swear fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac?

Incoming: Yes.

Crown: Then let the Office pass. [*Outgoing Name*], We must ask you to surrender your regalia and badges of Office.

Outgoing Officer hands over any tokens of the office. The Crown may wish to speak as to Outgoing Officer's achievements, makes personal thanks, etc. Outgoing Officer may wish to give thanks, etc.

Crown: [Outgoing Name], We thank you for your service, and release you from your duties.

Outgoing Officer rises, bows and leaves. Incoming Officer prepares to swear fealty.

Herald: [Incoming Officer's Name], before [King's name] and [Queen's name], your undoubted King and Queen, do you swear fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, and do you swear that you will uphold their Majesties' honour, obey their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, faithfully discharge your Office, keeping good account of your deputies and subordinates, and mindful that the harmony of the Kingdom springs from your deeds, treat all persons with courtesy, whatever their degree or station, until the Crown depart their Throne, death take you, or the world end?

Incoming: I so swear.

Crown: And we for our part do swear fealty to you, our [Kingdom Officer], and to those who serve with you, to protect and defend you with all our power, until we depart our Throne, or death take us, or the world end.

So say we, Lochac.

Crown gives the Incoming Officer any regalia and badges of office, and may wish to speak as to their expectations of the new officer, then gives them leave to depart.

Herald: For [Name] and [Name], incoming and outgoing [Kingdom Officer] – three cheers!