

Baronial Divestiture



Items: Baronial coronets and silver fealty rings.
Preparation: The herald will need to know what number baronage of their group the Outgoing Baronage are.
Decide whether Outgoing Baronage Recognition is taking place immediately after their divestiture or in a later court.

Herald: Let [Name] and [Name], [Number] [Title] and [Title] of [Barony Name], come before their Majesties.

Outgoing Baronage kneel before the Crown.

Herald: There are many who serve the Kingdom, and countless ways in which the Kingdom may be served. Many give greatly of their time and their skills, but some give more than any other, for they give themselves for years to one group, in deep service to their Barony and through that, the Kingdom.

[Name] and [Name], you have been Our representatives in this, Our Barony of [Barony Name]. You have served not only Ourselves, but many of Our predecessors. Our Lands have been kept safe in your hands, and We have watched them prosper in your care. You have brought Our words and desires to Our people, and you have brought Our worthy subjects to Our notice. You have lead Our people, and encouraged and rewarded their endeavours. You have advised Us when We have needed it, and you have supported Our Officers, Our Orders of Peerage and your cousins, Our Barons and Baronesses, across Our Kingdom. While there are many servants to the Kingdom, it is with great reason that we rank our Landed Barons and Baronesses first-most among them.

Now it is time for you to take on other roles and let the care of your Barony pass to your successors.

Crown: When you were invested as Baron and Baroness, you were given silver tokens of the oaths of Fealty, between the Crown and Our Barony of [Name].

We now say this to you:

With all honour, We release you from your oaths to Us;

With all honour, We break the bands of fealty;

With all honour, We declare you are no longer Our vassals;

With sore heart and great love,

we take from you these Baronial lands of [Barony Name]

and all the rights and responsibilities that go with them.

We ask you to surrender those silver rings that were given as tokens of fealty between you and Us.

The Outgoing Baronage remove the rings from their hands and give them to the Crown.

Crown: We ask you also to give up those coronets that have marked your station until now.

The Outgoing Baronage remove their coronets, and give them to either the Crown (if being passed to successors) or their attendants (if not).

Crown: Before all, we declare that We release you as Our [Title] and [Title] of [Barony Name].

(If not proceeding directly to Outgoing Baronage Recognition:)

Herald: For [Name] and [Name], and their service to the Barony of [Name] and the Kingdom of Lochac, three cheers!