

Baronial Investiture



Items:	Baronial coronets and silver fealty rings.
Preparation:	Herald will need to know the full name of the Seneschal, and which number B&B are being invested (e.g. 15th). The group seneschal should be prepared to speak.

Crown: Our Barony of [*Barony Name*] is too precious to leave without good guardians, and We must appoint successors.

We have considered this matter at length, and with consultation, We believe that [*Name*] and [*Name*] will be worthy successors to all those who have come before them.

Herald: Let [*Name*], Seneschal of [*Barony*], come before their Majesties.

Baronial Seneschal comes forward, bows but does not kneel.

Herald: Good seneschal, will you confirm that their Majesties were honestly, wholly and truly advised of the feelings and desires of the people of [*Barony*] in this matter?

Seneschal: Your Majesties, I can confirm that all members of the Barony were given open, equal and fair chance to express their views and to advise Your Majesties.

Crown: Thank you, [*Seneschal Name*]. Then let them come forward and be recognised.

Seneschal departs.

Herald: Let [*Name*] and [*Name*] come forward and claim their place.

Incoming Baronage come forward with ceremony, but pause outside the Royal Presence and do not kneel.

Herald: [*Barony*]! Is it your will to have [*Name*] and [*Name*] as your [*Title*] and [*Title*]?

Populace consents.

Crown: Then it being Our will, and the will of Our people, kneel before Us.

Incoming Baronage kneel.

Herald: [*First Name*] and [*First Name*], have you been advised of the duties, rights and responsibilities of this rank? And have you studied the Laws of the Kingdom and the Society regarding your role, that you may do only that which is lawful? And have you the strength and the will to stand and serve the Kingdom of Lochac through this, its Barony of [*Name*]?

Baronage: I have.

Herald: Let it be known that you, [*First Name*] and [*First Name*], are by Our will and the will of Our people, henceforth [*Title*] and [*Title*] of [*Barony*] until such time as We or Our successors to these crowns shall call you forth to render an account for your stewardship and release you from your duties. We further charge you to render every year, according to tradition, an account of your Barony.

Will you swear fealty to [*Title*] [*Name*] and [*Title*] [*Name*], undoubted rulers of Lochac by right and by law, and to their legitimate Heirs, in all things for as long as you serve as [*Title*] and [*Title*]?

Baronage: I will.

Note that each person swears fealty and is crowned separately.

[Baron/Baroness]:

I, *[Name]*,

swear fealty to You, *[Name and Name]*, *[Title and Title]* of
Lochac,

and to Your heirs and successors.

I swear that I will obey Your lawful commands,

that I will faithfully hold and administer Your Barony of
[Name],

and that I will support Your people in their various
endeavours

and bring all good works to the notice of Your Majesties.

Mindful that the harmony of this Barony springs from my
deeds,

and in knowledge that all I do reflects upon the Crown I serve,

I will treat all with courtesy, whatever their degree or station,

until I step down as *[Baron/Baroness]*, or death take me, or
the world end.

Crown: We hear your oaths, and name you *[Title]* of *[Barony]*. Wear
this coronet that all may know your station.

Crown places coronet on head of new Baron/Baroness.

Repeat this page for the other member of the new Baronage.

Crown: And We swear our fealty to you, and swear to you and to Our people that We will protect and defend you with all Our power, until we depart from our throne, death take us, or the world end.

So say we, Lochac.

Herald: In token of Our solemn oaths of fealty to you, We give you these rings, set with the device of Our Kingdom, that all may know you are Our vassals.

If any threaten you, or this Our Barony of *[Name]*, We charge you to send these rings to Us, and We shall come to your aid with all the forces We have at Our command.

Crown gives the fealty rings to the new Baronage.

Crown: Rise, and join us in Our Court.

Herald: Be it known to all that *[Title]* *[Name]* and *[Title]* *[Name]* have made *[Name]* and *[Name]* *[Title]* and *[Title]* of *[Barony]*, *[number]* to that estate.

For our new *[Title]* and *[Title]*, three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)