

Barony Creation & First Investiture



Items:	Baronial coronets and silver fealty rings.
Preparation:	Herald will need to know the full name of the Kingdom and group seneschals, and the blazon of the group's device. The Kingdom and group seneschals should be prepared to speak.

Baronial Creation

Herald: Let the Shire of [Name], with their Seneschal, [Title] [Name] come before their Majesties.

Populace of the Shire come forward and kneel in a semi-circle. Their Seneschal bows, but remains standing to one side.

Group Seneschal:

May it please Your Majesties, we, the people of Your Shire of [Group Name], feel that we have grown in size and dignity. We wish to petition You to create the lands in which we dwell a Barony in this Kingdom of Lochac.

We have fulfilled all the requirements of Law, and we wish to present this document of petition, that bears the signatures of our people, both those present here, and those who could not attend on Your Majesties today.

Group Seneschal presents the petition, but remains standing.

Crown: We are well aware of your Shire, for its people have made it a shining jewel in Our Kingdom. We have heard your petition, and We are of a mind to honour it. Let the Kingdom Seneschal come forward to advise us on this matter.

Kingdom Seneschal comes forward, bows but does not kneel.

Crown: [Name], Our faithful Seneschal, may We, in good faith and by the Law, act on Our desire and create this new Barony?

Kingdom Seneschal:

I have looked to the history of this Shire, and seen the reports of its officers. I can assure You that all that is required by Law and by Custom has been done, Your Majesties. It is my considered advice that You may indeed act on your wishes.

Crown: Thank you, [*Kingdom Seneschal Name*].

Kingdom Seneschal departs.

Crown: Then hear these words from us, O Lochac! We, [*Name*] and [*Name*], undoubted rulers of Lochac, do on this day create and establish the Barony of [*Name*]. This is Our Wish, this is Our Command – let none forget it.

Herald: Know all that from this moment forth, [*Group Name*] is a Barony, with the rights and privileges of such. Let the Heralds, Scribes, and Kingdom Officers amend all laws, histories, and documents to show that this place of [*Group Name*] is now the [*number*] Barony of the Kingdom of Lochac, and takes its place as equal with the Baronies of Rowany, Innilgard, River Haven, Stormhold, Aneala, Ynys Fawr, Politarchopolis, Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière, Southron Gaard, Ildhafn, Mordenvale, and Krae Glas.

Let the College of Heralds make note of this change, and the registration of [*blazon of Group Device*] as kept in the College's records be amended to show this. Let the Regnum of the Kingdom be amended, and likewise the Rolls of Arms. Let this moment be preserved in the annals and histories of Lochac, never to be forgotten.

For the new Barony of [*Group*], three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

First Baronage

Crown: A Barony must have a Baronage to lead them. We have a mind to elevate [Name] and [Name] to this place, but We would have accord in Our lands. [Group Seneschal], have you spoken to your people, and are you able to advise Us in this matter?

Group Seneschal:

Your Majesties, I can confirm that all members of [Group Name] 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.

Herald: Let all make way, and let [Name] and [Name] come forward and claim their place.

Group members and seneschal depart or move to the sides of court.

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 Name], first of that estate.

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

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!

Outgoing Baronage Recognition



Items: Personal or 'stunt' coronets.
Preparation: Traditionally, a Court Barony is given or affirmed. This may be augmented by a Grant of Arms for additional recognition, or if the recipient already holds a Court Barony.

Herald: [Name] and [Name], this day you relinquish your duties to the Barony of [Barony]. But let none think We hold you in any less esteem for this change. Let all recognise that [Title] and [Title] you have been, and [Title] and [Title] you will remain.

At this point, each person is awarded separately.

(If a Court Barony is being given:)

Herald: [Name], we recognise and confirm you as [Baron/Baroness] of the Court of Lochac. We honour your service to Us, to Our Barony of [Name of Barony] and to Our Kingdom, and swear to protect you as Our loyal and beloved subject.

Let all know that an insult to you is an insult to Our Court, Our Crowns and Our Kingdom, and it will be honoured as such. We charge you to remember this: we have named you as one of Our Royal Court, and that of Our successors, for as long as the Kingdom stands, and We charge that you always walk as though in Our presence, with honour and duty-bound.

Coronet is placed on the recipient's head.

Crown: Wear this coronet as a symbol of your estate and Our esteem.

(If a Court Barony already held:)

Herald: [Name], we remind all that though you are no longer [Baron/Baroness] of [Barony], you remain a [Baron/Baroness] of the Court of Lochac, as you were created by Our predecessors.

Coronet is placed on the recipient's head.

Crown: Wear this coronet as a symbol of your estate and Our esteem.

(If a Grant of Arms is being given:)

Herald: Furthermore, as this alone is not sufficient, in Our eyes, to recognise your great service, we hereby Grant you Arms, and with them the rank, rights and title of an honourable noble of the realm. You are further given the right to bear by Grant of Arms such device as you may have properly registered with the College of Heraldry, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

Repeat the above for the second recipient.

Herald: Be it known to all that [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name] do by their words here proclaimed, confer great honour upon their subjects, [Full Name] and [Full Name], and do recognise them as [Title] and [Title] within the Court of Lochac, and to the ends of the Known World.

Done this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year] – three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

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.

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