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Opening and Closing Court

Opening Court

There is no standard formula for opening a royal court, and actual practice will vary according to the preferences of the Crown, the customs of the region, and the habits of the herald. At minimum, the opening call from the herald usually includes an oyez, some sort of instruction to pay attention, and a statement of whose court is taking place. The following examples are generally applicable, and demonstrate some of the range:

Oyez, Oyez! Gather and pay heed to the court of Their Majesties, [Name] and [Name], [Title] and [Title] of Lochac!

Oyez, Oyez! All rise for the court of Their Majesties, [Name] and [Name]!

Oyez, Oyez, my lords, my ladies, good gentles all! Gather and attend for the court of Their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], undoubted Crown of Lochac!

After the Crown is seated, quietly ask their permission for the populace to make themselves comfortable, then announce:

You have Their Majesties' leave to make yourselves comfortable.

If necessary, add an instruction for the populace to draw nigh.

Closing Court

The closing of a royal court is very consistent, with the exception of the final cheer. Its purpose is to acknowledge those not named in the ‘long live’ cheers, and it can be varied according to the customs of the area and the preference of the herald. One example is given below.

After quietly checking with the Crown that there is no further business:

There being no further business, all rise if able!

Populace rises.

Long live the [Sovereign Title]!*

Long live the [Consort Title]!*

(If there are Heirs:)

Long live the Heirs!

For the Baronages, Peers, and populace of Lochac,
(Hip hip, etc.)

Court is ended!

Note: If the Sovereign and Consort use the same title, they may prefer for these cheers to be announced together (e.g. “Long live the Kings!”), as was the practice in the reign of Ariston and Jochen, or for them to be cheered with their title and first name (e.g. “Long live King [Name]!”), as was the practice in the reign of Thibault and Jayne.

Consort's Champion



Token: Personal token from the Consort.

Herald: Though [*Sovereign Title*] [*Name*] was inspired to victory as the champion of [*Consort Title*] [*Name*], while [*he/she*] serves as Sovereign, it is not right that [*he/she*] should take the field of combat for the honour of any save the Kingdom. For that reason, [*Consort Title*] [*Name*] has need of another to stand as [*his/her*] Champion.

Consort: [*Name*], will you do me that honour?

Recipient: I will.

Herald: [*Name*], do you hereby swear, before the Crown and the Kingdom, to protect and defend your [*King/Queen*], in all ways that are in your power, to come to [*his/her*] aid whenever [*he/she*] has need, to defend [*his/her*] reputation as well as [*his/her*] person, to bring honour to [*his/her*] name by your actions, and to do nothing that would dishonour or displease [*him/her*]?

Recipient: I do so swear.

Consort: (*Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.*)

Herald: Know all that [*His/Her*] Majesty, [*Title*] [*Name*], has this day made [*Name*] her Champion! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

Fealty Renewal: Baronages



Herald: Let those landed Baronages who have not yet sworn fealty come forward and kneel before their Majesties.

The Landed Barons and Baronesses kneel before the Crown.

Herald: Before [Name] and [Name], your undoubted [Title] and [Title], 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, hold and administer their Barony, support all your people in their various endeavours, bring all good works to the notice of their Majesties, and, mindful that the harmony of your Barony springs from your deeds, treat all persons with courtesy, whatever their degree or station, until the Crown depart their Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Baronages: I do so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part swear fealty to you, Our Barons and Baronesses, and swear to support, protect and defend you and your Baronies with all Our power, until We depart Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.

So say We, Lochac.

Rise, and join our Court.

Baronages return to their thrones.

Fealty Renewal: Officers



Herald: Let those Greater Officers of State who have not yet sworn fealty come before Their Majesties.

The Greater Officers kneel before the Crown.

Herald: Before [Name] and [Name], your undoubted [Title] and [Title], 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 Offices, 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?

Officers: I do so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part swear fealty to you, Our Officers, and to those who serve with you, and swear 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.

You have our leave to depart.

Officers depart.

Fealty Renewal: Peers



Herald: Let the Peers of Lochac who have not yet sworn fealty and wish to do so come before their Majesties.

Peers come forward.

Herald: Before [Name] and [Name], your undoubted [Title] and [Title], 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, 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?

Peers: I do so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part swear fealty to you, to protect and defend you and your households with all Our power, until We depart our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.

So say We, Lochac.

You have Our leave to depart.

Martial Peers salute the Crown with their preferred weapons, and all Peers depart.

Invitation to Peerage



Preparation: It is best not to surprise a candidate with a public invitation unless you are very confident they will respond well. If the offer has not been made privately first, consult with their teacher or a member of their household to confirm their preferences.

Herald: Let the members of the Order of [*Order Name*] attend their Majesties!

Order comes forward.

Crown: Your Order is mighty, but we feel that it should grow, and on consultation, we find you are in agreement.

If Candidate was not summoned at the beginning, summon them here.

Crown: (*Such personal words as they see fit.*)

Herald: [*Name*], there is no doubt that you are worthy to join the Order of [*Order Name*], but to be a Peer of the realm is a weighty duty, and to refuse it is no dishonour. Would you prefer time to consider this offer?

Candidate responds with their preference.

(If the Candidate says yes:)

Crown: Then we place you on vigil until such time as we may elevate you to your new station.

Herald: For the newest vigilant of the Order of [*Order Name*],
(*Hip hip, etc*).

(If the Candidate asks to consider:)

Crown: Then go, and consider this offer until such time as you are ready to give us your answer.

Herald: For the newest invitee to the Order of [*Order Name*],
(*Hip hip, etc*).

(If the Candidate says no:)

Crown: We thank you for your honesty, and bid all know that though your station will not change, you are no lesser in our eyes than any member of the [*Order Name*].

Herald: For the deeds of [*Name*], (*Hip hip, etc*).

Kingdom Officer Changeover



(If Outgoing Officer is present:)

Herald: Let the outgoing and incoming [*Title of Office*] come before their Majesties.

Officers come forward.

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

Outgoing: I have.

Herald: Then we ask you to surrender your regalia and badges of Office. We thank you for your service, and release you from your duties.

Outgoing Officer gives any regalia to the Crown, and departs.

(If Outgoing Officer is not present:)

Herald: [*Outgoing Officer*] has served the Kingdom well as Our [*Title of Office*], but the time has come to release them from their duties. Let the successor to this office come forward.

Incoming Officer comes forward.

Herald: [*Name*], have you been instructed in all the duties of [*Office*]?

Incoming: I have.

Herald: And is it your will to take on this Office?

Incoming: It is.

(If a Greater Officer - Seneschal, Crux Australis, Earl Marshal, A&S Minister, Exchequer, Chronicler, Chirurgeon, or Constable:)

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

Incoming: I will.

Herald: Before [*Name*] and [*Name*], your undoubted [*Title*] and [*Title*], 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 do so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part do swear fealty to you, our [*Title of Office*], and to those who serve with you, and do swear 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.

Herald: Then let the office pass.

Crown bestows any regalia on the Incoming Officer.

Herald: For [*Name*] and [*Name*], outgoing and incoming [*Title of Office*], three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

Royal Household

Token:	Determined by the Crown.
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Herald: It is right and proper that those who bear the Crown have others to support them, assist them, and advise them. Thus, it is our custom for each Crown to form a Royal Household of those who aid and defend them, and it is right that those who serve in this household should be known to all.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of any tokens.)*

Herald: For the new members of the Royal Household, three cheers!
(Hip hip, etc.)

Azure Lily

Token:	A Star and Lily token on a blue cord.
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Herald: It is the right and privilege of the Crown to recognise the deeds of all their subjects, great and small. The smallest and youngest among us may be invited to the Mouse Guard – yet, as they grow, so too may their skill and service, and this is worthy of further recognition. The youth of the kingdom are the future of Lochac, and so in the 58th year of the Society, Aonghus and Ginevra, 43rd Crown of Lochac, created a new branch of awards to recognise their deeds.

The artisans of Lochac bring beauty to our kingdom, and in the flowering of their knowledge and skill, they inspire us all to excel. Therefore, as the artisans of their elders are honoured with the Star and Lily, the artisans of our youth are honoured with the Order of the Azure Lily.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Azure Lily. *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Azure Sword

Token:	A sword pendant on a blue cord.
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Herald: It is the right and privilege of the Crown to recognise the deeds of all their subjects, great and small. The smallest and youngest among us may be invited to the Mouse Guard – yet, as they grow, so too may their skill and service, and this is worthy of further recognition. The youth of the kingdom are the future of Lochac, and so in the 58th year of the Society, Aonghus and Ginevra, 43rd Crown of Lochac, created a new branch of awards to recognise their deeds.

The security of the kingdom lies in the strength and skill of its warriors, and each among them was once a young recruit who showed promise. Therefore, as the martial deeds of their elders are honoured with the Golden Sword, the Rapier, the Nock, and the Hector, the martial deeds of our youth are honoured with the Order of the Azure Sword.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Azure Sword. *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Azure Tear

Token:	A blue drop pendant.
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Herald: It is the right and privilege of the Crown to recognise the deeds of all their subjects, great and small. The smallest and youngest among us may be invited to the Mouse Guard – yet, as they grow, so too may their skill and service, and this is worthy of further recognition. The youth of the kingdom are the future of Lochac, and so in the 58th year of the Society, Aonghus and Ginevra, 43rd Crown of Lochac, created a new branch of awards to recognise their deeds.

The beauty and strength of Lochac rests on the steady foundations of service; without the dedication and labour of those who serve, our kingdom would surely fall. Therefore, as the service of their elders is honoured with the Golden Tear, the service of our youth is honoured with the Order of the Azure Tear.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Azure Tear. *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Catkin

Token:	A pendant of a sprig of three hazel catkins slipped and leaved.
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Herald: The walnut, the oak, and the willow tree give sustenance, shelter, and support to human endeavours. But before such trees grow tall, before those seeds of greatness are planted, comes the catkin: a tiny spike of blossoms, and much potential.

Like the stem of the catkin, those who make welcome the youngest of Our Kingdom support the flowering of future generations, and to honour that service, in the 53rd year of the Society, Tailltiu and Rowland created the Order of the Catkin.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Catkin.
(Hip hip, etc.)

Cross of Lochac

Token:	A scallop shell pendant decorated with four stars in cross.
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Herald: The Kingdom of Lochac is separated from the other realms of the Known World by mighty oceans – yet there are those from other Kingdoms who cross that great distance, and enrich us with their friendship and their service.

We honour that service and these beloved friends with the Order of the Cross of Lochac.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Cross of Lochac. *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Lens

(formerly Camera Obscura)

Token:	A ring of glass or metal, worn as a pendant.
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Herald: Since the days of the ancients, scholars have known of a strange phenomenon where glass, shaped into a curved lens, can make visible that which could not otherwise be seen.

There are those who through their art and science reveal the wonders of our Kingdom to those who cannot see it with their own eyes, and to honour their skill and service, in the 58th year of the Society, Aonghus and Ginevra, 43rd Crown of Lochac, created the Order of the Lens.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Lens.
(Hip hip, etc.)

Mouse Guard

Token:	A red pouch bearing a white mouse with knotted tail.
Preparation:	The Crown may wish to warn parents of younger children in advance, and discuss the best way to make them comfortable in court.

Herald: The smallest and youngest among us are capable of noble deeds. For this reason, the 17th Princess of Lochac, Keridwen the Mouse, created a special guard to recognise the service of the children of Lochac, and we honour it to this day.

[Optional:] Let the Mouse Guard come forward to sit in Their Majesties' Court.

As the Mouse Guard grow and are called to other duties, new Guards are needed to join them.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [*Consort Title*] [*Name*] and [*Sovereign Title*] [*Name*], have this [*day*] of [*month*], Anno Societatis [*year*], made [*Name*] the newest member of the Order of the Mouse Guard. (*Hip hip, etc.*)

The Crown may invite the Mouse Guard to stay with them in court and/or give them permission to depart, taking into account the age of the Mice and the amount of court remaining.

Pride of Lochac

Token:	A banner quarterly azure and argent, with a cross gules between four lion's faces counter changed.
Preparation:	The Crown may wish to notify the household so they are ready to present themselves in heraldic style.

Herald: As the lions of a pride work together to support the whole, so do the members of a household. Yet some households go beyond this, and give as a whole both service and honour to the Kingdom. They are our pride, and their group efforts are as worthy of recognition as the efforts of each one alone.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Household Name] the newest members of the Company of the Pride of Lochac, in token of which Their Majesties bestow the right to display this banner of quarterly azure and argent, a cross gules between four lions' masks counterchanged. *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Rowan

Token:	A cinquefoil (five-petalled flower) pendant, per pale vert and argent.
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Herald: In the days of the Principality, the Prince and Princess created an award to recognise those who enrich Lochac with their grace and courtesy to all, and in honour of the founding recipient, named it the Order of the Rowan.

In the Kingdom of Lochac, this award continues, so that all may be inspired to follow the example of those who set the pattern for grace and courtesy.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], have made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Rowan. *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Royal Cypher

Token:	Different in each reign.
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Herald: It is the privilege of the Crown to recognise and reward those who have been of great service to the Kingdom as a whole. Yet there also those to whom the Crown would offer personal thanks, with the gift of a royal cypher.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: For the newest recipients of the Royal Cypher, three cheers!
(Hip hip, etc.)

Silver Helm

Token:	A silver helmet pendant.
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Herald: There are those whose shining helms and appearance on the field inspire all combatants to better display themselves.

These fighters have been honoured since the reign of Haos and Bryony, in the days of the Principality, with the Order of the Silver Helm.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Silver Helm. *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Taillefer

Token: A pendant of conjoined masks of Tragedy and Comedy.

Herald: At the Battle of Hastings, Ivo Taillefer, the jongleur of Duke William of Normandy, juggled his sword in full view of the Saxons to bring lightness to warrior's hearts, and told tales of high bravery to inspire them.

Those with the gift to entertain and amuse lift our hearts when we are weary, lighten our company, and inspire us to greatness.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of Taillefer.
(Hip hip, etc.)

Award of Arms

Token:	No standard token, but the Crown may choose one for the reign.
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Herald: It is the right and privilege of the Crown to honour those who are worthy of recognition. Their Majesties call forth [Name].

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of any token.)*

Herald: [Name], it has come to our notice that through diverse great efforts you have considerably enriched our Kingdom, and it is thus our pleasure to reward you with an Award of Arms.

We grant you the rights and titles of a noble of the realm, and charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further grant you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

By our word and hand, this [*day*] of [*month*], Anno Societatis [*year*]. [Name], [Title]. [Name], [Title].

For [Name], the newest armiger of the Kingdom of Lochac, three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

Golden Poyntel

Token: A gold medallion bearing an image of a scribe at work.
Preparation: Decide whether an Award of Arms is being incorporated.

Herald: The Kingdom of Lochac honours those who perform great deeds, and yet these would be forgotten if there were none to record them. The members of the College of Scribes create these records and enrich them with their artistry, like shining gold.

Those who teach and practice the scribal arts in service of the Kingdom are worthy of recognition, and so their Majesties are minded to admit [Name] to the Order of the Golden Poyntel.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Golden Poyntel.

(If an Award of Arms is being given with this award:)

We also grant you an Award of Arms, and with it the rights and titles of a noble of the realm. We charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further grant you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

For [Name], newest member of the Order of the Golden Poyntel, three cheers! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Golden Sword

Token: A sword pendant.

Preparation: Decide whether an Award of Arms is being incorporated.

Herald: From the first days of the Society, our traditions of armoured foot combat have shaped our history, our Kingdoms, and our ideas of chivalry and honour.

Those who enrich the Kingdom and give strength to the Crown through the practice and teaching of armoured combat on tourney or war field are worthy of recognition, and so their Majesties are minded to admit [Name] to the Order of the Golden Sword.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Golden Sword.

(If an Award of Arms is being given with this award:)

We also grant you an Award of Arms, and with it the rights and titles of a noble of the realm. We charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further grant you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

For [Name], newest member of the Order of the Golden Sword, three cheers! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Golden Tear

Token: A pendant in the form of a golden drop with a blue border.
Preparation: Decide whether an Award of Arms is being incorporated.

Herald: A great castle creates awe in the beholder with the strength of its defences and the beauty of its workmanship. But without strong foundations, the castle is only an illusion. So it is with the Kingdom, for without the strong foundations of often unseen dedication and labour, our Kingdom would surely fall.

We honour those on whom are laid the foundations of Lochac with the Order of the Golden Tear.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Golden Tear.

(If an Award of Arms is being given with this award:)

We also grant you an Award of Arms, and with it the rights and titles of a noble of the realm. We charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further grant you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

For [Name], newest member of the Order of the Golden Tear, three cheers! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Hand and Needle

Token: A hand pendant and needle pendant on the same cord.
Preparation: Decide whether an Award of Arms is being incorporated.

Herald: Though gold and silver shine brightly, it has long been known that textiles may yet outshine them with their richness and beauty. Thus it is that those who reign are adorned in fine clothing as well as bright crowns; that those who serve them bear banners to show their majesty; that awards are given with pouches and cloaks as well as tokens and medallions.

Those who selflessly offer up their art and labour for the benefit of the Crown and Kingdom are worthy of recognition. Thus we honour them for their service in the needle arts with the Order of the Hand and Needle.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Hand and Needle.

(If an Award of Arms is being given with this award:)

We also grant you an Award of Arms, and with it the rights and titles of a noble of the realm. We charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further grant you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

For [Name], newest member of the Order of the Hand and Needle, three cheers! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Hector

Token: A horse pendant.
Preparation: Decide whether an Award of Arms is being incorporated.

Herald: We read in the classics that Hector of Troy was famed for his skill with horses in times of war and of peace, and was known as the model of chivalry.

Those who show skill and prowess in the equestrian arts emulate his great deeds, and are worthy of recognition, and thus their Majesties are minded to recognise [Name], and to admit them into the Order of Hector.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of Hector.

(If an Award of Arms is being given with this award:)

We also grant you an Award of Arms, and with it the rights and titles of a noble of the realm. We charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further grant you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

For [Name], newest member of the Order of Hector, three cheers! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Lochac Order of Grace

Token:	A red pouch, bearing a golden deer between three white stars.
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Herald: Many are the virtues of the people of Lochac, and many are the ways in which we recognise them. Some awards the Crown gives often, and some rarely, but there is one award that is given only once in each reign: the Lochac Order of Grace.

Since the days of the Principality, those who have reigned as Consort have claimed the right to name new members of this Order, for the Consorts of our Sovereigns are often said to rule by the inspiration their own grace and courtesy did give to their champions.

The members of the Lochac Order of Grace are the greatest exemplars of courtesy in these lands, shining so brightly that all are inspired to follow their example, whatever their degree or station. The day has come for this Order to grow, and today, [*Consort Title*] [*Name*], with [*Sovereign Title*] [*Name*], would add [*Name*] to their number.

Crown: (*Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.*)

Herald: Be it known that on this [*day*] of [*month*] Anno Societatis [*year*], their Majesties, [*Consort title*] [*Name*] and [*Sovereign title*] [*Name*], do welcome [*Name*] to the Lochac Order of Grace, and in token of this high honour, bestow upon them this pouch bearing the badge of the order, being Gules, a hind courant Or between three mullets of six points argent.

For [*Name*], newest member of the Lochac Order of Grace, three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

Nock

Token:	A goldennock pendant.
Preparation:	Decide whether an Award of Arms is being incorporated.

Herald: At the Battle of Agincourt, the French army was by far the greater, but it was the skill and speed of the English archers which won the day. This is only one of countless battles known to history when archery ensured a victory, yet we know few names of the archers who performed these high deeds.

That the names of the archers of Lochac should not be forgotten, those of great skill in missile combat are recognised with the Order of the Nock.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Nock.

(If an Award of Arms is being given with this award:)

We also grant you an Award of Arms, and with it the rights and titles of a noble of the realm. We charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further grant you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

For [Name], newest member of the Order of the Nock, three cheers! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Prometheus

Token: A pendant in the form of a flaming branch of fennel.
Preparation: Decide whether an Award of Arms is being incorporated.

Herald: We read in the classics that Prometheus taught humankind the secrets of fire, bringing light, warmth, and learning to all.

To this day, those who pass on this hard-won light of learning by teaching others are worthy of recognition and remembrance, and so their Majesties are minded to admit [Name] to the Order of Prometheus.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of Prometheus.

(If an Award of Arms is being given with this award:)

We also grant you an Award of Arms, and with it the rights and titles of a noble of the realm. We charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further grant you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

For [Name], newest member of the Order of Prometheus, three cheers! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Rapier

Token: A rapier pendant.

Preparation: Decide whether an Award of Arms is being incorporated.

Herald: When the smith makes a sword, all can see the heat of the forge and the force of their hammer. Yet these are as nothing if not directed by knowledge and skill. As it is with the smith, so it is for the wielder, who must bring to the rapier field not only strength, but knowledge.

Those who devote themselves to learning the art of rapier are worthy of recognition, and so their Majesties are minded to admit *[Name]* to the Order of the Rapier.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, *[Title]* *[Name]* and *[Title]* *[Name]*, have this *[day]* of *[month]*, Anno Societatis *[year]*, made *[Name]* the newest member of the Order of the Rapier.

(If an Award of Arms is being given with this award:)

We also grant you an Award of Arms, and with it the rights and titles of a noble of the realm. We charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further grant you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

For *[Name]*, newest member of the Order of the Rapier, three cheers! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Sanguine Torse

(formerly Miles Regni)

Token: A shield pendant.

Preparation: Decide whether an Award of Arms is being incorporated.

Herald: Though Lochac is a peaceful Kingdom, it happens that at times the drums of war are sounded, and the Crown must call for the armies of Lochac to gather.

There are many who strengthen these armies with their labours, both martial and supportive. We honour those who give their best in the defence of Lochac with the Order of the Sanguine Torse, and name them our Milites Regni, Soldiers of the Kingdom. Let any Miles Regni here present stand if able, and make themselves known.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] a Miles Regni, the newest member of the Order of the Sanguine Torse.

(If an Award of Arms is being given with this award:)

We also grant you an Award of Arms, and with it the rights and titles of a noble of the realm. We charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further grant you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

For [Name], newest member of the Order of the Sanguine Torse, three cheers! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Star and Lily

Token: A blue medallion showing four lilies in cross.
Preparation: Decide whether an Award of Arms is being incorporated.

Herald: In the 20th year of the Society, Hugh and Merewyn, 2nd Viceroy and Vicerine of Lochac, saw that the artisans of the Crown Principality were worthy of recognition, and thus they created the Order of the Roman Lilies.

To this day, we honour those artisans who inspire others with their skill, and who plant the seeds of knowledge for those who come after, with the Order of the Star and Lily.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Star and Lily.

(If an Award of Arms is being given with this award:)

We also grant you an Award of Arms, and with it the rights and titles of a noble of the realm. We charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further grant you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

For [Name], newest member of the Order of the Star and Lily,
three cheers! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Vox Coronae

Token:	A Lewis chess king pendant.
Preparation:	Decide whether an Award of Arms is being incorporated.

Herald: In the 54th year of the Society, Niall and Sabine, 35th Crown of Lochac, heard the strong and melodious voices of their Court Heralds and admired the skill and dedication with which they offered their service to the Crown, and felt they were worthy of recognition.

For without Our heralds' strength of voice, the Crown would not be heard. Without their service, the Crown would not be understood. And without their skill and experience, the Crown would not be brief! Thus the Crown created the Ordo Vox Coronae.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Ordo Vox Coronae.

(If an Award of Arms is being given with this award:)

We also grant you an Award of Arms, and with it the rights and titles of a noble of the realm. We charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and we further grant you the right to bear as personal arms such device as you may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

For [Name], newest member of the Ordo Vox Coronae, three cheers! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Grant of Arms

Token:	None.
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Herald: There are those in the Kingdom who strive to improve our realm in many and diverse fields. It is the right and privilege of the Crown to recognise and reward those whose devotion, labour, service, and skill most shine.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit.)*

Herald: [Name], through great efforts you have considerably enriched our realm, and it is thus our pleasure to reward you with a Grant of Arms, being such device as you may properly register with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

By our command, this [day] of [month] Anno Societatis [year]. [Name], [Title]. [Name], [Title].

For [Name], newest recipient of a Grant of Arms, three cheers! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Cockatrice

Token:	A cockerel pendant.
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Herald: We are told that the village of Wherwell was once terrorised by a Cockatrice, which no warrior could defeat. A scholar, whose study of the ancients had taught him how a Cockatrice might be slain, trapped it in a well with cunning science, and with great art he fashioned a mirror to show the beast. The Cockatrice fought with great fury against its reflection, and when it died of exhaustion all celebrated the scholar for the knowledge and skill that had saved them.

The artisans and scholars of Lochac are a treasure of our kingdom, for like the scholar of Wherwell, their knowledge and skill brings benefit to all our people. We honour these gentles with the Order of the Cockatrice, and today, Their Majesties invite [Name] to join that company.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: [Name], you have enriched Our Kingdom, and We therefore admit you to the Order of the Cockatrice, that all may know of your courtesy and honour, skill and knowledge.

With this, We Grant you Arms, being such device as you may properly register with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

Know all that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name] have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year] made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Cockatrice. *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Red Wyvern

Token:	A wyvern pendant.
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Herald: It is told in legends that at the end of the World there stands a tree with apples more precious than gold, guarded by a great winged serpent. Thus it is in our lands of Lochac, far from the rest of the Known World, yet enriched by our populace, more precious than gold. Those who take up arms of many kinds to guard and defend this treasure, as did that wyvern of old, follow in Princely footsteps.

We honour these gentles of great courage, great honour, and great skill in the fields Martial with the Order of the Red Wyvern, and today, Their Majesties invite *[Name]* to join that company.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: *[Name]*, your martial deeds have shown you worthy of this mighty company, and We therefore admit you to the Order of the Red Wyvern, that all may know you stand and serve with courage, honour and skill.

With this, We Grant you Arms, being such device as you may properly register with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

Know all that their Majesties, *[Title]* *[Name]* and *[Title]* *[Name]* have this *[day]* of *[month]*, Anno Societatis *[year]* made *[Name]* the newest member of the Order of the Red Wyvern. *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Silver Pegasus

Token:	A pegasus pendant.
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Herald: The Kingdom of Lochac is built upon sturdy foundations, strong as granite: acts of chivalry, courtesy, and service. Many work to build and maintain these foundations, and all that we are and all that we do depend upon them.

But there are those amongst us who do more, for in their chivalry, in their courtesy, and in their outstanding service to the Kingdom, they allow others to fly.

We honour these gentles with the Order of the Silver Pegasus, and today, Their Majesties invite [Name] to join that company.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: [Name], as the Pegasus bore up Bellerophon to do great deeds, you have supported the Kingdom to do great things. We therefore admit you to the Order of the Silver Pegasus, that all may know your grace and service have helped the Kingdom to soar.

With this, We Grant you Arms, being such device as you may properly register with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

Know all that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name] have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year] made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Silver Pegasus. *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Court Barony



Token: A baronial coronet.
Preparation: Confirm preferred gender of new title.

Herald: It is the prerogative of the Crown to honour with titles those whose personal service and noble attributes have pleased them. [Name], you are one such as this.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit.)*

Herald: We name you [Baron/Baroness] of the Court of Lochac. We recognise your service to Us, 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 you that from this moment henceforth, you will always walk as though in Our presence, with honour and duty-bound.

The Crown places the coronet on the recipient's head, saying:

Crown: Wear this coronet as a symbol of your new estate.

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], do by these words here proclaimed confer great honour on their subject, [Full Name], and do make them a [Baron/Baroness] in the Court of Lochac, and throughout the Known World. Done this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year]. *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Augmentation of Arms

Token:	A pendant of the arms of Lochac.
Preparation:	Confirm recipient's preferred title and the blazon of their arms. Consider whether speakers should be called forward to speak about the recipient and their deeds.

Herald: It is the right and privilege of the Crown to reward those who serve and support the realm. To those who have given of themselves at the highest level and over many years, it is their Majesties' pleasure to grant a rare and special honour, the right to an Augmentation of Arms.

If a speaker is being called forward, that may be inserted here.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, and bestowal of token.)*

Herald: [Title] [Name], in honour of your outstanding and long service to the Kingdom, we grant you the right to augment your Arms of [blazon of recipient's arms] with such elements of the Kingdom's device and badges as you may properly register with our College of Heraldry, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

By our command this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], [Name] and [Name], [Title] and [Title] of Lochac.
(Hip hip, etc.)

Order of Chivalry



Items:	Sword of State (if requested by Candidate). Candidate should arrange regalia, any weapons being given, and other sword if desired for fealty or dubbing.
Preparation:	This ceremony will almost always be customised in some manner, which is planned by the Candidate before approval by the Crown. See <i>Peerage Ceremonies: Options</i> .

Opening

Herald: The strength and stability of the Kingdom lie in these virtues of its people: creativity, service, chivalry and prowess. Like links in a chain, each must be strong, for if one fails, all will fail.

The fighters of the Kingdom defend it with their weapons, with their prowess bring it strength, and with their honour bring it glory on the field.

Let the Members of the Order of Chivalry attend upon their Majesties.

The Order comes forward.

Crown: We feel that your Order should grow, and upon consultation, We find that you are in agreement. We are minded therefore to increase your number.

Herald: Let [Name] come before Their Majesties.

Candidate comes forward, with procession if desired.

Testimonies

Herald: Who would speak of the candidate, that all may know their deeds?

One or more speakers come forward in turn to speak about the candidate.

Herald: [Name], mindful of your prowess upon the field, and responsive to the wishes of your peers, We are minded to admit you to the Order of Chivalry. Will you accept from Us this honour?

Candidate: I will.

(If the Candidate is being released from their teacher:)

Herald: Is there any teacher who must release you from their tutelage so that you may take up this rank?

Candidate: There is.

Herald: Then let them come forward.

Teacher comes forward and formally releases the Candidate.

Peerage Oaths

Herald: [Name], will you give Us your word that you will henceforth comport yourself as befits a Peer of Our Realm, as you most surely have until now, and that you will attempt in all your endeavours to be a noble example to Our people?

Candidate: I will.

Herald: Will you promise further to treat all with Courtesy, and to uphold the Laws and traditions of Our Kingdom?

Candidate: I will.

Fealty (Optional)

Herald: Will you swear fealty to Us, Our Crown, and the Throne and Kingdom of Lochac?

Candidate: I will.

(If swearing on a sword:)

Herald: On which sword do you wish to swear fealty?

Candidate states which sword, and the sword is brought forward and placed over the hands of the Crown.

Crown: Place your hands upon Our own.

Herald: To your Liege and before your peers, repeat after me:

Herald: Here do I swear,
by mouth and hand,
fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac,
to speak and to be silent,
to come and to go,
to strike and to spare,
to do and to let be,
in such matters as concern the Kingdom,
on my honour,
and by the lawful commands of the Crown,
in need or in plenty,
in peace or in war,
in living or in dying,
from this hour henceforth,
until the Crown depart from Their Throne,
or death take me, or the world end.
So say I, *[Name]*.

Crown: This We do hear, nor shall we fail to remember, and We for
Our part do swear fealty to you, to protect and defend you and
all your household, with all Our power, until We depart from
Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.
So say We, Lochac.

Elevation

(If the Candidate has requested a buffet:)

Herald: The Candidate has requested a buffet.

Sovereign: Bow your head. Let this blow be the last that you accept unanswered.

Sovereign delivers a symbolic blow to the cheek of the Candidate.

Crown: By which sword do you wish to be dubbed?

Candidate: *[States which sword.]*

Crown: And by what name shall you be recognised?

Candidate: *[Full Name]*

Crown takes the sword and taps the candidate on each shoulder and then on the head, saying the following:

Crown: I dub thee once,

I dub thee twice,

I dub thee *[Knight/Master of Arms/Mistress of Arms]*.

From this day forward, let no one pursue you at arms, save that you reply with honour, courage and prowess.

We command you to succour the defenceless, seek justice for those of every station, and maintain the honour of your Order.

Regalia

(Knight:)

Herald: In our Society, it is the right and privilege of the Knights alone to wear spurs, for gilded spurs are the ancient badge and symbol of knighthood. Are there spurs?

Spurs brought forward, and their history may be given.

Herald: Wear these spurs that all may know your rank. Honour them and keep them in good order, for you share these tokens of knighthood with all who have come before you, for as long as there have been Knights.

Two knights, or a knight and the Candidate's consort place the spurs on the Candidate's heels.

Herald: It is the right and privilege of the Knights alone to wear a belt of white. Is there a belt?

A belt is brought forward, and its history may be given.

Herald: Wear this belt, that all may know you are a Knight of the realm. It represents the Ideals of Chivalry, and it is white, to remind you that you must strive to keep those Ideals, for by carelessness and thoughtlessness you may dishonour them.

The Crown or a member of the Candidate's household buckles the belt around the Candidate's waist.

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(Knight, cont.:)

Herald: It is the right and privilege of the Knights alone to wear an unadorned chain of fealty. Is there a chain?

A chain is brought forth, and its history may be given.

Herald: Wear this chain, that all may know you are in fealty to the Crown and the Kingdom. It is unadorned, for this is no jewel to be admired, but a representation of the binding oaths you have sworn this day.

The Crown places the chain around the candidate's neck.

(Master of Arms:)

Herald: It is the right and privilege of the Masters and Mistresses of Arms to wear a baldric of white. Is there a baldric?

The baldric brought forward, and its history may be given.

Herald: Wear this baldric, that all may know you are a Companion of the Chivalry. It represents the Ideals of Chivalry, and it is white, to remind you that you must strive to keep those Ideals, for by carelessness and thoughtlessness you may dishonour them.

The Crown or a member of the Candidate's household places the baldric on the Candidate.

Crown: [Name], We give you leave to be armed in Our presence, safe in the knowledge that you will defend Our person. Rise so that you may be armed as befits your new station.

The weapon is brought forward and its history may be given. It is belted on the Candidate, who remains standing.

Herald: Bring no dishonour to this sword, and carry it in defence of any and all who have need of it, in this, Our Realm, and all the lands of the Known World wherever you may travel.

Proclamation

Crown: We now proclaim you [Title] [Name], Companion of the Chivalry. Go, and greet your peers.

Candidate stands and is welcomed by the Order.

Herald: For [Title] [Name], newest [Knight/Master of Arms/Mistress of Arms] of the Order of Chivalry, three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

Be it known that their Majesties, [Name] and [Name], [Title] and [Title] of Lochac, do on this day elevate their subject, [Name], to the Peerage of this Kingdom, and do admit them to the Right Noble Order of the Chivalry, [*and do name them Knight*], and they do grant unto them by Letters Patent such arms as they may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

By Our word and hand this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year]. [Name], [Title]. [Name], [Title].

Order of Defense



Items:	Sword of State (if requested by Candidate). Candidate should arrange regalia, any weapons being given, and other sword if desired for fealty or dubbing.
Preparation:	This ceremony will almost always be customised in some manner, which is planned by the Candidate before approval by the Crown. See <i>Peerage Ceremonies: Options</i> .

Opening

Herald: The strength and stability of the Kingdom lie in these virtues of its people: creativity, service, chivalry and prowess. Like links in a chain, each must be strong, for if one fails, all will fail.

The fighters of the Kingdom defend it with their blades, with their prowess bring it strength, and with their honour bring it glory on the field.

Let the Members of the Order of Defense attend upon their Majesties.

The Order comes forward.

Crown: We feel that your Order should grow, and upon consultation, We find that you are in agreement. We are minded therefore to increase your number.

Herald: Let [Name] come before Their Majesties.

Candidate comes forward, with procession if desired.

Testimonies

Herald: Who would speak of the candidate, that all may know their deeds?

One or more speakers come forward in turn to speak about the candidate.

Herald: [Name], mindful of your prowess upon the field, and responsive to the wishes of your peers, We are minded to admit you to the Order of Defense. Will you accept from Us this honour?

Candidate: I will.

(If the Candidate is being released from their teacher:)

Herald: Is there any teacher who must release you from their tutelage so that you may take up this rank?

Candidate: There is.

Herald: Then let them come forward.

Teacher comes forward and formally releases the Candidate.

Peerage Oaths

Herald: [Name], will you give Us your word that you will henceforth comport yourself as befits a Peer of Our Realm, as you most surely have until now, and that you will attempt in all your endeavours to be a noble example to Our people?

Candidate: I will.

Herald: Will you promise further to treat all with Courtesy, and to uphold the Laws and traditions of Our Kingdom?

Candidate: I will.

Fealty (Optional)

Herald: Will you swear fealty to Us, Our Crown, and the Throne and Kingdom of Lochac?

Candidate: I will.

(If swearing on a sword:)

Herald: On which sword do you wish to swear fealty?

Candidate states which sword, and the sword is brought forward and placed over the hands of the Crown.

Crown: Place your hands upon Our own.

Herald: To your Liege and before your peers, repeat after me:

Herald: Here do I swear,
by mouth and hand,
fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac,
to speak and to be silent,
to come and to go,
to strike and to spare,
to do and to let be,
in such matters as concern the Kingdom,
on my honour,
and by the lawful commands of the Crown,
in need or in plenty,
in peace or in war,
in living or in dying,
from this hour henceforth,
until the Crown depart from Their Throne,
or death take me, or the world end.
So say I, *[Name]*.

Crown: This We do hear, nor shall we fail to remember, and We for
Our part do swear fealty to you, to protect and defend you and
all your household, with all Our power, until We depart from
Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.
So say We, Lochac.

Elevation

(If the Candidate has requested a buffet:)

Herald: The Candidate has requested a buffet.

Sovereign: Bow your head. Let this blow be the last that you accept unanswered.

Sovereign delivers a symbolic blow to the cheek of the Candidate.

Crown: By which sword do you wish to be dubbed?

Candidate: *[States which sword.]*

Crown: And by what name shall you be recognised?

Candidate: *[Full Name]*

Crown takes the sword and taps the candidate on each shoulder and then on the head, saying the following:

Crown: I dub thee once,

I dub thee twice,

I dub thee *[Master/Mistress/Companion]* of Defense.

From this day forward, let no one pursue you at arms, save that you reply with honour, courage and prowess.

We command you to succour the defenceless, seek justice for those of every station, and maintain the honour of your Order.

Regalia

Herald: The regalia of your Order is a white livery collar. Is there a collar?

The collar is brought forward, and its history may be given.

The Crown places the collar on the Candidate, saying:

Crown: Wear this collar as a sign of your estate.

(If fealty was sworn:)

Herald: We give you the right to wear a chain of fealty, adorned according to your rank. Remember that this is no jewel to be admired, but a representation of the binding oaths you have sworn this day. Is there a chain?

The chain is brought forward, and its history may be given.

The Crown places the chain on the Candidate, saying:

Crown: Wear this chain in token of your fealty.

(If a weapon is being given:)

Crown: [Name], We give you leave to be armed in Our presence, safe in the knowledge that you will defend Our person. Rise so that you may be armed as befits your new station.

The weapon is brought forward and its history may be given. It is then belted on the Candidate, who accepts it, then kneels again.

Herald: Bring no dishonour to this sword, and carry it in Defence of any and all who have need of it, in this, Our Realm, and all the lands of the Known World wherever you may travel.

Herald: Let the Candidate be garbed as befits their new station.

The cloak is brought forward and introduced by a member of the Order, who places it on the Candidate.

Proclamation

Crown: We now proclaim you [Name], [Master/Mistress] of Defense. Arise, and greet your peers.

Candidate stands and is welcomed by the Order.

Herald: For [Title] [Name], newest member of the Order of Defense, three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

Be it known that their Majesties, [Name] and [Name], [Title] and [Title] of Lochac, do on this day elevate their subject, [Name], to the Peerage of this Kingdom, and do admit them to the Right Noble Order of Defense, and they do grant unto them by Letters Patent such arms as they may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

By Our word and hand this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year]. [Name], [Title]. [Name], [Title].

Order of the Laurel



Items:	Sword of State (if requested by Candidate). Candidate should arrange regalia and other sword if desired for fealty.
Preparation:	This ceremony will almost always be customised in some manner, which is planned by the Candidate before approval by the Crown. See <i>Peerage Ceremonies: Options</i> .

Opening

Herald: The strength and stability of the Kingdom lie in these virtues of its people: creativity, service, chivalry and prowess. Like links in a chain, each must be strong, for if one fails, all will fail.

The artisans of this Kingdom uncover the past through their scholarship, give it presence with their craft, and through their labours bring it to vibrant life to nourish and inspire us all.

Let the Members of the Order of the Laurel attend upon their Majesties.

The Order comes forward.

Crown: We feel that your Order should grow, and upon consultation, We find that you are in agreement. We are minded therefore to increase your number.

Herald: Let [Name] come before Their Majesties.

Candidate comes forward, with procession if desired.

Testimonies

Herald: Who would speak of the candidate, that all may know their deeds?

One or more speakers come forward in turn to speak about the candidate.

Herald: [Name], mindful of your skills in the field of [specific field], and responsive to the wishes of your peers, We are minded to admit you to the Order of the Laurel. Will you accept from Us this honour?

Candidate: I will.

(If the Candidate is being released from their teacher:)

Herald: Is there any teacher who must release you from their tutelage so that you may take up this rank?

Candidate: There is.

Herald: Then let them come forward.

Teacher comes forward and formally releases the Candidate.

Peerage Oaths

Herald: [Name], will you give Us your word that you will henceforth comport yourself as befits a Peer of Our Realm, as you most surely have until now, and that you will attempt in all your endeavours to be a noble example to Our people?

Candidate: I will.

Herald: Will you promise further to treat all with Courtesy, and to uphold the Laws and traditions of Our Kingdom?

Candidate: I will.

Fealty (Optional)

Herald: Will you swear fealty to Us, Our Crown, and the Throne and Kingdom of Lochac?

Candidate: I will.

(If swearing on a sword:)

Herald: On which sword do you wish to swear fealty?

Candidate states which sword, and the sword is brought forward and placed over the hands of the Crown.

Crown: Place your hands upon Our own.

Herald: To your Liege and before your peers, repeat after me:

Herald: Here do I swear,
by mouth and hand,
fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac,
to speak and to be silent,
to come and to go,
to strike and to spare,
to do and to let be,
in such matters as concern the Kingdom,
on my honour,
and by the lawful commands of the Crown,
in need or in plenty,
in peace or in war,
in living or in dying,
from this hour henceforth,
until the Crown depart from Their Throne,
or death take me, or the world end.
So say I, *[Name]*.

Crown: This We do hear, nor shall we fail to remember, and We for
Our part do swear fealty to you, to protect and defend you and
all your household, with all Our power, until We depart from
Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.
So say We, Lochac.

Elevation

Crown: [Name], We hereby make thee a Companion of the Laurel.

From this day forward, always stand with honour, courage and nobility. We command you to have care for the defenceless, seek justice for those of every station, and maintain the honour of your Order.

Regalia

Herald: The badge of your Order is a laurel wreath, that may be displayed upon a medallion. Is there a medallion?

The medallion is brought forward, and its history may be given.

The Crown places the medallion on the Candidate, saying:

Crown: Wear this token as a sign of your estate.

(If fealty was sworn:)

Herald: We give you the right to wear a chain of fealty, adorned according to your rank. Remember that this is no jewel to be admired, but a representation of the binding oaths you have sworn this day. Is there a chain?

The chain is brought forward, and its history may be given.

The Crown places the chain on the Candidate, saying:

Crown: Wear this chain in token of your fealty.

Herald: Let the Candidate be garbed as befits their new station.

The cloak is brought forward and introduced by a member of the Order, who places it on the Candidate.

Proclamation

Crown: We now proclaim you *[Name]*, Companion of the Laurel. Arise, and greet your peers.

Candidate stands and is welcomed by the Order.

Herald: For *[Title]* *[Name]*, newest member of the Order of the Laurel, three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

Be it known that their Majesties, *[Name]* and *[Name]*, *[Title]* and *[Title]* of Lochac, do on this day elevate their subject, *[Name]*, to the Peerage of this Kingdom, and do admit them to the Right Noble Order of the Laurel, and they do grant unto them by Letters Patent such arms as they may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

By Our word and hand this *[day]* of *[month]*, Anno Societatis *[year]*. *[Name]*, *[Title]*. *[Name]*, *[Title]*.

Order of the Mark



Items:	Sword of State (if requested by Candidate). Candidate should arrange regalia, any weapons being given, and other sword if desired for fealty or dubbing.
Preparation:	This ceremony will almost always be customised in some manner, which is planned by the Candidate before approval by the Crown. See <i>Peerage Ceremonies: Options</i> .

Opening

Herald: The strength and stability of the Kingdom lie in these virtues of its people: creativity, service, chivalry and prowess. Like links in a chain, each must be strong, for if one fails, all will fail.

The fighters of the Kingdom defend it with their weapons, with their prowess bring it strength, and with their honour bring it glory on the field and at the butts.

Let the Members of the Order of the Mark attend upon their Majesties.

The Order comes forward.

Crown: We feel that your Order should grow, and upon consultation, We find that you are in agreement. We are minded therefore to increase your number.

Herald: Let [Name] come before Their Majesties.

Candidate comes forward, with procession if desired.

Testimonies

Herald: Who would speak of the candidate, that all may know their deeds?

One or more speakers come forward in turn to speak about the candidate.

Herald: [Name], mindful of your prowess [upon the field/at the butts], and responsive to the wishes of your peers, We are minded to admit you to the Order of the Mark. Will you accept from Us this honour?

Candidate: I will.

(If the Candidate is being released from their teacher:)

Herald: Is there any teacher who must release you from their tutelage so that you may take up this rank?

Candidate: There is.

Herald: Then let them come forward.

Teacher comes forward and formally releases the Candidate.

Peerage Oaths

Herald: [Name], will you give Us your word that you will henceforth comport yourself as befits a Peer of Our Realm, as you most surely have until now, and that you will attempt in all your endeavours to be a noble example to Our people?

Candidate: I will.

Herald: Will you promise further to treat all with Courtesy, and to uphold the Laws and traditions of Our Kingdom?

Candidate: I will.

Fealty (Optional)

Herald: Will you swear fealty to Us, Our Crown, and the Throne and Kingdom of Lochac?

Candidate: I will.

(If swearing on a sword:)

Herald: On which sword do you wish to swear fealty?

Candidate states which sword, and the sword is brought forward and placed over the hands of the Crown.

Crown: Place your hands upon Our own.

Herald: To your Liege and before your peers, repeat after me:

Herald: Here do I swear,
by mouth and hand,
fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac,
to speak and to be silent,
to come and to go,
to strike and to spare,
to do and to let be,
in such matters as concern the Kingdom,
on my honour,
and by the lawful commands of the Crown,
in need or in plenty,
in peace or in war,
in living or in dying,
from this hour henceforth,
until the Crown depart from Their Throne,
or death take me, or the world end.
So say I, *[Name]*.

Crown: This We do hear, nor shall we fail to remember, and We for
Our part do swear fealty to you, to protect and defend you and
all your household, with all Our power, until We depart from
Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.
So say We, Lochac.

Elevation

(If the Candidate has requested a buffet:)

Herald: The Candidate has requested a buffet.

Sovereign: Bow your head. Let this blow be the last that you accept unanswered.

Sovereign delivers a symbolic blow to the cheek of the Candidate.

Crown: By which sword do you wish to be dubbed?

Candidate: *[States which sword.]*

Crown: And by what name shall you be recognised?

Candidate: *[Full Name]*

Crown takes the sword and taps the candidate on each shoulder and then on the head, saying the following:

Crown: I dub thee once,

I dub thee twice,

I dub thee *[Master/Mistress/Companion]* of the Mark.

From this day forward, let no one pursue you at arms, save that you reply with honour, courage and prowess.

We command you to succour the defenceless, seek justice for those of every station, and maintain the honour of your Order.

Regalia

Herald: The regalia of your Order is a pair of white bracers or vambraces. Are there bracers?

The bracers are brought forward, and their history may be given.

The Crown places the bracers on the arms of the Candidate, saying:

Crown: Wear these bracers as a sign of your estate.

Herald: The badge of your Order is a set of nesting scale weights, within and conjoined to a masle fleury at the upper point. Is there a medallion with this badge?

The medallion is brought forward, and its history may be given.

The Crown places the medallion on the Candidate, saying:

Crown: Wear this medallion as a sign of your estate.

(If fealty was sworn:)

Herald: We give you the right to wear a chain of fealty, adorned according to your rank. Remember that this is no jewel to be admired, but a representation of the binding oaths you have sworn this day. Is there a chain?

The chain is brought forward, and its history may be given.

The Crown places the chain on the Candidate, saying:

Crown: Wear this chain in token of your fealty.

(If a weapon is being given:)

Crown: [Name], We give you leave to be armed in Our presence, safe in the knowledge that you will defend Our person. Rise so that you may be armed as befits your new station.

The weapon is brought forward and presented to the Candidate, who accepts it, then kneels again.

Herald: Bring no dishonour to this [bow/weapon/blade], and carry it in Defence of any and all who have need of it, in this, Our Realm, and all the lands of the Known World wherever you may travel.

(Once the Order's cloak is available:)

Herald: Let the Candidate be garbed as befits their new station.

The cloak is brought forward and introduced by a member of the Order, who places it on the Candidate.

Proclamation

Crown: We now proclaim you [Name], Companion of the Mark. Arise, and greet your peers.

Candidate stands and is welcomed by the Order.

Herald: For [Title] [Name], newest member of the Order of the Mark, three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

Be it known that their Majesties, [Name] and [Name], [Title] and [Title] of Lochac, do on this day elevate their subject, [Name], to the Peerage of this Kingdom, and do admit them to the Right Noble Order of the Mark, and they do grant unto them by Letters Patent such arms as they may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

By Our word and hand this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year]. [Name], [Title]. [Name], [Title].

Order of the Pelican



Items:	Sword of State (if requested by Candidate). Candidate should arrange regalia and other sword if desired for fealty.
Preparation:	This ceremony will almost always be customised in some manner, which is planned by the Candidate before approval by the Crown. See <i>Peerage Ceremonies: Options</i> .

Opening

Herald: The strength and stability of the Kingdom lie in these virtues of its people: creativity, service, chivalry and prowess. Like links in a chain, each must be strong, for if one fails, all will fail.

There are many who defend our Kingdom with their strength of arms, and many whose skills in the arts and sciences give vision and presence to the Kingdom, but without the solid foundations of service, all these things cannot stand, and Lochac itself would fail. It is those people who, by their great labours, often unseen and given over many years, allow us to take part in all that we do. By their dedication and strength of purpose, the Kingdom is made strong.

Let the Members of the Order of the Pelican attend upon their Majesties.

The Order comes forward.

Crown: We feel that your Order should grow, and upon consultation, We find that you are in agreement. We are minded therefore to increase your number.

Herald: Let [Name] come before Their Majesties.

Candidate comes forward, with procession if desired.

Testimonies

Herald: Who would speak of the candidate, that all may know their deeds?

One or more speakers come forward in turn to speak about the candidate.

Herald: [Name], mindful of your years of dedication to the Society and your outstanding service, and responsive to the wishes of your peers, We are minded to admit you to the Order of the Pelican. Will you accept from Us this honour?

Candidate: I will.

(If the Candidate is being released from their teacher:)

Herald: Is there any teacher who must release you from their tutelage so that you may take up this rank?

Candidate: There is.

Herald: Then let them come forward.

Teacher comes forward and formally releases the Candidate.

Peerage Oaths

Herald: [Name], will you give Us your word that you will henceforth comport yourself as befits a Peer of Our Realm, as you most surely have until now, and that you will attempt in all your endeavours to be a noble example to Our people?

Candidate: I will.

Herald: Will you promise further to treat all with Courtesy, and to uphold the Laws and traditions of Our Kingdom?

Candidate: I will.

Fealty (Optional)

Herald: Will you swear fealty to Us, Our Crown, and the Throne and Kingdom of Lochac?

Candidate: I will.

(If swearing on a sword:)

Herald: On which sword do you wish to swear fealty?

Candidate states which sword, and the sword is brought forward and placed over the hands of the Crown.

Crown: Place your hands upon Our own.

Herald: To your Liege and before your peers, repeat after me:

Herald: Here do I swear,
by mouth and hand,
fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac,
to speak and to be silent,
to come and to go,
to strike and to spare,
to do and to let be,
in such matters as concern the Kingdom,
on my honour,
and by the lawful commands of the Crown,
in need or in plenty,
in peace or in war,
in living or in dying,
from this hour henceforth,
until the Crown depart from Their Throne,
or death take me, or the world end.
So say I, *[Name]*.

Crown: This We do hear, nor shall we fail to remember, and We for
Our part do swear fealty to you, to protect and defend you and
all your household, with all Our power, until We depart from
Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.
So say We, Lochac.

Elevation

Crown: [Name], We hereby make thee a Companion of the Pelican.

From this day forward, always stand with honour, courage and nobility. We command you to have care for the defenceless, seek justice for those of every station, and maintain the honour of your Order.

Regalia

Herald: The badge of your Order is a pelican in her piety, that may be displayed upon a medallion. Is there a medallion?

The medallion is brought forward, and its history may be given.

The Crown places the medallion on the Candidate, saying:

Crown: Wear this token as a sign of your estate.

(If fealty was sworn:)

Herald: We give you the right to wear a chain of fealty, adorned according to your rank. Remember that this is no jewel to be admired, but a representation of the binding oaths you have sworn this day. Is there a chain?

The chain is brought forward, and its history may be given.

The Crown places the chain on the Candidate, saying:

Crown: Wear this chain in token of your fealty.

Herald: Let the Candidate be garbed as befits their new station.

The cloak is brought forward and introduced by a member of the Order, who places it on the Candidate.

Proclamation

Crown: We now proclaim you *[Name]*, Companion of the Pelican. Arise, and greet your peers.

Candidate stands and is welcomed by the Order.

Herald: For *[Title]* *[Name]*, newest member of the Order of the Pelican, three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

Be it known that their Majesties, *[Name]* and *[Name]*, *[Title]* and *[Title]* of Lochac, do on this day elevate their subject, *[Name]*, to the Peerage of this Kingdom, and do admit them to the Right Noble Order of the Pelican, and they do grant unto them by Letters Patent such arms as they may have properly registered with our heralds, in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

By Our word and hand this *[day]* of *[month]*, Anno Societatis *[year]*. *[Name]*, *[Title]*. *[Name]*, *[Title]*.

Coronation



Items:	Sword of State, Robes of State, Book of Laws, Book of Ceremonies.
Preparation:	See <i>Coronation Ceremony Options</i> and <i>Participants</i> documents.

Herald: Let all present gather and bear witness to the Coronation Ceremony of the Kingdom of Lochac.

Your Majesties, [*his/her*] Royal Highness, [*Prince/Princess*] [*Name*], having won by honourable combat the right to succeed to the Throne, presents [*himself/herself*] to claim from your Majesties' hands the Crown and Throne that is rightfully [*his/hers*], and further claims the right to have [*his/her*] Royal Highness, [*Prince/Princess*] [*Name*] crowned [*Title*] of Lochac, by right of Inspiration, Grace and Courtesy.

Will you honour these claims?

Crown: Summon the Earl Marshal.

Earl Marshal comes forward, bearing the Sword of State, bows to the Crown and remains standing.

(If the Earl Marshal is represented by someone else:)

Speaker: As a [*marshal/knight/Royal Peer*] who witnessed the Crown Tournament, today I speak for the Earl Marshal.

Crown: Good Marshal, was the Crown Tournament conducted according to the Laws and Traditions of the Kingdom of Lochac?

Marshal: Yes, Your Majesty.

Crown: Then We shall honour these claims.

Earl Marshal moves to stand behind the thrones.

Herald: Let their Royal Highnesses approach the Thrones.

The Coronation party processes in, with the Heirs wearing the Principality coronets.

The Heir by Right of Arms should kneel before the Sovereign, and the Heir by Inspiration should kneel before the Consort.

Their body attendants should stand behind and to the side of them.

The rest of the procession should bow when they reach the Royal Presence, then peel off to the sides of court, where they should kneel or stand at attention.

Sovereign: For half a year, We have been your [*Title*], and as We swore at Our Coronation, the time has come that We shall depart Our throne.

[*Title*] [*Name*], for the honour of your consort, and with their inspiration, you were tried by combat and given victory over the field, and thus We welcome you as Our successor to the Crown and Throne.

Will you swear to uphold the laws of the Kingdom and the Society, and will you swear fealty to the Kingdom and the populace of Lochac?

Heir by Right of Arms:

I will.

Consort: For half a year, We have been your *[Title]*. As We swore at Our Coronation, We will also this day relinquish Our throne.

[Title] *[Name]*, by your grace and courtesy, you inspired your champion to hold victorious against the field, and so We welcome you as Our successor to the Crown and Throne.

Will you swear to uphold the laws of the Kingdom and the Society, and will you swear fealty to the Kingdom and the populace of Lochac?

Heir by Inspiration:

I will.

The Heirs remove their coronets and pass them to the waiting attendants.

Herald: Such weighty fealty must be sworn on a sword of steel. Bring forth the Great Sword of State.

The Earl Marshal presents the Great Sword of State to the Sovereign by Right of Arms, who draws the sword and hold it on the palms of both hand, as does the Crown Consort.

The Heirs place their hands over the hands of the Crown.

The oath below may be memorised, or prompted by the Herald.

Heirs: Here do I swear by mouth and hand
fealty and protection to the Kingdom and populace of Lochac,
to uphold the Laws of the Kingdom,
to speak and to be silent,
to do and to let be,
to strike and to spare,
to punish and to reward,
in such matters as concern the Kingdom,
in need or in plenty,
in peace or in war,
in living or in dying.
In these ways and in all others,
I will strive to govern this Kingdom wisely.
I shall bear these burdens gladly
and for half a year serve as the Crown of Lochac,
and then freely step aside for my lawfully chosen successor.
This I swear to uphold until I depart my throne,
or death take me, or the world end.
So say I, [Name].

The Sword of State is sheathed and returned to the Earl Marshal.

The Crown remove the Robes of State and hand them to Heirs' attendants.

Herald: All heed the Crown!

The Sovereign and Crown Consort simultaneously remove the Crowns.

The Sovereign holds their Crown above the head of the Heir by Right of Arms.

Sovereign: Now We, [Name], crown You, [Name], undoubted [Title] of Lochac.

As the outgoing Sovereign says the words '[Title] of Lochac', they place the crown on the new Sovereign's head.

As the new Sovereign rises:

Herald: Long Live the [Title]!

Populace: Long Live the [Title]!

(If the Outgoing Consort is crowning the Incoming Consort:)

Consort: Now We, [Name], crown You, [Name], undoubted [Title] of Lochac.

As the outgoing Consort says the words '[Title] of Lochac', they place the crown on the new Consort's head.

(If the Incoming Sovereign is crowning the Incoming Consort:)

Consort hands their crown to the incoming Sovereign with the words:

Consort: With this crown, name your consort [Title] of Lochac.

Incoming Sovereign places crown on new Consort's head with the words:

New Sovereign:

We, [Name], [Title] of Lochac, crown You, [Name], undoubted [Title] of Lochac.

As the new Consort rises:

Herald: Long Live the [Title]!

Populace: Long Live the [Title]!

The attendants holding the Robes of State place them on the shoulders of the new Crown, with the help of the former Crown.

The former Crown step down from their thrones, and the new Crown step up to them, then turn to face the populace.

The former Crown bow to the new Crown and kneel before them.

Crown: [Name] and [Name], you have served Our Kingdom well.
With all honour, we release you from your oaths of service.
With reverence and Our thanks, you have Our leave to depart.

The former Crown depart, with any retinue in procession.

Herald: Let the Kingdom Seneschal, Crux Australis Herald, and the Earl Marshal come forward, with their symbols of office.

Officers come before the Crown. Seneschal steps forward from the group.

Seneschal: Your Majesties, I deliver into Your hands the Great Book of Law of the Kingdom, symbol of Your power of justice and law.

The Crown takes the Book and inspects it, then returns it.

Crown: We thank you, good Seneschal, and We return it to your keeping. We charge you to uphold Our Laws, and to administer them as We shall require.

Seneschal steps back, and Crux comes forward.

Crux: Your Majesties, I deliver into Your hands the Book of Ceremonies of the Kingdom, symbol of the word and majesty of the Crown.

The Crown takes the Book and inspects it, then returns it.

Crown: We thank you, good Herald, and We return it to your keeping. We charge you to keep it safe, and to use it as We shall require.

Crux steps back, and Earl Marshal comes forward.

Earl Marshal:

Your Majesties, I deliver into Your hands the Great Sword of State, symbol of Your power of arms.

The Sovereign takes the Sword and inspects it, then returns it.

Sovereign: We thank you, good Marshal, and We return it to your keeping, to hold until such time as We shall require it.

Earl Marshal steps back, and all three officers depart.

Herald: Let the Barons and Baronesses of Rowany, Innilgard, River Haven, Stormhold, Aneala, Ynys Fawr, Politarchopolis, Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière, Southron Gaard, Ildhafn, Mordenvale, and Krae Glas come forward and kneel before their Majesties.

If there are any who come on behalf of those Baronies who are not here present, let them bring forth their scrolls of fealty and announce for whom they act.

The Landed Barons and Baronesses kneel before the Crown. Any representatives come forward, bow, announce who they represent and present their scroll to the Crown. They then bow and step back.

Herald: Before [Name] and [Name], your undoubted [Title] and [Title], 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, hold and administer their Barony, support all your people in their various endeavours, bring all good works to the notice of their Majesties, and, mindful that the harmony of your Barony springs from your deeds, treat all persons with courtesy, whatever their degree or station, until the Crown depart their Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Baronages: I do so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part swear fealty to you, Our Barons and Baronesses, and swear to support, protect and defend you and your Baronies with all Our power, until We depart Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.

So say We, Lochac.

Rise, and join our Court.

Baronages return to their thrones.

Herald: Let the Greater Officers of State come forward: the Kingdom Seneschal, Crux Australis Principal Herald, the Earl Marshal, the Minister of Arts and Sciences, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chronicler, the Chirurgeon, and the Constable.

If there are any who come on behalf of those Officers who are not here present, let them bring forth their scrolls of fealty and announce for whom they act.

The Greater Officers kneel before the Crown. Any representatives come forward, bow, announce who they represent and present their scroll to the Crown. They then bow and step back.

Herald: Before [Name] and [Name], your undoubted [Title] and [Title], 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 Offices, 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?

Officers: I do so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part swear fealty to you, Our Officers, and to those who serve with you, and swear 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.

You have our leave to depart.

Officers return to their place.

Herald: Let the Royal Peers here present who wish to swear fealty come forward and kneel before their Majesties.

Royal Peers who will swear come before the Crown.

Herald: Before [Name] and [Name], your undoubted [Title] and [Title], 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, 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?

Peers: I do so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part swear fealty to you, to protect and defend you and your households with all Our power, until We depart our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.

So say We, Lochac.

You have Our leave to depart.

Royal Peers depart.

Herald: Let the companions of the Martial Orders here present who wish to swear fealty come forward and kneel before their Majesties: the companions of the Order of Chivalry, the Order of Defense, and the Order of the Mark.

Martial Peers who will swear come before the Crown.

Herald: Before [Name] and [Name], your undoubted [Title] and [Title], 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, 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?

Peers: I do so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part swear fealty to you, to protect and defend you and your households with all Our power, until We depart our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.

So say We, Lochac.

You have Our leave to depart.

Martial Peers salute the Crown with their preferred weapons and depart.

Herald: Let the companions of the Peaceable Orders here present who wish to swear fealty come forward and kneel before their Majesties: the companions of the Order of the Laurel and the Order of the Pelican.

Laurels and Pelicans who will swear come before the Crown.

Herald: Before [Name] and [Name], your undoubted [Title] and [Title], 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, 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?

Peers: I do so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part swear fealty to you, to protect and defend you and your households with all Our power, until We depart our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.

So say We, Lochac.

You have Our leave to depart.

Laurels and Pelicans depart.

Herald: Know all that this solemn rite and ceremony of Coronation is thus ended. All rise!

Long Live [Name] and [Name], [Title] and [Title] of Lochac!

(Hip hip, etc)

County



Token:	Coronet
Preparation:	Discuss with recipients when this ceremony will take place, whether they will be called up individually or as a pair, whether they will swear fealty, and what titles they wish to take up. Discuss with the outgoing Consort whether they wish to be recognised as a member of the Rose during this ceremony, or in a separate ceremony.

Herald: Let [Name] come before their Majesties.

Recipient comes forward.

Herald: [Name], you have ruled as [Title] of Lochac, and We wish to recognise your service to Our Kingdom. That all may know of your great works, We would ennoble you and recognise you with a Patent Royal.

The Crown takes the hands of the recipient between theirs.

Herald: [Name], we recognise and name you as a Royal Peer, within Our Kingdom and across the Known World.

We honour your service to Lochac, 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 a [Count/Countess] of Lochac, for as long as the Kingdom stands, and We charge that you always walk as though in Our presence, with honour and duty-bound.

The Crown places the coronet on the recipient's head.

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

(If the Order of the Rose is being incorporated:)

Herald: [Name], as one who has reigned as Consort, a symbol of inspiration and grace for the Kingdom of Lochac, we further name you a Companion of the Rose, so that this special service can be recognised as it has been for the members of the Coronaria and the Rose who came before you. We bid you to offer your support to future Crowns and their Heirs, and to encourage chivalry and courteous behaviour among all the people of our Kingdom.

(If swearing fealty:)

Herald: Before [Name] and [Name], your undoubted [Title] and [Title], 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, 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?

Recipient: I so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part do swear fealty to you, and do swear to protect and defend you and all your households with all Our power, until We depart Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.

So say We, Lochac.

Herald: [Count/Countess] [Full Name], We grant you the rank, rights and title of a Royal Peer of the Realm, and give you the right to bear arms by letters Patent, being: [*blazon of recipient's registered arms*/"such device as you may properly register with our heralds"], in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

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

Done this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year].
(Hip hip, etc)

Duchy



Token:	Coronet
Preparation:	Discuss with recipients when this ceremony will take place, whether they will be called up individually or as a pair, whether they will swear fealty, and what titles they wish to take up. If the outgoing Consort is not yet a member of the Rose, discuss whether they wish to be named as such during this ceremony, or separately.

Herald: Let [Name] come before their Majesties.

Recipient comes forward.

Herald: [Name], you have twice ruled as [Title], and We wish to recognise your service to Our Kingdom. That all may know of your great works, We would ennoble you and recognise you with the highest rank it is in Our power to grant you.

The Crown takes the hands of the recipient between theirs.

Herald: [Name], we recognise and elevate you as a [Duke/Duchess], within Our Kingdom and across the Known World.

We honour your service to Lochac, 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 a [Duke/Duchess] of Lochac, for as long as the Kingdom stands, and We charge that you always walk as though in Our presence, with honour and duty-bound.

The Crown places the coronet on the recipient's head.

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

(If the Order of the Rose is being incorporated:)

Herald: [Name], as one who has reigned as Consort, a symbol of inspiration and grace for the Kingdom of Lochac, we further name you a Companion of the Rose, so that this special service can be recognised as it has been for the members of the Coronaria and the Rose who came before you. We bid you to offer your support to future Crowns and their Heirs, and to encourage chivalry and courteous behaviour among all the people of our Kingdom.

(If swearing fealty:)

Herald: Before [Name] and [Name], your undoubted [Title] and [Title], 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, 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?

Recipient: I so swear.

Crown: And We for Our part do swear fealty to you, and do swear to protect and defend you and all your households with all Our power, until We depart Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end.

So say We, Lochac.

Herald: [Duke/Duchess] [Full Name], you hold, and We confirm, the rank, rights and title of a Royal Peer of the Realm.

We furthermore confirm your right to bear arms by letters Patent, being: [*blazon of recipient's registered arms/"such device as you may properly register with our heralds"*], in the Kingdom of Lochac and throughout the Known World.

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

Done this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year].
(Hip hip, etc)

Order of the Rose

Token:	Optional token in the form of a rose.
Preparation:	Discuss with the outgoing Consort. They may use the proclamation in the Royal Peerage ceremony, the ceremony below, or a custom ceremony created in consultation with the Order of the Rose.

This may follow on directly after the Royal Peerage ceremony if preferred.

Herald: [Name], we bid you [remain/come before us].

Consort kneels or stays kneeling.

Herald: Those who ascend the throne of Lochac through the inspiration they bring their consort play a special role in our kingdom, as they did in our principality. They remind us that might and prowess are not enough to win the throne: to become sovereign, a person must also have the chivalry and honour to gain the support of a worthy consort. Nor can a person rule alone: as they share the Crown, the sovereign and consort remind us that our strength is greater when our duties are shared, and our counsel is wiser when more than one voice is heard.

Let the members of the Coronaria and the Rose here present come forward. We do not bid you kneel, but invite you to stand in our court so that we may all be inspired once more by your grace and wisdom.

Companions of the Inspiration Orders come forward and stand to one side of court.

If the Crown or a member of the Inspiration Orders wishes to speak about the recipient or the Order of the Rose, that may be inserted here.

Herald: [Name], these good gentles have come before you, and know well the burden of the Crown. As they did during their reigns, they continue to encourage courtesy and chivalry throughout Lochac, and further, they offer their counsel and support to the Crowns and Heirs that have come after them. Will you pledge to do the same?

Recipient: I will.

Herald: Let [Name] be garbed as befits a member of this Order.

The Cloak of the Order of the Rose is brought forward and introduced by a member of the Order, who places it on the Candidate.

If the Crown or a member of the Inspiration Orders wishes to bestow a rose token, that may also be inserted here.

Herald: Then rise, [Name], and be welcomed as a Companion of the Rose.

Recipient rises and joins the Coronaria and Rose.

Herald: Be it known that their Majesties, [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], have this [day] of [month], Anno Societatis [year], made [Name] the newest member of the Order of the Rose. (Hip hip, etc.)

Champion & Lord/Lady of Lochac



Token: Personal tokens for each, or regalia such as the Champion's baldric.
Preparation: If recipients will not be present, they should send a letter with their oath.

Crown: At Our coronation, We swore to protect Our kingdom with all Our power. This promise We shall not break, but We cannot fulfil it without aid.

Sovereign: It was by Our final victory over [*Champion Name*] in the Crown Lists that we were chosen to be the Crown. We can think of none more worthy to stand as Our Champion, and none more worthy to stand beside them than their consort, [*Consort Name*].

(If recipients are absent:)

Herald: [*Champion*] and [*Consort*] are not present, but they have sent in their stead a scroll with their oath. Let the bearer of this scroll come forward.

Representative comes forward and presents letter to the Crown.

Herald: We hereby name [*Champion*] and [*Consort*] the Champion and [*Lord/Lady*] of Lochac. Our Champion, with their consort in support, is charged to protect the realm from harm without and within, to maintain the peace, and to fight any challenge made against Us or Our subjects.

Furthermore, should Our reign be cut short by misfortune, the Kingdom will have need of a Regent until such time as Our Heirs may take the throne, and We hereby name them both as those Regents.

(If recipients are present:)

Herald: Let [*Champion*] and [*Consort*] come before their Majesties.

Champion and Consort come forward.

Herald: [*Champion*] and [*Consort*], we would name you the Champion and [*Lord/Lady*] of Lochac. As Champion, with your consort to support you, we charge you to protect the realm from harm without and within, to maintain the peace, and to fight any challenge made against Us or Our subjects.

Furthermore, should Our reign be cut short by misfortune, the Kingdom will have need of a Regent until such time as Our Heirs may take the throne, and We would name you both as those Regents. Will you accept this weighty honour?

Champion and Consort:

We will.

Crown: Then accept these tokens from our hands, that all may know the faith and trust we place in you.

Crown bestows personal tokens and/or regalia.

Herald: Be it known that this day, the [*date*] of [*month*], Anno Societatis [*year*], [*Champion Name*] is made Champion of Lochac, and [*Consort Name*] is made [*Lord/Lady*] of Lochac, for the reign of [*Title*] [*Name*] and [*Title*] [*Name*].
(Hip hip, etc.)

Invocation of Crown Lists



Preparation: Herald will need full list of entrants with their titles, in Order of Precedence. Crown should be prepared to invite combatants to the appropriate 'sides'. See *Crown Tourney: Preparing the Lists*.

Herald: Today, those of note and valour gather here to vie for the Crown of Lochac. All present, pay heed, for you are called on to bear witness that this day is done with honour, prowess, courtesy and chivalry, that when the Heirs to the Crown of Lochac are named, there can be no doubt as to their worthiness.

Their Majesties call on all combatants who wish to fight in the Crown Lists today, with their Consorts if they are present, to come forward and present themselves now.

The herald calls forward each pair in Order of Precedence, in the format “[Title] [Name], fighting for [Title] [Name]” or “[Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], fighting for each other”.

The entrants come forward with ceremony, presenting themselves to the Crown with such words as they find appropriate.

The Crown welcomes each pair, and invites them to join the Sovereign’s side or the Consort’s side, where they form lines in order of their presentation.

Crown: Good Marshal, please come forward and explain the rules of the day.

The Marshal comes forward and explains the format and any specific requirements for the tournament.

Herald: You have all heard the conventions of combat for this tournament, and you all know the Rules of the Lists. Do you who compete on the Field of Honour this day swear to abide by these rules and these conventions?

Combatants:

I so swear.

Herald: Do you, who compete on the field today, and you who stand as their inspiration, swear that you meet the requirements of those who would be Sovereign and Crown Consort, as stated in the Laws of the Kingdom and the Society, and that you hold membership in good keeping?

Do you further swear that, should you be given victory this day, you will swear fealty to the Kingdom and populace of Lochac, and do you further swear that you can and will fulfil all the duties and obligations required of the Crown of Lochac, and that you will rule justly and to the utmost of your abilities?

And do you further swear that when the appointed time comes, you will with honour surrender the Crown to your rightfully appointed successors?

Combatants and Consorts:

I so swear.

Herald: Then upon pain of expulsion from these Lists, bear witness to these words:

Bear no stone in this Tournament that may act as a talisman for victory. Yet you all stand as the cornerstone of the Kingdom on the field this day. Let your Honour be the rock on which your deeds stand.

Bear no Amulet, hoping for victory by its worth. Yet you must display for all the tokens by which you are to be measured. Let your skill at arms and prowess on the field be the badge by which all know you.

Bear no herb of virtue, that by sweet essence victory will be yours. Yet sweetness and virtue must temper the struggle of arms and clash of combat. Let the favours you bear and the grace of those who inspire you be your guide this day.

Then let Honour, Skill at Arms, and Inspiration be the hallmarks of this tournament. Let them be displayed proudly by all who fight here, whether in bright victory or honourable defeat.

The Crown at this point may wish to address the Combatants and Consorts, speaking as to Their expectations, etc.

Herald: Let each fighter upon the [*Consort Title's*] side, as their name is called, make their challenge to whom they will that stands upon the [*Sovereign Title's*] side, to determine the first round of combat in the Crown Lists.

Let it be known that any may refuse a challenge, with no reason given, and no dishonour to either party. Once a challenge has been accepted, we ask that the combatants kneel or otherwise show that they have been called to the List.

The Herald announces the combatants on the Consort's side one by one, in reverse Order of Precedence, and the combatants each make their challenges.

Herald: These challenges have been made with honour; let them be fought likewise. Remember this – though only one of you shall have the victory, each of you must ensure that whomever shall win the day has truly been tested, in skill, in strength, in honour and in chivalry. Let each of you show your very best, that We may be sure Our Heirs were truly tested and truly chosen. You each make history – make it a proud one.

You who come as Consorts to those who would meet on the field – remember that you come to Inspire, and by that inspiration, you would be Queens and Kings. Be worthy of that honour.

The Crown may wish to address the field or speak words of inspiration here.

Herald: For the Combatants in the Crown Lists and their Consorts, three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

Long live the [*Sovereign's Title*]!

Long live the [*Consort's Title*]!

Combatants, go and prepare yourselves.

Note: Court is not ended at this point, as the Tourney symbolically takes place 'within' the court.

Final Round of Crown Tourney



Preparation: Herald will need a blazon of the devices the combatants are displaying. If a final combatant is not displaying heraldic arms, the herald should substitute the most distinctive colours displayed in their equipment.

Herald: Oyez! Oyez! Pay heed to their Majesties, [Name] and [Name], undoubted [Title] and [Title] of Lochac.

The Crown and attendants process to the field to meet with the finalists and their consorts. The combatants should be armed, but with helms off.

Herald: Your Majesties, the day having been fought with all honour, only two combatants remain.

Here stands before you, (*bearing arms of [blazon]/arrayed in [heraldic colours]*), [Title] [Combatant Name], who fights for the honour and inspiration of [Title] [Consort Name].

Here also stands, (*bearing arms of [blazon]/arrayed in [heraldic colours]*), [Title] [Combatant Name], who fights for the honour and inspiration of [Title] [Consort Name].

Crown: [*Address the field as desired.*]

Sovereign: Let the members of the Martial Peerages attend the field to bear witness to this final round: the Companions of Chivalry, of Defense, and of the Mark.

Martial Peers come forward and gather around the edges of the field.

Consort: [Consort Name], [Consort Name], I invite you to join me. Let the members of the Orders of the Coronaria and the Rose stand with us also, that they might share their grace and wisdom in this time of testing.

Consorts of the combatants and members of the Inspiration Orders join the Crown Consort outside the field. Attendants should also withdraw.

*Combatants don their helms and marshals take up their position.
Marshals indicate to the herald when they are ready to proceed.*

Herald: Your Majesties, the list field awaits only your command.

Crown: Proceed.

Herald: Lochac! Witness and attend. In this, the final round of the tournament fought to determine the Heirs to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac, here do meet [*Combatant Name*] and [*Combatant Name*].

Good gentles, salute ye the Crown.

Salute the one who inspires you this day.

And salute your honourable opponent.

For honour and glory and the Crown of Lochac, you may begin at the Marshal's command!

The finals are fought under the marshals' guidance. Once the marshals indicate a final victor:

Herald: For [*Winning Combatant*], fighting for the honour of [*Consort*], newfound Heirs of Lochac, three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

For [*Vanquished Combatant*], fighting for the honour of [*Consort*], and the honour they have shown this day, three cheers! (*Hip hip, etc.*)

Proceed to Investiture of Heirs.

Investiture of Heirs



Items: Two rosemary wreaths bound with red, white, and blue ribbons.
Note: The investiture with wreaths takes place on the field, either immediately after the Final Round, or following a short break.

Herald: Let all present gather and witness as [Sovereign Name] and [Consort Name], our [Sovereign Title] and [Consort Title] by right and by virtue, recognise and name their Heirs. Let it be seen, let it be honoured and let it be remembered.

If populace are not already gathered, they do so now, and are given permission to make themselves comfortable.

(If Heir by Inspiration is present:)

Herald: [Victor], come forward and present [Victor's Consort], your inspiration to victory, to the Crown, and to the Kingdom you will rule.

Victor and Consort come forward and kneel before the Crown.

(If Heir by Inspiration is not present:)

Herald: [Victor], come forward and pronounce your Consort, who was your inspiration to victory, to the Crown, and to the Kingdom you will rule.

Victor comes forward and states the name of their Consort, then kneels.

Herald: Let all present here bear witness, and let messengers be sent throughout the Kingdom to let all know this: [Name] and [Name] have this day been found worthy to rule.

Crown may wish to address the populace, speak as to the day, etc.

Sovereign: This field has been a true and worthy challenge; We have seen what valour, skill and strength you have met with this day. [*Victor Name*], it is Our judgement that you have been truly tested, and proven your right to rule Our Kingdom after Us, not only by strength of arms, but also by virtue of courage and of chivalry.

When you are [*King/Queen*], remember this day, hold yourself true to all you fought for on this field, and be worthy of all those who tested your mettle today.

With this wreath I acknowledge you as Our Heir, to the Crown and Throne of Lochac.

Sovereign places the wreath upon the head of the Victor.

Consort: [*Victor*], the Kingdom of Lochac is large, and heavy is the crown on the head that rules it. We judge it too heavy for one person to bear, and so, as all who have come before us have done, We require that not only should you show strength and valour on the field, we demand of you humility, that you fight not for your own rank and glory, but instead to honour and elevate another who inspires you.

As [*Victor's Consort*] has, through their manifest virtues and qualities, inspired you to greatness, and remembering always that we had Queens before we had Kings, We give you the privilege to recognise them by your hand, from Ours.

(If Heir by Inspiration is present:)

Consort gives wreath to Victor, saying:

Consort: With this wreath acknowledge your consort as Our Heir, to the Crown and Throne of Lochac.

Victor places wreath on the head of their consort.

(If Heir by Inspiration is not present:)

Consort gives wreath to Victor, saying:

Consort: Bring this wreath to your consort, in proof of the victory you have won to make them Our Heir to the Crown and Throne of Lochac.

Victor accepts the wreath.

Herald: [Victor] and [Consort], you are from this moment Crown [Prince/Princess] and Crown [Prince/Princess] of Lochac, until such time as [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name] depart from their thrones and summon you to take their place.

Look to those who have come before you; by wreaths of rosemary you are charged to remember them, and to honour what they achieved by way of your deeds and actions. Look to those who you will rule: by fealty you will be bound to them, be worthy of their service. Look to those who will follow you, for you are but two links in a mighty chain; strive then to learn and give all that you can, for every chain is made strong only by the strength of each link in it.

Rise, and greet those who will be your subjects.

Heirs rise and turn to face the populace.

Herald: For the heirs of Lochac, Crown [Prince/Princess] [Victor] and Crown [Prince/Princess] [Consort]! *(Hip hip, etc.)*

Bestowal of Principality Coronets



Items: Principality Coronets.

Bestowal at Crown Tourney (if both Heirs are present)

Crown: [Title] [Name] and [Title] [Name], come before us.

Heirs kneel before the Crown.

Herald: [Name] and [Name], on the field of victory, you were invested as Crown [Prince/Princess] and Crown [Prince/Princess] of Lochac with wreaths of rosemary, that you might long remember those who have come before you. Yet even rosemary will fade in time, so now, we would bestow upon you more lasting coronets, made of true silver in the days of the Principality. Their weight is the weight of duty; their history is the history of our people; and their untarnished silver is a sign to all of the honour demanded of those who wear them.

Sovereign bestows coronet on Heir by Right of Arms, saying:

Sovereign: [Name], wear this coronet so all may know you are Our Heir.

Consort bestows coronet on Heir by Inspiration, saying:

Consort: [Name], wear this coronet so all may know you are Our Heir.

Crown: Rise, and join us once more.

Heirs stand and return to their place in court beside the Crown.

Herald: Behold the Heirs of Lochac, [Name] and [Name]!
(Hip hip, etc.)

Bestowal at Crown Tourney (if Heir by Inspiration is not present)

Crown: [Title] [Heir by Right of Arms], come before us.

Heir kneels before the Crown.

Herald: [Name], on the field of victory, you were invested as Crown [Prince/Princess] of Lochac with a wreath of rosemary, that you might long remember those who have come before you. Yet even rosemary will fade in time, so now, we would bestow upon you a more lasting coronet, made of true silver in the days of the Principality. Its weight is the weight of duty; its history is the history of our people; and its untarnished silver is a sign to all of the honour demanded of those who wear them.

Sovereign bestows coronet on Heir by Right of Arms, saying:

Sovereign: [Name], wear this coronet so all may know you are Our Heir.

Crown: Rise, and join us once more.

Heir stands and return to their place in court beside the Crown.

Herald: Behold the Crown [Prince/Princess] of Lochac, [Name]!
(Hip hip, etc.)

Bestowal on Heir by Inspiration (at a later event)

Crown: [Title] [Heir by Inspiration], come before us.

Heir by Inspiration kneels before the Crown.

Herald: [Name], on the field of victory, you were made Crown [Prince/Princess] of Lochac and granted a wreath of rosemary, that you might long remember those who have come before you. Yet even rosemary will fade in time, so now, we would bestow upon you a more lasting coronet, made of true silver in the days of the Principality. Its weight is the weight of duty; its history is the history of our people; and its untarnished silver is a sign to all of the honour demanded of those who wear them.

Consort: [Heir by Right of Arms], come forward, and crown your consort.

Consort gives coronet to Heir by Right of Arms, who bestows it on Heir by Inspiration.

Crown: Rise, and join us once more.

Heirs return to their place in court beside the Crown.

Herald: Behold the Heirs of Lochac, [Name] and [Name]!
(Hip hip, etc.)

Wreaths of Valour and Chivalry

Token:	Two rosemary wreaths bound with red ribbons (Valour), and two wreaths bound with white ribbons (Chivalry).
Preparation:	The herald will need the names of the consorts of the combatants.

Herald: The tournament fought for the Crown today was not only to find our Heirs, but also to ensure that they been tested upon the field by the populace of Lochac, with chivalry and with valour, that all may know that when they are crowned, they have proven themselves most worthy.

Because We value this testing, the Crown seeks to recognise and honour those who have best embodied it. Let [Name] and [Name] come forward with their consorts.

Crown: *(Personal words as they see fit, followed by bestowal of wreaths.)*

Herald: For [Combatant Name] and [Consort Name], recipients of the Wreath of Valour, *(Hip hip, etc.)*

And for [Combatant Name] and [Consort Name], recipients of the Wreath of Chivalry, *(Hip hip, etc.)*

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.

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.

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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.*)

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Planning and Managing Court

In addition to the aspects of court that are visible to the populace, there is a substantial amount of planning, preparation, and adjustment that goes into making court successful. This work is shared between the Crown, their attendants, and the herald, and also relies on effective liaison with the event team, attending baronages, and anyone else presenting an item of business in court. This guide goes through the different stages of preparing for and managing a court, and the tasks involved in each.

Before the Event

The **Crown** should consider what business they would like to conduct. See *Planning a Court Agenda* for a list of types of business to take into account. It isn't necessary to make a finalised list at this stage, but comparing the recommendations list to the event bookings, and considering how many other items they want to add, will give a sense of approximately how much business they wish to conduct.

The **Crown** should consult with any peers being elevated about their preferences, and get a copy of the ceremony they wish to use. Custom ceremonies are subject to Crown approval; if a draft ceremony is concerning to the Crown, it can be discussed and amended. Be aware that the peers being elevated may have a specific herald in mind who they have already spoken to, or they may be willing to use whichever herald the Crown has selected for that court.

The **Crown**, taking into account the list of business and requests regarding any peerage ceremonies, should decide how many courts they would like to hold. Be mindful that in many cases, 10-12 items of business is a fairly full court; if a peerage ceremony is included, it is a very busy one. Once the Crown has decided what is needed, they should reach out to the event steward to discuss court scheduling, and amend it if necessary.

The **Crown or a representative** should confirm who their court herald/s will be. As some Crowns prefer to bring their own heralds, some local heralds do courts in their area by default, and some stewards recruit an event herald for the courts, it is easy for everyone involved to assume someone else has already made plans. If a

peerage ceremony or other complex ceremony (like Coronation) is taking place, make sure the herald has a copy of the version being used. If the Crown has reign-specific ceremonies, they should send the herald a copy.

The **Crown** should compare their draft list of business to the Book of Ceremonies to check what items will be needed, and what other preparation may be necessary. This information is listed in a box just under the heading on every ceremony script. At this time, it is also helpful to print out or write some notes about why each person is receiving their award, so that you don't have to consult the online recommendations list while at the event.

Both the **herald** and the **Crown** should plan to bring copies of the Book of Ceremonies, CHAFs, and any custom ceremonies to the event. This way, if either one forgets, the necessary documents are still available.

On Arrival at Event

The **herald** should seek out the Crown and their household to introduce themselves.

The **Crown** and **herald** should decide together on a time for the court planning meeting - this should be a period of at least fifteen minutes when the Crown can withdraw from public view and give the majority of their focus to making sure court will go well. If the same herald is doing multiple courts on the same day, you can hold one longer meeting to plan all of them, or schedule multiple meetings so you only have to think about one court at a time.

If the Crown agrees, the **herald** should make a public announcement reminding the populace to bring any court business to them.

*Note: If the herald has not introduced themselves to the Crown by twenty minutes before the first court of the day, **assume there is a problem**. The herald may simply be late, but something else may have gone wrong, and either way, you will be running out of time for the court planning meeting. Send someone to look for them, try to get in contact through online channels, and if you can't find them, appoint a back-up herald.*

Consultation with Local Baronage

If the hosting group of the event is a Barony or sub-group of a Barony, it is likely that the hosting Baronage will have some business in court. The **herald** should check in with them early in the event to get a sense of how much business they have, so that this can be taken into account during the court planning meeting.

Court Planning Meeting

The court planning meeting should take place in a private setting, such as the royal room, with the **herald**, **Crown**, and at least one **attendant**. Ideally, that attendant should be the person who will be the chief attendant during court.

The primary business of the planning meeting is to finalise the list of business and decide on the order. This should be a discussion between the **herald** and the **Crown**, taking into account the Crown's preferences and the herald's experience of what makes court flow well. See also *Planning a Court Agenda* for some of the considerations that affect this.

The **herald** should make note of the agreed-upon list of business, including all names. It can be helpful to write out a reference copy for the Crown and/or their attendants, which can be in short form (just the names of the ceremonies).

The **Crown** should, if needed, transfer their notes on the award recipients to a notebook or index cards that they can consult during court. Referring to a well-bound notebook never seems out of place.

During this discussion of the list of business, the **attendant** should gather or make a list of the tokens and other items that the Crown will need for the ceremonies planned.

The secondary purpose of the planning meeting is to make sure the herald understands the preferences of the Crown.

The **Crown** should inform the herald of their preferences about titles (e.g. use of ‘Rex’ and ‘Regina’ at the end of ceremonies), the general style and tone they are aiming for, and whether they intend to open the court while on the thrones or by processing in.

The **Crown** should inform the herald of their preferences for any ceremonies that have scripted words. The Crown may have memorised their lines, they may prefer to be prompted, or they may choose to copy out their lines into a notebook or onto index cards. It may be helpful for the herald to offer to write out the index cards for them, if they are able. If the Crown prefers to be prompted, discuss how long a prompt they are comfortable with.

The **herald** and the **Crown** should decide what they will do if someone does not come forward when called. If the person is at the event, it is possible to wait for them to be fetched, but it is usually better to move on and return to the item of business once the person arrives.

The **herald** and the **Crown** should discuss whether award recipients will be called before or after the litany, and whether armigerous awards will be accompanied by a proclamation that they are armigerous. See *Using These Ceremony Scripts*.

Sometimes, questions are raised in the court planning meeting that require follow-up, such as ‘what is this person’s preferred title?’ or ‘is this person present today?’. The **herald** should seek out answers to these questions after the meeting, requesting assistance from the royal household as needed.

After the meeting, the **herald** should also notify anyone who has business in the planned court that they will be called forward (e.g. for Baronial Court or presentations).

Shortly Before Court

Around five to ten minutes before court, the **herald** should check in with the Crown and their attendants. They should check whether there have been any last-minute changes of business, and make sure the Crown is ready for the ‘five minutes to court’ call.

The **herald** and/or **attendants** should check that the thrones are set up appropriately, and get help to move them if necessary. The **attendants** should gather the tokens and other items needed for ceremonies, and cups and a jug of water for the Crown.

The **herald** should privately check in with the Baronages and Heirs if any are in attendance and let them know that court is imminent. If any of them need more time, the herald should inform the Crown.

If court is meant to interlink with other parts of the schedule (e.g. between courses of a feast), the **herald** should check with the relevant members of the event team that they are ready for court to happen. If not, the herald should inform the Crown.

Once the Crown is satisfied that everyone will be ready shortly, the **herald** should announce that court will take place in five minutes.

Everyone should make sure that they have used the bathroom, they have any personal items they will need (such as notebooks or water bottles), and they are well-dressed. The **attendants** should check the appearance of the Crown and make sure they look as good as possible.

If there is going to be a procession into court, **everyone** in the procession should gather somewhere outside the court space and line themselves up. The herald may lead the procession, or wait for the procession from behind the thrones.

The **Crown** should give the herald final confirmation when they are ready to begin.

During Court

Everyone should be mindful that they are highly visible, and should cultivate expressions of appropriate solemnity and/or warmth, to match the ceremonies occurring. Keep visible fidgeting to a minimum, hidden behind the thrones or by clothing. For those standing up throughout court, wiggling your toes or flexing your calves are discreet ways to keep blood circulating if you start to feel dizzy.

The **herald** and **attendants** should place themselves so that both can reach the spot behind and between the royal thrones. This often works out as the herald behind one throne, the chief attendant behind the other, and both of them shifting towards the centre when needed.

The **attendants** should track which ceremony is happening so they are ready to hand award tokens and other needed items forward. They should refill the Crown's cups when they are empty, and accept any gifts or items passed back from the Crown. It can be helpful to offer the herald a hand if they are juggling a book of ceremonies and a notebook, or if they need someone to hold a light at an evening court.

The **herald** is responsible for keeping the Crown and attendants informed about what will happen next. After each item of business (while anyone called up is returning to their place), lean between the thrones and quietly confirm the next item (e.g. "The Golden Tear, your Majesties?"). If the attendants have a question about the order of business, answer quickly and quietly.

When someone called forward isn't present, the **herald** should either proceed as agreed during the court planning meeting, or quickly and quietly check what the Crown would prefer.

Note: The herald is the one with the Book of Ceremonies and the list of business, and they therefore do a lot of the management of a court in progress. Nevertheless, the court belongs to the Crown, and part of the herald's duty of court management is to give the Crown the information and opportunities they need to adjust the flow of court if they so choose.

After Court

The **Crown's attendants** should make a record of any gifts received, and who gave them, and provide this to the Crown.

The **herald** should give the Crown a list of any items of business that were skipped because of absences or time constraints.

The **herald** should fill out a CHAF with the awards given during that court. If there is difficulty working out people's mundane names for the form, the Crown may have this information, or it is sometimes on the sign-in forms at Gate. Only one CHAF is needed per day of the event, so if there will be another court, it can be left unsigned and kept by the herald or the Crown until later. The herald and the Crown should make sure that both are aware of who has responsibility for the CHAFs at any time.

The **Crown** should check the CHAFs at the end of the event and sign them. They may wish to take a photo of the completed form for their own records, and as a back-up in case it is not submitted properly after the event.

After the Event

The **herald** who took home the CHAFs should take photos or scans of them, and email them to Crux (herald@lochac.sca.org), the Kingdom Chronicler (pegasus@lochac.sca.org), Canon Herald (canon@lochac.sca.org), and to the local group herald. These are the people responsible for making sure the awards given are recorded and reported throughout the kingdom.

If the Crown were not able to sign the CHAFs at the event, the herald must cc crown@lochac.sca.org, so that the **Crown** can reply with confirmation that the CHAF is correct. Even if the Crown did sign the CHAF forms at the event, it is never discourteous to include them on the email, as this can be a reassurance that the task has been completed.

Planning a Court Agenda

Part of preparing for any court is taking the list of business to be done and arranging it in a suitable order. Every court is unique, and there is no objective way to decide on the 'best' possible court agenda. The agenda should adapt to the awards and other business taking place, the people who will be called up, the style of the Crown, and the needs of the event. This guide does not offer firm rules, or an outline of how court 'should' go. Instead, for each general type of court business, it discusses the considerations that may affect its placement in a court agenda.

A Note on Timing

In almost all circumstances, court should take half an hour or less. Different items of business take different amounts of time (with peerage ceremonies often taking more than fifteen minutes each), but this often works out to a maximum of 10-12 items of business.

If you are unsure how long things will take, put some 'sacrificial' items in the second half of the agenda that you are willing to move to a later moment, and task a member of the household with letting you know when you are two-thirds of the way through the planned time. If you have not reached the second half of the agenda by that point, you'll know you need to postpone those sacrificial items for another occasion.

Awards

Awards of Arms

Awards of Arms often happen fairly early in court, to prevent them being overshadowed by 'bigger' awards. Because it will be most recipients' first award, particular care should be taken to make it a special moment. If there are multiple Awards of Arms to give, these should only be given together if they are recognising deeds the recipients have done together. Generally, it is better to space multiple Award of Arms ceremonies out over the length of the court, using non-award items of business (like presentations and appointments) as 'spacers' between the Awards of Arms and any 'bigger' awards that come before them.

Mouse Guard

The best timing for the Mouse Guard is going to depend on the children involved. It is always a good idea to speak to someone who knows the child about how they are likely to react to being in court. If they are likely to be uncomfortable in front of the full populace, it may be better to do a special mini-court for just the Mouse Guard ceremony wherever the children are gathered at the event.

Unlike other awards, where it is usually better for each recipient to have a separate ceremony, if there are multiple Mouse Guard awards to give in a single court, it is best to group them together. The children can be called up as a group or one at a time, and the Crown can speak to them individually, but the formal litany, summoning of the guard, and proclamation should only happen once.

The placement of this ceremony in court should take into account that the later it is, the longer the recipients have had to be on their best court behaviour before they get called up. However, if it happens early in a longer court, it may be best to give the Mouse Guard permission to depart if they wish at the end of the ceremony, so they don't have to stay on good behaviour up the front for a long period of time.

Other Common Awards

Most of Lochac's armigerous and non-armigerous awards have a similar cultural 'weight' and can be treated similarly in court planning. (For exceptions, see 'Rare Awards' below.) They are a step 'above' an Award of Arms, but a step 'below' a rare award, and usually fit well in between them, as a way of building up from one to the other.

If there are multiple people receiving the same award in a particular court, there are three approaches that can work well. If the recipients are being given the award for something they did together, they can be called up together and spoken to as a group. If the court is pressed for time, the opening litany for the award can be read once, then each person can be called up one at a time to receive words from the Crown and their award token, before the proclamation is read for the whole group. However, the most common approach is simply to do the whole ceremony for each individual, but space the ceremonies out between other items of business, so that the populace never has to listen to the same litany twice in a row.

Rare Awards

The presentation of a Court Barony, an Augmentation of Arms, the Lochac Order of Grace, or one of Lochac's grant-level awards (Red Wyvern, Silver Pegasus, and Cockatrice) is a rare and special occasion. The ceremonies for these awards are emotionally intense, and can easily overshadow items that come after them. It is generally best to build up to these ceremonies with some more common awards first, and to follow them with a 'spacer' item of business (like an appointment or a presentation) to help reset the mood if court is continuing afterwards.

Peerage Invitations

An invitation to the peerage is a very significant emotional moment, and just like the rare awards, it can easily overshadow what comes afterwards. If it isn't the final item in a court, it may need a 'spacer' item after it, such as a presentation or appointment, to help reset the mood. If there is the opportunity to call the recipient forward for something else and then keep them in court for an invitation to the peerage, that can be excellent theatre.

Peerage Ceremonies

Peerage ceremonies should almost always be the last item of business in a court. They are long, they overshadow almost anything else in intensity, and they also usually end with a large group of people taking turns to hug the recipient right in the middle of court. If a court must continue after a peerage ceremony, the herald will need to verbally instruct the recipient and the Order they have joined to move the embraces to one side while court continues.

Non-Award Crown Business

General Addresses

Sometimes the Crown may wish to address the populace with some general words, such as a welcome to the event in Opening Court or a thanks for the event in Closing Court. These words generally work well as the first or last item of business in court, unless there is a particular connection to some other item of business.

Announcements

Formal announcements in court include changes to Kingdom Law, conditions for Crown Tourney, information about Baronial Succession processes, and other similar items. Because of their importance, they may work better near the beginning or end of court rather than sandwiched in the middle.

Appointments

Appointment of a new Kingdom Officer, members of the Royal Household, or other appointments by the Crown (e.g. champions, generals, royal entertainers) can occur at any time during court. If one of the people being called up is also receiving an award, it can be excellent theatre to call them up for their appointment, then stop them from departing and immediately transition to the award ceremony. Otherwise, appointments can act as useful ‘spacer’ items of business after a more intense emotional moment.

Fealty Renewal

At almost every event during the reign, there will be at least some attendees who wish to renew their fealty and haven’t already had an opportunity. The usual custom is to give them the earliest possible opportunity to do so, by placing the Fealty Renewal ceremony as an early item of business in the court agenda for the event.

If there will be Barons, Baronesses or Greater Kingdom Officers in attendance who have not yet renewed their fealty in person, the order of precedence for fealty renewals is Baronages, then Greater Officers, then all other Peers. At a very large event (especially early in the reign), where there may not be room for all Peers at the front of court, it may be helpful to split them into Royal Peers, Peers of the Martial Orders, and Peers of the Peaceable Orders, as is done in the Coronation ceremony.

Other Business

Acknowledgement of Country

The Kingdom of Lochac exists on the lands of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, and Māori people.

In Australia, it is currently considered respectful practice to recognise this with an Acknowledgement of Country as the first item of business in Opening Court. This should take place before any other addresses or welcomes, and can be conducted by any person who feels comfortable and able to do so. Because this is a floating responsibility, it should be discussed between the Crown, court herald, steward, and any local Baronage before Opening Court, so everyone knows who will be doing it.

Best practice for Acknowledgements of Country has changed over time, and is likely to continue to change. Rather than providing specific advice here, we direct you to <https://www.commonground.org.au/article/acknowledgement-of-country> and <https://www.reconciliation.org.au> as starting places for your research. AIATSIS (<https://aiatsis.gov.au/>) has resources that can help you identify the traditional owners of the area where an event is taking place.

For a virtual event, or an event with attendees from across Lochac, it may be appropriate to follow the acknowledgement of specific local traditional owners by extending respect to all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia, and the Māori people of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

To the best knowledge of the writers, at the time this guidance was compiled, there was no equivalent custom in Aotearoa/New Zealand of formal acknowledgement of the Māori people.

Heralds and others are advised to watch for changing practices in this space, and adapt to what is currently considered respectful by their local indigenous communities.

Stewarding Team Announcements

In Opening Court, the steward often asks to speak to the populace to welcome them and offer information about the day. In Closing Court, they often wish to speak in court to thank their team. At more complex events, the steward or members of their team may at times ask to speak in court to share information for the populace.

Words from the stewarding team may need to step outside the shared fiction of the game (e.g. to talk about parking), so they generally work best at the beginning or end of court rather than in between other business. The steward's words of welcome in Opening Court should usually be early in that court (typically just after any welcoming address from the Crown or the local Baronage). Other announcements from the stewarding team often work best at the end of court, as that makes it easiest for the populace to remember the details when court is over.

Baronial Court

If the local Baronage has business in court, it should occur as a single section of the court, but that section can be placed at any point in the agenda. If a person is receiving an award in both courts, that may be a useful transition point. If the Baronial Court and Royal Court both include items around the same area of endeavour (e.g. both have archery awards), it may work well to cluster those items near each other.

Presentations

Presentations include any gift being given in court, such as a scroll being presented by the College of Scribes, a gift from a local group to the Crown, or a gift from a guest Baronage to the local Baronage.

These items of business are often late additions to the court agenda, with the givers tracking down the court herald during the event to let them know. In this situation, the court herald should tell the giver they will consult with the Crown, and let the giver know later what has been decided. It is always the Crown's prerogative to refuse to include an item of business if the court is too busy. An alternative for presentations is to make a public moment outside Court for the item to be presented, such as during a feast.

If presentations are included in court, they can occur at almost any point, and can be useful 'spacer' items between ceremonies that are more emotionally intense.

Prizes

Prizes for tourneys and competitions are sometimes given by the local Baronage, sometimes by members of the event team, and sometimes by the Crown, and their placement in royal or baronial court can also float. As such, it is important to clarify exactly who is responsible for this item of business (and who has the prize tokens being given). Prizes are usually considered local business, with the exception of prizes for Kingdom A&S Competitions, which are generally considered to fit better in royal court.

If a member of the event team is giving the prizes themselves rather than providing a list for the Crown, Baronage, or their heralds to use, it can be helpful for the court herald to check in with them and get a sense of how much time they think they will need. This should take into account both the number of prizes and the amount of ceremony attached to each one: calling up a list of ten people for a single cheer, with tokens given out later, can take less time than presenting a single prize with words about the deeds of the recipient and the history of the token they are receiving. If there is a large number of prizes to be given, and it is important to give each one some ceremony, it may be necessary to split up the prizes across multiple courts.

Prizes don't have a fixed position in court, but tend to occur late in the list of business, as they are part of 'wrapping up' the event. However, if there is someone receiving a prize who is also on the list for an award, it can be excellent theatre to move the prizes earlier, then ask the recipient to remain after their prize and launch straight into the award ceremony.

Arranging Thrones

Ensuring the thrones are appropriately set up for court is a task that can shift between the event set-up team, the royal and baronial households, and court heralds. Whoever takes on this task is advised to check on royal and baronial preferences, and may wish to keep the following guidance in mind.

Throne Placement

When setting up thrones, be mindful that there must be room behind them for at least one row of people standing, plus passing room. A minimum of one metre is necessary, and preferably a metre and a half or more. If there are obstructions such as pavilion poles to work around, more space may be needed. Items that could be knocked over should be minimised in this space, and any fire-based lighting should be discussed with the royal and baronial households so that it can be managed safely.

Within the limits of the space, try not to crowd the thrones too close together. Everyone sitting on them will need elbow room, and the Crown and any hosting baronage may need a small table or bench to put down cups, notebooks, and other necessary items. This table or bench is usually supplied by the relevant royal or baronial household, and is generally placed between the pair (e.g. between the King and Queen).

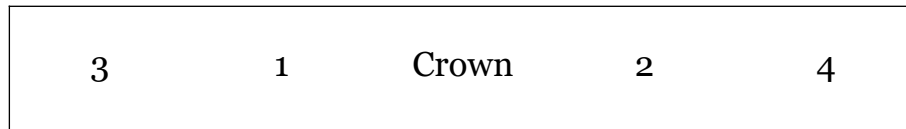
However, remember that people may need to walk around the ends of the row of thrones during court (for example, if an attendant is called forward to receive an award), so make sure there is space at the sides for them to do so.

For outdoor courts, be mindful of the acoustic effects of the roof of a pavilion or canopy. Sound will travel forward and up from the herald at about a thirty degree angle; if it hits an awning, the sound will bounce backwards, rather than continuing out to any of the populace outside the covered area. This may make it preferable to move the thrones forward for court so that they are at the edge of the roofed area.

If most, but not all, of the populace will be under a pavilion, be aware that those outside it will be at a substantial disadvantage.

Throne Order

The thrones should be arranged with the Crown in the centre, then in descending order of precedence, alternating between the Crown's right and left. Facing the Crown, this looks like:



The order of precedence for thrones is:

1. Lochac Crown
2. Visiting Crowns (in order of creation of their kingdoms)
3. Lochac Heirs
4. Hosting Barony
5. Other Lochac Baronies in order of creation:
 - i. Rowany
 - ii. Innilgard
 - iii. River Haven
 - iv. Aneala
 - v. Stormhold
 - vi. Ynys Fawr
 - vii. Politarchopolis
 - viii. Southron Gaard
 - ix. St Florian de la Riviere
 - x. Ildhafn
 - xi. Mordenvale
 - xii. Krae Glas

Mid-Feast Courts

Mid-feast courts can pose a challenge, as the thrones are often used as dining chairs. The options are as follows:

- Move the tables (and everything on them) carefully to the side for court;
- Move all the thrones in front of the tables for court, then back again afterwards;
- Conduct court with the Crown and Baronages standing;
- Use alternative dining chairs and bring the thrones forward from the side of the room for court;
- Use alternative dining chairs and leave the thrones set up somewhere that does not block the Crown's view of the hall.

Which of these options are used depends on the space available, the preference of the Crown, and the royal household; the royal household should work with whoever is setting up the feast hall to make it happen.

Using These Ceremony Scripts

In all ceremony scripts here included, there are certain elements which are regularly varied at the discretion of the court herald and the Crown.

Summoning the Recipient

The ceremony scripts in this edition mostly do not include a specific cue to summon the recipient. The recipient of an award can be summoned at the very beginning of the ceremony, or after the litany that introduces the award, and which option will be chosen should be discussed in advance by the herald and the Crown.

Summoning the recipient after the litany creates excellent suspense and is good for dramatic effect.

Summoning the recipient at the start can create suspense in a different way, as the populace wonder what they have been summoned for. It's also a practical solution to not knowing whether the person is actually present, as if they are summoned before the litany and don't appear, the surprise of which award is maintained, and court can move on more quickly.

Armigerous Awards

'Armigerous' awards are so called because they also convey an Award of Arms, and their ceremonies have an optional section in the proclamation which can be read to make this explicit. If the recipient already has an Award of Arms, this isn't necessary, and since most people receive an Award of Arms as their first award, many heralds will skip this section of the proclamation by default.

The main situation where that proclamation section is recommended is where, a) the herald and/or Crown is aware that the recipient does not already have an Award of Arms, and b) the Crown wishes to make a point that the Award of Arms is included.

Scripted Crown Words

In some ceremonies, the Crown has scripted ceremonial words. This is marked with a crown symbol at the top right of the ceremony script.

The Crown may choose to memorise these words, to write them out on palm cards or in a small book they can read from, or (most commonly) to be prompted by the herald. When planning such ceremonies, the court herald is advised to discuss with the Crown what their preferences are, and if prompting is preferred, what length of phrase the Crown prefers to have prompted.

Court heralds and the Crown are reminded that the herald is, ceremonially, ‘the voice of the Crown’. Even if certain parts of the script are normally said by the Crown, it is sometimes possible for the herald to speak as the Crown for those sections, if the Crown feels they would not be able to deliver the scripted words successfully.

Preferred Titles and Pronouns

In this edition of the Book of Ceremonies, ceremony scripts have been revised to avoid person-specific pronouns and titles as much as possible, to reduce the potential for error.

If a person's current title is going to be used in a ceremony (such as when summoning them to court), please check what title they prefer to use with a person who knows them, just as you might check the pronunciation of a name. Their title is part of their SCA presentation, and they have no doubt chosen it with care.

If announcing a person's name with their new title is going to be part of a ceremony (such as in the Court Barony ceremony), you should similarly check what their preference is likely to be. You can see some of the range of titles currently used in the SCA at <https://heraldry.sca.org/titles.html>

The SCA Date

Most ceremonies expect the date to be stated as part of the final proclamation, using the SCA year system. To make this easier, conversions for the SCA years 61-65 (mundanely, 2026-2031) have been included as a footer on all ceremonies.

Writing New Ceremonies

At times, a Crown may decide that they would prefer to use some customised ceremonies during their reign, or they may create a new award and a ceremony to go with it, and this is something the Lochac College of Heraldry is happy to support.

We generally recommend consulting someone who has written ceremonies before, or who has significant experience delivering ceremonies, as they may be able to help you choose appropriately impactful language. If you aren't sure who to ask, reach out to Crux Australis (herald@lochac.sca.org) or Bombarde (bombarde@lochac.sca.org) for recommendations. The following advice may also be helpful.

General Advice

The beginning and end of each scripted section are what people will remember most, so make it distinctive. You should also look for opportunities to connect the name of the award, what it is being given for, and some sort of memorable imagery. This is often what sticks in people's minds. See, for example, the Silver Pegasus ceremony, which connects the flying pegasus with service that *“allows others to fly”*.

References to religion, myth, or legend should be framed as stories rather than truth (e.g. *“It is told in legends that the rolling thunder is the sound of Thor's hammer...”*, rather than *“During mighty storms, we hear Thor's hammer...”*).

On a practical note, aim to put the scripted words in the mouth of the herald, who has a Book of Ceremonies to read from, and keep those scripted words appropriately brief, to give plenty of time for the personal words spoken by the Crown. In most cases, the total scripted text should be 150 words or less.

Reign-Specific Custom Ceremonies

The ceremonies it is most meaningful to customise are the Award of Arms, the Royal Cypher, and the ceremony for inducting a new household member. The work of customising other ceremonies, which are given less frequently, tends to have diminishing returns.

Spare copies of any custom ceremonies created should travel with the Crown to ensure local court heralds are equipped.

Ceremonies for New Awards

New awards must have their names and devices registered with the College of Heralds, and the awards must also be added to Kingdom Law. If you are considering creating a new award, please consult Crux Australis early so that we can help this happen.

Some imagery and language will be easier to register than others. Working with Crux Australis to pick something registerable will allow you design an award and award ceremony that you can trust is unlikely to need later redesign.

The ceremony used for the first presentation of a new award does not need to be the one used regularly after that point. It is very appropriate to incorporate a longer announcement or explanation in the first ceremony for a new award, to provide context for the populace; in subsequent ceremonies, it can be assumed some of that is remembered by the populace.

Once a new ceremony is created, please make sure copies of the ceremony script are sent to Crux Australis and Bombarde as soon as possible, so it can be provided to court heralds across the kingdom.

Peerage Ceremonies: Options

No peerage ceremony in Lochac is exactly the same as another, and some are very distinct and individual. To assist candidates for peerage in planning their elevation ceremonies, this guide goes through the different elements that may appear in a Lochac peerage ceremony and what choices are available to the candidates when planning them. Not all of these elements appear in every ceremony, or in the same order when they do. Even if you are planning to have a ‘standard’ ceremony, we recommend reading this guide to help you think about some of the ‘standard’ choices available. If you are planning a custom ceremony, we hope this guide will help you write a ceremony that balances Lochac’s traditions with what is meaningful to you.

As you plan your ceremony, we strongly recommend consulting with a court herald and the Crown who will elevate you. A court herald with experience writing ceremonies will be able to help you design a ceremony that suits you and what you value. If you aren’t sure who to ask, you can reach out to Crux Australis (Lochac’s Kingdom Herald) at herald@lochac.sca.org or Bombarde (Lochac’s ceremonies herald) at bombarde@lochac.sca.org.

You may want to ask someone to be a ceremony coordinator for you, to make sure everyone and everything is organised without you having to stress about it personally. Don’t hesitate to ask the people around you for support: your ceremony is for you, and everyone involved wants to help make it a treasured memory.

Part 1: Litany, Arrival of Order, Consent of the Order, Arrival of Candidate

Part 2: Testimonies, Assent to Peerage, Release from Teacher

Part 3: Peerage Oaths, Fealty

Part 4/5: Buffet, Dubbing, Declaration

Part 4/5: Order Regalia, Fealty Regalia, Sword/Arms, Cloak

Part 6: Crown Proclamation, Herald Proclamation

Part 1: Opening

(Components can be reordered)

Litany – Traditional

In a ‘standard’ ceremony, this is the text read by the herald which begins: “*The strength and stability of the kingdom lie in these virtues of its people...*”. This section is fundamentally a statement to the populace of what award is being given and what it is generally given for, to establish the context for everything that follows.

Because the traditional text is so well known, it is highly resonant for the populace, but this is also a section that could be customised to evoke a particular culture from the past, or could be otherwise altered for effect.

Arrival of Order – Essential

The Order you are joining must be gathered before the Crown to bear witness. This can be the first thing that happens in the ceremony, or can take place after the litany and the arrival of the candidate. Keep in mind the amount of space the Order is likely to take up: at a large event, this can be substantial.

Consent of the Order – Essential

The Crown must in some way state that the Order is in agreement with their decision to elevate the candidate. This can be framed as a need for the Order to grow, or that the candidate in particular is worthy of elevation. It can be a simple statement that the Crown has consulted and the Order agrees, or the Order can be asked in the ceremony.

Arrival of Candidate – Essential

This element is extremely flexible, and is a good moment to customise. You may or may not choose to be accompanied in a procession by people who are close to you, and they might carry banners, play or sing music, form an honour guard, or otherwise create a sense of ceremony.

Be aware that the members of the procession will need to get out of the way of the rest of the ceremony, and plan where they will stand once you reach the front. If your partner is accompanying you, and will be involved in later parts of the ceremony (see Regalia), they should remain somewhat behind you when you reach the front.

If you plan for the Order to be summoned before you are, they will need to make room for you to reach the Crown. If you are being summoned before the Order, any procession members will need to make room for the Order to gather.

Part 2: Testimonies

(Components can be reordered)

Testimonies – Traditional to have at least one

The testimonies tell the populace some of the reasons why the candidate is being elevated, and it would be extremely unusual not to have at least one testimony, from a peer of the Order the candidate is joining.

Some candidates choose to have testimonies from representatives of multiple peerage Orders, from a royal peer, and/or a representative of the populace. Be mindful of time: the more speakers you invite, the shorter their speeches should be, as a courtesy to the populace. If you want multiple speakers, and are looking for an organising structure other than ‘members of each Order’, you can consider whether they might speak to different aspects of your SCA life, such as ‘prowess, teaching, virtues’, or ‘learning, mastery, service’, or even different periods in your life.

When inviting people to give testimonies, consider discussing anything you particularly want them to cover, the general tone you are hoping for, and how many speakers you are having so that they can make a speech of appropriate length. Though their words are generally a surprise to the candidate, they will want to speak in a way that suits you and your ceremony.

Assent to Peerage – Essential

At some point in the ceremony, the candidate must verbally agree to the offer of elevation. In the standard ceremony, this is the part where the Crown says “*Mindful of your [prowess/mastery/deeds], and responsive to the wishes of your peers, We are minded to admit you to the [relevant Order]. Will you accept from Us this honour?*”

This might take place after the testimonies, so that it appears to respond to them, but it can be moved if desired.

Release from Teacher – Recommended, where applicable

If you have a formal student relationship with a peer, especially with a peer of the Order you are being elevated to, it is traditional for that relationship to be acknowledged as part of the peerage ceremony. This may be framed as a release from fealty or service to that teacher, or simply as a release from the student relationship. If you have a physical token of the relationship, such as a belt, this is often worn or brought to the ceremony so that it can be formally returned.

While this section is traditional, it is also flexible. If you feel that the nature of your relationship with your teacher does not need this particular acknowledgement, you don’t need to include it. It might take place after the Assent to Peerage (above), as a final step before your oaths, or it might be incorporated into one of your testimonies. It could even be the only testimony, if you’re aiming to keep things simple and your teacher’s words are the ones you most want to include.

Part 3: Oaths

Peerage Oaths – Traditional

This is the component where the candidate agrees to act as befits a peer. This section is usually left to the traditional words, but could be customised to suit a particular historical culture if that was your preference.

Fealty – Optional

Fealty is not a requirement for elevation to the peerage. Even when joining the Order of Chivalry, candidates have the option to join as a Master/Mistress of Arms rather than as a Knight. Consider this decision carefully.

If swearing fealty, you can choose the wording of your oath, and you can also choose what to swear it on. The oath can be sworn over clasped hands, on the Sword of State, or on another sword if that would be more meaningful to you. Some people prefer to swear their oath while holding their fealty chain. If swearing on the chain, it may need to be presented early in the ceremony. If swearing on a sword, you will need to make sure the relevant person knows to bring it.

The traditional oath begins “*Here do I swear, by mouth and hand...*”. Some people choose to write other oaths to specifically represent their personal values, or to more closely fit a particular historical culture. Some people swear their oath in the language of their persona, with the Herald reading a translation in between each line. Whatever wording of oath you choose, it should in some way promise loyalty and service to the Crown and Kingdom, and it must be acceptable to the Crown. (Note: If you are customising your fealty oath, think carefully before customising the Crown’s reply. They will be practiced with delivering the standard return of fealty oath, and it generally goes more smoothly.)

Keep in mind that this is the main part of the ceremony where you will have scripted words. Do you intend to memorise them? To bring a discreet script to read from? To ask the Herald to prompt you? This may affect some of the ‘stage directions’ of the ceremony.

Part 4/5: Elevation

(May be before or after Regalia)

This section is what formally makes the candidate a peer. It can take place before the regalia, so that the regalia is given as a sign of what has already happened, or after the regalia, so that it is the grand finale of the ceremony.

Buffet – Optional, restricted to Martial Orders

The ‘buffet’ – a symbolic blow given to the candidate by the Sovereign – is a historically-inspired tradition used by the Order of Chivalry, which can also be included in ceremonies for the other Martial Orders. Historically, the buffet was an earlier version of dubbing: in both cases, they represent the last blow that should be accepted rather than responding in knightly fashion. It is somewhat controversial, and members of the populace may find it confronting.

If you wish to include a buffet, the ceremony should state that you have requested it, and it is courteous to warn the populace that it will be included before the ceremony begins. Speak to the Crown about what you want the buffet to be like. The buffet may occur before or after dubbing.

Dubbing – Traditional alternative to Declaration, restricted to Martial Orders

It is traditional in the Martial Orders for the candidate to be ‘made’ a knight/master/mistress by being dubbed with a sword. This may be the Sword of State, or another sword with meaning to you. This is typically concluded with some instruction from the Crown as to future actions, such as “*We command you to succour the defenceless...*”.

Declaration – Essential (if there is no dubbing), traditional for Peaceable Orders

This is where the Crown declares that they make you a Master/Mistress/Companion of the Order you are joining. It is typically followed with some instruction such as “*From this day forward, always stand with honour, courage and nobility...*”.

Part 4/5: Regalia

(May be before or after Elevation)

Order Regalia – Essential

In this section, the Herald announces the regalia for the relevant Order, and whoever is gifting that regalia brings it forward and may give its history. Giving the history is common, but optional. These items of regalia can be bestowed by the Crown alone, or a person close to the candidate can help the Crown put them on.

The regalia of the different Orders are:

- Chivalry: White belt and spurs
- Laurel: Medallion with laurel wreath
- Pelican: Medallion with Pelican in her Piety, cap of maintenance (red with ermine trim)
- Defence: White livery collar, medallion with three swords touching at their tips (may be attached to collar)
- Mark: White bracers or vambraces, medallion with nested scale weights in a masle fleury at the top point

Note: The cap of maintenance for the Pelican is optional; and the Laurel sometimes also use a physical laurel wreath.

Fealty Chain – Essential if fealty has been sworn

In this section, the chain is brought forward and its history may be given, and the Crown bestows it with some words from the Herald about its meaning. Again, giving the history is common, but optional. Sometimes, there are multiple chains to bestow. Sometimes, for non-Chivalry, the fealty chain and medallion are given together.

Sword/Arms – Traditional, restricted to Martial Orders

The Crown traditionally gives peers of the Martial Orders permission to be armed in their presence, and a sword or other weapon may be presented during the ceremony as a symbol of this. The history of the sword may be given if there is one, and it is often buckled on by members of the candidate's household.

Cloak – Traditional for Orders other than Chivalry

A member of the Order is generally the person to bring forward the Cloak of the Order and explain its significance. That member of the Order is the person to put it on the candidate, potentially with the assistance of a member of the candidate's household.

The Order of the Laurel also have an apron given to people being elevated for 'dirty' crafts (e.g. pottery). It is generally the decision of the Order whether this is given.

Part 6: Closing

Crown Proclamation – Essential

The final words from the Crown in the ceremony are a proclamation that the candidate is now a member of their new Order, and an instruction to "*Arise and greet your peers*". If the elevation section took place after the regalia, this can be integrated into the Dubbing/Declaration. The essential difference between the two is that Dubbing/Declaration makes someone a peer, while this section proclaims that to the populace.

If it was not mentioned in the Dubbing/Declaration, this is likely when the title you have chosen will first be announced. You might decide to use a common title like Master, Mistress, or Sir, or you may decide to choose another title that is a better fit for you and the historical culture you like to portray. The current list of titles approved by the SCA College of Heraldry for various ranks is available online at <https://heraldry.sca.org/titles.html>. This list continues to grow as people research new options, so if you think a historical title that isn't listed would be appropriate for you, get a second opinion from a book herald, then go ahead!

Herald Proclamation – Essential

While you hug everyone, the Herald will formally proclaim your elevation and call for cheers. This is a standard formula, and the only decision you need to make is what title you wish to use – see above.

Coronation Event Overview

The courts at Coronation event involve more different groups than any other event, and accordingly, even more communication is necessary to make sure everyone is able to balance their goals. This communication starts before the event, as broad plans and shared ceremonies are agreed on, but everyone should also make time during the event to check in with each other.

Before each court, there should be a private meeting between the Crown/s, the court herald, and a representative of the relevant royal household/s to make sure everyone is on the same page and any questions have been answered.

Some multitasking is generally possible during this meeting (e.g. the Crown may be eating a meal, or royal household members may be helping them dress), but such meetings get less efficient the more trains of thought people are trying to juggle, and this should be taken into account when planning them.

The Incoming Crown in particular will be in high demand throughout the event, but it is entirely appropriate for them to reserve time they are not available to the populace, so that they can prepare themselves for later parts of the event.

Pre-Event Preparation

The **Outgoing Crown** should develop a list of business for their Final Court, and should consider their preferences for any County, Duchy, and/or Rose ceremonies.

The **Incoming Crown** should develop a list of business for their First Court, and should consider their preferences for the Coronation ceremony. (See *Coronation Ceremony: Options*.)

The **Outgoing Crown** and **Incoming Crown** should discuss their preferences and come to an agreement on the Coronation ceremony and any Royal Peerage ceremonies. They should also speak to any local baronage to determine how much baronial business there is, and decide which courts this business should take place in. They should confirm with the steward of the event that enough time has been allocated for court, and appoint a court herald or court heralds if they haven't done so earlier in the process.

The **court herald** should print copies of the agreed-on Coronation ceremony, and make note of any customisation for any County, Duchy, and/or Rose ceremonies. They should also reach out to the Greater Officers to make sure they are prepared for their roles in the coronation ceremony, and make sure someone has contacted the incoming Champion of Lochac to find out whether they will be attending or sending a letter.

Final Court of Outgoing Crown

The Final Court of the Outgoing Crown may include the following:

- Any Kingdom awards that the Crown wishes to give before stepping down (either because they wish to give them personally, or because they are timely to give at this event);
- Local baronial business (if time allows);
- Presentation of personal gifts to the Outgoing Crown (for example, from an attending baronage);
- Royal cyphers and thanks to members of the Royal Household;
- Release of the Royal Household;
- Final personal words from the Outgoing Crown reflecting on their reign.

If the Outgoing Crown has a long list of people to thank at this event, the court herald can help plan the most effective and impactful way to do so, without taking so much time the populace loses focus.

Coronation Court

This court should generally consist only of the Coronation ceremony, or of the Coronation ceremony plus the Royal Peerage ceremonies of the Outgoing Crown.

First Court of Incoming Crown

If the Royal Peerage ceremonies did not take place in Coronation Court, they should be the first item of business in this court. If the Outgoing Consort is becoming a member of the Order of the Rose, that should also be included.

The Champion and Lord/Lady of Lochac should also be announced in this court, whether or not they are present at the event.

Other items of business which may occur in this court include:

- Appointment of Royal Household members;
- Baronial business (if time allows);
- Non-award court business, such as presentations or Kingdom Officer changeovers.

It is uncommon for an Incoming Crown to give awards at their first event, as the assumption is that they will want some time to observe the populace from the perspective of the Crown before making such decisions.

Public Business Outside Court

There are generally a surprising number of unexpected items of non-award court business, requested via the court herald over the course of the event. The Incoming Crown should be aware that they may always courteously refuse a request for time in court. Presentations in particular are something which can be moved out of court if necessary, and simply occur in an appropriately public moment.

A herald can easily call the attention of the populace without formally opening a court. If the populace are already gathered in hearing range (such as during a feast), they could, for example, loudly declare: *“Your Majesties, I understand that [Name] wishes to make a presentation. May they come forward?”*

If a more substantial call is needed, the herald could begin with: *“Oyez, Oyez, my lords, my ladies, good gentles all: pay heed to the Crown!”*

After the item of business, once the herald has called for cheers, if the Crown, herald, and other people involved return to their usual places, this will generally cue the populace that they too may return to other things.

Coronation Ceremony: Options

The traditional Lochac coronation ceremony is rarely substantially altered, but there are still a number of choices to make between common variations. These should be discussed between the Incoming and Outgoing Crowns in advance, and the Court Herald informed before the event of what decisions were made.

If larger changes to the Coronation ceremony are desired, the Incoming and Outgoing Crowns should discuss this with Crux and/or Bombarde, so that they can help make sure all requirements are still met.

Crowns

The traditional silver crowns of Lochac are usual for coronation, but if there is a strong preference for the early-period-style alternate crowns, and the Incoming and Outgoing Crowns are in agreement, these can be used instead.

Robes of State

The Robes of State are an optional item of regalia, and may be omitted if preferred (e.g. due to weather considerations). If they are present, either the Incoming or Outgoing Crown can choose to have them held by attendants rather than worn.

Fealty to the Kingdom

When the Incoming Crown swear fealty to the Kingdom, they generally each place their hands over the hands of the person in front of them (sovereign to sovereign, consort to consort). If they prefer to emphasise that they, as a pair, are accepting a duty passed on from the previous Crown, as a pair, they may each place one hand over the hands of the Outgoing Sovereign, and one hand over the hands of the Outgoing Consort.

The Incoming Crown may choose to swear their fealty to the Kingdom in unison, or one at a time. Note that if they are being prompted by the herald, it is generally in the interests of time for them to recite the oath in unison, though they may still say the final “So say I, [Name]” one at a time.

Crowning of the Incoming Consort

The Incoming Consort may be crowned by the Outgoing Consort, or the Outgoing Consort may give the crown to the Incoming Sovereign.

The former emphasises the Crown as an equal pair. The latter emphasises that the Consort has gained the throne through the Sovereign, which may be a reminder of our chivalric traditions, or simply personally meaningful.

As the main place where the words of the ceremony may be different, this decision is especially important to communicate to all involved.

Optional Inclusions

At times in the past, coronation ceremonies have sometimes included a Cupbearer offering a form of toast after the departure of the Outgoing Crowns, and/or members of the general populace being invited to do homage to the new Crown after all fealties have been sworn.

These are now unusual, but scripts for them are included below.

End of Ceremony

As the coronation ceremony is very long, it is generally a court to itself.

However, it is sometimes followed directly by the County/Duchy ceremonies of the Outgoing Crown before the court ends. This can emphasise that the Royal Peerage is part of the end of their reign, and it fully releases the Outgoing Crown from court duties for the remainder of the event.

Having the Royal Peerage ceremonies in the next court allows the Outgoing Crown to get changed if they prefer, and gives them their moment in focus when the populace is fresh and better able to appreciate it.

The Cupbearer

Immediately after the departure of the Outgoing Crown, the Cupbearer comes forward holding cup/s and offers them to the new Crown.

Cupbearer: Your Majesties, accept these cups in token of the hopes of your Kingdom, that you will drink deep of happiness in your reign.

The Crown should accept with thanks and drink from the cup(s), then hand them back to the Cupbearer, who then departs.

Homage

After all Peers have sworn fealty:

Herald: Would all those subjects of the Kingdom of Lochac who wish to do homage to their Majesties come forward and kneel before them.

Subjects come forward and kneel before the Crown.

Herald: Do you now promise to honour [Name] and [Name], your undoubted [Title] and [Title], to support them in any way that is within your power, and to obey such lawful commands as they shall give?

Subjects agree.

Crown: We do hear and accept the homage of these our subjects, and We affirm what We have sworn before, that We will protect and defend them with all Our power, for as long as We may reign.

So say We, Lochac.

Subjects depart.

Coronation Ceremony: Participants

Lochac's traditional Coronation Ceremony involves many participants, and many significant items. This document provides a guide to the people who have a role to play, and what they may need to do to make sure they are prepared.

Court Herald

The Court Herald for Coronation should ensure that they know what variations within the ceremony are being used, and that all people listed below are aware of and prepared for their roles. They should also discuss preferences for prompting with the Outgoing and Incoming Crowns.

As the most senior herald of Lochac, Crux Australis Herald is traditionally considered the most appropriate person to conduct the ceremony if they are available and willing. However, not all those who serve as Crux Australis specialise in court heraldry, and it is not remarkable for another herald to be asked instead.

Crux Australis

Crux Australis will be called forward to present the Book of Ceremonies as a symbol of their office. While doing so, they say the scripted line: *"Your Majesties, I deliver into Your hands the Book of Ceremonies of the Kingdom, symbol of the word and majesty of the Crown."* Note that the Book of Ceremonies is often represented by an ornate leather slipcover with the arms of Lochac on the front, and this slipcover may or may not contain an actual ceremony book. If Crux Australis is unable to attend the event, they should send a deputy officer to speak on their behalf.

They will also need to swear fealty with the other Greater Officers of State, or send a letter of fealty (see below).

If Crux Australis is serving as the court herald for the ceremony, they will need to make sure there is an alternate court herald for these two sections.

Outgoing Crown and their Attendants

The Outgoing Crown are, of course, completely essential to the ceremony, but they are only involved until the Heirs are crowned. The key things they do are:

- Summon the Earl Marshal and agree to honour the Heirs' claim to the throne;
- Make one longer speech each asking the Heirs individually if they are willing to take up their new station;
- Hold the Sword of State while the Heirs swear fealty to the Kingdom;
- Remove the Robes of State (if worn) so the Heirs can put them on after being crowned, and hand them to a pair of attendants;
- Crown the Heirs while saying scripted words;
- Bow and kneel to acknowledge the new Crown;
- Process out with any retinue once they are dismissed.

To prepare for their scripted words, the Outgoing Crown should consult with the Court Herald about their preferences for prompting. The Outgoing Crown should discuss with the Incoming Crown whether the Robes of State will be worn, held by attendants, or absent. If the Incoming Crown strongly prefers to be crowned with the early-period-style alternative crowns, this should be discussed with the Outgoing Crown so they can be worn during the ceremony.

The Outgoing Crown should also plan with their retinue how they will depart court once they are dismissed. If they wish, they can display personal banners at any point from the moment their successors are crowned, as in this moment they give up the arms of Lochac and resume their personal arms.

Incoming Crown

The Incoming Crown are responsible for deciding which variations within the coronation ceremony are being used (in consultation with the Outgoing Crown and their court herald), and are of course the focus of the ceremony itself. (See *Coronation Ceremony: Options*.)

The key things they do in the ceremony are:

- Process into court with any attendants, wearing the Principality Coronets;
- Agree to become Crown and remove their coronets, passing them to attendants;
- Swear fealty to the Kingdom on the Sword of State;
- The Heir by Right of Arms may crown the Heir by Inspiration, if preferred;
- Rise when crowned and don the Robes of State (if being used);
- Thank and dismiss the Outgoing Crown with scripted words;
- Accept their symbols of office with scripted words of thanks;
- Accept and return the fealty of Landed Baronages, Greater Officers of State, and Peers of Lochac.

To prepare for their scripted words, the Incoming Crown should consult with the Court Herald about their preferences for prompting.

Incoming Crown's Attendants

The Incoming Crown will need one or two attendants each during the ceremony, but are often accompanied by a larger retinue when they process into court. This retinue must be prepared to peel off and move to the edges of the room or court space once they reach the Royal Presence, so that space is clear for the populace to witness and for groups that are called forward to swear fealty. If any of the retinue are carrying personal banners of the Incoming Crown, these should be furled or lowered at the moment they are crowned, as a sign that they have set aside their personal arms to take up the arms of Lochac.

The attendants who remain with the Incoming Crown have two duties. One attendant each should accept the Principality Coronets when they are removed, and should hold those coronets respectfully (flat on their hands) until the Incoming Crown take their throne. The other attendants should assist the Incoming Crown with putting on the Robes of State, or should accept the Robes of State and hold them on the Incoming Crown's behalf, if those Robes of State are being used. When the Incoming Crown take the throne, all attendants should move behind the thrones, and can discreetly put down the coronets and robes.

Earl Marshal

The Earl Marshal is involved at several moments in the coronation ceremony. If they are unable to attend the event, they should give careful thought to who will represent them. This representative should ideally have personally witnessed Crown Tourney, and may be a deputy Marshal, the marshal of Crown Tourney, a Royal Peer who has been Sovereign, or a senior member of the Order of Chivalry.

The Earl Marshal (or representative) is first summoned to confirm that the Crown Tournament was conducted appropriately. They should carry the Sword of State when they come forward, and say "*Yes, Your Majesties*" when the Crown asks them about the tourney. When they are dismissed, they should then go to stand behind the thrones, rather than returning to the populace.

The second duty of the Earl Marshal in the ceremony is to present the Sword of State to the Crown when it is needed for fealty oaths, and accept it back when the oaths are complete. There are no spoken words from the Earl Marshal in this section.

The third duty of the Earl Marshal in the ceremony is to present the new Crown with the Sword of State. They will be called forward to do so, and then say the scripted line: "*Your Majesties, I deliver into Your hands the Great Sword of State, symbol of Your power of arms.*" When dismissed, they can return to the populace, or to stand behind the thrones again.

The final duty of the Earl Marshal in the ceremony is to swear fealty along with the other Greater Officers of State. If the Earl Marshal is not personally in attendance, they should send a letter of fealty in their stead. (See *Other Greater Officers of State* below.)

Kingdom Seneschal

The Kingdom Seneschal will be called forward to present the Great Book of Law as a symbol of their office. While doing so, they say the scripted line: *“Your Majesties, I deliver into Your hands the Great Book of Law of the Kingdom, symbol of Your power of justice and law.”* If they are unable to attend the event, they should send a deputy officer to speak on their behalf.

They will also need to swear fealty with the other Greater Officers of State, or send a letter of fealty (see below).

Other Greater Officers of State

Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Chronicler, Chirurgeon, and Constable

The Greater Officers of State are required to swear their fealty at Coronation. If in attendance, they simply come forward when called, and say *“I do so swear”* when appropriately prompted. If they are unable to attend the event, they should make sure a physical letter of fealty from them is presented by another Greater Officer or a representative. (If the representative is not a Greater Officer, they simply present the letter and step back; they do not swear fealty.)

The wording of this letter is not formally determined, but a written form of the oath sworn in the ceremony is:

To [Name] and [Name], undoubted [Title] and [Title], I hereby swear fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac.

I swear that I will uphold their Majesties’ honour, obey their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, faithfully discharge my Office, and mindful that the harmony of the Kingdom springs from my deeds, treat all persons with courtesy, whatever their degree or station, until the Crown depart their Throne, death take me, or the world end.

So say I, [Name], [Office].

Landed Baronages

The Landed Baronages are required to swear their fealty at Coronation, if present, or to send a physical letter or scroll of fealty to be presented by a representative if they will be absent. (If the representative is not another Landed Baron or Baroness, they simply present the letter and step back; they do not swear fealty.)

The wording of the letter is not formally determined, but a written form of the oath sworn in the ceremony is:

To [Name] and [Name], undoubted [Title] and [Title], we hereby swear fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Lochac.

We swear that we will uphold their Majesties' honour, obey their lawful commands, hold and administer their Barony, support all our people in their various endeavours, bring all good works to the notice of their Majesties, and, mindful that the harmony of our Barony springs from our deeds, treat all persons with courtesy, whatever their degree or station, until the Crown depart their Throne, or death takes us, or the world end.

So say we, [Name] and [Name], [Title] and [Title] of [Barony].

Crown Tourney: Event Overview

Compared to Coronation, Crown Tourney is ceremonially quite a simple event, but there are still multiple components to juggle. Here is the essential sequence:

Invocation of Crown Lists

This formally begins Crown Tourney itself. It may occur in a court of its own, or after some other items of court business. The herald will need the full Crown List in Order of Precedence; the Crown will need to be prepared to invite the entrants to join the Sovereign's side or Consort's side; and the entrants will need to be prepared to present themselves with ceremony.

Note that court does not end after the Invocation of the Lists: the tourney is considered to occur within the court.

Crown Tourney (Before Finals)

The tournament itself will be conducted by its marshals, lists, and heralds, according to the planned format, until the semifinals. If the format of the semifinals is not immediately obvious (e.g. if there are three remaining combatants), Lists will generally consult with the Crown and the remaining combatants to decide on something appropriate and fair.

Final Round of Crown Tourney

Before the finals of the tournament, there is some additional ceremony. The Crown takes the field, and the final pairs are summoned before them. The Crown Consort invites the consorts of both combatants to stand with them during the finals, and the Crown invites Martial Peers who are in attendance to gather and bear witness to the finals. The Crown may choose at this time for one or both of them to take the field as marshals for the finals.

Once again, court does not end after this ceremony: non-combatants retire from the field, but the finals are considered to occur within the court.

Investiture of Heirs

The Heirs may be invested on the field after the tournament, on the field after a short break to compose themselves, or later in the event when they have had a chance to change.

It has become customary to do a field Investiture with rosemary wreaths, and to also bestow the Principality coronets in a later court, as a compromise between these options. There are variations of both these ceremonies for circumstances where the winner's consort is not present.

Bestowal of Principality Coronets

While the Investiture itself is what makes the winning pair the Heirs, the Principality Coronets are an important piece of regalia with significant history, and a formal bestowal of them gives the Heirs an opportunity to be celebrated as the Heirs while looking their best. It should generally occur as the first item of business in the first proper court after the Heirs are invested.

The Crown should discuss with the Heirs before this ceremony whether they want to have both coronets bestowed by the Crown, or whether they prefer the Heir by Inspiration to receive their coronet from the Heir by Right of Arms.

There is a variation of this ceremony which can take place at a later event if the Heir by Inspiration is not present at Crown Tourney.

Wreaths of Chivalry and Valour

This ceremony can occur in any court after Crown Tourney.

Crown Tourney: Preparing the Lists

Calling for Letters of Intent

When calling for Letters of Intent, the Crown generally announce any conditions for entrants (e.g. that they must have participated in an archery competition in the past year), any requirements for the tournament (e.g. to have covered all mundane elements of their combat equipment), and/or to announce the format of the tournament. It is also good practice to include a list of the requirements for entrants under Lochac Law (e.g. being over 18, being current members).

The most common tournament formats for Crown Tourney are a round robin (if there a smaller number of entrants), and a single kill, double or triple elimination tourney (if there are a large number). It is common for these both to be presented as options, to be decided once Letters of Intent are received.

Preparing and Announcing the Crown Lists

Once the Letters of Intent have been received, and the Crown has decided which entrants are acceptable to them, they are expected to prepare and announce the Crown List for the tournament. Each pair should be listed in the format “[Preferred Title] [Full Name], fighting for [Preferred Title] [Full Name]”, and the list should be in Order of Precedence.

Order of Precedence is established by Kingdom Law; when considering the precedence of an entrant pair, the pair has the precedence of its higher member. The Order (after the Crown and their Heirs) is as follows:

1. **Landed Baronages** in order of baronial creation (Rowany, Innilgard, River Haven, Aneala, Stormhold, Ynys Fawr, Politarchopolis, Southron Gaard, Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière, Ildhafn, Mordenvale, Krae Glas);
2. **Greater Officers of State** in the following order: Seneschal, Crux Australis Herald, Earl Marshal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Chronicler, Chirurgeon, Constable;
3. In order by highest award received, as listed in Canon Lore.

Entries for individuals in Canon Lore (<https://canon.lochac.sca.org>) list their number in the Order of Precedence just below their home group. This number will not take into account whether they are a territorial Baron or Baroness, or whether they are a Greater Officer of State. It also will only take into account awards that have been added to Canon Lore, so if the individual has received an award at a very recent event, this may need to be taken into account.

If you aren't sure about someone's precedence, Crux Australis Herald or another herald should be able to assist you.

Please note that even though the Crown Lists are prepared in advance, the combatants will still need to see the event Lists team on the day, before the tourney begins, to confirm they have been inspected.

Planning the First Round Challenges

It is customary for the Crown to split the entrants into a Sovereign's side and a Consort's side as they present themselves in Invocation Court, and for the Consort's side entrants to each challenge someone on the Sovereign's side, to face in the first round. These challenges typically take place in ascending Order of Precedence, so that the last person to join the Consort's side is the first person to make a challenge. The split between Sovereign's side and Consort's side should be planned by the Crown in advance.

Traditionally, all members of the Order of Chivalry are invited to the Sovereign's side. If less than half of the combatants are members of the Chivalry (which is common), the Crown will need to decide in advance who else to invite to that side. This should take into account the practical considerations of balancing the lists (so people of high prowess should be considered) and the symbolic considerations of asking someone to stand as an honorary knight (so character and membership of other Peerages, especially Martial Orders, should be considered).

If more than half of the combatants are members of the Chivalry (which is very uncommon), the Crown will need to decide who among the Chivalry will be asked to join the Consort's side for the day. While this should not be considered a dishonour, those asked should be approached in advance to be advised of the Crown's wishes, and it is recommended that the Consort make a point in court of asking those members of the Chivalry to join their side to do honour to them personally.