

Lochac Book of Ceremonies

Commonplace Ceremonies for General Occasions

There are some ceremonies which a herald almost always has warning to bring to an event. A Crown Tourney, Coronation, or Baronial Investiture will require specific ceremonies which are only used on that occasion. A Peerage ceremony is usually planned well in advance, and the herald advised before the event of what version of the ceremony will be used.

This selection of 'Commonplace Ceremonies' contains Lochac's *other* ceremonies. Some of them are truly common, and some are rare, but a court herald should always be prepared to conduct any of them. As they make up only a quarter of the full Book by page count, a copy of these Commonplace Ceremonies is far less burdensome for regular usage, and so we have compiled them here for the convenience of working court heralds.

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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.)