

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.)*