

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.*)