

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.