

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.*)