

Ceremony for creating a
COUNT AND COUNTESS

Herald: Now let _____ and
_____ come before Their Majesties.

Named persons come forward and kneel. Any attendants kneel to one side.

Herald: May it please Your Majesties, Your loyal subject
_____ won the Crown of this kingdom through his skill
and valor on the field of combat, and for the honor of his gentle lady
_____. They ruled with grace and dignity, striving
ever to be just and honorable in all of their deeds, and to all of their subjects.
Through their efforts, they have earned the rank and title of Count and
Countess.

On this occasion [of Your Coronation], _____ and
_____ here stand before You to be invested in this high
rank.

King: We, _____ and _____,
King and Queen of the Outlands, do recognize the service of this noble lord
and lady and the justice of their claim.

His Majesty takes the Count's coronet, if there is one.

Therefore do We proclaim you, _____, Count [and
crown you with the coronet of your rank].

*Her Majesty takes up the Countess's coronet, if there is one, and presents it
to the Count.*

Queen: _____, with your skill and valor on the
field of combat, you brought your lady to the throne. It is Our wish that you
now bring to her the symbol of her estate.

Count: Thank you. It would be my honor.

Count: As it was my delight to win for you the Crown of the Outlands, so it is my joy to have you created a Countess.

Places the coronet on her head.

King: Arise, Your Excellencies! Let the scrolls be read!

Herald: *Reads the scrolls or text below:*

If the recipient is already a peer, use this:

We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, to all and singular send Greetings.
Whereas _____ has, [as a result of [his/her] great valor on the field of honor] [through the valor of [his/her] champion] ruled once as a [King/Queen] in this Realm, we do this day acknowledge [him/her] a [Count/Countess]. We hereby affirm those arms previously granted Letters Patent by the College of Arms, to wit: <BLAZON> for [Count/Countess] _____'s sole and unique use throughout the lands of the Known World as a symbol of [his/her] high rank. {Furthermore, it is Our will that she be welcomed into the Order of the Rose as an example of those noble virtues embodied by the Queen of the Outlands.}
By Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen

If the recipient didn't already have a Patent of Arms, use this:

We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, to all and singular send Greetings.
Whereas _____ has, [as a result of [his/her] great valor on the field of honor] [through the valor of [his/her] champion] ruled once as a [King/Queen] in this Realm, we do this day acknowledge [him/her] a [Count/Countess]. We hereby elevate by these letters Patent those Arms previously granted by the College of Arms, to wit: <BLAZON> for [Count/Countess] _____'s sole and unique use throughout the lands of the Known World as a symbol of [his/her] high rank. {Furthermore, it is Our will that she be welcomed into the Order of the Rose as an example of those noble virtues embodied by the Queen of the Outlands.}

By Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being
_____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

Herald: For Count _____ and Countess
_____, HIP, HIP,(3 Cheers).

**** The Lady of the Rose ceremony for the new Countess should be done
here (see separate ceremony).****

Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.