

CORONATION CEREMONY

Following the business of TRM and after everybody else on the retinue has been released from service (except the Warlord, Queen's Champion and King's Champion),

: The Scepters, Signet Rings and Great Seal, Lightning, the White Scarf, and the Sharparrow glove. Thunderhead should be with the Warlord. The Baronial Gloves are with the Landed Barons/Baronesses.

HERALD: Her Majesty calls forward _____ [Sharparrow].

QUEEN: _____ My time as the Patroness of your order has come to an end.

Please deliver this to Our Heirs, that They might know this honor.

SHARPARROW: (own words or) It would be my pleasure to serve You this last time,
Your Majesty.

Sharparrow is dismissed.

HERALD: Her Majesty calls forward _____. [White Scarf].

QUEEN : _____,

My time as the Patroness of your order has come to an end.

Please deliver this to Our Heirs, that They might know this honor.

WHITE SCARF: (own words or)

It would be my pleasure to serve You this last time,
Your Majesty.

White Scarf is dismissed.

HERALD: Their Majesties call into the Royal Presence
Their Warlord, _____.

KING: (Thanks _____ for his work as Warlord)

WARLORD: *(Any appropriate words he has for TRM, and hands Thunderhead to His Majesty.)*

BLUE IRIS HERALD: Their Majesties summon the landed nobility of the Outlands.

(Don't call the ones who aren't here)

_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Caerthe,
_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran
_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Dragonsspine
_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of The Citadel of the
Southern Pass
_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Unser Hafen
_____ and _____, Baronesses of Caer Galen
_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Fontaine dans
Sable.
_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Aarquelle

TRM collect the Gloves and thank them for their service.

THE DIVESTITURE OF REGALIA

Selected Peers in precedence of their orders shall be called forth to receive the other regalia.

HERALD: Their Majesties call into the Royal presence

_____, Knight of the Society
_____, [Master/Mistress] of the Laurel
_____, [Master/Mistress] of the Pelican,
_____, [Master/Mastera of the Order fo Defense
and _____, Lady of the Rose

The peers kneel before the thrones. Queen rises to join the King.

King delivers Thunderhead into the keeping of the representative of the Chivalry.

KING: _____,
We do entrust into your noble hands
Thunderhead
The Great Axe,
ancient symbol of the Outlands.
Guard him well, as you have ever guarded
our traditions and lore,
that you may deliver him
into the hands of our rightful heirs
that they may use him to maintain
the rights and prerogatives of the Outlands.

The Chivalry representative rises and moves to stand on the far end of the dais on the Queens' side.

Queen delivers the Royal Scepters into the keeping of the Companion of the Order of the Laurel.

QUEEN: _____,
We do entrust into your noble hands
the Scepters Royal of the Realm.
Maintain it well, as you have ever maintained
the gentle arts and needful sciences,
that you may deliver them
into the hands of our rightful heirs,
that they may use them
to nourish the growth of chivalry and virtue
in the Outlands.

The Laurel representative rises and moves to stand next to the Chivalry representative on the Queens' side

King shall deliver the signet rings, into the keeping of the Companion of the Order of the Pelican:

KING: _____,

We give into your keeping
the signets of the realm
the symbols of Our justice
maintain them well,
that you may deliver them
into the hands of Our rightful heirs
that they may use them
to endorse their wise judgements
for the good of the Outlands.

The Pelican representative rises and moves to stand on the far end of the dais on the King's side

Queen shall deliver the great seal of state, into the keeping of the Companion of the Order of Defense:

QUEEN: _____,

We give into your keeping
the great seal of state,
the symbol of Our equity.
Maintain it well,
that you may deliver it
into the hands of Our rightful heirs
that they may use them
to endorse their wise judgements and laws
for the good of the Outlands.

The Defense representative rises and moves to stand on the far end of the dais on the King's side

King shall speak to the Companion of the Order of the Rose.

KING: _____,

Rise and wait at Our side to receive the Queen's crown

The Order of the Rose representative rises and moves to stand next to the Pelican representative on the King's side.

HERALD (*Not Blue Iris - White Stag or Gimlet*)

Let _____, Blue Iris Herald, come before the Court

BLUE IRIS: (*Removes his tabard and says whatever words he would like to the Queen*)

QUEEN: (*Says whatever she would like in response, releasing him from service.*)

HERALD: Let the Queen's Champion, _____, come before this Court and Company.

Queen's Champion shall come to kneel before the thrones and removes his tabard.

QUEEN'S CHAMPION: (*to the Queen, his own words or...*)

Your Majesty, It has been my great honor
to serve so gracious a queen.
I return my tabard into your Royal hand
from whence it came.

QUEEN: (*Her own words, or....*)

_____,
you have served me well
throughout my reign
and it is with a sad heart
I must let you go.
Be as true for all time
as you have been true with me.

KING: Attend Us, My Champion, _____.

The King's Champion shall come to kneel before the thrones and presents King with Lightning, sheathed. King takes Lightning from His Champion.

KING: _____,
even to this day
you have served Us well.
In all ways,
you have stood at Our side,
never failing.
Serve Us once more.
We do entrust into your noble hands
The Sword of State, Lightning,
The symbol of
Our just might and force of arms.
Guard him well,
as you have ever guarded
Our name and honor,
that you may deliver him
into the hands of Our rightful heirs,
that they may use him
to defend the Outlands.

*King's Champion shall accept the sword with what personal remarks he may,
and
rising shall go to stand at the far end of the other peers/regalia.*

KING (to the Queen):
Your Royal Majesty,
return now to us your crown,
knowing that its return
is right and honorable,
and represents a responsibility well fulfilled
and finally set aside.

*The Queen kneels to the King and, assisted by her ladies,
removes her crown and places it into the King's hands, and remains kneeling.*

King hands the Queen's crown to the Lady of the Rose without comment.

King helps his lady rise.

KING *(to his Lady):*

We will join you in a moment,
but there is one last duty
We must perform.

Lady leaves the dais, escorted by _____ (former champion?).

THE CORONATION OF THE HEIR

Herald: Your Royal Majesty, Your Heir is here to take his rightful place in Outlands history.

King: Call him forward.

And this day comes ..

His Most Royal and Serene Highness, _____,
Crown Prince of the Outlands and Dread Lord of all Argonia.
(all other awards and titles, too, if desired)

Herald bows and moves toward the King's side so that the Prince can kneel.

HERALD: His Majesty wishes the populace to be seated.

When people sit and it's quiet:

PRINCE'S HERALD : Now comes His Royal Highness
to claim the Stag Crown,
which he has won for the honor of his lady,
and to be invested in that high degree
which his victory has earned him.

KING: We, _____,
by right of arms King of the Outlands,

having recognized this gentle man
as Our sole and legitimate heir,
are resolved to crown him
as Our successor to the Throne.

King removes his crown and extends it to the Prince.
ROYAL PEERS, BARONS, ANYONE with CORONETS (except out of kingdom
visitors),
SHOULD REMOVE THEIRS AT THE TIME THE KING REMOVES THE
CROWN,
and HOLD THEM.

KING: Your Royal Highness,
If you would be King of the Outlands,
place your hands upon this Crown
and swear the words which bind you to your duty.

PRINCE: I, _____,
by this Crown swear
to administer justice within all my lands,
and amongst all my subjects,
I swear to endeavor to rule wisely,
sparing no effort to fulfill my duties as King.
I swear to defend the principles of chivalry
and to guard always that my peers remain honourable
I swear to reward loyalty with gratitude,
fealty with honour,
and oath-breaking with vengeance.

KING: We, _____,
by right of arms King of the Outlands
do hear your words
and accept your solemn oath.
We crown you, _____,
by right of arms, King of the Outlands.

ROYAL PEERS, BARONS, etc. SHOULD SET THEIR CORONETS BACK ON at the moment He is crowned.

HERALD: Outlands, Behold your King!

Former King retires from court.

THE CORONATION OF THE CROWN PRINCESS

PRINCESS'S HERALD:

Her Most Royal Highness _____,
Crown Princess of the Outlands and Princess of all Argonia
(*All other awards and titles, too, if desired.*)

Princess comes to kneel before King.

KING: _____, We thank you for this service done to Us.

HERALD: *to the populace - if they have gotten up*
His Majesty wishes you to be seated.

The Queen's Crown shall be given into His Majesty's hands by the Lady of the Rose.

The representative returns to the place off the King's side of the dais

KING : Your Royal Highness,
if you would be Queen of the Outlands,
place your hands upon this Crown
and swear the words
which bind you to your duty.

PRINCESS: I, _____,
on this Crown
do swear to maintain myself
in a courtly manner,

as befits a Queen,
being always an inspiration
of grace and chivalry
to all my subjects,
and to be just in all matters,
rendering faithful counsel to my King.

KING: We, _____,
by right of arms
King of the Outlands,
do hear your words
and accept your solemn oath.
We crown you, _____,
by grace and favor,
Queen of the Outlands.

HERALD: Outlands, Behold your Queen!

PEOPLE: (cheer)

RETURN OF THE SWORD

*After the former King has fully departed the assembly,
the King's Champion comes before the Crown with Lightning, sheathed and
borne in both
hands, and waits to be recognized*

HERALD: His Majesty wishes the populace to be seated.

HERALD: _____, why do you stand before this court

CHAMPION TO HERALD: I am sworn to give this sword only to the one
true heir of King _____.

CHAMPION TO KING: I have witnessed this ceremony and recognize you,
_____, as King of the Outlands.

Into Your Majesty's hands I now deliver Lightning, the Sword of
the Outlands. It is a symbol of swift justice. Wield it with wisdom and
mercy.

KING: This shall We do.

THE INVESTITURE OF THE BLUE IRIS HERALD

HERALD: Let _____
come before Her Majesty the Queen.

QUEEN: _____,
It shall please me
if you have resolved to accept
the office and style of Blue Iris Herald,
to serve as my personal Herald.

BLUE IRIS: [*CAN WRITE HIS OWN SPEECH, OR:*]
It would do me honour to wait upon
Your Majesty's Grace.

QUEEN: With this tabard, bearing my Royal Arms,
I do invest you and create you
Blue Iris Herald.
Remember always the good works and gracious bearing
of Mistress Keridwyn of Montrose,
the first White Stag Principal Herald,
from whose arms has your title of honour been derived.

Blue Iris shall rise and go to stand behind the Queen's Throne.

CREATION OF THE KING'S CHAMPION

HERALD: Their Majesties call before them,
_____.

KING: _____,
your wisdom, courtesy and valor
have secured for you an honored place
as Our champion and Our man.
We give into your keeping Lightning
which has been since the dawn of time the Sword of Kings.
Guard him well, as may you ever guard

Our name and honour!

KING'S CHAMPION: [*Can write his own speech.*]

INVESTITURE OF THE QUEEN'S CHAMPION

BLUE IRIS HERALD: Their Majesties call forward _____.

ANNA REGINA: _____,
I would have a loyal friend and fierce warrior at my side
To stand as my champion,
Would you do me such an honor?

Queen's Champion (*replies in own words*)

Here end the formal Rites of Coronation.

INVESTITURE OF WARLORD

HERALD: Their Majesties call forward _____.

KING: Your skill at arms
has won you a place at Our side
Our Warlord. It would please Us
for you to carry Thunderhead in Our court.

WARLORD: [*may respond with what remarks he would like to make*]
Warlord joins the court

THE ENTHRONEMENT

*Their Majesties arrange themselves upon the Thrones.
Retainers move behind the thrones.*

IF people have stood up again:
HERALD (*Blue Iris takes over?*):
It is Their Majesties' wish
that the people of Their Court might seat themselves

The investiture with the REGALIA

HERALD: Your Majesties,
Representatives of the Order of the Chivalry, symbolizing Outlands' history;
the Order of the Laurel, representing the Arts,
the Order of the Pelican, standing for Justice,
and the Order of Defense, standing for Equity
await Your pleasure:

KING: We shall receive them now.

The four peers shall come to kneel before the Thrones.

CHIVALRY [_____]: (HISTORY)
I give into Your Majesty's royal hands Thunderhead,
Which has been held by every king
and by every Prince of the Outlands, back unto the ancient days.
The traditions of the Outlands live in Thunderhead,
but not there alone, for Your Majesties have those among you
whose tongues can speak the ancient lore of the Outlands.
May you proudly maintain the best traditions of the Outlands,
to take an honored place in the history of this ancient land.

LAUREL [_____]:(ARTS)
May it please Your Majesties to claim the Sceptres Royal,
The symbols of Your Majesties' authority.
May your royal power and sovereignty
bring peace and joy to your people.
In such days may arts and learning flourish so abundantly,
that all that Your Majesties see and hear may be pleasing to you.

PELICAN [_____]: (JUSTICE)
May it please your Majesties
to accept the Royal Signets of the Outlands,
the symbols of the Crown's justice.
May Your Majesties wisely judge your people,

defending the weak and upholding the good,
that your Royal virtues may be praised
throughout the Outlands and to the ends of the earth.

DEFENSE _____: (*EQUITY*)

May it please your Majesties
to accept the Great Seal of the Outlands,
the symbol of the Crown's good and wise judgements.
May Your Majesties wisely endorse the
good works of Your sovereignty,
that your Royal decrees and laws may be praised
throughout all time.

*Their Majesties accept the regalia as it is offered. They
address what personal remarks they may to the peers as they rise to leave
the presence. After the four have spoken, all representatives exit
together.*

THE FEALTY OF BARONS AND BARONESES

BLUE IRIS HERALD: Their Majesties summon the landed nobility of the
Outlands.

(Don't call the ones who aren't here)

_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Caerthe,
_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran
_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Dragonsspine
_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of The Citadel of the

Southern Pass

_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Unser Hafen
_____ and _____, Baronesses of Caer Galen
_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Fontaine dans

Sable.

_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of Aarquelle

TRM return the Gloves

KING: We would hear your oath of fealty.

BARONS AND BARONESES:

This day do I render homage and fealty for my lands.
I swear to deal justly and honourably
with all my subjects, whatever their degree,
to protect my barony from all harm,
and to rule my lands wisely
in the name of the Crown.
This do I swear upon the dignity of my coronet,
upon this sword,
and upon my honour.
So say I, _____
Baron/Baroness of _____

KING: We hear your oaths and accept your fealty
and do pledge to you that We will protect your lands
and defend your rights and those of Our subjects
with all justice and honour.

QUEEN: Be ever mindful that in Our absence
you are the embodiment of the Outlands.
Remember that your chivalry and grace
will be the inspiration of your people.

Barons and Baronesses rise, bow, and retire to their seats

THE FEALTY OF KNIGHTS

HERALD: Let the Knights of the Realm
come to their King
that their oaths of fealty may be heard.

KNIGHTS: This day do I render homage and fealty
To my Sovereign Lord and Lady,
_____ and _____,
by right of arms, and grace and favor,
King and Queen of the Outlands
who will from this day forward

be my Liege Lord and Lady.
This do I swear upon my Lord's own sword,
and by my belt, my chain and my honor.
So say I, _____

KING: We hear your oaths and accept your fealty
and do pledge to you
that We will protect you
and defend your rights
with all justice and honour.
[*sword up*]

QUEEN: Be ever mindful of your Knightly vow
which compels you to defend the honour of ladies
and those weaker than yourselves.

KING: We thank you for your duty.

The knights rise, bow, retire from the court.

THE FEALTY OF THE ORDER OF THE LAUREL

HERALD: Let those Masters and Mistresses of the Order of the Laurel
who would have their oaths of fealty heard,
come now before this court.

LAURELS: This day do I render homage and fealty
to my Sovereign Lord and Lady,
_____ and _____,
by right of arms, and grace and favor,
King and Queen of the Outlands,
who will from this day forward be
my Liege Lord and Lady.
This do I swear upon my peerage,
upon this sword and upon my honor.
So say I, _____.

KING: We hear your oaths and accept your fealty
and do pledge to you that we shall protect
the trust you have placed in Us
and defend your rights as Peers
with all justice and honour.

QUEEN: Be ever mindful of those who look to you
as friends and teachers of the arts and sciences,
rewarding their trust with good works.

KING: Your work enriches Our realm, for which we thank you.

The Laurels bow, rise, and retire from court.

THE FEALTY OF THE ORDER OF THE PELICAN

HERALD: Let those Masters and Mistresses of the Order of the Pelican
who would have their oaths of fealty heard, come now before this court.

PELICANS: This day do I render homage and fealty
to my Sovereign Lord and Lady,
_____ and _____,
by right of arms, and grace and favor,
King and Queen of the Outlands,
who will from this day forward be
my Liege Lord and Lady.
This do I swear upon my peerage,
upon this sword and upon my honor.
So say I, _____.

KING: We hear your oaths and accept your fealty
and do pledge to you that we shall protect
the trust you have placed in Us
and defend your rights as Peers
with all justice and honour.

QUEEN: Be ever mindful of those who look to you
as models of industry and fruitful labor,

encouraging their diligence by your own constant example.

KING: Our tasks shall be easier with your help.

The Pelicans rise, bow, and retire from court.

THE FEALTY OF THE ORDER OF DEFENSE

BLUE IRIS HERALD: Let those Masters and Mistresses of the Order of Defense who would have their oaths of fealty heard, come now before this court.

ORDER OF DEFENSE:

This day do I render homage and fealty
to my Sovereign Lord and Lady,
_____ and _____,
by Right of Arms, and Grace and Favor,
King and Queen of the Outlands,
who will, from this day forward,
Be my Liege Lord and Lady.
I will remain true in all ways,
serving them faithfully.
This do I swear,
by my honor, upon my sword and by the high ideals
which I hold as a Peer of this Realm.
So say I, _____.

KING: We hear your oaths and accept your fealty
and do pledge to you that we shall protect
the trust you have placed in Us
and defend your rights as Peers
with all justice and honour.

QUEEN: Be ever mindful of those for whom
you are exemplars of bladesmanship and courtly demeanor;
in times of need may they seek from you an equitable understanding.

KING: Our tasks shall be easier with your help.

The Order of Defense rise, bow, and retire from court.

THE FEALTY OF ROYAL PEERS

BLUE IRIS HERALD: Let those Dukes and Duchesses,
Counts and Countesses,
Viscounts and Viscountesses,
who would have their oaths of fealty heard,
come now before this court.

ROYAL PEERS: This day do I render homage and fealty
to my Sovereign Lord and Lady,
_____ and _____,
by right of arms, and grace and favor,
King and Queen of the Outlands,
who will from this day forward be
my Liege Lord and Lady.
I will be true in all ways, serving Them faithfully,
This do I swear upon the dignity of my coronet,
upon this sword and upon my honor.
So say I, _____.

KING: We hear your oaths and accept your fealty
and do pledge to you that we shall protect
the trust you have placed in Us
and defend your rights as Peers
with all justice and honour.

QUEEN: We shall hold your example before us. *Royal Peers
rise, bow, retire from Court.*

FEALTY OF THE POPULACE

HERALD: Let those Outlanders who yet wish to swear fealty
come now before this court.

POPULACE: This day do I render homage and fealty
to my Sovereign Lord and Lady,
_____ and _____,

by right of arms, and grace and favor,
King and Queen of the Outlands,
who will from this day forward be
my Liege Lord and Lady.
This do I swear upon this sword and upon my honor.
So say I, _____.

KING: We hear your oaths and accept your fealty
and do pledge to you that we shall protect
and defend you with all justice and honour.

QUEEN: We shall have need of such good people as you.

The CONFIRMATION of the Great Officers of State

HERALD: *(don't name the ones that aren't here)*
Now shall come before the thrones, the Great Officers of State:
The Seneschal of the Outlands, _____
The White Stag Principal Herald, _____
The Earl Marshal, _____
The Minister of Arts and Sciences, _____
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, _____
The Chronicler, _____
The Webminister: _____

KING: You have served the Outlands well as true servants in counsel.
It is Our will to confirm you in your several offices,
if you will swear to serve Us well and faithfully.
Bring forth Lightning.

OFFICERS: This day do I swear to serve the Crown and Kingdom of the
Outlands
to uphold the laws of this land,
and to render faithful service to Your Majesties
and to Your subjects, that the Outlands may prosper.
This do I swear upon this sword and upon my honor.

So say I, _____.

KING: We accept your oaths
and pledge to you that We will support your offices
and honor your service, as you minister in Our names.

QUEEN: Be ever mindful that you serve us best
by serving the needs of our people.

KING (to the populace): Good people all: These are Our officers.
They speak and act on Our authority.
Lawful and reasonable requests and instructions of these Our officers
are to be obeyed by all Our subjects, whatever their degree.
To disregard them, would be to disregard the Crown.
When you help Our officers, you help the Outlands.

QUEEN (to the officers): Good Ministers, go now and serve Us well.

THE OATHS OF THE SENESCHALS OF SHIRES

KING: We place great trust in Our officers,
and in those noble men and women to whom Our baronies are entrusted,
but baronies are not the only strongholds of the Kingdom.
Into the keeping of honored seneschals
do we place Our many shires.

HERALD: The Crown calls before them the Seneschals of Their Shires,
and of the College of Saint Golias:

(Remove any groups not in attendance if known)

_____, of Nahrun Kabirun
_____, of St. Golias
_____, of Windkeep
_____, of White Mountain

_____, of Drygestan
_____, of Gleann Medonach
_____, of Plattefordham
_____, of Hinterland
_____, of Blackwater Keep
_____, of Rio de las Animas
_____, of Villaleon
_____, of Bryngolau
_____, of Draca Mor

SENESCHALS: This day do I swear to serve
the Crown of the Outlands,
upholding the laws
and promoting peace and prosperity.
I shall be ever mindful
that my shire's welfare and good name
are given into my keeping by the Crown.
So say I, _____,
Seneschal of _____.

KING: We for Our part accept your solemn oath(s),
and pledge to you the protection of the Crown
and the support of Our officers.

sword up

QUEEN (to the seneschals): Keep Our lands and people well,
and in Our names treat fairly all those
with whom you deal.

KING (to the people): We will and firmly order
all Our subjects, of every degree,
to show unto these
Our seneschals honor and respect
so long as they shall serve the Outlands as faithful vassals,
rendering counsel to Our officers
and keeping peace and order
amongst Our subjects in their shires.

Faithful service to the Outlands
shall be praised and honored.

PRESENTATION OF WHITE SCARF

HERALD to Queen: Your Majesty, _____ [*White Scarf*]
has business in Your court.

White Scarf approaches Court and kneels in front of Her Majesty.

WHITE SCARF: [own words or:] Your Majesty,
the Order of the White Scarf
is honored to have you as our patroness.
On behalf of my order,
I present to you this token,
in hopes that you will honor us
by wearing the symbol of our order.

QUEEN: [own words or:] It would be my pleasure to honor your order in this way.

HERALD:
You have Her Majesty's leave to depart

HERALD TO QUEEN: Your Majesty, _____ [*Archer of the Iron Rain*]
has business in Your court.

SHARPARROW: [*Gives glove to Her Majesty, with own words, or:*]
Your Majesty,
Your Archers of the Iron Rain await your word,
ever mindful of the honor you do us.
Please accept this token,
And know that we stand in readiness.

QUEEN: [own words or:] It would be my pleasure to honor your order in this way.

Queen's Guard and ladies-in-waiting can be invested here at the Crown's discretion

THE CLOSE OF COURT

Hear now Closes the Coronation Court of _____ and
_____ King and Queen of the Outlands

Long Live the King
Long Live the Queen
Long Live the Outlands
