

Ceremony for creating a
DUKE AND DUCHESS

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 for a second time 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 Duke and Duchess.

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 great feats and deeds and the long standing service of this
noble lord and lady and the justice of their claim.
His Majesty takes up the Duke's coronet, if there is one.

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

*Her Majesty takes up the Duchess' coronet, if there is one, and presents it to
the Duke.*

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.

Duke: Thank you, it would be my honor.

Duke: As it was my delight to win for you the Crown of the Outlands, so it is my joy to have you created a Duchess.
Places the coronet on her head.

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

Herald: *Reads the scrolls, or text below:*

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 twice
as a [King/Queen] in this Realm,
We do this day acknowledge [him/her] a [Duke/Duchess]. we hereby affirm
those Arms granted by Letters Patent by the College of Arms, to wit:
<BLAZON> for [Duke/Duchess} _____'s sole and unique use
throughout the lands of the Known World as a symbol of [his/her] high rank.
By Our hands this __ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being
_____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen

Herald: For Duke _____ and Duchess
_____, HIP, HIP... (*3 cheers*)

Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.