

BARONIAL INVESTITURE

Herald: Now let _____, _____,
_____, *(etc. the witnesses, called by name and title)*
Come before Their Royal Majesties.

King: Noble Peers and members of the Orders of the Barony of
_____, will you now undertake to stand as witnesses to this
Ceremony of Investiture, and to hold in surety the ancient and honorable
regalia of _____?

Premiers: We will. *(or something like that.)*

Herald: Their Royal Majesties now call before them, Their Excellencies,
_____ and _____, Baron and Baroness of
_____.

King: Are you now firmly resolved to retire from the Baronial Dignity of
the Barony of _____?

B&B: *(Responds in their own fashion.)*

Queen: _____ and _____, with
your many years of service to Our Kingdom and Our Barony of
_____, We therefore accept your petition to retire at this
time.

(The King and Queen offer Their hands to the B&B who clasp them.)

King: We, _____ and _____, by right
of arms, King and Queen of the Outlands, do this day release you from your
bonds of service and Oaths of Fealty as Baron and Baroness of
_____.

Baron: We return into Your Royal hands, this _____ *(piece of
Baronial regalia)*, which _____ *(some cleverly historical
comment.)*

King: We accept from your noble hands, this _____.

(His Majesty hands the item to _____)

Baroness: We return into Your Royal hands, this _____ *(piece of Baronial regalia)*, which _____ *(another cleverly historical statement.)*

Queen: We accept from your noble hands, this _____.

(Her Majesty hands the item to _____)

This continues until all extraneous regalia is returned, ending with the following.

Baron: And finally, we return into Your Royal hands these, the Coronets which are the symbols of Your sovereignty and dominion.

Baroness: Whereby the Royal Presence has been honored in obedience and affection.

(Their Excellencies remove their Coronets and hand them to the King and Queen, who take them as they say:)

King: We accept from your noble hands these coronets of your proven fealty.

Queen: Wherewith you have ruled in Our stead, obedient and beloved of your people.

(Their Majesties shall give the coronets to _____ and _____, or to one of their attendants to hold.)

<<here is the part where, if it's going to happen, the outgoing B&B are given Ct. Bar.s>>

(The outgoing B&B exchange final words with Their Majesties, then rise and retire, possibly accompanied by a herald, announcing them with full titles and awards.)

Herald: For _____ and _____ Outgoing Baron and Baroness of _____, HIP, HIP,.....

Herald: It pleases Their Majesties to call _____ and _____ to come before this court and company.

Escorting Herald: Your Majesties, my lords and ladies, Now before you comes _____, *<full name, full list of titles and awards>* who bears by {Award/Grant/Patent} of Arms, and the Grace of the Crown, *<blazon of arms>*, and _____, *<full name, full list of titles and awards>* who bears by {Award/Grant/Patent} of Arms, and the Grace of the Crown, *<blazon of arms>*.

(Candidates come forward and kneel before Their Majesties, their escorts kneel to one side.)

King: Are you now fully resolved to accept the Baronial Dignity of the Barony of _____?

Candidates: *(Each shall respond in their own fashion.)*

(Those holding the coronets shall hand them to Their Majesties.)

King: Accept from Our hands these Coronets, symbols of the Crown's Sovereignty and Dominion.

Queen: Be obedient to the Crown of the Outlands and in so doing, obtain the love of your people.

(Their Majesties place the Coronets upon their heads.)

(Premier _____ steps forward and hands item to His Majesty.)

King: Accept from our hands, this _____, which _____ *(repeat the clever bit here.)*

(_____ steps forward and hands item to Her Majesty.)

Queen: Accept from Our hands, this _____, symbolizing _____ *(repeat cleverness.)*

This continues until all of the regalia has been passed.

King: Bring forth Lightning, the Great Sword of State of the Outlands that _____'s and _____'s oath of fealty may be pledged.

(Swordbearer give Lightning to His Majesty.)

B&B: This day do I render homage and fealty for my lands.
I hereby swear to deal justly and honorably
with all of my subjects whatever their degree;
to protect my barony from harm
and to endeavor 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 honor.
So say I, _____

King: We hear your oath, 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 honor.

(Returns Lightning to swordbearer.)

Now, having heard your solemn oaths, We, _____ and
_____, King and Queen of the Outlands, do name you,
_____ and _____, Baron and
Baroness of _____!

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.

King Arise!

Herald: For _____ and _____, Baron and
Baroness of _____, HIP, HIP,

Baron: Your Majesties, may we receive the officers of our Barony in Your court?

King: You may.

Herald: Let the Officers of the Barony of _____
come before Their Excellencies, to pledge their service.
(*name officers, with title and office.*)

(*The officers come forward and kneel.*)

Baron: You have served _____ well as administrators and advisors, and we thank you for your past service. It is our wish to confirm you in your offices. If you wish to continue in your service as officers, swear this oath of service:

Officers: This day do I swear
to serve the Barony of _____.
I pledge to do my duties
by the laws of the Kingdom,
and I will strive to render faithful counsel
to my Baron and Baroness.
So say I, _____

Baron: (*accepts in his own words or:*) We accept your oaths of service and pledge to you that we will protect and defend you with all justice and honor.

Baroness: Be ever mindful that you serve our barony best by serving the needs of all her people.

Herald: You have Their Majesties' and Their Excellencies' leave to depart.