

Ceremony for the  
**CREATION OF A BARONY**

**Herald:** Now let all pay heed to the words of His Majesty.

*His Majesty stands to address the populace.*

**King:** Some months past, the good people of the [Shire/Canton] of \_\_\_\_\_ came before Us and asked Us to elevate their station and confirm them as a barony of Our Realm. This request was well made, and because of it, and the numerous examples of the good works of Our subjects of \_\_\_\_\_, it has found favor in Our sight.

Herald, summon before us the people of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Herald:** Their Royal Majesties summon before them the populace of Their [Shire/Canton] of \_\_\_\_\_.

*The members come forward and kneel, leaving an aisle.*

**King:** Call forth Our Seneschal and Our Peers.

**Herald:** Now let the Kingdom Seneschal and the representatives of the Peers of the Realm, come before Their Majesties.

**King:** My [Lord/Lady] Seneschal, We charged you to examine the petition of the people of the [Shire/Canton] of \_\_\_\_\_, to determine if all is in order. Has this been done?

**Seneschal:** It has, Your Majesty, and all has been found to be in good order.

**King:** Noble Peers, will you now attest to the worthiness of the people of \_\_\_\_\_ to become a barony in Our Realm?

**Chivalry:** *Replies in their own fashion, or says:*

Your Majesties, I, \_\_\_\_\_, speaking on behalf of the Order of Chivalry, am able to affirm that the people of \_\_\_\_\_

have supported Your Majesties' armies through the mustering of fighters [water bearers, etc.] and through the teaching of the fighting arts.

**Laurel:** *Replies in their own fashion, or says:*

Your Majesties, I, \_\_\_\_\_, speaking on behalf of the Order of the Laurel, am able to affirm that the people of \_\_\_\_\_ have supported the Arts and Sciences through teaching, and through their divers works.

**Pelican:** *Replies in their own fashion, or says:*

Your Majesties, I, \_\_\_\_\_, speaking on behalf of the Order of the Pelican, am able to affirm that the people of \_\_\_\_\_ have given of their time and labors in support of their own group and of Your Majesties' Realm.

**Master of Defense:** *Replies in their own fashion, or says:*

Your Majesties, I, \_\_\_\_\_, speaking on behalf of the Masters of Defense, am able to affirm that the people of Aarquelle have given of their time and labors in support the rapier arts of their own group and of Your Majesties' Realm.

**Royal Peer:** *Replies in their own fashion, or says:*

Your Majesties, I, \_\_\_\_\_, speaking on behalf of the Royal Peers, am able to affirm that the people of \_\_\_\_\_ are loyal subjects and supporters of Your Crown, and as such would make a worthy addition to the Baronies of Your Realm.

**King:** Good subjects of \_\_\_\_\_, We have taken counsel of Our advisors, and of Our Seneschal, and have carefully debated the merits of your request.

*Here His Majesty tells the group how pleased He is with them in His own words.*

**King:** As you have faithfully served Us, with craft and skill, so are We resolved to grant your petition. Good \_\_\_\_\_, Our faithful Seneschal, Now are We firm in resolve, Let the name of the

[Shire/Canton] be struck from the Book of Our Realm. Place there instead the name of the Barony of \_\_\_\_\_!  
For We now proclaim that \_\_\_\_\_ shall be counted amongst the fairest jewels in Our Crown: the Baronies of Our Kingdom. So say We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, King and Queen of the Outlands.

**Seneschal:** It shall be done, Your Majesty.

*The Kingdom Seneschal and the Peers rise, bow, and retire.*

**Herald:** For the new Barony of \_\_\_\_\_, HIP, HIP,... (3 cheers).

**King:** Further, we shall create for \_\_\_\_\_ a Baron and Baroness to serve as Our voice in Our newest fief. Into their hands We shall entrust Our lands of \_\_\_\_\_. For this task, We have chosen two of Our Subjects: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**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 list of titles and awards*) who bears by [Award/Grant/Patent] of Arms, and the Grace of the Crown, <BLAZON>, and \_\_\_\_\_ (*full list of titles and awards*) who bears by [Award/Grant/Patent] of Arms, and the Grace of the Crown, <BLAZON>.

*The couple comes forward and kneel, their escorts kneel to one side.*

**King:** Are you now fully resolved to accept the Baronial Dignity of the new Barony of \_\_\_\_\_?

**Couple:** *Each shall respond in their own fashion.*

*The coronets are handed to Their Majesties.*

**King:** Accept from Our hands these Coronets, symbol 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 the heads of the Baron and Baroness.*

*If there is regalia to be invested:*

*Object shall be handed to His Majesty.*

**King:** Accept from Our hands, this \_\_\_\_\_.  
*His Majesty speaks of the significance of the object.*

*Object shall be handed to Her Majesty.*

**Queen:** Accept from Our hands, this \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Her Majesty speaks of the significance of the object.*

*This continues, alternating between Their Majesties, until everything is handed out.*

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

*Swordbearer hands Lightning to His Majesty, who holds it so the B&B and Her Majesty can support it.*

**Baron and Baroness:** *In response to prompting from the herald*

This day do I render homage and fealty for my lands.

I hereby swear to deal justly and honorably  
will 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, Lightning,  
and upon my honor.  
So say I, \_\_\_\_\_ [Baron/Baroness] of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**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.

*His Majesty 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  
\_\_\_\_\_! **{note: NO "of"}**

Arise, Baron \_\_\_\_\_ and Baroness  
\_\_\_\_\_!

**Herald:** for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
Baron and Baroness \_\_\_\_\_, HIP, HIP,.... (3 cheers).

**Queen:** It would honor Us is you would join Us at Our court.

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

**King:** You may.

**Herald:** Let Officers of the Barony of \_\_\_\_\_ come  
before Their Excellencies.

*As officers are called in by name and office, they come forward and kneel.*

**Baron:** It is our wish to invest you in your offices. If you wish to serve as  
officers in our new barony, then swear this oath of service:

**Officers:** *In response to prompting from the herald*  
This day do 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:** *Responds by accepting the oaths of service in his own words, or with the following:*

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.