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Preface by the Gimlet Herald,

The combined Book of Ceremonies of the Outlands is a living breathing entity. It has not been authored by any single Herald or even an identifiable group of Heralds. Some of the ceremonies carry traditions and ideas from the early days of the Society.

I have added the names here of the Gimlet Heralds as I know them but it is an impossible task to name all those who have contributed to these ceremonies.

- Countess AEIflaed of Duckford
- Master Erasimierz Waspanieski, Greyraven
- Master Hagar the Black
- Mistress Matilda Seton
- Master Juan Balthazar Tegero
- Earl Cathyn Fitzgerald
- Mistress Ansteys Darcy
- Maistre Louis-Philippe Mitouard
- Mistress Ansteys Darcy
- Master Duncan Alastair MacRae

Kingdom Ceremonies

Non-Armigerous Kingdom Awards

Augmentation of Arms	
Court Barony (sometimes w/ GoA)	
Argent Rose of the Outlands (CARO)	Youth Service
Azure Mullet of the Outlands (CAMO)	Youth A&S
Brendon Swatko Award (CBS)	Youth fighting
Cordon Royal (BCR)	
Fallen Snow (CFS)	
Knights Pensioners of the Venerable Guard (PVG)	
Legion of Gallantry of the Outlands (CLG)	
Promise of the Outlands (CPO)	Youth Award.
Queen's Cypher (BQC)	
Queen's Grace (CQG)	
Ragnar's Hammer (CRH)	exemplary dedication in service to Battlemoor
Venerable Guard (CVG)	
Walker of the Way (CWW)	

AoA LEVEL AWARDS

Award of Arms	
Argent Hart (CAH)	A&S
Doe & Mountain (CDM)	15 years A&S
Golden Pheon (CGP)	Archery
Silver Stirrup (CSSO)	Equestrian
Silver Tyne (DST)	Fencing
Stag and Chalice (CSC)	15 years service
Stag's Blood (DSB)	Armored fighting
Stag's Heart (CSH)	Service
Trefoil (CTO)	Shire award: A&S, Service, Martial Arts

GoA LEVEL AWARDS

Grant of Arms	
Argent Fleece (CAF)	Persona Development
Courage (COC)	Feats of valor at foreign wars
Flower (OFO)	A&S
Iron Hart (TIH)	Armored fighting
Sharparrow (AIR)	Archery
Silver Lance (OSL)	Equestrian
Stag (OSO)	Service
Vanguard (VOO)	Support of Foreign Wars
White Scarf of the Outlands (DWSO)	Fencing

PEERAGES

Counts/Countesses
Dukes/Duchesses
Lady of the Rose
Knights
Laurels
Masters of Arms
Pelicans
Defense
Offering Peerage

Peerage Oaths

OFFICER STUFF

Oath of Service for Great Officers
Transfer of Office
Transfer of White Stag Office

GROUP STUFF

Baronial Investiture
Creation of a Barony
Creation of a Shire
Creation of a Canton

CROWN/CORONATION

Coronation
Crown Prince/Princess Investiture
Entrance into Crown Tournament
Fealty:
 Landed Barons/Baronesses
 Knights
 Pels/Laurels/Royal Peers
 Populace
Salute of the Masters at Arms

BARONIAL AWARDS

Barony of Caerthe

Armigerous (bearing an Award of Arms)

Aspen of Caerthe (CAC)	Service
Gilded Leaf of Caerthe (CGL)	A&S
Sable Destrier of Caerthe (CSDC)	Equestrian
Sable Lion of Caerthe (CSLC)	All martial arts.

Non-armigerous

Black Glove of Caerthe (CBGC)	
Cordon of Honor of Caerthe (CCHC)	
Coronet's Smile (HCS)	bringing something extra to an event
Dreamer's Cup (CDCC)	
Green Tree (Page or Maid)	Youth Award
Keystone of Caerthe (CKC)	
Order of Evan (SDR)	
Order of Excellence	
Pilgrim of Caaerthe	

Barony of al-Barran

Armigerous (bearing an Award of Arms)

Espada de Oro (CEO)	Fencing
Hammer of al-Barran (DHA)	Armored Fighting
Russian Thistle of al-Barran (CRT)	A&S
Scorpion of al-Barran (CSA)	Service
Scorpion's Sting (CSS)	Armored Fighting
Watch Fire (CWF)	Archery

Non-armigerous

Antares Kano (CAK)
 Desert Fawn (CDF) Youth Award.
 Heart of the Scorpion of al-Barran (CHSA)
 Scorpion's Favor (BSF)
 Scorpion's Spoon of al-Barran (CSS)
 Silver Dagger of al-Barran (CSD)

Barony of Dragonsspine

Armigerous (bearing an Award of Arms)

Dragon's Blood (CDB)	A&S
Dragon's Claw (CDCD)	Armored Fighting
Dragon's Fire (DDF)	Archery
Dragon's Grace (CDG)	Fencing
Scales of Dragonsspine (CSD)	Service

Non-armigerous

Baron's Chalice of Merit (BCM)
 Baroness' Degree of Elegance (BDE)
 Gentle Dragon (CGD)
 Guardians of the Golden Flame (GGF)
 Pride of Dragonsspine (CPD) Youth Award
 Treasured Jewels of Dragonsspine (CTJD)

Barony of Citadel of the Southern Pass

Armigerous (bearing an Award of Arms)

Arquites Australis (CAAC)	Archery
Astrum Australis (CAA)	Service
Calyx Honoris (CCH)	Chivalry & Honor
Ensis Honoris (CEH)	Fencing
Flos Australis (CFA)	A&S
Thermopylae (DOT)	Armored Fighting

Non-armigerous

Lux Australis (CLAC) Youth Award
 St. Stephan (OSS)

Barony of Unser Hafen

Armigerous (bearing an Award of Arms)

Builders of the Portcullis of Unser Hafen (CBP)	A&S
Golden Columbine of Unser Hafen (CGC)	Nobility of spirit and persona
Golden Ring of Unser Hafen (CGR)	Service
Guardians of the Portcullis of Unser Hafen (CGP)	Archery & Thrown Weapons
Keepers of the Portcullis of Unser Hafen (CKP)	Armored Fighting & Fencing
Riders of the Portcullis of Unser Hafen (CRP)	Equestrian

Non-armigerous

Corona Graminea (CCG)
 Iron Rivet of Unser Hafen (C.I.R.)
 L'ordre de la Rose d'Or (CRO)
 Minstrels of Unser Hafen (CMP)
 Noble's Gratitude of Unser Hafen (CNG)
 Prima Lux (CPL) Youth Award
 Salt Bearer (CSB)
 Skipping Stone of Unser Hafen (CSS) starting in UH, excelling other places
 Stonemason (CSM)
 Torch Bearer of Unser Hafen (CTB)

Barony of Caer Galen

Armigerous (bearing an Award of Arms)

Arch (BA)	Service
Golden Nightingale (CGN)	A&S
Saint Michael with the Harp (CBM)	Armored Fighting/Fencing/Archery/Equest.

Non-armigerous

Book and Harp of Caer Galen (SCG)	
Chalice of St. William the Cooper (BCW)	
Hedgehog (UCG)	Youth Award
Harp and Chalice of Caer Galen (CHC)	
L'Ordre du Cochon Alé (CA)	
Monkey (DM)	
Poignard Noir (BPN)	
Saint Cecily with the Cup (BPR)	
Saint Louis with the Staff (BC)	

Barony of Fontaine dans Sable

Armigerous (bearing an Award of Arms)

Guardian of the Oasis (OG)	All martial arts.
Keepers of the Waters (KW)	Service
Palma Aurea (OGP)	A&S

Non-armigerous

Baron's Thistle (BT)	
Daffodil Order (C.D.)	
Falling Waters (FW)	
Fleur and Fountain (F.F.)	
Golden Paw (GPF)	
Hour Glass (OHG)	
Hydra Order (HFS)	
Mermaid's Grace (MG)	
Silver Axe (CSA)	
Small Fountain (CSF)	Youth Award
Winged Pheon (OV)	

Barony of Aarquelle

Armigerous (bearing an Award of Arms)

Osorio's Heart (AOH)
Silver Blade (ASB)
Silver Fletching (ASF)
Star and Compass (ASC)
Sun and Mountain (ASM)
Sword Bearers (SBA)

Non-armigerous

Anvil (COA)	
Furison (FA)	
Mace (MA)	
Wolves (WA)	Youth Award

On award-giving in the Outlands,

by Mistress Matilda Seton

There is a lot for the Crown to keep track of when giving awards (ordering a scroll ahead of time, making sure the person is on site, having the appropriate regalia on hand, etc.), but it is the most joyous and refreshing duty of Their Majesties. There are lots of great ways for the Crown to bestow an award. Here are a few examples:

1. The recipient is called up, the Crown expounds about their great worth, then tells them what award they are giving, then the scroll is read.
2. The recipient is called up, the Crown says wonderful things without specifying award and then has the herald read the scroll.
3. The recipient is called up, the Crown says wonderful things, then the members of the order present is called up.
4. The present members of the order are called up, then the recipient is called up.
5. The recipient is called up, then the order sneaks up behind him/her.

Particular effort is taken to make the award special to each recipient, and heralds can provide special insight to the Crown to make it happen smoothly. There are many things to be considered, like being aware of time constraints, whether the area around the thrones can bear having all the members of an order crowd around, the candidate may be painfully shy, someone may desire their medallion or sash to be given to the new member, or a mentor or household might appreciate being close enough to hear. A good herald will serve to enhance the wonderful experience.

BITS OF TRIVIA AND HISTORY

This missive does such a exemplary job of explaining the history of the coronation ceremony I could not dream of creating something that approaches it. Therefore at the end of this missive I have added an addendum with some additional information.

Master Duncan Alastair MacRae

(This was written in the fall of A.S. XXXV.)

Unto all who come by these letters does Countess Aindrea MacCullaich, send greetings

In my enthusiasm for ceremony and relative youth in the College of Heraldry, and in an effort to increase the knowledge and appreciation of Outlands tradition, I have been inspired to write my observations and collected facts about Outlands Coronation Ceremonies. I hope that in reading this your time will not have been wasted.

I address first the subject of Royal Regalia and its historic places within the Coronation Ceremony, and perhaps some little bits of interesting trivia.

Thunderhead, the Great Axe: It is the oldest piece of regalia the Outlands has. It was made by Kirby Wise during Prince Gunwaldt's tenure, and carried by every Prince and King of the Outlands. In most Coronation Ceremonies, it is called the "Voice of Tradition and mighty in Lore." Kings are directed to "Honour this Axe as you Honour the counsel of those who are steeped in the traditions of the Outlands."

During the ceremony it is entrusted by the outgoing King to either a member of the Chivalry or the Warlord. When it is given to the new King, it represents the Chivalry when the three peerage orders are called.

Lightning, the Sword of State: Also made by Kirby Wise, with designs that match the original crowns, it is the symbol of the King's might and justice. The Outgoing King's Champion is often entrusted to give it to the rightful heir. The King's Champion has the privilege to bear the sword in court for the King. In the Champion's absence, the King often chooses a knight present to hold it.

Signet Rings: Made by Master Waltari (the Premier Laurel of the Outlands), the bag they are carried in was made by THL Etain of Durham, which is why there is a Drygestani blasted tree on one side. They traditionally are passed by the Pelican chosen by the outgoing Crown to give to the new Crown. Most times they are carried with the Great Seal. When they are handed off, the Crown has in the past been charged to "guard well the peace and foster unity throughout Your Realm," and "Protect rights and distribute justice and mercy equally throughout Your lands." In one ceremony (Johann III and Monika), they were referred to as "the symbol of (the Crown's) Marriage to the Realm."

The Great Seal: Made by Master Waltari and repaired by Master Tore. In some older ceremonies it has been entrusted to and passed by the Kingdom Seneschal. It is the symbol of justice, equality and the administration of the kingdom. The current Seal is the second one the Outlands has had. The original was given to Jarl Gunwaldt and Countess Aelflaed by King Cameron and Queen AnneAliz after the new one was completed.

The Sceptre: It is passed by the Laurel, representing the Arts and Sciences. In the past, Crowns have been directed to “foster the growth of courtesy and chivalry throughout all Your lands.”

I will write now of traditions and what is requisite for Outlands Coronations.

Kings Crown Kings. Since Gunwaldt was crowned the first Prince of the Outlands by King Deaton of Atenveldt, every Prince and King was crowned by his predecessor, except when we became a kingdom and King Brion of Atenveldt crowned Gunwaldt King. We have never been a usurper kingdom. There is an unbroken chain of rulers, each crowned by his predecessor, passing on strength and continuing the unity of the realm. The king acknowledges the legitimacy of the heir's claim to the throne by taking his oath, and crowning him with his own hand.

Fealty. As per Corpora, the only people required to swear fealty are landed Barons and Baronesses and Knights. Some think that it is not right for the Kingdom Seneschal to swear fealty, because their service is to the kingdom, above all other things. During the Coronation of Johann III and Monika, all peers of the realm were allowed, if they so chose, to reaffirm their oaths of peerage.

Service. Great Officers are required to swear Oaths of Service, which is not the same as Fealty. Lesser officers may also be called to swear, but it is not necessary as they are bound by their superior officer's oath.

Acknowledgment of predecessors. If the Crown's predecessors are not already Duke/Duchess, then the Crown must, per Corpora, acknowledge their attainment of the rank of Count/Countess or Duke/Duchess. Crowns don't make Royal Peers, they recognize them for successfully completing their reigns. A Countess also has the privilege of becoming a Lady of the Rose, which is an honor that predates SCA Countesses and Duchesses. This could be done as a separate ceremony.

Here are other things which are expected and familiar to the populace.

Fealty of the Laurels, Pelicans, Royal Peers and Populace. People of varying rank and wisdom desire to swear fealty. It is a courtesy to those good people and valuable to the Crown to hear those oaths and return pledges of service to them.

Passing of the White Scarf. The White Scarf that the Queen wears is considered a minor piece of regalia, and is sometimes forgotten when passing on regalia in the Coronation Ceremony. The Outgoing Queen chooses a White Scarf (sometimes the Premier present) to keep the scarf until the new Queen calls for it.

This is just a small part of our Outlandish heritage, and it is my wish that these brief words will inspire a desire for further knowledge.

In Service,

Aindrea

Addendum:

Passing of the Sharparrow Gloves. During the Reign of Jaxarticus and Katheryn II, THL Leofsige O Caoimh (known as Lyssa) created a pair of White gloves. One glove bore the insignia of the Archers of the Iron Rain, the second bore the insignia of the Companions of the Golden Pheon. The White Gloves the Queen wears is considered a minor piece of regalia, and is sometimes forgotten when passing on regalia in the Coronation Ceremony. The Outgoing Queen chooses an Archer of the Iron Rain (sometimes the Premier present) to keep the scarf until the new Queen calls for it.

Fealty of the Order of Defense. In AS 50 the society called into being the forth great order of peerage, the Order of Defense. At that time the Order of Defense was added to the Oaths of Fealty.

Prince or Princess Royale. During the Reign of Bela III and Anna there was called into being the honorary position of Prince or Princess Royale. This is an honorary position allowing the children of the Crown to wear a coronet and be addressed as Your Highness. This position carries no duties or precedence and is only in effect during that Crown's regin.

Ceremony for **ADMITTANCE TO THE CROWN LISTS**

Fighters and consorts shall be lined up in whatever order of precedence Their Majesties desire. It could be of the fighter's or the consort's, or of whichever person in the couple has the greater precedence.

Procession Herald: May it please Your Majesties to hear the oaths of those Noble, Peers, and Gentles who shall today contest upon this Royal Field?

King: It shall please Us.

Each couple shall be announced and the blazon of their arms (if they are passed) be read. The couples shall come forward, reverence, and stand off to the side of court, alternating left and right.

Herald: Their Majesties summon before them all entrants to come forward and support the Sword of State that their Sword Oaths may be secured.

All combatants come forward and kneel. His Majesty gets Lightning from the sword-bearer.

Herald: Now let all fighters who would contest upon the field of honor this day, repeat after me:

This day do I most solemnly swear,
Upon my honor
And Lightning, the Great Sword of State of the Outlands,
That I am eligible to participate in this Crown Tournament,
According to the laws of the Outlands;
That I am entering this Crown Tournament
With the intent to win;
That I will conduct myself in a chivalrous manner
And that I will fairly judge the blows that fall upon me,
And respect my opponents' judgment
Of the blows that they receive.
So say I, _____.

King: We have heard your oaths and accept you into Our Crown Tournament.
His Majesty may have additional words for the entrants.

Consort's Oath (optional)

Herald: Now let all those who stand with the day's combatants as their consorts, repeat after me:

This day do I most solemnly swear
Upon my Honor and by Lightning, the Great Sword of State of the Outlands,

That I am eligible to participate in this Crown Tournament,
According to the laws of the Outlands;
That I give my full support
To the one who bears my favor,
As I will stand ready to support them
Should they be victorious this day.
So say I, _____.

Queen: May chivalry and grace remember each of you this day.
Her Majesty may have additional words for the consorts.

His Majesty returns Lightning to the sword-bearer.

King: Go now, and prepare.

Ceremony for giving an
AWARD OF ARMS

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Their Majesties offer personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the recipient's worthiness of a noble title.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or text below:*

Unto all who come by these letters do We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, send Greetings. Whereas it has come to Our notice that through divers great efforts _____ has considerably enriched Our realm, it is thus Our pleasure to recognize these achievements with an Award of Arms. At this time We grant all rights and charge that the responsibilities of this rank continue to be met. We further charge [Lord/Lady _____] to consult with Ourselves and Our Heralds to determine suitable and unique Arms, that you might bear these Arms throughout the Known World as a sign of your great merit. Done by Our Hands on this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen.

Herald: For [Lord/Lady] _____, HIP, HIP..... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the **ARGENT FLEECE**

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the person's Persona Development.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

Within our Society, we strive for many things. Honor upon the field of combat, beauty and knowledge in our arts, excellence in our service. There are also those for whom cultivating themselves and their presence is its own art. A vision drawn in all aspects, mindful persona, studied comportment, styled appearance. Those for whom the ideal of stepping from a manuscript moves further to embodying a time and a culture.

It is with these things in mind that We, _____ and _____ mighty and beloved King and Queen of these Outlands, do call to all Sons and Daughters of the Stag to bear witness. This day We would turn Our consideration to _____, and We do name <him/her> as a Companion of the Argent Fleece for his/her dedication and extraordinary skill shown in his/her _____ persona.

We do set these things to ink and memory by Our Hand and Name, on the _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ in the common reckoning.

_____ King _____ Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the

ARGENT HART

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the person's contribution to the Arts and Sciences of the Kingdom.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

_____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, to all who come by these presents, Greetings. It is Our prerogative to recognize those persons whose constant excellence in the practice and teaching of the Arts and Sciences has enriched Our Realm. We do therefore take and admit _____ to the Order of the Argent Hart that all may know of the esteem in which We hold [him/her]. We further grant [him/her] the right to bear the insignia of the Order, to wit: Vert, a stag's head, erased and affronty, argent, collared and armed, within a bordure embattled Or. To which We set Our hand this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being ____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the

ARGENT ROSE

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the person's contribution to the youth service of the Kingdom.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

_____, and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, to all who come by these presents, Greetings. It is Our prerogative to recognize those gentles under the age of 15 years, who have demonstrated consistent excellence in service to their group or the kingdom. We do therefore take and admit _____ to the Order of the Argent Rose that all may know of the esteem in which We hold [him/her]. We further grant [him/her] the right to bear the insignia of the Order, to wit: *Vert, a rose argent barbed and seeded proper, within a bordure embattled Or.* To which We set Our hand this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for giving an
AUGMENTATION OF ARMS

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Their Majesties offer personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the recipient's great worth and exemplary acts.*

Herald: Reads the scroll or one of the texts below:

(Promissory)-----

We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, of Our special Grace and from Our certain knowledge of the nobility and worth of Our subject _____, and of [his/her] services long and faithfully rendered to Our realm {as _____}, do wish to reward [him/her].

We do therefore, grant unto [him/her] an Augmentation of Arms, the expression of which is to be determined by <TITLE> _____, after consultation with Ourselves and Our heralds as to the most suitable form.

Given under Our hands this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

(Final)-----

_____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, to all and singular who come by these presents, Greetings.

Inasmuch as We are well pleased with the long and steadfast service of Our subject _____ {as _____}, and that there be greater testimony of Our gratitude to [him/her] for excellent and honorable work well rendered,

We are minded to grant unto <TITLE> _____ and Augmentation of Arms which, having been approved by the College of Arms in accordance with Our desire, shall be displayed as follows: <COMPLETE BLAZON OF ARMS WITH THE AUGMENTATION>. And this shall stand as a symbol of Our high regard so that all shall know of [his/her] value.

Given under Our hands this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP.... (3 cheers)
Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the

AZURE MULLET

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the person's contribution to the youth arts of the Kingdom.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

_____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, to all who come by these presents, Greetings. It is Our prerogative to recognize those gentles under the age of 15 years, who have demonstrated consistent excellence in the arts. We do therefore take and admit _____ to the Order of the Azure Mullet that all may know of the esteem in which We hold [him/her]. We further grant [him/her] the right to bear the insignia of the Order, to wit: *Or, a mullet of 8 points azure, within a bordure embattled Vert.*

To which We set Our hand this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being ____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

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 _____!

Arise!

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

Queen: It would honor Us if you would join Us in Our court.

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.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the
BRENDON SWATKO AWARD

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the person's contribution to the youth combati in the Kingdom.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, do recognize the pursuit of excellence in the art of [yourt combat] [rapier combat] [archery] of our young subject, _____, and do before all of our court admit [him/her] as a bearer of the Brendon Swatko award.

We charge [him/her] to continue in the spirit of this Order.

By Our hands this ____ day of _____, A.S. _____, being _____ Gregorian

_____ King _____ Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for making someone a Bearer of the
CORDON ROYALE

Herald: Now let _____ come before His Royal Majesty.

King: *Says personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the person's Special Service to the King.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

_____, by right of arms, King of the Outlands, to all nobles and gentles unto whom these letters may come, Greetings.

Know ye that We perceive it to be becoming to Our Royal Majesty that We should exalt with singular honors those who show themselves constant in Our service, especially in those things which proceed from Our mere prerogative and liberal grace.

Hence it is that We name _____ as a Bearer of the Cordon Royale, as a sign of Our favor, and in appreciation for [his/her] dedicated labors throughout Our Reign.

Done by Our hand this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.
_____, King

King: *Presents the recipient with his cordon (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

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
and the great seal of state,
the symbols of Our justice and equity.
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.*]

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.

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.

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.

KING (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

KING (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

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.

Ceremony for creating a
COUNT *OR* COUNTESS

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Majesties.

Named person come forward and kneel. Any attendants kneel to one side. If it is to be a Countess, she should be accompanied by the lord with whom she reigned.

Herald: May it please Your Majesties, Your loyal subject _____, having served as [King/Queen] of this realm makes bold to come before you. [He/She] has ruled with grace and dignity, striving ever to be just and honorable in all of [his/her] deeds, and to all of [his/her] subjects. Through their efforts, they have earned the rank and title of [Count/Countess].

On this occasion [of Your Coronation], _____ 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/lady] and the justice of their claim.

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

Therefore do We proclaim you, _____,
[Count/Countess].

If it a Count being created, His Majesty places the coronet on his head.

If it is a Countess being created, His Majesty hands it to the Queen, who hands it to the lord who reigned with her, and then says:

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.

Lord: Thank you. It would be my honor.

Lord: 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 Excellency! Let the scroll be read!

Herald: *Reads the scroll 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/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.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the ORDER OF COURAGE

Herald: Now let _____ come before
Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words about the person's extraordinary
feats of valor on the fields of foreign wars.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

Fall silent all and hear these words cast over the battlefields and
din of War that you might hear the will of _____ and
_____ Mighty King and Queen of the Outlands.

Know that Outlandish warriors are precious to Us, giving this land
such glory of war and honor in combat. Today we see one that
shines bright, whose spirit on the battlefield is a beacon, even
among the multitudes that wage war under the banner of the Stag.
We therefore, right mindful of the dramatic deeds and skills of
_____, would style this noble warrior by Grant of
Arms, as a Companion of the Order of Courage for their
extraordinary acts of valor on the fields of a foreign war.

Done with Our respect (here on the fields of _____), on
this _____ day of _____ Anno Societatis _____, being
_____ by the Gregorian calendar.

_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *May present the recipient with a token of the order
(which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes
further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)
Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for making a
BARON[ESS] OF THE COURT

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Speaks personal words about the exemplary service of the recipient.*

King: It is because of this great service, that today We declare you to be a Baron[ess] of our Court.

If there is a coronet, it is handed to His Majesty who holds it above the recipient's head.

Queen: Today We return to you a portion of the great honor which your works have brought to Our kingdom.

His Majesty places the coronet upon the recipient's head.

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

(If a former Landed Baron[ess] :)

Unto all good people of the Known World _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands send Greetings.

Whereas _____ has served Us and Our beloved lands for many long years and has offered good and sage advice,

We do create [him/her] a Baron[ess] of Our Court and grant [His/Her] Honor Baron[ess] _____ the acclaim and praise of which [he/she] is so worthy. This day, We return unto [him/her] a portion of the great honor which [his/her] works have brought to [his/her] Barony of _____ and the Outlands.

(if a Grant is to be given, then add the following here:)

-----We do this day award [him/her], by Grant of Arms, sole right and title to the following Arms: <BLAZON>, that all might know of the high esteem in which We hold [him/her].

In witness whereof, We set Our hands this ____ day of _____, in the _____ year of the Society, being _____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

(for everyone else, use this:)

Pay heed to the words of _____, by Right of Arms King of the Outlands, and _____, by Grace and Courtesy Queen of the Outlands. Let it be known unto all that in consideration of the good and faithful services rendered to Our kingdom by Our subject, _____, it is Our intent to confer great honor upon [him/her] this day by creating [him/her] as a Baron[ess] of the Court of the Outlands, and in all other lands as well. We grant [His/Her] Excellency Baron[ess] _____ all rights and privileges pertaining thereunto, including the acclaim and praise of which [he/she] is so worthy.
(if a Grant is to be given, then add the following here:)

We do this day award [him/her], by Grant of Arms, sole right and title to the following Arms: <BLAZON>, that all might know of the high esteem in which We hold [him/her].

In witness whereof, We set Our hands this ____ day of _____, in the _____ year of the Society, being _____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen

Herald: For Baron[ess] _____, HIP, HIP.... (3 cheers)

His/Her Excellency leaves the Royal Presence.

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.

Ceremony for the
CREATION OF A CANTON
OR A COLLEGE WITHIN A BARONY

Herald: Now let all those subjects of the Crown resident in the lands of _____ come before Their Majesties that their petition might be heard.

The people of the [Canton/College] come forward and kneel, leaving and aisle.

King: Some months past, the good people of _____ came before Us and asked Us to elevate their station and confirm them as a [Canton/College] 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 Baron and Baroness of _____.

Herald: Their Majesties summon before them _____ and _____ (*full name and title*),
Baron and Baroness of _____.

Their Excellencies come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.

King: Your Excellencies, will you now stand as bond in fealty that this incipient [Canton/College] of _____ might receive Our recognition and protection as a [Canton/College] of your Barony?

Baron and Baroness: We will.

King: Call forth Our Seneschal, and the Seneschal of the Barony.

Herald: Now let _____, Seneschal of the Kingdom of the Outlands, and _____, the Seneschal of the Barony of _____, come before Their Majesties.

The Seneschals come forward.

King: *Speaking to the Kingdom Seneschal.*

My [Lord/Lady] Seneschal, We charged you to examine the petition of the people of the incipient [College/Canton] of _____, to determine if all is in order. Has this been done?

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

King: *Speaking to Baronial Seneschal.*

And will you, _____, Seneschal of Our fair Barony of _____, now affirm that the people of _____ have taken all steps necessary to become a [Canton/College] in this Barony?

Baronial Seneschal: They have, Your Majesty.

If there are to be Peerage Spokesmen:

Herald: Now let the representatives of the Peers of the Realm, come before Their Majesties.

King: Noble Peers, will you now attest to the worthiness of the people of _____ to become a [Canton/College] 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.

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 as a [Canton/College] of Your Realm.

King: Good subjects of _____, We have taken counsel of Our advisors, Our Baron and Baroness of _____, 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 faithful served Us, for the good of the realm, and in accordance with your standing as Our subjects, so are We resolved to grant your petition.

Good _____, Our faithful Seneschal, Now are We firm in resolve; Let the name of _____ be entered as a [Canton/College] in the Book of Our Realm.
So say We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands.

Seneschal: It shall be done, Your Majesty.

Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.

The Baron and Baroness rise, bow, and retire, followed by the Kingdom Seneschal, and then the populace of the new group. As they are leaving:

Herald: For the new [Canton/College] of _____, HIP, HIP,... (3 cheers).

Ceremony for the
CREATION OF A SHIRE
OR A COLLEGE NOT WITHIN A
BARONY

Herald: Now let all those subjects of the Crown resident in the Lands of _____ come before Their Majesties that their petition might be heard.

The people of the incipient [Shire/College] come forward and kneel, leaving an aisle.

King: Good subjects of _____, We have taken counsel of Our advisors, who declare that you are well gifted with artisans, active in welcoming strangers, and strong in your support of Our Crown. we are therefore minded to elevate you to the status of a Shire in Our Realm.

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 _____, 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 [Shire/College] 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 as a [Shire/College] 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, for the good of the realm, and in accordance with your standing as Our subjects, so are We resolved to grant your petition. Good _____, Our faithful Seneschal, Now are We firm in resolve, Let the name of _____ be entered as a [Shire/College] into the Book of Our Realm. So say We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands.

Seneschal: It shall be done, Your Majesty.

Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.

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

Herald: For the new [Shire/College] of _____, HIP,
HIP,.... (3 cheers).

Order of Defense Ceremony

The candidate and their entourage should assemble at the back of court.

Herald: Throughout history there have been men and women who excelled in the use of myriad weapons and skills of the art of Defense, the Sword and Buckler, Case, Longsword, Dagger, Staff, Bill, Halberd, Falchion and Pike.

They stood the trials of their guild, rising from novice to journeyman, aspiring to the vaunted rank of a Master or Mistress of Defense.

In the 50th year of the Society, there was created the Order of Defense to recognize such men and women of great skill and perseverance, 'well-tryed and sufficient with diverse weapons',

In the Kingdom of the Outlands, a Master or Maestra of Defense shall be one who has demonstrated skill in the use of the rapier and/or cut-and-thrust combat, and in the study of the Art and Science of Defense, who is generous with their talents and knowledge, and who has dedicated their skills and efforts to benefit the Society and the Outlands, as befits a Peer of the Realm.

Let now all members of the Order of Defense come forward so that they may bear witness to this ceremony.

Members of the Order come forward and kneel, leaving a wide aisle.

Herald: The Crown now calls _____ to come before this Court and Company.

Escorting Herald: (*Own words, or:*) Your Majesties, Now before you comes _____ <FULL AWARDS AND TITLES> who bears the arms, to wit: <BLAZON>.

(_____ *kneels before the Crown*)

King: _____ have you undertaken to accept admittance to the Most Distinguished Order of Defense that was offered to you at _____?

Candidate: I have.

King: This greatly pleases us.

Queen: Bring forth the Collar of the Order of Defense.

Throughout history, livery collars have been used to signify those belonging to great and noble Orders, so that members may remember always the vows that they have taken and that they may be recognized as members of their Order and seen to represent the high ideals to which they aspire . Thus, the Masters of Defense display their symbol on a white collar-symbolizing the purity of spirit with which they share their talents to all who would seek their guidance.

Let this collar pass from hand to hand among the members of the Order of Defense gathered here, to symbolize the bond you shall have with each of them,

Queen:

_____, (*Chivalry representative*),
_____, (*Laurel representative*),
_____, (*Pelican representative*),
_____, (*Defense representatives*)
_____, (*Royal Peer representative*)

as members of the Peerage, do you now affirm that _____ has grown in gentle virtue and chivalrous grace, the hallmarks of a true and faithful Peer?

<Peers respond>

King: Gentle Peers, we thank you for your wise counsel. Bring forth Lightning, the Great Sword of State.

(*Sword bearer hands Lightning to His Majesty, who holds it so Her Majesty and the Candidate can support it.*)

King: _____, you have been deemed fit for this high estate by your peers, and have indicated your willingness to accept this honor from Our Hands.

Do you now swear by all that you hold sacred, true, and holy that you will honor and defend the Crown and Kingdom of the Outlands?

Candidate: I will.

King: That you shall be true from this day forward to the last day of your life, loving truth, hating falsehood and not grudging or disdaining any master of this science, any peer of this realm, or any person of good will.

Candidate: I will.

King: If it happens that you come to any manner of prize, or game, or play at weapons touching the art of rapier, you shall without favor or hatred, speak and give true judgement of that which you shall see.

Candidate: I will.

Queen: That you shall be merciful, and if you happen to have the upper hand of your enemy, you will maintain your honor and respect your opponent's dignity by responding to the situation with the high ideals of chivalry, courtesy, and service to the Crown of the Outlands?

Candidate: I will.

King: That you will be courteous and honor your peers, of whatsoever order, as ye all are equal in your steadfast dedication to the Realm.

Candidate: I will.

King: Then having sworn these solemn oaths, know now that We, _____, by right of arms, King and Queen of the Outlands, do proclaim you to be a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Defense.

Queen: Let the collar be brought forward.
(*The collar is handed to Their Majesties.*)

We bestow upon you this collar of the Order of Defense. Let this betoken your mastery of the skills at diverse arms. You are now trusted to practice and teach the

arts of defense amongst all of our subjects as a Master of our Order of Defense in these Outlands.

King: Bring forth the Sword.

(The sword is brought forward and handed to Their Majesties)

Accept this sword, which shall represent your prowess at arms.

Queen: The badge of your Order is three rapiers in pall inverted, crossed at the tips, a symbol of brotherhood and community. Let this blade ever remind you of your duty to grow and nurture that community.

<OPTIONAL>

Peer: Your Majesties, at this time I would swear fealty to the Crown of the Outlands.

King: It shall please Us to accept your fealty.

Peer: *Speaks own words, or text below, prompted by the herald:*

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

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 accept your homage and fealty

and pledge to you that from this day forward
until the end of Our Reign
you are Our Liege man
that We will honor your order
and defend your rights as Peers,
and that We will protect the trust
that you have placed in Us,
mighty with justice, tempered with mercy.

King: Arrise Master/Maestra _____. Let the scroll be read!!!

Herald: Reads the scroll or text below:

We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the
Outlands, having heard good report of Our subject _____, it is our
intent to advance [him/her] in honour and admit [him/her] to the Order of Defense.
We do hereby elevate and affirm those Arms previously granted by the College of
Arms by these Letters Patent, to with: <BLAZON> which [Master/Mistress]
_____ shall hold for [his/her] sole and unique use throughout the
Known World as a sign of the high esteem in which [he/she] is held.
To which We set Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____,
being ____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen

King: Go now and greet your Peers.

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP,..... (3 cheers).

Order of Defense Ceremony

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Queen: That you shall be merciful, and whereas you happen to have the upper hand of your enemy, that is to say without weapon or under your feet or his back towards you, you shall not kill him, saving yourself harmless, without danger of death, except it be in the service of the Crown.

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to my Sovereign Lord and Lady,

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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:

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and pledge to you that from this day forward
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Arms by these Letters Patent, to with: <BLAZON> which [Master/Mistress]
_____ shall hold for [his/her] sole and unique use throughout the
Known World as a sign of the high esteem in which [he/she] is held.
To which We set Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____,
being ____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen

King: Go now and greet your Peers.

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP,..... (3 cheers).

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the

DOE AND MOUNTAIN

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the person's contribution to the arts of the Kingdom.*

Herald: Reads the scroll or the text below:

_____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, to all who come by these presents, Greetings. It is Our prerogative to recognize those persons whose consistent and continued skill and dedication to the Arts and Sciences in the Outlands for 15 years or more has enriched Our Realm. We do therefore take and admit _____ to the Order of the Doe and Mountain that all may know of the esteem in which We hold [him/her]. We further grant [him/her] the right to bear the insignia of the Order, to wit: "*Vert a doe statant atop a mountain argent within a bordure embattled Or.*"

To which We set Our hand this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being ____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

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.

Ceremony for creating a
DUKE *OR* DUCHESS

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Majesties.

Named person come forward and kneel, any attendants kneel to one side. If it is a Duchess, she should be accompanied by the lord with whom she reigned.

Herald: May it please Your Majesties, Your loyal subject _____, having served as [King/Queen] a second time makes bold to come before you. [He/She] has ruled with grace and dignity, striving ever to be just and honorable in all of [his/her] deeds, and to all of [his/her] subjects. Through [his/her] efforts, they have earned the rank and title of [Duke/Duchess].

On this occasion [of Your Coronation], _____ here stands 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/lady] and the justice of their claim. *His Majesty takes up the coronet, if there is one.*

Therefore do We proclaim you, _____, [Duke/Duchess].

If it is a Duke being created, the His Majesty places the coronet (if any) on his head.

If it is a Duchess being created, the His Majesty hands the coronet to the Queen, who hands it to the lord who reigned with her, and says:

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.

Lord: Thank you, it would be my honor.

Lord: 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 Grace! 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.
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on the field of honor] [through the valor of [his/her] champion], ruled twice
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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
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By Our hands this __ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being
_____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen

Herald: For [Duke/Duchess] _____, HIP, HIP... (3
cheers)

Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the

FALLEN SNOW

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the person's exemplary skill in the art of portraying an honored warrior's death upon the field.*

Herald: Reads the scroll or the text below:

We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, send greetings and pray you attend! To fight with honor and courage is not enough for some warriors. Whereas _____ has been recognized as one who has the ability to die well, it is Our pleasure to admit him/her into the Order of the Fallen Snow. Let all know there is no greater feat, than the ability to admit defeat, and in turn die to the best of one's ability. Our Kingdom shall always honor and remember the courage of _____ in the face of death. He/She shall not be forgotten.

By our hand this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ in the common reckoning of years.

_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for swearing the
OATH OF FEALTY -
LANDED BARONS AND BARONESES

Herald: Their Royal Majesties now summon before them the Barons and Baronesses of <BARONIES>.

(Their Excellencies come forward and kneel.)

King: Let Lightning, the Great Sword of State, be brought forward.
(The swordbearer hands Lightning to His Majesty, who holds it so Their Excellencies may support it.)

Barons and Baronesses: *(with prompting from the herald)*

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 Lightning,
and upon my honor.

So say I, _____, Baron[ess] of _____.

King: *Responds in his own words, or with the following:*

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 raises Lightning, then says:

You have held your baronies well, and thus it is Our pleasure to confirm you in your fiefs.

Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.

----OR----

King: It would honor Us if you would join Us at our Court.

Ceremony for swearing

OATH OF FEALTY - **ORDER OF DEFENSE**

***Call the groups up separately. ***

Herald: Their Royal Majesties now call all
[Members of the Order of the _____] [Royal Peers]
of the Kingdom of the Outlands who wish to take the oath of fealty to come
forward at this time.

*The Swordbearer hands Lighting to His Majesty, who holds it so the Order
support it.*

Peers: *(prompted by the herald)*

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

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: *Accepts the fealty in his own words or with the following:*

We accept your homage and fealty and pledge to you that from this day
forward until the end of Our Reign you are Our Liegemen [and women] to
whom We give our service faithfully.

Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.

Ceremony for swearing the
OATH OF FEALTY -
KNIGHTS

Herald: Their Royal Majesties now call all Knights of the Kingdom of the Outlands who have not yet done so, to come forward and take the oath of fealty.

The Swordbearer hands Lightning to His Majesty, who holds it so the knights can support it.

Knights: *(with prompting from the herald:)*

This day do I render
homage and fealty
to my Sovereign Lord and Lady,
_____ and _____
by Right of Arms,
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 belt and chain
and by my honor and by the high ideals
which I hold as a Knight of this Realm.
So say I, _____.

King: *Accepts the oaths of fealty in his own words, or with the following:*

We accept your homage and fealty
and pledge to you that from this day forward until the end of Our Reign
you are Our Liegemen [and women]
to whom We give our service faithfully.

Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.

Ceremony for swearing
OATH OF FEALTY -
LAURELS, PELICANS & ROYAL
PEERS

***Call the groups up separately. ***

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[Members of the Order of the _____] [Royal Peers]
of the Kingdom of the Outlands who wish to take the oath of fealty to come
forward at this time.

*The Swordbearer hands Lighting to His Majesty, who holds it so the peers
support it.*

Peers: *(prompted by the herald)*

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to my Sovereign Lord and Lady,
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So say I, _____

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forward until the end of Our Reign you are Our Liegemen [and women] to
whom We give our service faithfully.

Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.

Ceremony for swearing

OATH OF FEALTY - POPULACE

Herald: Their Royal Majesties now call all members of the populace of the Kingdom of the Outlands who wish to, and have not yet done so, to come forward and take the oath of fealty.

The Swordbearer hands Lightning to His Majesty, who holds it so the people can support it.

Oathtakers: *(prompted by the herald)*

This day do I render
homage and fealty
to my Sovereign Lord and Lady,
_____ and _____
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 upon my honor.
So say I, _____.

King: *Accepts their oaths of fealty in his own words or with the following:*

We accept your homage and fealty
and pledge to you
that We will protect and defend you
with all justice and honor.

Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.

His Majesty hands Lightning to the Swordbearer.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the

ORDER OF THE FLOWER

<OPTIONAL>

Herald: Their Royal Majesties command all Companions of the Order of the Flower to attend This Court and Company.

Flowers come forward, bow, and kneel, leaving an aisle.

Crown: *May speak personal words about a person's exceptional ability and teaching of the arts and sciences, without naming them.*

Herald: The Crown now calls _____ into Their Court.

Crown: *Speaks personal words to the recipient.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or text below:*

We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of these fair Outlands send greetings to all.

As the gardener labors so grows the flower, thus from great work cometh great beauty. So, the Arts of the Outlands grow only by the strong labor, fine skills and dedicated teaching of Our [craftsmen/craftswomen/artisans]. One such is our trusty _____.

It is meet and fitting We prefer and create [him/her] , by Grant of Arms a Companion of the Flower of the Outlands. [He/She] shall receive all honors, duties and privileges as are conveyed with such station. We further grant [him/her] the right to bear the badge of the Order, to wit: *Vert, two stags combatant argent sustaining between them a sexfoil, a bordure engrailed Or.*

In witness whereof have We set Our hands at <EVENT> in Our [Barony/Shire] of <NAME OF GROUP>, this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian. _____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

King: Go now, and greet your fellow companions!

Herald: For The Honorable [Lord/Lady] _____, HIP, HIP... (3
Cheers)

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the
GOLDEN PHEON

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words about the person's Archery Skill and Service.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or text below:*

To those who come by these letters:
know ye that We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of
this fair Kingdom of the Outlands, would fain honor _____ for
[his/her] superior skill in Archery. Thus We are minded to make [him/her] a
Companion of the Golden Pheon. We bestow upon [him/her] all rights and
responsibilities attendant upon this rank, including the right to bear the
badge of the Order, to wit: Vert, a pheon inverted environed of a stag's
attire, all within a bordure embattled Or.

Done by Our hands this ____ day of _____, A.S. _____, being ____ in
the common era.

_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while
the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for giving a
GRANT OF ARMS

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Speaks personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the continued dedication of the recipient to the Outlands.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

(If the recipient has no registered arms, use this:)

Unto all who come by these letters do We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, send Greetings.
Know all men by these presents that _____ has served Our kingdom most outstandingly, and does greatly deserve reward.
It is thus Our pleasure to recognize [him/her] with a Grant of Arms. We grant [him/her] the rights and charge [him/her] with the responsibilities of this rank.
We further charge _____ to consult with Ourselves and Our heralds to determine suitable and unique Arms, that [he/she] might bear these Arms throughout the Known World as a sign of [his/her] great merit.
In witness whereof, We set our sign on this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen

(If their arms are passed, use this:)

Unto all who come by these letters do We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, send Greetings.
Know all men by these presents that _____ has served Our kingdom most outstandingly, and does greatly deserve reward.
It is thus Our pleasure to recognize [him/her] with a Grant of Arms. We grant [him/her] the rights and charge [him/her] with the responsibilities of this rank.
The College of Arms having approved <BLAZON> for [his/her] sole and exclusive use, We grant the Honorable [Lord/Lady] _____ the right to bear these Arms throughout the lands of the Known World as a sign of [his/her] great merit.
In witness whereof, We set our sign on this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen

Herald: For the Honorable [Lord/Lady] _____, HIP,
HIP..... (3 cheers).

The recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for the
INVESTITURE OF THE CROWN PRINCE
AND PRINCESS

Herald: May it please Your Majesties to receive the victor of Your Crown Tournament before this Court and company?

King: It shall please us. Let him come forward and be recognized.

The Victor's Herald: Your Royal Majesties, I present to you,
_____ (*full name and awards*)
who bears by {Award/Grant/Patent} of Arms, and Grace of the Crown, (*blazon of arms*).

(*Their Majesties stand as the Victor stands before them*)

King: _____, you have today, by right of arms, measured your skill and honor against all who came against you, and you have been victorious. Are you now prepared to take on the responsibilities and duties that the winning of this victory entails?

The Victor: I am.

King: Then kneel. (*The Victor kneels and the King takes up the Coronet.*)

King: Look upon the Coronet of the Outlands, which symbolizes not only your victory on the field, but the faith and duty expected of the Crown Prince of the Outlands. Do you accept this Coronet with this knowledge?

The Victor: I do.

King: So be it. In accordance with the laws and customs of the Kingdom of the Outlands, We do recognize you as Our successor with all the duties and honors appertaining to the high rank of the Crown Prince of the Outlands; and that all may regard your victory here this day with respect, We invest you with the Princely Coronet of the Outlands. May you wear it with dignity and pride, and prove it to be a symbol of honor and valor throughout the kingdom.

(His Majesty places the Coronet on the Crown Prince's head)

Arise, _____, Crown Prince of the Outlands, and Dread Lord of Argonia!

Herald: LONG LIVE PRINCE _____! *(The populace responds.)*

(Crown Prince rises and turns to face the Queen)

Crown Prince: My most gracious Queen, this day did I battle on the field of honor for my lady, _____, who inspired me with her grace and courtesy to even greater feats of valor. Will it please Your Majesty to call her forward to share my honors this day?

Queen: Your Royal Highness, it pleases Us that you should give thought to courtesy and grace and wish to honor it in this hour. Call forth _____, who has inspired the feats of valor that We have seen upon the field this day.

Herald: It pleases Her Majesty to call _____ before this Court.

Consort's Herald: Your Royal Majesties, I present to you, _____, *(full name and awards)* who bears by {Award/Grant/Patent} of Arms and by grace of the Crown, *(blazon of arms)*.

Queen: _____, today, by right of arms and deeds of valor, your champion has secured his claim to the succession of the Outlands. Are you now prepared to take up the duties and responsibilities of the Coronet, inspiring your lord on the throne with the arts of gentle persuasion?

Consort: I am.

Queen: So be it. In accordance with the laws and customs of the Kingdom of the Outlands, We do recognize you as consort to Our successor, with all the duties and honors appertaining to the high rank of Crown Princess of the Outlands.

(speaking now to the Crown Prince)

Accept this Coronet, that you may invest your lady, as my lord invested me.

(Her Majesty hands the Crown Prince the Coronet; the Crown Princess kneels.)

Crown Prince: *(Uses own words to describe his lady's inspiration or says:)*

My lady, today you inspired me with your gentleness and beauty to win the right to succeed to the throne of the Outlands. Now I invite you to share that honor with me.

(His Royal Highness then says:)

I invest you with the Princely Coronet of the Outlands. May you wear it with dignity and pride, and prove it to be a symbol of gentleness and grace throughout the Kingdom.

(His Royal Highness places the Coronet on the Crown Princess's head.)

Arise, _____, Crown Princess of the Outlands.

Herald: LONG LIVE THE PRINCESS! *(The populace responds.)*

(The Crown Princess rises, and they both turn to face the populace.)

King: Please join Us in Our court.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the
ORDER OF THE IRON HART

<OPTIONAL>

Herald: Their Royal Majesties command all Theigns of the Iron Hart to attend This Court and Company.

Theigns come forward, bow, and kneel, leaving an aisle.

Crown: *May speak personal words about a person's exceptional and diverse fighting skill, without naming them.*

Herald: The Crown now calls _____ into Their Court.

Crown: *Speaks personal words to the recipient, before or after the scroll is read.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or text below:*

We, _____, by Right of Arms, King and _____, by Grace and Courtesy, Queen of these fair Outlands, send due Commendations and Greetings to all gentles and nobles.

Equity wills and reason ordains that [men/women] virtuous and of noble courage, by their merits and good renown, be rewarded and distinguished by certain ensigns and demonstrations of honor, nobles and courtesy. Thus others may, by their example endeavor to like feats of arms and works of virtue.

Wherefore We do publicly commend _____ and hereby elevate and create [him/her], by Grand of Arms, a Thegn of the Iron Hart for [his/her] skill at arms and courage in battle. We further grant [him/her] the right to bear the insignia of the order, to with: Vert, two stags combatant argent sustaining between them an axe argent hafted Or, a bordure engrailed Or.

Done by Our hand this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

King: Go now, and greet your fellow Theigns!

Herald: For The Honorable [Lord/Lady] _____, HIP, HIP... (3 Cheers)

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the

KNIGHT PENSIONER

Herald: Now let _____ come before
Their Royal Majesties.

(Awarded for having been a fighter for not less than 30 years.

Badge: none yet. Precedence - none.)

(The first line of mythical figures can be adapted to the persona of the person receiving the award.... for a celtic type one could throw in Finn MacCumhail, William Wallace, Brian Boru. For middle eastern one might use Saladin, Mohammed, Sulieman. Should the recipient be a lady, there are some feminine legends/heroes that could be used as well).

Arthur, Cuhulain, Saladin, Charlemagne, El Cid

Be it remembered the deeds of heroes and legends as you hear the words of _____ and _____, by right of arms, King and Queen of the Outlands.

Know ye that considering those ancient paladins who made fortunate their domains with renown, valor, ripeness of counsel and powerful action, are We bound to make satisfaction to those of Our Realm who have ascended beyond the endurance of mere mortal men.

As surely as the deeds of ancient heroes were written on the standing stones, as surely as those stones were worn into the sands of time, and as surely as that same sand oe'r ages is ground to dust, so surely shall the deeds of Our own beloved legends be written in our hearts. Therefore do We place in the lists of greatness Our beloved and trusty _____, and prefer and create him/her a

Companion of Our beloved Order of Knight Pensioners of the
Venerable Guard.

Our valiant _____, did show us that there is no strength without
gentility, no elegance without effort, no knowledge without
teaching, and no wealth without generosity. We charge him/her, as
he/she enters his/her silver-haired years, not to seek the sweet, soft
pleasures of the palace, but to continue to be the exemplar of those
warlike yet gentlemanly traits that have made him the living legend
he/she has become.

Done by Our hand this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____,
being _____ in the Common Era.

_____, King _____, Queen

Ceremony for creating a **KNIGHT**

The candidate and their entourage should assemble at the back of court.

Herald: In days gone by, there existed many orders of knighthood which recognized the skill and honor of their members. In the service of their King, and in the defense of the noble ideals of chivalry embodied in their Queen, did these orders achieve their exalted rank.

The Society created the Order of Chivalry, which consists equally of the Knights and Masters of Arms, to recognize outstanding martial achievement and the attainment of those qualities and abilities which are a mark of a Peer.

Members of the Order of Chivalry are mighty warriors, but they are also skilled in the arts, and have given of their time to the benefit of the common weal. As such, they have been recognized as Peers of the Realm.

Their Majesties now call before them the Companions of the Order of Chivalry of the Outlands here assembled.

As an option, the members of the order may be called forward by name, in order of precedence, but this must be arranged in advance.

Members of the Order come forward and kneel, leaving an aisle.

Herald: The Crown now calls _____ to come before this Court and Company.

Escorting Herald: Your Majesties, Now before you comes _____, <FULL AWARDS AND TITLES> who bears the arms, to wit: <BLAZON>

Their Majesties stand.

King: _____, have you undertaken to accept the accolade of Knighthood that was offered to you at _____?

Candidate: I have.

King: This greatly pleases us.

Bring forth the chain.

The new knight's chain is handed to His Majesty, who says:

This chain has passed from knight to knight throughout the ages in Our Kingdom.

Let it now pass from knight to knight once again.

His Majesty hands the chain to the nearest knight.

Queen: Sir/Master/Mistress _____ (Chivalry representative),

Master/Mistress _____, (Laurel representative),

Master/Mistress _____, (Pelican representative),

Master/Maestra _____, (Defense representative),

<OPTIONAL> _____, (Royal Peer representative),

as members of the Peerage, do you now affirm that _____ has grown in gentle virtue and chivalrous grace, the hallmarks of a true and faithful Peer?

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

May it please my Liege and Lady to know that having heard the counsel of my Peers, and from my own certain knowledge, I am able to affirm that

_____ is a chivalrous [gentleman/lady] whose achievements on the field of honor have been matched by [his/her] courtesy and concern for all of Your Majesties' subjects.

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

Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge I am able to affirm that

_____ has demonstrated [his/her] abilities in the arts and encouraged their practice in Your Majesties' Kingdom.

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

Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge I am able to affirm that

_____ has given freely of [his/her] time in support of many worthy projects in Your Majesties' Kingdom.

Defense Rep.: *Replies in their own fashion, or says:*

Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge I am able to affirm that _____ has given freely of [his/her] time in support of many worthy projects in Your Majesties' Kingdom.

<OPTIONAL>

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

Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge I am able to affirm that _____ is a dutiful and loyal subject to Your Majesties' Crown.

King: Gentle Peers, we thank you for your wise counsel.

Bring forth Lightning, the Great Sword of State.

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

(The Candidate can either state their oaths in full, or answer as scripted below:)

King: _____, you have been deemed fit for this high estate by your peers, and have indicated your willingness to accept this honor from Our hands. Do you now swear by all that you hold sacred, true, and holy that you will honor and defend the Crown and Kingdom of the Outlands?

Candidate: I will.

Queen: That you will honor, defend, and protect all ladies, and those weaker than yourself?

Candidate: I will.

King: That you will be courteous and honor your peers, of the Chivalry, and of the Laurel of the Pelican, and of the Defense?

Candidate: I will.

Queen: That you will conduct yourself in all matters as befits a Peer, drawing your sword only for just cause? That you will enshrine in your heart the noble ideals of Chivalry to the benefit of your own good name and the greater glory of the Outlands?

Candidate: I will. *Or some more elaborate response.*

His Majesty takes the sword and holds it out in front of him above the candidate.

(If neither the King nor Queen is a knight, then a knight must come forward and hold the sword while the dubbing is being done, with the King (and Queen) placing [his/her] hand(s) on the Knight's hands or shoulders.)

King: Then having sworn these solemn oaths, know now that We,
_____ and _____, by right of arms, King and
Queen of the Outlands, do dub you with Our sword, Lightning, and by all that you
hold sacred, true, and holy...
Once for Honor...
Twice for Duty...
Thrice for Chivalry...

Arise, Sir _____!

His Majesty hands Lightning back to the swordbearer.

The white belt is handed to Her Majesty.

Queen: Accept this white belt, symbolizing the purity of your honor, the sign of the
Order of Chivalry, and of your knightly rank and station.

Her Majesty ties the belt around the new knight's waist.

The chain is handed to His Majesty.

King: Accept from Our hands this chain, passed from knight to knight, for each
knight is a link in the honor of Our Kingdom. It symbolized your fealty to Crown
and Kingdom. Take this chain and swear.

*His Majesty holds the chain out to the new knight between his hands. The knight grasps the
chain with both hands and swears the Oath of Fealty.*

Knight: Speaks [his/her] own words or the following, with prompting from the
herald:

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

_____ and _____
by Right of Arms,
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 belt and chain
and by my honor
and by the high ideals
which I hold as a Knight of this Realm.
So say I, _____.

King: We accept your homage and fealty
and pledge to you that from this day forward
until the end of Our Reign
you are Our Liege [man/woman]
that We will honor your order
and defend your rights as a Peer,
and that We will protect the trust
that you have placed in Us,
mighty with justice, tempered with mercy.

His Majesty holds up the chain.

Accept this chain, which shall symbolize your duty and your bond as a Liegeman in fealty to the Crown of the Outlands. Never forget the burden of this chain.

His Majesty places the chain around the knight's neck.

If there is a sword being presented, use the following:

King: Accept this sword, which shall symbolize your prowess at arms. Remember well: that the sword of the Chivalry should be drawn only in defense of the realm, or of those weaker than yourself. Wear it with care. Wield it with mercy.

His Majesty presents the sword to the new Knight, belts it on, etc.

If there are spurs, then use the following:

King: Bring forth the spurs.

Spur-bearer (or King): In former times, knights rode forth to mete out justice in the name of the Crown. Accept these spurs which symbolize your devotion to the high ideals of Chivalry and Justice. Wear them honorably and proudly and may they never be hacked off in shame or degradation.

Spurs are affixed to the knight's heels.

King: Let this be the last blow you receive unanswered.

His Majesty delivers a mighty buffet.

King: Let the scroll be read!

Herald: *Reads the scroll or text below:*

To all nobles and gentles to whom these present letters shall come.

_____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands,
send greetings.

Whereas _____ has shown excellence in [his/her] feats on the field of honour, rendering high and noble service to the Crown and Kingdom in war and in peace,

We are minded to elevate [him/her] to the rank of Knight of the Society for Creative Anachronism. We do hereby elevate and affirm those Arms previously granted by the College of Arms by these Letters Patent, to wit: <BLAZON> which [Sir/Dame] _____ shall hold for [his/her] sole and unique use throughout the Known World.

To which We set Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

King: Go now, and greet your Peers!

Herald: For [Sir/Dame] _____, HIP, HIP.....(3 cheers).

Ceremony for creating a
LADY OF THE ROSE

Herald: Throughout History, roses have been used to symbolize many things. Above all the rose is beautiful, delicate, and withall a queenly flower, and for all of its apparent fragility, it is a flower to be respected.

Her Majesty now calls all Ladies of the Rose to come before this court.

The Ladies of the Rose come forward and kneel.

If the lady who is to be admitted is not already there (i.e. this isn't being done as part of her being made a Countess), then the herald should call her forth:

Herald: Now let Countess _____ come before Her Majesty.

Queen: My lady Countess, I bid you welcome
and greet you as a new Lady of the Rose,
in recognition of which
I present you with a token of the Order.
Her Majesty gives a token to the recipient.

Be now as you have been before,
A model of honour and grace
To the people of this realm.

Go now and greet your peers.

The new Lady of the Rose rises.

Herald: For Countess _____, Newest companion of the Order
of the Rose, HIP, HIP,....(3 cheers)

You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.

Ceremony for creating a Companion of the ORDER OF THE LAUREL

The candidate and their entourage should assemble at the back of court.

Herald: Since olden times, life was often made more gracious and history preserved, through the works of artists and craftsmen. Untold hours were spent in the creation of master works that would outlive them in beauty and service, for the love of the art alone.

In the second year of the Society the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Laurel was ordained and instituted; the fit mark of a Peer recognized for excellence in the arts and sciences.

A companion of the Order of the Laurel is an artisan, but also has knowledge of the martial sciences and the wellhead of chivalry from which they flow, and has given of time and works to the benefit of the Common Weal.

The Crown now calls before them the Companions of The Ancient and Honorable Order of the Laurel here present:

{OPTION 2}

Herald: Within the fellowship of the Society four orders of great merit have been created to honor those who have excelled in Arms and Chivalry, in Arts and Sciences, in Service to the Realm, and in Rapier and Courtly Comportment.

A companion of each of these four orders is one whose skills are freely manifested and willingly taught, whose efforts on behalf of others are unstinting and above all, who is an example of courtesy and grace.

The Order of Chivalry honors martial achievements in armor; the members of the Order are the swords of the King. The Order of the Pelican honors those of sustained and exemplary service to the Society. The Order of Defense honors those wielding the deadly rapier and with noble comportment.

In the second year of the Society, there was called into being the second great order of Peerage: The Ancient and Honorable Order of the Laurel; to recognize those artisans and craftsmen that spend untold hours creating master works that outlive them in beauty and service, for the love of the art alone.

It is the privilege of the Crown to elevate into companionship in this order such persons as it sees fit.

The Crown now calls before them the Companions of The Ancient and Honorable Order of the Laurel here present:

As an option, the members of the order may be called forward by name, in order of precedence, but this must be arranged in advance.

Members of the Order come forward and kneel, leaving an aisle.

Herald: The Crown now calls _____ to come before this Court and Company.

Escorting Herald: Your Majesties, Now before you comes _____, <FULL AWARDS AND TITLES> who bears the arms, to wit: <BLAZON>

Their Majesties stand.

{if wanted the candidate would surrender their apprentice belt here}

King: _____, have you undertaken to accept Companionship in the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Laurel that was offered to you at _____.

Candidate: I have.

King: This greatly pleases us.

Queen: Bring forth the medallion.
Medallion bearer hands it to Her Majesty and may explain the significance or history of it.

Let this Medallion pass from hand to hand among the members of the order gathered here, to symbolize the bond you shall have with each of them.

Her Majesty hands the medallion to the nearest Laurel.

Queen: Sir/Master/Mistress _____
(*Chivalry representative*),
Master/Mistress _____, (*Laurel representative*),
Master/Mistress _____, (*Pelican representative*),
Master/Maestra _____, (*Defense representative*),
<OPTIONAL> _____, (*Royal Peer representative*),

as members of the Peerage, do you now affirm that
_____ has grown in gentle virtue and chivalrous grace, the hallmarks of a true and faithful Peer?

Chivalry Rep.: *Replies in their own fashion, or says:*
Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge, I am able to affirm that _____ is a chivalrous [gentleman/lady]

knowledgeable in the arts and weapons of war, and an example of courtesy and gentility for all Your Majesties' subjects.

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

Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge I am able to affirm that _____ has shown great talent in the arts, particularly in the area(s) of _____ and _____, and has given of [his/her] time and skills in encouraging others in the practice of various arts and sciences in Your Majesties' realm.

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

Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge I am able to affirm that _____ has given freely of [his/her] time in support of many worthy projects in Your Majesties' Kingdom.

Defense Rep.: *Replies in their own fashion, or says:*

Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge I am able to affirm that _____ has given freely of [his/her] time in support of many worthy projects in Your Majesties' Kingdom.

<OPTIONAL>

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

Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge I am able to affirm that _____ is a dutiful and loyal subject to Your Majesties' Crown.

King: Gentle Peers, we thank you for your wise counsel.

Bring forth Lightning, the Great Sword of State.

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

The Candidate can either state their oaths in full, or answer as scripted below:)

King: _____, you have been deemed fit for this high estate by your peers, and have indicated your willingness to accept this honor from Our hands. Do you now swear by all that you hold sacred, true, and holy that you will honor and defend the Crown and Kingdom of the Outlands?

Candidate: I will.

King: That you will persevere in your pursuit of excellence in the arts and sciences, thereby bringing honor to yourself, your Order, and the Outlands?

Candidate: I will.

Queen: That you will share your skills with those who have an earnest desire to learn?

Candidate: I will.

King: That you will be courteous and honor your peers, of the Chivalry, and of the Laurel, of the Pelican, and of the Defense?

Candidate: I will.

Queen: That you will conduct yourself in all matters as befits a Peer, continuing to practice the virtues of chivalry, nobility, and personal integrity, to the benefit of your own good name and the greater glory of the Outlands?

Candidate: I will. *Or some more elaborate response.*

King: Then having sworn these solemn oaths, know now that We, _____ and _____, by right of

arms, King and Queen of the Outlands, do proclaim you to be a Companion of the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Laurel.
His Majesty hands Lightning back to the swordbearer.

Queen: Let the medallion be brought forward.

Medallion is handed to Her Majesty.

Take from Our hands this medallion, which bears the laurel wreath that is the symbol of your Order. Wear it always with great honor; wear it always with humility.

Her Majesty places the medallion around the new Laurel's neck.

—
<OPTIONAL>

If a laurel wreath is to be given, say the following:

King: Bring forth the wreath, this wreath represents the noble plant from which your Order takes its name. It was, in ancient times, the preeminent mark of excellence. Wear it then, in token of the merited opinion of your companions in the Ancient and Honorable Order of the Laurel.

His Majesty places the laurel wreath upon the new Laurel's head.

<OPTIONAL>

Laurel: Your Majesties, at this time I would swear fealty to the Crown of the Outlands.

King: It shall please Us to accept your fealty.

Hand me my sword.

Swordbearer hands Lightning to His Majesty.

Laurel: *Speaks own words, or text below, prompted by the herald:*

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

_____ and _____
by Right of Arms,
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 and the high ideals
which I hold as a Peer of this Realm.
So say I, _____.

King: We accept your homage and fealty
and pledge to you that from this day forward
until the end of Our Reign
you are Our Liege [man/woman]
that We will honor your order
and defend your rights as a Peer,
and that We will protect the trust
that you have placed in Us,
mighty with justice, tempered with mercy.

King: Arise [Master/Mistress] _____!
Let the scroll be read!

Herald: *Reads the scroll or text below:*

We, _____ and _____, King and
Queen of the Outlands, having heard good report of Our subject
_____ whose diverse and great talents as a
_____ have shone forth to the enrichment of the Common
Weal, it is our intent to advance [him/her] in honour and admit
[him/her] to the Order of the Laurel.

We do hereby elevate and affirm those Arms previously granted by the College of Arms by these Letters Patent, to with: <BLAZON> which [Master/Mistress] _____ shall hold for [his/her] sole and unique use throughout the Known World as a sign of the high esteem in which [he/she] is held.

To which We set Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____,
Queen _____

King: Go now and greet your Peers.

Herald: For [Master/Mistress]
_____, HIP, HIP,..... (3 cheers).

**Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the
LEGION OF GALLANTRY**

Herald: Now let _____ come before
Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words about the person's exemplary
courtesy.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

Let it be known to all that We, _____ and
_____, King and Queen of these fair Outlands send
greetings. Wherefore We, by Our own certain knowledge, are
mindful that _____ has long conducted himself in an
honourable and courteous fashion, and in all ways has borne
himself worthily, We are pleased to recognize him as a member of
the Legion of Gallantry. May [he/she] continue to conduct himself
as befits the members of this Order, whose courtesy shines forth as
a star in the heavens.

In witness whereof have We set Our hands this ____ day of _____,
A.S. _____, being _____ in the Common Era.
_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *May present the recipient with a token of the order
(which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes
further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for creating a
MASTER OF ARMS

The candidate and their entourage should assemble at the back of court.

Herald: In days gone by, there existed many orders of knighthood which recognized the skill and honor of their members. In the service of their King, and in the defense of the noble ideals of chivalry embodied in their Queen, did these orders achieve their exalted rank.

The Society created the Order of Chivalry, which consists equally of the Knights and Masters of Arms, to recognize outstanding martial achievement and the attainment of those qualities and abilities which are a mark of a Peer.

Members of the Order of Chivalry are mighty warriors, but they are also skilled in the arts, and have given of their time to the benefit of the common weal. As such, they have been recognized as Peers of the Realm.

Their Majesties now call before them the Companions of the Order of Chivalry of the Outlands here assembled.

As an option, the members of the order may be called forward by name, in order of precedence, but this must be arranged in advance.

Members of the Order come forward and kneel, leaving an aisle.

Herald: The Crown now calls _____ to come before this Court and Company.

Escorting Herald: Your Majesties, Now before you comes _____, <FULL AWARDS AND TITLES> who bears the arms, to wit: <BLAZON>

Their Majesties stand.

King: _____, have you undertaken to accept admittance to the Order of Chivalry that was offered to you at _____.

Candidate: I have.

King: This greatly pleases us.

Queen: Sir/Master/Mistress _____ (*Chivalry representative*),
Master/Mistress _____, (*Laurel representative*),
Master/Mistress _____, (*Pelican representative*),
Master/Maestra _____, (*Defense representative*),
<OPTIONAL> _____, (*Royal Peer representative*),
as members of the Peerage, do you now affirm that _____ has
grown in gentle virtue and chivalrous grace, the hallmarks of a true and faithful Peer?

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

May it please my Liege and Lady to know that having heard the counsel of my Peers,
and from my own certain knowledge, I am able to affirm that
_____ is a chivalrous [gentleman/lady] whose achievements on the
field of honor have been matched by [his/her] courtesy and concern for all of Your
Majesties' subjects.

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

Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge I am able to affirm that
_____ has demonstrated [his/her] abilities in the arts and
encouraged their practice in Your Majesties' Kingdom.

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

Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge I am able to affirm that
_____ has given freely of [his/her] time in support of many
worthy projects in Your Majesties' Kingdom.

Defense Rep.: *Replies in their own fashion, or says:*

Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge I am able to affirm that
_____ has given freely of [his/her] time in support of many
worthy projects in Your Majesties' Kingdom.

<OPTIONAL>

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

Your Majesties, of my own certain knowledge I am able to affirm that
_____ is a dutiful and loyal subject to Your Majesties' Crown.

King: Gentle Peers, we thank you for your wise counsel.

Bring forth Lightning, the Great Sword of State.

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

King: _____, you have been deemed fit for this high estate by your peers, and have indicated your willingness to accept this honor from Our hands. Do you now swear by all that you hold sacred, true, and holy that you will honor and defend the Crown and Kingdom of the Outlands?

Candidate: I will.

Queen: That you will honor, defend, and protect all ladies, and those weaker than yourself?

Candidate: I will.

King: That you will be courteous and honor your peers, of the Chivalry, and of the Laurel, of the Pelican, and of the Defense?

Candidate: I will.

Queen: That you will conduct yourself in all matters as befits a Peer, drawing your sword only for just cause? That you will enshrine in your heart the noble ideals of Chivalry to the benefit of your own good name and the greater glory of the Outlands?

Candidate: I will. *Or some more elaborate response.*

King: Then having sworn these solemn oaths, know now that We, _____ and _____, by right of arms, King and Queen of the Outlands, do proclaim you to be a Master of Arms.

His Majesty hands Lightning back to the swordbearer.

The white baldric is handed to Her Majesty.

Queen: Accept this white baldric, symbolizing the purity of your honor, the sign of the Order of Chivalry, and of your high rank and station.

Her Majesty places the baldric over the shoulder of the new Master.

If there is a sword being presented, use the following:

King: Accept this sword, which shall symbolize your prowess at arms. Remember well: that the sword of the Chivalry should be drawn only in defense of the realm, or of those weaker than yourself. Wear it with care. Wield it with mercy.

His Majesty presents the sword to the new Master, belts it on, etc.

If there are spurs, then use the following:

King: Bring forth the spurs.

Spur-bearer: In former times, chivalry rode forth to mete out justice in the name of the Crown. Accept these spurs which symbolize your devotion to the high ideals of Chivalry and Justice. Wear them honorably and proudly and may they never be hacked off in shame or degradation.

Spurs are affixed to the Master's heels.

<<*If the Master wishes to drink to the health of the Crown, it should be done here.*>>

King: Let the scroll be read!

Herald: *Reads the scroll or text below:*

To all nobles and gentles to whom these present letters shall come.

_____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, send greetings.

Whereas _____ has shown excellence in [his/her] feats on the field of honour, rendering high and noble service to the Crown and Kingdom in war and in peace,

We are minded to elevate [him/her] to the rank of [Master/Mistress] of Arms of the Society for Creative Anachronism. we do hereby elevate and affirm those Arms previously granted by the College of Arms by these Letters Patent, to wit:

<BLAZON> which [Master/Mistress] _____ shall hold for [his/her] sole and unique use throughout the Known World.

To which We set Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

King: Go now, and greet your Peers!

Herald: For [Master/Mistress] _____, HIP, HIP.....(3 cheers).

OATHS OF SERVICE FOR GREAT OFFICERS

Herald: *(don't name the ones that aren't here, or have already sworn this reign)*

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 Chirurgeon, _____

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.

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.

Ceremonies for offering
PEERAGE

Version One

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

King: _____, We are well pleased.....

Here the Crown make whatever remarks they feel are appropriate to the candidate, speaking of their qualities and why they are thought highly of.

They may wish to include in their remarks the fact that they are offering admittance to the order, or they may wish to wait and let the candidate figure it out when the herald reads these next lines:

Herald: Now let all know that _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands do this day offer to the noble _____, admission to the Order of _____, in recognition of [his/her] good works. They charge [him/her] to go forth and deeply consider this matter, and to deliver [his/her] answer when [he/she] is next called before Them.

The herald may or may not lead the populace in cheers for the candidate, at the discretion of the Crown.

Version Two

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

King: _____, We are well pleased....

Here the Crown make whatever remarks they feel are appropriate to the candidate, speaking of their qualities and why they are thought highly of.

Herald: Now let all members of the Order of _____, come before Their Majesties.

The members of that order come forward and fill in a semicircle behind the candidate.

(An alternative is to have the Order quietly get up and file in behind the candidate while the Crown is speaking. This takes coordinating with members of the Order before court.)

King: _____, having taken counsel of these, the members of Our Order of _____, We are minded to offer you admission to that Order, to be accomplished at [a future event to be agreed upon/ _____ (name of event)] Go now an consider this matter, that you may give Us your decision on that day.

The candidate rises and departs, accompanied by the members of the Order.

If the King's words were not loud enough to be heard by the court, the herald will read:

Herald: Now let all know that _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands have offered to the noble _____, admission to the Order of _____, to be accomplished at [a future event/ _____ (name of event)]. They have charged [him/her] and sent [him/her] forth in the company of the Order to consider this matter.

Version Three

Herald: Their Majesties summon before them all members of the Order of _____, here present.

The members of the Order present themselves and form a semicircle in front of the thrones, leaving an aisle.

King: Noble companions of _____, after consulting with yourselves, We are minded to offer admittance to your Order to one of Our subjects, a gentle whose great worthiness has been recognized by your eyes, as well as Our own.

Let the candidate be brought before Us.

Herald: _____, present yourself before Their Royal Majesties.

The candidate comes forward and kneels before the Crown.

King: _____, having been found deserving in Our sight, and in the sight of the Order, We are minded to offer you admission to Our Order of _____, to be done [at a future event to be agreed upon/ _____(name of event)]. We charge you to go forth and consider this matter, and bring us your decision on that day.

Speaking to the Order:

Bear _____ hence, and give [him/her] such counsel as [he/she] should require in considering this matter.

The order rises and escorts the candidate out of court.

If the King's words were not loud enough to be heard by the court, the herald will read:

Herald: Now let all know that _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands have offered to the noble _____, admission to the Order of _____, to be accomplished at [a future

event/ _____ (name of event)]. They have charged [him/her] and sent [him/her] forth in the company of the Order to consider this matter.

The herald may or may not lead the populace in cheers for the candidate, at the discretion of the Crown.

Ceremony for creating a Companion of the ORDER OF THE PELICAN

The candidate and their entourage should assemble at the back of court.

Herald: Within the fellowship of the Society four orders of great merit have been created to honor those who have excelled in Arms and Chivalry, in Arts and Letters, in Service to the Realm, and in Rapier and Courtly Comportment.

A companion of each of these four orders is one whose skills are freely manifested and willingly taught, whose efforts on behalf of others are unstinting and above all, who is an example of courtesy and grace.

The Order of Chivalry honors martial achievements in armor; the members of the Order are the swords of the King. The Order of the Laurel honors those skilled in Arts and Sciences who create works of service and beauty. The Order of Defense honors those wielding the deadly rapier and with noble comportment.

In the sixth year of the Society, there was called into being the third great order of Peerage: The Right Noble Order of the Pelican, to salute those who distinguish themselves in areas not otherwise recognized: by their sustained and exemplary service to the Society.

It is the privilege of the Crown to elevate into companionship in this order such persons as it sees fit.

Therefore, the Crown now calls into its presence the Companions of the Right Noble Order of the Pelican here present:

As an option, the members of the order may be called forward by name, in order of precedence, but this must be arranged in advance.

Members of the Order come forward and kneel, leaving an aisle.

Herald: The Crown now calls _____ to come before this Court and Company.

Escorting Herald: Your Majesties, Now before you comes _____, <FULL AWARDS AND TITLES> who bears the arms, to wit: <BLAZON>

Their Majesties stand.

King: _____, have you undertaken to accept Companionship in the Right Noble Order of the Pelican that was offered to you at _____.

Candidate: I have.

King: This greatly pleases us.

Queen: Bring forth the medallion.
Medallion bearer hands it to Her Majesty and may explain the significance or history of it.

Let this Medallion pass from hand to hand among the members of the order gathered here, to symbolize the bond you shall have with each of them.

Her Majesty hands the medallion to the nearest Pelican.

Queen: Sir/Master/Mistress _____ (Chivalry representative), Master/Mistress _____, (Laurel

representative), Master/Mistress _____, (*Pelican representative*),
Master/Mistress _____, (*MOD representative*),
<OPTIONAL> _____, (*Royal Peer representative*),
as members of the Peerage, do you now affirm that
_____ has grown in gentle virtue and
chivalrous grace, the hallmarks of a true and faithful Peer?

Chivalry Rep.: *Replies in their own fashion*

Laurel Rep.: *Replies in their own fashion*

Pelican Rep.: *Replies in their own fashion*

MOD Rep.: *Replies in their own fashion:*

<OPTIONAL>

Royal Peer Rep.: *Replies in their own fashion*

King: Gentle Peers, we thank you for your wise counsel.

Bring forth Lightning, the Great Sword of State.

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

(The Candidate can either state their oaths in full, or answer as scripted below:)

King: _____, you have been deemed fit for this high estate by your peers, and have indicated your willingness to accept this honor from Our hands. Do you now swear by all that you hold sacred, true, and holy that you will honor and defend the Crown and Kingdom of the Outlands?

Candidate: I will.

King: That you will persevere in your pursuit of excellence, thereby bringing honor to yourself, your Order, and the Outlands?

Candidate: I will.

Queen: That you will further your knowledge of the ways of service, and give aid to others in this endeavor?

Candidate: I will.

King: That you will be courteous and honor your peers, of the Chivalry, and of the Laurel, and of the Pelican?

Candidate: I will.

Queen: That you will conduct yourself in all matters as befits a Peer, continuing to practice the virtues of chivalry, nobility, and personal integrity, to the benefit of your own good name and the greater glory of the Outlands?

Candidate: I will. *Or some more elaborate response.*

King: Then having sworn these solemn oaths, know now that We, _____ and _____, by right of arms, King and Queen of the Outlands, do proclaim you to be a Companion of the Right Noble Order of the Pelican.
His Majesty hands Lightning back to the swordbearer.

Queen: Let the medallion be brought forward.

Medallion is handed to Her Majesty.

Take from Our hands this medallion, which bears the symbol of your Order: a Pelican in her piety. For this creature was believed, in ancient times, to nourish her young, if necessary, with blood from her own breast, and thus came to symbolize the good and true servant. Wear it always with great honor; wear it always with humility.

Her Majesty places the medallion around the new Pelican's neck.

<OPTIONAL>

Pelican: Your Majesties, at this time I would swear fealty to the Crown of the Outlands.

King: It shall please Us to accept your fealty.

[to Swordbearer] Bring forth Lightning.

Swordbearer hands Lightning to His Majesty.

Pelican: *Speaks own words, or text below, prompted by the herald:*

This day do I render

homage and fealty

to my Sovereign Lord and Lady,

_____ and _____

by Right of Arms,

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 and the high ideals

which I hold as a Peer of this Realm.

So say I, _____.

King: We accept your homage and fealty

and pledge to you that from this day forward

until the end of Our Reign

you are Our Liege [man/woman]

that We will honor your order

and defend your rights as a Peer,

and that We will protect the trust

that you have placed in Us,

mighty with justice, tempered with mercy.

(If there are other items such as a Mantle or Chapeau they would be presented here)

King: Arise [Master/Mistress] _____!
Let the scroll be read!

Herald: *Reads the scroll or text below:*

Unto all who come by these present letters, _____
and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands,
send Greetings.

Whereas, _____ has shown through
[his/her] long and steadfast service to Our realm that quality of
effort which is the mark of a peer, We are minded to advance
[him/her] in honour and admit [him/her] to the Order of the
Pelican. We do hereby elevate and affirm those Arms previously
granted by the College of Arms by these Letters Patent, to with:
<BLAZON> which [Master/Mistress] _____ shall
hold for [his/her] sole and unique use throughout the Known
World.

To which We set Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno
Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____,
Queen _____

King: Go now and greet your Peers.

Herald: For [Master/Mistress]
_____, HIP, HIP,..... (3 cheers).

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the
PROMISE OF THE OUTLANDS

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words about the child's general service and courteous bearing, before or after the scroll is read.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, do recognize the budding worth our Our young subject _____ and do before all of Our court admit [him/her] into the Order of the Promise of the Outlands that all may know of [his/her] great promise. We grant [him/her] the right to bear the symbol of this Order, to wit: Vert, a deer's head erased argent, budded, within a bordure embattled Or.

In witness whereof, We set our sign on this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, Being _____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for making someone a Bearer of the

QUEEN'S CYPHER

Herald: Now let _____ come before Her Royal Majesty.

Queen: *Says personal words about the person's Special Service to the Queen, before or after the scroll is read.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

_____, Queen of the Outlands, to all and singular sends Greetings and Due Commendations. Whereas, _____ has given me the courtesy of [his/her] special service during this reign, I am minded to make [him/her] a Bearer of the Queen's Cypher, that all may know of <TITLE> _____'s devotion to [his/her] Queen.

By my hand this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_____, Queen

Queen: *Presents the recipient with her cypher (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the
QUEEN'S GRACE

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Queen: *Says personal words about the person's Courtliness and Gentility, before or after reading the scroll.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

_____, Queen of the Outlands, to all and singular sends Greetings and Due Commendations. Whereas, _____ has carried [himself/herself] with grace and shown that courtesy which is the mark of a gentle [man/woman], I do this day admit [him/her] into the Order of the Queen's Grace that all may know of [his/her] excellence in the Courtly Graces.

By my hand this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_____, Queen

Queen: *Presents the recipient with a green and white lanyard (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the

RAGNAR'S HAMMER

Herald: Now let _____ come before
Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words (before or after the scroll is read)
about the person's exemplary service to Battlemoor.*

Herald: Reads the scroll or the text below:

Settled in the Outlands and having found much wordfame, in Stag
lands, nearer this realm and farther flung, Battlemoor thrives, great
Thing for those whose journey reaches the orphaned
mount. _____, Mighty Kyng, with _____, beloved Cwene at
his side, set his will to honor those of his people shining with
dedication and service to this, and have them be thought well of,
beyond setting hands and bodies to work this land, even turning
minds and hearts to serve an idea, to believe and to love, to grow
something with spirit and substance.

To this place of honor, shared for the vision that is Battlemoor, did
the Stag Crown demand _____ come. They did thank him/her in
many graceful and fair words for such toil and sacrifice as must be
made to raise up the glory of a realm. For such tribute and
nobility, He did name _____ as Companion to Ragnar's
Hammer, with thanks and love.

Set in word and stone, action and deed, upon the fields
of Battlemoor, this _____ day of _____, marked as
the _____ year of the society, being _____ in the common
reckoning.

_____ Kyng

_____ Cwene

Crown: Presents the recipient as they see fit (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

REAFFIRMATION OF PEERAGE OATHS

Herald: Let all Peers of this kingdom who wish to reaffirm their Oaths of Peerage, come forward at this time.

Peers come forward and kneel. Their Majesties hold Lightning so that the peers can support it.

Peers: *In response to prompting from the herald:*

This day do I swear to honor and defend
the Crown and Kingdom of the Outlands;
To continue my pursuit of excellence,
and to share my skills with others;
To honor my Peers,
and to conduct myself
as befits a Peer of this Realm.
This do I swear,
by my honor
and the high ideals which I hold as a Peer of this Realm.
So say I, _____.

King: *Accepts oaths with his own words, or the text below:*

We accept your oath and pledge to you
that we will treat your orders
with all justice and honor.

Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the
ORDER OF THE SHARPARROW

Herald: Their Royal Majesties command all Archers of the Iron Rain to attend This Court and Company.

Archers come forward, bow, and kneel, leaving an aisle.

Crown: *May speak personal words about a person's exceptional skill at archery, without naming them.*

Herald: The Crown now calls _____ into Their Court.

Crown: *Speaks personal words to the recipient, before or after the scroll is read.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or text below:*

Heralds shall proclaim unto all that We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands send Greetings.

Among the warriors of the Outlands are those whose exceptional skill with the bow can fill the sky with a deadly Rain of Iron. It is Our will that those of Our subjects who excel in the art of archery be recognized for their achievements and for their contribution to the glory and might of the Outlands.

Thus do we take and admit _____, by Grant of Arms, to the Order of Sharparrow, for [his/her] outstanding ability as an archer. [He/She] shall have all rights and privileges of this rank, and is hereby granted the right to bear the insignia of the order, to wit: Vert, on a pale argent endorsed Or a fire arrow sable fletched vert enflamed gules.

In witness whereof, We set Our hands this ____ day of _____, in the _____ year of the Society, being _____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen.

King: Go now, and greet your fellow companions!

Herald: For The Honorable [Lord/Lady] _____, HIP, HIP... (3 Cheers)

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the

SILVER LANCE

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the person's contribution to the Equestrian arts of the Kingdom.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

Heed now the words of _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands. Let the good tidings ring out, like the beating hooves of the fierce destriers upon the hardened earth, so all may know that through exceptional skill, knowledge and service to the equestrian arts, _____ has greatly enriched Our Realm. It is therefore Our pleasure to prefer and create him/her, by Grant of Arms, as a Companion of the Order of the Silver Lance. In recognition of this rank, We grant him/her the sole right and title to the following Arms, to wit: <BLAZON> to bear throughout the Known World as a sign of his/her great worth. By Our hand, this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_____King _____Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, Lancer of the Outlands. HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the
SILVER STIRRUP

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words about the person's skill and service to the Equestrian Arts, before or after the scroll is read.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

One and all shall know that We _____, King, and _____, Queen of the Outlands send Greetings. Recognizing the unique contributions of those who excel in the Equestrian Arts, We are therefore minded this day to prefer and create _____ as a Companion of the Silver Stirrup. From this day hence, [Lord/Lady] _____ shall be endowed with all rights and responsibilities of this rank, including the right to bear the badge of the Order, to wit: Vert, a stirrup argent within a bordure embattled Or.

In testimony whereof have we set Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ by the Gregorian calendar.
_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the
SILVER TYNE

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words about the person's Skill in Rapier Combat, before or after the scroll is read.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or text below:*

Let it be known unto all to whom these present letters shall come that We _____ and _____, King and Queen of the fair and glorious Outlands send greetings.

Having heard much good of Our servant _____ who has distinguished [himself/herself] by [his/her] great skill with the rapier and divers acts of courtesy, We are minded this day to create [him/her] as a Defender of the Silver Tyne as a sign of [his/her] great worth. [He/She] shall receive all honors and privileges as are conveyed by this rank, including the right to bear the badge of the order, to wit: Vert, a stag's attire palewise argent, a bordure embattled Or.

In testimony whereof We have set Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ in the common reckoning of years.
_____, King
_____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with the sash *** (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

The Crown may know that a current Silver Tyne desires to give their sash to the recipient, and may call them forward to do so.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the

STAG AND CHALICE

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words (before or after the scroll is read) about the person's contribution in the Service for 15 years or more to the Kingdom.*

Herald: Reads the scroll or the text below:

_____, and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, to all who come by these presents, Greetings. It is Our prerogative to recognize those persons who have demonstrated consistent and continued service and support to the Outlands and its people for 15 years or more. We do therefore take and admit _____ to the Order of the Stag and Chalice that all may know of the esteem in which We hold [him/her]. We further grant [him/her] the right to bear the insignia of the Order, to wit: *(Fieldless) A chalice conjoined to and environed of the attires of a stag's head cabossed argent attired gules.*

To which We set Our hand this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the
ORDER OF THE STAG

Herald: Their Royal Majesties command all Companions of the Order of the Stag to attend This Court and Company.

Stags come forward, bow, and kneel, leaving an aisle.

Crown: *May speak personal words about a person's exemplary service, without naming them.*

Herald: The Crown now calls _____ into Their Court.

Crown: *Speaks personal words to the recipient, before or after the scroll is read.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or text below:*

Proclaim to all gentles and nobles and let it be known by these present letters that We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of these mighty Outlands send due Commendations and Greetings. We hope not only to embellish, but to increase the dignity of the Outlands when We dispense titles of honor among noble, discreet and valiant persons. Wherefore We have directed the regard of Our consideration to _____, who has rendered to us and Our Kingdom not only useful but fruitful and honorable service.

Hence We do prefer and create [him/her], by Grant of Arms, a Companion of the Stag. We further grant [him/her] the right to bear the insignia of the order: Vert, two stags combatant sustaining between them a column argent, a bordure engrailed Or.

Done by Our hand this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis ____ being _____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

King: Go now, and greet your fellow companions!

Herald: For The Honorable [Lord/Lady] _____, HIP, HIP... (3 CHEERS)

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the
STAG'S BLOOD

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words about the person's Martial Ability, before or after the scroll is read.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or text below:*

_____ and _____, King and Queen of the lands of the Outlands, to all and singular send Greetings. Whereas, _____ has displayed great skill in [his/her] acts on the field of combat, it is Our will that [he/she] be admitted to the Order of the Stag's Blood that all may know of [his/her] great merit. We grant [him/her] the right to bear the insignia of the Order, to wit: Vert, in saltire a sword inverted proper and an axe argent, hafted Or, surmounted by a stag's head cabossed argent, armed, within a bordure embattled Or.

To which We set Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion and/or sash *** (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

The Crown may know that a current Stag's Blood desires to give their sash to the recipient, and may call them forward to do so.

Ceremony for
TRANSFERRING A KINGDOM OFFICE

Herald: Your Majesties, _____, Your Kingdom
_____ (*name of office*) has business before You.

Crown: Let [him/her] come before Us.
Person comes forward and kneels.

Outgoing Officer: Your Majesties, I have had the honor to serve as
_____ (*office*) to _____ Crowns of Your Kingdom:
_____ and _____,
_____ and _____,
(*etc.*)

But the time has come that I must lay aside the burdens of my office.

King: *Thanks the officer in His own words or with the following:*
We thank you for your time of service, and it is with deep regret that We accept
your resignation.

Queen: Who shall you present to this court as your successor in this office?

Outgoing Officer: May it please Your Majesties, I would present
_____ .

King: Call [him/her] forward.

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Majesties.
Incoming officer comes forward and kneels.

Outgoing Officer: Your Majesties, I present before you _____,
who I recommend to conduct the affairs of this office in Your Majesties' service.

King: _____, are you now fully resolved to accept the duties
and responsibilities of the office of _____ in Our Realm?

Incoming Officer: I am.

Queen: And will you now take the Oath of Service, as an officer of Our Kingdom?

Incoming Officer: I will.

King: Let Lightning be brought forward.

(Swordbearer hands Lightning to His Majesty, who holds it so the Incoming Officer can support it.)

Officer: *(with prompting from the herald)*

This day do I swear
to serve the Kingdom of the Outlands.
I pledge to do my duties by our laws,
and I will strive to render
faithful counsel to the Crown of the Outlands.
So say I, _____.

King: Accepts the oath in His own words, or with the following:

We accept your oath of service
and pledge to you
that We will protect and defend you
with all justice and honor.

Queen: Be ever mindful that you serve Our Kingdom best by serving the needs of
all her people.

King: Having heard your solemn oath,
We, _____ and _____,
King and Queen of the Outlands,
hereby name you, _____
as Our Kingdom _____. *(office)*
His Majesty returns Lightning to the swordbearer.

(Investing of regalia, if any, goes here).

King: Arise _____.

Optional reading of the warrant:

Herald: *Reads actual warrant or the text below.*

Be it known to all that by these presents that <MUNDANE
NAME> _____,
known in the Society for Creative Anachronism, Incorporated as <SCA NAME>
_____ is hereby appointed as <OFFICE>
_____ for the period of <TERM OF OFFICE>
_____ or until <DATE> _____.
This warrant shall become effective upon <DATE> _____ and
supersedes any existing or previous warrant for this office.
_____, King _____, Queen

Herald: For _____, the outgoing and _____
the incoming _____, HIP, HIP.... (3 cheers).

You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.

Ceremony for Transferring the
WHITE STAG PRINCIPAL HERALD
OFFICE

Herald: Your Majesties, _____, White Stag Principal Herald of your Kingdom has business before You.

King: Let him come before us.

White Stag comes forward and kneels.

White Stag: Your Majesties, I have had the honor to serve as White Stag Principal Herald to some of your predecessors: (*White Stag lists the Crowns he/she served*) But time has come that I must lay aside the burdens of my office.

King: (*Thanks White Stag with his own words or with the following:*) We thank you for your time of service, and it is with deep regret that We accept your resignation. Who shall you present to this court as your successor in this office?

White Stag: May it please Your Majesties, I would present _____.

King: Call him forward.

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Majesties.

NewHerald comes forward and kneels.

White Stag: Your Majesties, I present before you _____, who is prepared to conduct the affairs of this office in Your Majesties' service.

King: _____, are you now fully resolved to accept the duties and responsibilities of the position of White Stag Principal Herald in Our Realm?

New Herald: I am.

Queen: And will you now take the oath of service, as an officer of Our Kingdom?

New Herald: I will.

King: Let Lightning, the Great Sword of State of the Outlands, be brought forward.
(swordbearer hands the sword to His Majesty, New Herald supports it.)

(Herald prompts)

New Herald: This day do I swear
to serve the Kingdom of the Outlands.
I pledge to do my duties by our laws,
and will strive to render faithful counsel
to the Crown of the Outlands.
So say I, _____.

King: We accept your oath of service and pledge to you that We will protect and
defend you will all justice and honor.

Queen: Be ever mindful that you serve Our Kingdom best by serving the needs of
all her people.
(His Majesty returns the Lightning to the swordbearer.)

King: Having heard your solemn oath, We, _____ and
_____, King and Queen of the Outlands, hereby name you,
_____ as White Stag Principal Herald of the Outlands.

Queen: Let _____ be invested with the regalia of his new office.

(Old W.S. rises and removes the tabard of office and holds it above the head of New W.S.)

Old White Stag: The tabard is the armor of a herald, for it bears the arms of his
office, and of the Crown who he serves, and who shall stand surety for his estate.

Accept this tabard of green and gold emblazoned with a proud and solitary silver stag
that all may know that it is the Crown of the Outland that you serve.

(Tabard is placed on New W.S..)

(Old W.S. takes the White Stag's Mazer and pours a small amount of liquid onto New W.S.'s
head, then presents the Mazer to him, saying:)

Old White Stag: With this, ever drink to the health of the Crown, and pass it on,
as it has passed from
Keridwen of Montrose, unto

Erasimierz Waspanieski, unto
Saerlaith L'Estrangere, unto
Mark Lasie of Westminster, unto
Louis-Philippe Mitouard, unto
Fiachra ni Ciardhubhain, unto
Karl von Schattenburg, unto
Artan Mac Ailin, unto
Pendar the Bard, unto
Timothy O'Brien unto
Juan Balthazar Tegero unto
Tatian Pavlovna Sokolova unto
Sorcha MacLeod unto
Marie de Blois unto
Omar Mohammed Mirzazadeh unto
Fiachra ni Ciardhubhain unto
Randal Carrick unto
me, and from me unto you.

(New W.S. may need to wipe away the liquid running down his face, then stands.)

Old White Stag: The white rod of a herald is his especial symbol of authority, in times of War, his guarantee of safe passage. Bear it proudly upon the Crown's business in the certain knowledge of Their abiding trust.

(The rod is presented to New W.S.)

Old White Stag: The Seal of a Herald is used to make his mark, verifying his words as his own. Impress your signet next to your wise and truthful counsel.

(The seal is presented to New W.S.)

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(If desired by the Crown, the new officer's warrant may be read here. If no actual warrant is available, use the following text.)

Herald: Be it known to all by the presents that <new W.S.'s real name> _____, known in the Society for Creative Anachronism, Incorporated as _____ is hereby appointed as White Stag Principal Herald for the Kingdom of the Outlands until <date ending> _____ This warrant shall become effective upon <date beginning> _____ and supersedes any existing or previous warrant for this office.
_____ King, _____, Queen.

Herald: For _____ the Outgoing White Stag, and for
_____, the new White Stag Principal Herald of the Outlands,
HIP, HIP.... (*3 cheers*)

You have Their Majesties' leave to depart.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the

TREFOIL

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words about the person's contribution to their Shire, either in the area of Martial Arts, Service, or Arts and Sciences, before or after the scroll is read.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

Let the populace hearken to Our words that all may know that We, _____ and _____, being by right of arms King and Queen of this fair realm of the Outlands, do wish to honour Our subject _____ for [his/her] service to Our [Shire/College] of _____. This gentle [man/woman] has demonstrated

version for fighting:

extraordinary dedication to the fighting arts as well as skill at arms, and is held in high esteem by Us and by Our subjects in the Shire of _____.

version for service:

unfailing dedication in serving Our shire of _____, and thus is held in high esteem by Us and by Our subjects in [his/her] Shire.

version for arts:

extraordinary talent in the [fine art of _____/Arts and Sciences], and has freely contributed [his/her] efforts to [his/her] Shire.

At this time We are pleased to admit [him/her] to the Order of the Trefoil and charge [him/her] to conduct [himself/herself] in a manner befitting a member of this company. We grant [him/her] the right to bear the insignia of the Order, to wit: Vert, a trefoil slipped argent within a bordure embattled Or.

Done by Our hands this ____ day of _____, A.S. _____, being ____ in the common era.

_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the ORDER OF THE VANGUARD

Herald: Now let _____ come before
Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words about the person's exemplary
service in the support of foreign wars.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

Truly the armies of the Outlands are fierce and mighty. We know well that any foes of the Stag tremble when they hear the clatter of Our march towards them. Martial prowess, vast as it may be, is not all the Outlands brings to foreign wars, and it is meet and fitting that We should see these other facets recognized. It is thus that we _____ and _____ glorious upon the Stag Throne send warmest greetings to all.

In addition to battle and arts and revelry, We ask you each to consider the immense work that is done to create the great wars that we enjoy. Moreover there are those among our populace who travel untold distance to work and serve these foreign wars.

Companions of the Order of the Vanguard of the Outlands are these noble folk who have so distinguished themselves through extraordinary feats of service in support of these foreign wars. Today We turn our regard to _____ and do name him/her, by Grant of Arms as a Companion of this worthy order. We grant the right to bear the badge of the Order, to wit: Vert a sword inverted argent surmounted by a beehive within a bordure embattled Or.

Done this ____ day of _____ Anno Societatis _____ being
_____ in the common.

_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *May present the recipient with a token of the order (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)
Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the
VENERABLE GUARD

If available, the herald should have a full list of the recipient's titles and awards.

Herald: Now let _____ (*reads full titles and awards*) come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Says personal words about the person having been a Steadfast Fighter for at least 15 years, before or after the scroll is read.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below *** :*

We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands send greetings unto all to whom these present letters shall come. Know ye that whereas We are bound to make satisfaction to those who have spent all the years of their youth in Our services {and those of Our Royal Cousins in distant lands,} and much more are We bound to reward those who have obediently and liberally expended not only years but their very bodies, often bloody with wounds, in the wars of Our predecessors and in Our own, with no small sweat of labor, until their old age, according to their merits. We therefore, weighing with due consideration the assiduous probity of Our very dear and trusty _____, sufficiently proved until [his/her] old age in the wars aforesaid in body, not only sweating, but oftentimes read with the shedding of blood, do ordain, prefer and create _____ a Companion of the Venerable Guard, together with the style, title and honor due to the same. To which We set Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.
_____, King _____, Queen

Crown: *Presents the recipient with medallion (which could be done while the scroll is being read), and makes further comments, if any.*

Herald: For _____, HIP, HIP... (3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

****This scroll text was taken from Letters Patent creating John, Earl of Shrewsbury, and Earl of Waterford, in the reign of Henry VI, 1446.*

Ceremony for admitting someone to the Order of the
WALKER OF THE WAY

Herald: Now let _____ come before Their Royal Majesties.

Crown: *Their Majesties offer personal words about the person's demonstration of the highest ideals and values of the SCA, before or after the scroll is read.*

Herald: *Reads the scroll or the text below:*

_____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands, to all who come by these present letters send Greetings.
Know that _____ is a gentle [man/woman] whose virtues and chivalry shine forth in this realm.
We are therefore minded to name [him/her] a Walker of the Way of the Outlands.
We charge [him/her] to go, as [he/she] has gone before, and be as a palmer on the path before us to light our way. We further grant <TITLE> _____ the right to bear the insignia of this most noble order, to with: Argent, a palmer robed, hooded and bearing a staff sable, that all may know of Our high esteem.
By Our hands this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ in the common era.
_____, King _____, Queen

Herald: For _____, Walker of the Way, HIP, HIP....
(3 cheers)

Recipient leaves the Royal Presence.

Ceremony for making someone a
DEFENDER OF THE WHITE SCARF

Herald: Their Royal Majesties command that all Defenders of the White Scarf attend Them at this time.

White Scarves come forward, bow, and kneel, leaving an aisle.

Crown: *May speak personal words to the populace of the mighty deeds and great service of a rapier fighter, without naming them.*

Herald: The Crown now calls _____ into their court.

Crown: *Speaks personal words to the recipient.*

Herald: *Reads the Scroll or the text below:*

We, _____ and _____, King and Queen of the Outlands unto all to whom these present letter shall come, Greetings. Being mindful of the great skill with which [he/she] wields the rapier's flashing blade, and also of the exemplary courtesy shown, both on the field and off, by Our subject, _____, and willing that [his/her] person should be honored as required by [his/her] desserts and very valiant deeds, We do therefore this day prefer and create [him/her] as a Defender fo the Whit eScarf of the Outlands. From this day forth, [he/she] shall be styled [Don/Dona] in recognition of [his/her] achievements. We herby elevate and affirm the following Arms, by Grand of Arms: <BLAZON>, to be borne by [Don/Dona] _____ and none other as a sign of the esteem in which We hold [him/her]. We further grant [him/her] the right to bear the insignia of this rank, to wit: Sable, on a pale argent between two rapiers proper, a stag's antler vert. To which We set our hands this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian. _____, King _____, Queen

Queen: [Don/Dona] _____, I charge you now to be an exemplar of chivalry, courtesy and duty for all of our subjects.

Her Majesty pins the baby white scarf (or other scarf) on the shoulder of the recipient, or ties it to their upper arm.

Herald: For [Don/Dona] _____, HIP, HIP....(3 cheers).