

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:*

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as an example of those noble virtues embodied by the Queen of the Outlands.}

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\_\_\_\_\_, 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.