



# Dragon's Laire

# Ceremonial

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## Investiture of New Baron & Baroness

If the outgoing Baron and Baroness are not already in court the herald shall call them forth, and when they have arrived, he shall say:

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Lair have expressed to Their Majesties of An Tir their wish to be relieved of the duties and responsibilities of their office, and Their Majesties have looked with grace upon this request, and offer thanks for the service rendered to the Kingdom and Barony by their Excellencies. Therefore, let the officers of the Barony of Dragon's Lair present themselves before Their Majesties.

When they have arrived the Baron and Baroness shall release them of their vows of service:

**Baron or Baroness:** As we leave our position as Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Lair we wish to thank you for your good and faithful service to us and to the people of our Barony. We do here release you from your oaths of service, that you may be free to continue in service to our successors. We ask you to give them the same dedication and loyalty you have shown us until now.

Here the Baron and Baroness may give the officers tokens to commemorate their service.

When they have departed, the Champions of Dragon's Lair who have sworn fealty to the Baron and Baroness shall be called forward:

**Herald:** Let the Champions of Dragon's Lair who have sworn fealty to Their Excellencies \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Lair, come forward now.

And when they are all assembled, the Baron shall release them saying:

**Baron:** Most noble and worthy Champions of Dragon's Lair, you have served Us and the Barony of Dragon's Lair with honor and grace. I do hereby release you from your vows of fealty, and so that you may serve as Champions our successors. We ask that you stand beside them in war and in peace, as you have done for us.

Tokens of remembrance may be given; they then depart. Sergeants, yeomen, gallants, and lancers in fealty to the Baroness are called forward now:

**Herald:** Let all sergeants, yeomen, gallants, and lancers who have sworn fealty unto the Her Excellency \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Lair come forward now.

And when they are all assembled, the Baroness shall release them saying:

**Baroness:** You sergeants, yeomen, gallants, and lancers have served me well, and you are a credit to Our Barony of Dragon's Laire. I do here release you from your vows of fealty, and charge you to give the same dedication and loyalty in service to your new baroness that you have most graciously given unto me.

She may wish to give them tokens of remembrance here. And when this is done the shall depart. Courtiers in fealty to the Baron are called forward now:

**Herald:** Let all courtiers who have sworn fealty unto the His Excellency \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire come forward now.

And when them are all assembled, the Baron shall release them saying:

**Baron:** You courtiers have served me well, and you are a credit to Our Barony of Dragon's Laire. I do here release you from your vows of fealty, and charge you to give the same dedication and loyalty in service to your new baron that you have most graciously given unto me.

He may wish to give them tokens of remembrance here. And when this is done, they shall depart. The Baron and Baroness shall then kneel before Their Majesties.

**Baron or Baroness:** Your Majesties, we have been honored to serve Your Kingdom and the people of Dragon's Laire as Baron and Baroness, but it is now time for us to resign this service and render the Barony into Your care and keeping.

And here they shall give their coronets unto the King and Queen. And the King shall say:

**King:** We here grand your request for relief of your duties as Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

If Their Majesties wish to grant them the title of Baron and/or Baroness of the court, They may continue with:

**King or Queen:** However, it would please us to style you Baron and/or Baroness of Our Court.

**Herald:** Heard now the words of the Crown:

Take heed all people of the Knowne World, that We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, King and Queen of An Tir, do take unto Ourselves Our prerogative to honor those of Our subjects who have pleased us with the title and estate of Baron/Baroness. From henceforth let it be known that \_\_\_\_\_ does now hold the title Baron/Baroness of An Tir, with all the rights and privileges of this rank. Be Our hand and seal this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Anno Societatis \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ Gregorian. \_\_\_\_\_, King of An Tir. \_\_\_\_\_, Queen of An Tir.

And if there has been a Baronial Coronet prepared for the new Baron and/or Baroness, the King and Queen shall place it upon his/her head.

**King or Queen:** Wear this coronet, bearing the sign of the Kingdom of An Tir, as symbol of your estate as Baron/Baroness of this realm.

And the King and Queen will congratulate the new Baron and/or Baroness of the court, they shall be given leave to depart as the populace cheers. The herald shall then call up the incoming Baron and Baroness.

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Their Majesties invite your presence in Their court.

And when they have arrived.

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the people of Dragon's Laire have asked that you serve as Baron and Baroness, and Their Majesties do here invite your service to Their Barony and Kingdom. Will you accept from Their Majesties the title and responsibilities of this estate? And will you swear fealty to the Crown of An Tir for this Barony?

**Baron and Baroness:** We will.

**Herald:** Right mindful that you will be the representatives of the Crown of An Tir, do you understand that you will be the representatives of the Crown of An Tir for this Barony?

**Baron and Baroness:** We do.

The King and Queen shall rise, and taking the baronial coronets, hold them over the heads of the new baron and baroness and say:

**King:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, King of An Tir, do now name \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire, to stand in Our place in all matters ceremonial. Wear this coronet as symbol of your new estate and as reminder of the responsibility you now bear.

**Queen:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, Queen of An Tir, do now name \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Laire, to stand in Our place in all matters ceremonial. Wear this coronet as symbol of your new estate and as reminder of the responsibility you now bear.

And here they shall place the coronets upon the new Baron and Baroness. And the Champion shall bring forth the Sword of State. The Crown shall place Their hands under the Sword, and the Baron and Baroness above the Sword over the Crown's hands.

**Herald:** Do you now swear fealty unto \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, your undoubted King and Queen for the Barony of Dragon's Laire, that you will obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern this Realm, and uphold the Crown and Kingdom of An Tir, and, mindful that the harmony of your Barony and of the Kingdom springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously with those of every degree so long as Their Majesties remain sovereigns of An Tir?

**Baron and Baroness:** I so swear.

**King:** And We for Our part do swear unto this Baron and Baroness of An Tir, and to their Barony and their households, to protect and defend them with all Our power so long as We remain Sovereign of this Realm. So say I, \_\_\_\_\_, King of An Tir.

**Queen:** And so say I, \_\_\_\_\_, Queen of An Tir.

Here the new Baron and Baroness shall stand and face the populace, and the herald shall proclaim them saying:

**Herald:** People of An Tir! Henceforth let all know that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

#### OATHS OF SERVICE & FEALTY OF OFFICERS, SERGEANTRY, & CHAMPIONS

Call forth the Officers of Dragon's Laire:

**Herald:** Let the officers of the Barony of Dragon's Laire come before Their Excellencies.

And when all are assembled:

**Herald:** Officers of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, do you now swear an oath of service to Their Excellencies \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Baron an Baroness of Dragon's Lair, that you will faithfully discharge your offices, obeying Their Excellencies' lawful commands in all matters that concern this Barony, upholding the laws and customs of the Barony and the Kingdom of An Tir, and mindful that the harmony of the Barony springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously with those of every degree so long as Their Excellencies remain Coronets of Dragon's Lair?

**OFFICERS:** I so swear.

**Baron:** And We, for Our part, swear this to the officers of the Barony of Dragon's Lair, and to all who serve under them, and to their households, to protect and defend them with all of Our power, so long as We remain Coronets of Dragon's Lair. So say I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Lair.

**Baroness:** And so say I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Lair.

And once they have departed. The herald shall say:

**Herald:** Let all Champions of the Barony of Dragon's Lair come before Their Excellencies.

And once they have assembled:

**Herald:** Champions of Dragon's Lair, do you swear fealty to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Lair, that whenever They marshal the forces of the Barony, there shall you be to advise and defend Their Excellencies, Their Coronets, and this Barony?

**Champions:** I so swear.

**Baron:** We accept your homage and grant you the rights due a Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Lair, among these a place at Our Court, and the right to stand by Our side. So say I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Lair.

**Baroness:** And so say I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Lair.

And once they have departed, the herald shall call forward the Sergeantry of Dragon's Lair.

**Herald:** Let the Sergeantry of Dragon's Lair come before Their Excellencies.

And when they are all assembled:

**Herald:** Sergeants, yeomen, gallants, and lancers of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, do you swear fealty to \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Laire, that whenever she rallies her forces, there shall you be to defend and serve Her Excellency, Her Coronet, and this Barony?

**Serjeants, etc:** I so swear.

**Baroness:** I accept your homage and grant you the rights and responsibilities due a member of the Sergentry of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, among these a place at Our Court, and the right to stand by Our side. So say I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

**Herald:** Courtiers of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, do you swear fealty to \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire, that whenever he rallies his forces, there shall you be to advise and serve His Excellency, His Coronet, and this Barony?

**Courtiers:** I so swear.

**Baron:** I accept your homage and grant you the rights and responsibilities due a member of the Sergentry of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, among these a place at Our Court, and the right to stand by Our side. So say I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire.

## Transfer of Greater Offices

At the Baron's command the Herald will call for the attention of the people.

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_ (name), \_\_\_\_\_ (office), has business with Their Excellencies.

And the officer will come and kneel before Their Excellencies.

**Herald:** What is your business with Their Excellencies?

**Officer:** I have come to resign my office of \_\_\_\_\_. I here return unto Your Excellencies the symbols of my office, and command to Your consideration as my successor \_\_\_\_\_.

And the retiring officer will return the Baton of Office and other symbols of office which he/she may have received.

**Baron:** We thank you for your service to Us and to the people of Dragon's Laire.

And the retiring officer will be given leave to depart.

**Herald:** Let \_\_\_\_\_ (new officer) come before Their Excellencies.

And the new officer will come and kneel before Their Majesties.

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, Their Excellencies have chosen you to succeed to the office of \_\_\_\_\_. Are you prepared to undertake the tasks and responsibilities of that Great Office of State, to serve the Coronets and the people of Dragon's Laire, and to swear an oath of service to Their Excellencies?

**Officer:** I am.

**Herald:** Do you now swear an oath of service to Their Excellencies \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Baron an Baroness of Dragon's Laire, that you will faithfully discharge your offices, obeying Their Excellencies' lawful commands in all matters that concern this Barony, upholding the laws and customs of the Barony and the Kingdom of An Tir, and mindful that the harmony of the Barony springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously with those of every degree so long as Their Excellencies remain Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire?

**OFFICERS:** I so swear.

**Baron:** And We, for Our part, swear to this officer of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, and to all who serve under him/her, and to his/her household, to protect and defend them with all of Our power, so long as We remain Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire. So say I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire.

**Baroness:** And so say I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

**Baron:** Then take from Our hands these symbols of office, and bear them in good and faithful service to the Barony of Dragon's Laire.

And the Baron will given to him/her whatever symbols of office he chooses to the new officer.

**Baron:** Henceforth be \_\_\_\_\_(office) of the Barony of Dragon's Laire.

And the herald will exhort the cheers of the populace as the new officer departs to his/her place.

#### NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Check to see that the outgoing officer has brought his/her symbols of office.

Check to see that Their Excellencies will be appointing the recommended replacement..

# Baronial Champion Tournament Including the Honor of the Dragon's Fire

## Invocation of the Lists

The populace being assembled, at the Coronet's command, the Herald shall call the fighters forward.

**Herald:** Let all combatants who wish to compete for the title of Baronial Champion present themselves before Their Excellencie.

And as they come forward they shall be called by name, that all may know who the competitors are. And when they have assembled:

**Herald:** Today you enter the lists to vie for the honor of Baronial Champion of Dragon's Laire. The person who carries this title is sworn in fealty to the Coronets of Dragon's Laire, that whenever Their Excellencies marshal Their forces, there shall Their Champion be to battle at Their side, and to defend Their Excellencies, Their Coronets, and this Barony against all who would take up arms against Them.

This is a grave responsibility, not to be undertaken lightly, for even as they take their place in the Court and at Their Excellencies side, the Champion must know that by his deeds he shows forth the honor and chivalry of that court and this Barony to all the world.

So, understanding the position for which you battle, harken now to the words of your Baron.

If the Baron wishes to deliver a personal or inspirational message, He may do so at this time. Then the herald shall lead the combatants in the oath:

**Herald:** Do each of you now swear that should you be given victory this day you will fulfill the obligations of the Champion of Dragon's Laire, and that you will abide by the laws of this Barony and the Kingdom of An Tir, and that you will bear yourself now and in the future with the honor and chivalry, virtue and loyalty which must mark the Champion of Dragon's Laire?

**Fighters:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Make yourselves ready for the combat, which will begin at \_\_\_\_\_. Let the Baronial Marshal and the Baronial Constable meet now upon this field of honor.

The Baronial Marshal (with the senior marshal) and the Baronial Constable (with his/her deputies) shall approach from opposite sides of the field, and meeting the herald they shall bow to the Coronets, and face each other.

**Constable:** While there has been no combat in progress within this field, it has been our responsibility to maintain law and safety here. Now that combat is about to begin, I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baronial Constable of Dragon's Lair cede my jurisdiction over this field unto the Baronial Marshal and the Marshalate of Dragon's Lair.

**Marshal:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baronial Marshal of Dragon's Lair, accept authority over this field. Henceforth, let none but the chivalrous combatants and those with official business pertaining to the combat come within these precincts, until the combat is concluded.

Bowing to the Coronets, the constables shall withdraw.

**Herald:** Attend you now the Lists of the Champion's Tourney of the Barony of Dragon's Lair. Heralds to the fields! Marshals to the fields! Let the Lists begin!

The heraldic field heads shall proclaim the pairings for the first round, which shall commence immediately.

## THE INVESTITURE

### Return of the Regalia

After the last round, the populace will be called to witness the investiture of the Champion. At the Coronet's command, the herald shall call forth the outgoing Champion:

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, Champion of Dragon's Lair, come before Their Excellencies.

**Baron:** \_\_\_\_\_, you have nobly served Our Barony as Champion of Dragon's Lair. Now, in accord with the laws and customs of this Barony, We release you from your duties with Our deepest thanks for your loyal service.

**Champion:** Your Excellency, as I have completed my term as Champion, I return into Your keeping the Sword of State of Dragon's Lair along with this cloak of office and other tokens of the Champion of Dragon's Lair, that the new Champion might receive them from Your hand.

### The Dragon's Fire

Receiving the regalia, the Baron shall say:

**Baron:** We thank you for your service to Our Barony, and before all assembled here wish to honor you for it.

**Herald:** Know all people by these presents that \_\_\_\_\_, having served faithfully and chivalrously as Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, is hereby granted the Honor of the Dragon's Fire. In acknowledgement whereof We do set Our hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Anno Societatis, being \_\_\_\_\_ Gregorian. \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

The Baron shall present the Champion with the token of the Honor. As the former Champion leaves, the herald will exhort the cheers of the people, and after a decent interval, the herald shall call the incoming Champion forward.

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, you have gained victory this day. Come forward.

**Baron:** \_\_\_\_\_, by your valor and skill you have won the right to the title of Champion of Dragon's Laire. Will you take the Champion's Oath?

**Champion:** I will.

**Herald:** And do you swear to faithfully discharge your duties as Champion of Dragon's Laire, to abide by the laws of this barony and the Kingdom of An Tir, and to loyally serve the Coronets of Dragon's Laire so long as you remain Champion?

**Champion:** I so swear.

**Herald:** And do you swear fealty to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire, that whenever They marshal the forces of the Barony, there shall you be to defend Their Excellencies, Their Coronets, and Their Barony?

**Champion:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Then lay your sword before Them, that Their Excellencies might know that you are Their true Champion.

The Baron shall take up the sword, saying:

**Baron:** We accept your homage, and return to you your sword, and grant to you the rights due the true Champion of Dragon's Laire, among these a

place at Our court, and the right to fight by Our side. So say We,  
\_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire

The Baron shall place the Cloak around the Champion's shoulders, and giving him the gauntlets and other tokens, saying:

**Baron:** Wear this cloak and receive these tokens of your new estate.  
We give this Sword of Dragon's Laire into your safe-keeping, and charge you to deliver it to Us at such time as the Barony has need and We shall require it.

Take now you place in Our court as you have earned the right to do this day.

As the Champion takes his place, the herald will exhort the cheers of the people.

At this point the Baron may wish to call forth the other finalist and recognize his skill and valor (perhaps with tokens), but even if He doesn't, the herald will exhort the cheers of the people for the finalist.

#### NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Send copies of the ceremony to Their Excellencies and the Champion before the event. Remind the Coronets about the Charge to the fighters. Remind Them also about the token for the Dragon's Fire (and his consort). There is not standard token for this Honor, so the Coronets must arrange for one, in advance.

Find out if the Coronets will have tokens for the finalist (and his lady?)

Find out if the Coronets will read the formal charge to the fighters, or have the herald do this.

How long a break will there be (if any), between the invocation and the lists?

Be sure that the Coronets have a retainer to hold the regalia.

Remind the new Champion to wear his PERSONAL sword into court, NOT the Sword of State.

## **Baronial Protector Tournament Including the Honor of the Dragon's Fire**

### **INVOCATION**

The populace being assembled, at the Coronet's command the herald shall call forth the contestants:

**Herald:** Let all who would compete for the title of Protector of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, come now before Their Excellencies.

And as they come forward they shall be called by name, that all may know the competitors. And when they have assembled:

**Herald:** Today you enter the Lists to vie for the honor of Protector of the Barony of Dragon's Laire. The one who carries this title is sworn in fealty to the Coronets of Dragon's Laire, that when Their Excellencies marshal the forces of the Barony, there shall be the Protector at the fore, reflecting the skill of the kingdom's archers.

This is a grave responsibility, not to be undertaken lightly, for even as you take your place in Their Excellencies' court and at Their side, the Protector must know that by his deeds he shows forth the honor and valor of the court and this Barony to all the world.

So understanding the station to which you aspire, mark now the words of the Coronets.

### **THE CHARGE**

And here the Baron and/or Baroness may give a personal or inspirational message to the competitors. Then the herald shall say:

**Herald:** Do each of you now swear that should you be given victory, that you will fulfil the obligations of Protector of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, and that you will abide by the laws of this Barony and Kingdom, and that you will bear yourself, now and in the future, with the honor and skill, virtue and loyalty which must mark the Protector of Dragon's Laire?

**Competitors:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Then bear yourselves bravely in competition and strive with honor to the greater glory of the Coronets and Barony of Dragon's Laire. Let the Baronial Archer and the Baronial Constable meet now upon this field of honor.

The Baronial Archer and the Baronial Constable shall approach from opposite sides of the field, and meeting the herald, they shall bow to the Coronets, and face each other.

**Constable:** While there has been no combat in progress within this field, it has been our responsibility to maintain law and safety here. Now that combat is about to begin, I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baronial Constable of Dragon's Laire cede my jurisdiction over this field unto the Baronial Archer and the Marshalate of Dragon's Laire.

**Archer:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baronial Archer of Dragon's Laire, accept authority over this field. Henceforth, let none but the chivalrous combatants and those with official business pertaining to the combat come within these precincts, until the combat is concluded.

Bowing to the Coronets, the constables shall withdraw.

**Herald:** Let the archery begin.

When the competition has ended, and the court has begun the Protector ceremony shall begin.

## **RETURN OF THE REGALIA**

After the last round of competition, the populace will be called to witness the investiture of the Protector. At the Coronet's command, the herald shall call forth the current Protector:

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, Protector of Dragon's Laire, come before Their Excellencie.

**Baron or Baroness:** \_\_\_\_\_, you have nobly served Our Barony as Protector of Dragon's Laire. In accordance with the laws and customs of this Barony, We now release you from your duties with Our deepest thanks for your loyal service.

The current Protector shall say:

**Protector:** Your Excellencies, as I have completed my term as Protector, I return into Your keeping this quiver along with this cloak of office and other tokens of the Protector of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, that the new Protector might receive them from Your hand.

## **THE DRAGON'S FIRE**

Receiving the regalia, the Baron shall say:

**Baron:** We thank you for your service to Our Barony, and before all assembled here wish to honor you for it.

**Herald:** Know all people by these presents that \_\_\_\_\_, having served faithfully and chivalrously as Protector of the Barony of Dragon's Lair, is hereby granted the Honor of the Dragon's Fire. In acknowledgement whereof We do here set Our hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Anno Societatis \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ Gregorian.

\_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Lair. \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Lair.

The Baron shall present the Champion with the token of the Honor. The Baron and Baroness may here greet the current Protector, who will then leave, and the herald will exhort the cheers of the people. And then, the herald shall call forward the new Protector:

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, you have earned victory this day. Come forward.

The Protector kneeling, the Baron shall say:

**Baron:** \_\_\_\_\_, by your valor and skill you have won the right to the title Protector of the Barony of Dragon's Lair. Will you take the Protector's Oath?

**Protector:** I will.

**Herald:** Do you swear to faithfully discharge your duties as Protector of the Barony of Dragon's Lair, to abide by the laws of the barony and of the Realm, and to loyally serve the Coronets of Dragon's Lair so long as you remain Protector?

**Protector:** I so swear.

**Herald:** And do you swear fealty to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Lair, that whenever They marshal the forces of the Barony, there shall you be to advise and defend Their Excellencies, Their Coronets, and this Barony?

**Protector:** I so swear.

**Baron:** We accept your homage, and as a symbol of your station, We give you this quiver, and grant you the rights due the true Protector of the

Barony of Dragon's Laire, among these a place at Our Court, and the right to stand by Our side. So say We, \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire.

**Baroness:** And so say We, \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

The Baron shall place the Cloak around the Protector's shoulders, and giving him the other tokens, saying:

**Baron:** Wear this cloak and receive these tokens of your new estate. Take now your place in Our court, for today you have earned this right.

As the Protector takes their place, the Herald will exhort the cheers of the people.

At this point the Coronet may wish to call forth the other finalists and recognize their skill and knowledge (perhaps with tokens), but even if They don't, the herald will exhort the cheers of the people for the finalists

#### NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Send copies of the ceremony to Their Excellencies and the Champion before the event. Remind the Coronets about the Charge to the competitors.

Find out if the Coronets will have tokens for the finalist (and his consort.)

How long a break will there be (if any), between the invocation and the start of the competition?

Be sure that the Coronets have a retainer to hold the regalia.

# Baronial Rapier Champion Tournament, Including the Honor of the Dragon's Fire

## Invocation of the Lists

The populace being assembled, at the Coronet's command the herald shall call the fighters forward.

**Herald:** Let all combatants who wish to compete for the title of Rapier Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire present themselves before Their Excellencies.

And as they come forward they shall be called by name, that all may know who the competitors are. And when they have assembled:

**Herald:** today you enter the lists to vie for the honor of Rapier Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire. The person who carries this title is sworn in fealty to the Coronets of Dragon's Laire, that whenever Their Excellencies marshal Their forces, there shall Their Champion be to battle at Their side, and to defend Their Excellencies, Their Coronets, and Their Barony against all who would take up arms against Them.

This is a grave responsibility, not to be undertaken lightly, for even as he takes his place in Court and at Their Excellencies side, the Champion must know that by their deeds they show forth the honor and chivalry of that Court and this Barony to all the world.

So, understanding the position for which you battle, harken now the words of your Baroness.

If the Baroness wishes to deliver a personal or inspirational message, She may do so at this time, ending with the formal charge ( or have the herald do so for Her):

**Herald:** Do each of you now swear that should you be given victory this day you will fulfill the obligations of the Baronial Rapier Champion of Dragon's Laire, and that you will abide by the laws of this Barony and the Kingdom of An Tir, and that you will bear yourself now and in the future with the honor and chivalry, virtue and loyalty which must mark a Champion of Dragon's Laire?

**Fighters:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Then bear yourselves bravely in competition and strive with honor to the greater glory of the Coronets and Barony of Dragon's Laire. Let the

Baronial Rapier Marshal and the Baronial Constable meet now upon this field of honor.

The Baronial Rapier Marshal and the Baronial Constable shall approach from opposite sides of the field, and meeting the herald, they shall bow to the Coronets, and face each other.

**Constable:** While there has been no combat in progress within this field, it has been our responsibility to maintain law and safety here. Now that combat is about to begin, I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baronial Constable of Dragon's Laire cede my jurisdiction over this field unto the Baronial Rapier Marshal and the Marshalate of Dragon's Laire.

**Archer:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baronial Rapier Marshal of Dragon's Laire, accept authority over this field. Henceforth, let none but the chivalrous combatants and those with official business pertaining to the combat come within these precincts, until the combat is concluded.

Bowing to the Coronets, the constables shall withdraw.

**Herald:** Let the Lists begin!

When the competition has ended, and the court has begun the Rapier Champion Ceremony shall begin.

## **RETURN OF THE REGALIA**

After the last round of competition, the populace will be called to witness the investiture of the Rapier Champion. At the Coronet's command, the herald shall call forth the outgoing Champion:

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, Rapier Champion of Dragon's Laire, come before Their Excellencies.

**Baroness:** \_\_\_\_\_, you have nobly served Our Barony as Rapier Champion of Dragon's Laire. In accordance with the laws and customs of this Barony, We now release you from your duties with Our deepest thanks for your loyal service.

The outgoing Champion shall say:

**Champion:** Your Excellencies, as I have completed my term as Rapier Champion, I return into Your keeping this rapier along with this cloak of office and other tokens of the Rapier Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, that the new Champion might receive them from Your hand.

## **THE DRAGON'S FIRE**

Receiving the regalia, the Baroness shall say:

**Baroness:** We thank you for your service to Our Barony, and before all assembled here wish to honor you for it.

**Herald:** Know all people by these presents that \_\_\_\_\_, having served faithfully and chivalrously as Rapier Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Lair, is hereby granted the Honor of the Dragon's Fire. In acknowledgement whereof We do here set Our hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Anno Societatis \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ Gregorian.

\_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Lair. \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Lair.

The Baroness shall present the Champion with the token of the Honor. The Baron and Baroness may here greet the outgoing Champion, who will then leave, and the herald will exhort the cheers of the people. And then, the herald shall call forward the incoming Champion:

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, you have earned victory this day. Come forward.

The Champion kneeling, the Baroness shall say:

**Baroness:** \_\_\_\_\_, by your valor and skill you have won the right to the title Rapier Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Lair. Will you take the Champion's Oath?

**Champion:** I will.

**Herald:** Do you swear to faithfully discharge your duties as Rapier Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Lair, to abide by the laws of the barony and of the Realm, and to loyally serve the Coronets of Dragon's Lair so long as you remain Champion?

**Champion:** I so swear.

**Herald:** And do you swear fealty to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Lair, that whenever They marshal the forces of the Barony, there shall you be to advise and defend Their Excellencies, Their Coronets, and this Barony?

**Champion:** I so swear.

**Baron:** We accept your homage, and as a symbol of your station, We give you this rapier, and grant you the rights due the true Rapier Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, among these a place at Our Court, and the right to stand by Our side. So say We, \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

**Baron:** And so say We, \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire.

The Baroness shall place the Cloak around the Rapier Champion's shoulders, and giving them the other tokens, saying:

**Baroness:** Wear this cloak and receive these tokens of your new estate. Take now your place in Our court, for today you have earned this right.

As the Rapier Champion takes their place, the Herald will exhort the cheers of the people.

At this point the Coronet may wish to call forth the other finalists and recognize their skill and knowledge (perhaps with tokens), but even if They don't, the herald will exhort the cheers of the people for the finalists

#### NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Send copies of the ceremony to Their Excellencies and the Champion before the event. Remind the Coronets about the Charge to the competitors.

Find out if the Coronets will have tokens for the finalist (and his consort.)

How long a break will there be (if any), between the invocation and the start of the competition?

Be sure that the Coronets have a retainer to hold the regalia.

# Baronial Equestrian Champion Tournament, Including the Honor of the Dragon's Fire

## Invocation of the Lists

The populace being assembled, at the Coronet's command the herald shall call the combatants forward.

**Herald:** Let all combatants who wish to compete for the title of Equestrian Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire present themselves before Their Excellencies.

And as they come forward they shall be called by name, that all may know who the competitors are. And when they have assembled:

**Herald:** today you enter the lists to vie for the honor of Equestrian Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire. The person who carries this title is sworn in fealty to the Coronets of Dragon's Laire, that whenever Their Excellencies marshal Their forces, there shall Their Champion be to battle at Their side, and to defend Their Excellencies, Their Coronets, and Their Barony against all who would take up arms against Them.

This is a grave responsibility, not to be undertaken lightly, for even as he takes his place in Court and at Their Excellencies side, the Champion must know that by their deeds they show forth the honor and chivalry of that Court and this Barony to all the world.

So, understanding the position for which you battle, harken now the words of your Baron/ess.

If the Baron/ess wishes to deliver a personal or inspirational message, They may do so at this time, ending with the formal charge ( or have the herald do so for Them):

**Herald:** Do each of you now swear that should you be given victory this day you will fulfill the obligations of the Baronial Equestrian Champion of Dragon's Laire, and that you will abide by the laws of this Barony and the Kingdom of An Tir, and that you will bear yourself now and in the future with the honor and chivalry, virtue and loyalty which must mark a Champion of Dragon's Laire?

**Combatants:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Then bear yourselves bravely in competition and strive with honor to the greater glory of the Coronets and Barony of Dragon's Laire. Let the

Equestrian Marshal and the Baronial Constable meet now upon this field of honor.

The Equestrian Marshal and the Baronial Constable shall approach from opposite sides of the field, and meeting the herald, they shall bow to the Coronets, and face each other.

**Constable:** While there has been no combat in progress within this field, it has been our responsibility to maintain law and safety here. Now that combat is about to begin, I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baronial Constable of Dragon's Laire cede my jurisdiction over this field unto the Equestrian Marshal and the Marshalate of Dragon's Laire.

**Equestrian:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, Equestrian, accept authority over this field. Henceforth, let none but the chivalrous combatants and those with official business pertaining to the combat come within these precincts, until the combat is concluded.

Bowing to the Coronets, the constables shall withdraw.

**Herald:** Let the Lists begin!

When the competition has ended, and the court has begun the Equestrian Champion Ceremony shall begin.

## **RETURN OF THE REGALIA**

After the last round of competition, the populace will be called to witness the investiture of the Equestrian Champion. At the Coronet's command, the herald shall call forth the outgoing Champion:

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, Equestrian Champion of Dragon's Laire, come before Their Excellencies.

**Baron/ess:** \_\_\_\_\_, you have nobly served Our Barony as Equestrian Champion of Dragon's Laire. In accordance with the laws and customs of this Barony, We now release you from your duties with Our deepest thanks for your loyal service.

The outgoing Champion shall say:

**Champion:** Your Excellencies, as I have completed my term as Equestrian Champion, I return into Your keeping this this cloak of office and other tokens of the Equestrian Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, that the new Champion might receive them from Your hand.

## THE DRAGON'S FIRE

Receiving the regalia, the Baron/ess shall say:

**Baron/ess:** We thank you for your service to Our Barony, and before all assembled here wish to honor you for it.

**Herald:** Know all people by these presents that \_\_\_\_\_, having served faithfully and chivalrously as Equestrian Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, is hereby granted the Honor of the Dragon's Fire. In acknowledgement whereof We do here set Our hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Anno Societatis \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ Gregorian.

\_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire. \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

The Baroness shall present the Champion with the token of the Honor. The Baron and Baroness may here greet the outgoing Champion, who will then leave, and the herald will exhort the cheers of the people. And then, the herald shall call forward the incoming Champion:

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, you have earned victory this day. Come forward.

The Champion kneeling, the Baron/ess shall say:

**Baron/ess:** \_\_\_\_\_, by your valor and skill you have won the right to the title Equestrian Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire. Will you take the Champion's Oath?

**Champion:** I will.

**Herald:** Do you swear to faithfully discharge your duties as Equestrian Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, to abide by the laws of the barony and of the Kingdom of An Tir, and to loyally serve the Coronets of Dragon's Laire so long as you remain Champion?

**Champion:** I so swear.

**Herald:** And do you swear fealty to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire, that whenever They marshal the forces of the Barony, there shall you be to advise and defend Their Excellencies, Their Coronets, and this Barony?

**Champion:** I so swear.

**Baron/ess:** We accept your homage, and as a symbol of your station, We give you this cloak, and grant you the rights due the true Equestrian Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Lair, among these a place at Our Court, and the right to stand by Our side. So say We, \_\_\_\_\_, Baron/ess of Dragon's Lair.

**Baron/ess:** And so say We, \_\_\_\_\_, Baron/ess of Dragon's Lair.

The Baron/ess shall place the Cloak around the Equestrian Champion's shoulders, and giving them the other tokens, saying:

**Baron/ess:** Wear this cloak and receive these tokens of your new estate. Take now your place in Our court, for today you have earned this right.

As the Equestrian Champion takes their place, the Herald will exhort the cheers of the people.

At this point the Coronet may wish to call forth the other finalists and recognize their skill and knowledge (perhaps with tokens), but even if They don't, the herald will exhort the cheers of the people for the finalists

#### NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Send copies of the ceremony to Their Excellencies and the Champion before the event. Remind the Coronets about the Charge to the competitors.

Find out if the Coronets will have tokens for the finalist (and his consort.)

How long a break will there be (if any), between the invocation and the start of the competition?

Be sure that the Coronets have a retainer to hold the regalia.

# Arts & Sciences Championship, Including the Honor of the Dragon's Fire

## Invocation

*The populace being assembled, at the Coronet's command the herald shall call forth the contestants:*

**Herald:** Let all who would compete for the title of Arts and Sciences Champion of Dragon's Laire, come now before Their Excellencies.

*And as they come forward they shall be called by name, that all may know who the competitors are. And when they have assembled:*

**Herald:** Today you enter the Lists to vie for the honor of being named the Arts and Sciences Champion of Dragon's Laire. The one who carries this title is sworn in fealty to the Coronets of Dragon's Laire, that when Their Excellencies marshal the scholars, artisans and bards of the Barony, there shall be the Champion at the forefront, reflecting the glory of the Barony's lore and skill.

This is a grave responsibility, not to be undertaken lightly, for even as you take your place in Their Excellencies court and at Their side, the Champion must know that by their deeds they show forth the honor and knowledge of the court and this Barony to all the world.

So, understanding the station to which you aspire, make now the words of the Coronets.

## THE CHARGE

*If Their Excellencies wish to deliver a personal or inspirational message, They may do so at this time, ending with the formal charge (or have the herald do so for Her):*

**HERALD:** Do each of you now swear that should you be given victory this day you will fulfill the obligations of the Baronial Arts & Sciences Champion of Dragon's Laire, and that you will abide by the laws of An Tir and this Barony, and that you will bear yourself now and in the future with the honor and chivalry, virtue and loyalty which must mark a Champion of Dragon's Laire?

**COMPETITORS:** I so swear.

**HERALD:** Then bear yourselves bravely in competition and strive with honor to the greater glory of the Coronets and the Barony of Dragon's Laire.

Competitors, make ready. Judges, make ready. The competition shall begin at \_\_\_\_\_.

## **THE INVESTITURE**

### **Return of the Regalia**

*The populace will be called to witness the investiture of the Baronial Arts & Sciences Champion. At Their Excellencies command, the herald shall call forth the outgoing Champion:*

**HERALD:** \_\_\_\_\_, Arts & Sciences Champion of Dragon's Laire, come before Their Excellencies.

**BARON or BARONESS:** \_\_\_\_\_, you have nobly served Our Barony as Arts & Sciences Champion of Dragon's Laire. Now, in accord with the laws and customs of this Barony, We release you from your duties with Our deepest thanks for your loyal service.

**CHAMPION:** Your Excellency, as I have completed my term as Champion, I return into Your keeping the Champion's Medallion of Dragon's Laire along with this cloak of office of the Arts & Sciences Champion of Dragon's Laire, that the new Champion might receive them from Your hand.

*Receiving the regalia, the Baron shall say:*

**BARON:** We thank you for your service to Our Barony, and before all assembled here wish to honor you for it.

**HERALD:** Know all people by these presents that \_\_\_\_\_, having served faithfully and chivalrously as Arts and Sciences Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, is hereby granted the Honor of the Dragon's Fire. In acknowledgement whereof We do set Our hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Anno Societatis \_\_\_\_\_, being \_\_\_\_\_ Gregorian. \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire; \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

*The Baron shall present the outgoing Champion with the token of the Honor. As the outgoing Champion leaves, the herald will exhort cheers of*

*the people, and after a decent interval, the herald shall call the incoming Champion forward.*

HERALD: \_\_\_\_\_, you have gained victory this day. Come forward.

*The incoming Champion kneels, the Baron shall say:*

**BARON:** \_\_\_\_\_, by your valor and skill you have won the right to the title Arts and Sciences Champion of Dragon's Laire. Will you take the Champion's Oath?

**CHAMPION:** I will.

**HERALD:** Do you swear to faithfully discharge your duties as Arts and Sciences Champion of Dragon's Laire, to abide by the laws of An Tir and this Barony, and to loyally serve the Coronets of Dragon's Laire so long as you remain Champion?

**CHAMPION:** I so swear.

**HERALD:** And do you swear fealty to \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire and \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Laire, that whenever They marshal the forces of the Barony, there shall you be to defend Their Excellencies, Their Coronets, and Their Lands against all who would take up arms against Them.

**CHAMPION:** I so swear.

**Baron:** We accept your homage, and as a symbol of your station, We give you this Cloak, this Medallion, and grant you the rights due the true Arts and Sciences Champion of the Barony of Dragon's Laire, among these a place at Our Court, and the right to stand by Our side. So say I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baron of Dragon's Laire

**BARONESS:** And so say I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

*The Baroness shall place the Cloak around the Champion's shoulders and giving them the medallion, saying:*

**BARONESS:** Wear this cloak and receive these tokens of your new estate.

**BARON:** Take now your place in Our Court as you have earned the right to do this day.

*As the Champion takes his place, the herald will exhort the cheers of the people.*

*At this point, the Baron may wish to call forth the other finalist and recognize the skill and valor (perhaps with tokens), but even if he doesn't, the herald will exhort the cheers of the people for the finalist.*

## **NOTES TO THE HERALDS**

Send copies of the ceremony to Their Excellencies and the Champion before the event.

Find out if Their Excellencies will have tokens for the finalist (and their inspiration?).

Find out if Their Excellencies will read the formal charge to the contestants, or have the herald do this.

Be sure that Their Excellencies has a retainer to hold the regalia.

Remind the outgoing Champion to carry the medallion and cloak into court.

## The Order of The Snapdragon

At the Coronet's command, the herald will call forward the candidate(s):

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, come before Their Excellencies.

The candidate(s) kneeling, Their Excellencies may wish to inform the court of the accomplishments which have occasioned the award. The herald shall read the scroll text, and then ask the following:

**Herald:** Are you willing to accept membership into this Order?

**Candidate:** I am.

**Herald:** Henceforth let \_\_\_\_\_ be known as a member of the Order of the Snapdragon, with all the rights and responsibilities granted by the Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

While Their Excellencies congratulate the recipient the herald shall exhort the cheers of the people.

### NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Be sure you can read the charter. If you can't, get the text written out for you.

## The Order of the Bumblebee

At the Coronet's command the herald will call forward the candidate(s):

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, come before Their Excellencies.

The candidate(s) kneeling, Their Excellencies may wish to inform the court of the accomplishments which have occasioned the award. The herald shall read the scroll text, and then ask the following:

**Herald:** Are you willing to accept membership into this Order?

**Candidate:** I am.

**Herald:** Henceforth, let \_\_\_\_\_ be known as a member of the Order of the Bumblebee, with all the rights and responsibilities granted by the Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

While Their Excellencies congratulate the recipient, the herald shall exhort the cheers of the people.

### NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Be sure you can read the scroll. If you can't, get the text written out for you.

## The Award Silver Claw

At the Coronets' command, the herald will call forth the recipient:

**Herald:** Their Excellencies ask \_\_\_\_\_ to come into Their court.

When the child has come before Them, Their Excellencies may speak of the cause for the award.

**Herald:** Let the people of Dragon's Laire know that \_\_\_\_\_ has displayed the ideals of courtesy in service to the Barony of Dragon's Laire, in acknowledgement of which Their Excellencies grant unto him/her the Award of the Silver Claw, with the wish that he/she continue to bring honor and joy to the Barony of Dragon's Laire.

And after Their Excellencies congratulate the recipient, he/she shall return to his/her place as the herald exhorts the cheers of the people.

### NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Be sure that there is a scroll prepared and readied.

Find out if there is a token to be bestowed.

## The Order of the Albion Light

At the Coronet's command the herald will call forward the SPOKESMAN for the Order:

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, has a petition for Their Excellencies. Let him/her come before Their Excellencies.

**Baron:** What is your petition?

**Spokesman:** I come to ask Your Excellencies to elevate another into the Order of the Albion Light.

And the Baron will order the summons of the Order.

**Herald:** All members of the Order of the Albion Light here present, come know before the Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

And when they have assembled:

**Baron:** Greetings, most noble members of the Order of the Albion Light. Each of you is a noble of this barony by virtue of your talents and the teaching of your skills to the people of Our Barony. May you each continue to serve as you most certainly have before. Today you are before Us to consider admission of another into your Order. Does the candidates have a sponsor?

And the SPOKESMAN will name the sponsor(s):

**Baron:** Then let them/him/her stand and tell Us the qualities which will make this candidate a worthy member of your Order.

And the sponsor(s) will enumerate the qualities which qualify the candidate for the Order, without naming him/her. When they have finished enumerating the qualities, the Baron will query the sponsors:

**Baron:** What is the name of this candidate?

And the sponsor(s) will name the candidate. And the baron will command the herald to summon the candidate:

**Herald:** Let \_\_\_\_\_ approach Their Excellencies.

**Baron:** Is it the wish of all of you that \_\_\_\_\_ be admitted into your Order?

And the members of the Order will reply in the affirmative.

**Baron:** \_\_\_\_\_, well pleased with your continued efforts and diligent service to this Our Barony, and right mindful of the wishes of your peers, We are minded to create you a member of the Order of the Albion Light. Will you accept from Us this honor, and swear to uphold the rights and responsibilities of the Order?

**Candidate:** I will.

**Baron:** Will you, \_\_\_\_\_, give Us your word to continue to fulfill the requirements set forth for the governance of this Order as you most surely have until now and to increase your labors nobly, and to nourish your talents as befits a nobleman/noblewoman, and to seek to disseminate your talents and abilities throughout the Barony of Dragon's Laire and the Kingdom of An Tir?

**Candidate:** I will.

Then the Baroness will give the medallion to the candidate.

**Baroness:** Then take for Our hands this token of your accomplishment and of Our esteem.

And the Baron and Baroness will congratulate the new member of the Order.

And the new member will be congratulated by the gathered members of the Order, and herald will exhort the cheers of the populace.

NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Be sure the regalia is at hand.

## The Order of the Wyvern

At the Coronet's command the herald will call forward the SPOKESMAN for the Order:

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, has a petition for Their Excellencies. Let him/her come before Their Excellencies.

**Baron:** What is your petition?

**Spokesman:** I come to ask Your Excellencies to elevate another into the Order of the Wyvern.

And the Baron will order the summons of the Order.

**Herald:** All member of the Order of the Wyvern here present, come now before the Baron and Baroness of Dragon's Laire.

And when all are assembled:

**Baron:** Greetings to you, most noble members of the Order of the Wyvern. Each of you is a noble of this Barony by virtue of your service and the sharing of your talents with the people of the Kingdom. May each of you continue to serve as you most certainly have before. Today you are before Us to consider admission of another to your Order. Does the candidate have a sponsor?

And the Spokesman will name the sponsor(s):

**Baron:** Then let him/her/them stand and tell Us the qualities which will make this candidate a worthy member of your Order.

And the sponsor(s) will enumerate the qualities which qualify the candidate for the Order, without naming them. When they have finished , the Baron will query the sponsors:

**Baron:** What is the name of this candidate?

And the sponsor(s) will name the candidate. And the baron will command the herald to summon the candidate.

**Herald:** Let \_\_\_\_\_ approach the Coronets.

**Baron:** Is it the wish of all of you that \_\_\_\_\_ be admitted to your Order?

And the members of the Order will reply in the affirmative.

**Baron:** \_\_\_\_\_, well pleased with your continued efforts and diligent service to this Our Barony, and right mindful of the wishes of your peers. We are minded to created you a member of the Order of the Wyvern. Will you accept from Us this honor, and swear to uphold the rights and responsibilities of the Order?

**Candidate:** I will.

Then the Baroness will give the medallion to the candidate.

**Baroness:** Then take from Our hands this token of your accomplishment and Our esteem.

And the Baron and Baroness will congratulate the new member.

And the new member will be congratulated by the gathered members of the Order, and the herald will exhort the cheers of the populace.

#### NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Be sure that the regalia is at hand.