



Erick's Boke of Ceremonies



For use in The Kingdom of Ealdormere
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Many of the Ceremonies presented here are the "traditional" Ealdormere ceremonies, while others have been modified from their original form to include stage directions and better "flow". The Coronation Ceremony is "new". As with all ceremonies, these are merely suggested formats, which include all of the required elements. Their Majesties are free to use their own ceremonies should they choose, but it is recommended that any variations on the standard ceremonies should be "checked" by the trillium Herald to ensure that all required elements are covered.

Also included in this book are "standard" wordings for all of the awards which can be used should there be an instance where no scroll is available during court.

Erick



Oaths of Fealty



CHIVALRY

HERALD: As a knight swears fealty to the Crown when the honor is received, so is that fealty renewed at the beginning of each reign. Therefore let all Knights of the Realm come forth before the Throne together with those Masters-at-Arms who wish to swear fealty.

CHIVALRY:

I here swear fealty and do homage,
To the Crown of Ealdormere
To ever be a good Knight and true,
Reverent and generous,
Shield of the weak,
Obedient to my liege-lord,
Foremost in battle,
Courteous at all times,
Champion of the right and the good,
Thus swear I, N.

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

Landed Barons & Baronesses

HERALD: Let those who hold lands of the Crown as Baron & Baroness come now to swear fealty.

BARON/ESS:

I here swear fealty and homage,
To the Crown of the North
With oaths given and received
To be your vassal, and hold your land
To have your people prosper,
And benefit the realm
To lead in honour,
And bestow honour as is due
Thus do I swear,
As the Barons and Baronesses of X

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

Greater Officers Of State

HERALD: Let all the Greater Kingdom Officers of Ealdormere come before Their Majesties to swear fealty.

OFFICERS:

I here swear fealty (service),
To the Crown of the North
To sit your council, and offer my voice
I shall lend my service freely,
And offer you truth without fear
And hold my office,
For the good of the realm
Thus swear I, N

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

Royal Peers

HERALD: Their Majesties would now invite forth those Royal Peers wishing to swear fealty.

ROYAL PEERS:

I here swear fealty,
To the Crown of the North
With oaths given and received
As I have been served,
So may I serve.
As I have held trust,
May I be trustworthy
As I hold great station,
May it be for good cause,
In service to the glory of Ealdormere
Thus swear I, N

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

Pelicans

HERALD: Those members of the Order of the Pelican, whose Service is recognized as an example to all: come forward if you would swear fealty to the Crown of Ealdormere.

PELICANS:

I here swear fealty,
To the Crown of the North
With oaths given and received
I shall serve the realm,
Through word and deed
I shall speak true,
And act truer.
I lend my hands and my heart,
And this solemn oath
As companions of your Order of the Pelican
Thus swear I, N

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

LAURELS

HERALD: Their Majesties also call those Teachers of the Order of the Laurel who would offer fealty to the Crown, join your fellows of the Peerage of Ealdormere in pledging faith to <King & Queen>, true King and Queen of this Realm.

LAURELS:

I here swear fealty,
To the Crown of the North
With oaths given and received
The labour of my hands,
I pledge to the kingdom
The beauty of the realm,
Is my safekeeping
I lend my hands and my heart,
And this solemn oath
As companions of your Order of the Laurel
Thus swear I, N

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

POPULACE

HERALD: Their Majesties now call upon those people of the Kingdom who wish to pledge their support and allegiance to the Crown of Ealdormere

POPULACE:

I here swear fealty,
To the Crown of the North
I shall serve the realm,
As best I can
I shall follow the banner,
And honour my King
I shall attend the throne,
And love my Queen
The laws I uphold,
The traditions I honour
I serve Ealdormere,
Thus swear I, N

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.



Creation of a Baron/Baroness of the Court



<Please note – Do NOT use the term Baronetcy – as this would signify the creation of a Baronet – in period a rank below that of a Baron>

<Ensure that Their Majesties have a Coronet prepared ahead of time and available at the time of the ceremony>

HERALD: Their Majesties call forth their loyal subject <NAME>

<NAME comes forth and kneels>

<the following can be replaced by the wording of a scroll, or the scroll may be read at the conclusion of this segment>

HERALD: Let all know that <KING> and <QUEEN>, Rightful Monarchs of Ealdormere give greeting to their most beloved noble <NAME> who presents themselves here. Their Majesties give heed to all those peers, nobles, and gentles attending this court to listen to the just acts that here follow.

Know all that Their Most Puissant and Northern Majesties know well the worth of their loyal subject, and their good and faithful acts. Therefore it is for just and right reason that They do here and now create, advance, and prefer <NAME> to a rank befitting their deeds.

By The Grace of Their Majesties, they do hereby confer and bestow the Rank, Style, Title and Honour of a Baron or Baroness of the Realm, with all rights, privileges, insignia, and precedence appertaining thereto. Great is this gift, for it shall not come with land, oaths, or duties. Such is the love that The Crown shows today.

Their Majesties do hereby bestow a circlet of rank so all might know in all days of the honour and love that the

Crown sees in their subject before them today in this Their Court. This is Their Majesties Word.

<Crown bestows circlet of rank, and speaks as the mood takes them>

For Their Excellency, Baron(ess) <NAME>, Wassail!



Change of Territorial Baron / Baroness Ceremony



HERALD: Their Majesties call forth <BARON> and <BARONESS>, and ask the Barony of <BARONY> to now stand and witness their acts.

CROWN: It is our understanding that you shall no longer hold the Barony of <BARONY> in fief from us. Is this true?

BARON/ESS: Yes.

CROWN: Then allow us to release you from your fealty. Return your symbols of estate and place your hands on our sword, Gwaelor.

<Coronets are returned to the Crown>

In remembrance of duties done,
The faith of the Crown kept,
Of being our vassals these years,
We release you from your oath.
With our love and thanks.

HERALD: Let it be proclaimed that <KING> and <QUEEN>, Sovereigns of the Northern Realm of Ealdormere hereby reclaim their Barony of <BARONY> as their own lands. For their faithful servants <BARON> and <BARONESS>, Wassail!

CROWN: Good cousins, counsel us once more -- do you have nobles in your Barony who might assume your duties?

BARON/ESS: We do. We recommend <LORD> and <LADY>.

CROWN: This is fitting. You have our leave to depart. Herald, call these nobles forth.

<Retiring Baron and Baroness depart>

HERALD: Their Majesties summon into their court <LORD> and <LADY>.

<Lord and Lady approach and kneel>

Mark well that [this noble / these nobles] are well beloved by the Crown. It is only right and fitting that those held in high esteem by our subjects and ourselves should stand as foremost within Our Barony of <BARONY> as we might. Let it be known and witnessed from this day forward that <BARON> and <BARONESS> by their presence and free will grants and promises for the term of law to be retained and bound with Their Majesties as their Baron and Baroness of <BARONY> from this day forward.

Their Majesties accept the allegiance and fealty of <BARON> and <BARONESS>. They charge them to ever be ready at times and places within this realm of Ealdormere to attend upon Their Majesties, at times of peace and war, within all bounds of reason, as should be accorded with this station and coronet of rank.

In consideration of this fealty Their Majesties promise Their Excellencies, <BARON> and <BARONESS> to be their good and faithful liege, and to assist, comfort, and fortify them in all lawful and reasonable causes as a lord ought to do. And moreover Their Majesties grant by these words all rights attendant upon this rank, should it be in the matter of taxes, aids, or levies, or the reasonable actions required by the governance of this fief. They accept their homage, and will grant them the honour they are rightful to, upon their word and honour.

Their Majesties now accept their oaths upon Gwaelor, our sword of state, as is proper.

<New Baron and Baroness place hands on the sword of state>

BARON/ESS: I here swear fealty and homage
To the Crown of the North
With oaths given and received
To be your vassal, and hold your land
To have your people prosper,
And benefit the realm.
To lead in honour,
And bestow honour as is due
As the Baron and Baroness of <BARONY>
Thus swear I, <NAME>

CROWN: We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,

As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

CROWN: Let these symbols of your new estate be a symbol of fealty and trust.

<Coronets and any other regalia are bestowed>

Let all witness this act, and none gainsay it. This is our will.

HERALD: For Their Excellencies, Baron <BARON> and Baroness <BARONESS>, Wassail!

(This oath is based on a contract, an indenture for service, taken from W. H. Dunham's Lord Hastings' Indentured Retainers, 1461-1483 (New Haven, 1955) as cited in Historical Problems: Studies and Documents, Nobles and the Noble Life, 1295-1500, by Joel T. Rosenthal, (New York: Harper & Row, 1976)).



Knighting Ceremony



The Vigil

HERALD: The Knights and Masters of Our Order of Chivalry are summoned before the Throne.

<the Order gathers>

KNIGHT: Your Majesties, as we have met in council, we now do publicly ask a deed of you. <this could also be done in the form of begging a boon>

KING: As you have advised the Crown on this matter, speak your will.

KNIGHT: It is our belief that <NAME> is a good knight and true, in all but fact. We ask you to correct this injustice.

KING: Call <NAME> before Us.

HERALD: The Crown calls <NAME> to present themselves.

<Candidate presents themselves in court>

Oyez, Oyez!

<KING>, Sovereign King of Ealdormere, and <QUEEN>, our Singular and Inspirational Queen, with the Companions of the Ancient and Honourable Order of Chivalry do hereby make known by these presents that <NAME>, in consideration of his exceptional prowess and pursuit of those chivalric qualities we hold dear, is appointed that upon <DATE> he shall present himself before our court.

He shall be offered the accolade of knighthood. Should he accept, he shall be installed and shall receive his oath, and shall perform all other things, as by the requirements of this Order are required, and shall receive tokens of this honour.

We therefore declare by these presents that ye Knights and Masters then shall be present, and receive him into the honour of this most illustrious Order.

And also We desire that all gentles and nobles and peers who hear these words, present yourselves at our appointed court with diligence, to witness such honours.

KING: Think well upon your vigil, for it is the will of this Order to make you a knight. Go, knowing We are pleased.

HERALD: For <NAME>, Wassail!

The Ceremony (Knighting)

HERALD: The Crown now calls forth all Companions of the Order of Chivalry here so present.

<this is the point where a member of the Order may beg a boon>

KING: Are we agreed that <NAME> should be offered the belt, chain and spurs of the Order?

ORDER: Aye.

KING: Call forth <NAME>

HERALD: The Crown now calls forth the candidate, <NAME>

KING: It is our will to create this day a Companion of the Order of Chivalry. <NAME>, will you accept this accolade?

CANDIDATE: Aye.

HERALD: Rightly, truly, and well-honoured <NAME>, We, <KING> and <QUEEN> greet you well.

We do attest to your approved prowess and valour, as well as your other qualities of chivalry, your surpassing skill in all manner of things that makes a knight what he is.

Giving you to understand that in giving of your fealty of Us and Our Realm to be shown at all times, and for the honour and virtue in you, We, with our Order of Chivalry here assembled, have chosen you to be a Knight of our said Order as your merits do well deserve.

KING: Will you accept the honour and obligation of knighthood?

<If the candidate wishes to be a Master at Arms, they must speak HERE> <then pick up the ceremony from Master At Arms below>

CANDIDATE: Aye.

<Gwaelor is brought forth by the King>

HERALD: Ye shall swear, that to your honour you shall keep, defend, and hold yourself in fealty to the Crown of Ealdormere. You shall swear to act as ever a good knight should, and keep true what words you may give. You shall swear to be reverent, and generous to those others of your kingdom and abroad. You shall swear to act as the shield of those who may have need of you. You shall swear to obey your liege lord. You shall swear to show valour, and be foremost in any battle. You shall swear to uphold the virtue of courtesy, and exemplify it at all times. You shall swear to champion all things that are right and good. This ye shall swear by this sword and by your honour.

CANDIDATE: Thus swear I, <NAME>

HERALD: Then hear the words of your King and Queen: (read scroll here)

KING: Take this belt as a sign of your prowess.

<Candidate's consort or the queen puts belt on candidate>

Take this chain as a sign of your oaths.

<Junior Knight gives chain to King, and recites the lineage>

Take these spurs as a sign of your station.

<Sponsors put on spurs>

(QUEEN: Take this sword as a sign of our trust in you.)

<King dubs knight thrice with Gwaelor on the head and shoulders>

<Should the decision be made that there be a "buffeting" it should be done INSTEAD of the dubbing – they shouldn't both be done as they are in actuality the same thing>

KING: Let this be your charge. Go forth Sir <NAME>, and be thou a good knight evermore.

HERALD: For Sir <KNIGHT>, Wassail!
For The Order of Chivalry, Wassail!
For the Crown, Wassail!

For Masters of Arms

<Should the candidate wish to refuse the accolade, use the following>

HERALD: Ye shall give a promise before all peers, nobles and gentles here present, that you shall act ever as a peer of the realm should, to be generous and respectful of all those greater or lesser than you. Ye shall promise to defend those who require your aid, and to show your respect to the Crown. Ye shall promise to be valorous, courteous, and a champion of all things chivalrous. Will you promise these things before your King, Queen, and Kingdom?

CANDIDATE: I will.

HERALD: Then hear the words of your King and Queen: (read scroll here)

KING: Take this baldric as a sign of your prowess. Take these spurs as a sign of your station.

(**QUEEN:** Take this sword as a sign of our trust in you.)

HERALD: For Master <CANDIDATE>, Wassail!
For The Order of Chivalry, Wassail!
For the Crown, Wassail!



Laurel Ceremony



The Vigil

HERALD: The good Master <ADVOCATE> is called before the throne.

ADVOCATE: Your majesties I beg a boon --- I would ask that <CANDIDATE> be inducted into your Order of the Laurel.

KING: Summon Our Order.

HERALD: The good and noble Order of the Laurel is invited before the throne.

<The Order of the Laurel comes forth>

HERALD: Their Majesties seek the counsel of this august Order. The Crown would know if it is your solemn belief that <CANDIDATE> has shown themselves to be worthy of the accolade of a peer of the realm, and should be invited to join your Order of the Laurel, to serve faithfully as they have til now?

LAURELS: AYE.

CROWN: Summon <CANDIDATE> before us.

HERALD: <CANDIDATE> is summoned before the Throne of Ealdormere.

CROWN: Our Order has advised us that it would be a just thing to see you called a Master of the Laurel. We charge you to dwell on the virtues of this Order, and present yourself at <EVENT> to come before us. Go, knowing we are pleased.

HERALD: For <CANDIDATE>, Wassail!

The Ceremony

HERALD: Their Majesties of Ealdormere charge their Order of the Laurel to present themselves before the throne.

CROWN: What is your will?

LAURELS: <Beg a boon for the CANDIDATE>

CROWN: Summon the Candidate

CROWN: <CANDIDATE>, will you accept this obligation to the realm and the Order of the Laurel?

CANDIDATE: Aye.

KING: Who will speak to this man's virtues?

<A knight, pelican, and lady of the rose shall speak>

HERALD: A knight is charged to speak true what he sees. A Companion of the Pelican is charged to know of what they speak. A royal lady has been our inspiration and received many times the words of peers. It must be fitting then if such noble persons would speak for <CANDIDATE> that they might well deserve the mantle of the Order of the Laurel.

KING: We will charge you many duties in the days to come. The role of a Peer of our realm is not a light one. If you are minded to serve your kingdom stay and listen to our words.

HERALD: Master <CANDIDATE>, know that we, <KING> and <QUEEN> observe from our majesty that those who exhibit continuous faithful service to us, and we are minded to elevate those to special honours with great solemnity. It is the case of your person this day to be inducted into our Ancient and Honourable Order of the Laurel to honour your skills and knowledge, to be evermore held as an example to the realm for your achievements past and yet to come.

Shall you give your solemn word to serve the gentles of Ealdormere in your art, to continue to seek to improve yourself, to benefit and increase our realm and its people as they might enjoy, to ever speak true as a peer of our court, and to give wise counsel where we and others may need councilors. Will you promise to ever strive to the virtues of your order?

CANDIDATE: I will.

HERALD: The hear the words of Their Majesties: <read scroll here>

CROWN: Then take these tokens as a sign of our trust in you.

HERALD: For Master <CANDIDATE>, Wassail!
For the Order of the Laurel, Wassail!
For the Crown, Wassail!



Pelican Ceremony



Begging the Boon

HERALD: The good and noble Order of the Pelican is invited before the throne.

PELICAN: Your Majesties, Our Order would fulfill our oaths and lend you advice on this day.

CROWN: What is your word?

PELICAN: It is our solemn belief that <CANDIDATE> has shown himself to be worthy of the accolade of a peer of the realm, and should be invited to join your Order of the Pelican, to serve you faithfully as they have til now.

CROWN: Summon <CANDIDATE> before us.

HERALD: <CANDIDATE> is summoned before the Throne of Ealdormere.

CROWN: Our Order has advised us that it would be a just thing to see you called a Master of the Pelican. We charge you to dwell on the virtues of this Order, and present yourself at <EVENT> to come before us. Go, knowing we are pleased.

HERALD: For <CANDIDATE>, Wassail!

The Ceremony

HERALD: Their Majesties of Ealdormere charge their Order of the Pelican to present themselves, with <CANDIDATE> before the throne.

CROWN: <CANDIDATE>, have you thought upon the obligation you are about to undertake?

CANDIDATE: Aye.

CROWN: Then hear the words of your Order.

PELICAN: The pelican signifies our Order in that it would bleed to feed its young. It would give of itself to see that others may benefit. That is what the Order of the Pelican should ever strive to do. The medallion you will receive is a token of that obligation.

PELICAN 2: The cloak of our order is a burden, for it shows all the realm what station our Order holds, wherever our Masters and Mistresses may be, and it is our duty to commit no evil that might disgrace our order. A virtuous Master of the Pelican should be seen to be sought out when needed. Your cloak you receive is a token of your responsibility.)

PELICAN 3: There are no other tokens of this Order, for humility is a virtue that should be held by this Order, for regardless of what station you may hold now or evermore, to be a Master of the Pelican is to serve, and be a good servant to your Crown and Kingdom.

KING: Who will speak to this person's virtues?

<A knight, laurel, and lady of the rose shall speak>

HERALD: A knight is charged to speak true what he sees. A Companion of the Laurel is charged to know of what they speak. A royal lady has been our inspiration and received many times the words of peers. It must be fitting then if such noble persons would speak for <CANDIDATE> that they might well deserve the mantle of the Order of the Pelican.

KING: For what purpose do you wish to join the Order? If to be reach, to take your ease, and be held in honour without doing honour to the Order, you would be unworthy. If to serve your kingdom and Crown, then stay and hear our words.

HERALD: Master <CANDIDATE>, know that we observe from our majesty that those who exhibit continuous faithful service to us, and we are minded to elevate those to special honours with great solemnity. It is the case of your person this day to be inducted into our Ancient and Honourable Order of the Pelican to honour your deeds done and services yet to be rendered.

Shall you give your solemn word to serve the realm of Ealdormere in whatever manner you can, to benefit and increase our realm and its people as they might enjoy, to ever speak true as a peer of our court, and to give wise counsel where we and others may need councilors. Will you promise to ever strive to the virtues of your order?

CANDIDATE: I will.

HERALD: Then hear the words of Their Majesties: <read scroll here>

CROWN: Then take these tokens as a sign of our trust in you.

HERALD: For Master <CANDIDATE>, Wassail!
For the Order of the Pelican, Wassail!
For the Crown, Wassail!



Rose Ceremony



The Order of the Rose is an often overlooked Peerage Order. Like the other Orders, it is a polling order, however in Ealdormere it has been decided that all former consorts completing their reign successfully will be included in the Order of the Rose. Given the small number of gentlemen who serve as consort, all terms in this ceremony are in the female gender. This can be changed for any Lord of the Rose that might exist in the future.

Please note that this ceremony traditionally follows immediately after acknowledging the former royal couple as a Count and Countess.

Creation of a Lady (or Lord) of the Rose

HERALD: Her Majesty invites those members of the Order of the Rose to present themselves in her court

HERALD: Her Majesty now invites Countess N (or Count N) into her presence.

< The newly made Count/ess approaches. >

HERALD: From all Kingdoms of the Knowne World, those that have been Royal Consort in our Society, have stood together within the Rose's Order. Having reigned as Queen (or Royal Consort) of Ealdormere, Count/ess N, has been the Inspiration of both Our People and Her (His) Champion. She (He) has shown herself (himself) not only to be a figure of inspiration, but she (he) has undergone trials and responsibilities that few will ever know.

Therefore, it is the desire of Her Majesty to have all here witness Our welcoming Count/ess N into the Most Noble Order of the Rose. She (he) shall have the most solemn duty of being the guardian of chivalrous and courteous behaviour within the realm from this day forth.

QUEEN: Be as you have been. Leading by example, and the image of Grace and Beauty. (or that title which the consort has chosen to use during their reign)

<Personal comments added by Her Majesty. Any token of the Order may be bestowed now.

HERALD: For Count/ess N, Lady/Lord of the Rose, Wassail!



County Ceremony



Counts and Countesses are not created, they are acknowledged. Upon the completion of a successful reign, a former King or Queen becomes a Count or Countess by default, ceremony or no. However, a ceremony to acknowledge their new station as a member of the royal peerage is a good thing. This ceremony can be done on Coronation day or any day thereafter, as convenient to the Crown and the former royalty.

In Ealdormere, patents are given to all royal peerage automatically, and all Countesses become a Lady of the Rose. The patent is included in this ceremony, and the Rose ceremony should follow in the same court.

Acknowledgement of a Count and Countess

HERALD: Their Majesties of Ealdormere invite COUNT N {& COUNTESS N} to attend their thrones in this court.

<COUNT N and COUNTESS N present themselves>

Their Majesties greet their Nobles, Peers, Lords, Ladies, Officers by Letters Warrant, Gentlefolk, Vassals, and other faithful subjects to whom these words are received, greetings!

Know that we observe from our majesty those who have exhibited faithful service to Us and Our realm, especially in matters which touch on Our prerogative, We proceed to elevate to special honours with great liberality. And this is especially the case with those of noble memory and virtue as demonstrated by clear evidence in the recent past, as well as with their intrinsic merit. We now act in order that virtue be strengthened and many people be led to upright acts.

Therefore, considering our most dear cousin{s} COUNT {and COUNTESS}, and the service which {he/she/they} have faithfully rendered Ealdormere, and the way in which they have devoted their person to our realm in these times, and that they should continue to act

thus in future, We act so that Our lofty prerogative shines to honour {him/her/them}.

By Our grace in our present court COUNT {and COUNTESS}, our {kinsman/kinfolk/cousins}, shall be acknowledged and assigned the name and title of Count {and Countess}, and {he/she/they} shall be invested with the coronet of gold embattled with their rank, and they shall have a place in our court and council and other gatherings over all other nobles of the realm.

We give and concede by Us and Our heirs, as is in Our power, to the aforesaid COUNT {and COUNTESS} their tokens of rank and position, to be received from us this day forward. They are to have to hold this estate in perpetuity. Let this act be witnessed by our councilors the Seneschals of Law, and declared by our Herald this day.

<Coronets and Regalia are bestowed, hopefully by the Crown allowing the Count to once again bestow a circlet on his lady.>

For {His/Her/Their} Excellencies, COUNT N {and COUNTESS N}, Wassail!

(Based on "Reports from the Lords Committees Touching the Dignity of a Peer of the Realm", London: 1829, Volume V: 235 as cited in Nobles and the Noble Life by Joel T. Rosenthal) 235 as cited in Nobles and the Noble Life by Joel T. Rosenthal)



Acknowledgement of a Duke & Duchess Ceremony



HERALD: Their Majesties of Ealdormere invite DUKE N {and DUCHESS N} to attend their thrones in this court.

<DUKE N and DUCHESS N present themselves>

Their Majesties greet their most noble Cousin{s} DUKE N {and DUCHESS N} on this Coronation Day, and offer their most heartfelt greetings!

Know that Their Majesties hold DUKE and DUCHESS in the highest regard, for twice has a man been inspired to show feats of valour above all others, twice has that valour prevailed, and twice have you both known the burden of the Crown and the duty of the throne.

It is only fitting that DUKE and DUCHESS are acknowledged in this court today for such acts as a Duke {and Duchess} of Ealdormere. You shall know no higher title. You shall receive no greater coronet of rank than this golden one of strawberry leaves. You shall have your place in our realm assured from this day on. We shall await your counsel as Royal Peers of the realm. We shall uphold you to be pillars of example upon whom this kingdom rests.

CROWN: We do this, because it is right and fitting and just, and we know your worth. Let all Our realm know this worth for all days

<scroll should be read here>

<Coronets and Regalia are bestowed, hopefully by the Crown allowing the Duke to once again bestow a circlet on his lady.>

HERALD: For {His/Her/Their} Graces, DUKE N {and DUCHESS N}, Wassail!



Invocation of the Royal Lists



SENESCHAL: Good nobles, do each of you affirm that both you and your consort satisfy all the requirements set forth by the Law and the Crown to participate in this list?

<The participants shall answer affirmatively>

MARSHALL: Good nobles, have you all read and do you understand the Rules of the Lists and the conventions of chivalric combat for the realm? Do you swear to conduct yourselves in a chivalric and noble manner as befits your consort's good name and honour?

<The participants shall answer affirmatively>

HERALD: Good nobles, you now know the requirements of law, and the Crown. You know that your consort shall watch over you this day, and they shall inspire you as they represent Honour, Truth, and Love. The Crown knows that you will conduct yourselves nobly as befits this solemn tourney to determine the Crown's Heirs and Future, not just today for the realm, but always and in all things as your consort deserves.

By your valour, you will advance the favour you bear. By victory you shall declare the name of your Consort for all to know, and you shall serve the Kingdom by bearing the weight of the Crown. Through inspiration one noble here shall earn for another the Honour of the Kingdom of Ealdormere.

KING: You have heard Our intent for these Lists. Do you swear to act nobly, as our Officers of State have made Our intent clear?

<The participants shall answer affirmatively>

QUEEN: Bear your favours well then, and enjoy this day of chivalry and honour to shape Our Realm's future.

KING: Let the tourney commence!



Creation of the Crown Prince & Princess



HERALD: Their Majesties call forth Their Earl Marshall and Seneschal of the Realm

<The Marshall and Seneschal presiding over the Tourney present themselves>

KING: Have you good news?

MARSHALL: Yes we do, my liege. Your Seneschal and I have watched your tourney, and can state in good faith that the <CONSORT> inspired <VICTOR> to achieve victory in the List.

SENESCHAL: I attest that these nobles the victors in your tourney may sit beside you as your Heirs as the Law allows if you would invest them this day.

KING: We thank you for your diligent works this day. You have Our leave to withdraw, knowing you have served the Crown well. Herald, invite forth our Heirs.

HERALD: Their Majesties invite into this court <VICTOR> and <CONSORT>, Heirs to Ealdormere.

KING: You have won Our Tourney this day. Will you accept this Coronet so all will know your prowess, and the heavy mantle you will one day bear?

<King crowns Victor>

QUEEN: You have won this Tourney this day. As you have accepted a favour to bear, you may bestow this Coronet in return. For your lady has truly inspired you to attain this place in our court.

<Queen hands Victor Coronet, Victor may speak at the Crown's leave, and crown the Consort>

KING: As you now serve the realm, swear fealty as Crown Prince and Princess.

HEIRS: I here swear fealty
To serve the Crown of the North
To attend your courts,
To heed your wisdom,
And learn what it is
To wear the Crown
And serve the realm
Thus swear I, N.

CROWN: Your homage we accept,
So let it be repaid in kind.
We shall honour your deeds
And heed your words
Rewarding fealty with love
Service with honour
And truth with justice.

HERALD: For The Prince and Princess of Ealdormere, <VICTOR> and <CONSORT>, Wassail!



Coronation Ceremony



It is well advised that a number of heralds be available for the Coronation Ceremony. The herald is required to do the lion's share of the lines within the ceremony so it may be advisable to split the ceremony between two or even three heralds. As well, it would be well advised to have a herald or assistant to help direct "traffic" at the back of the hall, for the procession of the Crown Prince and Princess and one at the "front" of Court to assist in directing "traffic" before the thrones – this person could also serve as the "prompter" during the Oaths of Fealty.

Their Majesties' Final Court proceeds as normal through the dismissal of their Champions and retinue. It is at this point that the Herald begins the Coronation Ceremony:

HERALD: On the ____ day of _____ Anno Societatis ____ the Kingdom of Ealdormere did hold a Crown Tournament in _____ to determine who would succeed to the Crowns and Thrones of Ealdormere. _____ was the victor on the field that day, and he is in court today to press his claim.

KING: Let him approach.

HERALD: Their Majesties would invite <Crown Prince> into Their Court.

The Crown Prince enters, with his attendants, and stands before the thrones.

KING: Why have you come into Our court?

CROWN PRINCE: To claim what is mine, by right of arms and the laws and customs of this land.

QUEEN: Do you make this claim only for yourself?

CROWN PRINCE: I claim it also for my lady, <Crown Princess>.

KING: Then let her join you here.

HERALD: Their Majesties would invite <Crown Princess> into Their Court.

The Crown Princess enters, with her attendants.

KING: We have heard your claims.

HERALD: Does anyone here stand to support these claims?

Earl Marshal (or Marshal-in-Charge of Crown Tourney) approaches

MARSHAL: Yes I do, my liege. I have witnessed your tourney, and can state in good faith that <Crown Princess> inspired <Crown Prince> to achieve victory in the List.

The Seneschal approaches

SENESCHAL: Your Majesty, the good Prince is within his right, and today has been confirmed as his Coronation Day.

as an additional bit of theatre a Knight of the Realm or the combatant from the finals of Crown Tourney may approach and support the claim thusly:

KNIGHT (or other combatant): I, _____, declare the justice of <Crown Prince> claim.

Throwing a gauntlet to the floor he continues:

KNIGHT (or other combatant): Does anyone here challenge his right to ascend the Throne of Ealdormere?

<pause for effect>

HERALD: Your Majesty, <Crown Prince> has been confirmed as Your rightful heir and this is the day that has been confirmed as his Coronation Day.

CROWN: We acknowledge your claim. Step forward.

HERALD: Do you, <Crown Prince>, before your King and Queen, and witnessed by The Peers and Nobility of Ealdormere, relinquish your title as Crown Prince of the realm, and accept the burden of the Crown?

HEIR: Aye.

HERALD: Then know what you accept. You shall not be an all powerful lord. You have a duty to govern this realm. You must bear the burdens of the people, and strike the mightiest blows, ever foremost on and off the field, and never can you admit defeat or retreat from the foe. You shall not have the common joys of living, and no freedom to indulge in personal

affairs – you must set those aside until your Heirs succeed you. You shall rule Ealdormere, protecting it and serving it and loving it. You shall represent every man woman and child that lives within your lands.

CROWN: Do you still accept the burden of the Crown?

HEIR: Aye.

CROWN: Take this crown as a symbol of your rule over the realm. Take this sword as a symbol of justice and your honour in this Kingdom.

HERALD: People of Ealdormere, behold your new King!

HERALD: (addressing the Crown Princess): *<Crown Princess>*, will you, before The Peers and Nobility of Ealdormere, relinquish your title as Crown Princess of the realm, and accept the burden of the Crown?

HEIRESS: Aye.

HERALD: Then know what you accept. You shall not be an all powerful lady. You have a duty to govern the realm and share the burden of your King. You are the host of the realm, and must make all feel welcome who come to your halls. You shall not have the common joys of living, and no freedom to indulge in personal affairs -- you must set those aside until your Heirs succeed you. You shall rule Ealdormere, protecting it and serving it and loving it. You shall represent every man woman and child that lives within your lands.

QUEEN: Do you still accept this burden?

HEIRESS: Aye.

QUEEN: Then take this crown as a symbol of your rule over the realm. Take this scepter as a symbol of justice and your honour in this Kingdom.

HERALD: People of Ealdormere, behold your queen!

NEW KING AND QUEEN: Our thanks to you [Old King and Old Queen] for keeping the realm so well. You have our leave to depart.

HERALD: People of Ealdormere, be upstanding for *<Old King & Queen>!*
For *<King & Queen>!* Wassail!
For *<Old King & Queen>!* Wassail!
For Ealdormere! Wassail!

<pause for applause>

NOTE: The following order for the fealties is based upon the following "order" – first – Protect the Kingdom by having the Knights swear; second – Secure the land by having the landed Barons and Baroness swear; third – Secure the "administration" of the Kingdom by having the members of the Privy Council swear – beyond that, those swearing fealty are done in order of precedence (beginning with the Royal Peers). This order, like this ceremony, is simply a "suggested" order and the in-coming Crown are free to follow whatever order they wish – although the Knights, the Landed Barons and Baronesses and the Privy Council MUST be called to swear fealty.

HERALD: As a knight swears fealty to the Crown when the honor is received, so is that fealty renewed at the beginning of each reign. Therefore let all Knights of the Realm come forth before the Throne together with those Masters-at-Arms who wish to swear fealty.

CHIVALRY:

I here swear fealty and do homage,
To the Crown of Ealdormere
To ever be a good Knight and true,
Reverent and generous,
Shield of the weak,
Obedient to my liege-lord,
Foremost in battle,
Courteous at all times,
Champion of the right and the good,
Thus swear I, N.

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

HERALD: Let those who hold lands of the Crown as Baron & Baroness come now to swear fealty.

BARON/ESS:

I here swear fealty and homage,
To the Crown of the North
With oaths given and received
To be your vassal, and hold your land
To have your people prosper,
And benefit the realm
To lead in honour,
And bestow honour as is due
Thus do I swear,
As the Barons and Baronesses of X

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

HERALD: Let all the Greater Kingdom Officers of Ealdormere come before Their Majesties to swear fealty.

OFFICERS:

I here swear fealty (service),
To the Crown of the North
To sit your council, and offer my voice
I shall lend my service freely,
And offer you truth without fear
And hold my office,
For the good of the realm
Thus swear I, N

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

HERALD: Their Majesties would now invite forth those Royal Peers wishing to swear fealty.

ROYAL PEERS:

I here swear fealty,
To the Crown of the North
With oaths given and received
As I have been served,
So may I serve.
As I have held trust,
May I be trustworthy
As I hold great station,
May it be for good cause,
In service to the glory of Ealdormere
Thus swear I, N

CROWN:

We hold you to your words

And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

HERALD: Those members of the Order of the Pelican, whose Service is recognized as an example to all: come forward if you would swear fealty to the Crown of Ealdormere.

PELICANS:

I here swear fealty,
To the Crown of the North
With oaths given and received
I shall serve the realm,
Through word and deed
I shall speak true,
And act truer.
I lend my hands and my heart,
And this solemn oath
As companions of your Order of the Pelican
Thus swear I, N

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

HERALD: Their Majesties also call those Teachers of the Order of the Laurel who would offer fealty to the Crown, join your fellows of the Peerage of Ealdormere in pledging faith to *<King & Queen>*, true King and Queen of this Realm.

LAURELS:

I here swear fealty,
To the Crown of the North
With oaths given and received
The labour of my hands,
I pledge to the kingdom
The beauty of the realm,
Is my safekeeping
I lend my hands and my heart,
And this solemn oath
As companions of your Order of the Laurel
Thus swear I, N

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

HERALD: Their Majesties now call upon those people of the Kingdom who wish to
pledge their support and allegiance to the Crown of Ealdormere

POPULACE:

I here swear fealty,
To the Crown of the North
I shall serve the realm,
As best I can
I shall follow the banner,
And honour my King
I shall attend the throne,
And love my Queen
The laws I uphold,
The traditions I honour
I serve Ealdormere,
Thus swear I, N

CROWN:

We hold you to your words
And return these words to you
We shall honour your deeds,
Reward fealty with love,
And service with honor,
As long as we hold Ealdormere's throne.

Award of the Wolf's Cub Text:

Hear, see, read and understand that size and age are no hindrances to good service and a giving heart. There are children within the Lupine Kingdom of Ealdormere who have served beyond their years and set an example to others. Such a gentle is [recipient], who [reasons for award]. Therefore do We, [Sovereign], [King/Queen] of Ealdormere, and [Consort], Our [Queen/King] by grace and inspiration, bestow upon him/her the Award of the Wolf's Cub this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year], while sitting on Our thrones in Our [group hosting event] at [event].

Scroll of Honour Text:

There exists in the Trillium Kingdom a record of the worthy deeds of the people and friends of Ealdormere. It is fitting for the names of those accomplishing worthy deeds to be entered upon this scroll. One such name is [recipient], who [reasons for award]. Therefore do We, [Sovereign] and [Consort], [King/Queen] and [Queen/King] of Ealdormere, command that he/she be entered into the Scroll of Honour. Done this day in Our [group hosting event] at [event], [day] [month], Anno Societatus [year].

Award of the King's Favour Text:

Be it known throughout this realm of Ealdormere, that our right high and noble King [name] does sit His throne in court today, and casts His eyes in favour upon His good and worthy subject [recipient's name]. Let all know that this good noble shall henceforth bear a mark of Royal Favour for his acts that support King and Crown. [Recipient] shall receive from His Majesty's hand, the King's Favour, and is commended to make display of it so all shall know of the singular favour the Crown finds in this person. Done this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year].

Award of the Queen's Favour Text:

From Her Throne the Queen of Ealdormere [name] did witness the good heart and acts of one [recipient]. It is with a glad heart that she does call him/her forward today to publicly commend them for reason of [reasons], and mark them with her Favour. So let all here bear witness that the Award of the Queen's favour has been bestowed upon [recipient] this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year].

Order of the Rose Text:

Here the rose reigns as Queen of the garden, So have you [recipient] reigned with grace and demeanor, inspiring all that discerned you as Queen and helpmate of Chivalry. In recognition of this service We, [name] Monarch of these Lupine lands, and [name] his Trillium Queen, but create by decree that which you have demonstrated by example, and elevate you to the honour and estate of Lady of the Rose, bestowing herewith all rights and privileges apparent thereto. Signed by Our hand this [day] day of [month] AS [year] as We ascend the throne at [event] in [location].

Alternate Order of the Rose Text:

(the following wording was written by Baron Auguste Valizan, based upon his original wording for the induction of Countess Rustique de Sourde (7th Queen of Ealdormere) into the Order of the Rose, Anno Societatus XXXVI)

When in full bloom, that flower so regal,
three petals stretching proudly, warmly
in Knowne Worlde Wide embrace.

Empress of the garden for her beauty so rare
watered by the honour of the people with care.

From marbled halls to bureaus of commerce
thy hardy presence led with humour and grace.

But the season's end comes too soon.

A blossom of alabaster under a blanket of snow,
as slightly fades the Trillium's flowering.

Tie buds of green to the bouquet that gathers
as the Trillium becomes a Rose.

Thus do We [name] Monarch of these Lupine lands, and [name] his Trillium Queen, commend [recipient] and join her into the noble Order Of The Rose for successfully completing a reign on the throne of Ealdormere. Done this [day] day of [month] AS [year] as We ascend the throne at [event] in [location].

A.O.A. Text:

Be it known that We, [King], King by right of arms, and [Queen], Our Queen, are minded to make unto [Name] an Award of Arms in recognition of his/her service to the Ealdormere, specifically for [Service]. We bestow upon him/her the right to bear arms as registered within the Society for Creative Anachronism without let or hindrance from any person, and the rights and responsibilities conveyed by his/her elevation to this rank. Done this [Date] day of [Month], Anno Societatus [Year], while sitting on our thrones in Our [Place name], in testimony whereof we have set our hand and seal.

Before the Trillium Throne of [King] and Our beautiful [Queen] kneels Our humble servant. [name] is noble in deed, but not in name. [His/ her] service to this Kingdom by [reason for the award] has enriched and benefited all of Our people. Thus, this day [date] of [month] Anno Societatus [Year], we see fit to bestow upon [him/her] the right to bear arms within Our Society and charge [him/her] with the responsibilities conveyed by this elevation. We set Our hands and seals to this proclamation while sitting on Our thrones at [event name].

Award of the Maiden's Heart Text:

From our Lupine Thrones in Our [group hosting event] do We, [Sovereign], [King/Queen] of Ealdormere by right of arms, and [Consort], by inspiration Our most gracious [Queen/King], send greetings. Be it known that We do recognize the exemplary service of [recipient], who [reasons for award]. We do here commend him/her and are pleased to bestow upon him/her the Award of the Maiden's Heart and the right to bear the badge of the award. Given this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year], at [event], in testimony whereof We have set Our hands and seal.

Award of the Orion Text:

Proclaim throughout the realm that We, [Consort], [Queen/King] of Ealdormere and [Patron (ess)] of the Arts and Sciences, and [Sovereign], Our [King/Queen] by right of arms, are right mindful of the skills in which [recipient] has displayed in [details of reasons for award]. Therefore do We wish to recognize him/her with Our Award of the Orion and give him/her the right to wear the badge of the award. Done by Our hands and seal this [day] of [month], Anno Societatus [year], while sitting on Our thrones in Our [group hosting event], at [event].

Award of the Scarlet Banner Text:

See, read, hear, know and understand by these presents that We, [Sovereign] and [Consort], [King/Queen] and [Queen/King] of these Trillium lands of Ealdormere, do wish to recognize the skill in martial activity which [recipient] has displayed, specifically [insert more details here]. For this do We now commend him/her and bestow upon him/her Our Award of the Scarlet Banner and the right to bear the badge of the award. Done while sitting upon Our thrones in Our [group hosting event] at [event] this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year], in testimony whereof We have set Our hands and seal.

Grant of Arms (simple) Text:

In accord with all that is proper, attend and bear witness. Since those things which are done lapse with the passage of time, and unless they are supported by written testimony, will easily slip the memories of men, We wish it to be known to all people both now and in future that We [Sovereign] and [Consort], King and Queen of Ealdormere, knowing well the value of the service of [recipient] especially his/her efforts as [details of service] hereby bestow unto him/her a Grant of Arms and the right to bear the Crest of the Kingdom. We strengthen this appointment in writing as witnessed by those assembled at [event] this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year].

Order of the Wain Text:

All gentles and nobility, let it be known by all that We, [Sovereign] and [Consort], [King/Queen] and [Queen/King] of the Trillium lands of Ealdormere, in consideration of the most excellent service that [recipient] has given [details of service], are minded to induct him/her as a Companion into Our noble Order of the Wain and the right to bear the badge of the Order, Argent, a saltire pierced, on a bordure gules in cross four mullets argent. Furthermore do We bestow upon him/her a Grant of Arms and the right to style themselves the Honorable Lord/Lady with the right to bear his/her arms [insert blazon here if one has been registered] with the Crest of the Kingdom. Given by Our hands this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year], at [event] in Our [group hosting event].

Order of the Crucible Text:

From Our Lupine Thrones in Our [group hosting event] do We, [Consort], [Queen/King] of Ealdormere and [Patron (ess)] of the Arts and Sciences, and [Sovereign], Our [King/Queen] by right of arms, are right mindful of the exemplary skill in which [recipient] has displayed in [details of reasons for award]. We therefore wish to recognize him/her as a Companion of Our noble Order of the Crucible and may bear the badge of the Order. And furthermore do We give unto him/her a Grant of Arms and the right to bear his/her arms [insert blazon here if one has been registered] with the Crest of the Kingdom. Given by Our hands this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year], at [event].

Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer Text:

To all unto whom these presents come, know that We, [Sovereign], [King/Queen] of Ealdormere by right of Arms, and [Consort], by grace and inspiration Our [Queen/King], do know well of the great prowess which [recipient] has displayed [insert more details here]. As such exemplary skill should not go unrecognized, We do now commend him/her and induct him/her as a Companion into Our noble Order of Thorbjorn's Hammer and allow him/her to wear the badge of the Order: Gules , a Thor's hammer within a bordure embattled argent. Further, We do confer upon him/her a Grant of Arms and the right to bear his/her arms [insert blazon here if one has been registered] with the Crest of the Kingdom. Done by Our hands and seal while sitting on Our Lupine thrones in Our [group hosting event], this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year], at [event].

Other Option for Orders

Proclaim to all gentles and nobles and let it be known by these present letters that We, [Sovereign] and [Consort], [King/Queen] and [Queen/King] of these mighty lands known as Ealdormere, send due commendations and greetings. We hope not only to embellish, but to increase the dignity of Our lands when We dispense titles of honour among noble, discreet and valiant persons. Wherefore We have directed the regard of Our consideration to [recipient] who has rendered to us and Our Kingdom not only useful but fruitful and honourable services. We do prefer and create him/her by Grant of Arms, A Companion of the Order [of High Merit for [Service/Arts and Sciences/Martial Arts]: [leave blank space for award name]. He/She shall receive all honours, duties and privileges as are conveyed by this station including the right to bear the badge of the Order.(Blazon of said Order) The College of Arms having approved: [blazon] for his/her sole and unique use, the Honourable Lord/Lady [recipient's name] shall bear these Arms with the Crest of the Kingdom as a sign of Our high favour .Done by Our hands this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year].

Be it known by all that We, [Sovereign] and [Consort], [King/Queen] and [Queen/King] of the Lupine Kingdom of Ealdormere, send greetings from Our [group hosting event] at [event]. It is the privilege of the Crown to recognize certain nobility, and We have seen such nobility in [recipient], by [reasons for award]. We do therefore declare him/her to be a [Baron (ess)] of Our court. And though by this rank he/she shall hold no authority or power to command, so shall he/she be granted such honour and respect as befits a person of great worth and courtesy. Henceforth he/she may be addressed as "Your Excellency", and may wear a coronet of silver ornamented with six pearls. This do We affirm by our hands and seal this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year].

Royal/Kingdom Augmentation of Arms

Let all nobles and peers of the realm draw near, and let all gentles of the realm hear these words, that Their Most Gracious Majesties, [Sovereign] [Rex/Regina] and [Consort] [Regina/Rex] do recognize the noble worth of [recipient], and the good works they have done for the Realm of Ealdormere. Their Majesties convey Their thanks to [recipient], and know in the fullness of Their wisdom that no kingdom honour is sufficient for the service that has been rendered to Their royal person.

It is therefore Their desire and decree that [recipient] shall be known to all by a mark of royal favour. This favour shall take the noble bearing of an Augmentation of Arms, to wit, [charge*], to be borne on an escutcheon of pretense, a roundel, a canton, or in any other manner of noble bearing that shall display this singular mark of favour of the Crown.

Let all cheer for this wondrous occasion, and let the heralds now be set to work! Done this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year], from the Court of Their Majesties, [Sovereign] [Rex/Regina] ET [Consort] [Regina/Rex] Regina Borealis.

Text for the Order of the Pelican:

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come, , [Sovereign] and [Consort], undoubted King and Queen of the Sovereign Realm of Ealdormere, bid you greetings. In acknowledgment of his/her untiring and selfless devotion to the welfare of Our Kingdom, and after consultation with the members of the Order, We hereby elevate Our subject, [recipient], to the Order of the Pelican of the Society for Creative Anachronism, and affirm by these Letters Patent his/her exclusive right to bear the arms .[Blazon]. In token whereof, We grant him/her the privilege of displaying above his/her shield, in whole or in part, the achievement proper to the Order: to wit, a cap of maintenance gules turned up plumetty argent gouty de sang, set upon a silver helmet, with mantling Color doubled Metal [, and doth more plainly appear depicted in the margin]. This have we done on the [date] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year]. In witness whereof We here set Our hand and seal.

Text for the Order of the Laurel:

Greetings to all gentles and nobles of the Known World unto whom these presents shall come, from King [King's name] and Queen [Queen's name] of the Sovereign Realm of Ealdormere. The excellence and endeavors of Our subject, [Name], in the [area[s] of specific arts or sciences] , have moved Us, after consultation with the members of the Order, to elevate him/her to the Order of the Laurel of the Society for Creative Anachronism, on this[date] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year]..We affirm by these Letters Patent his/her exclusive right to bear the arms following, that is to say,[Blazon]. As further token of Our esteem, We grant him/her the privilege of displaying above his/her shield, in whole or in part, the achievement proper to the Order: to wit, a wreath of laurel vert set upon a silver helmet, with mantling Color doubled Metal [, as doth more plainly appear in the margin]. In testimony whereof, We here set Our hand and cause the Seal of Ealdormere to be affixed.

Text for Chivalry:

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come, [King's name], King by right of arms, and [Queen's name], Queen by virtue of her courtesy, of the most Sovereign Realm of Ealdormere, send commendations and greetings! In acknowledgment of his/her chivalry and martial prowess, and after consultation with his/her Peers of Arms, We hereby elevate Our subject [Name] to the rank of Knight of the Society for Creative Anachronism. Furthermore do We affirm by these Letters Patent his/her exclusive right to bear the arms [Blazon]. In token whereof, We grant him/her the privilege of displaying above his/her shield, in whole or in part, the achievement proper to this rank: to wit, a silver helmet with mantling [Colour] doubled [Metal], with the gold chain of Knighthood surrounding the shield [as is more plainly depicted in the margin]. This have We done on the [date] day of [month]. Anno Societatus [year], In witness whereof We here set Our hand and affix the Seal of Ealdormere.

Alternate Text for Knight:

To all and singular to whom these letters come, Greetings: [recipient], has proven his/her chivalry and prowess on many a field of honour, and his/her nobility in the gentle skills so prized by the people of Ealdormere is known to all. Therefore do We, [King's name], King by right of arms, and [Queen's name], Our Queen, hearing the acclaim of his/her peers find him/her worthy to don the belt, chain and spurs of a Knight of Our Realm and most joyfully award unto him/her the accolade. As a further sign and token of his/her new found estate do We bestow upon him/her these arms by Letters Patent ,[Blazon] which shall be borne by him/her and no other. This do We affirm by our hands and seal this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year].

Alternate Text for Master (Mistress) of Arms:

To all to whom these presents do come, let it be known that [recipient], has proven his/her chivalry and prowess on many field of honour and his/her nobility in the gentle skills are known to all. Therefore do We [King's name], King by right of arms, and [Queen's name], Our Queen, hearing the acclaim of his peers find [recipient], worthy to don the Baldric of a Master [Mistress] of Arms and do joyfully receive him/her into the Chivalry of Our Realm, and as a further sign and token of his/her new found estate do We bestow upon him/her these arms by Letters Patent, [Blazon] which shall be borne by him/her and no other. In witness We have set our hand and seal this [day] day of [month], Anno Societatus [year].

Text for Count

Due commendations and greetings unto all nobles and gentles throughout the Known World, from King's name and Queen's name, King and Queen of the Kingdom of Ealdormere. Henceforth, Name shall be known as a Count equivalent title in the Society for Creative Anachronism, by virtue of having governed these past months as King of Ealdormere. Furthermore do We confirm by these Royal Letters Patent his exclusive right to bear the arms Blazon. In token whereof, We grant him the privilege of augmenting the achievement above his shield with an embattled coronet Or set upon a helmet of gold, with mantling Color doubled Metal [, as is depicted in the margin hereof]. He shall hold said rank from this, date day of month, Anno Societatus [year], unto the end of his days. In testimony whereof, We have signed these Letters Patent, and caused the Seal of Ealdormere to be hereunto affixed.

Text for Countess:

Let all nobles and gentles throughout the Known World understand by these presents that We, King's name and Queen's name, King and Queen of the Kingdom of Ealdormere send greetings! We recognize that Name hath these past months borne the mantle of Queen of Ealdormere with dignity and grace. She shall be known henceforth as Countess and Lady of the Rose in the Society for Creative Anachronism, and We here confirm by these Royal Letters Patent her sole right to bear and display the arms Blazon. In token whereof, We grant her the privilege of augmenting her heraldic achievement with a wreath of roses Or slipped and leaved proper [, as is more lively displayed in the margin]. She shall hold said rank from this our , date day of month, Anno Societatus [year], unto the end of her days. In testimony whereof, We have caused to be made these Letters Patent, which We have signed, and the Seal of Ealdormere to be hereunto affixed.

Text for Duke:

Unto all nobles and gentles throughout the Known World, We, King's name and Queen's name, King and Queen of the Kingdom of Ealdormere, send greetings! Henceforth, Name shall be known as a Duke in the Society for Creative Anachronism, by virtue of having borne the burden of Kingship twice. Furthermore, We confirm by these Royal Letters Patent his right to bear Blazon. We here charge Duke {recipient's first name} to uphold the dignity of this station; in token whereof We grant him the privilege of augmenting the achievement above his shield with a ducal coronet Or set upon a depiction of his helmet in gold or other metal, with mantling Color doubled Metal [, as can be more clearly seen in the margin hereof]. He shall hold said rank from this our , date of month, Anno Societatus [year], unto the end of his days. In testimony whereof, We have signed these Letters Patent, and caused the Seal of Ealdormere to be hereunto affixed.

Text for Duchess:

Nobles and gentles throughout the Known World unto whom these presents shall come, We, King's name and Queen's name, King and Queen of the Kingdom of Ealdormere, send greetings! Henceforth, Name shall be known as a Duchess the Society for Creative Anachronism, in recognition that she has twice borne the mantle of Queen with dignity and grace. Furthermore, We confirm by these Royal Letters Patent her right to bear the arms Blazon. We here charge Duchess {recipient's first name} to continue the traditions of this rank; in token whereof, We grant her the privilege of augmenting the achievement above her shield, in whole or in part, with a ducal coronet Or environed of a wreath of roses Or and strawberry leaves vert, set upon a golden helmet, with mantling Color doubled Metal. She shall hold said rank from this, date of month Anno Societatus [year], unto the end of her days. In testimony whereof, We have caused to be made these Letters Patent, which We have signed, and the Seal of Ealdormere to be hereunto affixed.

Alternative Opening Phrases

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come...

King's name and Queen's name ...

Let all gentles and nobles know by these presents that...

Know all men by these presents that....

Be it known to all by these presents that....

Proclaim to all gentles and nobles, that....

All nobility, know ye by these presents that...

See, read, hear and understand by these presents that We....

Due commendations and greetings from King's name and Queen's name,
King and Queen of Ealdormere, unto all nobles and gentles to whom these
presents shall come.

Or any greeting line from any other scroll text.