

Investiture of Baron and Baroness

The previous Baron and Baroness, if any, should relinquish their coronets to the King and Queen, divest themselves of their Baronage prior to this ceremony in the custom of their particular Barony, and depart the dais.

HERALD

Their Majesties command *N.* and *N.* to present themselves before the thrones that they might receive this fief from Their Majesties' hands and pledge their fealty and homage.

The new Baron and Baroness come forward, along with such retainers and personal banner bearers as they may wish, and kneel before the Thrones

KING

***N.*, and *N.*, well pleased with you, and ever concerned with the welfare and wishes of Our subjects, We are minded to invest you as Baron and Baroness, and grant unto you the Barony of *N.*, to hold as a fief from Our hands. Will you accept this charge, pledge us your homage, and swear fealty and service to this, Our Crown and Kingdom?**

NEW BARON/NEW BARONESS

Your Majesty, I will.

The King and Queen hold the new Baron and Baroness's hands between Their own;

HERALD (FOR NEW BARON/NEW BARONESS TO RECITE)

Here do I swear homage to the King and Queen of Caid, and become Their true vassal, pledging to defend, represent, and answer for all my people with honor and dignity, to administer them and the affairs of this Barony with the same justice which the Crown would tender, to serve and honor our Lord King and Lady Queen in all matters concerning this Realm, and to guard Their rights with all my strength, until the Crown depart from the throne, or death take me, or the world end. So say I, *N.*

KING AND QUEEN

And We, for Our part, do make known to all present and to come, that We do receive *N.* and *N.* as Baron and Baroness of *N.*, and accept them as Our vassals; and that We will guarantee to them this Barony held of Us against every creature with all Our power; until We depart from Our throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

And so say We, *Q.*, Queen of Caid.

The Great Sword is sheathed. The coronets are here presented to Their Majesties, who hold them over the Baron/Baroness's heads.

KING

Wear now this circlet, Baron *N.*, as a reminder of your oath.

His Majesty places the coronet on the New Baron's head.

QUEEN

Wear now this circlet, Baroness N., as a reminder of your oath.

Her Majesty places the coronet on the New Baroness's head.

HERALD

Be it known this day that We, *K.* and *Q.*, do grant unto Baron *N.* and Baroness *N.* the lands and honors of the Barony of *N.*, with all the rights, powers, and obligations thereof, and that they hold these lands and titles as sworn vassal to Us and to Our heirs to come.

If there are any baronial mantles or other tokens of the fief then at this time they are given to Her Majesty, who in turn presents them to the new Baron and Baroness.

QUEEN

My Lord Baron, My Lady Baroness, please accept these as token of your fees.

Their Majesties raise the new Baron and Baroness to their feet. The Baron and Baroness and their entourage retire as the herald exhorts cheers. (OPTION: the Baron and Baroness assume their thrones next to the King and Queen and proceed with court).