

Investiture of the Court

HERALD

The burden of the Crown is such that there is born the necessary pleasure of forming a Court for its service. Therefore does it please Her Majesty to call forward at this time: *(list of names)*

And as Chief Lady in Waiting, *N.*

In addition, as special companions to the Queen, we call forward: *(list of names)*

as Ambassadors for the Crown: *(name or list of names)*

Those called forward kneel before the Thrones and receive tokens. They then withdraw to their places.

Investiture of the Guard

HERALD

My Lords and ladies, hear the words of Her Majesty *N.*

It has ever been the responsibility of the Queen of Caid to personify the noble ideals of grace and courtesy. It is, further, the joy and duty of the Queen to foster and nurture the gentle arts among Her subjects. Towards this end, each Queen takes into Her patronage such warriors, archers, and horsemen as have pleased Her by their courtesy, chivalry, and growth as gentlepersons.

It is the function of the Queen's Guard to both guard their liege Lady and to serve Her as She may require. Beyond this, however, they must ceaselessly strive to progress as gentlepersons, and to serve as examples for those of lesser accomplishments.

Now therefore do We, *Q.*, Queen of Caid, call to service in Our Guard the following individuals: *(list of names)*

It is the duty of the Captain of the Queen's Guard to serve as an example of honor and grace to the rest of the Guard. Therefore does Her Majesty call before Her *N.*, to serve as Her Captain.

Those named present themselves to Her Majesty to receive their baldrics. When Her Majesty is finished, all bow and exit.

Note: At this point, it is customary for a representative of the Queen's Guard to challenge the Chivalry, Defense/White Scarves, Chirons, and Golden Lances, followed by a brief break before the start of Their Majesties' first court.