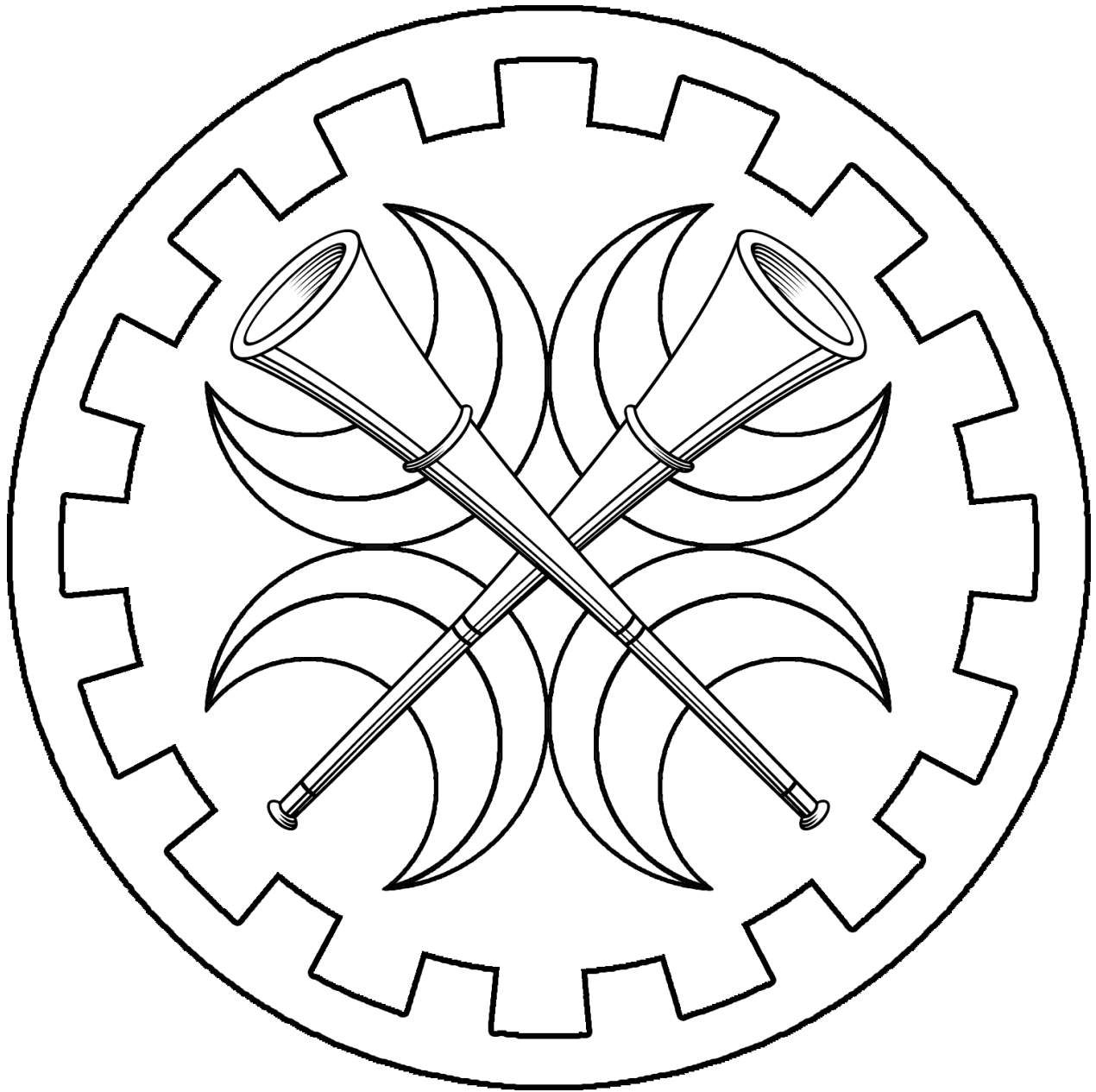


Court Ceremonies for the Kingdom of Caid

Deluxe Edition
(Contains Coronation/Royal Peerages)



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A Note on Use

The ceremonies contained in this volume, especially those for awards, are typically composed of three sections: the preamble, where the history and purpose of the award is described; the summons, where the candidate is called before the Throne, and the proclamation, where the candidate is declared to have received the award.

It is the prerogative of the Crown to give awards in the manner they deem fit, and the court herald should modify the enclosed ceremonies to best serve the wishes of the monarchs and the situation. If the Crown wishes to have the candidate summoned before the award is announced, or if the candidate is already present before the Thrones (e.g. making a presentation or an announcement), the summons should be read before the preamble, or otherwise omitted. If there is a scroll provided whose text is longer than the promissory text included in this volume, then the preamble may be omitted and the scroll read in lieu of the promissory.

Armigerous Ceremonies

Award of Arms

(When appropriate, summon the awardee. There is no ceremony text)

Promissory:

N., whereas it has come to Our notice that through diverse great efforts you have considerably enriched Our realm, it is thus Our pleasure to raise you to the rank, estate, and title of a Lord/Lady of Our realm, and award you arms.

We at this time charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and to consult with Our heralds to determine suitable and unique arms.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

Alternative Promissory (if the recipient has a registered device):

N., whereas it has come to Our notice that through diverse great efforts you have considerably enriched Our realm, it is thus Our pleasure to raise you to the rank, estate, and title of a Lord/Lady of Our realm.

We at this time charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and award you the sole and exclusive right to bear the arms (blazon).

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

Court Barony

HERALD:

There are those within the Kingdom whose noble demeanor and special contributions have enriched Our Realm in ways indefinable within the usual system of awards, and yet who are much deserving of honor.

It is the prerogative of the Crown to recognize such individuals with the title of Court Baron(ess).

So, therefore, do We call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., insofar as your noble mien and deportment have well pleased us, we have determined to confer upon you the title Court Baron(ess).

In witness whereof we set our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Order of the Argent Arrow

HERALD

The art of archery is ancient, and renowned in song and legend. It requires skill, strength, and patience to excel in this art. Many may achieve this excellence.

There are those, however, who combine the archer's skill with praiseworthy demeanor, doubly promoting the spirit of these Current Middle Ages; and these archers are especially deserving of reward.

Therefore was created the Order of the Argent Arrow, honoring those individuals whose skill with the bow and authenticity in appearance bring compliment to themselves and glory to Caid.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., in token of your noble demeanor and skill at archery, We hereby admit you to the Venerable Order of the Argent Arrow.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Order of the Chamfron

HERALD:

The equestrian arts are prehistoric, and renowned in song and legend. It requires skill, strength, and patience to excel in this art. Many may achieve this excellence.

There are those, however, who combine the equestrian's skill with praiseworthy demeanor, doubly promoting the spirit of these Current Middle Ages; and these riders are especially deserving of reward.

Therefore was created the Order of the Chamfron of Caid to honor those individuals whose skill with equestrian activities and authenticity in appearance bring compliment to themselves and glory to Caid.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., well pleased by the prowess and elegance you have displayed in the equestrian arts, We are pleased to admit you to the Venerable Order of the Chamfron of Caid.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Order of the Crescent Sword

HERALD:

Many may pursue their fortunes upon the tourney field, or defend their Kingdom in time of war.

There are those, however, whose prowess in combat inspire their companions-at-arms, and promote the spirit of these Current Middle Ages. These few, then, are especially deserving of reward.

Thus was created the Order of the Crescent Sword, to recognize those individuals whose praiseworthy appearance and skill at arms bring glory and honor to themselves and to Caid.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., well pleased by the prowess and elegance you have displayed upon the tournament field, We are pleased to admit you to the Venerable Order of the Crescent Sword.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Order of the Dolphin

HERALD:

The Order of the Dolphin was first given in the second year of Caid, during the reign of Prince Gregory and Princess Vivian. This award is intended to honor those persons who have served Caid above and beyond the normal expectations of their offices or ranks.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., in recognition of the service you have provided Our Realm, We hereby admit you to the Ancient and Venerable Order of the Dolphin of Caid.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Dolphin is (after an Award of Arms) the most commonly given award in Caid, and as a result its text is extremely well-known. The following is an alternate ceremony text that can be used as a refreshing alternative, particularly if multiple Dolphins are being given in a single court. In the bracketed N. placeholders, put members of the Order of the Dolphin who reside in the recipient's Barony or Shire, especially ones who are well-respected for their continuing service to the Crown.

HERALD:

In the second year of the Principality, the 3rd Prince of Caid was granted permission from the King of the West to create an armigerous award for service. Thus was created the Order of the Dolphin, to honor those persons who have served Caid above and beyond the normal expectations of their offices or ranks.

Even as the Crown saw the worth of the great labors done by [*N.*] and [*N.*], so also do they see the service given so freely by *N.*

Promissory:

N., in recognition of the service you have provided Our Realm, We hereby admit you to the Ancient and Venerable Order of the Dolphin of Caid.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Order of the Duellist

HERALD:

The art and skill of swordsmanship is valued in all parts of our Society as an accomplishment worthy of recognition. But even as the sword's form did evolve from the broadsword to the rapier, so too did swordsmanship ever increase its reliance on quickness of reflex and precision of movement.

Such skill with the rapier came to be reflected in the code duello, which emphasized both personal honor and mastery of fence; and those who practiced this code were called duellists.

Therefore was created the Order of the Duellist, given by the Crown to recognize those persons who have shown their skill in rapier and fence.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., in recognition of the prowess and efforts you have demonstrated in the art of Rapier fence, We by these presents admit you to the Venerable Order of the Duellist.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Order of the Harp Argent

HERALD

It is one of the more pleasant duties of the Crown to encourage the development of artistic skills and scientific expertise among its subjects. When an artisan has excelled consistently in a particular art or science, and has shared that beauty and knowledge with others, to the greater enrichment of the Realm, then it becomes not only the duty, but the joy of the Crown to recognize such endeavor.

Therefore was created the Order of the Harp Argent, given by the Crown to recognize exceptional skill in a particular art form or scientific field, which shall be specified at the giving of the award.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., in recognition of the skill and knowledge you have demonstrated in the area of (art form), We are minded to admit you to the Venerable Order of the Harp Argent of Caid.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

Grant-Level Ceremonies

Grant of Arms

(When appropriate, summon the awardee. There is no ceremony text.)

Promissory:

N., whereas it has come to Our notice that through diverse great efforts you have considerably enriched Our realm, it is thus Our pleasure to reward you with a Grant of Arms.

We at this time grant you the rights and charge you with the responsibilities of this rank.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

At the Crown's pleasure prior to the ceremony the herald shall assemble the Companions of the Order. Unless there is some need to avoid this custom, it is done automatically. Using the phrase, "At this time, Their Majesties summon the presence of all members of the Order of N.," the herald then proceeds with the ceremony as the Order forms, and only pauses before summoning the new Companion only if the Order has not yet settled.

The Order of the Argent Blade

At the Crown's pleasure prior to the ceremony the herald shall assemble the Companions of the Order.

HERALD

At this time, Their Majesties summon the presence of all Companions of the Argent Blade.

As the members of the order assemble, the herald continues.

There are those who show great prowess on the field of rapier combat over a span of years, whose skill at arms is surpassed only by their courtesy and honor. These combatants know that victory without honor is empty and without value. Such persons not only bring honor to themselves, but also to the kingdom.

Therefore was created the Order of the Argent Blade to recognize such achievement. This order bears with it a Grant of Arms and ranks equally in precedence with all other Grant-bearing Orders of Caid.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., well pleased by your uncommon courtesy and the skill you have long shown in the art of rapier fence, We hereby admit you to the Right Honourable Order of the Argent Blade.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Order of Chiron

At the Crown's pleasure prior to the ceremony the herald shall assemble the Companions of the Order.

HERALD

At this time, Their Majesties summon the presence of all Companions of Chiron.

As the members of the order assemble, the herald continues.

The art of archery is an ancient one, and many are its practitioners. Among them are those who combine great skill with the bow with exceptional manner and deportment, thereby promoting honor and chivalry in this Our Kingdom; these archers are especially deserving of reward.

From the past we draw the example of Chiron the Centaur, teacher of heroes and healers, who at his death was set in the heavens where we see him to this day as a centaur with drawn bow, in the constellation men call Sagittarius.

Thus was created the Order of Chiron, to recognize those whose skill with the bow is exceptional, and is equally matched by their gentle deportment and manner. This order bears with it a Grant of Arms and ranks equally in precedence with all other Grant-bearing Orders of Caid.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., well pleased by your skill at archery, and by your courteous demeanor, We are moved to admit you to the Right Honourable Order of Chiron.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Order of the Crescent

At the Crown's pleasure prior to the ceremony the herald shall assemble the Companions of the Order.

HERALD

At this time, Their Majesties summon the presence of all Companions of the Crescent.

As the members of the order assemble, the herald continues.

The crescent set upon the Crowns of Caid is a symbol of the service owed to the Kingdom by its Monarchs. It now has come to be a reminder of the unselfish service done by others.

The Order of the Crescent is thus given to recognize those persons who have served the kingdom for many years, giving their time and efforts generously and courteously. This order bears with it a Grant of Arms and ranks equally in precedence with all other Grant-bearing Orders of Caid.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., in recognition of the great service you have given our realm, we are well pleased to admit you to the Right Honourable Order of the Crescent.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Order of the Gauntlet of Caid

At the Crown's pleasure prior to the ceremony the herald shall assemble the Companions of the Order.

HERALD

At this time, Their Majesties summon the presence of all Companions of the Gauntlet.

As the members of the order assemble, the herald continues.

There are those who show great prowess on the field of combat over a span of years, yet whose skill at arms is surpassed by their chivalry and honor. These warriors know that victory without honor is empty and without value. Such persons not only bring honor to themselves, but also to the kingdom.

Therefore was created the Order of the Gauntlet of Caid to recognize such achievement. This order bears with it a Grant of Arms and ranks equally in precedence with all other Grant-bearing Orders of Caid.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., well pleased by your skill and chivalry upon the field of honor, We hereby admit you to the Right Honourable Order of the Gauntlet of Caid.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Order of the Golden Lance of Caid

At the Crown's pleasure prior to the ceremony the herald shall assemble the Companions of the Order.

HERALD

At this time, Their Majesties summon the presence of all Companions of the Golden Lance.

As the members of the order assemble, the herald continues.

In the 39th year of the Society, the Order of the Golden Lance was created in the Kingdom of Ansteorra to recognize and promote excellence in all aspects of the equestrian arts. In the 43rd year of the Society, by treaty with the Kingdoms of Ansteorra, and Trimaris, the Crown of Caid established the Order of the Golden Lance in Caid.

This order bears with it a Grant of Arms and ranks equally in precedence with all other Grant-bearing Orders of Caid.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., well pleased by your mien and gentle deportment on horseback, We hereby admit you to the Right Honourable Order of the Golden Lance of Caid.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Order of the Lux Caidis

At the Crown's pleasure prior to the ceremony the herald shall assemble the Companions of the Order.

HERALD

At this time, Their Majesties summon the presence of all Companions of the Lux Caidis.

As the members of the order assemble, the herald continues.

From time to time it comes to the attention of the Crown that an artisan has displayed surpassing skill in some art or science for a span of years, and has thereby enriched the kingdom and enhanced the enjoyment of all.

It is meet that such persons should be recognized and praised. So therefore was created the Order of the Lux Caidis, for such artisans are the light of the kingdom. This Order bears with it a Grant of Arms and ranks equally in precedence with all other Grant-bearing Orders of Caid.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., well pleased with the skill you have long shown in (art form), We are minded to admit you to the Right Honourable Order of the Lux Caidis.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

Non-Armigerous Awards

The Order of the Acorn

HERALD:

Children have been called the hope of the future, and it is an honorable task and worthwhile to bring them to the paths of noble demeanor. And when one of tender years shows especial promise and enthusiasm, it is an event worthy of the Crown's notice.

Thus was created the Order of the Acorn, to recognize those youths who have displayed outstanding service beyond the mean of their years. And the symbol of the Order is an acorn; for as the tiny acorn grows to the mighty oak, so will such children become the seed of tomorrow's Society.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., In recognition of the service, enthusiasm, and noble demeanor you have displayed to those of Our realm, We are pleased to admit you to the Order of the Acorn.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Order of the Argent Star

HERALD

It is an honorable task and worthwhile to encourage and foster Chivalry in the area of Youth Combat and when one of tender years shows such nobility of spirit it is an event worthy of the Crown's notice. Thus was the Order of the Argent Star created to recognize those youths, whose courtesy of spirit, virtuous acts and noble demeanor upon the field of Youth Combat bring glory and honor to themselves and to Caid. And the symbol of the Order is a star of silver, for as a tiny star may guide one's path, so will such children become the martial leaders of tomorrow's Society.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., in recognition of your outstanding chivalry and honor in the youth combat lists, we are pleased to admit you to the Order of the Argent Star.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

Augmentation of Arms

HERALD

Without the devotion and dedication of its subjects, a kingdom cannot prosper and grow. For this reason does the Crown recognize and encourage its subjects, when appropriate, through Kingdom awards and Orders.

However, on rare occasions, there comes an individual whose worthy acts and excellence command the admiration of Crown and kingdom. Such exemplary gentles are deserving of special tokens of honor, added to their coat of arms as a public sign of the respect in which they are held. This Augmentation of their Arms is the Crown's honor to bestow, with special permission to use the Cross of Caid on their arms as the mark of their achievement.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Corde de Guerre

HERALD

In song and literature through the ages, bards have praised those great warriors whose heroic actions on the battlefield have inspired their comrades-in-arms in time of war. These outstanding warriors are worthy of praise and their Monarch's recognition.

Therefore was created the Corde de Guerre of Caid, to acknowledge those fighters who have distinguished themselves at time of war. And its symbol is a fourragere* in the colors of Caid dependent from the left shoulder.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

** A fourragere (pron. FOOR-eh-zhâr') is "an ornamental braided cord usually looped around the left shoulder of a uniform, sometimes awarded to an entire military unit."*

The Order of the Crescent and Flame

HERALD:

It is one of the more pleasant duties of the Crown to encourage the pursuit of the Arts and Sciences and when one of tender years shows talent and enthusiasm in such endeavor it is an event worthy of the Crown's notice. Therefore was created the Order of the Crescent and Flame, to honor those youths who have displayed outstanding artistic or scientific achievement beyond their years.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., in recognition of the surpassing enthusiasm and artistry you have demonstrated in (Arts/Sciences/area of expertise), We do hereby admit you to the Order of the Crescent and Flame.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

The Crossed Swords of Caid

HERALD:

When a Kingdom goes to war, its fighters array themselves, not as individuals as upon the tourney field, but as groups of warriors banded together for the purpose. Such fighting groups may, through their united efforts, accomplish more than the sum of their individual efforts. And in time of war, there will be those groups whose martial prowess on the battlefield are notable and praiseworthy, and merit renown.

Thus was created the award known as the Crossed Swords of Caid, to recognize those fighting groups that have so distinguished themselves in time of war.

And therefore does it please Us, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of Caid, to call before Us: *N.*

The Legion of Courtesy

HERALD

In the investiture of the King and Queen of Caid, a yellow rose is given to the Queen as a sign of Her patronage of the arts, and She is reminded of Her responsibility to be an example of honor and gentle grace for Her people.

She is, therefore, First Lady of Courtesy in the Realm; and thus it is fitting that She should, from time to time, find means to honor those persons who, by their uncommon pursuit of the ideals of honor and courtesy, display gentle behavior as a way of life, and provide inspiration for us all.

And this Order is called the Legion of Courtesy: because those who aspire to the high ideals of this Order should be legion, or without finite number.

And the symbol of this Order is a golden heraldic rose dependent from a ribbon in the colors of Caid, and it is given by the Queen to such as She finds courteous and gracious to all in the Realm, and whose example enriches us all.

Now, therefore, do We call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

Be it known that *N.* is hereby admitted to the Legion of Courtesy by virtue of his/her uncommon pursuit of the ideals of Honor and Courtesy, and display of gentle behavior.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

N., Regina Caidis

l'Honneur de la Chanson

HERALD

Of the many beautiful sounds in the world, none are more pleasing than the sounds of song and melody. Not only does music fill the soul of the musician with joy, but it adds a measure of grace to a Kingdom renowned for its artists.

It is therefore fitting that those who share unstintingly of their musical talents should be rewarded. Thus was created l'Honneur de la Chanson, whose name means the honor of the song, and it is given to those in the Realm who have performed with exceptional skill in the bardic, vocal and instrumental arts, to the joy of those around them.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Promissory:

N., by virtue of your unwavering dedication to fill Our fair realm with sounds of song and melody, it is thus Our pleasure to bestow upon you L'Honneur de la Chanson, for exceptional performances in (field). Your skill not only fills the soul of the musician, but brings joy to those around you, and adds a measure of grace to Our realm.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

Right Noble Guild

Promissory:

Unto all those whom these presents come, We, *K.* and *Q.*, king and queen of the sovereign realm of Caid send greetings. It is our command that *N.* should enjoy the rights and privileges of a Right Noble Guild of Caid unto Our royal charter.

They shall continue, as they have to date, to abide by the commandments of any ancient guild charters, to add to the culture of Our realm, to welcome any who wish to increase their proficiency in the guild's craft, and to provide service unto Our realm and its several subjects as need may arise.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

Right Noble Household

Promissory:

Unto all those whom these presents come, We, *K.* and *Q.*, king and queen of the sovereign realm of Caid send greetings. It is our command that *N.* should enjoy the rights and privileges of a Right Noble Household of Caid unto Our royal charter.

They shall continue, as they have to date, to abide by the commandments of any ancient charters and traditions, to add to the culture of Our realm, and to provide service unto Our realm and its several subjects as need may arise.

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

Royal Recognition of Excellence

HERALD

Throughout the Kingdom, there come deeds or acts that bear recognition outside the regular structure of awards. For such deeds does the Crown grant a Royal Recognition of Excellence.

Therefore, in recognition of their outstanding efforts and contributions to the realm of Caid, do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N*

Promissory:

Be it known to all these presents that We, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of Caid, do hereby recognize Our loyal subject, *N.* with a Royal Recognition of Excellence for limitless service to the Kingdom of Caid, especially in the area of (area).

By Our hand this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year).

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis

Vanguard of Honor

HERALD

There are several ways in which one can gain renown upon the field: by demonstrating great skill at arms in the lists, or through teamwork and ferocity upon the battlefield. However, there are those combatants at any level of skill whose equitable and noble actions upon the field stand out and provide a good example for others to follow.

Thus the Vanguard of Honor was created to identify those whose honorable conduct and continuing leadership upon the field are worthy of recognition.

The symbol borne by those who have been so recognized is a braided armband of orange and black cord.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, call before Us: *N.*

Captain of the Vanguard of Honor

HERALD

From the ranks of the Vanguard of Honor, a captain may be chosen by the Crown to advise on such matters as seem appropriate. Their Majesties choose, at this time, to name *N.* to this role.

Miscellaneous Ceremonies

Creation of a Barony

HERALD

Your Majesties, Your people of the (Canton/Shire) of *N.*, having petitioned You that they might be elevated and created a barony, wish to inquire whether Your Majesties have reached a decision.

KING

We have.

If there is a written proclamation the king hands it to the herald to be read. If there is no written proclamation then the king continues:

We hereby proclaim these our lands of *N.*, henceforth to be a barony, with all the rights and duties of this status, from this time forward.

HERALD

Long live the Barony of *N.*! Hip-hip--

The populace cheers the new barony.

HERALD

Your Majesties, having been granted the honors of baronial status, Your people of *N.* now beg that you appoint two good gentles to be their baron and baroness.

KING

Do they have candidates for these positions?

HERALD

They do, Your Majesty.

KING

Let the candidates come forward.

(Continue immediately with Investiture of Baron and Baroness.)

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).

Succession of Office

At the King's convenience, the Herald shall summon the Retiring and Incoming Officers.

RETIRING OFFICER

Your Majesties, I, *N.*, (officer) of Caid, for reasons of which your Majesties have been apprised, do beg leave to be relieved of my duties.

(Option: If the retiring officer cannot be present, a letter shall be read by the Herald in his stead.)

KING

Have you then nominated a successor to this office?

RETIRING OFFICER

I have, your Majesty, and here present *N.*

KING

***N.*, are you prepared to accept and execute the duties of the office of (office)?**

INCOMING OFFICER

I am, your Majesties, and pledge faithfully to serve you.

KING

Let the title pass.

The King and Retiring Officer invest the Incoming Officer with the emblems of the office, if any.

Before the Populace of this Realm, I do here invest you, *N.*, as (officer). May all good fortune and good will attend you.

The Incoming Officer places his hands between those of the King to swear fealty.

HERALD

Do you, the (officer) of Caid, swear fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid, that you will faithfully discharge your office, obeying Their Majesties' lawful commands in all matters concerning this Realm; and, mindful that the harmony of Caid springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously and fairly with those of every degree, until the Crown depart the Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

INCOMING OFFICER

I so swear.

KING AND QUEEN

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to this, the (officer) of Caid, and to those who serve him; to protect and defend them 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.

Vigils and Peerages

The vigil is an optional preparation to elevation to a peerage. As a further option it may include at some appropriate and convenient time an invocation, such as the ones that follow. The Crescent Principal Herald or another senior herald should give the invocation.

On Customization of Peerage Ceremonies

Every peerage elevation is intended to be special for the candidate. More than a wedding, which takes two partners' wishes into account, this is the candidate's ceremony alone. For most candidates, this will be the only time in the SCA that they get to be the center of attention and have things go their way.

The ceremonies contained herein are carefully constructed defaults, scripts formed by decades of tradition, and polished with consideration of history, theatre, and ritual. Nonetheless, they are not magical, nor is any part of the text sacrosanct. Some options are called out within the scripts, which should be discussed with the candidate. Do they want to be escorted in by members of the Order? Do they wish members of each of the Orders to speak on their behalf? What regalia will be used in the ceremony? Will they swear fealty? However, these are far from the limits of customization.

The limitations of this introduction prohibit a full study of customization options. However, the main considerations for a customized ceremony include:

- Culture and time period of the candidate
- Traditions of the candidate's Peer or household
- Candidate's interest in a period-accurate ceremony
- Alternative languages (e.g. Latin) for parts of the script
- History or lineage of regalia
- Dissolution of Peer/associate relationships prior to elevation
- Involvement of significant other or family members
- Music and/or choreography during processions

Make sure that each part of the customized ceremony is meaningful both to the candidate and the audience. If a detail might otherwise be lost on the audience, insert a brief explanation from the herald on the significance of the detail.

Regardless of the degree of customization, the following elements of the ceremony are essential:

- Summons of the candidate into the Royal presence
- Offer of Order membership by the Crown, and acceptance by the candidate
- Proclamation of elevation (typically in scroll format)
- Presentation/investiture of regalia
- Oath of fealty (required for knights only)

In addition, it's highly encouraged that the Order be summoned prior to the candidate's procession to bear witness and support their elevation.

Finally, as herald, you have a responsibility to make sure that all participants with speaking roles are provided with their lines. If they will be writing their own speeches, provide each speaker with their cues. The most common of the latter variety are members of the Peerage Orders speaking on behalf of the candidate prior to the offering of the accolade. If the script calls for more than just "Is there one who will speak?" be sure to let the speakers know their full prompts. An example of non-standard prompts:

- Is there here a knight of Caid who will speak of *N.*'s Honor and Loyalty?
- Is there here a Companion of the Laurel who will speak of *N.*'s Honesty and pursuit of Beauty?
- Is there here a Companion of the Pelican who will speak of *N.*'s Humility and Generosity?
- Is there here a Companion of Defense who will speak of *N.*'s Courage and Camaraderie?
- Is there here a Companion of the Rose who will speak of *N.*'s Nobility and Courtesy?

Vigil for the Order of Chivalry

I have come to address you concerning certain aspects of knighthood and chivalry. It is often said that knighthood is an honor. It is surely that -- but more, it is a responsibility, a responsibility which you take upon yourselves, not in gladness, but with sobriety and sincerity. The oath you will soon swear will bind you in fealty to Crown and Kingdom, a fealty to be renewed with each reign; and it is meet and right to understand well what you are about to promise.

To accept the status of knighthood is not to accept honors, but to undertake the burdens that such status brings. As a knight, you must undertake to continue in your individual roles of living by the Code of Chivalry. This code is your rule and guide in your conduct with others in the noble company of knights, as well as the general plan of your conduct with all other worthy people: to deal with them justly and fairly, regardless of station, to be gracious and courteous to all, to be an example to whom others can look.

The responsibility of knighthood translates into service, each Knight performing to the best of his/her ability and then -- and then -- to that point of performance where sacrifice is made. A knight must want to do good works for humanity, must be willing to do them, and will do them more frequently and more extensively than his/her friends who are not knights.

To accept knighthood is to accept these responsibilities. I pray you keep these words in your heart as you prepare for your new status.

Vigil for the Order of Defense

I have come to address you, concerning certain aspects of the peerage you are about to enter. Many may say it is an honor to be made a *Master/Mistress* of Defense, and it is surely that. But it is more than that: it is a heavy responsibility that you take upon yourself, not in gladness, but with sobriety and sincerity.

As a *Master/Mistress* of Defense, all eyes will be upon you, and your words and deeds will reflect upon your Order, your Kingdom, and the entire rapier community. Both on and off the field, your honor and theirs will be as one.

Every Peer must have qualities that are worthy of renown. And every Order of Peerage, though it has qualities marked as its own, shares elements of those qualities with the other Orders of Peerage.

For the Order of the Pelican is marked for its outstanding service. But a *Master/Mistress* of Defense likewise has the responsibility of service, performing to the best of their ability. A *Master/Mistress* of Defense must want to do good works, must be willing to do them, and will do them more frequently and more extensively than their friends who are not Peers.

And the Order of the Laurel is noted for artistry and scholarship. But a *Master/Mistress* of Defense, as a Peer of the Realm, is expected to have knowledge of martial prowess and period combat. Rightly or wrongly, a *Master/Mistress* of Defense will be taken as an authority, whose words carry considerable weight; and this will be a heavy burden on you.

And the Order of Chivalry is known for the knightly virtues: courage, humility, self-sacrifice and valor. But equally chivalrous behavior will be expected of you: as a Peer of the Realm, you must endeavor to live, as you have until now, by the rules of courtoisie, or of gentle behavior.

You will be made a *Master/Mistress* of Defense. The Order of Defense, in its embrace of the martial art of the rapier, looks to the Code Duello for its qualities: The quality of vision, to see the strengths of those you encounter, on the field or off it. The quality of quickness, both with the rapier and with the mind and wit. The quality of daring, with the courage to accept challenges and decry injustice. And the quality of fortitude, to endure and persevere through all trials.

This, then, will be the Code that must rule your conduct as a Peer: to be gracious and gallant always, to deal justly and fairly with all, to be an example of gentle behavior to whom others can look, letting honor be your guide.

To accept elevation to the Order of Defense is to accept these new responsibilities. I pray you keep these words in your heart, as you prepare for your new status.

Vigil for the Order of the Laurel

I have come to address you, concerning certain aspects of the peerage you are about to enter. Many say it is an honor to be made a Master or Mistress of the Laurel, and it is surely that. But it is more than that: it is a heavy responsibility that you take upon yourself not in gladness, but with sobriety and sincerity. The oath you will soon swear will bind you in fealty to Crown and Kingdom, a fealty to be renewed with each reign; and it is meet and right to understand well what you are about to promise.

Every Peer must have qualities that are worthy of renown. And every Order of Peerage, though it has qualities marked as its own, shares elements of those qualities with the other Orders of Peerage.

The Order of Chivalry is known for the knightly virtues: courage, humility, self-sacrifice and valor. But no less chivalrous behavior will be expected of you: as a Peer of the Realm, you must endeavor to live, as you have until now, by the rules of courtoisie, or of gentle behavior. This courtly ideal is your guide in your conduct with others: to deal with them justly and fairly, regardless of station, to be gracious and courteous to all, to be an example to whom others can look.

The Order of the Pelican is marked for its outstanding service. But a *Master/Mistress* of the Laurel likewise has the responsibility of service, performing to the best of their ability and then -- and then -- to that point of performance where sacrifice is required. A Laurel must want to do good works, must be willing to do them, and will do them more frequently and more extensively than their friends who are not Laurels.

The Order of Defense, in its embrace of the martial art of the rapier, looks to the Code Duello for its qualities: vision, quickness, daring, and fortitude, to endure and persevere through all trials. But no less foresight, audacity, or endurance will be expected of you as a *Master/Mistress* of the Laurel. You must be gracious and gallant always, letting honor be your guide.

The Order of the Laurel is the order most noted for artistry and scholarship. Other Peers of the Realm are expected to have some small measure of talent or skill. But a Laurel exemplifies this artistic talent to a degree greater than that of the other peers and greater still than that of the populace at large. Rightly or wrongly, a Laurel is taken as an authority, whose words carry considerable weight; and this will be a heavy burden on you.

To accept elevation to the Order of the Laurel is to accept these responsibilities. I pray you keep these words in your heart as you prepare for your new status.

Vigil for the Order of the Pelican

I have come to address you concerning certain aspects of the peerage you are about to enter. Many say it is an honor to be made a *Master/Mistress* of the Pelican, and it is surely that. But it is more than that: it is a heavy responsibility that you take upon yourself not in gladness, but with sobriety and sincerity.

The Order of the Pelican is unique among the orders of peerage. Every Peer of the Realm, is expected to serve the kingdom and society. But the service expected of a Pelican is far greater than that expected of the other peers and greater still than that expected of the populace at large. To accept elevation to the Order of the Pelican is thus not to accept an honor, but to accept the burdens implied in your new status.

As a Peer of the Realm, you must endeavor to live, as you have until now, by the rules of courtesie, of gentle behavior. This courtly ideal is your guide in your conduct with others: to deal with them justly and fairly, to be gracious and courteous to all, to be an example of worth to whom others can look.

Each Pelican has the responsibility of service, performing to the best of his/her ability and then -- and then -- to that point of performance where sacrifice is required. A Pelican must want to do good works, must be willing to do them, and will do them more frequently and more extensively than their friends who are not Pelicans.

To accept elevation to the Order of the Pelican is to accept these responsibilities. I pray you keep these words in your heart as you prepare for your new status.

Order of Chivalry

HERALD

Let all members of the Order of Chivalry come forward, and attend Their Majesties.

The Knights come forward and kneel, including those who will escort the Candidate. A central aisle is kept open.

Since ancient times, it has been recognized that there are certain warriors who are much deserving of high honor, not only by their skill at arms, but by their noble behavior, which came to define the meaning of chivalry.

For a Kingdom is supported by these three things: service, art, and valor. And without any one of these, the Kingdom topples.

Therefore was created the Order of Knighthood of our Society, to recognize those who, possessing all the other skills, virtues, and attributes appropriate to members of the Peerage, shall also have distinguished themselves by their prowess at arms and chivalrous demeanor.

This Order is formed like unto the Knightly Orders of old, with the accolade passing in unbroken descent from knight to knight. And the symbols of this Order are a white belt and an unadorned chain. For the white belt betokens the honor with which the knight girds (himself/herself), and the chain, the duty (s/he) accepts. This Order ranks in precedence with the Order of the Laurel, the Order of the Pelican, and the Order of Defense, and carries with it a Patent of Arms.

KING

Sir N., please bring forward N.

The escort leads his brother knights of escort to the rear of the assembly, where the Candidate is waiting with his accoutrements. The knights escort the candidate before the thrones, arranged with the candidate in the center, flanked by the sponsor and the shield/banner bearer, followed by the bearers of the candidate's sword and spurs.

The procession halts and all bow. The two escorts kneel; the candidate and his escort remain standing. As an OPTION, the Sponsor may here say:

ESCORT

My Liege, it is my privilege to present N. that (s/he) may be made a part of our noble brotherhood.

KING

Sir N., do you and your brother knights affirm (his/her) worthiness for this high honor, accepting (his/her) as your peer in chivalry, honor, and valor on the field?

ESCORT

I do, my Liege, as do my brother knights.

KING

My Lady Queen, is it your judgment that N. fulfills all the requirements of a true knight?

QUEEN

It is my Lord. Further, I have inquired of many ladies of this kingdom who know N., and find (him/her) to be esteemed greatly as a *gentleman/gentlewoman*.

(End of OPTION. As an alternate OPTION, representatives from each of the bestowed peerages and a Royal Peer, usually a Lady of the Rose, may be prompted by the herald to speak for the candidate.)

KING

N., that the assembled court may know your worth, we would hear from a member of each of the Orders.

HERALD

Is there here a knight of Caid who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Knight speaks)

Is there here a Companion of the Laurel who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Laurel speaks)

Is there here a Companion of the Pelican who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Pelican speaks)

Is there here a Companion of Defense who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Defender speaks)

Is there here a Companion of the Rose who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Rose speaks. End of OPTION.)

KING

N., well pleased with your prowess on the field and your gentle conduct at all times, and responsive to the wishes of your peers, we are minded to create you a knight. Will you accept from us this honor, and these badges of your ability and knighthood, and will you swear fealty to this, our Crown and Throne in all matters concerning this realm?

CANDIDATE

I will, Your Majesty.

KING

Let the scroll be read.

The herald reads the scroll (or promissory, if no scroll is available. If preparing the ceremony beforehand and there is no scroll, use the standard scroll text from the College of Scribes. Promissory text appears below).

HERALD

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come, K., King by right of arms, and Q., Queen by virtue of her courtesy, of the most Sovereign Realm of Caid, 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 *N.* 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 (color) doubled (metal) with the chain of Knighthood surrounding the shield. This have We done on this (day)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year), being the (n)th year of the Common Era. In witness whereof We here set Our hand and affix the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Caid.

K., Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis.

He hands it to the Crown, who hands it to the candidate. (It may be given to one of the candidate's entourage, or back to the herald if necessary.)

KING

Let the candidate be vested with the spurs.

HERALD

The spurs are a symbol of a knight's vow to guard the honor of the Knightly Order, to keep faith, to speak the truth, and to live for honor and not for reward. May they never be hacked off in shame and degradation.

The sword-bearer hands the sword to the banner-bearer or another knight, and kneels to buckle the spurs to the candidate's heels, assisted by the sponsor. The king returns the Great Sword of Caid to the Seneschal, who remains nearby. The sponsor returns to the candidate's side, and the sword-bearer retrieves the candidate's sword.

KING

Let the candidate's sword be brought forward.

The sword-bearer presents the sword to the king, who gives it to the sponsor. The sponsor girds the candidate with it.

Remain forever worthy of this sword, *N.*, and remember that the sword has two edges, Justice and Mercy.

HERALD

Be mindful that a knight guides, not only by (his/her) word, but also by the example (s/he) sets for others. Continue to live by the Code of Chivalry: to protect the weak and defenseless; to respect and defend the honor of ladies; and to teach these values to others that may seek the true standard of knighthood.

Their Majesties stand.

KING

With what sword do you wish to be knighted?

The candidate answers. The king receives the named sword, and lightly strikes the candidate thrice with the flat of the blade: first on the right shoulder, then on the left shoulder, then on the crown of the head.

Be thou a true knight, Sir *N.*

The King returns the sword to its rightful place, then raises the new Knight. (As an OPTION: If the new knight wishes to receive the buffet, the king at this point braces him, then delivers it: a good solid punch to the right shoulder, of sufficient strength to stagger the recipient.)

Let this be the last blow you receive unanswered.

End of OPTION.) The queen receives the white belt, and girds it around the new knight's waist.

QUEEN

Wear this belt, Sir N., in token of your chivalry.

Once girded with the belt, the new Knight kneels.

NEW KNIGHT

Your Majesties, I wish now to pledge you my fealty.

KING

On which sword do you wish to swear?

The new knight answers. The named sword is presented hilt-first to the king, who holds it across his palms. The new knight lays his hands on the king's hands, with the blade between them. (As an OPTION, the new knight may swear fealty by placing his hands between those of the king.)

NEW KNIGHT

Prompted as needed by the herald.

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent; to do and to let be; to come and to go; to strike and to spare, in such matters as concern this realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart their throne, or death take me, or the world end. So swear I, N.

KING AND QUEEN

And this do We hear, Sir N. And We, for our part, swear fealty to you and to all your household, to protect and defend you against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the 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 new knight remains kneeling as the sword is returned to its proper place. The king receives the chain of Knighthood from whoever is providing it, and places it around the neck of the new knight.

KING

Take now this chain, and let its weight ever remind you of the fealty you have sworn.

The new knight raises his joined hands, and the king raises him up.

Congratulations, Sir N. Go now to your brothers.

The new knight joins the other knights, who all turn back to the thrones.

Thank you, my lords and ladies. You may retire.

The Knights bow, draw theirs swords, salute, sheath their weapons, and retire, while the herald exhorts cheers from the populace.

Order of Defense

HERALD

Their Majesties command the presence of all Companions of the Order of Defense.

The Defenders assemble, kneeling before the Throne to either side, leaving a center aisle.

It has long been recognized that there certain warriors who are much deserving of high honor, not only by their skill at arms, but by their valor and noble behavior. For a kingdom is supported by three things: valor, art, and service. And without any one of these, the kingdom topples.

Therefore was created the Order of Defense, to recognize those who, possessing all the other skills, virtues, and attributes appropriate to members of the Peerage, shall also have distinguished themselves by outstanding achievement on the field of rapier combat.

And the symbols of this Order are three crossed rapiers, showing the camaraderie particular to their Order and community; and a white livery collar showing the fealty and duty they are required to accept. And this Order ranks in precedence with the Order of Chivalry, the Order of the Laurel, and the Order of the Pelican, and carries with it a Patent of Arms.

If the Candidate does not choose an escort, the herald calls the Candidate forward.

Their Majesties call forward *N.*

The candidate comes forward and kneels before the thrones. If the candidate has chosen to be escorted, the escort will here say:

ESCORT

Your Majesties, having consulted with the Order, is it your desire to increase our numbers at this time?

KING

It is. Please bring the candidate forward.

The escort and such other Masters of Defense as the candidate will have selected, stand and walk to the candidate, who will be at the rear of the hall or otherwise have arranged to easily come forward. As they escort the candidate forward, the herald announces the candidate's name.

(As an OPTION: The Candidate may choose to present their blade, representing the skill which has earned elevation and as a token of continued fealty. The Herald states:

Your Majesties, in token of (his/her) craft, and in pledge of (his/her) continuing fealty, *N.* here renders up to you (his/her) sword into Your Majesties' keeping.

The Candidate comes forward and kneels before the thrones.

(As an OPTION, representatives from each of the bestowed peerages and a Royal Peer, usually a Lady of the Rose, may be prompted by the herald to speak for the candidate.)

KING

***N.*, that the assembled court may know your worth, we would hear from a member of each of the Orders.**

HERALD

Is there here a Companion of Defense who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Defender speaks)

Is there here a Companion of the Pelican who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Pelican speaks)

Is there here a knight of Caid who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Knight speaks)

Is there here a Companion of the Laurel who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Laurel speaks)

Is there here a Companion of the Rose who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Rose speaks. End of OPTION.)

KING

N., right mindful of your achievement and service to our realm, and responsive to the wishes of your peers, we are minded to create you a Master of Defense. Will you accept from us this honor, and the badge of your achievement, and will you swear fealty to this, our Crown and Realm?

CANDIDATE

I will, Your Majesty.

QUEEN

Will you, to the best of your ability, continue your quest for honor and skill, as you most surely have until now, as befits a nobleman, and train any dependents you may have to do likewise, so far as is within your powers?

CANDIDATE

I will.

KING

Let the scroll be read.

The herald reads the scroll (or promissory, if no scroll is available. If preparing the ceremony beforehand and there is no scroll, use the standard scroll text from the College of Scribes. Promissory text appears below).

HERALD

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come, *K.* and *Q.*, undoubted King and Queen of the Sovereign Realm of Caid, bid you greetings. In acknowledgment of (his/her) courtesy and skill in rapier combat, and after consultation with the members of the Order, We hereby elevate Our subject, N., to the Most Noble Order of Defense 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 silver helmet with mantling (Color) doubled (Metal), with the white livery collar of the Order surrounding the shield. This have we done on this (day)th day of (month), A.S. (year), being the (n)th year of

the Common Era. In witness whereof We here set Our hand and seal. *K.*, Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis.

He hands it to the Crown, who hands it to the candidate. (It may be given to one of the candidate's entourage, or back to the herald, for safekeeping if necessary.) The King then receives the medallion from that member of the Order who is providing it.

KING

***N.*, take from our hands this collar and token of your achievement and our esteem, and as a reminder of the fealty you are about to swear.**

The king places the medallion around the candidate's neck. As an OPTION, if the king is not a member of the Order of Defense, a member of the Order may assist the king in placing the medallion around the candidate's neck.

As an OPTION, the Order may present the new Defender with a cloak of the Order. The cloak bearers come forward and place the robe on the candidate's shoulders.

QUEEN

As this cloak folds you in warmth, so does the Order enfold you in camaraderie.

(End of OPTION.)

KING

With what sword do you wish to be dubbed?

The candidate answers. The king receives the named sword. If the king is not a member of the Order of Defense, a member of the Order places a hand on the hilt of the sword. The king lightly strikes the candidate thrice with the flat of the blade: first on the right shoulder, then on the left shoulder, then on the crown of the head.

Henceforth be *Master/Mistress N.* in this our realm.

HERALD

Place your hands between Their Majesties', for the oath of fealty.

NEW MASTER OF DEFENSE

Prompted as needed by the herald.

Here do I swear by mouth and hand fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent; to do and to let be; to come and to go; to strike and to spare, in such matters as concern this Realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart their throne, or death take me, or the world end. So say I, *N.*

KING AND QUEEN

And this do We hear, *Master/Mistress N.* And We, for our part, swear fealty to you and to all your household; to protect and defend you against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the 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 new Master/Mistress remains kneeling as the sword is returned to its proper place.

OPTION: The Monarch of choice produces a pair of gloves or a single glove.

KING or QUEEN

We, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen, charge and command you, *N.*, to protect always this our Realm of Caid, and to defend, sustain and promote the art of defense, and so charging and commanding, we challenge you to take up your duty as a Master of Defense. Let the call to defend Caid never go unanswered.

OPTION: the gloves may be thrown at the knees/feet; the gloves held loose are slapped across the face; gloves are then thrown at the knees; a slap across the face with hand in the glove; the gloves are then thrown at the knees. The new Master/Mistress of Defence picks up the gloves, returns one to the Crown delivering the Challenge, keeping the other at his/her belt.

NEW MASTER OF DEFENSE

I accept, Your Majesty.

(End of OPTION.)

The King raises the new Defender. The Queen returns the sword to the new Master/Mistress at this time, saying:

QUEEN

Receive back this symbol of your fealty and achievement, and keep it well, as you have hitherto.

(End of OPTION.)

KING

Congratulations, *Master/Mistress N.* Go now to your peers.

The new Defender joins the rest of the Order.

KING

Thank you, my lords and ladies. You may retire.

The Defenders bow to the Throne and retire while the herald exhorts cheers from the populace.

Order of the Laurel

HERALD

Their Majesties command the presence of all Masters and Mistresses of the Order of the Laurel.

The Laurels assemble, kneeling before the Throne to either side, leaving a center aisle.

It has long been recognized that there are those among us who are much deserving of high honor but who, by reason of the nature and direction of their services and achievement, come not to the glory of warrior or Throne, yet without whom our Kingdom would not be half so blest.

For a Kingdom is supported by three things: valor, art, and service. And without any one of these, the Kingdom topples.

Therefore was created the Order of the Laurel to recognize those who, possessing all the other skills, virtues, and attributes appropriate to members of the Peerage, shall also have distinguished themselves by outstanding achievement in the Arts and Sciences.

And the symbol of this Order is a medallion bearing a Laurel wreath; for the chaplet of laurel has long been acknowledged as a mark of superior achievement. And this Order ranks in precedence with the Order of Chivalry, the Order of the Pelican, and the Order of Defense, and carries with it a Patent of Arms.

(As an OPTION: The Escort will here say:

ESCORT

Your Majesties, having consulted with the Order, is it Your desire to increase our numbers at this time?

KING

It is. Please bring the candidate forward.

The Escort, and such other Laurels as the Candidate will have selected, stand and walk to the Candidate, who will be at the rear of the hall or otherwise have arranged to easily come forward. As they escort the Candidate forward, the Herald announces the Candidate's name. End of OPTION.) If the OPTION is not taken, the Herald says:

HERALD

Their Majesties call forward N.

The Candidate comes forward and kneels before the Throne. As an OPTION: The Candidate may process into court under a canopy, borne by two or more of the Candidate's choice. This canopy is part of the regalia of the Order. If used, it should stand aside during the ceremony, as the Candidate approaches the Throne.

Also as an OPTION: The Candidate may choose to present tokens of his art or science, representing the skill which has earned elevation and as a token of continued fealty. These may be purely symbolic (a pair of scissors for a seamstress, for instance) -- or quite literal (examples of their work). The tokens should be small, portable enough to be brought forward on a pillow. The Candidate bears the tokens forward, as the Herald states:

Your Majesties, in token of his craft, and in pledge of (his/her) continuing fealty, N. here renders up to you these symbols of (his/her) artistry and expertise into Your Majesties' keeping.

The tokens are presented to Their Majesties, who take them and set them aside. (As an OPTION, representatives from each of the bestowed peerages and a Royal Peer, usually a Lady of the Rose, may be prompted by the herald to speak for the candidate.)

KING

N., that the assembled court may know your worth, we would hear from a member of each of the Orders.

HERALD

Is there here a Companion of the Laurel who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Laurel speaks)

Is there here a knight of Caid who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Knight speaks)

Is there here a Companion of the Pelican who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Pelican speaks)

Is there here a Companion of Defense who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Defender speaks)

Is there here a Companion of the Rose who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Rose speaks. End of OPTION.)

KING

N., right mindful of your achievement and service to Our Realm, and responsive to the wishes of your Peers, We are minded to create you a Master of the Laurel. Will you accept from Us this honor, and the badge of your achievement, and will you swear fealty to this, Our Crown and Realm?

CANDIDATE

I will, Your Majesty.

QUEEN

Will you, to the best of your ability, continue your quest for artistic excellence, as you most surely have until now, and seek to increase your labor and talents nobly, as befits a nobleman, and train any dependents you may have to do likewise, so far as is within your powers?

CANDIDATE

I will.

KING

Let the scroll be read.

The herald reads the scroll (or promissory, if no scroll is available. If preparing the ceremony beforehand and there is no scroll, use the standard scroll text from the College of Scribes. Promissory text appears below).

HERALD

Greetings to all gentles and nobles of the Known World unto whom these presents shall come, from King *K.* and Queen *Q.* of the Sovereign Realm of Caid. The excellence and endeavors of Our subject, *N.*, in the area of (specific arts or sciences), have moved Us, after consultation with the members of the Order, to elevate (him/her) to the Most Noble Order of the Laurel of the Society for Creative Anachronism, on this (day)th day of (month), A.S. (year), being the (n)th year of the Common Era. 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*). In testimony whereof, We here set Our hand and cause the Great Seal of Caid to be affixed. *K.*, Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis.

He hands it to the Crown, who hands it to the candidate. (It may be given to one of the candidate's entourage, or back to the herald, for safekeeping if necessary.) The King then receives the medallion from that member of the Order who is providing it.

KING

***N.*, take from Our hands this token of your achievement, and Our esteem.**

The King places the medallion around the Candidate's neck. (As an OPTION, the Order may present the new Laurel with a cope of the order; The cloak bearers come forward and place the cope on the candidate's shoulders.

QUEEN

As this cope folds you in warmth, so does the Order of the Laurel enfold you in companionship.

End of OPTION.) The King dubs the Candidate with his sword or with his scepter by lightly striking the candidate with the flat of the blade or with the scepter first on the right shoulder, then on the left shoulder, then on the crown of the head. If the King is not a Laurel, the designated Laurel can place his hand upon the sword, or if that is not possible then the shoulder of the King.

KING

Henceforth be *Master/Mistress N.* in this Our Realm.

HERALD

Place your hands between Their Majesties' for the Oath of Fealty.

NEW LAUREL

Prompted as needed by the herald.

Here do I swear by mouth and hand fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent, to do and to let be, to come and to go, to serve and to teach, in such matters as concern this Realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart their throne, or death take me, or the world end. So say I, *N.*

KING AND QUEEN

And this do We hear, *Master/Mistress N.* And We, for Our part, swear fealty to you and to all your household, to protect and defend you against every creature with all Our power, until we depart from the 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 King raises the new Laurel. (If the OPTION had been taken of presenting tokens of skill, the Queen returns them to the new Laurel at this time, saying:

QUEEN

Receive back these symbols of your fealty and achievement, and keep them well, as you have hitherto.

End of OPTION.)

KING

Congratulations, *Master/Mistress N.* Go now to your Peers.

The new Laurel joins the rest of the Order.

KING

Thank you, my lords and ladies. You may retire.

The Laurels bow to the Throne and retire, while the Herald exhorts cheers from the populace.

Order of the Pelican

HERALD

Their Majesties command the presence of all Masters and Mistresses of the Order of the Pelican.

The Pelicans assemble, kneeling before the Throne to either side, leaving a center aisle.

It has long been recognized that there are those among us who are much deserving of high honor but who, by reason of the nature and direction of their services and achievement, come not to the glory of warrior or throne, yet without whom our kingdom would not be half so blest.

For a kingdom is supported by three things: valor, art, and service. And without any one of these, the kingdom topples.

Therefore was created the Order of the Pelican, to recognize those who, possessing all the other skills, virtues, and attributes appropriate to members of the Peerage, shall also have distinguished themselves by sustained and exemplary service to the Society.

And the symbol of this Order is a medallion bearing a Pelican in her Piety. For it was believed in ancient times that the Pelican would, when necessary, revive her young with blood from her own breast. Hence, the Pelican represented sacrifice, and in time became the symbol of the good servant. And this Order ranks in precedence with the Order of Chivalry, the Order of the Laurel, and the Order of Defense, and carries with it a Patent of Arms.

If the Candidate does not choose an escort, the herald calls the Candidate forward.

Their Majesties call forward *N.*

The candidate comes forward and kneels before the thrones. If the candidate has chosen to be escorted, the escort will here say:

ESCORT

Your Majesties, having consulted with the Order, is it your desire to increase our numbers at this time?

KING

It is. Please bring the candidate forward.

The escort and such other Pelicans as the candidate will have selected, stand and walk to the candidate, who will be at the rear of the hall or otherwise have arranged to easily come forward. As they escort the candidate forward, the herald announces the candidate's name. The Candidate comes forward and kneels before the thrones. (As an OPTION, representatives from each of the bestowed peerages and a Royal Peer, usually a Lady of the Rose, may be prompted by the herald to speak for the candidate.)

KING

***N.*, that the assembled court may know your worth, we would hear from a member of each of the Orders.**

HERALD

Is there here a Companion of the Pelican who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Pelican speaks)

Is there here a knight of Caid who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Knight speaks)

Is there here a Companion of the Laurel who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Laurel speaks)

Is there here a Companion of Defense who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Defender speaks)

Is there here a Companion of the Rose who will speak on behalf of this candidate?

(Pause while Rose speaks. End of OPTION.)

KING

N., right mindful of your achievement and service to our realm, and responsive to the wishes of your peers, we are minded to create you a Master of the Pelican. Will you accept from us this honor, and the badge of your achievement, and will you swear fealty to this, our Crown and Realm?

CANDIDATE

I will, Your Majesty.

QUEEN

Will you, to the best of your ability, continue in the cause of service, as you most surely have until now, and seek to increase your labor and talents nobly, as befits a nobleman, and train any dependents you may have to do likewise, so far as is within your powers?

CANDIDATE

I will.

KING

Let the scroll be read.

The herald reads the scroll (or promissory, if no scroll is available. If preparing the ceremony beforehand and there is no scroll, use the standard scroll text from the College of Scribes. Promissory text appears below).

HERALD

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come, *K.* and *Q.*, undoubted King and Queen of the Sovereign Realm of Caid, 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, *N.*, to the Most Noble 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). This have we done on this [date] day of [month], Anno Societatis [SCA year], which is [AD year] of the Common Era. In witness whereof We here set Our hand and seal. *K.*, Rex Caidis, *Q.*, Regina Caidis.

He hands it to the Crown, who hands it to the candidate. (It may be given to one of the candidate's entourage, or back to the herald, for safekeeping if necessary.) The King then receives the medallion from that member of the Order who is providing it.

KING

N., take from our hands this token of your achievement and our esteem.

The king places the medallion around the candidate's neck. As an OPTION, a cap of maintenance may also be presented.

HERALD

The cap of maintenance is also a symbol of the Order, for just as the cap of maintenance supports the crown and makes it easier to bear, so the Pelican supports the Kingdom and eases the burdens of its rulers.

End of OPTION.

KING

With what sword do you wish to be dubbed?

The candidate answers. The king receives the named sword. If the king is not a member of the Order of the Pelican, a member of the Order places a hand on the hilt of the sword. The king lightly strikes the candidate thrice with the flat of the blade: first on the right shoulder, then on the left shoulder, then on the crown of the head.

Henceforth be *Master/Mistress N.* in this our realm.

As an OPTION, the Order may present the new Pelican with a robe of the Order. The robe bearers come forward and place the robe on the candidate's shoulders.

QUEEN

As this robe folds you in warmth, so does the Order of the Pelican enfold you in companionship.

HERALD

Place your hands between Their Majesties', for the oath of fealty.

NEW PELICAN

Prompted as needed by the herald.

Here do I swear by mouth and hand fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent; to do and to let be; to come and to go; to serve and to teach, in such matters as concern this Realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart their throne, or death take me, or the world end. So say I, N.

KING AND QUEEN

And this do We hear, *Master/Mistress N.* And We, for our part, swear fealty to you and to all your household; to protect and defend you against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the 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 King raises the new Pelican.

KING

Congratulations, *Master/Mistress N.* Go now to your peers.

The new Pelican joins the rest of the Order.

KING

Thank you, my lords and ladies. You may retire.

The Pelicans bow to the Throne and retire while the herald exhorts cheers from the populace.

Royal Succession

Commencement of Crown Lists

At the appointed time, the Herald shall assemble all participating fighters and their consorts before the Throne, armed and ready for combat in the Lists. At the King's command, the Herald shall say:

HERALD

My lords and ladies, you know well that true gentles enter combat not for their own personal glory and honor, but rather to advance the honor of their consorts; and to prove, by their courtesy and valor on the field, their worthiness of that honor. Be mindful, as you fight, of your consort's honor as well as your own. For your consorts personify all honor and loyalty, beauty and truth. Their gallantry and steadfastness bear you up, as your prowess at arms is tested -- they embody the love that is worthy of great honor. Therefore, today you fight in the Lists not to gain power for yourself, not for your own glory and honor, as you may in other lists. You fight instead for the honor and glory of the one whose favor you bear upon the field, whom you would advance by your valor, skill and courtesy. And should victory be granted you this day, you will declare and crown your consort as Lady (or Lord) Caid, and heir to the Kingdom by your side for the days to come.

KING

You have heard the reason of Our Lists. Does each of you here affirm that you fulfill all the qualifications for participation in today's lists, as set forth for this Society and in Kingdom Law?

The fighters acknowledge.

Let the candidates swear their fealty to the realm.

HERALD

Do you, the fighters and consorts of this Crown Tournament of Caid, swear fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid, that you will truly and faithfully adhere to the rules of the list, obeying their Majesties' lawful commands in all matters concerning this Realm, and, mindful that your success or failure as a monarch relies on the confidence of the populace in your own honor and courtesy, that you will bear yourselves with the grace and dignity of that station to which you aspire, until the Crown depart Their Throne, death take you, or the world end?

FIGHTERS/CONSORTS

I so swear.

KING

This do We hear. And We, for our part, swear fealty and service to these, Our subjects who seek to be Our Heirs, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So swear We, etc.

The King returns the sword of state.

Fighters, bear your favors bravely into battle, and prove the worth and virtue of your consorts, whether in victory or honorable defeat.

Creation of Al-Caid and Lady Caid

When the Crown Lists have been completed, the victor shall be borne forward before Their Majesties, and the Herald shall summon the populace to witness what shall follow.

HERALD

N., victor of the field, Their Majesties command you to present yourself and your lady before the Throne of Caid.

The victor and his lady approach the Thrones, bow, and kneel. The King and Queen stand, taking the crescent pendants in Their hands; the rosemary wreaths will be held close at hand, in readiness.

KING

N., by your valor and skill, you have most nobly advanced the honor of your lady, and won to yourself the office and estate of al-Caid, Crown Prince of this Kingdom.

The King places the crescent pendant around the victor's neck. Taking the rosemary wreath, he holds it over the victor's head, saying:

Receive this wreath of rosemary in token of the valor and skill which brought you victory.

The King places the wreath on the victor's head.

QUEEN

Lady N., by your gentle grace and beauty, you have inspired your champion to victory and a Crown this day.

The Queen places the crescent pendant around the lady's neck. Taking the rosemary wreath, she turns to the Crown Prince, saying:

Prince N., I pray you to take this wreath of rosemary and roses, and to crown your lady Queen of Love and Beauty, Lady Caid, Crown Princess of this Kingdom.

The Crown Prince takes the wreath and places it on his lady's head. They rise and are invited to their places on either side of the Thrones, as the Herald exhorts cheers from the populace.

Sigillum Regis

HERALD

A King is charged with many responsibilities during his reign. He is the arbiter of treaties, commander of the army, patron of the chivalry, protector to His Lady, and liege Lord of the realm. To Him do all look for example, to be the embodiment of chivalry, honor, and noble virtue.

Inherent measures of all these qualities sustain Him through His reign, as does the strong support of His Lady, the Queen. But there are those of His subjects without whom the King could not rule half so graciously, whose aid and support make light the day-to-day details of ruling and ease their Sovereign Lord's tasks by their tireless devotion to His service.

Thus was created an award to honor those subjects who have so served the King during His reign, giving of their time and assistance and devotion in even greater measure than that expected of any loyal subject.

And the badge of this award shall be a silver Cross of Caid engraved with the sigil of the King; and it shall be known as the Sigillum Regis.

Now therefore do We, *N.*, by right of arms King of Caid, call before Us: *N.*

Signum Reginae

HERALD

A Queen is charged with many responsibilities during Her reign. She is arbiter of love and beauty, patroness of the arts, counsel to Her Lord, and first Lady of the realm. To Her do all look for example, to be the embodiment of courtesy, grace, and gentle virtue.

Inherent measures of all these qualities sustain Her through Her reign, as does the strong support of Her Lord, the King. But there are those of Her subjects without whom the Queen could not rule half so joyously, whose aid and support make light the day-to-day details of ruling and ease their Sovereign Lady's tasks by their tireless devotion to Her service.

Thus was created an award to honor those subjects who have so served the Queen during Her reign, giving of their time and assistance and devotion in even greater measure than that expected of any loyal subject. And the badge of this award shall be a silver crescent engraved with the sigil of the Queen; and it shall be known as the Signum Reginae.

Now therefore do We, *N.*, by Grace of Love Queen of Caid, call before Us: *N.*

Signum Regni

HERALD

The Crowns are charged with many responsibilities during Their reign. The King is the arbiter of treaties, commander of the army, patron of the chivalry, protector to His Lady; liege Lord of the realm. To Him do all look for example, to be the embodiment of chivalry, honor, and noble virtue.

The Queen is the arbiter of honor, love and beauty, patroness of the arts, counsel to Her Lord, and liege Lady of the realm. To Her do all look for example, to be the embodiment of courtesy, grace, and gentle virtue.

Inherent measures of all these qualities sustain Their Majesties throughout Their reign, as does the strong support They give one another.

But there are those of Their subjects without whom the King and Queen could not rule half so joyously, whose aid and support make light the day-to-day details of ruling, and ease their Sovereigns' tasks by tireless devotion to Their service.

Thus was it determined to create an award, known as the Signum Regni, to honor those subjects who have so served the Crown during Their reign, giving of their time and assistance and devotion in even greater measure than that expected of any loyal subject.

Now therefore do We, *K.* and *Q.*, by right of arms and grace of love, King and Queen of Caid, call before Us: *N.*

Caid Coronation Ceremony

(Note: The terms OLD-SOVEREIGN and OLD-CONSORT refer to the outgoing monarchs, and NEW-SOVEREIGN and NEW-CONSORT refer to the incoming monarchs. The current wording assumes the sovereigns are male; obviously the ceremony will need to be re-worded should a sovereign be female. Likewise some references to officers may need to have the pronouns modified.)

Their Majesties, OLD-SOVEREIGN and OLD-CONSORT, wearing the crowns, are seated on Their thrones, and are attended by such members of Their household as They wish. Her Majesty's Guard and Court have been released from formal service. The scepters have been previously been given into the keeping of the Seneschal and the Crescent Herald, to be returned to the Crown during the ceremony. The sword and tabard of the King's Champion have also been returned to the Crown, as have (optionally) the regalia of the Queen's Champions.

As the last item of business for the previous court, the herald will summon the Landed Baronage to stand as de facto court and guard, in the following manner:

CRESCENT HERALD

Their Majesties summon their vassals, the landed Barons and Baronesses of Caid, to attend them.

The Landed Baronage processes in, in Order of Precedence, and array themselves as court and guard. If there is a break between last court and this court, the Baronage will return to these spots after the break. At the appointed time, the ceremony shall begin.

OLD-SOVEREIGN

My Lord Herald, are Their Highnesses ready to assume their station?

CRESCENT HERALD

They are, Your Majesty, and they request leave to approach the Throne.

OLD-SOVEREIGN

Let Their Royal Highnesses approach.

The Royal procession, led by the Golden Rose Herald, begins to process towards the Thrones.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Your Majesties, now comes al-Caid, His Royal Highness, Prince N., with his lady, the Princess N., to claim from Your Majesties' hands the Crowns and Thrones which are rightfully theirs. This he claims by right of arms, and by the honor of his lady whose token he bore victoriously upon the field of battle. In token whereof, he here renders up his sword into Your Majesty's keeping as pledge of the loyalty he vows to these People of Caid.

The NEW-SOVEREIGN's sword-bearer approaches and kneels before the OLD-SOVEREIGN. The sword is presented to the OLD-SOVEREIGN, who takes it. The sword-bearer withdraws, and the Kingdom Earl Marshal steps forward and drops a gauntlet, delivering this challenge:

EARL MARSHAL

Be there any in the Realm who would challenge this Prince, that He be the true and rightful Heir to the Throne of Caid, let him step forth now and take up this gage, or else remain forever silent.

After a moment, the Earl Marshal picks up the gauntlet and approaches the OLD-SOVEREIGN. The OLD-SOVEREIGN delivers the NEW-SOVEREIGN's sword into the Earl Marshal's keeping, and the latter withdraws.

OLD-SOVEREIGN

Prince N. and Princess N., by law and by custom, what you ask shall be yours. Approach now, and swear on the Great Sword of Caid, won in battle by Caid's first Prince, that you will be true and gentle lieges to these people of Caid.

CRESCENT HERALD

Let representatives of the Orders of Chivalry, the Laurel, the Pelican, and Defense come forward to stand with the Baronage of Caid as witnesses.

The Peerage Secretaries approach, bearing their charters, statutes, or other tokens of peerage. OLD-SOVEREIGN and OLD-CONSORT stand. NEW-SOVEREIGN and NEW-CONSORT approach the Thrones and kneel before Their Majesties. The Seneschal brings forth the Great Sword and presents it to the OLD-SOVEREIGN. The OLD-SOVEREIGN unsheathes the Sword and holds it horizontally for the Prince and Princess to lay their hands upon it. The Seneschal withdraws.

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND NEW-CONSORT

Here do We swear by mouth and hand, to serve and protect the Crown and Kingdom of Caid, to uphold the Law of this land, to confirm all the ancient privileges of its peerage, and to serve its people always. Faith and truth will We bear unto these, Our subjects of Caid, in all matters concerning this Realm, until We depart Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, N.

OLD-SOVEREIGN

All this We have heard and witnessed, N. and N. May you ever remember what you have sworn this day.

OLD-SOVEREIGN returns the Great Sword to the Seneschal. OLD-SOVEREIGN and OLD-CONSORT remove their crowns. OLD-SOVEREIGN stands holding his crown over NEW-SOVEREIGN's head. The Seneschal stands with the Great Sword unsheathed and raised, in symbol of his defense of the Kingdom during the transition of power.

OLD-SOVEREIGN

We, N., King of Caid, acknowledge you, N., as lawful heir to this Realm. Wear this crown in honor, and let its weight remind you of your duty to these your people.

OLD-SOVEREIGN places the crown on NEW-SOVEREIGN's head.

Arise, N., King of Caid.

As NEW-SOVEREIGN rises and turns to face his people, his personal banner and the banner of al-Caid are furled. OLD-SOVEREIGN's personal banner is unfurled at the same time.

CRESCENT HERALD

People of Caid, behold N., your undoubted King. Long live the King!

The Seneschal lowers the Great Sword and withdraws. OLD-CONSORT presents the Queen's crown to NEW-SOVEREIGN.

OLD-CONSORT

My Lord King, as I do acknowledge this lady lawful heiress to this Realm, I offer up this symbol of that estate, that you may crown her Queen of Caid.

NEW-SOVEREIGN receives the crown and stands holding it over NEW-CONSORT's head.

NEW-SOVEREIGN

My lady, as it was my honor to win you this estate, so it is my pleasure to crown you Queen.

NEW-SOVEREIGN places the crown on NEW-CONSORT's head.

Arise, N., Queen of Caid.

As NEW-CONSORT rises and turns to face her people, her personal banner and the banner of Lady Caid are furled. OLD-CONSORT's personal banner is unfurled at the same time.

CRESCENT HERALD

People of Caid, behold N., your undoubted Queen. Long Live the Queen!

NEW-SOVEREIGN and NEW-CONSORT exchange places with OLD-SOVEREIGN and OLD-CONSORT, assuming their thrones. OLD-SOVEREIGN and OLD-CONSORT retire, with their household. The new royal household takes its place.

The populace has Their Majesties' leave to be seated.

Golden Rose Herald replaces Crescent Herald as Court Herald. Court continues.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let the Royal regalia be brought forward.

The Great Officers of Caid will process forward, in the following order: Seneschal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Earl Marshal, Minister of the Exchequer, Chronicler and Crescent Herald. The Seneschal presents the Great Sword of Caid.

Your Majesty, the Seneschal here delivers into Your hands the Great Sword of Caid, the Sword of Justice and the Sheath of Wisdom. With its steel defend the defenseless, and strike down the enemies to the peace of this Realm. May it never be drawn save in honor, for its appointed and rightful task.

NEW-SOVEREIGN

My Lord/Lady Seneschal, We thank you, and return this into your keeping until such time as We require it.

The Seneschal withdraws. The Minister of Arts and Sciences presents a golden rose.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Your Majesty, in the name of Your loving subjects, the Minister of Arts and Sciences begs You, as First Lady of Courtesy in this Realm, to accept this rose, bright as the purest gold, as a symbol of Your patronage of the arts in Caid.

NEW-CONSORT

My Lord/Lady, We thank you.

The Minister of Arts and Sciences withdraws. The Earl Marshal comes forward with NEW-SOVEREIGN's personal sword, and kneels to present it.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Your Majesty, the Earl Marshal returns Your own sword, by which Your chivalry is gauged. Now that Your personal honor and the honor of Caid are one, may You always keep both unstained.

The Earl Marshal withdraws. The Minister of the Exchequer comes forward and kneels presenting a chest or pouch, representing the Royal Treasury, to the Queen.

Your Majesty, the Treasury of Caid, to be used in the service of this Realm.

NEW-CONSORT

We thank you, My Lord/Lady of the Exchequer, and We return it into your good keeping.

The Minister of the Exchequer withdraws. The Kingdom Chronicler and the Crescent Herald come forward and kneel, bearing the books of law and ceremonies, respectively.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

My Lord King, receive the Book of Law, the written code by which the Crown governs the realm. Remember that Your Majesties are the Law, and only by Your just and honorable example may You truly serve all Your liege folk equally. Yours is the strength upon which the Kingdom rests.

NEW-SOVEREIGN views the book of law and returns it to the Chronicler.

My Lady Queen, take the Book of Ceremonies, which contains the words by which the Crown bestows awards and honors upon the populace. May the hand of the Queen nurture what the hand of the warrior has won. Make fruitful that which is barren, restore that which has gone to decay, nourish that which is beautiful and just, and recognize and reward the deserving.

NEW-CONSORT views the Book of Ceremonies and returns it to the Crescent Herald.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let all Kingdom Officers of Caid come forward, and kneel before Their Majesties.

As they come forward, Golden Rose continues

The Officers of Caid ensure the smooth running and functioning of this noble Realm. For this reason do they swear fealty.

The Kingdom Officers approach and kneel before the thrones. The King receives the Great Sword from the Seneschal and places it across His palms for the Officers to touch.

OFFICERS

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid; that I will faithfully discharge my office, obeying Their Majesties' lawful commands in all matters concerning this Realm; and, mindful that the harmony of Caid springs from my own deeds, that I will deal courteously and fairly with those of every degree, until the Crown depart Their throne, or death take me, or the world end. So swear I, *N.*

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND CONSORT

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Officers of Caid, and to those who serve them, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the 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 King returns the Great Sword to the Seneschal. Their Majesties raise each officer by taking his hands into Their own. Each Officer is presented with a token. After Their Majesties have returned to the thrones, the Officers bow and retire.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let the Landed Barons and Baronesses of Caid, being the representatives of the Crown in their baronies, and embodying honor and justice, come forward to swear fealty to their liege lord.

The Landed Baronage (or their representatives) approach and kneel before the thrones. Golden Rose continues

BARONAGE

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, homage to the King and Queen of Caid, and become Their true vassals, 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 my 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 swear I, N.

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND CONSORT

And We, for Our part, do make known to all present and to come, that We do receive these Barons and Baronesses of Caid, and accept them as Our vassals, and that We will guarantee to them the Baronies held of Us against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the 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 King returns the Great Sword to the Seneschal. The Barons and Baronesses are presented with a token..After Their Majesties have returned to the thrones, the Baronage bows and retires.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let the Chivalry of Caid come forward, with their swords girded on, and kneel before Their Majesties.

As they come forward, Golden Rose continues

The Chivalry of the Realm are the protectors of peace and leaders in war. For this reason do they swear fealty.

The knights approach and kneel before the Thrones.

CHIVALRY

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent, to do and to let be, to come and to go, to strike and to spare, in such matters as concern this Realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart Their throne, or death take me, or the world. So swear I, *N.*

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND NEW-CONSORT

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these knights of Caid, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the 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 King and Queen raise each of the knights by taking his joined hands in their own. Each knight is presented with a token. When all of the Chivalry have been raised, and Their Majesties have returned to the thrones, the knights draw their swords, salute, sheath their swords, bow and retire.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let all Companions of the Laurel come and kneel before Their Majesties.

As they come forward, Golden Rose continues

The Companions of the Laurel hold a special place, for they preserve beauty, art and science in the Realm. For this reason do they swear fealty.

The members of the Order of the Laurel approach and kneel before the thrones.

LAUREL

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent, to do and to let be, to come and to go, to serve and to teach, in such matters as concern this Realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart Their throne, or death take me, or the world. So swear I, *N.*

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND NEW-CONSORT

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Companions of the Laurel, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

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

Their Majesties raise each peer, presenting each with a token. The peers bow and retire.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let all Companions of the Pelican come and kneel before Their Majesties.

As they come forward, Golden Rose continues

The Companions of the Pelican, by their service, maintain and build the Realm. For this reason do they swear fealty.

The members of the Order of the Pelican approach and kneel before the thrones.

PELICAN

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent, to do and to let be, to come and to go, to serve and to teach, in such matters as concern this Realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart Their throne, or death take me, or the world. So swear I, *N.*

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND CONSORT

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Companions of the Pelican, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

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

Their Majesties raise each peer, presenting each with a token. The peers bow and retire.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let all Companions of Defense come and kneel before Their Majesties.

As they come forward, Golden Rose continues

The Companions of Defense are exemplars of valor and camaraderie. For this reason do they swear fealty.

The members of the Order of Defense approach and kneel before the thrones.

DEFENSE

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent, to do and to let be, to come and to go, to strike and to spare, in such matters as concern this Realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart Their throne, or death take me, or the world. So swear I, *N.*

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND CONSORT

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Companions of Defense, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

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

Their Majesties raise each peer, presenting each with a token. The peers bow and retire.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let all Royal Peers come and kneel before Their Majesties.

As they come forward, Golden Rose continues

As they have felt the weight of the Crown, so do the Royal Peers now come forward to renew their fealty to the Crown of Caid.

The Royal Peers approach and kneel before the thrones.

ROYAL PEERS

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid, to continue by my example to serve and instruct, according to my means, in service to this Realm, until the Crown depart Their throne, or death take me, or the world end. So swear I, *N.*

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND CONSORT

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Royal Peers of Caid, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

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

Their Majesties raise each peer, presenting each with a token. When all are raised and Their Majesties have returned to the thrones, the peers bow and retire.

HERALD

Their Majesties summon (King's Champion) and (Champion's Consort) before Them.

The King's Champion and his lady approach and kneel before the thrones.

N., whereas you have proven yourself second only to the King in prowess on the field at this time, and as yours is the skill which most severely tested our King, His Majesty is pleased to name you His Champion on the field.

NEW-SOVEREIGN

***N.*, bear this sword as a token of the trust invested in you this day.**

NEW-SOVEREIGN presents the Sword of the King's Champion and vests him with the tabard.

HERALD

N., your beauty and grace inspired your champion upon the field of combat. It is therefore fitting that you also be recognized; for the honor won by a warrior is a reflection of his inspiration.

NEW-CONSORT

My lady, accept this token as a symbol of the inspiration you have provided.

The Queen presents a token to Champion's Consort. Kings Champion and Champions Consort bow and retire.

If any Queen's Champion tournaments have occurred prior to Coronation for this reign, they shall be installed in the following manner.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Her Majesty summons *N.* before Her.

The named Champion approaches and kneels before the thrones.

N., whereas your skill and comportment in [Form] has well pleased Her Majesty, She is minded to name you Her [Form] Champion.

NEW-CONSORT

***N.*, bear now this favor, and defend my honor well.**

The Queen presents the regalia, and a gift to the Champion's consort.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Their Majesties summon a representative of the Order of the Golden Lance of Caid to present himself before the Thrones.

As the representative of the Order comes forth, the herald continues

In the 43rd year of the Society, by treaty with the Kingdoms of Ansteorra, and Trimaris, the Crown of Caid established the Order of the Golden Lance in Caid, to recognize and promote excellence in all aspects of the equestrian arts. At the founding of this Order, Their Majesties were presented with the regalia of this Order, to mark Their status as the chief inspiration of the Order.

After the representative is present, he or she presents golden scarves to Their Majesties and makes such remarks as are appropriate. Court continues with the investiture of the Queen's Court and Guard.

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.

Elevation of a Duke and Duchess

It should be ascertained beforehand the titles the new Duke and Duchess wish to use: Duc, Herzog, etc.; and these should be substituted for "Duke" and "Duchess" in the Ceremony, where appropriate.

HERALD

May it please Your Majesty, Your loyal subject, His Most Noble Grace, Duke *N.*, having by his valor, skill and strength at arms twice won the Crown of this Kingdom, and thus, of his own ability, having earned the title and estate of a Duke of this Realm, makes bold to approach you, that he may receive the Royal Accolade and be invested with the dignities of his high office. And in token of his continued loyalty to the Crown and Throne of this Kingdom, His Grace Duke *N.* here yields his sword into Your Majesty's keeping.

The new Duke's entourage enters. It shall be led by the Duke's sword bearer, with the Duke's personal sword; and shall include a banner bearer, a coronet bearer, and a mantle bearer. The last two should, if possible, be Dukes themselves; if none are available, their places shall be taken by worthy Counts. If only one Duke is available, he shall bear the coronet. (The procession may include such other persons as please the new Duke.)

The entourage approaches the Thrones; the sword bearer presents the sword to the King with a bow, then retires to the side. The King and Queen stand, and the King lays the sword across the arms of the Throne.

KING

People of Caid, that you may know the worth of this, Our Duke, His Grace Duke *N.*, let the Herald read forth the Proclamation of Investiture.

If a scroll has been prepared, the Herald reads it to the populace. If not, he continues, modifying the text below as appropriate:

HERALD

Be it known to all men that *N.*, having been knighted on the (n)th day of (month), A.S. (year), and having twice won the Crown of this Realm, being first crowned on the (n)th day of (month), A.S. (year), and again on the (n)th day of (month), A.S. (year), We hereby proclaim that by his valor, skill and strength at arms he has earned and deserves the honorable and noble title and estate of a Duke of this Realm, with all the honors and dignities pertaining to this rank. In acknowledgement whereof, We hereto set Our Hand and Seal, this (n)th day of (month), A.S. (year), being the (n)th of the Common Era. *N. Rex, N., Regina, King and Queen of Caid.*

The Duke here approaches the Thrones, and kneels before them.

KING

In token of his new estate, let His Grace be vested as becomes his station.

The mantle bearer comes forward and places the mantle around the new Duke's shoulders, then retires to the side. The King unsheathes the sword and gently strikes the new Duke thrice with the flat of the blade -- left shoulder, then right shoulder, then crown of the head -- saying:

My Lord Duke, it pleases Me greatly that you should receive the Ducal Accolade at my hand.

DUKE

My Liege, from Your hand I am most heartily pleased to receive it.

The King sheathes the sword. The Duke remains kneeling.

KING

Let His Grace be crowned with the coronet symbolizing his new estate.

If the coronet bearer is a Duke, he places the coronet on the new Duke's head; if not, he gives the coronet to the King, who places it on the new Duke's head.

Henceforth, be known as Duke N. in this Our Realm.

The new Duke stands. The King presents the sheathed sword to the new Duke, saying:

I return this sword into your keeping, My Lord Duke, charging you to use it henceforth as you have hitherto, in a noble, knightly, and chivalrous manner.

DUKE

My Liege, upon my honor, I pledge to do so.

The new Duke girds himself with the sword. If the King is himself a Duke, he extends His right hand to the new Duke, saying:

KING

Welcome, Brother Duke, into our most noble order.

If the King is not a Duke, the coronet bearer or the ranking Duke present performs the office. If there are no Dukes present, the office is omitted. When congratulations have been concluded, the new Duke and his entourage move to the side to await the Duchess's procession.

HERALD

In this Realm, a fighter enters the field of honor to gain the privilege of crowning his chosen consort with rosemary and roses, proclaiming her Queen of Love and Beauty. It is therefore fitting that a Lady whose grace and beauty have twice inspired her champion to win her the Crown of this Kingdom should be created a Duchess in her own right.

May it please Your Majesties, Your most loyal subject, Her Most Noble Grace, Duchess (New Duchess), having by her beauty, grace and virtues twice inspired her champion to win her the Crown of this Kingdom, and thus having earned the title and estate of a Duchess of this Realm, makes bold to approach You, that she may receive the Royal Accolade, and be invested with the emblems and dignities of her high office.

And in token of her loyalty to the Crown and Throne of this Kingdom, Her Grace N. here yields this golden rose, as a symbol of her past estate as Queen and membership in the Order of the Rose, into Your Majesties' keeping.

The new Duchess's entourage enters. It shall be led by the Duchess's rose bearer, with a yellow rose; and shall include a banner bearer, a coronet bearer, and a mantle bearer. The last two should, if possible, be Duchesses themselves; if none are available, their places shall be taken by worthy Countesses. If only one Duchess is available, she shall bear the coronet. (The procession may include such other persons as please the new Duchess. It is particularly fitting that Ladies of the Rose attend the new Duchess.)

The entourage approaches the Thrones; the rose bearer presents the rose to the Queen with a bow, then retires to the side. The King and Queen stand.

QUEEN

People of Caid, that you may know the worth of this, Our Duchess, Her Grace Duchess N., let the Herald read forth the Proclamation of Investiture.

If a scroll has been prepared, the Herald reads it to the populace. If not, he continues:

HERALD

Be it known to all men that N., having twice inspired her champion to win for her the Crown of this Realm, being first crowned on the (n)th day of (month), A.S. (year), and again on the (n)th day of (month), A.S. (year), We do hereby proclaim that by her beauty, grace and virtues she has earned and deserves the honorable and noble title and estate of a Duchess of this Realm, with all the honors and dignities appertaining thereto. In acknowledgement whereof, We hereto set Our Hand and Seal this (n)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year), being the (n)th year of the Common Era. N., Rex, N., Regina, King and Queen of Caid.

The new Duchess approaches the Thrones, and kneels. The banner bearer and coronet bearer step slightly to the side.

KING

In token of her new estate, let Her Grace be vested as becomes her station.

The mantle bearer comes forward and places the mantle around the new Duchess's shoulders, then retires to the side. Then the King may either kiss the new Duchess on each cheek, or else dub her with His scepter, in the manner of a knighting -- left shoulder, right shoulder, crown of the head.

My Lady Duchess, it pleases me that you should receive this accolade from me.

DUCHESS

My Liege, I am most heartily pleased to receive it.

QUEEN

Let Her Grace be crowned with the coronet symbolizing her new estate.

The coronet bearer hands the coronet to the Queen, who, with the King, places the coronet on the Duchess's head. (As an option: the Duchess's Lord may crown his Lady. If so, he takes the coronet and holds it over her head, saying:

DUKE

As it was my honor to twice win you the Crown of Caid, so it is my joy today to create you a Duchess.

The Duke then places the coronet on his Lady's head. End of OPTION.) The Queen gives the rose back to the new Duchess.

QUEEN

Receive this Rose, My Lady Duchess, and bear it henceforth as you have hitherto, with grace and dignity.

DUCHESS

My Queen, upon mine honor I pledge to do so.

If the Queen is herself a Duchess, she embraces the new Duchess, saying:

QUEEN

Welcome, Fair Lady, into our most noble order.

If the Queen is not a Duchess, the coronet bearer or the ranking Duchess present performs the office. If there are no Duchesses present, the office is omitted.

When congratulations have been concluded, the new Duke and Duchess join hands before the Thrones.

HERALD

Duke N. and Duchess N., will you now swear fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid?

DUKE & DUCHESS

We will.

The Seneschal brings forward the Great Sword, which the King unsheathes and holds horizontally. The Duke and Duchess kneel and place their hands on the Sword.

CRESCENT FOR DUKE & DUCHESS TO REPEAT:

Here do we swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid. As we have ruled this Realm in faith, so shall we keep that faith henceforth, that we may, by our example, foster chivalry, courtesy, and honor throughout the land; until the Crown depart the throne, or death take us, or the world end. So say we, N.

KING AND QUEEN

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Royal Peers of Caid, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the 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 King returns the Great Sword into the Seneschal's keeping. Their Majesties raise up the new Duke and Duchess, while Crescent Herald exhorts cheers from the populace. Their Graces, along with their parties, bow and retire.

Creation of a Count and Countess

It should be ascertained beforehand the titles the new Count and Countess wish to use: Earl, Comptesse, etc.; and these should be substituted for "Count" and "Countess" in the Ceremony, where appropriate.

HERALD

Their Majesties call before the Throne *N.* and *N.*, for they have done great service to Caid and We would honor them.

The two enter, attended by such Royal Peers as please them; the attendants bear the coronets and personal banners. They kneel before Their Majesties, who stand.

KING

***N.*, having by your valor, skill, and strength of arms won the Crown of this Kingdom, and having served this Realm as King, We do hereby affirm you as a Count and Royal Peer. Will you accept this honor, vowing your continued fealty to the Crown you have lately worn?**

COUNT

I will, Your Majesty.

KING

Let the scroll be read.

If a scroll has been prepared, the Herald reads it to the populace. If not, he continues:

HERALD

Be it known to all men that *N.*, having been knighted on the (n)th day of (month), A.S. (year), and having won the Crown of this Realm, We hereby proclaim that by his valor, skill and strength at arms he has earned and deserves the honorable and noble title and estate of a Count of this Realm, with all the honors and dignities pertaining to this rank. In acknowledgement whereof, We hereto set Our Hand and Seal, this (n)th day of (month), A.S. (year), being the (n)th of the Common Era. *N. Rex, N., Regina, King and Queen of Caid.*

KING

Let His Excellency receive the coronet of his new rank.

Another Count (or the King) places the coronet on the new Count's head. The King raises the new Count to his feet.

***N.*, henceforth be Count *N.* in this Our Realm.**

The new Count stands beside the King.

QUEEN

***N.*, having by your beauty, grace, and virtue inspired your champion to win you the Crown of this Kingdom, and having served this Realm as Queen, We do hereby affirm you as a Countess and Royal Peer. Will you accept this honor, vowing your continued fealty to the Crown you have lately worn?**

COUNTESS

I will, Your Majesty.

QUEEN

Let the scroll be read.

If a scroll has been prepared, the Herald reads it to the populace. If not, he continues:

HERALD

Be it known to all men that *N.*, having inspired her champion to win for her the Crown of this Realm, We do hereby proclaim that by her beauty, grace and virtues she has earned and deserves the honorable and noble title and estate of a Countess of this Realm, with all the honors and dignities appertaining thereto. In acknowledgement whereof, We hereto set Our Hand and Seal this (day)th day of (month), Anno Societatis (year), being the (n)th year of the Common Era. *N.*, Rex, *N.*, Regina, King and Queen of Caid.

QUEEN

Let Her Excellency receive the coronet of her new rank.

Another Countess (or the Queen) places the coronet on the new Countess' head. (As an OPTION: The new Count may crown his Lady. If so, he first holds it over her head, saying:

COUNT

As it was my honor to win you the Crown of Caid, so it is my pleasure to invest you in this estate.

The Count then places the coronet on his lady's head. End of OPTION.) The King raises the new Countess to her feet, and kisses her hand.

KING

***N.*, henceforth be Countess *N.* in this Our Realm.**

The Queen presents the new Countess with a yellow rose.

QUEEN

Countess *N.*, be welcomed into the Order of the Rose, whose token this is.

The Count rejoins his lady.

HERALD

Count *N.* and Countess *N.*, will you now swear fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid?

COUNT & COUNTESS

We will.

The Seneschal brings forward the Great Sword, which the King unsheathes and holds horizontally. The Count and Countess kneel and place their hands on the Sword.

HERALD FOR COUNT & COUNTESS TO REPEAT:

Here do we swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid. As we have ruled this Realm in faith, so shall we keep that faith henceforth, that we may, by our

example, foster chivalry, courtesy, and honor throughout the land; until the Crown depart the throne, or death take us, or the world end. So say we, *N.*

KING AND QUEEN

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Royal Peers of Caid, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the 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 King returns the Great Sword into the Seneschal's keeping. Their Majesties raise up the new Count and Countess, while Crescent Herald exhorts cheers from the populace. Their Excellencies, along with their parties, bow and retire.

College of Herald's Ceremonies

The following are ceremonies that are used by the College of Herald's. They should be administered only with the assent of Crescent Principal Herald, and preferably administered by Crescent personally.

The Creation of a Pursuivant or Herald

SPONSORING HERALD

Your *Majesties/Excellencies*; I know that You have need of heralds and pursuivants to carry Your messages in peace and war, to be Your voice, to learn and to teach the noble arts of heraldry. I here present to You Your faithful servant *N.* as a gentle skilled in the arts of honor, that You may create (him/her) as Your *Pursuivant/Herald*.

The candidate is brought forth, being led by the hand by a senior herald and flanked by other heralds or pursuivants bearing the necessary paraphernalia – a book, a goblet of water, and a tabard. The company kneels in the royal or baronial presence. If necessary, the number of attendants can be expanded or shrunk. Attendant moves forward with book/sword to swear an oath upon so that the candidate can place his hand upon it.

Will you, *N.*, of your own free will, swear to serve Their *Majesties/ Excellencies* as a *Pursuivant/Herald*?

CANDIDATE

I will.

SPONSORING HERALD

(Aside) Place your hand upon the book/sword. (Aloud) Do you, of your own free will, swear to serve your office as follows in these articles?

Following each of the articles, the candidate responds "I so swear."

First, you shall swear that you be true to our high and most excellent prince, our sovereign lord that here is, and to him that makes you a herald. And if you should have any knowledge or hear any imagination of treason, you shall discover it to His High Grace or to His noble council; and counsel it in no manner.

And you shall promise and swear that you shall be serviceable to all gentle persons to do their commandments to their worship of noble deeds; and to excuse their worship by your good counsel, and ever ready to offer your service to them.

And you shall promise and swear to be secret and keep the secrets of knights, squires, ladies, gentlewomen, and all manner of gentle folk; a confessor of arms; and not discover them in any wise except treason abovesaid.

Also you shall promise and swear if any fortune finds you in divers lands and countries where you go or ride, if you find any gentle of name and arms that has lost their goods in service of his lord or of noble acts and has fallen into poverty, and if they ask of your goods for sustenance, you shall give them of your goods to your power and as you bear.

Also you shall promise and swear if you be in any place where you hear debate or peril between two gentles which you shall be privy to, if so be it that you be required by prince, judge, or any other to bear witness, you shall not be without license of both parties, and when you have leave, you shall not testify for any good favor or awe, but say the truth to your knowledge.

Also you shall promise and swear that you shall pursue learning, and teach officers of arms under you, all manner of things pertaining to nobility.

Also you shall promise and swear that you shall forsake all places of dishonesty and hazard and dishonestly going to common taverns and places of debates and all manner of vices, and take to virtues as much as you are able.

This article and all other articles abovesaid you shall truly keep, so help you God and the saints.

Attendant moves forward and gives the goblet of water to the Sovereign/Baron. Sovereign slowly pours a bit of water from the goblet over the candidate's head while speaking these words:

KING/BARON

Then, by your oath, I do create you a *Pursuivant/Herald* by the name of (Title). As you shall serve Us as *Pursuivant/Herald*, we shall you award you according to your merit.

Here the creating nobles may add such other words of exhortation as seems to them appropriate. When done, the creating noble gives the cup to the candidate.

SPONSORING HERALD

Let the *Pursuivant/Herald* be invested with his/her tabard of office, and let him/her wear it as befits his/her rank of *Pursuivant/Herald*, and in no other way.

Attendants move forward and put a tabard on the candidate. If a Pursuivant, the tabard should be put on so that the arms of the tabard are on the candidate's chest and the front and back drape over the candidate's shoulders and arms. If a Herald, the tabard should be put on in the manner described above, then rotated 90 degrees to its proper configuration.

KING/BARON

You may go.

Herald Extraordinary and Personal Heraldic Title

Their Majesties shall call before Them the Crescent Principal Herald, vested in a tabard bearing the arms of Caid and wearing the Principal Herald's chain of office.

HERALD

Your Majesties, I do beg leave to exercise one of the ancient privileges of my office.

KING

You have Our leave, and let all know that what you do, you do with Our Royal Assent.

HERALD

In the 16th Year of the Society, Wilhelm von Schlüssel, Laurel King of Arms, sought to recognize those heralds who had greatly served their kingdom's College of Heraldry and the Society's College of Arms, and who had, as well, achieved the highest level of competence in heraldry. To do so, he created the rank of Herald Extraordinary. Wilhelm *Laurel* charged the Principal Herald of each kingdom with the responsibility for elevating deserving heralds to this rank and gave them the privilege of granting those heralds the right to a personal heraldic title; that is, one vested in the herald's own person rather than in the territory that they serve.

Today, to recognize long and exemplary service given to Caid and the Society in the varied arts of heraldry, with the Crown's Assent, I exercise this privilege and responsibility.

Therefore the Crown summons *N.*

Promissory:

Let it be known to all that I, *N.*, Crescent Principal Herald, with the Royal Assent of *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of Caid, in recognition of (his/her) long, faithful and excellent service to Caid and the Society, do hereby raise Their trusty and well beloved servant *N.* to the rank of Herald Extraordinary and confer upon (him/her) the right to a Herald's title, to be (his/her) own forever. Their Majesties charge (him/her) to consult with Their heralds to select a title becoming this dignity, and do charge (him/her) to continue to keep to the duties of a true Herald, as (s/he) has so nobly done aforesaid.

Succession of the Crescent Principal Herald

At the Crown's convenience, the court Herald shall summon the Retiring and Incoming Principal Heralds to kneel before the Throne.

OUTGOING CRESCENT PRINCIPAL HERALD:

Your Majesties, I, *N*, Crescent Principal Herald of Caid, for reasons of which Your Majesties have been apprised, do beg leave to be relieved of my duties.

KING

Have you then nominated a successor to this office?

OUTGOING CRESCENT PRINCIPAL HERALD:

I have, your Majesty, and here present *N*.

KING

***N*, are you prepared to accept and execute the duties of the office of the Crescent Principal Herald?**

INCOMING CRESCENT PRINCIPAL HERALD:

I am, Your Majesties, and pledge faithfully to serve you.

HERALD:

From ancient times, it has been the custom for persons aspiring to the estate of Principal Herald to swear an oath regarding the duties of that honorable office. Are you prepared to swear that oath?

INCOMING CRESCENT:

I am.

KING

Let the title pass.

Crescent places his hands upon the Sword of state to swear fealty.

HERALD:

You shall swear by your Oath, and by the faith that you owe unto the Crown Our Sovereign Lord and Lady, whose arms you bear, that you shall truly keep such things as are comprised in the articles following:

First, whensoever the Crown shall command you to bring any message to any other Monarch, Prince, Estate, or any other Person out of their Realm, or within the same, that you shall do it honorably and truly to the advantage of Our Sovereigns and this Their Realm, and true Report bring again to Their Majesties, always keeping yourself secret, save to such persons as you be commanded to utter your charge unto.

Secondly, you shall do your full diligence to have Knowledge of all the Nobles within the Realm which should bear Coats in the field in the Service of Our Sovereigns or their Lieutenants, Officers, or Commissioners, which you shall impartially note and register.

Thirdly, you shall not be strange to teach Pursuivants or Heralds, and also you shall keep duly your Chapters, to the increase of cunning in the Office of Arms.

Finally, you shall observe and keep, to your Cunning and power, all such Oaths as you made when you were created a Pursuivant to the Honor and Worship of Noblesse and Integrity of Living, namely in Eschewing dislandered places and persons reproached, and to be more ready to excuse than to blame any Noble Person, unless you be charged to say the Sooth by the Crown in place Judicial; and also you shall promise truly to Register all Acts of Honor in manner and forme as they be done, as far forth as your Cunning and Power may extend.

INCOMING CRESCENT PRINCIPAL HERALD:

I so swear.

The new Crescent may respond to each clause by saying "I will" or "I so swear", or reserve response until the oaths are completed. The new Crescent may conclude the oath by saying

So help me God and the Holy Evangelists, and by the Cross of this Sword that longeth to Knighthood.

or

All this I swear by the Great Sword of Caid.

Or another such phrase. The preceeding oath is taken from an oath for a King of Arms from 1686, somewhat edited to remove references to inherited honors, the subordination of the heralds to the Marshal and Constable (which was true in England but is not in Caid), and to make the oath more gender neutral.

KING:

Then by your oath, I create you, N., Crescent Principal Herald of Caid.

The Crown pours water over the new herald's head. The retiring herald invests the new herald with the emblem of the office, namely the chain of state.

KING:

Before the Peers of this Realm, I do here invest you, N., as Crescent Principal Herald. May all good fortune and good will attend you.

HERALD:

As the Crescent Herald is a Great Officer of Caid, therefore does he swear fealty to Crown and Kingdom.

The King accepts the Great Sword of State, holds it horizontally, and Crescent places his hands upon the Sword to swear fealty.

Do you, the Crescent Principal Herald of Caid, swear fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid, that you will faithfully discharge your office, obeying their Majesties' lawful commands in all matters concerning this Realm; and, mindful that the harmony of Caid springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously and fairly with those of every degree, until the Crown depart Their Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

INCOMING CRESCENT PRINCIPAL HERALD:

I so swear.

KING AND QUEEN

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to this, the Crescent Principal Herald of Caid, and to those who serve him; to protect and defend them 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 King raises up Crescent and congratulates him/her, while Herald exhorts cheers from the populace for the former and current Principal Heralds. The Heralds retire.

Regalia Required for this ceremony: silver or gilt cup, Great Sword of State, Crescent's Chain of State

Appendix I: Fealty Oaths

Sovereign's Fealty

NEW KING AND QUEEN

Here do We swear by mouth and hand, to serve and protect the Crown and Kingdom of Caid, to uphold the Law of this land, to confirm all the ancient privileges of its peerage, and to serve its people always. Faith and truth will We bear unto these, Our subjects of Caid, in all matters concerning this Realm, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *N.*

OLD SOVEREIGN

All this We have heard and witnessed, *N.* and *N.* May You ever remember what You have sworn this day.

Royal Peer's Fealty

PEER

Here do we swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid. As we have ruled this Realm in faith, so shall we keep that faith henceforth, that we may, by our example, foster chivalry, courtesy, and honor throughout the land; until the Crown depart the throne, or death take us, or the world end. So say we, *N.*

KING AND QUEEN

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Royal Peers of Caid, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

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

Knights and Defender's Fealty

KNIGHT/DEFENDER

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: To speak and to be silent; to do and to let be; to come and to go; to strike and to spare. In such matters as concern this realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart their throne, or death take me, or the world end. So swear I, *N*.

KING AND QUEEN

And this do We hear, and We, for Our part, swear fealty to these knights/defenders of Caid, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

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

Peer's Fealty

PEER

Here do I swear by mouth and hand fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent; to do and to let be; to come and to go; to serve and to teach, in such matters as concern this Realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart their throne, or death take me, or the world end. So say I, *N*.

KING AND QUEEN

And this do We hear. And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these peers of Caid and to all their households; to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

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

Baron's Fealty

HERALD:

We, the Landed baronage of Caid, swear homage to the Crown of Caid and become Their true vassal, pledging to defend, represent, and answer for all our people, with honor and dignity, to administer them and the affairs of our 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 until the Crown depart the Throne or death take us or the world end.

KING AND QUEEN

And We, for Our part, do make known to all present and to come, that We do receive these Barons and Baronesses of Caid, and accept them as Our vassals, and that We will guarantee to them, the baronies held of Us, against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the Throne, or death take Us, or the World end. So say We, K., King of Caid.

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

Officer's Fealty

HERALD

I, the (officer) of Caid, swear fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid, that I will faithfully discharge my office, obeying Their Majesties' lawful commands in all matters concerning this Realm; and, mindful that the harmony of Caid springs from my own deeds, that I will deal courteously and fairly with those of every degree, until Crown depart the Throne, or death take me, or the world end.

KING AND QUEEN

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these officers of Caid, and to those who serve them; to protect and defend them 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.

Appendix II:

Scroll Texts

These texts are designed specifically for use in court, when there is a desire for a longer scroll rather than a promissory, and when an actual scroll is either unavailable or illegible. The language is compatible with the Caid Scribal Handbook achievement guidelines as of May 1, Anno Societatis 51 (2016). However, the language has been modified for court use, and should not be considered authoritative for scribal use.

Duke

Unto all nobles and gentles throughout the Known World, We, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of the Realm of Caid, send greetings! Henceforth, *N.* shall be known as a [Duke/equivalent title] 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/equivalent title] [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]. He shall hold said rank from this day, [date and month], in the year of Our Lord [AD year], and of the Society [SCA year], unto the end of his days. In testimony whereof, We have signed these Letters Patent, and caused the Great Seal of Caid to be hereunto affixed.

Duchess

Nobles and gentles throughout the Known World unto whom these presents shall come, We, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of the Realm of Caid, send greetings! Henceforth, *N.* shall be known as a [Duchess/equivalent title] in 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/equivalent title] [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 day, [date and month], in the year of Our Lord [AD year], and of the Society the [SCA 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 Great Seal of Caid to be hereunto affixed.

Count

Due commendations and greetings unto all nobles and gentles throughout the Known World, from *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of the Realm of Caid. Henceforth, *N.* 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 Caid. 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]. He shall hold said rank from this day, [date and month], in the year of Our Lord [AD year], and of the Society the [SCA year], unto the end of his days. In testimony whereof, We have signed these Letters Patent, and caused the Great Seal of Caid to be hereunto affixed.

Countess

Let all nobles and gentles throughout the Known World understand by these presents that We, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of the Realm of Caid, send greetings! We recognize that *N.* hath these past months borne the mantle of Queen of Caid with dignity and grace. She shall be known henceforth as [Countess/equivalent title] 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. She shall hold said rank from this day, [date and month], in the year of Our Lord [AD year], and of the Society [SCA 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 Great Seal of Caid to be hereunto affixed.

The Order of Chivalry

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come, *K.*, King by right of arms, and *Q.*, Queen by virtue of her courtesy, of the most Sovereign Realm of Caid, 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 *N.* to the rank of [Knight/Master of Arms] 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 [Color] doubled [Metal], with the gold chain of Knighthood surrounding the shield. This have We done on the [date] day of [month], in the year of Our Lord [AD year], which is the year [SCA year] of the Society. In witness whereof We here set Our hand and cause the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Caid to be affixed. So also doth Crescent Herald of Caid attest by seal and signature to the validity of the name and armoury herein.

The Order of Defense

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come, *K.* and *Q.*, undoubted King and Queen of the Sovereign Realm of Caid, bid you greetings. In acknowledgment of (his/her) courtesy and skill in rapier combat, and after consultation with the members of the Order, We hereby elevate Our subject, *N.*, to the Most Noble Order of Defense 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 silver helmet with mantling [Color] doubled [Metal], with the white livery collar of the Order surrounding the shield. This have We done on the [date] day of [month], in the year of Our Lord [AD year], which is the year [SCA year] of the Society. In witness whereof We here set Our hand and cause the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Caid to be affixed. So also doth Crescent Herald of Caid attest by seal and signature to the validity of the name and armoury herein.

The Order of the Laurel

Greetings to all gentles and nobles of the Known World unto whom these presents shall come, from King *K.* and Queen *Q.* of the Sovereign Realm of Caid. The excellence and endeavors of Our subject, *N.*, 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 Most Noble Order of the Laurel of the Society for Creative Anachronism, on this [date] day of [month], in the year of Our Lord [AD year], being the year [SCA year] of the Society. 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]. In witness whereof We here set Our hand and cause the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Caid to be affixed. So also doth Crescent Herald of Caid attest by seal and signature to the validity of the name and armoury herein.

The Order of the Pelican

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come, *K.* and *Q.*, undoubted King and Queen of the Sovereign Realm of Caid, 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, *N.*, to the Most Noble 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]. This have We done on the [date] day of [month], in the year of Our Lord [AD year], which is the year [SCA year] of the Society. In witness whereof We here set Our hand and cause the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Caid to be affixed. So also doth Crescent Herald of Caid attest by seal and signature to the validity of the name and armoury herein.

The Order of the Argent Blade

Let all who hear or read these presents know that We, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of the Realm of Caid, send Our commendation and greeting! For that skill in the art of Rapier Fence is highly prized in Our Realm, and when combined with exemplary courtesy and courtly deportment are the more worthy of praise, We hereby elevate Our subject *N.* to the Right Honourable Order of the Argent Blade. By this Grant do We affirm (his/her) exclusive right to bear the arms [Blazon]. And as cognizance of Our esteem, We grant (him/her) the privilege of showing as achievement the token of the Order, which is a medallion bearing a rapier bendwise within an embattled bordure, all counterchanged in blue and silver, pendant from a blue ribbon surrounding the shield, the whole surmounted by a steel-grey helmet with mantling [Color] doubled [Metal]. This We proclaim the [date] day of month, Anno Societatis [SCA year], which is [AD year] of the common reckoning. In witness whereof, these presents have We signed by Our hand and sealed with Our Great Seal. So also does Crescent Herald of Caid witness by seal and signature to the validity of the name and armoury herein.

The Order of Chiron

All nobility, know ye by these presents that *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of the Sovereign Realm of Caid, bid you greeting. Whereas those of Our subjects who have demonstrated exceptional skill with the bow, and the more by their virtuous acts and noble demeanour are to be admired and commended, We are right well pleased to elevate *N.* to the Right Honourable Order of Chiron of Caid. By this Grant do We affirm (his/her) sole and uncontested right to bear the arms [Blazon]. Furthermore do We grant, in token of Our regard, the right to bear as achievement the cognizance of the Order: a blue medallion bearing the sagittary Chiron in silver, within a silver bordure embattled, pendant from a blue ribbon surrounding the shield; the whole surmounted by a steel-grey helmet with mantling [Color] doubled [Metal]. This have We done this [date] day of [month], Anno Societatis [SCA year] which is Anno Domini [AD year]. In witness whereof We have here set Our Great Seal, and signed these presents in Our hand. So also doth Crescent Herald of Caid attest by seal and signature to the validity of the name and armoury herein.

The Order of the Crescent

To all nobles and gentles these present letters reading, hearing, and seeing, We, *K.* and *Q.*, monarchs unchallenged of the Sovereign Realm of Caid, bid you fair greeting. Whereas those of Our subjects who have done good service to their prince and country are the more to be praised and of Our gratitude receive due honor, it is thus Our pleasure to elevate *N.* to the Right Honourable Order of the Crescent of Caid. By this Grant We do affirm (his/her) sole right to bear the arms [Blazon]. And as token of (his/her) honor, We grant (him/her) the privilege of showing as achievement the token of the Order, which is a blue medallion bearing three crescents of silver, conjoined with horns outward, within a silver bordure embattled, pendant from a blue ribbon surrounding the shield; the whole surmounted by a steel-grey helmet with mantling [Color] doubled [Metal]. This have We done this [date] day of [month], in the year of Our Lord [AD year] and of the Society [SCA year]. In testimony whereof We here set Our hand and affix the Great Seal of Caid. So also does Crescent Herald of Caid attest by seal and signature to the validity of the name and armoury herein.

The Order of the Gauntlet

To all and singular unto whom these presents shall come, We, *K.*, by right of arms, and *Q.*, by favor of love, King and Queen of Caid, send good greeting. In recognition of the valor at arms and courtoisie of spirit shown by Our good subject *N.*, it is Our prerogative as monarchs to elevate (him/her) to the Right Honourable Order of the Gauntlet of Caid for (his/her) greater honor. By this Grant We do affirm (his/her) sole and exclusive right to bear the arms [Blazon]. And as cognizance of Our esteem, We grant (him/her) the privilege of showing as achievement the token of the Order, which is a blue medallion bearing a gauntlet grasping the blade of a sword within a bordure embattled, all of silver, pendant from a blue ribbon surrounding the shield; the whole surmounted by a steel-grey helmet with mantling [Color] doubled [Metal]. This have We done this [date] day of [month], Anno Societatis [SCA year], which is [AD year] in the common reckoning. In testimony whereof We here set Our hand and affix the Great Seal of Caid. So also does Crescent Herald of Caid attest by seal and signature to the validity of the name and armoury herein.

The Order of the Golden Lance

To all nobles and gentles these present letters reading, hearing, and seeing, We, *K.* and *Q.*, monarchs unchallenged of the Sovereign Realm of Caid, bid you fair greeting. Whereas those of Our subjects who have done good service to their prince and country are the more to be praised and of Our gratitude receive due honor, it is thus Our pleasure to elevate *N.* to the Right Honourable Order of the Golden Lance of Caid. By this Grant We do affirm (his/her) sole right to bear the arms Blazon., and as token of (his/her) honor, We grant (him/her) the privilege of showing as part of their achievement the token of the Order, which is a blue ribbon bearing a golden lance, within a silver embattled border; the whole surmounted by a steel-grey helmet with mantling [Color] doubled [Metal]. This have We done this date day of month, in the year of Our Lord [AD year] and of the Society [SCA year]. In testimony whereof We here set Our hand and affix the Great Seal of Caid. So also does Crescent Herald of Caid attest by seal and signature to the validity of the name and armory herein.

The Order of the Lux Caidis

We, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of the Sovereign Realm of Caid, send commendation and greeting to all who read these presents. For in that the artistry and knowledge demonstrated by Our good subject *N.* are of great measure and well worthy of (his/her) renown, it pleases Us to elevate (him/her) to the Right Honourable Order of the Lux Caidis. By this Grant We do affirm (his/her) exclusive right to bear the arms [Blazon]. And as further sign of (his/her) honor, We grant (him/her) the privilege of showing as achievement the token of the Order, which is a blue medallion bearing a silver sunburst issuant from clouds, within a silver bordure embattled, pendant from a blue ribbon surrounding the shield; the whole surmounted by a steel-grey helmet with mantling [Color] doubled [Metal]. This have We done this [date] day of [month], in the year of Our Lord [AD year] and of the Society [SCA year]. In testimony whereof We here set Our hand and affix the Great Seal of Caid. So also does Crescent Herald of Caid attest by seal and signature to the validity of the name and armoury herein.

Grant of Arms

Attend, all gentles and nobles unto whom these presents shall come, for *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of Caid, send commendations and greetings! Our subject, *N.*, hath pleased Us greatly by (his/her) service to Our Realm [, most especially in (his/her) position of Baron/Baroness/office]. We choose to honor (him/her) with a Grant of Arms, and hereby affirm (his/her) right to bear the arms [Blazon]. In token whereof, We grant (him/her) the privilege of showing as achievement above (his/her) shield a crest [Blazon] set upon a steel-grey helmet with mantling [Color] doubled [Metal]. This have We done this [date] day of [month], in the year of Our Lord [AD year] and of the Society [SCA year]. In testimony whereof We here set Our hand and the Kingdom seal of Caid. Furthermore does Crescent Herald attest by his seal and signature that this document bears true name and arms.

Court Barony

Greetings to all nobles and gentles, from *K.*, Rex Caidis, and *Q.*, Regina Caidis. It is Our prerogative as King and Queen of this Realm to honor those of Our subjects whose noble attributes have pleased Us with the title of [Baron/Baroness] of Our Court. This title is in addition to any rank (he/she) may hold, and is given in appreciation of contributions to Our Kingdom. Thus do We name *N.* [Baron/Baroness/equivalent title] in the Kingdom of Caid from this [date] day of [month], Anno Societatis [SCA year], which is [AD year] of the Common Era. In witness whereof, We here set Our hand and seal.

The Order of the Argent Arrow

Greeting and benison unto all who read these presents, from *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of the Sovereign Realm of Caid. Insofar as (he/she) hath demonstrated exceptional skill on the archery range, and well pleased by (his/her) gentle demeanor, We do hereby elevate Our subject *N.* to the Venerable Order of the Argent Arrow of Caid, and for which We do publicly commend [him/her]. By Our hand and seal this [date] day of [month], Anno Societatis [SCA year], which is [AD year] of the Common Era.

The Order of the Chamfron

Be it known to all nobility by these presents that We, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of Caid, send greetings. We hereby elevate Our subject *N.* to the Venerable Order of the Chamfron of Caid, for that (he/she) hath served this Realm far and above the normal expectation of (his/her) rank, especially in the equestrian arts and service, and for which cause We do publicly commend [him/her]. Given under Our hand and seal this [date] day of [month], Anno Societatis [SCA year], which is [AD year] of the Common Era.

The Order of the Crescent Sword

Know all who come by these presents the greeting of *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of Caid. By virtue of the skill at arms and noble presence (he/she) hath displayed upon the field of honor, We do hereby publicly commend Our subject *N.* and admit (him/her) to the Venerable Order of the Crescent Sword of Caid. Given under Our hand and seal this [date] day of [month], Anno Societatis [SCA year], which is [AD year] of the Common Era.

The Order of the Dolphin

Be it known to all nobility by these presents that We, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of Caid, send greetings. We hereby elevate Our subject *N.* to the Ancient and Venerable Order of the Dolphin of Caid, for that (he/she) hath served this Realm far and above the normal expectation of (his/her) [office/rank], and for which cause We do publicly commend [him/her]. Given under Our hand and seal this [date] day of [month], Anno Societatis [SCA year], which is [AD year] of the Common Era.

The Order of the Duellist

Unto all gentles and nobles of the Known World throughout, We, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of the Realm of Caid, send Our greeting and good wishes. For that (he/she) hath displayed great skill with the rapier, and behaved gently and in accord with the code duello, We do by these presents admit Our subject *N.* to the Venerable Order of the Duellist of Caid. We do publicly commend (him/her) for (his/her) prowess and presence, being well pleased by the same. Given under Our hand and seal this [date] day of [month], Anno Societatis [SCA year], which is [AD year] of the Common Era.

The Order of the Harp Argent

Proclaim to all gentles, nobles, and artisans of the Known World that We, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of Caid, give you greetings. By virtue of the surpassing skill (he/she) hath demonstrated in [Arts/Sciences/area of expertise], We do hereby elevate Our subject *N.* to the Venerable Order of the Harp Argent of Caid. We do here publicly commend (him/her) upon (his/her) accomplishment, for We recognize that (his/her) expertise doth greatly enrich Our Realm. Given under Our hand and seal this [date] day of [month], Anno Societatis [SCA year], which is [AD year] of the Common Era.

Award of Arms

We, *K.* and *Q.*, King and Queen of Caid, give you greeting. Well pleased by the service that Our subject, by name *N.*, hath rendered unto Our Realm, [*most especially that of Services,*] We raise (him/her) to the rank, estate, and title of a [Lord/Lady] of our Realm. (He/She) shall henceforth have the sole and exclusive right to bear the arms [Blazon] in this Our Society. As token of said award, (he/she) may display above (his/her) shield a steel-grey helmet with mantling [Color] doubled [Metal] as of this [date] day of [month], Anno Societatis [SCA year], which is [AD year] of the Common Era. In witness whereof, We here set Our hand and seal. So also does Crescent Herald affirm by seal and signature that this document is a true record of said name and blazon.

Appendix III: Precedence Lists

The following is the Order of Precedence for Kingdoms of the Known World and Territories within the Kingdom of Caid, as of October 8, Anno Societatis 50:

Kingdoms

I. West	VI. Caid	XI. Trimaris	XVI. Ealdormere
II. East	VII. Ansteorra	XII. Outlands	XVII. Lochac
III. Middle	VIII. Atlantia	XIII. Drachenwald	XVIII. Northshield
IV. Atenveldt	IX. An Tir	XIV. Artemisia	XIX. Gleann Abhann
V. Meridies	X. Calontir	XV. Æthelmearc	XX. Avacal

Caidan Territories:

Baronies

1. Angels	5. Lyondemere
2. Calafia	6. Gyldenholt
3. Dreiburgen	7. Nordwache
4. Western Seas	8. Altavia

Shires

9. Starkhafn	13. Isles
10. Naevehjem	14. Darach
11. Dun Or	15. Carreg Wen
12. Wintermist	16. Al-Sahid

Appendix IV:

Banishment Language

WORDING FOR THE COURT HERALD FOR LEVEL 1:

In accordance with the Governing Documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Their Majesties of Caid *K.* and *Q.* declare Banishment from the royal presence on [*SCA Name*], known in the modern world as [*Modern Name*].

WORDING FOR THE COURT HERALD FOR LEVEL 2:

In accordance with the Governing Documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Their Majesties of Caid *K.* and *Q.* declare Banishment from the realm on [*SCA Name*], known in the modern world as [*Modern Name*].

WORDING FOR THE COURT HERALD FOR LEVEL 3:

In accordance with the Governing Documents of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Their Majesties of Caid *K.* and *Q.* declare Absolute Banishment on [*SCA Name*], known in the modern world as [*Modern Name*].