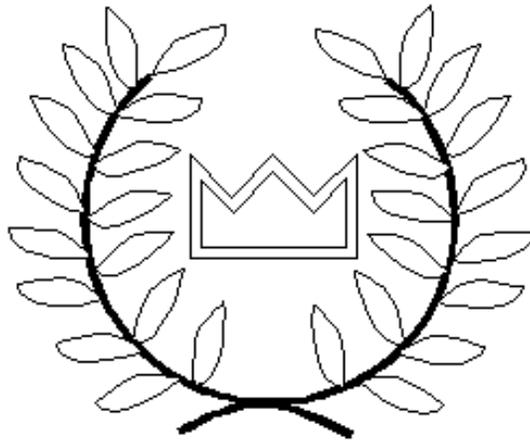




The Kingdom of the West

Book of Ceremonies



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THE WEST KINGDOM CEREMONY BOOK

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You hold in your hands a product of labor and love. This Ceremony book is aimed at a variety of people, Heralds and non-Herald, Royalty, and non-Royalty alike.

For the Heralds, this is a useful tool — If the King and Queen (or Prince and Princess) drop in unexpectedly to your local group and want to give an award, it is useful to have the ceremonies to hand. If you are interested in being a court herald, you should periodically be going back to this book and refreshing your memory on how the ceremonies work ...

For the Royalty, here is a complete set of *all* the standard ceremonies as currently practiced in the West Kingdom at Kingdom and Principality level.

For Heralds throughout the Known World, this may be a source of information on awards given in this Kingdom, as well as a resource for writing ceremonies.

NOTES

A few notes about the layouts of this book. There are several “Tables of Contents” — since this book is so large, it was easier to break it down into booklets. For example, the West Kingdom Ceremonies section has a Table of Contents all its own, as do the Principalities ...

PAGE NUMBERING

The page numbering works along the same lines as the breakdown for Tables of Contents. All of the sections start at Page 1, set off by a letter. The West Kingdom Ceremonies start with W.1, the Principality of the Mists starts with M.1 and so on.

ICONS AND OTHER GRAPHICAL BITS

There are various methods used to denote parts of ceremonies. There have been some problems with recent versions of software used to generate the documents, and some of these icons may go away over time. These are important for the Herald and the Royalty to note:



The CROWN is used to denote that the King or Prince has lines or stage directions



The ROSE is used to denote that the Queen or Princess has lines or stage directions.



The STAR is used to denote optional sections or notes to the herald.

Optional sections of a ceremony are placed in “grey scale text boxes” like the following:

OPTIONAL

This is how an optional section of a ceremony might look ... some of these are fairly large, taking up a full page or more!

“Multiple Choice” options in the middle of text looks like: [Master | Mistress]

BLANK PAGES

Note that there are pages in the text that are intentionally blank. In the past these have had text that said:

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Donata Bonacorsi in her research came across a period form of this in Latin that reads as below– this is what the text has been changed to, throughout:

Hic Nihil Deficit

“In period the phrase 'hic nihil deficit' (nothing is missing here) was often printed on blank pages in the middle printed books.

Page 53, Smith, Margaret M., *The Title-Page, Its Early Development 1460-1510*, Oak Knoll Books, 2000.” – Donata Bonacorsi

CEREMONY NOTES

Some of the Ceremonies of this book have an introduction page or two, explaining details about the ceremony for both the use of the Heralds and the Royalty. These are particularly important for “Coronation” and “Investiture of the Crown Prince and Princess”. Most of the other ceremonies have a PREPARATION section describing an award, what scrolls or other props are necessary (if any), and what tokens are needed (if any).

FONTS AND OTHER TECHNICAL DETAILS

For those interested ... the primary font used in this version of the Ceremony Book is “Arial” (the one that ships with Windows ...) at 10, 11, 12, etc. points (for most of the text). The Crown character comes from a shareware font called “Griffin Dingbats”, the Rose is from “Wingdings” (also ships with Windows), the Star character is one that comes with Word 2007.

THANKS

The original book was created toward the end of the tenure of Caiomhain O’Fiodhbra as Vesper Principal Herald, with help from Alison von Markhem, Frederick of Holland, Eillis O’Boirne, and Hilary of Serendip. We had quite an interesting afternoon looking at ceremonies. The Principality Heralds at the time were very helpful as well.

This edition was started in the summer of 1997 and modifications have continued periodically as required by the Vesper Principal Herald, the Banner Herald, the Principality Heralds, and/or the Royalty of the Kingdom of the West.

The current version (the one you are looking at) was done in Word 2007. It was designed to use tables and styles, allowing for simple changes of font for specific parts of a ceremony (Herald, Royalty, etc.) throughout a document.

Please believe I remain,

In Service to the Crown and Kingdom of the West

Hirsch von Henford, OL, OP
Baron of the Court of the West
Golem Herald

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WEST KINGDOM CEREMONY BOOK

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CHEAT SHEETS — OPENING AND CLOSING COURTS

A Summary from the Article in the Ceremony Book

★ OPENING COURT, KING AND QUEEN, PROCESSION

Herald: All rise and do honor to _____ and _____, King and Queen of the West!

If the Crown Prince and Crown Princess are Processing:

Their Royal Highnesses _____ and _____, Crown Prince and Crown Princess of the West!

If the Prince and Princess of the Mists are Processing:

Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of the Mists!

If the Lord and Lady of the Mists are Processing:

Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Lord and Lady of the Mists!

If the Prince and Princess of Cynagua are Processing:

Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Cynagua!

If the Lord and Lady of the Swan are Processing:

Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Lord and Lady of the Swan!

If the Prince and Princess of Oertha are Processing:

Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Oertha!

If the Heirs of Oertha are Processing:

Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Lord and Lady Borealis!

If Royalty from Outside of the West Kingdom are Processing (repeat as necessary):

Do also honor Their Majesties' Royal Cousins _____ and _____, _____ and _____, of _____.

Ambassadors from other Kingdoms may process:

[Lord | Lady | Other Title] _____, Ambassador from Their [Majesties | Highnesses] of _____.

When all have processed:

Your Majesty, does the populace have Your leave to be seated?

Assuming the answer is positive (words to the following effect):

You have Their Majesties leave to be seated and make yourselves comfortable.

★ **OPENING COURT, KING AND QUEEN (AND OTHER ROYALTY) SEATED**

Herald: All pay heed to the Court of Their Majesties _____ and _____, King and Queen of the West!

If any of the following are present:

Their Majesties welcome into Their Court:

If the Crown Prince and Crown Princess are present:

Their Royal Highnesses _____ and _____, Crown Prince and Crown Princess of the West!

If the Prince and Princess of the Mists are present:

Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of the Mists!

If the Lord and Lady of the Mists are present:

Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Lord and Lady of the Mists!

If the Prince and Princess of Cynagua are present:

Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Cynagua!

If the Lord and Lady of the Swan are present:

Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Lord and Lady of the Swan!

If the Prince and Princess of Oertha are present:

Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Oertha!

If the Heirs of Oertha are present:

Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Lord and Lady Borealis!

If Royalty from Outside of the West Kingdom are present (repeat as necessary):

Do also honor Their Majesties' Royal Cousins _____ and _____, _____ and _____, of _____.

Ambassadors from other Kingdoms may be present:

[Lord | Lady | Other Title] _____, Ambassador from Their [Majesties | Highnesses] of _____.

When all have given honor (usually by standing):

Your Majesty, does the populace have Your leave to be seated?

Assuming the answer is positive (words to the following effect):

You have Their Majesties leave to be seated and make yourselves comfortable.

★ **OPENING COURT, PRINCE AND PRINCESS, PROCESSION**

Herald: All rise and do honor to _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of _____!

If Their Majesties are Processing:

▮ Their Majesties _____ and _____, King and Queen of the West!

If the Crown Prince and Crown Princess are Processing:

Their Royal Highnesses _____ and _____, Crown Prince and Crown Princess of the West!

PRINCES AND PRINCESSES IN ORDER (skip the ones for the current Principality):

If the Prince and Princess of the Mists are Processing:

Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of the Mists!

If the Lord and Lady of the Mists are Processing:

Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Lord and Lady of the Mists!

If the Prince and Princess of Cynagua are Processing:

Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Cynagua!

If the Lord and Lady of the Swan are Processing:

Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Lord and Lady of the Swan!

If the Prince and Princess of Oertha are Processing:

Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Oertha!

If the Heirs of Oertha are Processing:

Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Lord and Lady Borealis!

If Royalty from Outside of the West Kingdom are Processing (repeat as necessary):

Do also honor Their Majesties' Royal Cousins _____ and _____, _____ and _____, of _____.

Ambassadors from other Kingdoms may process:

[Lord | Lady | Other Title] _____, Ambassador from Their [Majesties | Highnesses] of _____.

When all have processed:

Your Highness, does the populace have Your leave to be seated?

Assuming the answer is positive (words to the following effect):

You have Their Highnesses leave to be seated and make yourselves comfortable.

Finally:

Pay heed to the Court of Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of _____!

★ **OPENING COURT, PRINCE AND PRINCESS (AND OTHER ROYALTY) SEATED**

Herald: All pay heed to the Court of Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of _____!

If any of the following are present:

Their Highnesses welcome into Their Court:

If Their Majesties are present:

▮ Their Majesties _____ and _____, King and Queen of the West!

If the Crown Prince and Crown Princess are present:

Their Royal Highnesses _____ and _____, Crown Prince and Crown Princess of the West!

PRINCES AND PRINCESSES IN ORDER (skip the ones for the current Principality):

If the Prince and Princess of the Mists are present:

Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of the Mists!

If the Lord and Lady of the Mists are present:

Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Lord and Lady of the Mists!

If the Prince and Princess of Cynagua are present:

Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Cynagua!

If the Lord and Lady of the Swan are present:

Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Lord and Lady of the Swan!

If the Prince and Princess of Oertha are present:

Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Oertha!

If the Heirs of Oertha are present:

Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Lord and Lady Borealis!

If Royalty from Outside of the West Kingdom are present (repeat as necessary):

Do also honor Their Majesties' Royal Cousins _____ and _____, _____ and _____, of _____.

Ambassadors from other Kingdoms may be present:

[Lord | Lady | Other Title] _____, Ambassador from Their [Majesties | Highnesses] of _____.

When all have given honor (usually by standing):

Your Highness, does the populace have Your leave to be seated?

Assuming the answer is positive (words to the following effect):

You have Their Highnesses leave to be seated and make yourselves comfortable.

★ CLOSING COURT, KING AND QUEEN

Herald: Your Majesties, do You have any further business?

Assuming the answer is negative:

There being no further business before this court,

Long Live the King! (*the populace echos*)

Long Live the Queen! (*the populace echos*)

If there is visiting Royalty, or if there are Princes and/or Princesses, Heirs to Principalities, etc. – (see below):

Long Live _____ and _____ of _____! (*Populace echos — repeat as necessary*)

Visiting Royalty or not, Princes and Princesses or not, do one the following:

A) *No Princes/Princesses in Court* **OR** *ALL of the Western Princes/Princesses in Court:*

Long Live the Princes and Princesses of the West, Hip, Hip! (*hurrah*) Hip, Hip! (*hurrah*) Hip, Hip! (*hurrah*)

B) *Some Princes/Princesses in Court:*

Long Live the other Princes and Princesses of the West, Hip, Hip! (*hurrah*) Hip, Hip! (*hurrah*) Hip, Hip! (*hurrah*)

NOTE: If the Oerthan Prince and Princess are the only Prince and Princess *not* in court, cheer them by name, rather than “Long Live the Other ...” – it flows better.

Make sure you run the last line together, so the populace does not start to repeat your words!

★ CLOSING COURT, PRINCE AND PRINCESS

Herald: Your Highnesses, do You have any further business?

Assuming the answer is negative:

There being no further business before this court,

Long Live the Prince! (*the populace echos*)

Long Live the Princess! (*the populace echos*)

Long Live the King! (*the populace echos*)

Long Live the Queen! (*the populace echos*)

If there is visiting Royalty (including Princes and/or Princesses):

Long Live _____ and _____ of _____! (*Populace echos — repeat as necessary*)

Visiting Royalty or not, Princes and Princesses or not, do the following:

Long Live the other Princes and Princesses of the West, Hip, Hip! (*hurrah*) Hip, Hip! (*hurrah*) Hip, Hip! (*hurrah*)

Make sure you run the last line together, so the populace does not start to repeat your words!

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