

INVESTITURE OF THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF CYNAGUA

(The Investiture of the Prince and Princess of Cynagua shall take place at the end of the final court of the outgoing Prince and Princess or at a special Investiture court. The Prince and Princess shall be seated upon their thrones, and they shall be wearing the Royal Coronets and Robes of State. Their attendants shall stand behind hem. Their personal banner bearers shall be present with their personal banners, which shall be furled. The herald shall stand at the Prince's right. If the Great Officers have not been requested to join the Investiture Party, the Seneschal, Knight Marshal, and Sable Swan Herald may stand behind the thrones. If they do not, they and the other Great Officers shall stand near the thrones, but to one side.)

(The investiture party shall normally consist of:

*S = Spokesman
 B = Banner Bearer
 LdS = Lord of the Swan
 LyS = Lady of the Swan
 E = Escorts
 A = Attendants
 C = Cup Bearer*

One possible form for this procession is as follows:

	S	
	B	
E	LdS	E
	B	
E		E
	LyS	
E		E
A		A
A		A
	C	

The Investiture Party shall form a procession and come forward. The spokesman shall halt a respectful distance from the thrones, and the rest of the Investiture Party shall halt a respectful distance behind him. The spokesman shall make a reverence to their Highnesses. their Highnesses shall stand.)

Herald: For what purpose do you come before his Highness?

Spokesman: Know, oh Prince, that thy time of precedence upon this mortal plane draws to a close. There comes before you now, terrible in his grandeur, _____, Lord of the Swan, who has passed through trial of combat to seize the temporal power of Cynagua, Principality of the West. This being the hour of his ascendancy as proclaimed by the laws and traditions of this land, the Lord of the Swan now claims his rightful place as Prince of Cynagua.

 Prince: ***(To the Lord of the Swan) My Lord, will you now accept your fief?***

Lord Swan: I will.


 **Prince:** Then come forward, Lord of the Swan, and receive what is justly yours.

(The spokesman moves to his left and kneels, along with the Lord of the Swan's escorts. The Lord of the Swan steps forward, draws his sword and kneels, presenting the sword, hilt upward, to the Prince, holding it by the quillions. The Prince places his hands on those of the Lord of the Swan.)


Herald: Do you, _____, swear fealty and service to the High King of the West, to rule the fief of Cynagua in his stead, and to lead its armies to the defense of the Kingdom in time of need?

Lord Swan: By my words, and this token *(raising the sword slightly)*, I so swear.

(The Prince releases the Lord of the Swan's hands, and removes the coronet from the Lord of the Swan's head and hands it to the Seneschal (or one of his attendants). The Prince and Princess then remove their coronets; the Princess holds it before her, and the Prince places his upon the head of the Lord of the Swan, saying:)

 **Prince:** Then do I, _____, proclaim you, _____, Prince of Cynagua.

(As this is proclaimed, the new Prince's banner is furled, and the ex-Prince's is unfurled. The new Prince sheaths his sword and rises, turning to face the populace. The ex-Prince removes the Robe of State and places it on the shoulders of the Prince. The (outgoing) Princess' attendants remove and hold her Robe of State. The Knight Marshal presents the Sword of State to the Prince, who takes it, and faces the court, holding it before him, point up.)

 **Prince:** **By Our words, and this token of Our rule,
do We pledge fealty and protection
to the populace of Cynagua,
and swear to rule fairly,
to temper justice with mercy,
to moderate Our will
with the judgement of the Peers of this realm,
to lead in arms in time of war,
and in service in times of peace,
to return service with its reward,
and treachery with its own.
So say We, _____, Prince of Cynagua.**

(The Prince returns the Sword of State to the Knight Marshal. The ex-Prince steps down and to the side of the Prince's throne (in front of the herald).)


 **Prince:** **Let Our Lady be brought forward.**

(The Lady of the Swan is escorted forward, followed by her attendants. The escort and attendants stop when they reach the Prince's escort. The Lady of the Swan continues forward and places her hands on the coronet held by the ex-Princess. She and her followers kneel.)


Herald: Do you, _____, swear fealty and service to the High King of the West, to aid your Lord in his rule in the King's stead, and to serve as a leader and exemplar to the populace of Cynagua?

Lady Swan: I so swear.

(The ex-Princess hands the coronet to the (new) Prince. She then removes the coronet from the head of the Lady of the Swan and hands it to the Seneschal (or one of her attendants). The Prince then places the coronet upon the head of the Lady of the Swan, saying:)

 **Prince:** **As it gave me honor and pleasure
to bear your favor in the lists,
so it gives me more honor
and greater pleasure
to proclaim you, _____,
Princess of Cynagua.**


(As this is proclaimed, the new Princess' banner is furled, and the ex-Princess' banner is unfurled. The new Princess rises (assisted by the Prince), and turns to face the populace. The ex-Princess takes the Robe of State and places it on the shoulders of the Princess. The Princess then removes her coronet and holds it before her.)

 **Princess:** By Our words, and by this token of Our rule,
do We pledge fealty and protection
to the populace of Cynagua,
and swear to rule fairly,
to temper justice with mercy,
to moderate Our will
with the judgement of the Peers of this realm,
to foster courtesy,
chivalry, and service by example,
and to reward and nurture
the Arts and Sciences, that this Principality
might flourish and shine among the nations.
So say We, _____, Princess of Cynagua.

(The Princess replaces the coronet on her head, and she and the Prince take their places in front of the thrones. The outgoing couple comes out to stand before them. While this is happening:)

Herald: Long Live the Prince and Princess of Cynagua!

Populace: Long Live the Prince and Princess of Cynagua!

 **Prince:** My Lord and Lady,
We thank you most gratefully for your long service
on behalf of this Principality.
While you have Our leave to depart,
We request that you return to Us soon,
that We might properly reward you
for your long and generous service.

(If neither of the outgoing couple is to be made Viscount/Viscountess, substitute alternate wording, such as: . . . "We request that you return to Us often that We might avail Ourselves of your experience.")

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(The outgoing couple bow and take their leave, followed by their attendants. As they leave, the attendants of the new Prince and Princess rise and take their places behind the thrones, all except the cupbearer, who steps forward and bows.)

Cupbearer: Your Highnesses, accept these cups in token of the hopes of your Principality, that you will drink deep of happiness in your reign.

 **Prince:** **We drink to the people of Cynagua, without whom there would be no principality to rule.**

(The Cupbearer presents the cups to Their Highnesses, bows, and moves behind the thrones to accept the empty cups when they have finished.)

Herald: You have Their Highness' leave to be seated.


GREAT OFFICERS

Herald: Let the Great Officers of Cynagua come before their Highnesses with their tokens of office.


OPTIONAL LONG FORM

(The Great Officers come forward and kneel. As each token of office is presented, the Prince should take it, examine it, and return it before replying.)


Seneschal: Your Highnesses, I present the Great Key of Cynagua, symbolizing your sway over the great keeps and strongholds of the Principality, as well as over the princely and military regalia and equipage.

 **Prince:** **My [Lord | Lady], We thank you, and bid you retain it until it may be needed.**

Sable Swan: Your Highnesses, I present the Great Seal of the Principality, emblematic of your powers to make law and ennoble you subjects.


 **Princess:** **My [Lord | Lady], We thank you and bid you keep it safe until We call for it.**

K. Marshal: Your Highnesses, I present the War Banner of Cynagua, rallying point for your armies.


 **Prince:** **My [Lord | Lady], We thank you, and bid you safeguard it against the time of its use.**

M. Arts: Your Highnesses, we present this book and candle. . .


M. Sciences: . . . symbolizing the light of learning and art in the Principality.

 **Princess:** **My [Lords | Ladies | Lord and Lady], We thank you, and bid you employ these implements and your skills to carry learning throughout Our realm.**


Chronicler: Your Highnesses, I present the history of Cynagua.

 **Prince:** **My [Lord | Lady], We thank you, and bid you keep it safe and add to it, recording all that is worthy, that those who come after Us might know the prowess and skill of the populace of Cynagua.**


Exchequer: Your Highnesses, I present the Great Coffers, containing the treasury of the Principality.

 **Princess:** **My [Lord | Lady], We thank you, and bid you safeguard it, employing your skills and the generosity of the populace to add to it.**

Constable: Your Highnesses, I present the Mace of Cynagua, symbol of the enforcement of Your Word and Law.

 **Prince:** **My [Lord | Lady] We thank you, and return it to you, that you may wield it with a just and patient hand.**

Chirurgeon: Your Highnesses, I present to you the Cynaguan Fleam symbol of your Chirurgeons, and their work in keeping your populace healthy.

 **Princess:** **My [Lady | Lord] We thank you and return it to you and commend you to your duties keeping our people hale and hearty.**


SHORT FORM:

(The Great Officers come forward and kneel, each presenting his or her token in turn. The Prince and Princess inspect each token, and return it. All of this is done without specific "lines" ...)

CONTINUE HERE -- OFFICER'S FEALTY

Herald: Do you, the Great Officers of Cynagua, swear fealty to _____, Prince of Cynagua, and vow continuing service to the Coronets and populace of Cynagua?

Great Officers: I so swear.

 **Prince:** **This do We hear, nor fail to remember,
and We for Our part do swear fealty
to you and all who serve with you,
and vow to protect and defend you
so long as you shall serve this Principality.
My Lords and Ladies,
We thank you and commend you to your duties.**

(The Great Officers rise, bow and return to their places.)

 **FEALTY TO THE CROWN**


(If the King and or Queen are present, the following fealty ceremony should be performed.)

Herald: Your Majesties, their Highnesses of Cynagua request permission to come before you and swear fealty for the lands they hold in your trust.


King's Herald: Let them approach the thrones.

(The Prince and Princess go before Their Majesties and kneel.)

King's Herald: Do you now swear fealty to _____ and _____, your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will honorably maintain Their Majesties' lands in the Principality of Cynagua, that you will obey their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, that you will uphold the Crown and Kingdom of the West, and mindful of the harmony of your Principality, that you will treat courteously with those of every degree, until the King depart from his throne, or death take you, or the world end?


 **Prince/** **I so swear.**

 **Princess:**

 **King:** **And We for Our part do swear fealty to you,
Our Prince and Princess of Cynagua,
and do swear to support, protect and defend
you and your Principality with all Our power,
until We depart from Our throne,
or death take Us, or the world end.
So say We, _____, King of the West.**

 **Queen:** **So also say We, _____, Queen of the West.**

★ **OPTIONAL - Leaves of Achievement**

 **King:** **In recognition of the responsibilities that this Coronet holds, We wish it known that We reaffirm and uphold all charters and traditions that exist between the West and Cynagua, and We specifically grant our loyal Prince and Princess the privilege of bestowing Leaves of Achievement on those subjects they find worthy of such honor.**

(The Prince and Princess rise, bow and return to their places.)

★ **CYNAGUAN GUARD**

Herald: In the reign of Robert and Freydis, a Cynaguan Guard was established, made up of unbelted fighters whose prowess upon the field had brought them notice from the Coronet. It is their responsibility to protect the Coronet, and come to its aid if so called. Therefore, let the following fighters come forward and kneel before Their Highnesses:


(The herald reads the list of names. Those called come forward and kneel before the thrones.)

★ **CYNAGUAN GUARD – Squires**

(If desired by the Coronet, this section may also be included. If so, the knights involved should have been consulted ahead of time.)

Herald: If any of these be squired to a knight, let that knight come forward and kneel beside them.

(The knight(s), if any, come forward and kneel beside their squires.)

 **Prince:** **Sirs, will you allow us to take your squires into service on Our guard?**

Knights: I will.

 **Prince:** **We thank you.**

Herald: Do you now accept the responsibility of this position and swear to uphold the honor and rights of the Coronet of Cynagua?

Guard: I so swear.

 **Princess:** **Then We name you to Our Guard.**

(The Princess now distributes the baldrics and favors.)

Herald: Your Highnesses, the ranks of your guard are now filled, but the post of Captain remains empty. Is it your pleasure to create one?

 **Princess:** **It is. _____, will you accept the responsibility and duty of Captain of Our Guard?**


Captain: I will.

 **Prince:** **Then the title is granted.**

 **KNIGHT COUNSELOR**

(If there will be no Knight Counselor named at this time, skip this ceremony.)


Herald: Her Highness has determined that there should be one of high honor, courtesy and prowess at arms, to whom the members of her guard might go for instruction in the virtues and skills of chivalry. She therefore asks of her Lord, the Prince, that he recommend a Knight who can train, advise and encourage her Guard, that their virtues may increase. In this way, she will be better defended and her honor will be magnified.

 **Prince:** ***(To the Princess):* There are many Knights in the Principality who have theses virtues. Is there one whom you especially favor?**


 **Princess:** **I would favor Sir _____.**


Herald: Let Sir _____ come forth and kneel before their Highnesses.

(The named person comes before the thrones and kneels.)

 **Prince:** **Sir _____, We are minded to appoint you Knight Counselor of the Cynaguan Guard. Will you accept this honor?**

K. Counselor: I will.

 **Prince:** **Then We charge you to continue as an example of courtesy, honor, chivalry and prowess at arms and to aid the members of the Guard to improve their skills both on and off the field.**

 **Princess:** **Wear this favor as a token of Our esteem. We ask that you, and Our Guard, stand ready to attend Us as We might command.**

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 **Prince:** **You have Our leave to depart.**

(The Guard rises.)


Captain: Long live the Prince and Princess of Cynagua!

Populace: Long live the Prince and Princess of Cynagua!

(The Guard [and Knight Counselor] bow and returns to their places.)

 **PRINCESS' CHAMPION**

Herald: It is the custom of the Princess of Cynagua to have a champion to fight for her honor when her Lord, the Prince, is away or at other times as her whim dictates. This honor is granted at the Princess' pleasure. Your Highness, do you wish to name a champion to receive your favor?

 **Princess:** **I wish to name _____ as my Champion.**


(The Princess may choose instead to name a champion of the field as her Champion, in which case, the Princess will say "I wish to have a list held to determine my champion." The herald shall inform the populace when the lists to determine the Champion will be held. If this is the case, skip to below the line.)

Herald: _____, Come before Her Highness.

(The named fighter comes forward and kneels before the Princess.)

Herald: Do you, _____, swear to defend your Princess, _____, in Her person, Her honor, and Her name, to the best of your mortal ability, as the need may arise, or at Her Highness' command?

Champion: I so swear.

 **Princess:** **Then, by this token, do We, _____, name you as Our Champion.**

(The Champion takes his place behind Her Highness.)

★ **THE PRINCE NAMES HIS HUSCARL(S)**

Herald: From the time of King Cnut and heroes of old, Huscarls stood shoulder to shoulder with their prince against those who would seek to harm their lord. It is an honor to be a Huscarl as only the most valorous and capable warriors are chosen to guard the person of the Prince. The Huscarl answers directly to the Prince and attends upon him, following his Prince into battle and standing with him even in the face of perilous odds. It is the duty of the Huscarl to serve the Prince as his personal guard and to give good counsel to him in all matters. His Highness calls before him, _____.


(The herald reads the name of list of names. Those called come forward and kneel before the thrones.)

★ **OPTIONAL – Squire[s]**

(If desired by the Coronet, this section may also be included. If so, the knights involved should have been consulted ahead of time.)

Herald: If any of these be squired to a knight, let that knight come forward and kneel beside them.

(The knight(s), if any, come forward and kneel beside their squires.)


 **Prince:** **Sirs, will you allow us to take your squires into service as Our Huscarl?**

Knights: I will.

 **Prince:** **We thank you.**

Herald: Do you now accept the responsibility of being a Huscarl of the Prince of Cynagua?

Huscarl[s]: I so swear.

 **Prince:** **We name you a Huscarl of the Prince of Cynagua. *(The Prince, as he may chose, then speaks of the individuals he has selected and the honor of this position.)***

Herald: For the Huscarl(s) of the Prince of Cynagua. Hip, Hip!!

(The Huscarl(s) take their places ...)

★ **THE PRINCE NAMES HIS STANDARD BEARER**


Herald: It is customary for the Prince of Cynagua to name a Standard Bearer so that the standard of Cynagua might be placed in the trusted hands of one whose virtue and prowess upon the battlefield is well known to friend and foe alike. Your Highness, do you wish to name one who is worthy to bear the Standard of Cynagua upon the war field?

 **Prince:** I wish to name _____ as Standard Bearer.

(The named person comes before the thrones and kneels.)

Herald: Do you, _____, swear to uphold the honor of Cynagua and bear its standard upon the field of battle alongside your Prince?

Standard Bearer: I so swear.

 **Prince:** Then, do We _____, name you the Standard Bearer of Cynagua. Follow Us in battle and uphold the honor of Cynagua as you carry the standard of this most noble land.

(The named Standard Bearer may request to address the populace at this time to rouse the populace in times of war.)

Herald: For _____, Standard Bearer of Cynagua, hip, hip!

(The Standard Bearer returns to his place ...)

(If there is to be no formal court held immediately, the Prince and Princess process out, followed by their attendants and any other royalty present.)

(If there is to be a formal court immediately following the coronation, the first item of business should be the investiture of the new Viscount and/or Viscountess (if applicable).)