

INVOCATION OF THE PRIMA SPADA OF CYNAGUA TOURNAMENT

PREPARATION: In preparing for the invocation, the herald should obtain a list of the rapier fighters who are entered. This list should be thoroughly checked to make sure that the pronunciation of each name is known. The Prima Spada is supposed to be both fought and invested at October Coronet. That was original practice. Lastly, as the tournament is going, review the investiture ceremony as it should take place in the court immediately after the tournament is finished.

Herald: Attend now, all who would witness the Invocation of the Prima Spada of Cynagua Tournament. As your name is called, please step forward, with your consort if present, that you may be known to Their Highnesses and your worthy opponent.

(The herald reads the names of the rapier fighters who are already paired up for the first round of the standard double elimination tournament.)

Herald: My Lord Marshal, let the fighters know which conventions of combat will be observed in these lists.

(The rapier marshal in charge steps forward and does so.)

Herald: You have all heard the conventions of combat for this tournament, and you all know the Rules of the Lists. Do you swear to abide by these rules and these conventions during these lists?

Fighters: I so swear.

Herald: And do you each swear that, should you be given victory in these Lists, you will swear fealty to the Coronet of Cynagua and that you can and will fulfill the duties and obligations of the Prima Spada of Cynagua?

Fighters: I so swear.

Herald: Then upon pain of expulsion from this tournament, let each of you prove by your skill and strength alone the worth and virtue of those whose favors you bear, either in victory or in honorable defeat.

 **Prince/**

 **Princess:**

(The Prince may, if He wishes, make an exhortation to the fighters, as may the Princess.)

Herald: You have Their Highnesses leave to depart to make ready for the first round. Long live the Prince and Princess of Cynagua! Long live the King and Queen of the West! Long live all the Princes and Princesses of the West, hip-hip, hip-hip, hip-hip!

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