

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE TITLE AND ESTATE OF A VISCOUNT AND/OR A VISCOUNTESS

PREPARATION: If this ceremony is to be performed, it should be the first matter of business in the first court of the new Prince and Princess.
Scroll/Promissory: Scroll, if completed
Token: Circlet, if completed and Pendant of a Crystal Swan if first reign as a Cynaguan Princess.

Herald: Let _____ and _____ come before their Highnesses.

(The named person(s) comes before the thrones and kneels. If they desire, they may each be accompanied by one attendant to bear the coronets to be used, if any.)

(The Prince and Princess rise.)

Herald: It is written that, Uneasy rests the head that wears the crown, and so it is now, not from fear of treachery in this peaceful land, but from the weight of responsibility. And having passes onto other hands the Coronets, sword and torch of leadership, protection and learning, it is meet that these persons be rewarded for their attainments and service.

My Lady, consider this man, your Lord. For he has done that of which myths are told he hath adorned thy head with a coronet, and laid at your feet a Principality.

My Lord, consider this woman, your Lady. For she has so inspired you as to pass the station of other men, to surpass them in battle, and hath made of thee a Prince.

(If the scrolls are available, the herald reads each of them aloud. If not, read the scroll text below:)

★ SCROLLS NOT AVAILABLE

Herald: Know all men by these presents that We, _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Cynagua, in recognition that Our subject, _____, has reigned as [Prince | Princess] of Cynagua, do hereby style [him | her] [Viscount | Viscountess]. We do affirm [his | her] sole, unique and exclusive right to bear Arms by Letters Patent in the Kingdom of the West. To wit: Blazon. By Our hands and seal this ___ day of _____, in the ___ year of the Kingdom of the West, being the year ___ of the Common Era.

_____, Princeps
_____, Principessa

(If the coronets are available, the Prince takes the Viscount's from its bearer and places it on the head of the Viscount.)

 **Prince:** Rise, Viscount _____.

(If the coronets are available, the Princess takes the Viscountess' from its bearer and places it on the head of the Viscountess.)

(If this is the Princess' First Reign as Princess of Cynagua, do the following:)


 **ORDER OF THE CRYSTAL SWAN**

(If the Lady has just completed her first reign as Princess of Cynagua, whether or not she was already a Viscountess from reigning previously over another Principality, she should be admitted to the Order of the Crystal Swan (for past Princesses of Cynagua) with these words:)

Herald: As the swan is graceful and made of the stuff of legends, likewise must be the Princess of this land, for she is the symbol of courtesy and art, and is there for all people at all times. She is her Lord's counselor and companion and has felt the burdens and joys most equally. Therefore is her Excellency, Viscountess _____ invited to join in this Order.

 **Princess:** **Viscountess _____, it does me great honor to invite you to join this Order. Will you accept this honor?**

Viscountess: I will.

 **Princess:** **Be henceforth a member of the Order of the Crystal Swan, and continue to do as you have until now.**

(The Princess places the token around the Viscountess' neck.)

 **Princess:** **Rise, Viscountess _____.**

Herald: For Viscount _____ and Viscountess _____, Hip, Hip . . .

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

 **Princess:**