

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE TITLE AND ESTATE OF A VISCOUNT

PREPARATION: None
Scroll/Promissory: Scroll (if prepared)
Token: Coronet (if prepared)

Herald: Now let _____ approach the Thrones.

(The new Viscount approaches the Thrones and kneels.)

Herald: May it please Your Highnesses, Your loyal subject, _____, having by his valor, skill, and strength at arms won the Coronet of the Principality of the Mists, and having served this realm as Prince, and thus by his own ability having earned the title and estate of a Viscount, here presents himself that he may receive this same title of Your Highnesses.

 **Prince:** ***(The Prince shall place the coronet over the head of the new Viscount, saying:)***

[Sir | Master | Lord] _____, be known henceforth as Viscount _____ in this, Our Principality.


(Places coronet on the head of the new Viscount.)

★ **FEALTY** - if the new Viscount is not already a Peer of the Realm, he should be offered a chance to swear fealty at this time.

 **Prince:** **Do you wish to swear fealty at this time?**

(If the new Viscount wishes to swear fealty at this time, do the following fealty oath:)

Herald: To your Liege and before your peers repeat after me:
Here do I swear, by mouth and hands,
fealty and service
to the Coronet and Principality of the Mists,
to speak and to be silent
to do and to let be,
to come and to go
to strike and to spare
in all matters as concern the Principality
upon my honor
and the lawful command of the Coronet
in need or in plenty,
in peace or in war
in living or in dying,
until the Prince depart from His Throne
death take me, or the world end,
so say I _____.

 **Prince:** **This do We hear, nor fail to remember,
and We for Our part do swear fealty to you,
_____, and to all your household,
to protect and defend you with all Our power,
until We depart from Our Throne,
death take us, or the world end.
So say We, _____, Prince of the Mists.**

 **Princess** **So also say We, _____, Princess of the Mists.**

 **Prince:** **Let the proclamation be read.**

(If the scroll is present, the Herald should now read it. If it is not present, then the Herald reads the following proclamation.)

 **NO SCROLL**

Herald: We, _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of the Mists, in recognition that Our subject, _____, has served as Prince of this realm, do hereby style him Viscount. We do affirm his sole, unique and exclusive right to bear Arms by Letters Patent in the Kingdom of the West. To wit: Blazon. By Our hands this ___ day of _____, Anno Societatis ____.

_____, Princeps
_____, Princepessa.

 **Prince:** ***(The Prince extends his right hand and takes the right hand of the new Viscount.)***

(The Prince raises up the new Viscount and presents him to the populace.)

Herald: For Viscount _____, Hip, hip!

(If his lady is to be made a Viscountess, the new Viscount moves to the right side of the Prince. If not, the new Viscount bows and leaves court.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE TITLE AND ESTATE OF A VISCOUNTESS

PREPARATION: If the Lord who was Prince has just been created a Viscount, he will be to the Prince's right. If not, the former Prince should accompany the new Viscountess to the Thrones and take his place at the Prince's right. The new Viscountess should be accompanied by any current Viscountesses of the Mists (and other Principalities) she wishes to process with her.


Scroll/Promissory: Scroll (if prepared)

Token: Coronet (if prepared), Pearl (for the Dames de la Mer -- if this is Princess' first reign in the Mists)

Herald: Let _____ approach the Thrones.

(The new Viscountess approaches the Thrones, bows, and kneels before the Prince.)


Herald: May it please Your Highnesses, Your loyal subject, _____, having by her beauty, grace, and virtues inspired her champion to win for her the Coronet of the Principality of the Mists, and having served this realm as a Princess, and thus having earned the title and estate of a Viscountess, here presents herself that she may receive this same title from Your Highnesses.

 **Prince:** *(Then the Prince (or the Viscount who made her Princess) shall take the Coronet of the new Viscountess and hold it above her head, and the Prince shall say:)*

[Lady | Mistress] _____, be known henceforth as Viscountess _____ in this Our Principality.

(The Prince/Viscount shall place the Coronet on her head.)


Wear this coronet as token of your rank.

 **FEALTY** - if the new Viscountess is not already a Peer of the Realm, she should be offered a chance to swear fealty at this time.

 **Prince:** **Do you wish to swear fealty at this time?**

(If the new Viscountess wishes to swear fealty at this time, do the following fealty oath:)

Herald: To your Liege and before your peers repeat after me:
Here do I swear, by mouth and hands,
fealty and service
to the Coronet and Principality of the Mists,
to speak and to be silent
to do and to let be,
to come and to go
to strike and to spare
in all matters as concern the Principality
upon my honor and the lawful command of the Coronet
in need or in plenty,
in peace or in war
in living or in dying,
until the Prince depart from His Throne
death take me, or the world end,
so say I _____.

 **Prince:** **This do We hear, nor fail to remember,
and We for Our part do swear fealty to you,
_____, and to all your household,
to protect and defend you with all Our power,
until We depart from Our Throne,
death take us, or the world end.
So say We, _____, Prince of the Mists.**

 **Princess:** **So also say We, _____, Princess of the Mists.**


 **Prince:** **Let the proclamation be read.**

(If the scroll is present, then the Herald shall read it now. If it is not present, then the Herald reads the following proclamation.)

 **NO SCROLL**

Herald: We, _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of the Mists, in recognition that _____ has served as Princess of this realm, do hereby style her Viscountess. We do affirm her sole, unique, and exclusive right to bear Arms by Letters Patent in the Kingdom of the West. To wit: Blazon. By our hands this ___ day of _____, Anno Societatis, _____.

_____, Princeps
_____, Princepessa

 **Prince:** ***(The Prince takes the right hand of the new Viscountess in his right hand and kisses it. He then raises her up and presents her to the Princess.)***

(The Acknowledgment of the Title and Estate of a Viscountess, Cont.)

★ **DAMES DE LA MERE** (If this is the Viscountess' first reign in the Mists she is to be automatically admitted to the Dames de la Mere)

🌸 **Princess:** **My Lady Viscountess,
accept this pearl as a token of your membership
in the Order of the Dames de la Mere,
and be henceforth,
as you have been hitherto,
a model of honor and grace
to the ladies of this Principality.**

(The new Viscountess bows and thanks to the Princess. She then turns and is joined by the Viscount (if present). The both bow to the Thrones and depart.)

Herald: For Viscountess _____, newest member of the Order of the Dames de la Mere, Hip, hip!

(IMPORTANT HERALDIC NOTE! Please make sure when reporting the Viscounty Title that you also report the Dames de la Mer title!!)

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