

# CEREMONY FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW SQUIRE

Herald: Your Highnesses, Sir \_\_\_\_\_ wishes to bring a matter of contract before Your Court.

 **Prince: What matter is this?**

Herald: Sir \_\_\_\_\_ wishes to take on [a] squire[s], and desires that all here present bear witness.

 **Prince: Then let them come forward.**

Herald: Let (squire[s]) come forward with Sir \_\_\_\_\_, and any other Knights who wish to bear witness to the making of this bond.

*(Squire[s] and Knights assemble, reverencing to Their Highnesses.)*

 **Prince: Is it your wish to become squire[s] to Sir \_\_\_\_\_ at this time?**

Squire[s]: It is.

 **Prince: Proceed then, and know that We also shall bear witness.**

*(Squire[s] stands facing his/her Knight.)*

## ★ OPTION 1 – Oath of Fealty

Herald: Do you agree that this is an oath of personal fealty between yourself and your Knight, which will in no way conflict with, or infringe on, any oaths of fealty or any responsibility you owe to your Kingdom, Principality, Barony, or Household, and that this oath shall be binding from this moment hence, or until you and your Knight shall agree that this bond is dissolved?

Squire[s]: I do.

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to Sir \_\_\_\_\_ and do you agree to apply yourself diligently and attentively to [his | her] teachings, and to serve [him | her] in any lawful manner [he | she] shall require?

Squire[s]: I do.

(Ceremony for the Creation of a new squire, continued)

**Knight:** Then I, for my part, do swear fealty to \_\_\_\_\_, and will teach [him | her | them] with instruction in full measure, with a minimum of beatings, to ensure [his | her | their] learning. In token of this relationship, take from my hands this red belt, and wear it proudly until such time as you exchange it for another.

*(Squire[s] take[s] regalia)*

**Herald:** Then let it now be known and understood that, from this day forth, \_\_\_\_\_ [has | have] exchanged oaths of fealty with Sir \_\_\_\_\_, and will serve as squire[s] to Sir \_\_\_\_\_ until this contract is fulfilled.

For the newest squire[s], hip hip! *(Repeat two times)*

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

★ **END OF OPTION 1**

★ **OPTION 2 – No Oath of Fealty**

**Herald:** Do you now agree to apply yourself diligently and attentively to the teachings of your Knight, and to serve [him | her] in any lawful manner [he | she] shall require?

**Squire[s]:** I do.

**Knight:** Then I, for my part, will teach [him | her | them] with instruction in full measure, with a minimum of beatings, to ensure [his | her | their] learning. In token of this relationship, take from my hands this red belt, and wear it proudly until such time as you exchange it for another.

*(Squire[s] take[s] regalia)*

**Herald:** Then let it now be known and understood that, from this day forth, \_\_\_\_\_ will serve as squire[s] to Sir \_\_\_\_\_ until this contract is fulfilled.

For the newest squire[s], hip hip! *(Repeat two times)*

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