

VISCOUNTY CEREMONY

PREPARATION: None
Scroll/Promissory: Scrolls (if completed)
Token: **Circlets** (if completed), **Pendant** in the shape of a heart (Holders of the Heart)

Herald: Let _____ and _____, who were Prince and Princess of Oertha, now come before Their Highnesses.

(They approach and kneel.)

Herald: Having passed onto other hands the Coronets of Oertha, it is fitting that _____ and _____ be rewarded for their service to the Principality.

My Lady, consider your Lord. He has done that of which legends are told. He has adorned your head with a coronet and laid at your feet a Principality.


My Lord, consider your Lady. She has given you the heart to pass the station of other men. She has inspired you to become a Prince.

★ **FEALTY** - if the new Viscount and/or Viscountess are not already Peers of the Realm, they 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/ess wish 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 Oertha,
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 Oertha.

 **Princess:** So also say We, _____, Princess of Oertha.

 **SCROLLS NOT AVAILABLE**

(Read the following texts)

VISCOUNT

We, _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Oertha, 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.

VISCOUNTESS

We, _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Oertha, 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

(If Viscounty coronets are available, the Prince takes Viscount's coronet, and places it on the head of the new Viscount.)

 **Prince:** Arise, Viscount _____.

(If Viscounty coronets are available, the Princess now takes Viscountess's coronet, and places it on the head of the new Viscountess.)

 **Princess:** Arise, Viscountess _____.

(The following optional ceremony is for the Viscountess to become a 'Holder of the Heart')

(Investiture of the Prince and Princess of Oertha, Cont.)

★ **HOLDER OF THE HEART** (If this was the Viscountess' first reign as Princess of Oertha, she is automatically admitted to the Order of the Holders of the Heart of Oertha)

(If a token in the shape of a heart is available, the Princess may perform the following ceremony.)



Princess:

**My lady Viscountess,
be welcome to the Holders of the Heart,
and be as you have been,
a model of honor and grace
to the ladies of this Principality.
This token will be the sign
of your membership in this order.**

(Viscount and Viscount depart)

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

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