CORONATION OF THE 
KING AND QUEEN 
Notes and Explanations

Coronation is probably the single most complex ceremony we perform. As such, the following notes are here put forth to assist the Royalty, the Crown Prince and Crown Princess, and the Heralds, in preparing for the ceremony.

Also, the form given here is considered to be the “standard form” of the West Kingdom Coronation Ceremony. It is understood that many Crown Princes and Crown Princesses may wish to modify this ceremony to personalize it. There are a few items that should not be changed, and these are noted below, with reasons for not changing them.

LISTS FOR THE HERALDS
To assist the herald(s) running court, the following names need to be provided, or the Herald must find them (in the cases of the names of the Princes/Princesses):

- The names of the Princes and Princesses
- The names of the Queen’s Guard
- The name of the Knight Counselor to the Queen’s Guard (Optional)
- The name of the Queen’s Champion (Optional)
- The names of the Queen’s Artisans (and so on …) (Optional)

BEFORE COURT
The King and Queen should determine which members of their Court will stay behind the Thrones. If the whole Royal Household stays, then the switch at the beginning of Coronation becomes quite awkward. Along the same lines, the Crown Prince and Crown Princess should determine which members of their household/Court will stand behind the Thrones -- for the exact same reason. Too many people attempting to change places causes major congestion and heartburn for all involved.

ROBES OF STATE
Robes of State exist for optional use if desired by the Crown Prince and Crown Princess. They have not been commonly employed in recent tradition.

THE CORONATION PARTY
The Coronation party as shown includes an Honor Guard. These are optional.

The Coronation Party also shows a Cupbearer, who is optional. The Cupbearer is in an equivocal position in the ceremony. The suggested candidate for this position might be a member of the nobility of the Kingdom.

The attendants who stand behind the Throne should be familiar enough with the ceremony that they know what to do when pieces of regalia are called for.

The Coronation Party should be prompted to have persons designated to receive the heirs’ coronets as they are removed immediately prior to the actual assumption of the Crowns.

FEALTY OATHS TO THE KINGDOM BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS
The Oaths to the Kingdom may be modified if the Crown Prince and Crown Princess desire, but it is not necessary. However, the following things MUST be in the oaths of fealty:

- There must be a release upon departing the thrones (and/or the death of the Crown Prince/ess, etc.)
- There must be a promise to uphold the laws of the Kingdom.
There should be some form of a promise to protect the Kingdom and Populace of the Kingdom.

Note that there are optional language specific Fealty Oaths available at the end of this document.

**LEAVES OF ACHIEVEMENT AND PRINCIPALITY ROYALTY**

Section 6.4 of West Kingdom Law states that the Crown must specifically declare at the start of every reign whether or not They intend to grant the privilege of bestowing Leaves of Achievement upon the territorial Princes and Princesses. There is an option inserted into the principality fealty ceremony where this may done as a gesture of the completion of the reciprocal fealty. If that option is not used, a separate announcement must be made at some point in first court specifying that Leaves of Achievement may be bestowed, may not be bestowed, or may be bestowed by some and not others of the territorial Princes and Princesses.

**FEALTY FROM OFFICERS, Etc. TO THE KING AND QUEEN**

The Fealty oaths are set up in a special fashion. Since some Royalty have strong opinions of the order in which fealty should be received from Princes and Princesses, Barons and Baronesses, Peers, and Officers, the ceremonies are laid out so that they can be rearranged as needed, each set of oaths taking one page. The fealty oaths should not be changed.

The King and Queen may alternate accepting the fealties, if They wish.

**FEALTY – CHIVALRY**

This was changed so that the Knights are swearing fealty to both the King and Queen (as required by Corpora -- VI. Branch Administration, A. Royalty, 1. General, a. Definitions, “6) Crown. The Sovereign and Consort of a kingdom, acting together” and VII. Personal Awards and Titles, A. Patents of Arms, 4. Patent Orders, a. The Chivalry, 1) Specific Requirements, b) “To join the Order of Knighthood, the candidate must swear fealty to the Crown of his or her kingdom during the knighting ceremony.”)

HERALD – when performing the Oaths of Fealty -- please wait until ALL members of the Order called have had a chance to come forward.

**REGALIA**

There is a separate Captain’s baldric in the Queen’s Guard baldrics. Separate it out in advance.
CORONATION OF THE KING AND QUEEN

(The Coronation of the King and Queen of the West shall take place at the end of the final Court of the outgoing King and Queen, or at a special Coronation Court. The King and Queen shall be seated upon Their Thrones, and They shall wear the Royal Crowns. Their attendants shall stand behind Them. Their personal banner bearers shall be present, with Their personal banners, which shall be furled. The Seneschal, Earl Marshall, and Principal Herald should stand ready in some place where they may approach easily.

The Coronation Party shall form a procession and come forward.

The spokesman shall halt a respectful distance from the Thrones, and the rest of the Coronation Party shall halt a respectful distance behind him/her. The Spokesman shall make a reverence to Their Majesties. The Cupbearer should stand at the back of the Court, and not come forward until that part of the ceremony (if the Cupbearer is used).

Spokesman: May it please Your Majesties, His Royal Highness, Prince _____, having won by honourable combat the right to succeed to the Throne, and having chosen Her Royal Highness, Princess _____, as his Queen of Love and Beauty, here presents himself and his lady to claim of Your Majesties’ Hands the Crowns and Thrones which are rightfully theirs.

👑 King:

Let Their Royal Highnesses approach the Thrones.

(The Coronation Party shall come forward, and the King and Queen shall stand to receive them. The Spokesman shall move forward and to his/her left. The attendants shall move forward and to either side and kneel. The Banner Bearers shall stand on either side between the attendants, and face inward. The Attendants shall move to the side and kneel. The Cupbearer shall stay at the ‘rear’ of the Court (if the Cupbearer option is used). The Crown Prince and Princess shall come forward and kneel before the Thrones.)

👑 King:

Prince _____, since you have been given victory over the field for the greater honor of your lady, We would welcome you as Our successor to this Crown and Throne. Will you now swear fealty to the Kingdom and populace of the West?

Prince: I will.
Queen: Princess _____,
since you have inspired
your champion
to victory over the field,
We would welcome you as Our successor
to this Crown and Throne.
Will you now swear fealty
to the Kingdom and populace of the West?

Princess: I will.

(The Earl Marshall shall present the Great Sword of State to the King, who
shall draw the sword and shall hold it on the palms of both hands. The Crown
Prince shall place his hands upon the Great Sword, and upon the hands of the
King. The Queen shall place her hands, palms upward, under the Great
Sword. The Crown Princess shall place her hands upon the Great Sword and
upon the hands of the Queen. The Herald shall read, and the Crown Prince
and Crown Princess shall repeat, the Coronation Oath.)

(If the Crown Prince and Crown Princess wish, they may repeat the Oath
together, or they may repeat it each in turn. If they know the Oath by heart, the
services of the Herald shall be dispensed with.)

Herald: Here do I swear by mouth and hands
fealty and protection
to the Kingdom
and populace of the West
to uphold the Laws of the Kingdom
to speak and to be silent
to do and to let be
to strike and to spare
to punish and to reward
in such matters as concern the Kingdom
in need or in plenty
in peace or in war
in living or in dying
until I depart from my Throne
or death take me
or the world end.
So say I, _____.

(The King shall return the Great Sword to the Earl
Marshall.)

 OPTIONAL - Robes of State

(The King and Queen shall remove the Robes of State
and hand them to the Honor Guard.)
King: Take these Robes of State and hold them in trust for Our Successors.

(Then the King and Queen shall simultaneously remove Their Crowns. The King shall hold His Crown above the head of the Crown Prince. The Queen should hold Hers in both hands in front of Herself. The Crown Prince and Crown Princess shall remove Their coronets and hand them to the designated attendants.)

King: Now I, _____, crown you, _____, King of the West.

(The banner bearer of the Crown Prince shall furl his banner, and the banner bearer of the King shall unfurl His banner. The King shall place the Crown upon the head of the Crown Prince and pause.)

Herald: Long live the King!
Populace: Long live the King!

(The new King shall rise. The Queen shall hand Her Crown to the new King, who shall turn and hold it over the head of the Crown Princess.)

King: Now I, _____, King of the West, crown you, _____, Queen of the West.

(The banner Bearer of the Crown Princess shall furl Her banner, and the banner bearer of the Queen shall unfurl Hers. The King shall place the Crown on the head of the Crown Princess and pause.)

Herald: Long live the Queen!
Populace: Long live the Queen!

(The new Queen shall rise.)

★ OPTIONAL - Robes of State

(The attendants shall place the Robes of State upon the King and Queen.)
(Then the former King and Queen shall step down from before the Thrones. The new King and Queen shall step up to the Thrones and turn to face the populace. The attendants of the former King and Queen shall come from behind the Thrones, with their Banner Bearers carrying their banners unfurled, and form a procession. The former King and Queen shall face the Thrones, and make a reverence.)

👑 King: You have served Our Kingdom well. You have Our leave to depart.

⭐ NOTE - If the Vesper Principal Herald is performing the ceremony, he/she should hand off the Ceremony book at this point to the backup herald, so that Vesper will be prepared to step into the ceremony.

(The former King and Queen shall depart, followed by their attendants. The King and Queen shall seat Themselves upon the Thrones. Their attendants shall come forward, make a reverence, and take their places as instructed.)

(The cupbearer shall come forward and make a reverence.)

Cupbearer: Your Majesties, accept these cups in token of the hopes of your Kingdom, that You will drink deep of happiness in Your Reign.

☀ Queen: My [lord | lady], We thank you.

(The Cupbearer shall present the cups to Their Majesties, who shall take them and drink. The Cupbearer shall depart.)

(Backup) Herald: Your Majesty, may the populace be seated?

👑 King/☀ Queen: (If they so desire) Yes.

Herald: You have Their Majesties' leave to be seated.

Herald: Let the Earl Marshal, the Kingdom Seneschal, and the Vesper Principal Herald come forward.

(Then the Earl Marshall, Seneschal, and Vesper Principal Herald shall come forward with their symbols of office to present them to the King and make a reverence. The Earl Marshall shall step forward with the Great Sword of State:)}
Earl Marshall: Your Majesty, I deliver into Your Hands the Great Sword of State, symbol of Your power of arms in this Kingdom.

(The King shall take the Great Sword of State, hold it, inspect it, and return it.)

👑 King: We thank you, My [Lord | Lady], and We return it to your keeping, to hold until such time as We shall require it.

(The Earl Marshall shall return to his place, and the Seneschal shall come forward with the Great Book of Law of the Kingdom and make a reverence.)

Seneschal: Your Majesty, I deliver into Your Hands the Great Book of Law of the Kingdom, symbol of Your power of justice and law over the Kingdom.

(The King shall take the Book, inspect it, and return it.)

👑 King: We thank you, my [Lady | Lord], and We return it to your keeping, and we Charge you to uphold Our Laws, and to administer them as We shall require.

(The Seneschal shall return to her/his place and the Vesper Principal Herald shall step forward with the Great Seal of the Kingdom and make a reverence.)

Vesper: Your Majesty, I deliver into Your Hands the Great Seal of the Kingdom, symbol of the word of the Crown.

(The King shall take the Seal, inspect it, and return it.)

👑 King: We thank you, my [Lord | Lady], and We return it to your keeping, and We charge you to keep it safe, and to use it as We shall require.

(The Principal Herald shall return to his place, and all three officers shall depart (the Vesper Principal Herald to take his/her place as court herald, if proper).)

☆ THE CEREMONY CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGES, BUT WAS BROKEN INTO PARTS ON PURPOSE -- SEE NOTES.
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FEALTY FOR THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF THE MISTS
(Prince and Princess Present)

★ NOTE -- If the Prince and Princess of the Mists are present, use this ceremony. Otherwise, use the ceremony given on the next page.

Herald: Let the Prince and Princess of the Mists come before Their Majesties.

(The Prince and Princess of the Mists come forward and kneel.)

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to _____, and _____, your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will honourably maintain Their Majesties lands in the Principality of the Mists, that you will obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, that you will uphold the Crown and Kingdom of the West, and, mindful of the harmony of your Principality, that you will treat courteously with those of every degree, until the King depart from His Throne, death take you, or the world end?

Prince/ess: I so swear.

👑 King: And We for Our part
do swear fealty to you,
Our Prince and Princess of the Mists,
and do swear to support,
protect, and defend you and your Principality with all Our power,
until We depart from Our Throne,
dead take Us, or the world end.
So say We, _____, King of the West.

👑 Queen: So also say We, _____, Queen of the West.

★ OPTIONAL - Leaves of Achievement

👑 King: In recognition of the responsibilities that this Coronet holds, We wish it known that We reaffirm and uphold all charters and traditions that exist between the West and The Mists, and We specifically grant our loyal Prince and Princess the privilege of bestowing Leaves of Achievement on those subjects they find worthy of such honor.

(The Prince and Princess of the Mists return to their place.)
FEALTY FOR THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF THE MISTS
(Representative of the Prince and Princess)

Herald: Let the Prince and Princess of the Mists come before Their Majesties.

(The Representative comes forward, makes a reverence, and stands before Their Majesties to speak.)

Representative: Your Majesties, I, _____, come before You as Representative of _____, and _____, Prince and Princess of the Mists, who are unable to be present at this Court and Coronation. They pledge, through me, that they will maintain their lands and act in all ways as Your true liegemen, and that they will come before You to swear fealty as soon as they are able.

👑 King: This We hear, and do affirm that the oaths Our predecessors swore to them shall maintain until such time as We shall see them.

✨ OPTIONAL - Leaves of Achievement

👑 King: Further, in return of this fealty We also affirm Their Highnesses’ privilege to bestow Leaves of Achievement on those subjects they find worthy of such honor.

Representative: I shall inform Their Highnesses of Your words.

(The Representative returns to his place.)
FEALTY FOR THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF CYNAGUA
(Prince and Princess Present)

★ NOTE -- If the Prince and Princess of Cynagua are present, use this ceremony. Otherwise, use the ceremony given on the next page.

Herald: Let the Prince and Princess of Cynagua come before Their Majesties.

(The Prince and Princess of Cynagua come forward and kneel.)

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to _____, and _____, your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will honourably maintain Their Majesties lands in the Principality of Cynagua, that you will obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, that you will uphold the Crown and Kingdom of the West, and, mindful of the harmony of your Principality, that you will treat courteously with those of every degree, until the King depart from His Throne, death take you, or the world end?

Prince/ess: I so swear.

👑 King: And We for Our part do swear fealty to you, Our Prince and Princess of Cynagua, and do swear to support, protect, and defend you and your Principality with all Our power, until We depart from Our Throne, death take Us, or the world end. So say We, _____, King of the West.

✍ Queen: So also say We, _____, Queen of the West.

★ OPTIONAL - Leaves of Achievement

👑 King: In recognition of the responsibilities that this Coronet holds, We wish it known that We reaffirm and uphold all charters and traditions that exist between the West and Cynagua, and We specifically grant our loyal Prince and Princess the privilege of bestowing Leaves of Achievement on those subjects they find worthy of such honor.

(The Prince and Princess of Cynagua return to their place.)
FEALTY FOR THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF CYNAGUA
(Representative of the Prince and Princess)

Herald: Let the Prince and Princess of Cynagua come before Their Majesties.

(The Representative comes forward, makes a reverence, and stands before Their Majesties to speak.)

Representative: Your Majesties, I, _____, come before You as Representative of _____, and _____, Prince and Princess of Cynagua, who are unable to be present at this Court and Coronation. They pledge, through me, that they will maintain their lands and act in all ways as Your true liegemen, and that they will come before You to swear fealty as soon as they are able.

King: This We hear, and do affirm that the oaths Our predecessors swore to them shall maintain until such time as We shall see them.

★ OPTIONAL—Leaves of Achievement

King: Further, in return of this fealty We also affirm Their Highnesses’ privilege to bestow Leaves of Achievement on those subjects they find worthy of such honor.

Representative: I shall inform Their Highnesses of Your words.

(The Representative returns to his place.)
FEALTY FOR THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF OERTHA
(Representative of the Prince and Princess)

Note - If the Prince and Princess are present, use the optional ceremony on the next page.

Herald: Let the Prince and Princess of Oertha come before Their Majesties.

(The Representative comes forward, makes a reverence, and stands before Their Majesties to speak.)

Representative: Your Majesties, I, _____, come before You as Representative of _____, and _____, Prince and Princess of Oertha, who are unable to be present at this Court and Coronation. They pledge, through me, that they will maintain their lands and act in all ways as Your true liegemen, and that they will come before You to swear fealty as soon as they are able.

King: This We hear, and do affirm that the oaths Our predecessors swore to them shall maintain until such time as We shall see them.

Optional - Leaves of Achievement

King: Further, in return of this fealty We also affirm Their Highnesses’ privilege to bestow Leaves of Achievement on those subjects they find worthy of such honor.

Representative: I shall inform Their Highnesses of Your words.

(The Representative returns to his place.)
FEALTY FOR THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF OERTHA
(Prince and Princess Present)

Herald: Let the Prince and Princess of Oertha come before Their Majesties.

(The Prince and Princess of Oertha come forward and kneel.)

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to _____, and _____, your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will honorably maintain Their Majesties lands in the Principality of Oertha, that you will obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, that you will uphold the Crown and Kingdom of the West, and, mindful of the harmony of your Principality, that you will treat courteously with those of every degree, until the King depart from His Throne, death take you, or the world end?

Prince/ess: I so swear.

👑 King: And We for Our part do swear fealty to you, Our Prince and Princess of Oertha, and do swear to support, protect, and defend you and your Principality with all Our power, until We depart from Our Throne, death take Us, or the world end. So say We, _____, King of the West.

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ⱽ Queen: So also say We, _____, Queen of the West.

★ OPTIONAL - Leaves of Achievement

👑 King: In recognition of the responsibilities that this Coronet holds, We wish it known that We reaffirm and uphold all charters and traditions that exist between the West and Oertha, and We specifically grant our loyal Prince and Princess the privilege of bestowing Leaves of Achievement on those subjects they find worthy of such honor.

(The Prince and Princess of Oertha return to their place.)
FEALTY FOR THE GREAT OFFICERS OF STATE

Herald: Let the Great Officers of State and the Bard of the West come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.

(The Officers shall come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.)

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to _____, and _____, your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will faithfully discharge your Offices, obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, uphold the Crown and Kingdom of the West, and, mindful that the harmony of the Kingdom springs from your deeds, that you will treat courteously with those of every degree, until the King depart from His Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Officers: I so swear.

👑 King: And We for Our part do swear fealty to these Our Great Officers, And Our Bard, and to those who serve with them, to protect and defend them with all Our power, until We depart from Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, _____, King of the West.

:border:Queen: So also say We, _____, Queen of the West.

(The Great Officers and the Bard of the West return to their places.)
(Coronation Ceremony Continued)

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FEALTY FOR THE TERRITORIAL BARONS AND BARONESSES

Herald: Let the Barons and Baronesses of Allyshia, Eskalya, Tarmist, Westermark, Winter's Gate, Fett Burg, Darkwood, The Far West, Rivenoak, and Selveirgard or Their Representatives come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.

(The Barons and Baronesses come forward and kneel.)

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to _____, and _____, your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will obey Their lawful commands, hold and administer Their Baronies, support all your people in their various endeavors, bring all good works to the notice of Their Majesties, and, mindful that the harmony of your Baronies springs from your own deeds, that you will treat courteously with all, whatever their degree or station, until the King depart from His Throne, or death take you or the world end?

Baron/esses: I so swear.

👑 King: And We for Our part do swear fealty to you, Our Barons and Baronesses, and do swear to support, protect and defend you and your Baronies with all Our power, until We depart from Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, _____, King of the West.

👑 Queen: So also say We, _____, Queen of the West.

(The Barons and Baronesses return to their places.)
(Coronation Ceremony Continued)

Hic Nihil Deficit
FEALTY FOR THE ROYAL PEERS

Herald: Let those Dukes, Duchesses, Counts, Countesses, Viscounts and Viscountesses who wish to swear fealty now come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.

(The Royal Peers come forward and kneel.)

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to _____ and _____, your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will uphold the Crown and Kingdom of the West, obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, and that you will treat with chivalry those of every degree and station, until the King depart from His Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Royal Peers: I so swear.

👑 King: And We for Our part, do swear fealty to these Royal Peers of the West, and to protect and defend them and all their households with all Our power, until We depart from Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, _____, King of the West.

👑 Queen: So also say We, _____, Queen of the West.

(The Royal Peers return to their places.)
(Coronation Ceremony Continued)

Hic Nihil Deficit
FEALTY FOR THE KNIGHTS OF THE WEST

Herald: Let all Knights of the West here present come forward with their swords girded on.

(The Knights shall come forward and kneel. Their Majesties shall rise.)

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to _____ and _____, your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will uphold the Crown and Kingdom of the West, faithfully perform the duties of your Noble Order, obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, pay heed to Her Majesty's example in matters of Courtesy, and treat courteously with those of every degree and station, until the King depart His Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Knights: I so swear.

👑 King:

And We for Our part
do swear fealty
to these Knights of the West,
to protect and defend them
and all their households
with all Our power,
until We depart from Our Throne,
or death take Us,
or the world end.
So say We, _____, King of the West.

 '&' Queen:

So also say We, _____, Queen of the West.

(The Knights shall rise, draw their swords, and salute their Majesties. Then they shall sheath their swords and return to their places.)
FEALTY FOR THE COMPANIONS OF THE LAUREL

Herald: Let those Companions of the Order of the Laurel who wish to swear fealty now come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.

(The Companions of the Order of the Laurel who wish come forward and kneel.)

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to _____ and _____, your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will uphold the Crown and Kingdom of the West, faithfully perform the duties of your Noble Order, obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, and that you will treat courteously with those of every degree and station, until the King depart from His Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Laurels: I so swear.

👑 King: And We for Our part, do swear fealty to these Companions of the Order of the Laurel, and do swear to support the Noble Order to which they belong, and to protect and defend them and all their households with all Our power, until We depart from Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, _____, King of the West.

👩‍ مشيرا: So also say We, _____, Queen of the West.

(The Members of the Order of the Laurel return to their places.)
(Coronation Ceremony Continued)

Hic Nihil Deficit
FEALTY FOR THE COMPANIONS OF THE PELICAN

Herald: Let those Companions of the Order of the Pelican who wish to swear fealty now come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.

(The Companions of the Order of the Pelican who wish come forward and kneel.)

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to _____ and _____, your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will uphold the Crown and Kingdom of the West, faithfully perform the duties of your Noble Order, obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, and that you will treat courteously with those of every degree and station, until the King depart from His Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Pelicans: I so swear.

👑 King: And We for Our part, do swear fealty to these Companions of the Order of the Pelican, and do swear to support the Noble Order to which they belong, and to protect and defend them and all their households with all Our power, until We depart from Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, _____, King of the West.

💍 Queen: So also say We, _____, Queen of the West.

(The Members of the Order of the Pelican return to their places.)
Hic Nihil Deficit
FEALTY FOR THE COMPANIONS OF THE ORDER OF DEFENSE

Herald: Let those Companions of the Order of Defense who wish to swear fealty now come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.

(The Companions of the Order of Defense who wish come forward and kneel.)

Herald: Do you now swear fealty to _____ and _____, your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will uphold the Crown and Kingdom of the West, faithfully perform the duties of your Noble Order, obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, and that you will treat courteously with those of every degree and station, until the King depart from His Throne, or death take you, or the world end?

Laurels: I so swear.

👑 King: And We for Our part, do swear fealty to these Companions of the Order of Defense, and do swear to support the Noble Order to which they belong, and to protect and defend them and all their households with all Our power, until We depart from Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, _____, King of the West.

آخر Queen: So also say We, _____, Queen of the West.

(The Members of the Order of Defense return to their places.)
(Coronation Ceremony Continued)

Hic Nihil Deficit
(If Their Majesties wish to receive the HOMAGE of the Populace, refer to page 65.)

The following ceremonies may be (and traditionally are) included in the Coronation:

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Anything else Their Majesties may require.

Herald: The solemn [rite | ceremony] of Coronation is ended.

All hail _____ and _____, King and Queen of the West. (Cheers!!)

(If there is to be no formal Court held immediately, the King and Queen process out, followed by Their attendants and any other Royalty present.)

(If there is to be a formal Court immediately following the Coronation, the first item of business should be the Investiture of any new Royal Peers. If there is to be no such investiture, the first business shall be at Their Majesties' pleasure.)
Hic Nihil Deficit
CORONATION ALTERNATES – QUEEN’S GUARD

(If the Queen wishes to name Her Guard as part of the Coronation Ceremony, this form should be used. If the Guard is being named at another Court, use the appropriate Ceremony found in another part of this book.)

Herald: Let the following come forward and kneel before the Queen:

(Those named come forward and kneel.)

_queen:_ We are minded to name you to Our Guard. Will you accept from Us this responsibility?

_guard:_ I will.

Herald: Her Majesty wishes also to name to Her Guard the following who are not able to be present:

Reads list of names and where they are from.

If any of these named are squires, let their knights come forward and kneel beside them.

(The knights so referred to shall come forward and kneel beside their squires.)

_queen:_ It is Our wish to name your squires to Our Guard. May We have your consent?

_knights:_ Yes, Your Majesty.

_queen:_ We thank you, and We freely vow unto you that We shall require of your squires nothing that shall violate the fealty each of you has sworn to the other, but We shall consider all their acts of valor and courtesy to be a reflection on you as well. Will you now arise, and stand to the side to bear witness?

(Knights arise and stand to the side.)

Herald: Do you now accept the responsibilities of service in the Guard of ____, Queen of the West, and do you pledge to come to Her Majesty’s aid, should it be necessary and within your power?

_guard:_ I do.
Herald: Your Majesty, do you wish to name a Captain of Your Guard at this time?

❖ Queen: I would name _____ to be the Captain of My Guard.

(Guardsmen named comes forward and kneels directly before the Queen.)

❖ Queen: _____, will you accept this position?

Captain: I will.

❖ Queen: Then take from Us this baldric and favor as tokens of your post.

(The Queen presents the Captain with a baldric and favor. Then she and Her attendants distributes baldrics and favors to the remainder of the Guard.)

★ OPTIONAL - KNIGHT COUNSELOR

Herald: Her Majesty has determined that there should be one of high honor, courtesy, and prowess at arms, to whom the Members of Her Guard might go for instruction in the virtues and skills of Chivalry. This person shall be known as Knight Counselor of Her Guard.

👑 King to Queen: Your Majesty, which of Our sworn Knights would You name as Knight Counselor?

❖ Queen: We would favor Sir ______.

Herald: Let Sir _____ come forth and kneel before Her Majesty.

(Sir _____ comes forward and kneels before the Queen.)

❖ Queen: (Optional: the Queen may make a speech describing how the Knight Counselor most embodies any particular chivalric virtue, such as Prowess, Courage, Loyalty, Largesse, Justice, Courtesy, Humility, Franchise, or any other.)

❖ Queen: Sir __________, do you swear to serve Us as Knight Counselor and to instruct Our Guard in the virtues of Chivalry?

Knight Counselor: I do.
Queen: Then We charge you to continue as an example
Of courtesy, honor, chivalry and prowess,
and to aid the members of the Guard
to improve their skills, both on and off the field
that they may be better prepared
to enter one day into the Order of Chivalry.

*(If there is a token, the Queen should present it now.)*

Guard: Long Live the Queen!

*(echoed by populace)*

*(The Guard rises and salutes the Queen, then they and the Knights return to their places.)*
(Coronation Ceremony Continued)

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CORONATION ALTERNATES – QUEEN’S ARTISANS
(If the Queen wishes to name Her Artisans as part of the Coronation Ceremony, this form should be used.)

Herald: In the reign of King William of Hoghton and Queen Donna of Rollingwood, the Queen’s Guard was created from the kingdom’s promising unbelted fighters. Uniting these individuals under the Queen’s Guard gave these unbelted fighters a purpose to hone their prowess and knightly virtues as they served and protected their Queen.

We, ____________, King and Queen of the West, are minded to create a company of promising individuals who are not to be chosen for their prowess at arms, but rather for their talent and potential in the Arts. This company shall be known as the Queen’s Artisans. Let the following come forward and kneel before the Queen:

(Those named come forward and kneel.)

▽ Queen: Your skill in the Arts has come to Our notice and We are minded to name you as a member of the Queen’s Artisans. Will you accept from Us this responsibility?

Queen’s Artisans: I will.

Herald: If any of these named are apprentices, let their Laurel come forward and kneel beside them.

(The laurels so referred to shall come forward and kneel beside their apprentices.)

▽ Queen: It is Our wish to name your apprentices as Our Artisans. May We have your consent?

Laurels: Yes, Your Majesty.

▽ Queen: We thank you, and We freely vow unto you that We shall require of your apprentices nothing that shall violate the fealty each of you has sworn to the other, but We shall consider all their labors to be a reflection on you as well. Will you now arise, and stand to the side to bear witness?

(Laurel’s arise and stand to the side.)

Herald: Do you now accept the responsibilities of service in the Queen’s Artisans to the best of your abilities?

Queen’s Artisans: I do.

(Tokens may be passed to the Artisans should the Queen choose to give them.)
Her Majesty has determined that there should be one of high honor, courtesy, and artistic ability, to whom the Members of Her Artisans might seek-out for instruction. This person shall be known as Laurel Counselor of Her Artisans.

**Queen:** *(Optional: the Queen may make a speech describing how the Laurel Counselor embodies the example of ability and courtesy. The Queen then concludes with the following...)*

**Queen:** [Master | Mistress] __________, do you swear to serve Us as Laurel Counselor and to instruct Our Artisans to the best of your ability?

Laurel Counselor: I do.

**Queen:** Then We charge you to continue as an example of ability and courtesy and guide Our Artisans as they seek to improve their ability and knowledge.

*(If there is a token, the Queen should present it now.)*

Queen’s Artisans: Long Live the Queen! *(echoed by populace)*

*(The Queen’s Artisans rise and salute the Queen, then they and the Laurels return to their places.)*
CORONATION ALTERNATES -- DESIGNATION OF QUEEN’S CHAMPION

(If the Queen wishes to name a Champion as part of the Coronation, this ceremony shall be used. If the Champion is not being named as a part of the Coronation Ceremony, or is being announced as the result of a List, see the appropriate ceremony at another part of this book.)

Herald: Let _____ come forward and kneel before Her Majesty.

(The Champion shall come forward and kneel before the Queen.)

👑 Queen: _____, We are minded to name you Our Champion. Will you accept from Us this honor and duty?

Champion: Your Majesty, I would be honored to be your Champion.

Herald: Repeat after me:
I here swear
to protect and defend my Queen
in any way
that is within my power
to come to Her aid
whenever She has need of me
and to treat courteously with all
that I may bring Her honor
so say I, _____.

👑 Queen: We ask that you wear this baldric and cloak, and carry this token, as a sign of Our favor and with Our thanks.

(The Queen shall place the baldric on the Champion and present him with the cloak and a favor. He shall thank her and return to his place, or he may be invited to stand behind the Queen’s Throne.)
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CORONATION ALTERNATES – RAPIER CHAMPION OF THE WEST

(If the King and Queen wish to name a Rapier Champion as part of the Coronation, this ceremony shall be used. If the Rapier Champion is not being named as a part of the Coronation Ceremony, or is being announced as the result of a List, see the appropriate ceremony at another part of this book. This should only be performed at Beltane.)

⭐ NOTE: DO NOT CALL ANYONE FORWARD, YET!

Herald: Let the Rapier Champion of the West and any members of the Order of the Rapier Champions of the West present come before Their Majesties.

👑 King: A year past, you proved in open competition your worthiness to serve this Kingdom, and when you took office, you swore to find one worthy to succeed you, when your year of service was accomplished. That year is now gone. Have you done as you swore to do?

RC: I have, Your Majesty.

(Calls “RC-to-be” into court, presents [him | her].)

👑 King: ____________, We are minded to create you Rapier Champion of the West. Will you accept this honor at Our hands?

RC-To-Be: I will.

👑 King: Then kneel before Us and place your hands in Ours.

Herald: Do you, ____________, now swear that you will faithfully perform the duties of the Rapier of the West, that you will ever be ready to use your skills to defend Crown and Kingdom, that you will serve as an example of Western Valor on the rapier field, and that when your year of service as Rapier Champion is accomplished, you will present your successor to be invested in your place to the King and Queen?

RC-To-Be: I so swear.

👑 King: Then do we, ____________, King of the West, acknowledge you as Rapier Champion of the West, and for Our part swear to uphold your rights and privileges under custom and law.

(Outgoing RC hands coat and a sword knot to the Queen.)
Queen:  We vest you, as befits your new position, with these symbols of the Rapier Champion of the West. Wear them with honor, and bring honor to them.

(Queen places cloak and sword knot on the new RC)

Herald:  Do you now swear fealty to and , your undoubted King and Queen, and do you swear that you will obey their lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom, faithfully discharge the duties of your office, uphold the Crown and Kingdom of the West, and, mindful that the harmony of the Kingdom springs from your deeds, that you will treat courteously with those of every degree, until the King and Queen depart from Their Thrones, or death take you, or the world end?

RC:  I so swear.

King:  And We for Our part do swear fealty to this Rapier Champion of the West, that We will support [his | her] endeavors, and will protect and defend [him | her] until We depart from Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, __________, King of the West.

Queen:  So also say We, __________, Queen of the West.

Outgoing RC:  Welcome to the Order of the Rapier Champions of the West. Display this red sword knot upon the hilt of your sword as a symbol of your valor and prowess.

(Outgoing RC passes over sword knot)

Herald:  His Majesty gives you permission to go now and greet the other members of the order.

Herald:  For __________, newest Rapier Champion of the West, hip, hip! (Repeat cheer three times)

For __________, former Rapier Champion of the West, hip, hip! (Repeat cheer three times)
CORONATION ALTERNATES – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE VICTOR OF KINGDOM ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP AND INDUCTION INTO THE ORDER OF MISSILE CHAMPIONS

(If the King and Queen wish to name the Archery Champion as part of the Coronation, this ceremony shall be used. If the Archery Champion is not being named as a part of the Coronation Ceremony, see the appropriate ceremony at another part of this book. This should only be performed at Twelfth Night.)

★ NOTE: DO NOT CALL UP THE VICTOR YET

Herald: Let the Kingdom Archery Champion and the members of the Ordo Primorum Telis come before Their Majesties.

(The Kingdom Archery Champion (KAC) comes forward and stands to one side before the Thrones; the members of the Order come forward and kneel before Their Majesties, leaving an aisle between them.)

👑 King: Let the populace know the nature of the Kingdom Archery Championship this year.

KAC: (Give a short speech as appropriate, detailing the difficulties of winning this competition.)

👑 King: And who was Victorious in this competition?

KAC: The victor is _________.

Herald: Let _________ come before Their Majesties.

(Victor comes forward and kneels.)

Herald: It is the earnest desire of the Crown to reward exceptional talent and skill in the Arts of War whenever it may flourish. Therefore, to honor those individuals who emerge victorious in the Annual Kingdom Archery Championship of the Kingdom of the West, the Order of Missile Champions was created. The duty and responsibilities of membership of this Order shall be: for the first year of your membership, you shall be known as the Kingdom Archery Champion during which time you will aid in the running of the Kingdom Archery Championship that comprise the next Annual Champion, to answer any missile related challenge to the Crown from any other Kingdom, to offer counsel and support at Kingdom level wars and at the invitation of the Crown, be included in the Royal procession.

👑 King: ___________, you were the Victor in the Kingdom Archery Championship this year. Therefore, We offer you membership in the Order of Missile Champions. Will you accept this honor from Us?
Candidate: I will.

👑 King: Do you pledge to Us that you will perform the duties of this Order, in so far as they are within your power?

Candidate: I so swear.

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 Québec: Wear this cloak as a sign of Our favor and a symbol of your achievement.

(Queen places the cloak on the victor’s shoulders.)

Herald: For __________, Victor of the Kingdom Archery Championship of the Kingdom of the West and newest member of the Order of Missile Champions, Hip, Hip!

STAR HERALD NOTE: PLEASE REPORT BOTH Kingdom Archery Champion, AND Membership in the Order of Missile Champions as two separate entries in the Court Report.
CORONATION ALTERNATES – FOAM WEAPON (BOFFER) CHAMPIONS OF THE WEST

★ NOTE: DO NOT CALL UP THE VICTORS YET

Herald: Let the Page school minister (PSM) come before the King and Queen.

(The Page School Minister comes before Their Majesties.)

👑 King: Let the populace know the nature of the Kingdom foam-weapon Championship held today.

PSM: (Give a short speech as appropriate, detailing the difficulties of winning this competition.)

👑 King: And who was Victorious in this competition?

PSM: The victors are ________ and ____________

Herald: Let ________ and ___________come before Their Majesties.

(Victors come forward and kneel.)

Herald: It is the earnest desire of the Crown to reward exceptional talent and skill in the Arts of War whenever it may flourish. Therefore, to honor those individuals who emerge victorious in the foam weapon tournament of the Kingdom of the West, the positions of Foam Weapon Champion for the King and Foam Weapon Champion for the Queen was created.

👑 King: _____ (older child) Kneel before Us and place your hands in Ours.

Herald: Do you, , now swear that you will faithfully perform the duties of the Foam Weapon Champion of the West, that you will ever be ready to use your skills to defend King, Crown and Kingdom, that you will serve as an example of Western Valor on the youth combat field, and that when your term of service as Foam Weapon Champion is accomplished, you will present your successor to be invested in your place to the King and Queen?

FWC-to-be: I so swear.

👑 King: Wear this Medallion as a sign of Our favor and a symbol of your achievement.

☐ Queen: _____ (younger child) kneel before Us and place your hands in Ours.
Herald: Do you, , now swear that you will faithfully perform the duties of the Queen’s Foam Weapon Champion of the West, that you will ever be ready to use your skills to defend Queen, Crown and Kingdom, that you will serve as an example of Western Valor on the youth combat field, and that when your term of service as Foam Weapon Champion is accomplished, you will present your successor to be invested in your place to the King and Queen?

FWC-to-be: I so swear.

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Queen: Wear this Medallion as a sign of Our favor and a symbol of your achievement.

Herald: For ______ and _________, Victor of the Kingdom Foam Weapon Championships of the Kingdom of the West, Hip, Hip!
CORONATION ALTERNATES -- HOMAGE OF THE POPULACE

(If Their Majesties elect to receive the homage of the populace, this form shall be used.)

Herald: Let all of the populace who wish to do homage to Their Majesties come forward now and kneel before them.

(The populace shall gather and kneel before the Thrones.)

Do you promise to honor _____ and _____, your undoubted King and Queen, to support them in any way that is within you power, and to obey any such lawful commands as They shall give?

Populace: I so swear. (or other suitable phrases)

👑 King: We do hear and accept the homage of these, Our subjects. And We do affirm, as We have sworn before, that We will protect and defend them with all Our power. So say We, _____, King of the West.

🕰️ Queen: So also say We, _____, Queen of the West.

(The populace shall return to their places.)
Hic Nihil Deficit