

BARON OR BARONESS

Ceremony (and text) for the creation of a Court Baron/Baroness

- PREPARATION:** The herald shall do the usual pre-ceremony consultation with the Royalty. Usually Barons are created singly or in couples, unless there is some very strong reason to do more at one time. If the recipient does not yet have an Award of Arms, one is given simultaneously.
- Scroll/Promissory:** If the new Court Baron and/or Baroness does not have an Award of Arms, a Scroll or Promissory should be ready.
- Token:** A coronet, if one is prepared.
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Herald: Let (name (and name)) come now before Their Majesties.

(The person(s) called or representatives thereof come forward and kneel before Their Majesties.)

Herald: It is the prerogative of the Crown to honor with the title of Baron(ess), those of Their subjects whose noble attributes have pleased Them.

(The King and Queen take the hands of the recipient between theirs (the right hand of the King and the left hand of the Queen, placing the recipient's hands between theirs. This part MUST be repeated for each person being made a Baron(ess), as it is a form of fealty.)

 **King:** We name you [Baron | Baroness] (first name), [Baron | Baroness] of the Court of the West.

(If a coronet is available, the King (or Queen) places it on the recipient's head, saying:)

CORONET AVAILABLE

 **King/** Wear this coronet as a symbol of your new estate.

 **Queen:**

(Then the herald shall read the scroll if the scroll is available, and if not, shall proclaim the following. The scroll texts should be melded together if more than one person is being made Baron.)

NO SCROLL

Herald: Be it known to all that (King) and (Queen) do by Their words, here proclaimed, confer great honor upon Their subject(s) (name), and do name [him | her] a [Baron | Baroness] of the Court of the West and in all other lands as well.



(If, and only if, an Award of Arms is being given at the same time, the Herald should read the following text.)

★ **AWARD OF ARMS**



Herald: And Their Majesties do also give unto (name) an Award of Arms. We grant you the rights and charge you with the responsibilities of this rank, and We further grant you the right to bear as Arms such device as you may have properly registered with Our heralds, in this Our Kingdom and throughout the Known World.

★ **CONTINUE**

Herald: Done by Their word and hand this ____ day of ____, in the ____ year of the Kingdom of the West.
____, Rex Occidentalis
____, Regina

 **King/**
 **Queen:** ***(The King and Queen shall say such words as they may wish to add to the proclamation. If the scroll is present it shall be handed by the King or Queen to the new Baron(ess).)***

Herald: For [Baron | Baroness] (name) (... and for [Baron | Baroness] (name)), Hip, hip!

 **King/**
 **Queen:** **You have Our Leave to depart.**