

# THE ORDER OF THE PELICAN

This section contains the “standard” ceremony for admittance of a new member, the alternate for a spokesman, a ceremony to let the populace know that a member will be admitted at a future date, and a ceremony to acknowledge a new member who was admitted at a point in the past.

**HERALD: CHECK WITH THE ROYALTY BEFORE TALKING TO THE CANDIDATE.** This may be a surprise peerage, and if so, you could spoil the surprise by talking to the candidate first.

Before the ceremony, the following items need to be assembled or arranged:

The **Order of the Pelican** are responsible for:

- A MEDALLION
- A [Chain of Fealty | Peerage Collar] if the candidate wishes to swear fealty
- The Pelican Cloak
- The name of the Spokesperson (if any) \_\_\_\_\_
- Attendants (if any) \_\_\_\_\_
- Which ‘Optional Opening’ is to be used? (There are 4)

The **Candidate** is responsible for:

- Does the candidate wish to swear fealty?
- Does the candidate wish to swear fealty on the Great Sword of State, or to do so by holding of hands with the Royalty?
- Which ‘Optional Opening’ is to be used? (There are 4)

The **Heralds** are responsible for (talk to the candidate *if not a surprise*):

- The blazon of the candidate’s arms. This should be placed on a post-it note, and placed in the appropriate box in the (appropriate) ceremony below.
- Does the candidate wish to swear fealty?
- Does the candidate wish to swear fealty on the Great Sword of State, or to do so by holding of hands with the Royalty?
- Which ‘Optional Opening’ is to be used? (There are 4)

## PELICAN CEREMONY, OPTION 1 SUMMONING THE CANDIDATE OR PROCESSIONAL

Herald: The strength and stability of the Kingdom lie in these virtues of its people: prowess, creativity, and **service** - for if any of these are lacking, the Kingdom fails. The servants of the Crown support it by their efforts and with their dedication preserve the Kingdom from Extinction.

Let the Members of the Order of the Pelican attend upon Their Majesties.

*(The Members of the Order, saving only the Spokesman and the Attendant, approach and kneel in a semi-circle. All should be wearing their cloaks, if they have them. The Spokesman and Attendant should borrow them if they do not have personal cloaks.)*

 **King:** **We are minded to admit \_\_\_\_\_ to your Right Noble Order. Let [him | her] now be brought forth.**

Herald: Let \_\_\_\_\_ be brought before Their Majesties.

*(The Spokesman and Attendant go to the Candidate, who is standing at the back of Court. If the candidate wishes a procession, then the candidate and procession shall come forward instead. The candidate comes forward flanked by the Spokesman and Attendant, both of whom are Members of the Order. The Candidate kneels, as does the Attendant. The Spokesman turns slightly to face the populace.)*

 **King:** **[Master | Mistress] (Spokesman), let all know in what manner \_\_\_\_\_ has enriched Our Realm.**

*(Here will answer the Spokesman, giving the reasons why the Candidate would be a suitable Member of the Order. This speech may be altered in many ways to suit the specific Candidate, but should always include the final phrase below.)*

Spokesman: \_\_\_\_\_ has given greatly of [his | her] labors {for x many years} as (position), {and has given other service in (area(s) of service)}, and has encouraged others to like service by word and deed, {(and has especially benefitted the Kingdom by (specific example),)} and further has governed [himself | herself] in all ways as befits a Member of our Order.

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## PELICAN CEREMONY, OPTION 2 — FINDING THE CANDIDATE

Herald: The strength and stability of the Kingdom lie in these virtues of its people: prowess, creativity, and **service** - for if any of these are lacking, the Kingdom fails. The servants of the Crown support it by their efforts and with their dedication preserve the Kingdom from Extinction.

Let the Members of the Order of the Pelican attend upon Their Majesties.

*(The Members of the Order, saving only the Spokesman and the Attendant, approach and kneel in a semi-circle. All should be wearing their cloaks, if they have them. The Spokesman and Attendant should borrow them if they do not have personal cloaks.)*

 **King: What business have you before us?**

*(Spokesperson shall stand and say,)*

Spokesperson: Your Majesty, we, the Companions of the Order of the Pelican of the West feel our numbers are not complete, and that there is one here present whose honor and service entitles [him | her] to recognition as our Peer.

 **King: We are agreed. Go forth and bring the candidate to Us.**

*(The spokesperson shall turn, with attendants, and with some indirection, search the assembled populace. Then they shall find the Candidate and bring him/her before the King.)*

Spokesman: We here present \_\_\_\_\_ for Your Majesty's consideration as a Candidate for membership in Our order.

 **King: You have spoken with Us of [him | her] before. We are in agreement that [he | she] is worthy of Membership in your noble Order.**

**[Master | Mistress] (Spokesman), let all know in what manner \_\_\_\_\_ has enriched Our Realm.**

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PELICAN CEREMONY, OPTION 3  
CANDIDATE ALREADY IN COURT (SURPRISE)

Herald: You do not have Their Majesties' permission to depart.

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 **King:** We are minded to admit \_\_\_\_\_ to your Right Noble Order.

**[Master | Mistress] (Spokesman), let all know in what manner \_\_\_\_\_ has enriched Our Realm.**

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## PELICAN CEREMONY, OPTION 4 — SPOKESMAN FIRST

Herald: \_\_\_\_\_ (*Spokesman*) come before Their Majesties.

*(Here will answer the Spokesman, giving the reasons why the Candidate would be a suitable Member of the Order.)*

Spokesman: \_\_\_\_\_ has given greatly of [his | her] labors {for x many years} as (position), {and has given other service in (area(s) of service)}, and has encouraged others to like service by word and deed, {(and has especially benefitted the Kingdom by (specific example),)} and further has governed [himself | herself] in all ways as befits a Member of the Order of the Pelican.

 **King:** **We are minded to admit \_\_\_\_\_ to the Right Noble Order of the Pelican. Let [him | her] now be brought forth.**

Herald: Let \_\_\_\_\_ be brought before Their Majesties.

*(The Spokesman and Attendant go to the Candidate, who is standing at the back of Court. If the candidate wishes a procession, then the candidate and procession shall come forward instead. The candidate comes forward flanked by the Spokesman and Attendant, both of whom are Members of the Order. The Candidate kneels, as does the Attendant. The Spokesman turns slightly to face the populace.)*

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★ **CONTINUE** at this point in the ceremony, no matter which of the options is used.

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 **King:** \_\_\_\_\_, mindful of your great  
and unremitting service to Our Kingdom,  
and mindful also of the wishes of your Peers,  
it is Our intent to admit you to the Order of the Pelican.  
Will you accept from Us this honor?

Candidate: I will. *(or equivalent speech)*

★ **APPRENTICE/PROTEGÉ**

 **King:** If you are [an apprentice to | a protégé of] any member of  
this Order, name [him | her] now.

Candidate: Your Majesty, I am [apprenticed to | protégé of] \_\_\_\_\_.

Herald: [Master | Mistress] \_\_\_\_\_, approach Their Majesties.

*(The Pelican approaches and stands next to his/her apprentice/protégé.)*

 **King:** [Master | Mistress] \_\_\_\_\_, We are minded to admit your  
[apprentice | protégé] \_\_\_\_\_ to the Order of the Pelican.  
Will you now release [him | her] from your service and  
release [him | her] from whatever fealty exists between  
you?

Pelican: I now release you, \_\_\_\_\_, from my service [and the fealty  
we have had between us].

Candidate: It has been my honor and pleasure to train with you. I release you, [Master |  
Mistress] \_\_\_\_\_, from all of the responsibilities and duties you took upon  
yourself when I became your [apprentice | protégé]. [I here return this token of  
my bond to you.]

*(Candidate returns whatever token there may have been, if there was one.)*

 **King:** Will you now give Us your word  
that you will henceforth comport yourself  
as befits a Peer of Our Realm,  
as you most surely have until now,  
and that you will attempt  
in all your endeavors to be  
a noble example to Our people?

Candidate: I will. *(or equivalent speech)*

 **Queen:** **Will you promise further to treat all with Courtesy, and to uphold the Laws and traditions of Our Kingdom?**

Candidate: I will. *(or equivalent speech)*

 **FEALTY**

 **King:** **Will you now swear fealty to the Crown and Kingdom of the West?**

Candidate: I will. *(or equivalent speech)*

***(The King and Queen either put out Their Hands, and the Candidate places his hands in them, or uses the Great Sword of State, held over Their Majesties' hands, and the candidate places his/her hands on top of Their Majesties' hands and the sword.)***

Herald: To your Liege and before your Peers, swear your oath:  
Here do I swear by mouth and by hand  
fealty and service  
to the Crown and Kingdom of the West  
to speak and to be silent  
to come and to go  
to strike and to spare  
to do and to let be,  
in such matters as concern the Kingdom  
on my honor  
and the lawful command of the Crown  
in need or in plenty / in peace or in war  
in living or in dying / from this hour henceforth  
until the King depart from His Throne  
or death take me  
or the world end  
so say I \_\_\_\_\_.

 **King:** **This do We hear,  
nor fail to remember,  
and We for Our part do swear fealty to you,  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
to protect and defend you  
and all your household,  
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.**

***(This ends the portion of the Ceremony dealing with the giving and return of fealty oaths. If the Great Sword of State was used, it should be given back into the keeping of the Earl Marshall.)***

 King/  
 Queen: ***(The King and Queen take the hands of the new Pelican between theirs (the right hand of the King and the left hand of the Queen, placing the new Pelican's hands between theirs. NOTE: If multiple candidates are being done, then this needs to be done for each.)***

 King: **Then We now proclaim you, \_\_\_\_\_,  
[Master | Mistress] of the Pelican.**

 Queen: **Receive from Our hands the token of the Order of the Pelican.**

 King: ***(The King may ask the history of the token, if there is any.)***

 CHAIN/COLLAR OF FEALTY

 King/ **Wear this [chain | collar] in token of your fealty.**  
 Queen:

 ***(Queen puts medallion/chain/collar around Candidate's neck.)***

 KINGDOM CLOAK PRESENT

 King: **Let \_\_\_\_\_ be robed as befits [his | her] new estate.**

*(The newest Member of the Order comes forward wearing or carrying the "Kingdom" cloak, and gives it to the Attendant, who stands and places it on the Candidate.)*

 King: ***(The King takes both the new Pelican's hands in His own and raises him/her up.)***

**Arise, [Master | Mistress] \_\_\_\_\_, and greet your Peers.**

Herald: For [Master | Mistress] \_\_\_\_\_, newest member of the Order of the Pelican, Hip, hip ...

 King: **Let the Proclamation be read.**

*(If no scroll is present, the herald shall read the appropriate of the two following texts:)*

This box is a place for the herald to place a Post-it with the arms of the new peer.

★ **NO SCROLL - NO PRIOR PATENT**

Herald: Be it known that Their Majesties, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, King and Queen of the West, do on this day elevate Their subject \_\_\_\_\_, to the Peerage of this Kingdom, and do admit [him | her] to the Right Noble Order of the Pelican. And They do grant unto [him | her] by Letters Patent these arms: **Blazon**, to bear and to hold without let or hindrance throughout Their Realm. Done by Our word and hand this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of the Kingdom of the West,  
\_\_\_\_\_, Rex Occidentalis  
\_\_\_\_\_, Regina

★ **NO SCROLL - PRIOR PATENT**

Be it known that Their Majesties, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, King and Queen of the West, do on this day elevate Their subject \_\_\_\_\_, to the Right Noble Order of the Pelican, and do confirm [his | her] right to bear [his | her] arms by Letters Patent, to wit: **Blazon**. Done by Our word and hand this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of the Kingdom of the West,  
\_\_\_\_\_, Rex Occidentalis  
\_\_\_\_\_, Regina

*(After the proclamation or scroll has been read, the Herald will hand the promissory or scroll to the Spokesman.)*

# THE CREATION OF A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE PELICAN

WHEN THE INVESTITURE OF THE PEER WILL HAPPEN AT A LATER DATE

Herald: Let the members of the Order of the Pelican come before Their Majesties.

 **King:** **We are minded to create \_\_\_\_\_, who lives in  
Our \_\_\_\_\_ (branch), a member of your Order.**

Principal: Your Majesty, you have consulted with the Order as is required in custom and Law. But others in the Kingdom may not know of the virtues of \_\_\_\_\_.

 **King:** ***(Tells why the candidate is worthy. Use speech below as a model. OR)***

**Is there one who will speak for the worthiness of this candidate?**

*(Here will answer the Spokesman, giving the reasons why the Candidate would be a suitable Member of the Order. This speech may be altered in many ways to suit the specific Candidate, but should always include the final phrase.)*

Spokesman: \_\_\_\_\_ has given greatly of [his | her] labors {for x many years} as (position), {and has given other service in (area(s) of service)}, and has encouraged others to like service by word and deed, {(and has especially benefitted the Kingdom by (specific example),)} and further has governed [himself | herself] in all ways as befits a Member of our Order.

Principal: Is the candidate willing to accept this honor?

 **King:** **We have spoken with \_\_\_\_\_, and [he | she] will accept this honor from Us.**

***(The King shall use one of the following two paragraphs, one if the commissioner is being appointed, the other if already appointed.)***

 **COMMISSIONER BEING APPOINTED**

 **King:**        **We now appoint \_\_\_\_\_ (title/name of Commissioner)  
as Our Royal Emissary. We charge [him | her] to visit  
\_\_\_\_\_ (branch) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date),  
and to invest (title/name) as  
a Companion of the Order of the Pelican  
with all due ceremony,  
and to confirm to [him | her] all duties,  
dignities and insignia of this rank.**

 **COMMISSIONER ALREADY APPOINTED**

 **King:**        **We have appointed \_\_\_\_\_ (title/name of Commissioner)  
as Our Royal Emissary.  
We have charged [him | her] to visit \_\_\_\_\_ (branch)  
on \_\_\_\_\_ (date), and to invest (title/name) as  
a Companion of the Order of the Pelican  
with all due ceremony,  
and to confirm to [him | her] all duties,  
dignities and insignia of this rank.**

# THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE CREATION OF A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE PELICAN

WHEN THE INVESTITURE OF THE PEER HAPPENED AT AN EARLIER DATE

Herald: Let the Members of the Order of the Pelican come before Their Majesties.

 **King:** We would have you know that on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)  
in \_\_\_\_\_ (branch),  
Our Royal Emissary \_\_\_\_\_ (Commissioner) did  
by Our will and at Our command  
admit \_\_\_\_\_ to the Order of the Pelican,  
and did invest [him | her] in [his | her] new rank  
with all due ceremony.

Principal: Your Majesty, you consulted with us as is required in custom and in Law. But others in the Kingdom may not know of the virtues of \_\_\_\_\_.

 **King:** *(Tells why the candidate is worthy. Use speech below as a model. OR)*

**Is there one who will speak for the worthiness of this candidate?**

*(Here will answer the Spokesman, giving the reasons why the Candidate would be a suitable Member of the Order. This speech may be altered in many ways to suit the specific Candidate, but should always include the final phrase.)*

Spokesman: \_\_\_\_\_ has given greatly of [his | her] labors {for x many years} as (position), {and has given other service in (area(s) of service)}, and has encouraged others to like service by word and deed, {(and has especially benefitted the Kingdom by (specific example),)} and further has governed [himself | herself] in all ways as befits a Member of our Order.

 **King:** We thank you. You have Our leave to depart.