

CEREMONIAL FOR
THE PRINCIPALITY OF
TIR RIGH

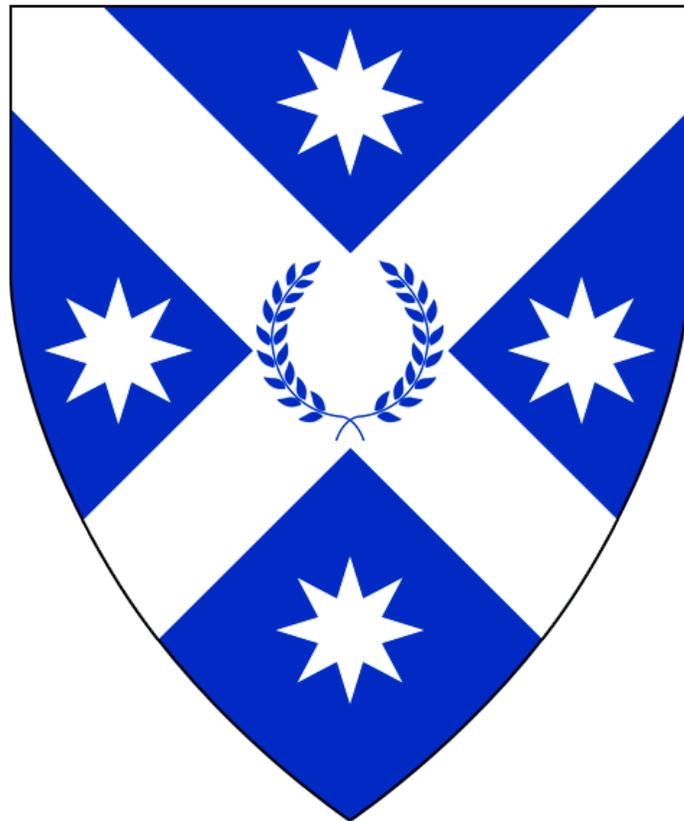


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Section 1: Royalty

1.1 The Coronet Lists

Note: This will always be the final piece of business of opening court.

1.1.1 Opening

HERALD: Their Highnesses call *LISTS*, Tir Righ's Minister of Lists, before Them.

PRINCE: Minister of Lists, the hour draws nigh, are the Lists complete?

LISTS: They are, Your Highness.

PRINCE: Then please close the lists, as we wish to commence the Tournament of Succession.

LISTS: By your leave then, Highness, I will do so.

List Minister reverences and exits court.

1.1.2 Procession of Branches

HERALD: Let the baronies, shires and cantons, ports and colleges of the principality now assemble and present themselves to *PRINCE* and *PRINCESS*, Prince and Princess of Tir Righ.

In order of precedence, the groups of Tir Righ are announced up the aisle. The representatives will come up the aisle as they are announced, reverence the Coronet and then array themselves back down the edges of the aisle, alternating sides. See Notes to the Herald section for more.

1.1.3 Presentation of Combatants

HERALD: Your Majesties (if present), Your Highnesses, for Your inspection and approval now come the combatants for the Coronet of Tir Righ. Combatants! Come before your Prince and declare your name and that of your Prospective Consort.

At this point, if the Heavy Champion is entering the Coronet Lists, he will respectfully give the Spear of State to His Highness, salute Their Highnesses and then join the procession of Combatants.

The procession of Combatants together with the Lady/Lord whose honour they promote, their banner bearers, and members of their households (e.g.: a knight's squires) shall now approach the thrones, be introduced, reverence and go to their places on the Chivalry or non-Chivalry sides of the aisle. See Notes to the Herald section for full directions.

If desired, at this point the procession of Tournament Officials (Marshals, Heralds) shall occur.

Once the Grand March/Processional has been completed...

HERALD: People of Tir Righ! See here the entrants in the Coronet lists of our glorious Principality. Great is the honour of this list, for the victor and their inspiration shall wear the Coronets and take the Thrones of the Principality of Tir Righ.

You, who would enter here into honourable combat, by your courtesy and valour, show forth now the renown of these lands. Let brave deeds and chivalrous conduct prove you worthy of the honour you seek and the favour you bear to the greater glory of your inspiration.

1.1.4 Confirmation of Tournament Style / Conventions of Combat

HERALD: Let *MARSHAL* , Earl Marshal of Tir Righ, come now before Their Highnesses.

PRINCE: Lord Marshal, what are the conventions of combat that shall be observed in these Lists?

MARSHAL: *(informs list and populace of tournament style, weapons conventions, double kill conventions, rules of the list, introduces the bye fighters, plus anything else the combatants need to know for the day.)*

PRINCE: Thank you, Lord Marshal.

Marshal reverences and exits court.

1.1.5 The Oath of Combat

HERALD: Combatants and Consorts, hear now the words of your Prince and Princess.

PRINCE: *(speaks words of advice and wisdom to the combatants and consorts about the upcoming tournament)*

PRINCESS: *(speaks words of advice and wisdom to the combatants and consorts about the upcoming tournament)*

HERALD: Having heard the conventions of combat for this tournament, and mindful of the Rules of the Lists, do each of you swear to abide by these Rules and conventions during these Lists?

COMBATANTS: I so swear.

PRINCESS: And do you each have an Inspiration, who is acceptable according to the laws of Our Principality, and whose favour you shall bear in these Lists, who shall reign beside you as your Consort should you be given victory this day?

COMBATANTS: I do.

HERALD: Gather now before your Prince and Princess for the Oath of Combat.

The PRINCE and PRINCESS hold the SPEAR OF STATE in front of them. All COMBATANTS and CONSORTS lay their hands either on the Spear itself or on the shoulders of those in front of them.

PRINCE: Then hear now the Oath of Combat We would have you swear.

HERALD: Do you, Combatants and Consorts swear, by this, Boar's Tooth, the Great Spear of State of Tir Righ, symbol of the might Tir Righ, that should you be given victory this day you can and will fulfill the obligations of a Prince or Princess of Tir Righ, and that you will rule justly, in accordance with the laws and customs of our kingdom and principality, to the utmost of your abilities, for so long as you may reign?

COMBATANTS and CONSORTS: I so swear.

HERALD: Do you further swear that, should you prove victorious this day, you will swear fealty to Their Majesties of An Tir, and to Their successors to Their Thrones, maintaining for Them Their lands of Tir Righ?

COMBATANTS and CONSORTS: I so swear.

HERALD: Then, let each of you prove by your skill and strength alone, the worth and virtue of those whose favour you bear, either in victory or in honourable defeat. Rise now and return to your places.

HERALD: Let any of the populace who desire come forth now to bestow your favors upon these combatants.

1.1.6 Balancing of the Sides and Honour Challenges

While the populace is bestowing favours or wishes upon the fighters, the Lord Marshal should confer with Their Highnesses regarding the numbers of each side, belted and unbelted.

Once the favour bestowing is ended and attention is returned to the Court, His Highness will then invite sufficient number of unbelted combatants to the belted side to even up the first round of combat. If there is an uneven number on the belted side, the last fighter on that side shall be given the bye round. While this balancing of sides is the responsibility of His Highness the Prince, He should consider inviting His Princess, Their Majesties, or any other noble or royal whom He trusts to assist.

When the sides are even, the unbelted combatants, starting with the lowest ranked fighter, will offer challenge to the combatants on the belted side as they see fit. This will continue until all combatants on both sides of the aisle have been challenged.

Per the desires of the Prince, as each pairing of combatants is settled, they shall together go report their first fight to the List Table or shall wait in line until all challenges have been made.

1.1.7 Dismissal

The Herald watches for last challenge to have been given and on their way to the Lists table...

HERALD: As all challenges have now been issued and accepted, Combatants, you are released to prepare yourselves for combat. The first round will commence in *(one half hour / or at time specified by Their Highnesses.)*

Thus recesses the Court of Their Highnesses.

Marshals to the field! Heralds to the field! Let the Lists begin!

Notes for the Herald – Coronet Lists

Grand March:

The Order of the Grand March for Tir Righ can be found in section 7.2

Heralds

- Two heralds will be needed for the top of court for the Grand March. These heralds will have a two-fold job. First they will ensure the banner bears know where to go stand after they have been introduced and revered the Coronet. Second, they will receive the cue cards (pre-completed with fighting titles, names - phonetically spelled), of both combatant and consort from the combatants and announce the combatant and their inspirations during the processional.

Groups:

- Ensure all Tir Righ group representatives are gathered together in the order of their group's precedence along with their banner.
- GROUP Herald will introduce each group, providing the group's name. Banner bearer will approach throne, reverence and go to place as directed by line heralds.

Combatants and Inspirations:

- Ensure all combatants and their inspirations are gathered in order of precedence in preparation for the presentation of combatants in the lists. Order of precedence may be either strict OP order or OP order with the households of each knight immediately following them. An alternative is reverse precedence. Benefit of this last would be to show the lower ranks the full pomp and circumstance of the higher ranks. Decision of which order is to be used belongs to the Coronet.
- Based on the number of combatants and inspirations in the list and the desires of the Prince, determine how the entrants should line up once they have presented themselves. Let them all know ahead of time so the ceremony won't have to be interrupted by directions to shuffle the line ups to make more space.
- If the Heavy Champion is entering the List, place his inspiration at the front of the line. Once he has presented Boars Tooth to the Prince, he will move to join her. Ensure he is aware of this direction.
- Discuss with Prince if he wants Combatants to go immediately to the List table after Challenges or whether he wants them all to wait so that all may see the Challenges that are given. Ensure Combatants are informed of which direction prior to start of ceremony.

Tournament Officials:

- Ensure all tournament officials (marshals, eric heralds and runners, waterbearers, etc) are arranged in their march order with tabards (if they desire and have them) and/or office banners. Tournament Officers will follow the combatants.
- Tournament Officials shall be introduced as a group by position rather than individual name. They shall be called up quickly (but with dignity). They shall come forward, reverence the thrones, be acknowledged and then leave the court area.

1.2 Acknowledgment of the Tanist and ban-Tanist

This ceremony should take place as soon after the Coronet tournament as convenient – usually about 10-20 minutes following the end of the finals. If this is to be the final court of the day, this shall always be the first item of business.

HERALD: Let all draw nigh for history has been made this day!

VICTOR and **CONSORT**, come now and kneel before Your Prince and Princess.

When they have arrived in court...

HERALD: Your Highnesses (and Your Majesties), by valour and skill did **VICTOR**, nobly promoting the honour of **CONSORT**, prove victorious in Your Coronet List this day. They come now before You swear their oaths and receive the honour which is their due.

PRINCE: **VICTOR** and **CONSORT**, do you understand the duties and responsibilities of the high and noble estate which you have won this day, and understand that in taking our place when we are done, that you will uphold the laws of Tir Righ and to serve its people?

VICTOR and CONSORT: I do.

PRINCE and PRINCESS take Spear of State from Heavy Champion and holds it level before them. VICTOR and CONSORT lay hands on the Spear as well.

PRINCE: Then swear to Us as your rightful Prince and Princess that you intend to execute these duties to the best of your ability, and that while you are our Heirs, you shall uphold the laws and traditions of the Principality of Tir Righ and the Kingdom of An Tir, until it comes time for you to ascend the Thrones.

VICTOR and CONSORT: I so swear.

PRINCE/PRINCESS: And we for Our part, do accept your oath, and return this fealty unto you Our Heirs; that We will honour the service you do in Our name; that We will support, protect, and defend you and your household with all Our Power, until the day that We pass the responsibility of Tir Righ onto you.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

PRINCE and PRINCESS hand Spear back to Champion and take Heir circlets from attendants. The PRINCE holds the Tanist circlet above VICTOR's head.

PRINCE: **VICTOR**, by your valour and skill, you have nobly advanced the honour of your inspiration, and arose victorious in Our Coronet List. We hereby acknowledge you as Our Heir and affirm your right to claim the coronets and thrones of Tir Righ when that time draws nigh.

I **PRINCE**, Prince of Tir Righ, proclaim you **VICTOR**, Tanist of the Principality of Tir Righ.

PRINCE places circlet on TANIST's head.

PRINCESS: **CONSORT**, by your (grace and beauty / nobility and wisdom), you have inspired your champion to victory, and I hereby acknowledge your right to rule these lands.

PRINCESS hands the ban-Tanist's circlet to the TANIST.

TANIST, take this token of estate to bestow upon your inspiration.

TANIST: **CONSORT**, by this symbol let all know that you were truly the inspiration for my victory this day, and let none doubt that you shall rule as surely as I. Share this honour with me, as ban-Tanist of the Principality of Tir Righ.

TANIST places circlet on BAN-TANIST's head

The new Tanist and Ban Tanist stand and face the populace.

HERALD: Three cheers for **TANIST** and **BAN-TANIST**, Tanist and ban-Tanist of Tir Righ!

1.3 The Blue Spear and Blue Lily

The herald shall call forth the other finalist and inspiration.

HERALD: *FINALIST* and *INSPIRATION*, the Crown commands your presence.

And when they have knelt, the PRINCESS shall present the finalist with the token of the Blue Spear, saying:

PRINCESS: *FINALIST*, you have fought with great skill and valour this day. In remembrance of your prowess and bravery, We bestow upon you the Blue Spear. Bear this token as a reminder to all of the mastery and honour you have shown this day.

And to the inspiration of the finalist:

PRINCESS: *INSPIRATION*, you have inspired your champion to great honour this day. We bestow upon you the Blue Lily. Receive this symbol of your inspiration and Our esteem.

The herald will exhort the cheers of the populace for the recipients as they take their leave.

1.4 Investiture of the Prince and Princess

1.4.1 Claiming the Coronets

HERALD: As unceasing as the wind over the waves is the flow of time and history; and down through the marching ages has the Line of Tir Righ come. From the Cradle of the Kingdoms, the Eternal West, and by the breath of the mighty Lion of An Tir was born the Principality of the Argent Star. And now, in honour of ancient custom and tradition do we gather once more to witness the flow of Tir Righ's history and lore.

In faithfulness to the laws of this Principality on the *DAY* of *MONTH*, Anno Societatis *YEAR*, did Prince *PRINCE* and Princess *PRINCESS* call forth to grand tournament all those in their lands who felt worthy to vie for honour of the Throne of Tir Righ. And upon that day of grace did *TANIST*, for the honour of *BAN-TANIST*, stand victorious over all others.

PRINCE: Let *TANIST* and *BAN-TANIST* come forth.

TANIST and *BAN-TANIST* (and attendants if desired) come forward, stopping at a respectful distance into the forecourt and give reverence.

TANIST: Your Highnesses, by right of victory in the Coronet Lists, We lay claim to the Coronet and Thrones of Tir Righ.

PRINCE: The words our herald did speak
represent the history of this land.
We hear and recognize your claim
as the heirs to the thrones of Tir Righ.
However you must validate this assertion
by having those amongst the populace
show their undying support
for you and your consort.

TANIST: Your Highnesses;
Our claim is just
and we shall meet your demands.
I call forth *KNIGHT*,
a Companion of the Order of Chivalry
to validate our claim.

KNIGHT: As a representative of the Order of Chivalry, I vow that *TANIST* and *BAN-TANIST*'s claim is valid.

TANIST: I call forth **LAUREL**,
Companion of the Order of the Laurel
to show support for our claim.

LAUREL: As a representative of the Order of the Laurel, I vow that **TANIST** and **BAN-TANIST's** claim is valid.

TANIST: I call forth **PELICAN**,
Companion of the Order of the Pelican
to show support for our claim.

PELICAN: As a representative of the Order of the Pelican, I vow that **TANIST** and **BAN-TANIST's** claim is valid.

TANIST: I call forth the Champions of Tir Righ to rightfully acknowledge our claim to the thrones of Tir Righ.

(CHAMPIONS): I am **NAME**, Heavy Champion of Tir Righ, and I affirm **TANIST** and **BAN-TANIST's** right to the Throne and Coronets of this Principality.

The remaining Champions follow with similar words, in this order: Rapier, Archery, A&S, Bardic.

PRINCE: Having heard the words
of the peers and champions of this realm
it is evident that the winds of change are upon us.
Come forth and receive what is rightfully yours.

TANIST and BAN-TANIST come forth and kneel before Their Highnesses).

PRINCE: Will you accept the Coronets and swear the Sovereigns' Oath before these witnesses?

TANIST & BAN-TANIST: We will.

HEAVY CHAMPION hands spear to the PRINCE, to be used for the Oath. All four take told of Spear.

1.4.2 The Oath of Office

TANIST & BAN-TANIST:

Here do I swear,
by mouth and hand,
To serve and protect
the Principality and People of Tir Righ,
To the utmost of my power:

To govern its people
according to the Laws and Customs

To uphold the ideals of Chivalry
To maintain and encourage
the Arts and Sciences
To cause Law and Justice, in Mercy,
to be executed in all my judgments

And to set an example of Honour to all.

So long as I wear the coronet of Tir Righ
So Say I, **TANIST**
and So Say I, **BAN-TANIST**.

TANIST & BAN-TANIST remove Heir coronets and hand to attendants.

1.4.3 Investiture

OUTGOING PRINCE:

*transfers Cloak of State from his shoulders to **INCOMING PRINCE's** as he says:*

INCOMING PRINCE, receive this Mantle of Tir Righ,
mindful that you now bear
the honour of the realm upon your shoulders.

OUTGOING PRINCESS:

*transfers Cloak of State from her shoulders to **INCOMING PRINCESS'** as she says:*

INCOMING PRINCESS, receive this Mantle of Tir Righ,
mindful that you now bear

the honour of the realm upon your shoulders.

OUTGOING PRINCE & PRINCESS remove Coronets. ***OUTGOING PRINCE*** holds his above ***INCOMING PRINCE's*** head and slowly lowers it down.

OUT.PRINCE: In accordance with law and custom do I, ***OUTGOING PRINCE***,
now crown you Prince of Tir Righ
with the right to bear this coronet,
to invest your Consort,
and to pass it onto your successors.

Receive now the Principality of Tir Righ
to care for and rule from this day forth.

Great has become your strength and honour,
but never forget
that even in your new station
you are still a true and faithful servant
of the Crown of An Tir.

Forgive me now for this burden
I place upon your head.

OUTGOING PRINCE steps to the side; ***INCOMING PRINCE*** rises.

OUTGOING PRINCESS hands her Coronet to ***INCOMING PRINCE***, and says;

OUT.PRINCESS: I, ***OUTGOING PRINCESS***,
surrender this Coronet unto you,
INCOMING PRINCE, Prince of Tir Righ,
so that your consort may receive it from your hands.

INCOMING PRINCE receives the Consort's Coronet and holds it above ***INCOMING PRINCESS' head***.

INC.PRINCE: In accordance with our laws and customs,
wear this Coronet and share with me
in the care and rule of the people of Tir Righ.
As you bear the weight of its burdens,
remember always that you are a true servant of Tir Righ
and of its Sovereign Lord, the King of An Tir.

Rise, my Princess, and greet your people.

INCOMING PRINCESS rises

OUT.PRINCE: People of Tir Righ! Behold your new and undoubted Prince and Princess!
Long live PRINCE *INCOMING PRINCE!*
Long live PRINCESS *INCOMING PRINCESS!*

*As populace cheers, INCOMING PRINCE & PRINCESS turn and take/stand in front of thrones.
OUTGOING PRINCE & PRINCESS step forward to face them.*

HERALD: Thus ends the court of *OUTGOING PRINCE and PRINCESS*, honoured servants of Tir Righ!

There may be here a change of Heralds.

HERALD: Here opens the Court of *INCOMING PRINCE and PRINCESS*, Prince and Princess of Tir Righ!

INC.PRINCE: *(to OUTGOING PRINCE & PRINCESS)*
You have served your Principality well.
Let your names be entered on the roll
of the Princes and Princesses of Tir Righ.

Bardic Champion!

BARDIC CHAMPION steps forth and recites/reads the list of the Royalty of Tir Righ.

1.4.4 Departure of Outgoing Prince & Princess and Retinue

INC.PRINCESS: *(to OUTGOING PRINCE & PRINCESS)*
You have Our leave to depart
as well as Our thanks
for all you have done for Us and Tir Righ.

OUTGOING PRINCE & PRINCESS, along with their retinue, depart. While cheers are occurring, new retinue moves in behind thrones.

HERALD: Three Cheers for *OUTGOING PRINCE and PRINCESS!* Hip hip Huzzah x3

INCOMING PRINCE & PRINCESS return to Storm Thrones and gather themselves for the Oaths of Fealty.

1.5 Oaths of Fealty to incoming Prince and Princess

1.5.1 Champions

HERALD: Let Tir Righ's Champions come before Their Highnesses.

The Champions gather before the thrones.

HERALD: Champions of Tir Righ, as you have sworn before to the Coronet of Tir Righ and through them to the Crown of An Tir, do you now recognize **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS** as your undoubted Prince and Princess?

CHAMPIONS: We do.

HERALD: Hear then your oath to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, Prince and Princess of Tir Righ;

Do you now swear fealty and service to the Coronet and Principality of Tir Righ, to obey all the laws and customs of the Principality and Kingdom, and to uphold the honour and duties of your position, so long as you carry the title of Champion, and They remain Prince and Princess of Tir Righ?

CHAMPIONS: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, Our Champions;
that We will honour the service
you do in Our name;
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

And now, please take your place in Our court.

The Champions take their places behind the thrones.

1.5.2 Royal Peers

HERALD: Let Tir Righ's Royal Peers come before Their Highnesses.

When the Royal Peers have gathered before the thrones;

HERALD: Royal Peers of Tir Righ, as you have sworn before to the Coronet of Tir Righ and through them to the Crown of An Tir, do you now swear fealty and support to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, to obey Their lawful commands, and to uphold the honour and customs of the Principality, so long as They remain Prince and Princess of Tir Righ?

ROYAL PEERS: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, the Royal Peers of Tir Righ;
that We will honour the service
you do in Our name;
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Royal Peers withdraw.

1.5.3 The Baronage

HERALD: Let those Barons and Baroness who currently hold lands in fief and trust from the Crown come now before Their Highnesses.

When the Landed Barons and Baronesses have gathered before the thrones;

HERALD: Barons and Baronesses of Tir Righ, as you have sworn before to the Coronet of Tir Righ and through them to the Crown of An Tir, do you now swear fealty and support to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, to obey Their lawful commands, and to uphold the honour and customs of the Principality, so long as They remain Prince and Princess of Tir Righ?

BARONAGE: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, the Barons and Baronesses of Tir Righ;
that We will honour the service
you do in Our name;
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Landed Barons and Baronesses withdraw.

1.5.4 The Chivalry

HERALD: Let those Members of the Order of Chivalry – Knights and Masters-at-Arms both – who would offer their fealty, come now before Their Highnesses.

*As the Chivalry gathers, **PRINCE** steps forward to demonstrate his trust in the Chivalry by allowing them to lay their bare blades upon his person for the duration of the oath. **PRINCESS** stands at his side with her hand upon his shoulder;*

HERALD: Members of the Order of Chivalry, as you have sworn before to the Coronet of Tir Righ and through them to the Crown of An Tir, do you now swear fealty and support to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, to obey Their lawful commands, and to uphold the honour and customs of the Principality, so long as They remain Prince and Princess of Tir Righ?

CHIVALRY: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, the Knights and Masters-at-Arms of Tir Righ;
that We will honour the service
you do in Our name;
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Chivalry withdraw. The following is optional, depending on the will of Their Highnesses.

HERALD: If there are Masters-At-Arms who would raise their glasses in toast to Their Highnesses, let them come forward at this time.

The Masters-at-Arms come forward to toast Their Highnesses. If none come forward, continue.

1.5.5 The Laurels

HERALD: Let those Members of the Order of the Laurel who would offer their fealty, come now before Their Highnesses.

When the Laurels have gathered before the thrones;

HERALD: Members of the Order of the Laurel, as you have sworn before to the Coronet of Tir Righ and through them to the Crown of An Tir, do you now swear fealty and support to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, to obey Their lawful commands, and to uphold the honour and customs of the Principality, so long as They remain Prince and Princess of Tir Righ?

LAURELS: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, the Laurels of Tir Righ;
that We will honour the service
you do in Our name;
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Laurels withdraw.

1.5.6 The Pelicans

HERALD: Let those Members of the Order of the Pelican who would offer their fealty, come now before Their Highnesses.

When the Pelicans have gathered before the thrones;

HERALD: Members of the Order of the Pelican, as you have sworn before to the Coronet of Tir Righ and through them to the Crown of An Tir, do you now swear fealty and support to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, to obey Their lawful commands, and to uphold the honour and customs of the Principality, so long as They remain Prince and Princess of Tir Righ?

PELICANS: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, the Pelicans of Tir Righ;
that We will honour the service
you do in Our name;
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Pelicans withdraw.

1.5.7 The Masters of Defense

HERALD: Let those Members of the Order of the Masters of Defense who would offer their fealty, come now before Their Highnesses.

*As the Order gathers, **PRINCESS** steps forward, as each member of the Order offers her the hilt of their blade, holding the tip to their breast. **PRINCESS** grasps as many hilts as she can, while **PRINCE** stands at her side with his hand upon her shoulder;*

HERALD: Members of the Order of the Masters of Defense, as you have sworn before to the Coronet of Tir Righ and through them to the Crown of An Tir, do you now swear fealty and support to **PRINCESS**, your undoubted and beloved Princess of Tir Righ, and to **PRINCE**, her Prince, to obey Their lawful commands, and to uphold the honour and customs of the Principality, so long as They remain Prince and Princess of Tir Righ?

CHIVALRY: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, my Masters of the Defense of Tir Righ;
that We will honour the service
you do in Our name;
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ.

The Order withdraws.

1.5.8 The Officers

HERALD: Let those Officers of State – Greater and Lesser – come now before Their Highnesses.

When the Officers have gathered before the thrones;

HERALD: Officers of Tir Righ, as you have sworn before to the Coronet of Tir Righ and through them to the Crown of An Tir, do you now swear fealty and service to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, to faithfully discharge your offices in accordance with the laws and traditions of the land as you have surely done thus far, so long as They remain Prince and Princess of Tir Righ?

OFFICERS: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, the Officers of Tir Righ;
that We will honour the service
you do in Our name;
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Officers withdraw.

1.5.9 The Royal Retinue

HERALD: Let those who would be Retinue, the personal servants and guards to Their Highnesses, come now before Their Highnesses.

When the Retinue have gathered before the thrones;

HERALD: Due to your courtesy and gentility, honour, courage, and loyalty, Their Highnesses wish to invest you as Their Retinue. Is it your desire to serve Them in this manner?

RETINUE: It is.

HERALD: Do you now swear fealty and service to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, your undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, that you will obey Their lawful commands, that you will deal courteously and graciously with those of every degree, and that you will uphold the honour and customs of the Principality, so long as They remain Prince and Princess of Tir Righ?

RETINUE: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, Our retinue;
that We will honour the service
you do in Our name;
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Retinue withdraw.

1.5.10 The Populace

HERALD: Let those members of the Populace who would offer their pledge of support to the Thrones of Tir Righ, come now before Their Highnesses.

When the Populace have gathered before the thrones;

HERALD: Do you, the people of Tir Righ, pledge to give your support to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, and through Them the Crown of An Tir, to comport yourselves with chivalry and honour, treat courteously those of every degree, and that you will obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern Their realm?

POPULACE: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, Our subjects of Tir Righ;
that We will rule
with justice, mercy, and honour,
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Populace withdraw.

1.5.11 Ending of Oaths and Investiture

HERALD: People of Tir Righ! Here we have witnesses the Investiture of **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, and the vows of fealty and service which bind Them together with the Principality and the Kingdom. We have seen the laws and traditions upheld, paid tribute to those who came before, and honour those who will follow; thus will the land and people prosper. The Principality of Tir Righ recognizes their rightful Prince and Princess!

Long Live Prince **PRINCE**!

Long Live Princess **PRINCESS**!

1.6 Ceremony for the Acknowledgment of Viscounty

1.6.1 Acknowledgment of a Viscount

HERALD: **VISCOUNT** is invited to approach the throne.

***VISCOUNT** approaches with his banner bearer and personal herald/spokesman, **VISCOUNT** stops before the thrones, his herald forward and to his right, his banner bearer forward and to the left.*

HERALD: May it please your Highnesses, your loyal subject **VISCOUNT**, having by his valour, skill, and strength of arms won the coronet of this Principality, reigned as Prince of Tir Righ, and thus by his own ability having earned the title and estate of a Viscount of this realm, makes bold to approach you, that he may receive the same title from your Highnesses.

PRINCE: Approach, **VISCOUNT**.

***VISCOUNT** approached the throne and kneels before the Prince and Princess.*

PRINCE: Let the proclamation be read.

HERALD: Let all Gentles and Nobles know that We, **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, mindful of the valiant efforts in battle and wisdom in council given by **VISCOUNT**, and in recognition of his service to the Principality of Tir Righ, are most pleased to acknowledge him as Viscount. He is to be granted such honour as befits a person of great worth and courtesy, and his counsel shall be weighed as befits one who has borne the coronet of the Principality of Tir Righ.

*The Prince places the viscounty circlet onto the head of **VISCOUNT**.*

PRINCE: Lord (Sir, or other title) **VISCOUNT**, be known henceforth as Viscount **VISCOUNT**, in this Our realm.

HERALD: My Lord Viscount, is it your desire to swear fealty to Their Highnesses, and through them, to Their Majesties An Tir?

VISCOUNT: It is.

HERALD: As you have sworn before to the Coronet of Tir Righ and through them to the Crown of An Tir, do you **VISCOUNT**, Viscount of Tir Righ, now swear fealty and support to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ,

to obey Their lawful commands, and to uphold the honour and customs of the Principality, so long as They remain Prince and Princess of Tir Righ?

VISCOUNT: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, Our new Viscount of Tir Righ;
that We will honour the service
you do in Our name;
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Prince takes the Viscount's hands and raises him.

PRINCE: Let the Scroll of Arms be read.

The Viscount's herald will hand the scroll of arms to the herald, who will read it then return it. If there is no scroll present, see page 31 Notes for the Herald section below for the wording to use here.

HERALD: *(Reads the Viscount's scroll, or the wording from page 31 Notes below.)*

HERALD: For Viscount **VISCOUNT**, hip hip! (times 3)

The new Viscount thanks the Prince, and accepts congratulations from his honour guard. If his consort is to be made a Vicountess, he would then stand to the Princess' left, for the Viscountess ceremony. Otherwise, he would leave.

1.6.2 Acknowledgment of a Viscountess

HERALD: **VISCOUNTESS** is invited to approach the throne.

***VISCOUNTESS** approaches with her banner bearer and personal herald/spokesman, **VISCOUNTESS** stops before the thrones, her herald forward and to her right, her banner bearer forward and to the left.*

HERALD: May it please your Highnesses, your loyal subject **VISCOUNTESS**, having by her beauty, grace, and virtue inspired her champion to win the coronet of this Principality, reigned as Princess of Tir Righ, and thus by her own ability having earned the title and estate of a Viscountess of this realm, makes bold to approach you, that she may receive the same title from your Highnesses.

PRINCE: Approach, **VISCOUNTESS**.

***VISCOUNTESS** approaches the throne and kneels before the Prince and Princess.)*

PRINCE: Let the proclamation be read.

HERALD: Let all Gentles and Nobles know that We, **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, mindful of the glorious inspiration and wisdom in council given by **VISCOUNTESS**, and in recognition of her service to the Principality of Tir Righ, are most pleased to acknowledge her as Viscountess. She is to be granted such honour as befits a person of great worth and courtesy, and her counsel shall be weighed as befits one who has borne the coronet of the Principality of Tir Righ.

*The Prince places the viscounty circlet onto the head of **VISCOUNTESS**.*

PRINCE: Lady (or other title) **VISCOUNTESS**, be known henceforth as Viscount **VISCOUNTESS**, in this Our realm.

HERALD: My Lady Viscountess, is it your desire to swear fealty to Their Highnesses, and through them, to Their Majesties An Tir?

VISCOUNTESS: It is.

HERALD: As you have sworn before to the Coronet of Tir Righ and through them to the Crown of An Tir, do you **VISCOUNTESS**, Viscount of Tir Righ, now swear fealty and support to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, to obey Their lawful commands, and to uphold the honour and customs of the Principality, so long as They remain Prince and Princess of Tir Righ?

VISCOUNTESS: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, Our new Viscountess of Tir Righ;
that We will honour the service
you do in Our name;
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Prince takes the Viscountess' hands and raises her.

PRINCE: Let the Scroll of Arms be read.

The Viscountess' herald will hand the scroll of arms to the herald, who will read it then return it. If there is no scroll present, see page 31 Notes for the Herald section below for the wording to use here.

HERALD: *(Reads the Viscountess' scroll, or the wording from page 31 Notes below.)*

HERALD: For Viscount **VISCOUNTESS**, hip hip! (times 3)

The new Viscountess thanks the Prince, and accepts congratulations from his honour guard. She would remain for the following Valorous Estate ceremony.

Notes for the Herald – Viscounty scrolls

If the new Viscount / Viscountess DOES have registered arms, use the following wording, ensuring that you have the required blazon prior to the ceremony.

HERALD: Hear and attend, all ye, throughout the Knowne World, that from this day hence **VISCOUNT / VISCOUNTESS**, having borne the burden of the Coronet of Tir Righ, shall bear the title of [Viscount/Viscountess]. We, **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, do acknowledge this and do affirm their right to bear by Letters Patent: [**blazon**] and to bear above the shield a silver viscounty circlet. In witness whereof, We do here set Our hand and seal, this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

PRINCE, Prince of Tir Righ,

PRINCESS, Princess of Tir Righ.

If the new Viscount / Viscountess DOES NOT have registered arms, use the following:

HERALD: Hear and attend, all ye, throughout the Knowne World, that from this day hence **VISCOUNT / VISCOUNTESS**, having borne the burden of the Coronet of Tir Righ, shall bear the title of [Viscount/Viscountess]. We, **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, do acknowledge this and do affirm their right to bear by Letters Patent such suitable and unique arms as, by consulting with Us and Our herald, they shall choose, and to bear above the shield a silver viscounty circlet. In witness whereof, We do here set Our hand and seal, this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.

PRINCE, Prince of Tir Righ,

PRINCESS, Princess of Tir Righ.

1.7 The Valorous Estate & The Order of the Rose

HERALD: Would all members of the Ladies and Lords of Valorous Estate and of the Order of the Rose please join Her Highness in Court.

PRINCESS: And who from this honoured group would speak?

LADY ONE: (Addresses both *PRINCESS* and *POPULACE*) The Valorous Estate is an honour that is given to the consorts of the Principalities of the Kingdom of An Tir. Since the beginning there has been a special place for us. The duties and responsibilities of being Royalty are ever borne on after your time to step down, especially by those of us who have been the first servant of our Princes. We all have done our best to shine brightly and be a beacon for the populace.

LADY TWO: (Addresses the *NEW VISCOUNTESS*) Within the Principality of Tir Righ it has been the tradition since the beginning that each Viscountess become a part of this honoured group. We understand that you have given you all to your people and that you have striven long and hard to forward your Principality. Now as you step back to let the new reign begin and flourish, please accept our invitation to join our honoured group.

PRINCESS: Is it your wish to join with your sisters, who have reigned before you?

VISCOUNTESS: It is.

PRINCESS: Then be so joined to this honoured group and bear the rights and responsibilities of it. (Gives her a token – traditionally a rose.)

And as you were Princess and bestowed your Token of Favour upon those whom you saw lend you aid or lend aid to the Principality, I charge you now to carry on recognizing those you see aiding others and growing in talent and valour and chivalry. Continue to recognize such gentles as you see fit.

Rise now and join your sisters and fellows, the Ladies and Lords of the Valorous Estate and of the Order of the Rose.

HERALD: For the newest member of the Valorous Estate, hip hip huzzah (x3)!

Section 2: The Champions

2.1 The Heavy Champion

(The Scourge of Tir Righ)

2.1.1 The Invocation of the List

(If multiple Champion lists are invoked in the same court, only read the opening two paragraphs once.)

HERALD: In the vast land of Tir Righ are found those dedicated to bringing the world of past ages alive. Through a constant, unending quest to discover, practice and teach those crafts and trades of life long forgotten, these dedicated gentles reach deep into the pages of history and draw forth a world where the arts of war and the arts of peace lived and breathed.

And of those gentle nobles, there are those who would step forward to stand at the side of their Prince and Princess and advise them in times of peace and defend them in times of war, who would exemplify the great honour and chivalry of the Court of Tir Righ, who would willingly seek the grave responsibility of accepting the mantle and burden of Champion.

Let all who would contest for the title of Heavy Champion of Tir Righ come now and present themselves before Their Highnesses.

If the current Champion is entering the lists:

CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, it is my desire to enter the Lists this day. May I have your permission to do so?

PRINCE: You may. Thank you, Champion.

The Champion hands the Spear to the Prince, and joins the entrants.

HERALD: TITLE NAME, Heavy Champion of Tir Righ, step forward.

PRINCE: Heavy Champion, what are the conventions of combat that shall be observed in these Lists?

The Champion informs the list and populace of tournament style, weapon conventions, rules of the list, and anything else the entrants may need to know.

HERALD: Today you enter the lists to vie for the honour of Champion of Tir Righ. The person who carries this title is sworn to uphold the duties of this office, that whenever Their Highnesses marshal Their forces, there shall Their Champion be to battle at Their side, and to defend the Coronet and The Principality of Tir Righ against all who would take up arms against Them.

This is a grave responsibility, not to be undertaken lightly, for even as the Champion takes their place in Court at Their Highnesses' side, they must know that by their deeds they show forth the honour and chivalry of that court and this Principality to all the known world.

And know too, that should Their Highnesses be prevented from completing Their reign, it is the Champion which must bear the burden of ruling until a true successor to the Throne is chosen.

And so, understanding the position for which you compete, harken now to the words of your Prince and Princess.

When Their Highnesses have completed any inspirational words, They take the Spear of State and hold it before them. Entrants lay hands on the Spear, or on the shoulders of those before them.

HERALD: Do each of you now swear that should you be victorious this day, you will fulfill the obligations of the Heavy Champion of Tir Righ; that you will abide by the Laws of this Principality, that you will swear fealty to the Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, obeying Their lawful commands for the length of your service to Them, and that to the utmost of your ability will bear yourself with the honour and chivalry, virtue and loyalty that mark a Champion of Tir Righ?

ENTRANTS: I so swear.

HERALD: Then, upon pain of expulsion from these Lists, let each of you show by your skill and strength alone the worth and virtue of your deeds.

Rise now and make yourselves ready for combat, letting the work of your sword prove you worthy of the honour you seek.

2.1.2 The Investiture of New Champion

Note: if the current Champion entered the list and won the tournament, use second ceremony.

Retirement of Current Champion

HERALD: CHAMPION, Heavy Champion of Tir Righ, come before Their Highnesses.

PRINCE: CHAMPION, in your capacity as Champion, you have embodied all that the people of this Principality strive for; chivalry, prowess, service. You have nobly served Us and Our Principality, and therefore do we release you from your duties, with Our deepest thanks for your efforts and dedication to Tir Righ.

OUTGOING CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, I return into Your keeping, Boar's Tooth, the Spear of Tir Righ, as well as these tokens of the Champion of Tir Righ.

Their Highnesses accept the regalia and the Spear.

Guardian of Tir Righ (Outgoing Champion not yet a Guardian)

PRINCE: OUTGOING CHAMPION, We thank you and wish to honour you for your service to Our Principality.

HERALD: Let all people know by these presents that OUTGOING CHAMPION, having faithfully and honourably served as Champion of the Principality of Tir Righ, is hereby entered into the rolls of the Order of the Guardians of Tir Righ.

The Prince shall present the token of the Order.

HERALD: Three cheers for OUTGOING CHAMPION, newest Guardian of Tir Righ!

Guardian of Tir Righ (Outgoing Champion already a Guardian)

PRINCE: OUTGOING CHAMPION, having served previously as a Champion of Tir Righ, you have already been entered into the Order of the Guardians of Tir Righ. We thank you and honour you for your continued service to Our Principality.

HERALD: Three cheers for OUTGOING CHAMPION, Guardian of Tir Righ!

Following the cheers, the Outgoing Champion says:

OUTGOING CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, with skill and honour did I win this position and serve as Your Champion. But the winds of change have moved on our lands once more, and my service has ended. As charged by tradition and Your command, I have found one worthy to succeed me.

PRINCE: And what is the name of this tested person?

OUTGOING CHAMPION: (*announces **INCOMING CHAMPION***)

HERALD: Let **INCOMING CHAMPION** come forward!

The Outgoing Champion may remain to witness the investiture. When the new Champion has come before court;

PRINCE: **CHAMPION**, by your valour and skill you have won the title Champion of Tir Righ, will you take the Champion's Oath?

CHAMPION: I will.

Champion's Oath

Their Highnesses hold out the Spear of State, the Champion grips shaft.

HERALD: Do you now swear to faithfully uphold the honour and duties as a Champion of Tir Righ, to obey all the laws and customs of the Principality and Kingdom, and to loyally serve the Coronet of Tir Righ so long as you carry the title of Champion?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

HERALD: And do you swear fealty to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, that when They marshal the forces of Their Principality, there shall you be to defend the Coronet and Principality of Tir Righ?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part, do accept your oath, and return this fealty unto you, Our Champion; that We will honour the service you do in Our name; that We will support, protect, and defend you with all Our Power, so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

We grant onto you all the rights due to a true Champion of Tir Righ; a place at Our court, and the right to fight by Our side.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Princess shall place the Cloak about the Champion's shoulders, saying:

PRINCESS: Wear this cloak in pride, knowing it shows your station in Tir Righ to all the Knowne World.

The Prince hands the Spear to the new Champion, and says:

PRINCE: We give into your keeping Boar's Tooth, the Spear of Tir Righ, and charge you to deliver it to Us at such time as the Principality has need and We shall require it.

And now, take your place in Our court.

Here the Herald shall exhort the cheers for the new Champion.

2.1.3 Re-Investiture of Current Champion

Note: Use this if the current Champion entered the list, and subsequently won the tournament.

HERALD: **CHAMPION**, Heavy Champion of Tir Righ, come before Their Highnesses.

PRINCE: **CHAMPION**, by your valour and skill you have retained the title Champion of Tir Righ, will you re-affirm your Champion's Oath?

CHAMPION: I will.

Champion's Oath

Their Highnesses hold out the Spear of State, the Champion grips shaft.

HERALD: Do you now swear to faithfully uphold the honour and duties as a Champion of Tir Righ, to obey all the laws and customs of the Principality and Kingdom, and to loyally serve the Coronet of Tir Righ so long as you carry the title of Champion?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

HERALD: And do you swear fealty to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, that when They marshal the forces of Their Principality, there shall you be to defend the Coronet and Principality of Tir Righ?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part, do accept your oath, and return this fealty unto you, Our Champion; that We will honour the service you do in Our name; that We will support, protect, and defend you with all Our Power, so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

We grant onto you all the rights due to a true Champion of Tir Righ; a place at Our court, and the right to fight by Our side.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Princess shall place the Cloak about the Champion's shoulders, saying:

PRINCESS: Wear this cloak in pride, knowing it shows your station in Tir Righ to all the Knowne World.

The Prince hands the Spear to the Champion, and says:

PRINCE: We return into your keeping Boar's Tooth, the Spear of Tir Righ, and charge you to deliver it to Us at such time as the Principality has need and We shall require it.

And now, take your place in Our court.

Here the Herald shall exhort the cheers for the new Champion.

2.2 The Rapier Champion (The Scar of Tir Righ)

2.2.1 The Invocation of the List

(If multiple Champion lists are invoked in the same court, only read the opening two paragraphs once.)

HERALD: In the vast land of Tir Righ are found those dedicated to bringing the world of past ages alive. Through a constant, unending quest to discover, practice and teach those crafts and trades of life long forgotten, these dedicated gentles reach deep into the pages of history and draw forth a world where the arts of war and the arts of peace lived and breathed.

And of those gentle nobles, there are those who would step forward to stand at the side of their Prince and Princess, to advise them in times of peace and defend them in times of war, who would exemplify the great honour and chivalry of the Court of Tir Righ, who would willingly seek the grave responsibility of accepting the mantle and burden of Champion.

Let all who would contest for the title of Rapier Champion of Tir Righ come now and present themselves before Their Highnesses.

If the current Champion is entering the lists:

CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, it is my desire to enter the Lists this day. May I have your permission to do so?

PRINCE: You may. Thank you, Champion.

The Champion removes the Rapier of office, hands it to the Prince, and joins the entrants.

HERALD: **CHAMPION**, Rapier Champion of Tir Righ, step forward.

PRINCE: Rapier Champion, what are the conventions of combat that shall be observed in these Lists?

The Champion informs the list and populace of tournament style, weapon conventions, rules of the list, and anything else the entrants may need to know.

HERALD: Today you enter the lists to vie for the honour of Champion of Tir Righ. The person who carries this title is sworn to uphold the duties of this office, that whenever Their Highnesses marshal Their forces, there shall Their Champion be to battle at Their side, and to defend the Coronet and The Principality of Tir Righ against all who would take up arms against Them.

This is a grave responsibility, not to be undertaken lightly, for even as the Champion takes their place in Court at Their Highnesses' side, they must know that by their deeds they show forth the honour and chivalry of that court and this Principality to all the known world.

And so, understanding the position for which you compete, harken now to the words of your Prince and Princess.

When Their Highnesses have completed any inspirational words, They take the Spear of State and hold it before them. Entrants lay hands on the Spear, or on the shoulders of those before them.

HERALD: Do each of you now swear that should you be victorious this day, you will fulfill the obligations of the Rapier Champion of Tir Righ; that you will abide by the Laws of this Principality, that you will swear fealty to the Prince and Princess of Tir Rígh, obeying Their lawful commands for the length of your service to Them, and that to the utmost of your ability will bear yourself with the honour and chivalry, virtue and loyalty that mark a Champion of Tir Righ?

ENTRANTS: I so swear.

HERALD: Then, upon pain of expulsion from these Lists, let each of you show by your skill and strength alone the worth and virtue of your deeds.

Rise now and make yourselves ready for combat, letting the work of your sword prove you worthy of the honour you seek.

2.2.2 The Investiture of New Champion

Note: if the current Champion entered the list and won the tournament, use second ceremony.

Retirement of Current Champion

HERALD: *CHAMPION*, Rapier Champion of Tir Righ, come before Their Highnesses.

PRINCE: *CHAMPION*, in your capacity as Champion, you have embodied all that the people of this Principality strive for; chivalry, prowess, service. You have nobly served Us and Our Principality, and therefore do we release you from your duties, with Our deepest thanks for your efforts and dedication to Tir Righ.

OUTGOING CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, I return into Your keeping, this Rapier of Tir Righ, as well as these tokens of the Champion of Tir Righ.

Their Highnesses accept the regalia and the Rapier.

Guardian of Tir Righ (Outgoing Champion not yet a Guardian)

PRINCE: *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, We thank you and wish to honour you for your service to Our Principality.

HERALD: Let all people know by these presents that *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, having faithfully and honourably served as Champion of the Principality of Tir Righ, is hereby entered into the rolls of the Order of the Guardians of Tir Righ.

The Prince shall present the token of the Order.

HERALD: Three cheers for *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, newest Guardian of Tir Righ!

Guardian of Tir Righ (Outgoing Champion already a Guardian)

PRINCE: *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, having served previously as a Champion of Tir Righ, you have already been entered into the Order of the Guardians of Tir Righ. We thank you and honour you for your continued service to Our Principality.

HERALD: Three cheers for *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, Guardian of Tir Righ!

Following the cheers, the Outgoing Champion says:

OUTGOING CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, with skill and honour did I win this position and serve as Your Champion. But the winds of change have moved on our lands once more, and my service has ended. As charged by tradition and Your command, I have found one worthy to succeed me.

PRINCE: And what is the name of this tested person?

OUTGOING CHAMPION: (*announces **INCOMING CHAMPION***)

HERALD: Let **INCOMING CHAMPION** come forward!

The Outgoing Champion may remain to witness the investiture. When the new Champion has come before court;

PRINCE: **CHAMPION**, by your valour and skill you have won the title Champion of Tir Righ, will you take the Champion's Oath?

CHAMPION: I will.

Champion's Oath

Their Highnesses hold out the Spear of State, the Champion grips shaft.

HERALD: Do you now swear to faithfully uphold the honour and duties as a Champion of Tir Righ, to obey all the laws and customs of the Principality and Kingdom, and to loyally serve the Coronet of Tir Righ so long as you carry the title of Champion?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

HERALD: And do you swear fealty to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, that when They marshal the forces of Their Principality, there shall you be to defend the Coronet and Principality of Tir Righ?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part, do accept your oath, and return this fealty unto you, Our Champion; that We will honour the service you do in Our name; that We will support, protect, and defend you with all Our Power, so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

We grant onto you all the rights due to a true Champion of Tir Righ; a place at Our court, and the right to fight by Our side.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Princess shall place the Cloak about the Champion's shoulders, saying:

PRINCESS: Wear this cloak in pride, knowing it shows your station in Tir Righ to all the Knowne World.

The Prince hands the Rapier to the new Champion, and says:

PRINCE: We give into your keeping this Rapier of Tir Righ, and charge you to deliver it to Us at such time as the Principality has need and We shall require it.

And now, take your place in Our court.

Here the Herald shall exhort the cheers for the new Champion.

2.2.3 Re-Investiture of Current Champion

Note: Use this if the current Champion entered the list, and subsequently won the tournament.

HERALD: **CHAMPION**, Rapier Champion of Tir Righ, come before Their Highnesses.

PRINCE: **CHAMPION**, by your valour and skill you have retained the title Champion of Tir Righ, will you re-affirm your Champion's Oath?

CHAMPION: I will.

Champion's Oath

Their Highnesses hold out the Spear of State, the Champion grips shaft.

HERALD: Do you now swear to faithfully uphold the honour and duties as a Champion of Tir Righ, to obey all the laws and customs of the Principality and Kingdom, and to loyally serve the Coronet of Tir Righ so long as you carry the title of Champion?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

HERALD: And do you swear fealty to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, that when They marshal the forces of Their Principality, there shall you be to defend the Coronet and Principality of Tir Righ?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part, do accept your oath, and return this fealty unto you, Our Champion; that We will honour the service you do in Our name; that We will support, protect, and defend you with all Our Power, so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

We grant onto you all the rights due to a true Champion of Tir Righ; a place at Our court, and the right to fight by Our side.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Princess shall place the Cloak about the Champion's shoulders, saying:

PRINCESS: Wear this cloak in pride, knowing it shows your station in Tir Righ to all the Knowne World.

The Prince hands the Rapier to the Champion, and says:

PRINCE: We return into your keeping this Rapier of Tir Righ, and charge you to deliver it to Us at such time as the Principality has need and We shall require it.

And now, take your place in Our court.

Here the Herald shall exhort the cheers for the new Champion.

2.3 The Archery Champion (The Scorer of Tir Righ)

2.3.1 The Invocation of the List

(If multiple Champion lists are invoked in the same court, only read the opening two paragraphs once.)

HERALD: In the vast land of Tir Righ are found those dedicated to bringing the world of past ages alive. Through a constant, unending quest to discover, practice and teach those crafts and trades of life long forgotten, these dedicated gentles reach deep into the pages of history and draw forth a world where the arts of war and the arts of peace lived and breathed.

And of those gentle nobles, there are those who would step forward to stand at the side of their Prince and Princess and advise them in times of peace and defend them in times of war, who would exemplify the great honour and chivalry of the Court of Tir Righ, who would willingly seek the grave responsibility of accepting the mantle and burden of Champion.

Let all who would contest for the title of Archery Champion of Tir Righ come now and present themselves before Their Highnesses.

If the current Champion is entering the lists:

CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, it is my desire to enter the Lists this day. May I have your permission to do so?

PRINCE: You may. Thank you, Champion.

The Champion removes the symbols of office, hands them to the Prince, and joins the entrants.

HERALD: **CHAMPION**, Archery Champion of Tir Righ, step forward.

PRINCE: Rapier Champion, what are the conventions of combat that shall be observed in these Lists?

The Champion informs the list and populace of tournament style, competition conventions, rules of the list, and anything else the entrants may need to know.

HERALD: Today you enter the lists to vie for the honour of Champion of Tir Righ. The person who carries this title is sworn to uphold the duties of this office, that whenever Their Highnesses marshal Their forces, there shall Their Champion be to battle at Their side, and to defend the Coronet and The Principality of Tir Righ against all who would take up arms against Them.

This is a grave responsibility, not to be undertaken lightly, for even as the Champion takes their place in Court at Their Highnesses' side, they must know that by their deeds they show forth the honour and chivalry of that court and this Principality to all the known world.

And so, understanding the position for which you compete, harken now to the words of your Prince and Princess.

When Their Highnesses have completed any inspirational words, They take the Spear of State and hold it before them. Entrants lay hands on the Spear, or on the shoulders of those before them.

HERALD: Do each of you now swear that should you be victorious this day, you will fulfill the obligations of the Archery Champion of Tir Righ; that you will abide by the Laws of this Principality, that you will swear fealty to the Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, obeying Their lawful commands for the length of your service to Them, and that to the utmost of your ability will bear yourself with the honour and chivalry, virtue and loyalty that mark a Champion of Tir Righ?

ENTRANTS: I so swear.

HERALD: Then, upon pain of expulsion from this competition, let each of you show by your skill and strength alone the worth and virtue of your deeds.

Rise now and make yourselves ready for competition, letting the work of your bow prove you worthy of the honour you seek.

2.3.2 The Investiture of New Champion

Note: if the current Champion entered the list and won the tournament, use second ceremony.

Retirement of Current Champion

HERALD: *CHAMPION*, Archery Champion of Tir Righ, come before Their Highnesses.

PRINCE: *CHAMPION*, in your capacity as Champion, you have embodied all that the people of this Principality strive for; chivalry, prowess, service. You have nobly served Us and Our Principality, and therefore do we release you from your duties, with Our deepest thanks for your efforts and dedication to Tir Righ.

OUTGOING CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, I return into Your keeping these symbols of this estate, so that your new champion may receive them from Your hand.

Their Highnesses accept the regalia.

Guardian of Tir Righ (Outgoing Champion not yet a Guardian)

PRINCE: *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, We thank you and wish to honour you for your service to Our Principality.

HERALD: Let all people know by these presents that *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, having faithfully and honourably served as Champion of the Principality of Tir Righ, is hereby entered into the rolls of the Order of the Guardians of Tir Righ.

The Prince shall present the token of the Order.

HERALD: Three cheers for *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, newest Guardian of Tir Righ!

Guardian of Tir Righ (Outgoing Champion already a Guardian)

PRINCE: *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, having served previously as a Champion of Tir Righ, you have already been entered into the Order of the Guardians of Tir Righ. We thank you and honour you for your continued service to Our Principality.

HERALD: Three cheers for *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, Guardian of Tir Righ!

Following the cheers, the Outgoing Champion says:

OUTGOING CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, with skill and honour did I win this position and serve as Your Champion. But the winds of change have moved on our lands once more, and my service has ended. As charged by tradition and Your command, I have found one worthy to succeed me.

PRINCE: And what is the name of this tested person?

OUTGOING CHAMPION: (*announces **INCOMING CHAMPION***)

HERALD: Let **INCOMING CHAMPION** come forward!

The Outgoing Champion may remain to witness the investiture. When the new Champion has come before court;

PRINCE: **CHAMPION**, by your valour and skill you have won the title Champion of Tir Righ, will you take the Champion's Oath?

CHAMPION: I will.

Champion's Oath

Their Highnesses hold out the Spear of State, the Champion grips shaft.

HERALD: Do you now swear to faithfully uphold the honour and duties as a Champion of Tir Righ, to obey all the laws and customs of the Principality and Kingdom, and to loyally serve the Coronet of Tir Righ so long as you carry the title of Champion?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

HERALD: And do you swear fealty to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, that when They marshal the forces of Their Principality, there shall you be to defend the Coronet and Principality of Tir Righ?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part, do accept your oath, and return this fealty unto you, Our Champion; that We will honour the service you do in Our name; that We will support, protect, and defend you with all Our Power, so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

We grant onto you all the rights due to a true Champion of Tir Righ; a place at Our court, and the right to fight by Our side.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Princess shall place the Cloak about the Champion's shoulders, saying:

PRINCESS: Wear this cloak in pride, knowing it shows your station in Tir Righ to all the Knowne World.

The Prince hands the regalia to the new Champion, and says:

PRINCE: We give into your keeping these symbols of your estate within Tir Righ, and charge you to deliver it to Us at such time as the Principality has need and We shall require it.

And now, take your place in Our court.

Here the Herald shall exhort the cheers for the new Champion.

2.3.3 Re-Investiture of Current Champion

Note: Use this if the current Champion entered the list, and subsequently won the tournament.

HERALD: **CHAMPION**, Archery Champion of Tir Righ, come before Their Highnesses.

PRINCE: **CHAMPION**, by your valour and skill you have retained the title Champion of Tir Righ, will you re-affirm your Champion's Oath?

CHAMPION: I will.

Champion's Oath

Their Highnesses hold out the Spear of State, the Champion grips shaft.

HERALD: Do you now swear to faithfully uphold the honour and duties as a Champion of Tir Righ, to obey all the laws and customs of the Principality and Kingdom, and to loyally serve the Coronet of Tir Righ so long as you carry the title of Champion?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

HERALD: And do you swear fealty to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, that when They marshal the forces of Their Principality, there shall you be to defend the Coronet and Principality of Tir Righ?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part, do accept your oath, and return this fealty unto you, Our Champion; that We will honour the service you do in Our name; that We will support, protect, and defend you with all Our Power, so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

We grant onto you all the rights due to a true Champion of Tir Righ; a place at Our court, and the right to fight by Our side.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Princess shall place the Cloak about the Champion's shoulders, saying:

PRINCESS: Wear this cloak in pride, knowing it shows your station in Tir Righ to all the Knowne World.

The Prince hands the regalia to the Champion, and says:

PRINCE: We return into your keeping these symbols of your estate within Tir Righ, and charge you to deliver it to Us at such time as the Principality has need and We shall require it.

And now, take your place in Our court.

Here the Herald shall exhort the cheers for the new Champion.

2.4 The Arts & Sciences Champion (The Scholar of Tir Righ)

2.4.1 The Invocation of the List

(If multiple Champion lists are invoked in the same court, only read the opening two paragraphs once.)

HERALD: In the vast land of Tir Righ are found those dedicated to bringing the world of past ages alive. Through a constant, unending quest to discover, practice and teach those crafts and trades of life long forgotten, these dedicated gentles reach deep into the pages of history and draw forth a world where the arts of war and the arts of peace lived and breathed.

And of those gentle nobles, there are those who would step forward to stand at the side of their Prince and Princess and advise them in times of peace and defend them in times of war, who would exemplify the great honour and chivalry of the Court of Tir Righ, who would willingly seek the grave responsibility of accepting the mantle and burden of Champion.

Let all who would contest for the title of Arts & Sciences Champion of Tir Righ come now and present themselves before Their Highnesses.

If the current Champion is entering the lists:

CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, it is my desire to enter the Lists this day. May I have your permission to do so?

PRINCE: You may. Thank you, Champion.

The Champion joins the entrants.

HERALD: **CHAMPION**, Arts & Sciences Champion of Tir Righ, step forward.

PRINCE: Arts & Sciences Champion, what are the conventions of competition that shall be observed in these Lists?

The Champion informs the list and populace of tournament style, competition conventions, rules of the list, and anything else the entrants may need to know.

HERALD: Today you enter the lists to vie for the honour of Champion of Tir Righ. The person who carries this title is sworn to uphold the duties of this office, that whenever Their Highnesses marshal the scholars and artisans of Their Principality, there shall Their Champion be at the fore, to defend the Coronet and The Principality of Tir Righ, and reflect the glory of the Principality's lore and skill.

This is a grave responsibility, not to be undertaken lightly, for even as the Champion takes their place in Court at Their Highnesses' side, they must know that by their deeds they show forth the honour and chivalry of that court and this Principality to all the known world.

And so, understanding the position for which you compete, harken now to the words of your Prince and Princess.

When Their Highnesses have completed any inspirational words, They take the Spear of State and hold it before them. Entrants lay hands on the Spear, or on the shoulders of those before them.

HERALD: Do each of you now swear that should you be victorious this day, you will fulfill the obligations of the Arts & Sciences Champion of Tir Righ; that you will abide by the Laws of this Principality, that you will swear fealty to the Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, obeying Their lawful commands for the length of your service to Them, and that to the utmost of your ability will bear yourself with the honour and chivalry, virtue and loyalty that mark a Champion of Tir Righ?

ENTRANTS: I so swear.

HERALD: Then, upon pain of expulsion from this competition, let each of you show by your skill and strength alone the worth and virtue of your deeds.

Rise now and make yourselves ready for competition, letting the work of your hands and intellect prove you worthy of the honour you seek.

2.4.2 The Investiture of New Champion

Note: if the current Champion entered the list and won the tournament, use second ceremony.

Retirement of Current Champion

HERALD: *CHAMPION*, A&S Champion of Tir Righ, come before Their Highnesses.

PRINCE: *CHAMPION*, in your capacity as Champion, you have embodied all that the people of this Principality strive for; chivalry, prowess, service. You have nobly served Us and Our Principality, and therefore do we release you from your duties, with Our deepest thanks for your efforts and dedication to Tir Righ.

OUTGOING CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, I return into Your keeping these symbols of this estate, so that your new champion may receive them from Your hand.

Their Highnesses accept the regalia.

Guardian of Tir Righ (Outgoing Champion not yet a Guardian)

PRINCE: *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, We thank you and wish to honour you for your service to Our Principality.

HERALD: Let all people know by these presents that *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, having faithfully and honourably served as Champion of the Principality of Tir Righ, is hereby entered into the rolls of the Order of the Guardians of Tir Righ.

The Prince shall present the token of the Order.

HERALD: Three cheers for *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, newest Guardian of Tir Righ!

Guardian of Tir Righ (Outgoing Champion already a Guardian)

PRINCE: *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, having served previously as a Champion of Tir Righ, you have already been entered into the Order of the Guardians of Tir Righ. We thank you and honour you for your continued service to Our Principality.

HERALD: Three cheers for *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, Guardian of Tir Righ!

Following the cheers, the Outgoing Champion says:

OUTGOING CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, with skill and honour did I win this position and serve as Your Champion. But the winds of change have moved on our lands once more, and my service has ended. As charged by tradition and Your command, I have found one worthy to succeed me.

PRINCE: And what is the name of this tested person?

OUTGOING CHAMPION: (*announces **INCOMING CHAMPION***)

HERALD: Let **INCOMING CHAMPION** come forward!

The Outgoing Champion may remain to witness the investiture. When the new Champion has come before court;

PRINCE: **CHAMPION**, by your valour and skill you have won the title Champion of Tir Righ, will you take the Champion's Oath?

CHAMPION: I will.

Champion's Oath

Their Highnesses hold out the Spear of State, the Champion grips shaft.

HERALD: Do you now swear to faithfully uphold the honour and duties as a Champion of Tir Righ, to obey all the laws and customs of the Principality and Kingdom, and to loyally serve the Coronet of Tir Righ so long as you carry the title of Champion?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

HERALD: And do you swear fealty to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, that when They marshal the forces of Their Principality, there shall you be to defend the Coronet and Principality of Tir Righ?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part, do accept your oath, and return this fealty unto you, Our Champion; that We will honour the service you do in Our name; that We will support, protect, and defend you with all Our Power, so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

We grant onto you all the rights due to a true Champion of Tir Righ; a place at Our court, and the right to fight by Our side.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Princess shall place the Cloak about the Champion's shoulders, saying:

PRINCESS: Wear this cloak in pride, knowing it shows your station in Tir Righ to all the Knowne World.

The Prince hands the regalia to the new Champion, and says:

PRINCE: We give into your keeping these symbols of your estate within Tir Righ, and charge you to deliver it to Us at such time as the Principality has need and We shall require it.

And now, take your place in Our court.

Here the Herald shall exhort the cheers for the new Champion.

2.4.3 Re-Investiture of Current Champion

Note: Use this if the current Champion entered the list, and subsequently won the tournament.

HERALD: **CHAMPION**, A&S Champion of Tir Righ, come before Their Highnesses.

PRINCE: **CHAMPION**, by your valour and skill you have retained the title Arts & Sciences Champion of Tir Righ, will you re-affirm your Champion's Oath?

CHAMPION: I will.

Champion's Oath

Their Highnesses hold out the Spear of State, the Champion grips shaft.

HERALD: Do you now swear to faithfully uphold the honour and duties as a Champion of Tir Righ, to obey all the laws and customs of the Principality and Kingdom, and to loyally serve the Coronet of Tir Righ so long as you carry the title of Champion?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

HERALD: And do you swear fealty to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, that when They marshal the forces of Their Principality, there shall you be to defend the Coronet and Principality of Tir Righ?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part, do accept your oath, and return this fealty unto you, Our Champion; that We will honour the service you do in Our name; that We will support, protect, and defend you with all Our Power, so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

We grant onto you all the rights due to a true Champion of Tir Righ; a place at Our court, and the right to fight by Our side.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Princess shall place the Cloak about the Champion's shoulders, saying:

PRINCESS: Wear this cloak in pride, knowing it shows your station in Tir Righ to all the Knowne World.

PRINCE: And now, take your place in Our court.

Here the Herald shall exhort the cheers for the new Champion.

2.5 The Bardic Champion (The Skald of Tir Righ)

2.5.1 The Invocation of the List

(If multiple Champion lists are invoked in the same court, only read the opening two paragraphs once.)

HERALD: In the vast land of Tir Righ are found those dedicated to bringing the world of past ages alive. Through a constant, unending quest to discover, practice and teach those crafts and trades of life long forgotten, these dedicated gentles reach deep into the pages of history and draw forth a world where the arts of war and the arts of peace lived and breathed.

And of those gentle nobles, there are those who would step forward to stand at the side of their Prince and Princess and advise them in times of peace and defend them in times of war, who would exemplify the great honour and chivalry of the Court of Tir Righ, who would willingly seek the grave responsibility of accepting the mantle and burden of Champion.

Let all who would contest for the title of Bardic Champion of Tir Righ come now and present themselves before Their Highnesses.

If the current Champion is entering the lists:

CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, it is my desire to enter the Lists this day. May I have your permission to do so?

PRINCE: You may. Thank you, Champion.

The Champion joins the entrants.

HERALD: **CHAMPION**, Bardic Champion of Tir Righ, step forward.

PRINCE: Bardic Champion, what are the conventions of competition that shall be observed in these Lists?

The Champion informs the list and populace of tournament style, competition conventions, rules of the list, and anything else the entrants may need to know.

HERALD: Today you enter the lists to vie for the honour of Champion of Tir Righ. The person who carries this title is sworn to uphold the duties of this office, that whenever Their Highnesses marshal the scholars and artisans of Their Principality, there shall Their Champion be at the fore, to defend the Coronet and The Principality of Tir Righ, and reflect the glory of the Principality's lore and skill.

This is a grave responsibility, not to be undertaken lightly, for even as the Champion takes their place in Court at Their Highnesses' side, they must know that by their deeds they show forth the honour and chivalry of that court and this Principality to all the known world.

And so, understanding the position for which you compete, harken now to the words of your Prince and Princess.

When Their Highnesses have completed any inspirational words, They take the Spear of State and hold it before them. Entrants lay hands on the Spear, or on the shoulders of those before them.

HERALD: Do each of you now swear that should you be victorious this day, you will fulfill the obligations of the Bardic Champion of Tir Righ; that you will abide by the Laws of this Principality, that you will swear fealty to the Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, obeying Their lawful commands for the length of your service to Them, and that to the utmost of your ability will bear yourself with the honour and chivalry, virtue and loyalty that mark a Champion of Tir Righ?

ENTRANTS: I so swear.

HERALD: Then, upon pain of expulsion from this competition, let each of you show by your skill and strength alone the worth and virtue of your deeds.

Rise now and make yourselves ready for competition, letting the work of your hands and intellect prove you worthy of the honour you seek.

2.5.2 The Investiture of New Champion

Note: if the current Champion entered the list and won the tournament, use second ceremony.

Retirement of Current Champion

HERALD: *CHAMPION*, Bardic Champion of Tir Righ, come before Their Highnesses.

PRINCE: *CHAMPION*, in your capacity as Champion, you have embodied all that the people of this Principality strive for; chivalry, skill, service. You have nobly served Us and Our Principality, and therefore do we release you from your duties, with Our deepest thanks for your efforts and dedication to Tir Righ.

OUTGOING CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, I return into Your keeping these symbols of this estate, so that your new champion may receive them from Your hand.

Their Highnesses accept the regalia.

Guardian of Tir Righ (Outgoing Champion not yet a Guardian)

PRINCE: *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, We thank you and wish to honour you for your service to Our Principality.

HERALD: Let all people know by these presents that *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, having faithfully and honourably served as Bardic Champion of the Principality of Tir Righ, is hereby entered into the rolls of the Order of the Guardians of Tir Righ.

The Prince shall present the token of the Order.

HERALD: Three cheers for *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, newest Guardian of Tir Righ!

Guardian of Tir Righ (Outgoing Champion already a Guardian)

PRINCE: *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, having served previously as a Champion of Tir Righ, you have already been entered into the Order of the Guardians of Tir Righ. We thank you and honour you for your continued service to Our Principality.

HERALD: Three cheers for *OUTGOING CHAMPION*, Guardian of Tir Righ!

Following the cheers, the Outgoing Champion says:

OUTGOING CHAMPION: Your Highnesses, with skill and honour did I win this position and serve as Your Champion. But the winds of change have moved on our lands once more, and my service has ended. As charged by tradition and Your command, I have found one worthy to succeed me.

PRINCE: And what is the name of this tested person?

OUTGOING CHAMPION: (*announces **INCOMING CHAMPION***)

HERALD: Let **INCOMING CHAMPION** come forward!

The Outgoing Champion may remain to witness the investiture.

When the new Champion has come before court;

PRINCE: **CHAMPION**, by your valour and skill you have won the title Bardic Champion of Tir Righ, will you take the Champion's Oath?

CHAMPION: I will.

Champion's Oath

Their Highnesses hold out the Spear of State, the Champion grips shaft.

HERALD: Do you now swear to faithfully uphold the honour and duties as a Champion of Tir Righ, to obey all the laws and customs of the Principality and Kingdom, and to loyally serve the Coronet of Tir Righ so long as you carry the title of Champion?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

HERALD: And do you swear fealty to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, that when They marshal the forces of Their Principality, there shall you be to defend the Coronet and Principality of Tir Righ?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part, do accept your oath, and return this fealty unto you, Our Champion; that We will honour the service you do in Our name; that We will support, protect, and defend you with all Our Power, so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

We grant onto you all the rights due to a true Champion of Tir Righ; a place at Our court, and the right to fight by Our side.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Princess shall place the Cloak about the Champion's shoulders, saying:

PRINCESS: Wear this cloak in pride, knowing it shows your station in Tir Righ to all the Knowne World.

PRINCE: And now, take your place in Our court.

Here the Herald shall exhort the cheers for the new Champion.

2.5.3 Re-Investiture of Current Champion

Note: Use this if the current Champion entered the list, and subsequently won the tournament.

HERALD: **CHAMPION**, Bardic Champion of Tir Righ, come before Their Highnesses.

PRINCE: **CHAMPION**, by your valour and skill you have retained the title Arts & Sciences Champion of Tir Righ, will you re-affirm your Champion's Oath?

CHAMPION: I will.

Champion's Oath

Their Highnesses hold out the Spear of State, the Champion grips shaft.

HERALD: Do you now swear to faithfully uphold the honour and duties as a Champion of Tir Righ, to obey all the laws and customs of the Principality and Kingdom, and to loyally serve the Coronet of Tir Righ so long as you carry the title of Champion?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

HERALD: And do you swear fealty to **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, that when They marshal the forces of Their Principality, there shall you be to defend the Coronet and Principality of Tir Righ?

CHAMPION: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part, do accept your oath, and return this fealty unto you, Our Champion; that We will honour the service you do in Our name; that We will support, protect, and defend you with all Our Power, so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

We grant onto you all the rights due to a true Champion of Tir Righ; a place at Our court, and the right to fight by Our side.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

The Princess shall place the Cloak about the Champion's shoulders, saying:

PRINCESS: Wear this cloak in pride, knowing it shows your station in Tir Righ to all the Knowne World.

PRINCE: And now, take your place in Our court.

Here the Herald shall exhort the cheers for the new Champion.

Section 3: Officers

3.1 Changeover of Officers

HERALD: *OUTGOING OFFICER, OFFICE* of Tir Righ, has business before Their Highnesses.

OUTGOING OFFICER: Your Highness', I have come to resign my office of *OFFICE*, and do here surrender unto You these symbols of my former office. I recommend unto your Highnesses *NEW OFFICER* as my successor in Your service.

And here he renders up the regalia of office to Their Highnesses

PRINCE: We thank you for your service to Our Principality, and wish you success in your future efforts.

Here the Coronet shall give him leave to depart, and the herald shall exhort the cheers of the populace for the out-going Officer. (Outgoing herald may also stay to witness investiture of new officer.)

HERALD: *NEW OFFICER*, Their Highnesses command your presence.

And when the officer has arrived:

HERALD: *NEW OFFICER*, Their Highnesses *PRINCE* and *PRINCESS*, Prince and Princess of Tir Righ are minded to name you *OFFICE* of Tir Righ. Will you accept the responsibilities and honor of this office in their court?

OFFICER: I am.

Their Highnesses hold out the Spear of State, the new officer grips shaft. Alternately, the new officer may choose another symbol to swear on, such as the coronet.

HERALD: Do you now swear fealty and service to *PRINCE* and *PRINCESS*, undoubted Prince and Princess of Tir Righ, and through them to the Crown of An Tir, that you will faithfully discharge your offices in accordance with the laws and traditions of the land, so long as They remain Prince and Princess of Tir Righ?

OFFICERS: I so swear.

PRINCE / PRINCESS: And we for Our part,
do accept your oath
and return this fealty
unto you, the Officers of Tir Righ;
that We will honour the service
you do in Our name;
that We will support, protect, and defend you
with all Our Power,
so long as We remain Sovereigns of Tir Righ.

So say We, **PRINCE**, Prince Tir Righ

And so say We, **PRINCESS**, Princess Tir Righ.

And here the herald shall exhort the cheers of the populace, as the new officer withdraws.

3.2 Investiture of Heralds

Note: This ceremony is only to be used to invest heralds who have not previously been invested and baptised as a titled Herald. Previously titled Heralds, junior heralds, and Pursuivants should be made using the ceremony “3.1 Changeover of Officers”.

HERALD: **OUTGOING HERALD**, come now into Their Highness’ court.

And when he has arrived, he shall say:

OUTGOING HERALD: Your Highness’, I have come to resign my office of **HERALDIC TITLE**, and do here surrender unto You these symbols of my former office. I recommend unto your Highnesses **NEW HERALD** as my successor in Your service.

And here he renders up his cloak, tabard and/or staff of office.

PRINCE: We thank you for your service to Our Principality, and wish you success in your future efforts.

Here the Coronet shall give him leave to depart, and the herald shall exhort the cheers of the populace for the out-going Herald. (Outgoing herald may also stay to witness investiture of new herald.)

HERALD: It was the custom in times past that persons named to an Office of Arms be invested in that office by solemn and fitting ceremony, and we today continue that tradition according to the Laws and Customs of Tir Righ. **NEW HERALD**, Their Highnesses command your presence.

*And when the **NEW HERALD** has arrived:*

HERALD: Would all members of the College of Heralds of Tir Righ and An Tir; herald, pursuivant or cornet; in-ordinary, extra-ordinary or at-large, please come forward to witness this ceremony.

And when the heralds have all arrived:

HERALD: **NEW HERALD**, Their Highnesses **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS**, Prince and Princess of Tir Righ are minded to name you **HERALDIC TITLE**. Will you accept the responsibilities and honor of this office in their court?

NEW HERALD: I am.

HERALD: Are you then prepared to take the Oath of Arms?

NEW HERALD: I am.

Their Highnesses hold out the Spear of State, the new Herald grips shaft. Alternately, the new herald may choose another symbol to swear on, such as the coronet.

HERALD: Do you swear that you will ever be true to the Coronets of Tir Righ and to your undoubted liege lord and lady, the Prince and Princess of Tir Righ; and further, that you will honor all lords and ladies of this Realm?

NEW HERALD: I so swear.

HERALD: Do you swear that you will bear yourself thoughtfully, sedately, discreetly, keeping all secrets save only treason against the Crown and your Principality; that you will seek out and report worshipful deeds; that you will be ever ready to commend and loath to blame in all your dealings?

NEW HERALD: This I swear.

HERALD: Will you preserve to the best of your ability the rights and privileges of the Office of Arms, to make known to your fellows any deeds of arms, feasts, tournaments, jousts and other assemblies of honor at which they may be able to acquire thanks, honor and profit, sharing truly the goods and gifts coming from this noble Office of Arms?

NEW HERALD: I so swear.

HERALD: Do you also swear that you will faithfully participate in the activities of the Tir Righ College of Heralds, and continue diligent in the study and practice of the science of arms, pledging your knowledge to the service of the Storm Thrones and people of Tir Righ?

NEW HERALD: All this do I swear.

Then shall the Prince or Princess take a cup of water, and pouring it over the head of the candidate, saying:

PRINCE / PRINCESS: Then henceforth be known as ***HERALDIC TITLE*** in Tir Righ.

Giving the new Herald a full cup to drink:

PRINCE / PRINCESS: Drink deep to seal the oath that you have taken this day, and keep this cup as token of your pledge.

[IF AVAILABLE] Here shall an escutcheon of Office be placed about the neck of the new Herald, the court herald saying:

HERALD: Wear this badge as token of your rank within the College of Arms.

And if there is a tabard, it shall be given now. If the Herald has not been titled before then the tabard shall be placed over his head athwart (the front over the right shoulder) and 'turned' clockwise until it comes around to its' proper positioning.

HERALD: Bear this tabard as symbol of your office within the College of Heralds of Tir Righ.

And here the herald shall exhort the cheers of the populace, as the new herald takes his/her place.

NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Check to see that the out-going herald has brought his/her tabard and other symbols of office.

Check to see that there is a cupful of water for the "baptism" and beverage for the following drink.

Section 4: Awards & Orders

4.1 Kingdom Awards

4.2 The Order of the Raven of Tir Righ

The Order of the Raven of Tir Righ is awarded once per reign, to the person who embodies the ideals of the Society and the Principality of Tir Righ. This is usually a very personal award, and a scroll should always be available. However, many Ravens of Tir Righ were awarded objects onto which the words were inscribed, and do not lend themselves to being read by a herald. Please ensure that the words for the scroll are available.

In AS 49, Princess Lenora the Second asked that a ceremony be created, and what follows was the result of this. Although it currently reads “HERALD”, Princess Lenora spoke these words herself.

HERALD: In the Year of Our Society 42, did Prince Ulfr the Fourth and Princess Caiomhe create the Order of the Raven of Tir Righ, and made Thegn Einar Guntharson the premier of this order. Membership is given only once during a reign, and is the highest honour that the Prince and Princess can bestow.

Like the Lions of An Tir, the Ravens of Tir Righ are those people who embody and exemplify the ideals and spirit of the Principality of Tir Righ. They set an example for us all to follow, inspire us, and by their deeds, enrich our Society.

Section 7: Precedence

7.2 Order of March in Lists Processionals

Branches may include the following (combatants do not march here):

- Banner Bearer(s)
- Baron and Baroness (if applicable)
- Royal Patron (if applicable)
- Branch Champions
- Branch Officers
- Populace

Baronies:

- Barony of **Lions Gate** 08 Jun 1976 / AS 11
- Barony of **Seagirt** 18 Jul 1998 / AS 33

Shires:

- Shire of **Shittimwoode** 18 Apr 1978 / AS 12
- Shire of **Appledore** May 1982 / AS 17
- Shire of **Ramsgaard** 20 Jun 1989 / AS 23
- Shire of **Hartwood** 1991 / AS 25-26
- Shire of **Krakenfjord** May 1997 / AS 32
- Shire of **Cold Keep** July 1997 / AS 32
- Shire of **False Isle** 01 Aug 1999 / AS 34
- Shire of **Tir Bannog** 13 Jan 2001 / AS 35
- Shire of **Cáe Mór** 17 Nov 2001 / AS 36
- Shire of **Coill Mhor** Apr 2002 / AS 36
- Shire of **Danescombe** Jun 2002 / AS 37
- Shire of **Lionsdale** 11 Jan 2003 / AS 37
- Shire of **Fjordland** Sep 2014 / AS 49

Cantons, Colleges, Ports and Strongholds:

- **Saint Giles** College Mar 1998 / AS 32
- Port of **Crickstow-on-Sea** 13 Jan 2001 / AS 35

Incipient Branches:

None at this time

Combatants:

Heavy combatants together with their inspirations march here in order according to the combatant's combat titles (as appropriate to the lists they are entering. i.e. heavy titles only in heavy lists, rapier titles only in rapier lists, etc). Royal Peers may include a small entourage such as banner bearers, guards, and ladies-in-waiting. Squires may process behind their Knights. Placement of other combatants not listed here is at the discretion of the Sovereign of Tir Righ.

- Kingdom Heavy Champion
- Dukes
- Counts
- Viscounts
- Knights and Masters-at-Arms
- Other Combatants

Non-Combatants (Officials):

- Heralds
- Lists Ministers and Pages
- Marshallate
- Waterbearers