

Northshield

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Ceremonies

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Coronation and Investiture Ceremonies

Coronation of the King and Queen Template

Sitting Crown take their leave of the kingdom in the manner previously agreed upon with the incoming Crown.

Herald: Their Majesties summon (.....).

Prince enters and declares that he is the rightful heir of the Crown Northshield.

Herald: Who bears witness to (name)
as Victor and rightful Heir
to the Crown of Northshield.

Northshield Seneschal:
As Seneschal of Northshield,
I bear witness to his right
to the Crown of Northshield.

Northshield Earl Marshal:
As Earl Marshall of Northshield
I bear witness to his right
to the Crown of Northshield.

Finalist (or other person):
As finalist (combatant) in the Crown Tournament
held in (name location)
I bear witness to his right
as Victor and heir to the Crown of Northshield.

Herald: Do the Peers of Northshield bear witness?
(Peers respond)
Do the Barons and Baronesses of Northshield bear witness?
(Barons and Baronesses respond)
Shall all of Northshield bear witness?
(The Populace responds)

King : Know now what it means to bear the Crown.

Crown (or Herald):

The King and Queen must remain Loyal to Their people,
Who depend upon them to defend the Kingdom.
They must be bold of heart
For They are the point of the sword that all follow in battle.
They must seek the path of Justice
without bias or personal interest,
And Their Judgements must be tempered
by humanity and mercy.
They must strive for excellence in all endeavors,
Not for their own good but for the good of the Kingdom.
As the embodiment of all that is Northshield,
Their service will inspire others to greater service.
They shall inspire love and respect in the realm
And their deeds will be remembered long after
They have passed from these lands.

King: Understanding all this
Do you still desire the Crown of Northshield.

Prince: I do!

King: Then swear this oath

The prince will turn and face the populace and speak the oath (assisted by the Herald if needed)

Prince: I swear to keep and confirm
to the people of Northshield
the laws, customs and traditions of the realm
To defend, strengthen, and maintain them
to the best of my ability.
To seek the wise counsel
of our Peers, Baronage and people.
I shall do and keep
in all my domains and judgments
True and right in mercy and truth.
To be vigilant as I guide her people,
to be diligent in my service to all,
and to light the way
from the Stellar Thrones.
May all my strength fail me
And the world turn against me
if I break this solemn oath.

Thus swear I, (.....).

The previous King places crown on the head of the new King.

Former

King: People of Northshield behold your King!

Herald: Vivat!

Queen: Does your Majesty have a lady to rule by his side?

King: Yes, (.....).

Queen: Summon Princess

Herald: Her Majesty summons (.....), Princess of Northshield.

Princess enters.

Queen: Knowing the responsibilities, do you still desire the Crown of Northshield?

Princess: I do!

Queen: Then swear this oath.

The Princess will turn and face the populace and speak the oath (assisted by the Herald if needed).

Consort: I swear to keep and confirm
to the people of Northshield
the laws, customs and traditions of the realm
To defend, strengthen, and maintain them
to the best of my ability.
To seek the wise counsel
of our Peers, Baronage and people.
I shall do and keep
in all my domains and judgments
True and right in mercy and truth.
To be vigilant as I guide her people,
to be diligent in my service to all,
and to light the way
from the Stellar Thrones.
May all my strength fail me
And the world turn against me
if I break this solemn oath.
Thus swear I (.....).

King and previous Queen place crown on the head of the new Queen

Previous

Queen: People of Northshield behold your Queen.

Herald: Vivat!

The former King and Queen shall discreetly retire. The new King and Queen shall be seated upon the Thrones. Their Majesties' first court shall begin.

Recognition of a Duke

NOTE: A Duke is not created, but rather acknowledged. He bears his title from the moment that the new monarch is crowned. A ceremony acknowledging the new title is optional, and should be left to the choice of the new Royal Peer. It need not be done at the new King and Queen's first court, but can be left until a day when those people whom the new Duke wishes to participate can attend.

At the time appointed, and in the manner agreed upon by the Crown and the new Duke, he will present himself in court before the thrones. Either the Herald managing court or the personal herald of His Grace may announce him.

Crown: Summon forth His Grace.

Herald: Their Majesties summon forth (.....).

Herald: It is known that a man
who have reigned as King of Northshield,
bestows his word and bond to rule this fruitful Kingdom,
guiding the populace with a stern but kindly hand,
leading them in peace or the strife of war.
In all the Kingdoms it has been recorded
in written and oral tradition
That those who have reigned twice
upon the thrones of their Kingdom
are a beacon of light upon a hill
an exemplar of the virtues we prize.
For to be the steward of so great a land
is a heavy burden indeed.

*At this time if the Duke wishes he or a member of his entourage may offer to the crown a symbol of his service to the Kingdom. (Examples are a sword for the Duke and a rose for the Duchess)
The crown shall then be given the Coronet.*

Crown: Your Grace, so all may recognize your nobility,
May you wear this recognition of your service.

The coronets with strawberry leaves shall be set on the brow of the new Duke.

Crown: Herald, let all know what it means to be a Duke in Northshield.

Herald: Those who have served twice as King of Northshield and have honorably retired shall continue to be numbered among the Nobility of the Kingdom. They shall be recognized with the title and rank of Duke. A Duke therefore cannot be created by the decree of any King, but only acknowledged. These Dukes shall bear as their emblem a gold coronet with strawberry leaves, ornamented as they see fit. By token of this coronet they shall be recognized as persons of great merit and consequence. They shall be addressed as “My Lord Duke” or “Your Grace.” They will be sought to defend, strengthen and maintain the realm as they are able. Many will ask for their counsel to find the path of mercy and truth, and great respect shall be given to them.

At this time if symbols were presented to the crown they shall be returned to the Duke. If he wishes to swear fealty as a Royal Peer it may be done at this time.

Herald: For His Grace (.....), Vivat!

Recognition of a Duchess

NOTE: A Duchess is not created, but rather acknowledged. She bears her title from the moment that the new monarch is crowned. A ceremony acknowledging the new title is optional, and should be left to the choice of the new Royal Peer. It need not be done at the new King and Queen's first court, but can be left until a day when those people whom the new Duchess wishes to participate can attend.

At the time appointed, and in the manner agreed upon by the Crown and the new Duchess, she will present herself in court before the thrones. Either the Herald managing court or the personal herald of Her Grace may announce her.

Crown: Summon forth Her Grace.

Herald: Their Majesties summon forth (.....).

Herald: It is known that a woman
who has reigned as Queen of Northshield,
bestows her word and bond to rule this fruitful Kingdom,
guiding the populace with a stern but kindly hand,
leading them in peace or the strife of war.
In all the Kingdoms it has been recorded
in written and oral tradition
That those who have reigned twice
upon the thrones of their Kingdom
are a beacon of light upon a hill
an exemplar of the virtues we prize.
For to be the steward of so great a land
is a heavy burden indeed.

At this time if the Duchess wishes she or a member of her entourage may offer to the crown a symbol of their service to the Kingdom. (Examples are a sword for the Duke and a rose for the Duchess) The crown shall then be given the Coronet.

Crown: Your Grace, so all may recognize your nobility,
May you wear this recognition of your service.

The coronets with strawberry leaves shall be set on the brow of the new Duchess.

Crown: Herald, let all know what it means to be a Duchess in Northshield.

Herald: Those who have served twice as Queen of Northshield and have honorably retired shall continue to be numbered among the Nobility of the Kingdom. They shall be recognized with the title and rank of Duchess. A Duchess therefore cannot be created by the decree of any King, but only acknowledged. These Duchesses shall bear as their emblem a gold coronet with strawberry leaves, ornamented as they see fit. By token of this coronet they shall be recognized as persons of great merit and consequence. They shall be addressed as “My Lady Duchess” or “Your Grace.” They will be sought to defend, strengthen and maintain the realm as they are able. Many will ask for their counsel to find the path of mercy and truth. And great respect shall be given to them.

At this time if symbols were presented to the crown they shall be returned to the Duchess. If she wishes to swear fealty as a Royal Peer it may be done at this time.

Herald: For Her Grace (.....), Vivat!

Recognition of a Duke and Duchess

NOTE: A Duke and Duchess are not created, but rather acknowledged. They bear their title from the moment that the new monarch is crowned. A ceremony acknowledging the new title is optional, and should be left to the choice of the new Royal Peers. It need not be done at the new King and Queen's first court, but can be left until a day when those people whom the new Duke and Duchess wishes to participate can attend.

At the time appointed, and in the manner agreed upon by the Crown and the new Duke/Duchess, they will present themselves in court before the thrones. Either the Herald managing court or the personal herald of His/Her Grace may announce them.

Crown: Summon forth Their Graces.

Herald: Their Majesties summon forth (.....).

Herald: It is known that a man and woman
who have reigned as King and Queen of Northshield,
bestow their word and bond to rule this fruitful Kingdom,
guiding the populace with a stern but kindly hand,
leading them in peace or the strife of war.
In all the Kingdoms it has been recorded
in written and oral tradition
That those who have reigned twice
upon the thrones of their Kingdom
are a beacon of light upon a hill
an exemplar of the virtues we prize.
For to be the steward of so great a land
is a heavy burden indeed.

At this time if the Duke and/or Duchess wish they or a member of their entourage may offer to the crown a symbol of their service to the Kingdom. (Examples are a sword for the Duke and a rose for the Duchess) The crown shall then be given the Coronets

Crown: Your Graces, so all may recognize your nobility,
May you wear this recognition of your service.

The coronets with strawberry leaves shall be set on the brow of the new Duke/Duchess.

Crown: Herald, let all know what it means to be a Duke and Duchess in Northshield.

Herald: Those who have served twice as King of Northshield and have honorably retired shall continue to be numbered among the Nobility of the Kingdom. They shall be recognized with the title and rank of Duke and Duchess. A Duke and Duchess therefore cannot be created by the decree of any King, but only acknowledged. These Dukes and Duchesses shall bear as their emblem a gold coronet with strawberry leaves, ornamented as they see fit. By token of this coronet they shall be recognized as persons of great merit and consequence. They shall be addressed as “My Lord Duke” or “My Lady Duchess” or “Your Grace.” They will be sought to defend, strengthen and maintain the realm as they are able. Many will ask for their counsel to find the path of mercy and truth. And great respect shall be given to them.

At this time if symbols were presented to the crown they shall be returned to the Duke and Duchess. If they wish to pledge service or swear fealty as Royal Peers it may be done at this time.

Herald: For Their Graces (.....), Vivant!

Recognition of a Count

NOTE: A Count is not created, but rather acknowledged. He bears his title from the moment that the new monarch is crowned. A ceremony acknowledging the new title is optional, and should be left to the choice of the new Royal Peer. It need not be done at the new King and Queen's first court, but can be left until a day when those people whom the Count wishes to participate can attend.

At the time appointed, and in the manner agreed upon by the Crown and the new Count, he will present himself in court before the thrones. Either the Herald managing court or the personal herald of His Excellency may announce them.

Crown: Summon forth His Excellency.

Herald: Their Majesties summon forth (.....).

Herald: It is known that a man
who has reigned as King of Northshield,
bestows his word and bond to rule this fruitful Kingdom,
guiding the populace with a stern but kindly hand,
leading them in peace or the strife of war.
To be the steward of so great a land is a heavy burden indeed.
Therefore, it is appropriate
that those who have served as King of Northshield
and have honorably retired
shall continue to be numbered among the Nobility of the Kingdom.
He shall be recognized with the title and rank of Count.
A Count therefore cannot be created by the decree of any King,
but only acknowledged.
These Counts shall bear as their emblem a coronet embattled of gold,
ornamented as they see fit.
By token of this coronet they shall be recognized as persons of great merit and
consequence.
They shall be addressed as 'my Lord Count' or Your Excellency',
and great respect shall be given unto them.

An attendant brings forward the Coronet

The Crown places the coronet on the former King

Crown: Arise, Count (.....).

Herald: For Count (.....), and for the Royal line of Northshield, VIVAT!

Recognition of a Countess

NOTE: A Countess is not created, but rather acknowledged. She bears her title from the moment that the new monarch is crowned. A ceremony acknowledging the new title is optional, and should be left to the choice of the new Royal Peer. It need not be done at the new King and Queen's first court, but can be left until a day when those people whom the Countess wishes to participate can attend.

At the time appointed, and in the manner agreed upon by the Crown and the new Countess, she will present herself in court before the thrones. Either the Herald managing court or the personal herald of Her Excellency may announce her.

Crown: Summon forth Her Excellency.

Herald: Their Majesties summon forth (.....).

Herald: It is known that a woman
who has reigned as Queen of Northshield,
bestows her word and bond to rule this fruitful Kingdom,
guiding the populace with a stern but kindly hand,
leading them in peace or the strife of war.
To be the steward of so great a land is a heavy burden indeed.
Therefore, it is appropriate
that those who have served as Queen of Northshield
and have honorably retired
shall continue to be numbered among the Nobility of the Kingdom.
She shall be recognized with the title and rank of Countess.
A Countess therefore cannot be created by the decree of any King,
but only acknowledged.
These Countesses shall bear as their emblem a coronet embattled of gold,
ornamented as they see fit.
By token of this coronet they shall be recognized as persons of great merit and
consequence.
They shall be addressed as 'my Lady Countess' or Your Excellency',
and great respect shall be given unto them.

An attendant brings forward the Coronet

The Consort or the former King places the coronet on the former Queen

Consort: Arise, Countess (.....).

Herald: For Countess (.....), and for the Royal line of Northshield, VIVAT!

Recognition of a Count and Countess

NOTE: A Count and Countess are not created, but rather acknowledged. They bear their title from the moment that the new monarch is crowned. A ceremony acknowledging the new title is optional, and should be left to the choice of the new Royal Peers. It need not be done at the new King and Queen's first court, but can be left until a day when those people whom the Count and Countess wish to participate can attend.

At the time appointed, and in the manner agreed upon by the Crown and the new Count and Countess, they will present himself in court before the thrones. Either the Herald managing court or the personal herald of Their Excellencies may announce them.

Crown: Summon forth Their Excellencies.

Herald: Their Majesties summon forth (.....).

Herald: It is known that those
who have reigned as King and Queen of Northshield,
bestow their word and bond to rule this fruitful Kingdom,
guiding the populace with stern but kindly hands,
leading them in peace or the strife of war.
To be the stewards of so great a land is a heavy burden indeed.
Therefore, it is appropriate
that those who have served as Sovereigns of Northshield
and have honorably retired
shall continue to be numbered among the Nobility of the Kingdom.
They shall be recognized with the title and rank of Count or Countess.
A Count or Countess therefore cannot be created by the decree of any King,
but only acknowledged.
These Counts or Countesses shall bear as their emblem a coronet embattled of
gold,
ornamented as they see fit.
By token of this coronet they shall be recognized as persons of great merit and
consequence.
They shall be addressed as 'my Lord Count or my Lady Countess' or Your
Excellency',
and great respect shall be given unto them.

(An attendant brings forward the Coronets)

(The Sovereign invests the former King, the Consort invests the former Queen)

Crown: Arise, Count (.....) and Countess (.....).

Herald: For Count (.....) and Countess (.....), and for the Royal line of
Northshield, VIVANT!

Investiture of a Territorial Baron/Baroness

If the departing Baron/Baroness are present

Herald: Their Majesties request the presence of (.....).
Territorial Baron/Baroness of (.....).

Once they have entered the presence of the Crown.

Baron and/or Baroness or their personal herald:

(I/we/he/she/they) find that (I/we/he/she/they) can no longer
give the land entrusted to us/them
the attention it deserves.
(I/we/he/she/they) return the Coronet/s
to the Crown of Northshield,
so they might bestow them upon
(a) worthy person/s who will care
for the lands we/they love so well.

The baronial coronets are passed to the care of the Crown.

Crown/Herald:

The lands of (.....)
have flourished in your care.
and we are grateful for your efforts.
When (a) person/s of nobility
have diligently served the Crown
they have been acknowledged for that service.
So we wish it to be known that
From henceforth you shall be known as
(a) Baron/Baroness of our court.

The silver coronet with 6 pearls shall be set on the brow of the new Court Baron(ess).

Herald: For Their Excellencies _____ and _____, Vivat/Vivant!

Crown gives the new Court Baron and/or Baroness permission to retire.

Herald: The good governance of the land and its people
is the chief responsibility of the Crown.
To help fulfill this responsibility,
it has been known from time immemorial
that the Crown needs trusted local representatives,
wherever its subjects have settled.
Thus it is that a kingdom is divided into baronies, shires, cantons and
colleges.
A Barony will have a Baron and/or Baroness

Who are given the Barony in trust
to care for in the name of the Crown.
Only the Crown can create a landed Baron and/or Baroness
And feudal duty is owed to them and their heirs.

Crown: Please summon the candidate/s.

Herald: Their Majesties summon _____ and/or _____

The future Baron and/or Baroness enter the Royal presence.

Crown: With due consideration
We have chosen you
To be Our representative/s in the Barony of _____
Are you willing to take on this burden
And succeed _____ and/or _____
As Baron and/or Baroness.

Candidate/s: I do

Crown places Baronial Coronets upon the candidates' heads.

Crown: Bear this/these Coronet/s with nobility
And now fulfill your first duty to the Crown.

Herald: *repeated by candidates*

I acknowledge to the Crown of Northshield
the fealty and homage for the Barony of,
which my ancestors held
from you and your predecessors as a fief.
I swear that I will always be faithful to you,
defending you,
and giving you power over all the castles and manors in peace and in war.
I will strive to be vigilant as I guide Your people,
to be diligent in my service to all,
and to light the way from my Baronial seat.
Thus swear/pledge/promise I _____

Crown: We acknowledge the fealty and homage
for the castles, manors, and places which your ancestors
held from Us and Our predecessors as a fief.
As you are (a) faithful vassal(s),
holding Our lands in good faith and without deceit,
We will act toward you respectively in all things,
protecting you with our aid

and rewarding you with Our love.
But May all strength fail and the world turn against
Any who break this solemn oath.

Herald: For (.....). and/or (.....).
Baron and/or Baroness of (.....).
Vivat/Vivant!

Oaths of Fealty

Oath of Fealty for a Territorial Prince and Princess

Prince

Princess: I swear fealty/pledge service
To the Crown and the people of Northshield
To defend, strengthen, and maintain
The laws, customs and traditions of the realm,
To be vigilant as I guide her people,
To be diligent in my service to all,
And illuminate the aims and ideals of the Realm
Here by my honor and my heart, swear I, (.....)

Crown: We accept your fealty/pledge of service.
And will rely on you to advise us wisely.
We will act toward you respectively in all things
Protecting you with Our aid
And rewarding you with Our love.
May all strength fail and the world turn against
Any who break this solemn oath.

Oath of Fealty for the Chivalry

Knights: I here swear fealty and do homage to the Crown of the Northshield
To ever be a good knight and true,
Reverent and generous,
Shield of the weak,
Obedient to my liege-lord,
Foremost in battle, Courteous at all times,
Champion of the right and the good.
Thus swear I, (.....).

Crown: We accept your gifts of fealty and homage
And will rely on you to advise us wisely.
As you light the way for Northshield with honour and charity,
We will act toward you respectively in all things,
Protecting you with Our aid and rewarding you with Our love.
But may all your strength fail you and the world turn against you if you should
break your solemn oath.

Oath of Fealty for Laurels

Laurels: I here swear fealty/pledge service, and do homage to the Crown of Northshield.
I give my talent, knowledge and wisdom
for Your use and the Kingdom's benefit.
I will strive to teach and give good guidance
to all who seek me out,
and to light the way for the people of Northshield
with honour and charity.
Here by my honour and my heart, swear I, (.....).

Crown: We accept the gifts of your talents and knowledge,
And will rely on you to advise us wisely.
As you light the way for Northshield with honour and charity,
We will act toward you respectively in all things,
protecting you with Our aid and rewarding you with Our love.
But may all your strength fail you and the world turn against you if you should
break your solemn oath.

Oath of Fealty for Pelicans

Pelicans: I here swear fealty/pledge service, and do homage to the Crown of Northshield.
I give my service and wisdom to You
for the prosperity of the Kingdom..
I will strive to diligently serve wherever needed,
and to act with honour and charity
in a way which will guide by my example the people of Northshield.
Here by my honour and my heart, swear I, (.....).

Crown: We accept your offer of service and leadership
And will rely on you to advise us wisely.
As you serve and guide Northshield with honour and charity,
We will act toward you respectively in all things,
protecting you with our aid and rewarding you with Our love.
But may all your strength fail you and the world turn against you if you should
break your solemn oath.

Oath of Fealty for Royal Peers

Royal Peers: I here swear fealty/pledge service and do homage to the Crown of Northshield.
As I have served in the past, I will diligently serve this Crown and Kingdom;
And guide by my example as befits one of my station.
I will guard and nurture the spirit of Northshield
And illuminate the aims and ideals of the Realm.
Here by my honour and my heart, swear I, (.....).

Crown: We accept your wisdom and leadership
And will rely on you to advise us wisely.
As you have already served with diligence and grace,
We will act toward you respectfully in all things,
Protecting you with Our aid
And rewarding you with Our love.
But may all your strength fail you and the world turn against you if you should
break your solemn oath.

Oath of Fealty for Great Officers of State

Officer: I here swear fealty/pledge service and do homage to the Crown of Northshield;
To well and loyally administer my office.
I will diligently serve this Crown and Kingdom;
Uphold its Laws and Customs,
Guide by my example all the people of Northshield,
And in all things comport myself with the dignity
Befitting one who holds my office.
Here by my honour and my heart, swear I, (.....).

Crown: We accept your service and leadership
And will rely on you to advise us wisely.
As you hold your office(s) in good faith
We will act toward you respectfully in all things,
Protecting you with our aid
And rewarding you with Our love.
But may all your strength fail you and the world turn against you if you should
break your solemn oath.

Oath of Fealty for a Territorial Baron and Baroness

Herald: Their Royal Majesties call forth those Territorial Barons and Baronesses
Who wish to swear fealty at this time.

Crown: Are you willing to become Our vassal?

Baron/ess: I am willing.

The Baron/ess holds in their hands some soil from the territory to be held in fief.

The Crown wraps their hands around the Baron/ess's hands.

Baron(ess): I acknowledge to the Crown of Northshield the fealty and homage for the Barony
of (.....), which my ancestors held from you and your predecessors as a fief.
I swear that I will always be faithful to you, defending you, and giving you power
over all the castles and manors in peace and in war.
I will strive to be vigilant as I guide Your people, to be diligent in my service to all,
and to light the way
from my Baronial seat.
Here by my honour and my heart, swear I, (.....).

Crown: We acknowledge the fealty and homage for the castles, manors, and places, which
your ancestors held from Us and Our predecessors as a fief.
As you are (a) faithful vassal(s), holding Our lands in good faith and without
deceit, We will act toward you respectively in all things, protecting you with our
aid and rewarding you with Our love.
But may all your strength fail you and the world turn against you if you should
break this solemn oath.

Oath of Fealty for the Populace

Populace: I here swear/pledge fealty/service and do homage to the Crown of Northshield.
I will faithfully guide to those who seek my aid,
Loyally serve the Griffin Realm,
And by my honour and actions, light the way.
Thus swear I, (.....).

Crown: We accept your promises to Us and to the Kingdom of Northshield.
We will act toward you respectively in all things,
Protecting you with Our aid
And rewarding you with Our love.
But may all your strength fail you and the world turn against you if you should
break your solemn oath.

Pledge of Service for the Order of the White Scarf:

Dons: I pledge my sword in service to the Crown of Northshield.
Ever tempered by mercy,
Forged of humility,
Proven in battle.
To be a Shield of the weak,
Servant of the kingdom,
Generous with my knowledge and ability.
A Don courteous, noble and true.
Thus swear I, (.....).

Crown: We accept your promises to Us and to the Kingdom of Northshield.
We will act toward you respectively in all things,
Protecting you with Our aid
And rewarding you with Our love.

Crown Tournament

Invocation of the Crown List

After all of the Combatants and their Consorts have been gathered together before the Crown

Seneschal: My Lords and Ladies,
Do you affirm that each of you
And your prospective consorts
Have read the Corpora of the Society for Creative Anachronism
And the laws of the Kingdom of Northshield?

**Combatants
And**

Consorts: Aye!

Earl

Marshall: My Lords and Ladies,
Have you all read
And do you understand the Rules of the Lists
And the conventions of combat
Of the Kingdom of Northshield?
Do you understand
And do you agree to assume
The possible risk of injury
Arising directly or indirectly
Out of combat related activities?

Combatants: Aye!

Herald: Good Gentles,
Be mindful that on this day
And in these Lists,
Honor reigns supreme.
You fight today
Not for your own glory
But for the greater glory of your consort
And of Northshield.
Let all gathered here
As our witnesses
Be inspired by your conduct
In the honor of the Gentle
Whose favor you bear.

Remember at all times
That should you carry the day,
You and your Consort
Shall become the embodiment
Of all that is, and will become Northshield.
All will witness your acts,
And your names will be writ large,
Sung in songs
And remembered in legends
Long after we have passed from these lands.
In service,
You will inspire others to greater service.
Governing in wisdom and with mercy
You will inspire love and respect in your realm.
And by establishing worthy traditions,
Your handiwork shall endure
Into the mists of time.

King: You have heard the reason of Our lists.
Do each of you here today
Have a lady or lord
Whose favor you advance
And whom you may crown as Consort,
Should you prove victorious
Upon this field?

Combatants: Aye!

Queen: Then bear your favors bravely into the lists,
Either in victory or in honorable defeat.

King: Let the tournament commence!

Investiture of the Prince and Princess

Herald: Their Majesties summon (name),
By right of arms
Victor in today's Crown Tournament,
And (name),
His/her Consort and Honorable Companion.

The victor and his/her Consort present themselves to the Crown.

**Crown
or Herald:** Your predecessors
Have borne in their time
The Crowns and Coronets of Northshield.
(.....) by your victory today
In these Our Crown lists,
You have shown yourself
To be of high mettle
And worthy of the title
Prince and Princess of Northshield.
Now know what you have wrought
Through this victory on the field of honor.
For you will one day
Hold, protect and make prosperous
The Kingdom of Northshield.
When that time comes,
The people will look to you
For leadership and love.
From this moment forward,
You will serve as an example
Of all that is best in the Northshield.

Crown: Will you undertake this burden,
Knowing that when Our time
On the Stellar Thrones is done,
A still greater burden awaits you?

**Prince
And
Princess:** We will!

Crown: Then take upon thy brows
These Coronets,
(Name and Name)
Prince and/or Princess of Northshield.
Know that they represent
The glorious future of Northshield,
And your obligation
To be defenders of the people
Preservers of justice,
And the highest examples of chivalry and honor.

The Prince and Princess rise and turn to face the populace.

Crown: Rise, Prince (.....)and Princess (.....).

Herald: For (.....),
Prince and Princess of Northshield!
Vivant!

Should Their Highnesses wish to swear fealty, here is an oath.

Prince

Princess: I swear fealty/pledge service
To the Crown and the people of Northshield
To defend, strengthen, and maintain
The laws, customs and traditions of the realm,
To be vigilant as I guide her people,
To be diligent in my service to all,
And illuminate the aims and ideals of the Realm
Here by my honor and my heart, swear I, (.....)

Crown: We accept your fealty/pledge of service.
And will rely on you to advise us wisely.
We will act toward you respectively in all things
Protecting you with Our aid
And rewarding you with Our love.
May all strength fail and the world turn against
Any who break this solemn oath.

Peerage Ceremonies

Creation of a Laurel

Herald: Their Majesties call forth Master/Mistress (.....), Companion of the Laurel.

Laurel: Your Majesties, I beg a boon.

Crown: Ask, and if it is a right and proper thing it shall be yours.

Laurel: I ask that your Majesties enter (.....) into the most Noble Order of the Laurel.

Then the Crown shall say to the herald

Crown: Summon the members of the most loyal Order of the Laurel.

Herald: Masters and Mistresses of the Laurel, present yourselves before Their Majesties.

Crown: Noble Lords and Ladies is it your opinion that (.....) is worthy of elevation into the Order of the Laurel?

And when those members present have answered "Aye," the Crown shall say to the Herald

Crown: Call forth the candidate.

Herald: Their Majesties summon (.....) before them.

Crown: Is there a Royal Peer to attest to (.....) 's Nobility?

The chosen Royal Peer shall answer in their own words.

Crown: Is there a Member of the Chivalry to attest to (.....) 's Honor?

The chosen Knight/Master at Arms shall answer in their own words.

Crown: Is there a Master or Mistress of the Pelican to attest to (.....) 's Service?

The chosen Pelican shall answer in their own words.

Crown: Is there a member of the populace
who wishes to speak of (.....)'s qualities as a Peer.

The chosen member of the populace shall respond in their own words.

Crown: (.....), right mindful of your skills and research in the Society and the wishes of your peers,
We are resolved to create you Master/Mistress of the Laurel.
Know that to be a Peer is to hold a sacred trust;
That the obligations will demand your efforts
Every moment of your life.

As an alternative, the Crown, the Herald, individual Laurels or other persons chosen by the candidate may speak the following.

A Peer must seek excellence in all endeavors,
Not for their own good, but for the good of others.

A Peer must always seek Justice, truth tempered with mercy.

A Peer must remain Loyal to the people and the ideals he/she chooses to live by.

A Peer must always defend their Kingdom, their family and those who depend upon them.

A Peer must have the courage to sacrifice for the precepts and people they value.

A Peer must have faith in their beliefs.

A Peer values the contributions of others and does not boast of their own accomplishments.

A Peer must be generous as far as their resources allow.

A Peer recognizes that true nobility arises from the journey, not the destination.

Crown: Seek to emulate all of this as sincerely as possible,
Not for personal gain but because it is right.
Do not restrict your exploration to a small world,
But seek to infuse every aspect of your life with these qualities.
Should you succeed in even a tiny measure
Then you will be well remembered for your quality and virtue.
Knowing all this do you desire to accept elevation into this Order?

Candidate: I do!

Crown: Will you pledge to continue to uphold the honor of this Order?

Candidate: I will!

Crown: Will you increase your labors and talents nobly as befits one of your rank, and seek to extend your talents and abilities throughout the Society?

Candidate: I will!

Crown: Will you teach and assist any dependents you may have to serve as you have served?

Candidate: I will!

Crown: Do you wish to swear fealty or pledge service at this time?

Herald: I here swear fealty
To the Crown of Northshield
To ever enrich the Crown;
To be faithful and true;
To love all that they love,
And shun all that they shun;
To remember courtesy and kindness;
To prize justice above personal gain;
To keep secret any counsel They entrust to me,
Nor knowingly disclose it to Their harm;
To guide all who seek my talents and abilities;
to diligently serve where needed;
and to light the way for all your people.
Here by my honor, my hand, and my heart, swear I,

Crown: We accept the gifts of your talents and knowledge,
And will rely on you to advise us wisely.
As you light the way for Northshield with honour and charity,
We will act toward you respectfully in all things,
Protecting you with Our aid and rewarding you with Our love.
But may all your strength fail you and the world turn against you if you should
break your solemn oath.

Crown: Now take from our hands this,
The symbol of your order;
The Laurel wreath, which has ever stood for excellence.
As we have acknowledged your excellence this day.
Rise (.....), Master/Mistress of the Laurel.

Creation of a Pelican

Herald: Their Majesties call forth Master/Mistress (.....), Companion of the Pelican.

Pelican: Your Majesties, I beg a boon.

Crown: Ask, and if it is a right and proper thing it shall be yours.

Pelican: I ask that your Majesties enter (.....) into the most Noble Order of the Pelican.

Then the Crown shall say to the herald

Crown: Summon the members of the most loyal Order of the Pelican.

Herald: Masters and Mistresses of the Pelican, present yourselves before Their Majesties.

Crown: Noble Lords and Ladies, is it your opinion that (.....) is worthy of elevation into the Order of the Pelican?

And when those members present have answered "Aye," the Crown shall say to the Herald

Crown: Call forth the candidate.

Herald: Their Majesties summon (.....) before them.

Crown: Is there a Royal Peer to attest to (.....) 's nobility?

The chosen Royal Peer shall answer in their own words.

Crown: Is there a Member of the Chivalry to attest to (.....) 's chivalry?

The chosen Knight/Master at Arms shall answer in their own words.

Crown: Is there a Master or Mistress of the Laurel to attest to (.....) 's talents?

The chosen Laurel shall answer in their own words.

Crown: Is there a member of the populace
who wishes to speak (.....)'s qualities as a Peer.

The chosen member of the populace shall respond in their own words.

Crown: (.....), right mindful of your service to the Society and the wishes of your peers, We are resolved to create you Master/Mistress of the Pelican.
Know that to be a Peer is to hold a sacred trust;
That the obligations will demand your efforts
Every moment of your life.

As an alternative, the Crown, the Herald, individual Laurels or other persons chosen by the candidate may speak the following.

A Peer must seek excellence in all endeavors,
Not for their own good, but for the good of others.

A Peer must always seek Justice, truth tempered with mercy

A Peer must remain Loyal to the people and the ideals he/she chooses to live by.

A Peer must always defend their Kingdom, their family and those who depend upon them.

A Peer must have the courage to sacrifice for the precepts and people they value.

A Peer must have faith in their beliefs.

A Peer values the contributions of others and does not boast of their own accomplishments.

A Peer must be generous as far as their resources allow.

A Peer recognizes that true nobility arises from the journey, not the destination.

Crown: Seek to emulate all of this as sincerely as possible,
Not for personal gain but because it is right.
Do not restrict your exploration to a small world,
But seek to infuse every aspect of your life with these qualities.
Should you succeed in even a tiny measure
Then you will be well remembered for your quality and virtue.
Knowing all this do you desire to accept elevation into this Order?

Candidate: I do!

Crown: Will you pledge to continue to uphold the honor of this Order?

Candidate: I will!

Crown: Will you increase your labors and talents nobly as befits one of your rank,
And seek to extend your talents and abilities throughout the Society?

Candidate: I will!

Crown: Will you teach and assist any dependents you may have
to serve as you have served?

Candidate: I will!

Herald: I here swear fealty
To the Crown of Northshield
To ever serve this Crown;
To be faithful and true;
To love all that they love,
And shun all that they shun;
To remember courtesy and kindness,
And to prize justice above personal gain;
To keep secret any counsel they entrust to me,
Nor knowingly disclose it to their harm.
To guide by my example,
All who serve Your Kingdom;
To diligently serve where needed;
And to light the way for all your people.
Here by my honor, my hand, and my heart, swear I, (.....)

Crown: We accept your offer of service and leadership
And will rely on you to advise us wisely.
As you serve and guide Northshield with honour and charity,
We will act toward you respectfully in all things,
Protecting you with our aid and rewarding you with Our love.
But may all your strength fail you and the world turn against you if you should
break your solemn oath.

Crown: Now take from our hands this,
The symbol of your order;
Which creature will nourish her young when necessary
With the blood from her own breast.
Wear it proudly that all may recognize your service
As we have acknowledged it this day.
Rise (.....), Master/Mistress of the Pelican.

Creation of a Knight

Herald: Their Majesties call forth Sir/Master (.....).

Knight: Your Majesties, I beg a boon.

Crown: Ask, and if it is a right and proper thing it shall be yours.

Knight: I ask that your Majesties bestow the accolade of Knighthood on (.....).

Then the Crown shall say to the herald

Crown: Summon the members of Our most Noble Order of the Chivalry.

Herald: Knights and Masters of Arms of the Society, present yourselves before Their Majesties.

Crown: Noble Sirs is it your judgement that (.....)is worthy of this accolade.

And when those members present have answered "Aye," the Crown shall say to the Herald

Crown: Call forth the candidate.

Herald: Their Majesties summon (.....) before them.

Crown: Is there a Royal Peer to attest to (.....) 's Nobility?

The chosen Royal Peer shall answer in their own words.

Crown: Is there a Master or Mistress of the Pelican to attest to (.....) 's Service?

The chosen Pelican shall answer in their own words.

Crown: Is there a Master or Mistress of the Laurel to attest to (.....) 's Talents?

The chosen Laurel shall answer in their own words.

Crown: Is there a member of the populace
Who wishes to speak of (.....)'s qualities as a Peer.

The chosen member of the populace shall respond in their own words.

Crown: (.....), right mindful of your prowess on the field,
And responsive to the wishes of your peers,
We are minded to make you knight.
Know that to wear the belt and chain of a knight is to hold a sacred trust;
That the obligations of knighthood will demand your efforts every moment of your
life.

As an alternative, individual members of the populace may speak the following.

A Knight must seek excellence in all endeavors, martial and otherwise,
Seeking strength to be used in the service of justice,
Not for their own good, but for the good of all.

A Knight must recognize that the sword of justice can be a terrible thing,
So humanity and mercy must temper it

A Knight must remain Loyal to the people and the ideals (s)he chooses to live by.

A Knight must love his Kingdom, and fulfill most faithfully his feudal duties.

A Knight must have the courage to sacrifice for the precepts and people (s)he
values.

A Knight must have faith in their beliefs,
While never diminishing the beliefs of another.

A Knight values the contributions of others,
According them the renown rightfully earned.

A Knight must be generous,
Countering the natural tendency toward gluttony .

A Knight recognizes that true nobility arises from the journey, not the destination.

Crown: Seek to emulate all of this as sincerely as possible,
Not for personal gain but because it is right.
Do not restrict your exploration to a small world,
But seek to infuse every aspect of your life with these qualities.
Should you succeed in even a tiny measure
Then you will be well remembered for your quality and virtue.
Knowing all this do you desire to accept elevation into this Order?

Candidate: I do!

Crown: Then swear fealty to the Crown of Northshield

Candidate: I here swear fealty and do homage
To the Crown of Northshield:
To ever be a good knight and true,
Reverent and generous,
Shield of the weak,
Obedient to my liege-lord,
Foremost in battle,
Courteous at all times,
Champion of the right and the good.
Thus swear I, (.....).

Crown: We accept your gifts of fealty and homage
And will rely on you to advise us wisely.
As you light the way for Northshield with honour and charity,
We will act toward you respectfully in all things,
Protecting you with Our aid and rewarding you with Our love.
But may all your strength fail you and the world turn against you if you should
break your solemn oath.

The Sword

Crown: Is there a sword, which you will offer in service to your crown?

*A Knight explains the symbolism of the sword.
(One edge to cuts to the truth one edge to administer their majesties justice and a scabbard to
counsel mercy.)*

The Belt

Crown: Is there a belt?

*A Knight explains the symbolism of the belt.
(The knights' white belt symbolizes purity and chastity that a knight must reign in his body
steadfastly, avoiding the scandals of the body: gluttony, sloth, and lechery. Purity of purpose and
a new beginning or rebirth (like baptism) to begin again the steps one the Path Chivalry.)*

The Spurs

Crown: Are there spurs?

*A Knight explains the symbolism of the spurs.
(As knight's spurs goad the war-horse so should they goad the knight to Valor, Service, Diligence
and Swiftmess. Let the spurs hasten the knight to his duty that he might maintain his order in the
high honor that belongs to it. By placing precious golden spurs near his feat a knight displays
disdain for worldly things. They should be worn with honor and discretion lest they be hacked
from your heels in shame and disgrace.)*

The Cloak

Crown: Is there a cloak?

A Knight explains the symbolism of the cloak.

(Shamefastness or Fear of shame. These arms ensure that all might know this knight from afar, and judge him fair or foul, to ensure obedience to the order of knighthood. It symbolizes the hardships and travail that a knight will suffer foremost in battle and always placing his body between his Kingdom and her foes just as the surcoat receives any blows, rain, or insult before the armor and body of the knight.

The Chain

Crown: The candidate has been invested with the trappings of the office to knighthood. Is there a chain with which to bind him in his oath of fealty?"

A Knight explains the symbolism of the chain.

(The chain is of gold, purest of the metals to signify the purity of the chain of fealty, which binds the knight and his sovereigns to one another. The chain is heavy to symbolize and remind the knight of the heavy responsibility he bears. The chain is strong and runs round the neck of the knight signifying obedience to the commands of his sovereign and the order. The chain is the unique symbol of the knights of the Society for Creative Anachronism, and as such is the badge of our order just as our forefathers have used the fleece, the garter, the star, and the cross to signify knightly orders. Pray let your behavior and deeds charge this our symbol with as great a reverence and respect as the symbols of our forbears.)

Crown: In remembrance of oaths given and received. (Strike the right shoulder)
In remembrance of your lineage and obligations. (Strike the left shoulder)
Be thou a good knight. (Strike the head)
Rise, Sir (.....).

Crown: Bear this blow as the last unanswered blow you accept for your Kingdom.

Creation of a Double Peer: Laurel/Pelican

Herald: Their Majesties call forth Master/Mistress (.....), Companion of the Laurel and Master/Mistress (.....), Companion of the Pelican.

L/P: Your Majesties, I beg a boon.

Crown: Ask, and if it is a right and proper thing it shall be yours.

Laurel: I ask that your Majesties enter (.....) into the most Noble Order of the Laurel.

Pelican: And I ask that your Majesties enter (.....) into the most Noble Order of the Pelican.

Then the Crown shall say to the herald

Crown: Summon the members of our most loyal Orders of the Laurel and Pelican.

Herald: Masters and Mistresses of the Laurel and Pelican, present yourselves before Their Majesties.

Crown: Noble Lords and Ladies is it your opinion that (.....) is worthy of elevation into your Order?

And when those members present have answered "Aye," the Crown shall say to the Herald

Crown: Call forth the candidate.

Herald: Their Majesties summon (.....) before them.

Crown: Is there a Royal Peer to attest to (.....) 's nobility?

The chosen Royal Peer shall answer in their own words.

Crown: Is there a Member of the Chivalry to attest to (.....) 's chivalry?

The chosen Knight/Master at Arms shall answer in their own words.

Crown: Is there a member of the populace who wishes to speak (.....)'s qualities as a Peer.

The chosen member of the populace shall respond in their own words.

Crown: (.....), right mindful of your skills and research, and of your service to the

Society, and the wishes of your peers,
We are resolved to create you Master/Mistress of the Laurel and Pelican.
Know that to be a Peer is to hold a sacred trust;
That the obligations will demand your efforts
Every moment of your life.

As an alternative, the Crown, the Herald, individual Laurels or other persons chosen by the candidate may speak the following.

A Peer must seek excellence in all endeavors,
Not for their own good, but for the good of others.

A Peer must always seek Justice, truth tempered with mercy

A Peer must remain Loyal to the people and the ideals he/she chooses to live by.

A Peer must always defend their Kingdom, their family and those who depend upon them.

A Peer must have the courage to sacrifice for the precepts and people they value.

A Peer must have faith in their beliefs.

A Peer values the contributions of others and does not boast of their own accomplishments.

A Peer must be generous as far as their resources allow.

A Peer recognizes that true nobility arises from the journey, not the destination.

Crown: Seek to emulate all of this as sincerely as possible,
Not for personal gain but because it is right.
Do not restrict your exploration to a small world,
But seek to infuse every aspect of your life with these qualities.
Should you succeed in even a tiny measure
Then you will be well remembered for your quality and virtue.
Knowing all this do you desire to accept elevation into these Orders?

Candidate: I do!

Crown: Will you pledge to continue to uphold the honor of these Orders?

Candidate: I will!

Crown: Will you increase your labors and talents nobly as befits one of your rank,

And seek to extend your talents and abilities throughout the Society?

Candidate: I will!

Crown: Will you teach and assist any dependents you may have to serve as you have served?

Candidate: I will!

Crown: Do you wish to swear fealty or pledge service at this time?

Herald: I here swear fealty
To the Crown of Northshield
To ever serve this Crown;
To be faithful and true;
To love all that they love,
And shun all that they shun;
To remember courtesy and kindness,
And to prize justice above personal gain;
To keep secret any counsel they entrust to me,
Nor knowingly disclose it to their harm.
To guide by my example,
All who serve Your Kingdom;
To diligently serve where needed;
And to light the way for all your people.
Here by my honor, my hand, and my heart, swear I, (.....).

Crown: We accept your offer of service and leadership
And the gifts of your talents and knowledge,
We will rely on you to advise us wisely.
As you serve, guide, and light the way for Northshield with honor and charity,
We will act toward you respectfully in all things,
protecting you with Our aid and rewarding you with Our love.
But may all your strength fail you and the world turn against you if you should break your solemn oath.

Crown: Now take from our hands this,
the symbol of the Order of the Laurel;
The Laurel wreath, which has ever stood for excellence.
As we have acknowledged your excellence this day.
And take from our hands this,
the symbol of the Order of the Pelican;
Which creature will nourish her young when necessary
with the blood from her own breast.
Wear it proudly that all may recognize your service
As we have acknowledged it this day.
Rise (.....), Master/Mistress of the Laurel and Pelican.

Miscellaneous Ceremonies

Recognition of Full Status

Herald: Their Majesties summon (.....),
Kingdom Seneschal.

The Kingdom Seneschal enters the Royal presence.

Seneschal: Your Stallari wishes to advise the Crown
that the people of (.....)
have demonstrated their ability to keep and maintain
that part of Your Kingdom,
and therefore should be granted a charter
as a (.....) of Northshield.

Crown: Are there any other persons who can attest to the competence of (.....)?

Other people previously agreed to by the crown will stand and advise the Crown of their support for the group. The Kingdom Seneschal will also speak for others who wish advise the crown but are not able to attend.

The Crown acknowledges they agree with the advice given and indicate to the Herald that they wish to speak to the representatives of the group.

Herald: (.....), present yourselves
before Their Sovereign Majesties.

The members of the group will come forward in whatever manner that is agreed to by the Crown and the group. Once they are arranged before the presence.

Their Majesties acknowledges what their decision is to the group.

Herald: The good governance of the land and its people
is the chief responsibility of the Crown.
To help fulfill this responsibility,
it has been known from time immemorial
that the Crown needs trusted local representatives,
wherever its subjects have settled.
Thus it is that a kingdom is divided into baronies, shires, cantons and colleges.

Therefore do We, (.....) and (.....),
King and Queen of the Kingdom of Northshield,
wish to acknowledge that (.....)
Have met all of the requirements
to be recognized as a chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism

and by this warrant do We create (.....) a (.....) of Our lands.

This We do on the (...) day of (.....), A.S(...),
while sitting on Our thrones
in Our (.....)of (.....)
on the occasion of (.....).

The Crown presents the group a signed version of the above and they hand the Crown a box of earth which the group touch as they repeat their charter with the Crown.

Group

Members: The populace of (.....) here pledges:
Service unto The Crown and Kingdom in all ways,
at all times, and in all endeavors.
Loyalty to the Crown
in all of Its decrees, requirements, and commands.
Honor and Chivalry to be shown by all (.....)'s members
unto each and every citizen of the Known World.
To Guide, To Serve, and To Light the Way.

Crown: We hear This Pledge
And it will be remembered for all time
By us and our descendants.

Historical Ceremonies

First Northshield Coronation

On the dais are the Middle Kingdom in the center, Royal Middle Prince and Princess on left and empty Principality thrones on right, with other Crowns present on either side in traditional order. The Gryphon Stone in the center before them, either on the dais or on the floor in front of them.

Song: *Shield My Kinsmen*, sung by the Northshield Choir

Herald: The former Coronets of Northshield Who have guided and led
Her people with the light Of the Stellar Thrones.

The former coronets of Northshield process into court in reverse order.

Hroder and Guilia, 17th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Aubrey and Anne, 16th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Leif and Astrid, 15th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Robert and Isabella, 14th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Raito and Elashava, 13th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Niklos and Aramanthra, 12th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Kenneth and Leila, 11th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Saeric and Yasmin, 10th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Tristan and Eilika, 9th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Galen and Kelinda, 8th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Alasdair and Isabella, 7th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Tarrach and Fina, 6th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Belrix and Prism, 5th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Cnut and Nina, 4th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Seigfried and Therica, 3rd Prince and Princess of Northshield
Conn and Cassandra, 2nd Prince and Princess of Northshield
Dafydd and Gwyneth, 1st Prince and Princess of Northshield
Their Graces, Finn and Garlanda, first Prince and Princess of the Crown
Principality of Northshield

Dafydd and Gwyneth enter, with Ian between them, bearing the new crowns of Northshield. They are followed by Finn and Garlanda who enter carrying the Calontir Sword of State (Finn) and Gryphon's Justice (Garlanda). They all take stairs onto the stage (from Left) and stand perpendicular to the front of the stage facing right, at the back corner of the BDR, Finn and Garlanda behind Dafydd and Gwyneth and Ian.

Felix and Madeleina walk to the right back corner of the BDR, face D and G.

Dafydd

And

Gwyneth: Nine years ago, Northshield took its place as the third principality of the Middle

Kingdom. In the years since, We have served this kingdom proudly and with honor. Our principality has grown, and we have learned many things. Now the time has come for Northshield to go its own way , and we ask you to release Northshield from its obligations to the Midrealm so that it may take its place among the kingdoms of the Known World.

Ian takes the King's crown and hands it to Felix, and the Queen's crown to Madeleina.

**Felix
and/or**

Madeleina: Proud are we of our Principality of Northshield, and happy that they are prepared to take their place as the 18th Kingdom of the Known World, nor do we wish to stand in their path.

Therefore, be it known to the present age and to future generations, that we, in the presence of these assembled Crowns, Peers, Baronage and diverse members of the populace, hereby dissolve the dependency of the Principality of Northshield to the Middle Kingdom.

Attendants appear from the wings to replace the Northshield Principality thrones with the new Kingdom thrones. Felix and Madeleina place the crowns on the Gryphon Stone and retire to their thrones. Finn and Garlanda go to stand behind the Northshield thrones. Dafydd and Gwyneth and Ian join the other past NS Royals at the bottom of the stage.

Herald: His Excellency Viscount Siegfried von Kulmbach and
Her Excellency Baroness Bridei nic Gillechattan
Heirs to the Kingdom of Northshield

Everyone turns to the back of the hall. The Past Royals retire to their seats in the first row. Siegfried and Bridei process in by different aisles, each with a personal escort. They stop at the foot of the steps.

Society

Seneschal: Although a transfer of property may remain valid from the actual act of performing such transfer, and those things which are lawfully possessed can not be wrested away by any act of force: it is, however, our duty to intervene lest there can be any doubt of the transaction. We hereby declare and proclaim: that the Middle Kingdom has agreed to relinquish any rights to the Principality of Northshield. Moreover, lest by this act the honor and glory of our most beloved Northshield may seem in any way to be diminished, by the counsel and judgment of the Board of Directors and at the request of the populace, we declare that the Principality of Northshield is hereby elevated to the status of Kingdom. We decree, further, that no person, small or great, may presume to exercise any jurisdiction in the governing of that Kingdom, other than the Board of Directors,

without the consent or permission of the Crown of Northshield. The Crown of Northshield, moreover, shall not owe any other service to the Middle Kingdom from this time forward.

Siegfried and Bridei proceed up the steps and their escorts depart to join the rest of their households and sit in the second row.

Siegfried and Bridei kneel behind the stone on a cushion, facing the populace. They pick up the crowns, and hold them in front of themselves.

Siegfried

And

Bridei:

I swear to keep and confirm
To the people of Northshield
The laws, customs and traditions of the realm
To defend, strengthen, and maintain them
To the best of my ability.
To seek the wise counsel
Of our Peers, Baronage and people.
I shall do and keep
In all my domains and judgments
True and right in mercy and truth.
I will strive to be vigilant as I guide her people,
To be diligent in my service to all,
And to light the way
From the Stellar Throne.
May all my strength fail me
And the world turn against me
If I break this solemn oath.
Thus swear I, (.....).

They rise, stand on the stone, and place the crowns on their heads.

Herald: All hail Siegfried and Bridei, King and Queen of Northshield.
Vivant!

Siegfried and Bridei take their place on their thrones.

Herald: There being no further business, this court of the Middle Kingdom is closed.