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Kingdom of Drachenwald**



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Introduction

While the Book of Ceremonies contains only the standard ceremonies alternate ceremonies are not only possible but encouraged, as long as the intended acts are performed. Here are some examples of ceremonies that have been used in the past. While the standard ceremonies listed in the main volume of the Book of Ceremonies change relatively little over time, the material in this companion volume can be added to more freely. In other words, more would be welcome.

In designing a new ceremony, care should be taken that the ceremony follows period practice as far as possible, while also fulfilling its intended function with regard to Society customs and laws.

A common risk in using period ceremonies is that the original ceremony may do more than it should; for instance, a patent of arms may be worded in such a way as to also grant an award of arms to the children of the newly-made peer. Many period documents would also be in violation with the restrictions on religious ceremonies that is written in Corpora II.F. Usually, a relatively small edit or even just asking everyone involved in advance will be enough to address these issues.

In many cases, the recipient of a major award has a persona from a culture that did not have a similar award or social position. In such a case, it may be possible to create something modelled after some other aspect of that culture that fulfils the requirements that our Society has for granting the award.

There are also sections in the standard ceremonies that are not necessarily suitable for use in court but are, nevertheless, worthy of not being forgotten. Please be aware that especially this last part of this companion volume to the Book of Ceremonies is in no way sanctioned by either the Crown or the College of Heralds of the Kingdom of Drachenwald.

In service,

Pietari Uv

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Part I Alternate Oaths

1 Peer's Oath

I will to my utmost power stand against all wrongdoing and uphold peace and justice, and protect fatherless and motherless children, virgins, widows and poor people; and likewise will I be a staunch and loyal supporter of my Crown and Kingdom, and rightly and honourably hold and exercise my knighthood/mastership, for the honour to the Realm, to the best of my ability.

Modelled after the oath sworn by the knights created at the coronation of Christopher, King of the union of Sweden, Denmark and Norway; 1441.

2 Heralds' Oaths

Oath for a senior Herald

This would be appropriate for a Principal Herald, Principality Herald, or a Herald Extraordinary.

1st, whensoever the Crown shall command you to give any message to any other king, prince, state, or any other person, that you shall do it as honourably and truly as your will and reason can serve you, and greatly to the advantage of our sovereign Lord and Lady and Their realm, always keeping yourself secret for any manner motion, save to such persons as you be commanded to utter your charge unto.

2ndly, you shall do your true duty to be every day more cunning than others in the office of arms, so as you may be better furnished to teach others, and execute with more wisdom and more eloquence such charges as your sovereign Lord and Lady and Their realm or of Their realm any nobleman shall lay unto you by the virtue of the office, which Their Highnesses will erect you to at this time.

3rdly, you shall do your diligence to have knowledge of all the nobles and gentlemen within your march, which should bear coats in the field in the service of our sovereign Lord and Lady, Their lieutenants, officers, and commissaries.

4thly, you shall not be unwilling to teach pursuivants or heralds, nor to ease them in such doubts as they shall move to you.

5thly, you shall observe and keep to your cunning and power all such oaths as you made when you were created a herald, to the honour and worship of noblesse and integrity of living, namely, in eschewing disreputable places and people, and always more ready to excuse than to blame any noble person, unless you be charged to say the truth by the Crown, or in any place judicial. Also you shall permit truly to register all acts of honour in manner and form as they be done, as forsooth as power and cunning may extend.

Adapted from an oath for a King of Arms, published for the SCA by Pedro de Alcazar.

Oath for a Herald

1st, you shall swear to our sovereign lord and lady the king and queen that make you of the order of herald in their excellent presence, and to be true in all manner point, and if you hear any manner of language or any other thing that should touch treason to their high and excellent persons, or to their noble and discreet council.

2nd, you shall be serviceable and secret in all points, except treason, and obedience to all knights and gentleness, to lords and ladies and to gentlemen and gentlewomen, and as a confessor of arms, and cause and counsel them to all them truth, worship, and virtue in that in you is.

3rd, you shall be true of all your reports, and diligent to seek worship, and desire to be in the places of great assembly of princes and princesses, lords, ladies, and estates of great worship, where through you may have cunning to report to your prince or princess, or other estate, such worship as is occupied there.

4th, if case fall that you be in any place, that you hear any language between gentleman and gentleman, that should touch any strife or debate between them two, and afterwards following that you be sent for to come before our sovereign, prince, lord, or judge, to bear witness of the aforesaid language, you shall keep your mouth closed, and bear no witness without leave of both parties, and with their leave you shall say the truth, and let neither for love nor for dread, but you shall say the truth.

5th, you shall be serviceable and true to all widows, maidens, of their supports in all worship, and counsel them to all virtues, and if any man would disworship them, or force them other in any manner, or otherwise take from them their goods against the laws, and of all gentleness, if they require you of your good support, you shall truly and diligently certify that to your sovereign lord, prince, lord, or judge to help them, that they may have right, in all that in you is, as the matter requires.

6th, you shall promise to you power to forsake all vices, and take you to all

virtues, and to be no common goer to taverns, the which might cause unvirtuousness and unclean language, and that you be neither a dice player nor a gambler, and that you flee places of debate and dishonest places, and the company of women dishonest. These articles and other abovesaid you swear truly to keep with all your might and power.

Adapted from an oath for a Herald, published for the SCA by Pedro de Alcazar.

Oath for a Pursuivant

You shall dispose yourself to be lowly, humble, and serviceable to all the estates of all gentleness universal, not lying in wait to blame nor to hurt none of the said estate in anything that may touch their honour.

Also you shall dispose yourself to be discreet and sober in your appearance, and be not too busy in language, ready to commend and loth to blame, and diligent in your service, eschewing from vices, and drawing to virtues, and true in reports, and so to exercise while you be in the office thereof, so that your merits may cause you more preferring in the office of arms in time coming, for while you be and stand pursuivant you stand as no one of the offices of arms, but as a servant to all kings and heralds of the office of arms, and this you shall promise to your power.

Adapted from an oath for a Pursuivant, published for the SCA by Pedro de Alcazar.

Part II Alternate Peerage Ceremonies

1 The Order of the Pelican: Johan Magnusson

This is based on the way Masters were created in the University of Paris, and on the Drachenwald ceremonies. There are a lot of heralds, as Johan himself is one; also, his medallion came with the greetings of two previous owners, and this was worked into the ceremony.

In hindsight, the ceremony might have had slightly fewer elements from the standard ceremony. It should also have explained somehow that the requirements of being over 21 years, having studied for 6 of them and taken part in public debates and promising to teach for the next couple of years are common to getting a Master's degree from any university.

Dramatis personae

- Peregrine, King
- Alessandra, Queen
- Umberto, Their Herald
- Pietari, Herald of the Order
- Jaelle, Herald of Mistress Elsbeth Ann Roth, of Æthelmearc
- Arianhwy, Herald of Master Arval Benicoeur, of East
- Johan, Master-to-be
- Dubhghall, His Herald

Court 1: Sending to Vigil

Umberto

Their Majesties call forward the Order of the Pelican

Pietari

Your Majesties, we feel there is a person here present who should by all rights be numbered among us.

Crown

Please ask this person to come forward.

Pietari

By the command of Their Majesties, the Order of the Pelican calls forward Johan Magnusson.

Dubhghall

Make way for Lord Johan Magnusson, Edelweiß Herald, Admiral commanding Their Majesties' Fleet on the Gulf of Aarnimetsä.

Pietari

Your Majesties, this is the one. He has served the Crown of Drachenwald as long as there has been one, and before that the Coronet; as the Aarnimetsä herald and treasurer; as the Albion and Edelweiß Herald of this Kingdom; and outside any of these offices as the need has arisen. He is truly our peer in his service. In his chivalry he is equally our peer; and he has been teaching anyone who wishes to learn his skills in either the heraldic or the scribal arts.

Crown

Yeah, ok. Take him away. ¹

Pietari

Let it be known that Johan Magnusson will sit his vigil in the tent by the tourney field for two hours after this court. The populace is invited to visit him, to help him reflect on his upcoming elevation to peerage.

Court 2: Elevation to Peerage

Umberto

It has long been recognised that there are those among us who are much deserving of high honour, but who, by reason of the nature and direction of their services and achievement come not to the glory of warrior or artist, yet without whom our land would not be half so blessed.

Therefore was created the Order of the Pelican, to recognise those who, possessing all the other skills, virtues, and attributes appropriate to members of the Peerage, shall also have distinguished themselves by

¹ As can be seen, this script does not always have proper lines for the various actors. The heralds had the ceremony on paper, others improvised.

sustained and exemplary service to the Kingdom and the entire Known World.

And the symbol of this Order is the pelican in her piety; for as we all know, the pelican will, when necessary, nourish her young with blood from her own breast. And this Order ranks in precedence with the Chivalry and the Order of the Laurel, and carries with it a Patent of Arms.

Their Majesties call forward the Order of the Pelican.

Pietari

Your Majesties, is it Your desire to increase our numbers at this time?

Peregrine

It is. Please call the candidate forward.

Pietari

By the command of Their Majesties, the Order of the Pelican calls forward Lord Johan Magnusson.

Dubhghall

Make way for Lord Johan Magnusson, Edelweiß Herald, Admiral commanding Their Majesties' Fleet on the Gulf of Aarnimetsä.

Alessandra

Do you and the other members of your order affirm his worthiness for this high honour, accepting him as your peer in service, and in the other attributes of peerage?

Pietari

We do.

Umberto

Is there a member of the Chivalry who wishes to speak on his behalf?

Knight

Blah blah.

Umberto

Is there a member of the Order of the Laurel to speak for him?

Laurel

Blah.

Umberto

And is there a member of the Order of the Rose to speak for him?

Rose

Blah

Pietari

Johan Magnusson: do you swear and testify that you are over twenty-one years of age?

Johan

Sure.

Pietari

And that you have studied for at least six years?

Johan

I guess.

Pietari

During this time, have you taken part in the debates of the College of Arms?

Johan

You bet!

Pietari

And last night, did you sit your vigil?

Johan

My ass is still frozen solid. ²

Pietari

Finally, do you promise to teach for the next two years, and give this Realm such other service as is expected, unless for some unforeseen reason you are prevented from fulfilling this duty?

Johan

Well...

Peregrine

Is there a medallion for this occasion?

Jelle

Blah blah.

Arianhwy

Blahity blah.

Jelle

(gives medallion to Peregrine)

Peregrine

Johan Magnusson, take from Our hands this medallion to show your new status as a Master of the Pelican.

Alessandra

And take from Our hands this cap of maintenance that all may know you for a Master.

Pietari

Ex decreto regni drachenwaldensis atque ex prece amplissimi pelecanorum in ea regno ordinis blah blah blahity scroll

² The vigil was held in a tent in a seriously sub-zero temperature. At the actual event, it turned out that it was his feet that got cold.

Umberto

Master Johan, do you wish to swear fealty to Their Majesties?

Johan

Sure, why not?

I promise to be nice.

Crown

And so do we. Have a silver armband.

Someone

Wear this cloak as the sign of your status as a Peer of the Realm.

Crown

Congratulations, Master Johan. Go now to meet your peers.

2 The Order of the Laurel: Tófa Jóhansdóttir

This is roughly based on the Laurel ceremony for Thóra Sharptooth at Pennsic XXI, done in tenth-century Viking style.

Sending to Vigil

Sigmundr:

I, Sigmundr Hákonarson, name _____, _____ and _____ to witness that I invite Marcus and Anna, King and Queen of Drachenwald, to hear my presentation of this case. I swear that I bring this suit properly on behalf of Tófa Jóhansdóttir, and against Marcus and Anna, King and Queen of Drachenwald, inasmuch as they have withheld due and proper advancement and recognition from Tófa Jóhansdóttir, by failing to elevate her to the peerage and to admit her into the Order of the Laurel, and have thereby deprived her of station and respect due to her by virtue of her skills, services, and accomplishments. I proclaim this complaint publicly that it may be heard in the court of Drachenwald where it properly belongs.

King:

This is proper and within the law. Let the Order of the Laurel be called forth to hear the merits of this case.

Herald:

All present members of the Order of the Laurel are hereby summoned to hear this case.

The Laurels come forth and sit on a bench set for the purpose.

Sigmundr:

I call _____, _____ and _____ as my witnesses to testify to the merits, skills, and accomplishments of Tófa Jóhansdóttir.

The witnesses come forward one at a time.

Witness:

Sigmundur Hákonarson has called me as his __th witness to testify to the worth of Tófa Jóhansdóttir.

...

Sigmundur:

I have proclaimed my case before this court, and I now ask that proper judgement be executed: that Tófa Jóhansdóttir be admitted to the Order of the Laurel to take her place among the peers of Drachenwald.

Queen:

Do you Companions of the Laurel judge that this case is sound and that this judgement is merited?

Laurels:

We do.

King:

We offer no defense, for We see that We have indeed been remiss. Let the lady herself be called forth.

Herald:

Their Majesties call forward Lady Tófa Jóhansdóttir.

King:

We are minded to repair this omission and create you a Mistress of the Laurel at Dies S. Anna. You will now be conducted to a place where you can consider whether you wish us to do this.

Lady Tófa is led to her vigil.

Second vigil at Dies S. Anna

This section was done in Finnish, since – with two exceptions – everyone present spoke the language.

Herald:

Her Majesty calls forward Lady Tófa Jóhansdóttir

Queen:

Lady Tófa, at the Kingdom University a case was made that you should be admitted to the Order of the Laurel. At that event you have sat at your vigil in the presence of your prospective peers. It is Our wish that you now do so again in your own barony.

Lady Tófa is led to her vigil.

Investiture

This section was, again, mostly done in Finnish.

Herald:

Her Majesty calls forward _____ , _____ and _____ .

Queen:

At the Kingdom University a case was made that Lady Tófa Jóhansdóttir should by all rights be a member of the Order of the Laurel. You were named as witnesses to this case by the plaintiff, Master Sigmundur Hákonarson. Did the Order of the Laurel agree that this case had merit?

Witnesses:

They did, Your Majesty.

Queen:

Bring Lady Tófa forward.

Escort brings candidate forward.

Escort:

My liege, it is my privilege to present Lady Tófa Jóhansdóttir that she may be made a member of the Order of the Laurel.

Queen:

Lady Tófa, right mindful of your achievement and service to Our land, and responsive to the wishes of your peers, We are minded to create you a Mistress of the Laurel. Will you accept from Us this honour and this badge of your achievement?

Tófa:

I will, Your Majesty.

Queen:

Make known Our Royal will.

Herald reads scroll, hands it to Queen, who hands it to Tófa. Queen receives the medallion and places it around Tófa's neck while she says the following.

Queen:

Tófa Jóhansdóttir, take from Our hands this token of your achievement and Our esteem. Henceforth be Mistress Tófa.

Queen:

Let the new Mistress be vested as befits her new rank.

A laurel wreath is placed on the new peer's head and a Laurel's cloak is placed around the peer's shoulders, while the herald says the following.

Herald:

From ancient times, the laurel wreath has been placed on the heads of those worthy of special honour and recognition.

The cloak is the outward sign of the Laurel's new status as a peer of the realm.

Queen:

Mistress Tófa, is it your wish to swear fealty to Us at this time?

Tófa:

If yes:

*Queen receives Sword of State. Laurel places her hands on the sword,
Queen places her hands upon Laurel's hands.*

Herald:

Will you hold Marcus and Anna your rightful King and Queen, right until the end of Their lawful reign, and support Their royal might and justice?

Tófa:

I so swear.

Herald:

Do you wish to give the Crown such counsel which is to the benefit of Them and Their Realm, and support Them in upholding the laws and fulfilling Their coronation oath?

Tófa:

I so swear.

Herald:

And will you keep secret such matters as the Crown wants to keep in confidence, and not divulge such secrets that could harm Their Realm?

Tófa:

I so swear.

Queen:

And We in turn promise to grant you and your household all the rights and privileges of old, and to protect you with the Law of the Realm.

So say We Anna, Regina

Queen raises new Laurel.

Queen:

Congratulations, Mistress Tófa.

3 The Order of the Pelican: Johanna aff Hucka

This ceremony is mostly based on Atlantian practice; a very similar ceremony was previously used for investing Master Rhys Terafan Greydragon as a Companion of the Pelican.

Court 1: Sending to Vigil

Herald

Their Majesties command the presence of the Masters and Mistresses of the Order of the Pelican.

Pelicans assemble.

Herald

It has long been recognized that there are those among us who are much deserving of high honour, but who, by reason of the nature and direction of their services and achievement, come not to the glory of warrior or throne, yet without whom Our land would not be half so blest.

For our kingdom is supported by three things: chivalry, art and service.

Therefore was created the Order of the Pelican, to recognize those who, possessing all the other skills, virtues and attributes appropriate to members of the Peerage, shall also have distinguished themselves by their sustained and exemplary service to the Society.

The symbol of this Order is a medallion bearing a Pelican in her Piety, for as we all know, the Pelican will, when necessary, nourish her young with blood from her own breast. Hence, the Pelican represents sacrifice, and in time has become the symbol of the good servant. And this Order ranks in precedence with the Chivalry and the Order of the Laurel.

Crown

Most Noble Order, are your numbers complete?

Order

No.

Crown

Then bring forth the candidate to be put on vigil to contemplate joining your order at tonight's court.

Candidate is brought forward, people make nice noises, candidate is taken off to vigil site.

Court 2: Elevation to Peerage

Crown

(to Herald) Summon my most noble order of the Pelican.

Herald

Their Majesties summon the most noble order of the Pelican into Their Presence.

Pelicans come up.

Crown

(to Pelicans) Is your number complete?

Order

No.

Crown

We must remedy this situation. Summon Johanna aff Hukka!

Herald

Let Johanna aff Hukka be brought into court.

Crown

Johanna, responsive to the wishes of your peers and of Our own good counsel, We would make you this day a member of the right noble order of the Pelican. You have been on vigil to think of what it is to be a pelican, and what the responsibilities of being one are. Are you willing to take on the burdens of this peerage?

Johanna

Yes.

Crown

Are there persons who will speak for you?

Anna

I am and I represent the Order of the Rose. I would speak of Johanna's Courtesy.

Talks for a bit with examples of her courtesy.

Edmund

I am and I represent the Order of Chivalry. I would speak of Johanna's Chivalry.

Talks for a bit with examples of her chivalry.

Terafan

I am and I represent the Order of the Laurel. I would speak of Johanna's Art.

Talks for a bit of her art.

Pietari

I am and I represent the Order of the Pelican. I would speak of Johanna's Service.

Talks for a bit of her service.

Crown

Having heard the words of these four worthies, Is it your wish that Johanna aff Hukka be admitted to Your order?

Order

yes.

Crown

Johanna aff Hukka, well pleased with your service to Our kingdom, and

right mindful of the wishes of your peers, it is Our will to create you this day a Mistress of the Pelican. Will you accept from Us this honor, and swear to uphold the rights and responsibilities of the Order?

Johanna

I will.

Crown

Will you, Johanna aff Hukka, continue to fulfil the requirements set forth for the governance of this Order as you most surely have done until now, and to increase your labours nobly, and to nourish your talents as befits a noblewoman, and to seek to disseminate your service throughout the Kingdoms of the Known World?

Johanna

Yes

Crown

Bring forth the Sword of State.

Sword is brought forward

Crown

Give now your fealty to Us and the kingdom of Drachenwald.

Then the Crown will take the medallion of the Order and gives it to Johanna.

Crown

Then take from Our hands this token of your accomplishment and Our esteem.

Johan

Wear this cloak as a symbol of our Order, to which your own labors, as much as royal recognition have raised you.

Puts cloak around her

Crown

Let it be known that on this day Johanna aff Hukka has been admitted to the Right Noble Order of the Pelican. Arise, Mistress Johanna!

Crown

Go now and greet your peers.

Herald

Let all here assembled now raise their voices in praise of Mistress Johanna, Companion of the Pelican.

Part III Sections missing from the standard ceremonies

1 The King's Order of the Companions of Albion

There are two scenes missing from the tale, after Albion gave his teeth to Yustav:

Half a year went by, and Albion came across the Prince pacing worriedly in a clearing in the forest.

And he said, "Your Highness, why dost thou pace in such an restless manner on a bright summer day?"

And Yustav said, "Friend Albion, the parents of my love are coming for the betrothal feast, but I have nothing worthy to offer them. How can I get married to her if I cannot even offer a proper feast to celebrate our betrothal?"

Albion pondered this a moment, and then with a mighty clenching of his claws he ripped open his belly, saying, "Your Highness, take these, my bowels, and have them made into trenchers. For the stomach acid of a dragon is so potent that the stringiest of meats will become succulent when eaten from them."

Yustav took up the bowels, and had them made into trenchers, and everyone was well fed and happy at his betrothal feast.

A year went by, and Albion, rather thinner for the loss of most of his digestive tract, came across the Prince sitting morosely on the stump of a fallen tree.

And he said, "Your Highness, why art thou so worried?"

And Yustav said, "Friend Albion, my wedding approaches, and I fear that I will disappoint not only my Princess but also my subjects who expect of me a son and heir."

Albion pondered this a moment, and then with a mighty clenching of his claws he grabbed between his hind legs. And he said, "Your Highness, take this, my pizzle, for with it you will be sure to satisfy the most demanding of

ladies and father the mightiest of children.”

Yustav took the pizzle from him, and got married to his Princess, and ever after have the Princes and Princesses of Drachenwald been the most noble and valiant in the Known World.

And this is why we have the slightly misspelled Order of the Dragon's Bowel and the Order of the Dragon's Jewels.

(The first section was written by Baron Pietari Uv after a chance comment by Baron Antonio de Rienzo of how he tended to misread the name of the Order of the Dragon's Bowle. The second section was, in a rudimentary form, told by Baroness Jaelle of Armida.)