

Caid Coronation Ceremony

(Note: The terms OLD-SOVEREIGN and OLD-CONSORT refer to the outgoing monarchs, and NEW-SOVEREIGN and NEW-CONSORT refer to the incoming monarchs. The current wording assumes the sovereigns are male; obviously the ceremony will need to be re-worded should a sovereign be female. Likewise some references to officers may need to have the pronouns modified.)

Their Majesties, OLD-SOVEREIGN and OLD-CONSORT, wearing the crowns, are seated on Their thrones, and are attended by such members of Their household as They wish. Her Majesty's Guard and Court have been released from formal service. The scepters have been previously been given into the keeping of the Seneschal and the Crescent Herald, to be returned to the Crown during the ceremony. The sword and tabard of the King's Champion have also been returned to the Crown, as have (optionally) the regalia of the Queen's Champions.

As the last item of business for the previous court, the herald will summon the Landed Baronage to stand as de facto court and guard, in the following manner:

CRESCENT HERALD

Their Majesties summon their vassals, the landed Barons and Baronesses of Caid, to attend them.

The Landed Baronage processes in, in Order of Precedence, and array themselves as court and guard. If there is a break between last court and this court, the Baronage will return to these spots after the break. At the appointed time, the ceremony shall begin.

OLD-SOVEREIGN

My Lord Herald, are Their Highnesses ready to assume their station?

CRESCENT HERALD

They are, Your Majesty, and they request leave to approach the Throne.

OLD-SOVEREIGN

Let Their Royal Highnesses approach.

The Royal procession, led by the Golden Rose Herald, begins to process towards the Thrones.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Your Majesties, now comes al-Caid, His Royal Highness, Prince N., with his lady, the Princess N., to claim from Your Majesties' hands the Crowns and Thrones which are rightfully theirs. This he claims by right of arms, and by the honor of his lady whose token he bore victoriously upon the field of battle. In token whereof, he here renders up his sword into Your Majesty's keeping as pledge of the loyalty he vows to these People of Caid.

The NEW-SOVEREIGN's sword-bearer approaches and kneels before the OLD-SOVEREIGN. The sword is presented to the OLD-SOVEREIGN, who takes it. The sword-bearer withdraws, and the Kingdom Earl Marshal steps forward and drops a gauntlet, delivering this challenge:

EARL MARSHAL

Be there any in the Realm who would challenge this Prince, that He be the true and rightful Heir to the Throne of Caid, let him step forth now and take up this gage, or else remain forever silent.

After a moment, the Earl Marshal picks up the gauntlet and approaches the OLD-SOVEREIGN. The OLD-SOVEREIGN delivers the NEW-SOVEREIGN's sword into the Earl Marshal's keeping, and the latter withdraws.

OLD-SOVEREIGN

Prince N. and Princess N., by law and by custom, what you ask shall be yours. Approach now, and swear on the Great Sword of Caid, won in battle by Caid's first Prince, that you will be true and gentle lieges to these people of Caid.

CRESCENT HERALD

Let representatives of the Orders of Chivalry, the Laurel, the Pelican, and Defense come forward to stand with the Baronage of Caid as witnesses.

The Peerage Secretaries approach, bearing their charters, statutes, or other tokens of peerage. OLD-SOVEREIGN and OLD-CONSORT stand. NEW-SOVEREIGN and NEW-CONSORT approach the Thrones and kneel before Their Majesties. The Seneschal brings forth the Great Sword and presents it to the OLD-SOVEREIGN. The OLD-SOVEREIGN unsheathes the Sword and holds it horizontally for the Prince and Princess to lay their hands upon it. The Seneschal withdraws.

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND NEW-CONSORT

Here do We swear by mouth and hand, to serve and protect the Crown and Kingdom of Caid, to uphold the Law of this land, to confirm all the ancient privileges of its peerage, and to serve its people always. Faith and truth will We bear unto these, Our subjects of Caid, in all matters concerning this Realm, until We depart Our Throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, N.

OLD-SOVEREIGN

All this We have heard and witnessed, N. and N. May you ever remember what you have sworn this day.

OLD-SOVEREIGN returns the Great Sword to the Seneschal. OLD-SOVEREIGN and OLD-CONSORT remove their crowns. OLD-SOVEREIGN stands holding his crown over NEW-SOVEREIGN's head. The Seneschal stands with the Great Sword unsheathed and raised, in symbol of his defense of the Kingdom during the transition of power.

OLD-SOVEREIGN

We, N., King of Caid, acknowledge you, N., as lawful heir to this Realm. Wear this crown in honor, and let its weight remind you of your duty to these your people.

OLD-SOVEREIGN places the crown on NEW-SOVEREIGN's head.

Arise, N., King of Caid.

As NEW-SOVEREIGN rises and turns to face his people, his personal banner and the banner of al-Caid are furled. OLD-SOVEREIGN's personal banner is unfurled at the same time.

CRESCENT HERALD

People of Caid, behold N., your undoubted King. Long live the King!

The Seneschal lowers the Great Sword and withdraws. OLD-CONSORT presents the Queen's crown to NEW-SOVEREIGN.

OLD-CONSORT

My Lord King, as I do acknowledge this lady lawful heiress to this Realm, I offer up this symbol of that estate, that you may crown her Queen of Caid.

NEW-SOVEREIGN receives the crown and stands holding it over NEW-CONSORT's head.

NEW-SOVEREIGN

My lady, as it was my honor to win you this estate, so it is my pleasure to crown you Queen.

NEW-SOVEREIGN places the crown on NEW-CONSORT's head.

Arise, N., Queen of Caid.

As NEW-CONSORT rises and turns to face her people, her personal banner and the banner of Lady Caid are furled. OLD-CONSORT's personal banner is unfurled at the same time.

CRESCENT HERALD

People of Caid, behold N., your undoubted Queen. Long Live the Queen!

NEW-SOVEREIGN and NEW-CONSORT exchange places with OLD-SOVEREIGN and OLD-CONSORT, assuming their thrones. OLD-SOVEREIGN and OLD-CONSORT retire, with their household. The new royal household takes its place.

The populace has Their Majesties' leave to be seated.

Golden Rose Herald replaces Crescent Herald as Court Herald. Court continues.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let the Royal regalia be brought forward.

The Great Officers of Caid will process forward, in the following order: Seneschal, Minister of Arts and Sciences, Earl Marshal, Minister of the Exchequer, Chronicler and Crescent Herald. The Seneschal presents the Great Sword of Caid.

Your Majesty, the Seneschal here delivers into Your hands the Great Sword of Caid, the Sword of Justice and the Sheath of Wisdom. With its steel defend the defenseless, and strike down the enemies to the peace of this Realm. May it never be drawn save in honor, for its appointed and rightful task.

NEW-SOVEREIGN

My Lord/Lady Seneschal, We thank you, and return this into your keeping until such time as We require it.

The Seneschal withdraws. The Minister of Arts and Sciences presents a golden rose.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Your Majesty, in the name of Your loving subjects, the Minister of Arts and Sciences begs You, as First Lady of Courtesy in this Realm, to accept this rose, bright as the purest gold, as a symbol of Your patronage of the arts in Caid.

NEW-CONSORT

My Lord/Lady, We thank you.

The Minister of Arts and Sciences withdraws. The Earl Marshal comes forward with NEW-SOVEREIGN's personal sword, and kneels to present it.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Your Majesty, the Earl Marshal returns Your own sword, by which Your chivalry is gauged. Now that Your personal honor and the honor of Caid are one, may You always keep both unstained.

The Earl Marshal withdraws. The Minister of the Exchequer comes forward and kneels presenting a chest or pouch, representing the Royal Treasury, to the Queen.

Your Majesty, the Treasury of Caid, to be used in the service of this Realm.

NEW-CONSORT

We thank you, My Lord/Lady of the Exchequer, and We return it into your good keeping.

The Minister of the Exchequer withdraws. The Kingdom Chronicler and the Crescent Herald come forward and kneel, bearing the books of law and ceremonies, respectively.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

My Lord King, receive the Book of Law, the written code by which the Crown governs the realm. Remember that Your Majesties are the Law, and only by Your just and honorable example may You truly serve all Your liege folk equally. Yours is the strength upon which the Kingdom rests.

NEW-SOVEREIGN views the book of law and returns it to the Chronicler.

My Lady Queen, take the Book of Ceremonies, which contains the words by which the Crown bestows awards and honors upon the populace. May the hand of the Queen nurture what the hand of the warrior has won. Make fruitful that which is barren, restore that which has gone to decay, nourish that which is beautiful and just, and recognize and reward the deserving.

NEW-CONSORT views the Book of Ceremonies and returns it to the Crescent Herald.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let all Kingdom Officers of Caid come forward, and kneel before Their Majesties.

As they come forward, Golden Rose continues

The Officers of Caid ensure the smooth running and functioning of this noble Realm. For this reason do they swear fealty.

The Kingdom Officers approach and kneel before the thrones. The King receives the Great Sword from the Seneschal and places it across His palms for the Officers to touch.

OFFICERS

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid; that I will faithfully discharge my office, obeying Their Majesties' lawful commands in all matters concerning this Realm; and, mindful that the harmony of Caid springs from my own deeds, that I will deal courteously and fairly with those of every degree, until the Crown depart Their throne, or death take me, or the world end. So swear I, *N.*

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND CONSORT

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Officers of Caid, and to those who serve them, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, K., King of Caid.

And so say We, Q., Queen of Caid.

The King returns the Great Sword to the Seneschal. Their Majesties raise each officer by taking his hands into Their own. Each Officer is presented with a token. After Their Majesties have returned to the thrones, the Officers bow and retire.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let the Landed Barons and Baronesses of Caid, being the representatives of the Crown in their baronies, and embodying honor and justice, come forward to swear fealty to their liege lord.

The Landed Baronage (or their representatives) approach and kneel before the thrones. Golden Rose continues

BARONAGE

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, homage to the King and Queen of Caid, and become Their true vassals, pledging to defend, represent, and answer for all my people with honor and dignity, to administer them and the affairs of this Barony with the same justice which the Crown would tender, to serve and honor my Lord King and Lady Queen in all matters concerning this Realm, and to guard Their rights with all my strength, until the Crown depart from the throne, or death take me, or the world end. So swear I, N.

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND CONSORT

And We, for Our part, do make known to all present and to come, that We do receive these Barons and Baronesses of Caid, and accept them as Our vassals, and that We will guarantee to them the Baronies held of Us against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, K., King of Caid.

And so say We, Q., Queen of Caid.

The King returns the Great Sword to the Seneschal. The Barons and Baronesses are presented with a token..After Their Majesties have returned to the thrones, the Baronage bows and retires.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let the Chivalry of Caid come forward, with their swords girded on, and kneel before Their Majesties.

As they come forward, Golden Rose continues

The Chivalry of the Realm are the protectors of peace and leaders in war. For this reason do they swear fealty.

The knights approach and kneel before the Thrones.

CHIVALRY

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent, to do and to let be, to come and to go, to strike and to spare, in such matters as concern this Realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart Their throne, or death take me, or the world. So swear I, *N.*

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND NEW-CONSORT

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these knights of Caid, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

And so say We, *Q.*, Queen of Caid.

The King and Queen raise each of the knights by taking his joined hands in their own. Each knight is presented with a token. When all of the Chivalry have been raised, and Their Majesties have returned to the thrones, the knights draw their swords, salute, sheath their swords, bow and retire.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let all Companions of the Laurel come and kneel before Their Majesties.

As they come forward, Golden Rose continues

The Companions of the Laurel hold a special place, for they preserve beauty, art and science in the Realm. For this reason do they swear fealty.

The members of the Order of the Laurel approach and kneel before the thrones.

LAUREL

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent, to do and to let be, to come and to go, to serve and to teach, in such matters as concern this Realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart Their throne, or death take me, or the world. So swear I, *N.*

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND NEW-CONSORT

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Companions of the Laurel, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

And so say We, *Q.*, Queen of Caid.

Their Majesties raise each peer, presenting each with a token. The peers bow and retire.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let all Companions of the Pelican come and kneel before Their Majesties.

As they come forward, Golden Rose continues

The Companions of the Pelican, by their service, maintain and build the Realm. For this reason do they swear fealty.

The members of the Order of the Pelican approach and kneel before the thrones.

PELICAN

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent, to do and to let be, to come and to go, to serve and to teach, in such matters as concern this Realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart Their throne, or death take me, or the world. So swear I, *N.*

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND CONSORT

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Companions of the Pelican, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

And so say We, *Q.*, Queen of Caid.

Their Majesties raise each peer, presenting each with a token. The peers bow and retire.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let all Companions of Defense come and kneel before Their Majesties.

As they come forward, Golden Rose continues

The Companions of Defense are exemplars of valor and camaraderie. For this reason do they swear fealty.

The members of the Order of Defense approach and kneel before the thrones.

DEFENSE

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid: to speak and to be silent, to do and to let be, to come and to go, to strike and to spare, in such matters as concern this Realm; in need or in plenty, in peace or in war, in living or in dying, until the Crown depart Their throne, or death take me, or the world. So swear I, *N.*

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND CONSORT

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Companions of Defense, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

And so say We, *Q.*, Queen of Caid.

Their Majesties raise each peer, presenting each with a token. The peers bow and retire.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Let all Royal Peers come and kneel before Their Majesties.

As they come forward, Golden Rose continues

As they have felt the weight of the Crown, so do the Royal Peers now come forward to renew their fealty to the Crown of Caid.

The Royal Peers approach and kneel before the thrones.

ROYAL PEERS

Here do I swear, by mouth and hand, fealty and service to the Crown and Kingdom of Caid, to continue by my example to serve and instruct, according to my means, in service to this Realm, until the Crown depart Their throne, or death take me, or the world end. So swear I, *N.*

NEW-SOVEREIGN AND CONSORT

And We, for Our part, swear fealty to these Royal Peers of Caid, and to all their households, to protect and defend them against every creature with all Our power, until We depart from the throne, or death take Us, or the world end. So say We, *K.*, King of Caid.

And so say We, *Q.*, Queen of Caid.

Their Majesties raise each peer, presenting each with a token. When all are raised and Their Majesties have returned to the thrones, the peers bow and retire.

HERALD

Their Majesties summon (King's Champion) and (Champion's Consort) before Them.

The King's Champion and his lady approach and kneel before the thrones.

N., whereas you have proven yourself second only to the King in prowess on the field at this time, and as yours is the skill which most severely tested our King, His Majesty is pleased to name you His Champion on the field.

NEW-SOVEREIGN

***N.*, bear this sword as a token of the trust invested in you this day.**

NEW-SOVEREIGN presents the Sword of the King's Champion and vests him with the tabard.

HERALD

N., your beauty and grace inspired your champion upon the field of combat. It is therefore fitting that you also be recognized; for the honor won by a warrior is a reflection of his inspiration.

NEW-CONSORT

My lady, accept this token as a symbol of the inspiration you have provided.

The Queen presents a token to Champion's Consort. Kings Champion and Champions Consort bow and retire.

If any Queen's Champion tournaments have occurred prior to Coronation for this reign, they shall be installed in the following manner.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Her Majesty summons *N.* before Her.

The named Champion approaches and kneels before the thrones.

N., whereas your skill and comportment in [Form] has well pleased Her Majesty, She is minded to name you Her [Form] Champion.

NEW-CONSORT

***N.*, bear now this favor, and defend my honor well.**

The Queen presents the regalia, and a gift to the Champion's consort.

GOLDEN ROSE HERALD

Their Majesties summon a representative of the Order of the Golden Lance of Caid to present himself before the Thrones.

As the representative of the Order comes forth, the herald continues

In the 43rd year of the Society, by treaty with the Kingdoms of Ansteorra, and Trimaris, the Crown of Caid established the Order of the Golden Lance in Caid, to recognize and promote excellence in all aspects of the equestrian arts. At the founding of this Order, Their Majesties were presented with the regalia of this Order, to mark Their status as the chief inspiration of the Order.

After the representative is present, he or she presents golden scarves to Their Majesties and makes such remarks as are appropriate. Court continues with the investiture of the Queen's Court and Guard.