

**The Book Of Ceremonies
Of The
Principality
Of
Insulae Draconis**



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Introduction

This is the third edition of the Insulae Draconis Book of Ceremonies.

The first edition, prepared by Lord Jean-Loup de Fribois and Lord Robin Bowman of Dalriada, was written for Insulae Draconis as a Crown Principality and, following Insulae Draconis becoming a Principality, a revision was needed. The second edition was orchestrated by Lord Asbiorn inn eyverski, Rockall Herald, with a great deal of assistance in creation of the new ceremonies provided by Master Robert of Canterbury. Further assistance in various stages of the project was provided by other members of Drachenwald's College of Heralds within Insulae Draconis. This third edition includes ceremonies for the new awards and updates the company names to full orders. It is also re-structured so that heralds can easily print out the ceremony for each award on a single page so as to help minimize the amount of paper-shuffling required in Court.

The ceremonies, as written here are intended as a base for Court Heralds to work from. They can be used exactly as written, but particularly for the minor ceremonies, alterations as needed are to be encouraged to prevent courts becoming stale and repetitive. There are currently alternative versions provided for the Principality Officer's Oath and the Coronet's Oath of Fealty to the Crown, plus alternative versions of the Investiture of the Heirs. Which of these you use is up to you, and the Coronet you are working with.

If any members of the College of Heralds within the Principality have possible alternative versions of any of these ceremonies (from particular cultures, based upon particular period examples, etc) they should send them to Rockall (herald@insulaedraconis.org.sca) for consideration for the next version of this Book.

The following abbreviations are used in this book

TRM	Their Royal Majesties
TCH	Their Celestial Highnesses

The longer ceremonies are shown in coloured text so as to make it easier for gentles taking part in these ceremonies to follow their way through the script.

Prince – Blue
Princess - Red
Principality Seneschal - Purple
Heirs – Green (for continuity, green is used for the new Prince and Princess immediately after their investiture)

Comments, explanations and options are given in italics and brackets.

1. Entrance into Court and Opening of Court

Herald [In procession]

All rise All rise, and give reverence to Their Celestial Highnesses
_____and _____, Prince and Princess of our fair lands
of Insulae Draconis, Marquis and Marchioness of the Lands of Endor's
Keep in the Far Isles, sworn vassals of Their Majesties Drachenwald,
_____and _____

*[This can be used either for a Court solely for TCH, or in the entrance to
a Royal Court once the Royal herald has announced TRM.]*

Herald [Once TCH are seated]

Here commences the Court of Their Celestial Highnesses
_____and _____, by Right of Arms Prince and
Princess of Insulae Draconis.

Your Highnesses, does the populace have Your leave to take their ease?

[Assuming TCH agree]

Their Highnesses bid that you take your ease.

2. Closing of Court and Exeunt

Herald

Your Highnesses, have you any further business?

[Assuming not]

There being no further business of the Court, the Court is closed.

All rise!

Long live Their Majesties!

[If there are currently Royal Heirs] Long live Their Royal Highnesses!

Long live Their Highnesses!

[If there are currently Heirs to the Principality] Long live The Heirs!

Long live Drachenwald!

Long live Insulae Draconis!

3. On the Presentation of Principality Awards

3.1 Order of Ffraid

Herald

Will all members of the Order of Ffraid please stand.

As the Prince and Princess serve the people of Insulae Draconis throughout their tenure, they set an example of service for all the people of these lands. All who enjoy the beauty and prosperity that is Insulae Draconis are expected to render service when required, to the best of their abilities.

There are those few, however, whose service consistently exceeds the expectations of their offices or ranks and who are, therefore, especially worthy of reward.

The Order of Ffraid was created to honour the memories of those whose devotion, determination and selflessness is presented as exceptional in many a tale. By this example, it is given to those persons who have served Insulae Draconis above and beyond the normal contributions of any other gentle.

And so do Their Highnesses call before them _____.

[TCH may make personal statements, the Herald reads scroll or scroll text]

For the newest member of the Order of Ffraid, Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!

3.2 Order of the Fox

Herald

Will all members of the Order of the Fox please stand.

In ancient times there were kings, revered by many, who shaped these lands we know today and whose names filled many a tale and legend. They nobly fought many foes and were a great inspiration to their men at arms and people.

Such individuals, sure of character and prowess, an inspiration to all who espy them, and whose noble demeanour brings glory and honour to Insulae Draconis are few in number. However, be it in armoured combat, fencing or archery, these few are especially deserving of just reward.

Thus does the Coronet recognise such individuals by admitting them to the Order of the Fox, that all may know these gentles and be instructed by their example.

And so do Their Highnesses call before them _____.

[TCH may make personal statements, the Herald reads scroll or scroll text]

For the newest member of the Order of the Fox, Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!

3.3 Order of the Silver Martlet

Herald

Will all members of the Order of the Silver Martlet stand.

Our Principality has always prided itself on the abundance of skilled gentles that inhabit these lands. However, when an individual has been seen to excel in such skills and scholarly expertise, when they have not only displayed their own knowledge but also shared it with others, it becomes the solemn yet joyful duty of the Coronet to reward them and thereby encourage others to further develop their own skills, whatever they may be.

History is made of such gentles whose artistic talent were well known all over the world. Yet history would not be what it is without those who first set to write it.

Therefore was created the Order of the Silver Martlet, to be granted to individuals bring to increase the beauty and wisdom of Insulae Draconis.

And so do Their Highnesses call before them _____.

[TCH may make personal statements, the Herald reads scroll, or scroll text]

For the newest member of the Order of the Silver Martlet, Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!

3.4 Order of the Sun and Chalice

Herald

Will all members of the Order of the Sun and Chalice come forward.

[Members of the order make their way into the Presence.]

As the Prince and Princess serve the people of Insulae Draconis throughout their tenure, they set an example of glory for all the people of the land. However they are not alone in being mighty examples of the excellence to which we all aspire.

There are those among us, who, by their very presence, enhance our Current Middle Ages to the betterment of all, by their demeanour, manners and enthusiasm for the activities we participate in.

Thus was formed the Order of the Sun and Chalice to hold up such individuals for all to see and strive to match and excel. The responsibilities of this company can be grave as they are expected to advise the Prince and Princess on many matters for the gain and growth of our Principality.

And so do the Their Highnesses call before them _____.

[Coronet may make personal statements, the Herald reads the scroll or scroll text]

For the newest member of the Order of the Sun and Chalice, Vivat!
Vivat! Vivat!

_____, pray now greet the other members of the Order.

[After the group hug]

The Order has Their Highnesses' leave to depart.

3.5 Order of Robin

Herald

Will all members of the Order of Robin stand.

Those who are wise and know of the adages taught in the bestiaries know that in those books the robin is not mentioned. Why might this be? Why because it is of such good courtesy that words cannot describe him, nor poetry ensnare him in description.

A redbreast brings sustenance to the hen it courts; it cares for its young; in all manner of things it bears itself with gentility. It is without like in virtue.

In these lands of Insulae Draconis there was once such a man who embodied these virtues in such measure that it was said that Robin, called Bowman, outshone even the bird his namesake. In memory of this most gentle of men was thus created the Order of Robin, to reward those whose actions are likewise incomparable in their courtesy.

And so do Their Highnesses call before them _____.

[TCH may make personal statements, the Herald reads scroll, or scroll text]

For the newest member of the Order of Robin, Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!

3.6 Award of Arms

[AoAs are tricky, in that they can be awarded for many reasons. If there is a specific reason why this award is being given then the herald is encouraged to devise an appropriate introduction. Otherwise the following may be used.]

Herald

Their Highnesses call forth _____

[Read scroll]

For the newest Lord/Lady of the Court, Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!

3.7 Viscounty

Herald

Let _____ and _____ present themselves before their Highnesses, for they have greatly enriched Our Principality, and We would honour them.

Former Prince and Princess come forward.

Herald

It is written that, heavy is the burden of the crown, and so it is, not from fear of treachery in this peaceful land, but from the weight of responsibility. As such, it is meet that those who have passed to other hands the rights and duties of the Coronet be rewarded for their attainments and service.

Prince

_____, having won the Crown of this Our beloved principality, and having ruled honourably as Prince, We do hereby affirm you as Viscount. Will you accept this honour from Our Hand?

Viscount

I will, Your Highness.

Princess

_____, having by your beauty, grace, and virtue inspired your champion to win for you the Coronet of this, Our beloved Principality and having ruled as its gracious Princess, We do hereby affirm you as Viscountess. Will you accept this honour from Our Hand?

Viscountess

I will, Your Highness.

Prince

In consensus with the Peerage, make known Our Royal will.

[If the scrolls are available, the herald reads each of them aloud. If not, read the scroll text below]

Herald

Know all men by these presents that We, _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Insulae Draconis, in recognition that _____ and _____, have reigned as Prince and Princess of these Dragon

Isles, do hereby style them Viscount and Viscountess. By Our hands and seal this ___ day of _____, Anno Societatus_____.

_____, Princeps; _____, Principissa

Herald

For _____ and _____, newest Viscount and Viscountess of these Dragon Isles, Vivant! Vivant! Vivant!

4. Investiture Court

4.1 Investiture

[If space and venue allow, seating can be arranged for Barons and Baronesses to be seated on the right of the Thrones, Peers to the left. Their Majesties will enter first, announced by their own herald.]

Herald

All rise All rise, and give reverence to Their Highnesses _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of our fair lands of Insulae Draconis, Marquis and Marchioness of the Lands of Endor's Keep in the Far Isles, sworn vassals of Their Majesties Drachenwald, _____ and _____.

[Entry of TCH]

You have Their Highnesses leave to be seated. Here opens the last court of Their Celestial Highnesses _____ and _____ Princeps Princepissaque Insularum Draconis.

[Normal court business, including dismissal of Retainers if necessary]

Prince

We stand before you as your rightful Prince and Princess, Invested as such by our predecessors _____ and _____ and acknowledged by King _____ and Queen _____ in like wise.

Princess

In keeping with law, custom and our investiture oaths, we are bound to cede our coronets and this Our fief of Insulae Draconis to our lawful successors. Therefore Rejoice, for We have Heirs Apparent, and their hour is come.

[Optional Processional (Gaudete) for entrance of the Heirs. Enter Heirs.]

Herald

Come now before you the Heirs Apparent to the Coronet of Insulae Draconis; _____ and _____.

[Heirs kneel some way before Coronet]

Herald

_____ and _____, you were triumphant at Coronet Tourney and are thus favoured to rise to the dignity of Prince and Princess, in earnest hope that by your rule these lands shall remain free and by the gift of peace be protected. On that day you took to yourselves the title of Lord and Lady of these lands, heirs apparent to the Coronets of Insulae Draconis. Do you still claim that Right?

Heirs

We do.

[Heirs Place hands between the hands of outgoing Prince and Princess]

Principality Seneschal

_____ and _____, will you hold Yourselves to the laws and customs passed on to you by your predecessors and by the Barons and people of Insulae Draconis and observe their works?

Heirs

I will.

Principality Seneschal

Will you be the protector and defender of the Principality's Officers and their Ministries?

Heirs

I will.

Principality Seneschal

Will you rule and defend through justice the Principality of Insulae Draconis, held from the Crown of Drachenwald as a fief?

Heirs

I promise that I will in all respects faithfully observe this oath.

Herald

Oh ye people of Insulae Draconis, shall you subject yourselves to such a Prince and Princess as rulers to continue this principality, to anchor by firm faith and also to obey those commandments you might owe? Then cry let it be done! Let it be done!

Populace Response

Let it be done! Let it be done!

Herald

Now shall Your hands be anointed with this balm, of the earth of your field of victory, and of all other fields where the Coronets of these lands have been contested. For as you shall hold these lands in your hands, let there be bodily health in the land.

Principality Seneschal

I anoint you with this balm before your people, in the sight of your predecessors.

[Anoint both heirs on palms. The balm is the earth of the tourney field mixed with oil.]

Prince

As you are the heirs apparent, acclaimed by the people, blessed by tradition and acknowledged by law and the officers of state, we can hold these Coronets no Longer.

Herald

These Coronets signify the Royal glory and honour of these Dragon Isles, the work of courage and the value of inspiration. They proclaim you in all things the true supporters of law and the vigorous defenders of society against all adversities. You should appear the suitable executors and profitable rulers of the principality given to you as a fief, that raised up among the glorious, adorned with the jewels of virtue, and crowned with the reward of your labours, you may bring glory without end unto this Principality of Insulae Draconis.

Princess

We accept and acknowledge you as our rightful successors.

Prince

Accept the coronets of the principality, placed by our hands upon your heads.

[Outgoing Prince and Princess place Coronets upon incoming Prince and Princess.]

Herald

Do you, _____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Insulae Draconis, rightful and lawful holders of the fief of Insulae Draconis, hereby acknowledge _____ and _____ the heirs and successors of _____ and _____ as King and Queen of Drachenwald. Do you acclaim Them as your rightful liege lords to whose line of succession our ancient predecessors William and Æringunnr, the heirs and successors of Thorvaldr and Fiona as Prince and Princess of Insulae Draconis, swore fealty as vassals for the said fief of Insulae Draconis?

Prince and Princess

So swear we.

Herald

Will you hold _____ and _____ and Their heirs and successors, to be your rightful King and Queen, binding you, and your heirs and successors, in like wise to be vassals for the aforesaid fief of Insulae Draconis, delivering to Them all those things which are Theirs by right of law and custom and reserving those ancient liberties and customs as established in the time of your progenitors?

Prince and Princess

So swear we.

Herald

Oh ye people of Insulae Draconis, is this heard and witnessed?

Omnnes

Heard and Witnessed! Aye! It is! etc

Former Princess

Rise up, and reign in your own right.

Former Prince and Princess

We greet you, our Prince and Princess.

[Kiss of Peace. Prince and Princess take thrones.]

Prince and Princess

_____ and _____ you have our thanks and those of the Principality. Go now, with our blessing.

[Former Prince and Princess retire]

Herald

For _____, who ruled with strength and grace but who have now put aside the honour and burden of the Coronets, Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!

4.2 Oaths of Fealty of Principality Officers

Herald

Let those Officers of the Principality here present who would swear their fealty to Their Highnesses come forward.

[Officers come forward.]

You shall swear to bear true and faithful councillor to their Highnesses as one of their Highnesses' Officers.

You shall not know or understand of any thing to be attempted, done or spoken about Their Highnesses' person, honour, crown or dignity royal, but you shall let and withstand the same to the uttermost of your power, and either do or cause it forthwith to be revealed either to Their Highnesses' self or to the rest of Their Privy Council.

You shall keep secret all matters committed and revealed to you as Their Highnesses' councillor or that shall be treated of secretly in council.

And if any of the same treaties or counsels shall touch any other of the officers, you shall not reveal the same to him, but shall keep the same until such time as by the consent of their Highnesses, or of the rest of the council, publication shall be made thereof.

You shall not let to give true, plain and faithful counsel at all times, without respect either of the cause or of the person, laying apart all favour, meed, affection and partiality.

And you shall to your uttermost bear faith and true allegiance to their Highnesses, their heirs and lawful successors, and shall assist and defend all jurisdictions, preeminences and authorities granted to their Highnesses and annexed to the crown, against all foreign princes, persons, prelates or potentates, whether by act of parliament or otherwise.

And generally in all things you shall do as a faithful and true councillor ought to do to their Majesties. So help you to all good and by the form and contents of this book.

Officers

We so swear.

Prince

And We swear in these things to aid and support you in your Office(s) after the course and form of our Laws and Customs used in like case afore this time.

So say we, _____ Prince.

Princess

And so say we, _____ Princess.

4.3 Retinue Fealty Oaths

Herald

Let those members of Their Highnesses retinue who would swear fealty to them now forward and make reverence before them.

[Members of retinue come forward.]

Herald

Will you hold _____ and _____ your rightful Prince and Princess until the end of Their lawful reigns?

Retinue

I so swear.

Herald

Will you honour Them, assist them in their endeavours, and support Their Royal might and justice, obeying Their commands in such matters as are Theirs to command?

Retinue

I so swear.

Prince

We do hear and accept the fealty of these, Our retinue. We in turn affirm

to protect and defend you with Our royal might and justice.

So say We _____, Princeps.

Princess

And so say We _____, Princepissa.

4.4 Oath of Fealty to Drachenwald

Intended for use at Drachenwald Coronation, otherwise the Oath in the Rite of Succession can be used

Herald

We _____ and _____ Prince and Princess of Insulae Draconis, rightful and lawful holders of the fief of Insulae Draconis, do acknowledge you, _____ and _____ as the heirs and successors of _____ and _____, to whom I/We swore fealty as vassal for the aforesaid fief of Insulae Draconis, and We will hold you as Our rightful King and Queen, binding Our heirs and successors in like wise to be Your vassals for the aforesaid fief, delivering to you all those things which are Yours by right of law and custom and reserving those ancient liberties and customs as established in the time of Your progenitors.

Prince

So swear we _____, Prince.

Princess

So swear we _____, Princess.

4.5 Alternative Oath of Fealty to Drachenwald

Adapted from the Kingdom book of Ceremonies

Herald

Let all present and to come know that We _____, Prince of Insulae Draconis and _____, Princess of Insulae Draconis, acknowledge verily to You, _____ and _____, King and Queen of Drachenwald, and to your successors that We hold and ought to hold as a fief the Principality of Insulae Draconis.

For this We make homage and fealty with hands and with mouth to You, Our King and Queen, and to Your successors, and We swear that We will always be faithful vassals to You and to Your successors in all things in which a vassal is required to be faithful, and We will defend You and all Your successors, the Kingdom and Insulae Draconis against all malefactors and invaders, and We will give You power over all the castles and manors in the Principality, in peace and in war, whenever they shall be claimed by You or by Your successors.

And if We or Our heirs or their successors do not observe to You or to Your successors each and all the things declared before, and should come against these things, We wish that the aforesaid fief should by that very fact be handed over to You and to the Kingdom of Drachenwald and to Your Successors.

Prince

So say we _____, Prince.

Princess

And so say we _____, Princess.

5 Scroll Texts that can be used for Principality Orders

5.1 Order of the Sun and Chalice

_____ and _____, By Grace of God Prince and Princess of Insulae Draconis, unto all these present lettres seeing reading or hearing know, whereas our Forebears in time past have founded the most ancient and honourable Order of the Sun and Chalice to be comprised of those who most enrich our realm by their deeds, achievements, bearing and franchise therefore do we on account of his/her own bearing, franchise and many deeds and Accomplishments witnessed and attested to by very many Peers, Barons, Lords and Commons alike of these lands of Insulae Draconis in keeping with the Law and customs of the land enrol into the most Honourable Company of Excellent Example _____ with all the customary attendant benefices rights and honours, including but not limited to the right to bear the token of Said company, to whit the Sun and Chalice from this day forth. Done by our hands, this ____th day of _____, A.S. _____ at (event) in (shire name)

_____ Prince _____ Princess

5.2 Order of Ffraid

Praise and just reward are due to those who, like unto Blessed St Ffraid who in past time by miraculous increase fed the needy, do labour to the common profit of the realm, by charitable acts of corporal mercy and civic labours both. Therefore was our Order of Ffraid established that virtuous men/women, especially discreet and capable of labouring, might by their merits and renown be known to all. We _____ and _____ Prince and Princess of Insulae Draconis, finding our Noble subject _____ to be virtuous and deserving of such honours do invest them in our order of Ffraid to join the number of that noble company in observing its Ordinances. Given at _____ in _____shire, the _____ day of our reign.

5.3 Order of the Silver Martlet

Forasmuch as Artisans, Artificers, Scholars, Craftsmen, Clerks, Cooks, (*Include the art of the recipient here*) and all others of fruitful and creative profession are greatly necessary to the prosperity of our realm, and that the increase of craft mysteries and secrets amongst the aforesaid Artisans et Alia being likewise necessary to their continuance, We _____ and _____ Prince and Princess of Insulae Draconis, do require our Worshipful Company of Artisans to admit _____ as a member of the Order of the Silver martlet that they may lawfully share the mysteries and secrets of (*Recipients art*) under the laws, articles and customs of the Order,

By our Hands this ____th day of _____, A.S. _____ at (event) in (shire name)
_____ Prince _____ Princess

5.4 Order of the Fox

Know ye, that whereas the defence of Our Lands and the keeping of Our Principality's peace are foremost in Our concerns, being mindful of Our coronation oaths, we

_____ and _____, Prince and Princess of Insulae Draconis, therefore to the furtherance of the said defence and peace of Insulae Draconis, hereby increase our Order of the Fox by addition of _____ to their number, charging the Said _____ to maintain arms as set down in our assizes and to set himself under any Justice of the peace of his shire in such matters as are lawful just and necessary

By our hands this ____th day of _____, A.S. _____ at (event) in (shire name)
_____ Prince _____ Princess