

# THE BARONY OF BOREALIS CEREMONIAL

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## Invocation of the Champion of Arrows Tournament

**Herald:** Let all who would compete for the title of Borealis Champion of Arrows come forward now before their Excellencies.

**Herald:** Today you enter the Lists to vie for the honour of being named the Borealis Champion of Arrows. Attend now the words of their Excellencies.

*(The Baron and Baroness give an inspirational speech to the competitors which outlines the responsibility of the Champion's position. At the end the competitors are directed to attend the Herald for the charge.)*

**Herald:** Do each of you now swear that should you be given victory that you will fulfill the obligations of the Borealis Champion of Arrows, and that you will abide by the laws of this Barony, and that you will, in one year hence, come forth to run the tournament to choose your successor, and that you will bear yourself, now and in the future, with the honour and skill, virtue and loyalty which must mark the Borealis Champion of Arrows?

**Competitors:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Then bear yourselves bravely in competition and strive with honour to the greater glory of the Barony of Borealis.

## Invocation of the Champion of Rapier Tournament

**Herald:** Let all who would compete for the title of Borealis Champion of Rapier come forward now before their Excellencies.

**Herald:** Today you enter the Lists to vie for the honour of being named the Borealis Champion of Rapier. Attend now the words of their Excellencies.

*(The Baron and Baroness give an inspirational speech to the competitors which outlines the responsibility of the Champion's position. At the end the competitors are directed to attend the Herald for the charge.)*

**Herald:** Do each of you now swear that should you be given victory that you will fulfill the obligations of the Borealis Champion of Rapier, and that you will abide by the laws of this Barony, and that you will, in one year hence, come forth to run the tournament to choose your successor, and that you will bear yourself, now and in the future, with the honour and skill, virtue and loyalty which must mark the Borealis Champion of Rapier?

**Competitors:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Then bear yourselves bravely in competition and strive with honour to the greater glory of the Barony of Borealis.

## Invocation of the Champion of Swords Tournament

**Herald:** Let all who would compete for the title of Borealis Champion of Sword, come forward now before their Excellencies.

**Herald:** Today you enter the Lists to vie for the honour of being named the Borealis Champion of Sword. Attend now the words of their Excellencies.

*(The Baron and Baroness give an inspirational speech to the competitors which outlines the responsibility of the Champion's position. At the end the competitors are directed to attend the Herald for the charge.)*

**Herald:** Do each of you now swear that should you be given victory that you will fulfill the obligations of the Borealis Champion of Sword, and that you will abide by the laws of this Barony, and that you will, in one year hence, come forth to run the tournament to choose your successor, and that you will bear yourself, now and in the future, with the honour and skill, virtue and loyalty which must mark the Borealis Champion of Sword?

**Competitors:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Then bear yourselves bravely in competition and strive with honour to the greater glory of the Barony of Borealis.

## Invocation of the Champion of Arts & Sciences Tournament

**Herald:** Let all who would compete for the title of Borealis Champion of Arts & Sciences come forward now before their Excellencies.

**Herald:** Today you enter this competition to vie for the honour of being named the Borealis Champion of A&S. Attend now the words of their Excellencies.

*(The Baron and Baroness give an inspirational speech to the competitors which outlines the responsibility of the Champion's position. At the end the competitors are directed to attend the Herald for the charge.)*

**Herald:** Do each of you now swear that should you be given victory that you will fulfill the obligations of the Borealis Champion of A&S, and that you will abide by the laws of this Barony, and that you will, in one year hence, come forth to run the tournament to choose your successor, and that you will bear yourself, now and in the future, with the honour and skill, virtue and loyalty which must mark the Borealis Champion of A&S?

**Competitors:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Then bear yourselves bravely in competition and strive with honour to the greater glory of the Barony of Borealis.

## Invocation of the Champion of Bardic Tournament

**Herald:** Let all who would compete for the title of Borealis Champion of Bardic come forward now before their Excellencies.

**Herald:** Today you enter this competition to vie for the honour of being named the Borealis Champion of Bardic. Attend now the words of their Excellencies.

*(The Baron and Baroness give an inspirational speech to the competitors which outlines the responsibility of the Champion's position. At the end the competitors are directed to attend the Herald for the charge.)*

**Herald:** Do each of you now swear that should you be given victory that you will fulfill the obligations of the Borealis Champion of Bardic, and that you will abide by the laws of this Barony, and that you will, in one year hence, come forth to run the tournament to choose your successor, and that you will bear yourself, now and in the future, with the honour and skill, virtue and loyalty which must mark the Borealis Champion of Bardic?

**Competitors:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Then bear yourselves bravely in competition and strive with honour to the greater glory of the Barony of Borealis.

## Invocation of the Champion of Youth Combat Tournament

**Herald:** Let all who would compete for the title of Borealis Champion of Youth Combat come forward now before their Excellencies.

**Herald:** Today you enter this competition to vie for the honour of being named the Borealis Champion of Bardic. Attend now the words of their Excellencies.

*(The Baron and Baroness give an inspirational speech to the competitors which outlines the responsibility of the Champion's position. At the end the competitors are directed to attend the Herald for the charge.)*

**Herald:** Do each of you now swear that should you be given victory that you will fulfill the obligations of the Borealis Champion of Youth, and that you will abide by the laws of this Barony, and that you will, in one year hence, come forth to run the tournament to choose your successor, and that you will bear yourself, now and in the future, with the honour and skill, virtue and loyalty which must mark the Borealis Champion of Youth?

**Competitors:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Then bear yourselves bravely in competition and strive with honour to the greater glory of the Barony of Borealis.

## Investiture of the Borealis Champions

**Herald:** Come forth \_\_\_\_\_ Borealis Champions of \_\_\_\_\_ (*Arrow, Sword, Rapier, Arts & Sciences, Bardic or Youth.*)

**Baron or Baroness:** You have served us well as a Champion of Borealis this past year. Have you held a tournament this day and chosen a successor who is worthy to serve as a Champion of Borealis?

**Current Champion:** I have.

**Baron or Baroness:** Who would you name as your replacement as Champion of \_\_\_\_\_ (*Arrow, Sword, Rapier, Arts & Sciences, Bardic or Youth.*)

*The Current Champion names the one who has won the tournament. They come forth.*

**Baroness:** \_\_\_\_\_ (*outgoing Champion*), you have completed your final duty to this great Barony. With great thanks we release you from your Champions oaths and ask you to release your regalia into our trust that we may invest your successors.

*The current champions hand over their regalia and step to the side.*

**Baron or Baroness:** You have proven yourself worthy to serve this great Barony. Is it your wish to accept this honour and take the Champion's oath?

**New Champion:** I will (hopefully yes).

*Baron produces sword, or other such symbol of state*

**Baron or Baroness:** Lay your hands upon the symbol of state.

**Herald:** Do you now swear to faithfully perform the duties of Champion of Borealis, to abide by the laws of Avacal, and to faithfully serve the Baron and Baroness and the Barony of Borealis as long as you carry the title of Champion of Borealis.

**New Champion:** I so swear.

**Herald:** And do you swear that when your Baron and Baroness marshal the forces of this Barony, there shall you be to defend them.

**New Champion:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Then receive from your Baron and Baroness the regalia of your office

**Baroness:** \_\_\_\_\_ bear this regalia as a sign of your accomplishment this day and be know as the Borealis Champion of (*Arrow, Sword, Rapier, Arts & Sciences, Bardic or Youth.*) . We charge you to wear it with honour and respect so long as you serve as Champions of Borealis.

**Baron:** Now begin your duties as our champions by taking your place of honour in our court.

**Herald:** For the new Champions of Borealis, a joyous noise!

## Presentation of the Order of the Silverwolf

**Herald:** Would the Order of the SilverWolf please present themselves before their Excellencies of Borealis.

**Herald:** Would \_\_\_\_\_ come before Their Excellencies. (*This may be up to Three names for outgoing Champions*)

**Baron:** \_\_\_\_\_, well-pleased are we with your prowess and your service as Champions of Borealis. We are right minded to admit you into the Order of the Silverwolf. Will you accept this honour from us?

**Candidate:** Yes, Your Excellency.

*The Baroness shall place the medallion of the Silverwolf around the neck of the candidate at this point.*

**Baroness:** Then take this medallion and rise to join your comrades as a member of the Order of the Silverwolf.

**Herald:** Henceforth let \_\_\_\_\_ be known as a member of the Order of the Silverwolf.

*While Their Excellencies congratulate the recipient, the herald shall exhort the cheers of the people.*

## Oath of Fealty

*Baron and Baroness will speak to the importance and meaning of Fealty. Once they have concluded, the herald shall call the populace to swear fealty*

**Herald:** Let all who would swear fealty to the Crown of Avacal through Their Excellencies come before them now

*People come forth*

**Herald:** Do you now swear to protect and defend the Barony of Borealis and the Kingdom of Avacal, to continue to enrich these lands with your knowledge and skill, and to serve and honour the traditions we hold dear within the Kingdom of Avacal?

**People:** We shall.

**Baron and Baroness:** And for our part We swear that we shall do all in Our power to protect and defend you, to nurture and see to the well-being of the Barony, so long as We remain Baron and Baroness of Borealis. So say We \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Baron and Baroness of Borealis.

## Newcomers

**Herald:** Let all for whom this is their first event, please present themselves before the Baron and Baroness of Borealis.

*The Baron and Baroness welcome them and say words about the importance of new comers.*

**Herald:** For the new friends, a joyous noise.

## Event Steward and/or Feast Stewards

**Herald:** Let the Event Steward (*and Feast Steward if there is one*) present themselves before their Excellencies.

*The Baron and Baroness talk about the job they have done. They also give the Event Steward a chance to thank their team. The Baron and Baroness will also usually present tokens of appreciation.*

**Herald:** For the efforts of those who brought us this wondrous event, a joyous noise.

## Ceremony for the Investiture of Sergeants

*Successful candidates are called forward & the Baroness may make comments on testing and the day*

**Herald:** Let it be known that the person you see before you have this day shown themselves most worthy of the rank of Sergeant (*Sergeant/Yeoman/Gallant/Courtier/Warden*) in the Barony of Borealis. They have proven themselves in courtesy, skill-at-arms, leadership, (*archery/rapier/arts & sciences*), games, dancing, heraldry, calligraphy, and the bardic pursuits. They have expressed their desire to take up the rank and the responsibilities thereof.

Your Excellency, is it your wish to accept the gentle[s] before you as your (*Sergeant/ Yeoman/ Gallant/Courtier/Warden*) of Borealis?

**Baroness:** It is.

To candidates:

**Herald:** Are you now prepared to swear fealty to her Excellency.

**Candidate:** I am

*Candidates take the hands of the Baroness*

**Herald:** Do you now swear fealty to the Baroness of Borealis. That you shall protect and defend her and her Barony with all your power and that you shall deal courteously and chivalrously with all?

**Candidate:** I so swear.

**Baroness:** And I for my part do swear to this (*Sergeant/Yeoman/Gallant/Courtier/Warden*) of Borealis and their households, to protect and defend them with all my power so long as I remain Baroness of Borealis. So say I, \_\_\_\_\_, Baroness of Borealis.

*Belts are then received by the Baroness to put the belts on the candidates.*

**Herald:** For the newest Sergeant of Borealis, three cheers.

*At this time, the Baroness may also wish to bestow favours on the candidates.*



# Awards of Borealis

## Presentation of the Order of the Golden Letter

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, come before Their Excellencies.

*The candidate(s) kneeling, Their Excellencies may wish to inform the court of the accomplishments which have occasioned the award. The herald shall read the scroll text:*

**Baron or Baroness:** Hear the Words of our Herald

### *Scroll Text*

**Herald:** For the newest member of the Order of the Golden Letter, a joyous noise.

## Presentation of the Order of the Wolf's Paw

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, come before Their Excellencies.

*The candidate(s) kneeling, Their Excellencies may wish to inform the court of the accomplishments which have occasioned the award. The herald shall read the scroll text:*

**Baron or Baroness:** Hear the Words of our Herald

### *Scroll Text*

**Herald:** For the newest member of the Order of the Wolf's Paw, a joyous noise.

## Presentation of the Order of the Youngs Wolf

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, come before Their Excellencies.

*The candidate(s) kneeling, Their Excellencies may wish to inform the court of the accomplishments which have occasioned the award. The herald shall read the scroll text:*

**Baron or Baroness:** Hear the words of our Herald

### *Scroll Text*

**Herald:** For the newest member of the Order of the Youngs Wolf, a joyous noise.

## Presentation of the Cup of Borealis

**Herald:** Let the holder of the Cup of Borealis come before Their Excellencies.

*After they have arranged themselves before Their Excellencies, the herald shall call forward the candidate, who will kneel before the Baron and Baroness.*

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, come before Their Excellencies.

*The candidate(s) kneeling, Their Excellencies may wish to inform the court of the accomplishments which have occasioned the award.*

*A scroll may be presented and if so, the Baron or Baroness will get their herald to read the text.*

**Baron or Baroness:** Hear the words of our Herald

### *Scroll Text*

**Baron or Baroness:** Bear then this Cup for the next year where you will consult with us to help choose who will bear it next.

**Herald:** For the bearer of the Cup of Borealis, a joyous noise.

## Presentation of the Order of the Golden Spoon

*At the Baron's command, the herald shall call forward the members of the Order of the Golden Spoon.*

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, come before Their Excellencies of Borealis.

*The candidate(s) kneeling, Their Excellencies may wish to inform the court of the accomplishments in the kitchen and cooking in general which have occasioned the award.*

*A scroll may be presented and if so, the Baron or Baroness will get their herald to read the text.*

**Baron or Baroness:** Hear the words of our Herald

### *Scroll Text*

**Herald:** For the newest member of the Order of the Golden Spoon, a joyous noise.

## Presentation of the Order of the Caske

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, come before Their Excellencies.

*The candidate(s) kneeling, Their Excellencies may wish to inform the court of the accomplishments in the arts of brewing which have occasioned the award.*

*A scroll may be presented and if so, the Baron or Baroness will get their herald to read the text.*

**Baron or Baroness:** Hear the words of our Herald

### *Scroll Text*

**Herald:** For the newest member of the Order of the Caske, a joyous noise.