

The Barony of Adiantum Ceremonial

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the Wanderer, in service to Adiantum.

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For Their Excellencies Brutus Solamon and Katerine Martel,
Baron and Baroness of Adiantum.

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For Their Excellencies Tadhg O'Murchadha the Wanderer and Morrghan O'Siodhachain,
Baron and Baroness of Adiantum.

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Carlisle, Master Tadhg O'Murchadha the Wanderer, and HL Lucius von Bamberg for
Their Excellencies Evan Dunbar and Ayla Roth, Baron and Baroness of Adiantum on the
day of their Investiture.

Notes on the 3rd revision text:

- Throughout this document, red lettering is used to indicate a point of historical interest or commentary by one of those working on the ceremonial. It may be informative and could be used to provide background to the awards if it is desired, but it is not intended to be read aloud by the herald as it is not part of the ceremony.
- Any text in italics is meant as stage directions for the herald, and should not be read aloud.
- Brackets ([]) indicate that the herald will need to insert a name or number in this place. Similarly, underlined spaces are utilized in the same manner (generally for the day/date/AS/year). It would be best if the herald were prepared with this information prior to court.
- Words in bold text are meant to be read aloud by the herald or, if indicated by the text, prompted by the herald to be said by their Excellencies.

WORKING NOTES:

I started to run out of steam after the end of the Baronial Awards but made it into the Champions section. (4/6/19).

I envision putting a table of contents at the beginning of the document so that awards and ceremonies can be quickly found if desired. (4/6/19)

There is a noticeable difference in the way in which older award ceremonies (those listed first) and newer ones end. The “So Say We” at the end started seeing common usage during and following the tenure of Brutus and Kate. Ceremony endings can be kept as they are or modified to be consistent across ceremonies according to the whim of their Excellencies. (4/6/19)

OPENING COURTS

PROCESSIONS:

All rise for [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], Baron and Baroness of Adiantum.

When their Excellencies are settled, continue with the text below.

NON-PROCESSIONS:

Thus begins the Court of [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], Baron and Baroness of Adiantum.

Quietly ask their Excellencies if the populace may be seated and then proceed

You have Their Excellencies’ leave to make yourselves comfortable.

CLOSING COURTS (LONG FORM)

Thus ends the court of [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness].

For Their Majesties, long live _____ and _____ [first names of the Crown]

Only if there are heirs to the Crown at that time:

For Their Royal Highnesses, long live _____ and _____ [first names of the Crown Heirs]

For Their Highnesses of the Summits, long live _____ and _____ [first names of their Alpine Highnesses]

For Their Highnesses of Tir Righ, long live _____ and _____ [first names of the Coronet and Consort]

For Their Excellencies, long live [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baron(ess)] *if there are visiting Barons and Baronesses as guests in court, repeat this section with their names as a courtesy.*

Adiantum! Summits! (x2) An Tir! (x3)

You have Their Excellencies' leave to depart.

CLOSING COURT (SHORT FORM)

Thus ends the court of [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], Baron and Baroness of Adiantum.

For Their Majesties An Tir: Long life!

Only if there are Crown Heirs: For Their Royal Highnesses: Long life!

For Their Highnesses of Summits: Long life!

For Their Highnesses of Tir Righ: Long life!

For Their Excellencies of Adiantum: Long life!

If there are visiting Barons and/or Baronesses as guests in the Court:

For Their Excellencies of [Name of Branch]: Long life!

Adiantum! Summits! (x2) An Tir! (x3)

You have Their Excellencies' leave to depart.

ORDER OF THE BARONIAL BROWNIE

The audience usually knows all of the words of the ceremonial for this award, and everyone chants along. The fact that we have fun with this award does not make it any less of an honor. This award was made in the long-ago past in remembrance of an Adiantum fundraiser where EVERYBODY brought brownies!

This award is the first level of recognition for service in Adiantum.

Call recipient forward and have them kneel before their Excellencies.

Know all gentles by these presents that We, [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], Baron and Baroness of Adiantum, being greatly pleased with the noble Gentles who contributed so generously to the success of our great Barony, do hereby wish to give them public recognition of our gratitude. Therefore, we Bestow upon our worthy subject, [Name of Recipient], the Great and Glorious [beat] Noble and Prestigious [beat] Splendid and Magnificent [beat] Baronial Brownie. And it shall be the exclusive right of the bearers of this award to wear a badge, being argent, a brownie proper, to be known as a [beat] Brownie Button. Furthermore, We hereby confirm Adiantum's first sumptuary Law: We grant bearers of this award the exclusive right to wear brown saw tooth dags on their clothing, these to be known as [beat] Brownie Points. Signed this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatus _____, known as _____ Gregorian.

Three cheers or a Joyous Noise for the recipient.

COLLAR AND CHAIN

Dating to the time of Ulfheddin and Reginlief, this award was not presented for a number of years, which led to some confusion between this award and the Order of Adiantum, which is the highest level Baronial award for service to the Barony.

This award is the second level of recognition for service in Adiantum (after the Baronial Brownie). It is on the same level as the Fern and Quill and Vigilant Bear.

Call recipient forward and have them kneel before their Excellencies.

A Barony stands or falls on the labor of its subjects.

Our Barony of Adiantum has always been blessed with a multitude of hard working and talented citizens. Occasionally, one individual clearly stands forth, contributing far above the call of any office or position. In order to recognize such individuals, thus was created the Collar and Chain. It is our pleasure to continue and add to the roll of this award. Therefore, do we, [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], Baron and Baroness of Adiantum, hereby confer upon you the Collar and Chain, and add you to the roll that all may know you and recognize your service.

Signed this ____ day of _____, Anno Societatus _____, known as _____ Gregorian.

Three cheers or a Joyous Noise for the recipient.

FERN AND QUILL

This award is the first level of recognition for arts and sciences in Adiantum. It is on the same level as the Collar and Chain and the Vigilant Bear.

Call recipient forward and have them kneel before their Excellencies.

Bright is the noble work of your hands, your skill and dedication have added immeasurably to, and greatly enriched our Barony. As you have wrought beauty and inspired others to do the same, We, [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], Baron and Baroness of Adiantum, hereby confer upon you the FERN AND QUILL. Adiantum recognizes you for your inspiration in the arts and sciences and we now add you to the roll that all may know you and recognize your abilities.

Signed this ____ day of ____, Anno Societatus ____, known as ____ Gregorian.

Three cheers or a Joyous Noise for the recipient.

VIGILANT BEAR

This award is the first level of recognition for martial skill. There is precedence (dating to the tenure of Tadhg and Morrghan) for presenting this award for skill in all armed combat disciplines, including archery and thrown weapons. It is on the same level as the Fern and Quill and Collar and Chain.

It has been modified below from its original format by creating a space to specify the discipline that has earned the recipient the award.

Call recipient forward and have them kneel before their Excellencies.

Should war ever threaten the gates of this Barony, We, [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], Baron and Baroness of Adiantum, shall depend on the martial skills of our fighters to defend our walls and people. Your prowess in [Name of Discipline] is such that we may rest easier and turn our thoughts to other matters, knowing that no enemy shall lightly take up arms against us. In thanks, we therefore recognize you, [Name of Recipient], as a Vigilant Bear of Adiantum.

Signed this ___ day of ____, Anno Societatus ____, known as ___ Gregorian.

Three cheers or a Joyous Noise for the recipient.

ORDER OF ADIANTUM

This award is given for exceptional service to Adiantum and its people over a

considerable time. It is the highest award for service in Adiantum.

Call recipient forward and have them kneel before their Excellencies.

Long have you toiled nobly in service to this Barony at every level, and in so doing laid foundations for future heights. Your service forms a cornerstone upon which the noble edifice of Adiantum is raised. Therefore, We, [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], Baron and Baroness of Adiantum, are minded to admit you, [Name of Recipient], to the Order of Adiantum.

Done by our hand this ____ day of ____, Anno Societatus ____, known as ____ Gregorian.

Three cheers or a Joyous Noise for the recipient.

BAND OF BRIARS

This award is given to those who have provided notable effort in the cause of clearing event sites for Adiantum. It was created specifically by Baroness Katerine and Baron Brutus to recognize those who had done work on the Egil's site at Lynx Hollow. It is

based on a monologue originally written by Shakespeare.

Call recipient forward and have them kneel before their Excellencies.

Hear us well. This story shall the good gentles teach their children:

And time shall ne'er go by,

From this day to the ending of our Society,

But you before us all shall be remember'd.

You few, you thorny few, you Band Of Briars:

For whosoever sheds sweat and blood with thee

Shall be thy brother or sister.

Tho' the burden be ever so vile,

This Band shall gentle their condition.

And lords and ladies in Adiantum now a-bed

Shall think themselves accursed that they were not here

and hold their deeds cheap whiles any speaks

that cleared land with us for Honour and for Adiantum.

**Let it be known to all who are within sounding of the cry or the spread of wordfame
that here stands [Name of Recipient], a member of The Band of Briars.**

Given upon this _____ day of _____ AS _____, being _____ Gregorian.

Prompt their Excellencies to say:

BARON/ESS: So say I, [name], Baron of Adiantum. So say I, [name], Baroness of Adiantum.

Three cheers or a Joyous Noise for the recipient.

ORDER OF THE GOLDEN COMB

This award was created by Brutus and Katerine to recognize the most exceptional period (or period-looking) encampment at Egil's. The scroll was unique each year that it was given during their tenure.

The herald begins reading the ceremony without calling forth the recipients.

Long ago, in a land that was soon to be known as The Kingdom of the West, a group of people gathered together to celebrate a Dream. They dreamt of time long past when noble Knights fought for the honour of their Inspirations, when Kings and Queens wisely ruled, and Ladies and the young walked the dark hours unafraid.

They first dreamt the Dream that we all Live together to this Day. In the spirit of that Dream was created The Golden Comb to be awarded once a year to the camp that best embodies the spirit of that long-ago vision by best creating the illusion that we are in another time and place through the creation of the most period encampment. Therefore, their Excellencies call before them representatives of the encampment known as: [Name of Household/Camp], that they may receive their due praise.

Their Excellencies may have words for the populace or the household. The herald then prompts their Excellencies as follows:

BARON: In our Society, we are all dreamers.

BARONESS: Your encampment wove the most enchanting dream of all, and made our lands lovelier by its presence.

BOTH: We praise you for your efforts and bestow upon you the Golden Comb of Adiantum.

Done this _____ day of _____ A. S. _____, being _____ Gregorian.

ORDER OF COURTESY OF ADIANTUM

This award dates to the tenure of Tadhg and Morrghan and is presented for exceptional courtesy.

NOTE: "Illuminate" can sound like "eliminate" if the Court Herald is not careful. Please enunciate clearly.

Call recipient forward and have them kneel before their Excellencies.

HERALD: In the Barony of Adiantum, the Sun's appearance is heralded with joy as we bask in its life-giving warmth. Its rays give us what we need to live in prosperity, abundance, and peace. In our Society, the virtue of Courtesy also brings joy. It warms the hearts of both those who experience that Courtesy directly and those who hear about it long afterward. It shows our noble spirit. It empowers our Dream.

As the rising sun shines its rays over everything and lights and warms all those both near and far, so in the same way can We illuminate renowned Courtesy

and display it like a shining sun for all to see. [Name of Recipient], your deeds have shone forth brightly. Thus, do We, [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], Baron and Baroness of Adiantum, induct you into the Order of Courtesy of Adiantum. We recognize you for your inspiration and add you to the roll so that all may know the light and warmth that you bring to all by your Courteous deeds.

Done this ____ day of _____ A. S. _____, being ____ Gregorian.

Prompt their Excellencies to say:

BARON/ESS: So say I, [name], Baron of Adiantum. So say I, [name], Baroness of Adiantum.

ORDO AUREI URSI

As indicated in the ceremony, this was originally created by Baroness Katerine as a mark of the Baroness' Favor and is given at the pleasure of the Baroness of Adiantum. This new ceremony was created for Baroness Ayla's use.

The herald begins the ceremony without calling up the recipient.

HERALD: It came to pass that Katerine, 7th Baroness of Adiantum, did desire to create an Order for the purpose of recognizing those who had through their efforts earned her favor. For this order was created a Badge, being: Sable, a bear's paw print and a bordure Or. Her Excellency, [Name of Baroness] does now call before her [Name of Recipient] that they should receive this mark of that favour.

The Baroness's personal words about the recipient come here, followed by the herald reading the following lines:

[Name of Recipient], Being chosen to be one of the Honorable Order of the Golden Bear, do you promise and swear with your heart and your hand that, wittingly or willingly you shall not break any statute of the said Order or any Articles in them contained and that you will aid, support and defend with all your power the Barony of Adiantum and provide honest council and true service to it's Baroness? Recipient responds. Rise, and henceforth be known as one of the Ordo Aurei Ursus!

Done this _____ day of _____ A.S. _____, being _____ Gregorian.

Three Cheers or Joyous Noise

TRANSFER OF GREATER OFFICES

It is helpful to know ahead of time whether the new officer will be swearing fealty or service. When prompted by the text use either fealty or service, depending on what the candidate has chosen to swear to. Check to see that the out-going officer has brought their symbol(s) of office; if there are no symbols of office, they do not need to be mentioned during the ceremony. Check to ensure that Their Excellencies will be appointing the recommended replacement.

At the Baronial command, the Herald will call for the attention of the people.

[Name of Outgoing Officer] the [Name of Office] of Adiantum, has business with Their Excellencies.

The officer will come and kneel before Their Excellencies.

What is your business with Their Excellencies?

Prompted by herald

OFFICER: I have come to resign my office of [Name of Office]. I return unto Your Excellencies the symbols of my office, and commend to Your consideration as my successor, [Name of Incoming Officer].

The retiring officer will return the symbols of office which s/he may have received. The herald prompts their Excellencies.

BARON/ESS: We thank you for your service to the Barony and people of Adiantum.

The retiring officer will be given leave to depart.

Let [Name of Incoming Officer] come before Their Excellencies.

The new officer will come and kneel before Their Excellencies.

[Name of Incoming Officer], Their Excellencies have chosen you to succeed to the office of [Name of Office]. Are you prepared to undertake the tasks and responsibilities of that Office, to serve the Barony and people of Adiantum, and to swear fealty/service to Their Excellencies?

Prompted, if necessary

OFFICER: I am.

Do you now swear fealty/service to [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], your undoubted Baron and Baroness, that you will faithfully discharge your offices, obeying Their Excellencies' lawful commands in all matters that concern this Barony, and mindful that the harmony of the Barony springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously with those of every degree so long as Their Excellencies remain Baron and Baron(ess) of Adiantum?

Prompted, if necessary

OFFICER: I so swear.

Prompted by the herald

BARON/ESS: And We, upon our honor, swear fealty/service to this officer of Adiantum, and to all who serve under them, and to their household, to protect and defend them with all Our power, so long as We remain Baron and Baron(ess) of Adiantum. So say We, [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum. And We, [Name of Baroness], Baroness of Adiantum. Then take from Our hands these symbols of office, and bear them in good and faithful service to the Barony of Adiantum. Henceforth be [Name of Office] of the Barony of Adiantum.

Three cheers for the new Officer of Adiantum.

BARONIAL DEFENDER (HEAVY CHAMPION)

The herald may wish to prepare before the ceremony by ensuring that the victor has a sword and scabbard to bring up with them (or modify that part of the ceremony). They should also remind their Excellencies about the bit with the sword, since explaining it on the fly may prove difficult. Determine if victor will swear fealty or service beforehand.

The Baron and Baron(ess) of Adiantum call before them the victor of the Heavy Defenders' lists, [Name of Victor], who shall present themselves with their sword.

After the victor has presented themselves before their Excellencies, they present their sword with these words, prompted by herald

VICTOR: Victorious today, I would serve as your Defender.

The Baroness picks up the sword, holds the hilt to the Baron, who draws the sword and holds it up for display. The following lines are prompted by the herald.

BARON/ESS: We find this a fit and worthy weapon and accept your service.

Placing the sword of the victor behind the thrones, the Baroness will then hand over the sword of Adiantum to the Baron for the oaths. The Sword of Adiantum is laid across the Baroness's left hand while held also by the Baron. The Victor then places their palms upon the blade. The herald prompts these next sections.

DEFENDER: Here do I swear with my Heart and my Hand my Fealty/Service to the Barony of Adiantum. As I have earned this by virtue of my Sword, My Shield, and my Sweat, now do I pledge all three to the service of Adiantum. This I swear until I am released from this oath, Death takes me, or the world ends. So say I, [Name of Defender].

BARON/ESS: This oath do We hear, and on Our honor, We pledge to you and your household our protection. We will watch over and shelter you, guide and encourage you, meeting loyalty with affection, fealty/service with love, and oath-breaking with justice. So say We, [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum. So say We, [Name of Baron(ess)], Baron(ess) of Adiantum.

Sheathe the Sword of Adiantum.

BARON/ESS: Take the sword of Adiantum from our hands and take your place at our side.

Three cheers for the new Defender/Heavy Champion of Adiantum.

BARONIAL CHAMPION (RAPIER)

The herald may wish to prepare before the ceremony by ensuring that the victor has a sword and scabbard to bring up with them (or modify that part of the ceremony). They should also remind their Excellencies about the bit with the sword, since explaining it on the fly may prove difficult. Determine if victor will swear fealty or service beforehand.

The Baron and Baron(ess) of Adiantum call before them the victor of today's Rapier Championship, [Name of Victor], who shall present themselves with their sword.

After the victor has presented themselves before their Excellencies, they present their sword with these words, prompted by herald

VICTOR: Victorious today, I would serve as the Champion of Rapier in this Barony.

The Baroness picks up the sword and after inspecting it, passes it to the Baron who does the same. The following lines are prompted by the herald.

BARON/ESS: We find this a fit and worthy weapon and accept your service.

The Baroness will then lay the sword across her hand while it is held also by the Baron. The Victor then lays their palms upon the blade. The herald prompts these next sections.

VICTOR: Here do I swear with my Heart and my Hand my Fealty/Service to the Barony of Adiantum. As I have earned this by virtue of my Blade, my Hand, and my Sweat, I pledge all three to the service of Adiantum. I would be your Champion, of it pleases you. This I swear until I am released from this oath, Death takes me, or the world ends. So say I, [Name of Defender].

BARON/ESS: This oath do We hear, and on Our honor, We pledge to you and your household our protection. We will watch over and shelter you, guide and encourage you, meeting loyalty with affection, fealty/service with love, and oath-breaking with justice. So say We, [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum. So say We, [Name of Baroness], Baroness of Adiantum.

If applicable, sheathe the rapier.

BARON/ESS: Take your rapier and regalia from our hands and take your place at our side.

Three cheers for the new Rapier Champion of Adiantum.

BARONIAL CHAMPION (ARCHERY)

The herald may wish to prepare before the ceremony by ensuring that the victor has their bow to bring up with them. They should also remind their Excellencies about the bit with the bow, since explaining it on the fly may prove difficult. Determine if victor will swear fealty or service beforehand.

The Baron and Baron(ess) of Adiantum call before them the victor of today's Archery Championship, [Name of Victor], who shall present themselves with their bow.

After the victor has presented themselves before their Excellencies, they present their bow with these words, prompted by herald

VICTOR: Victorious this day, I would serve as Champion of the Bow in this

Barony.

The Baron picks up the bow, and after inspecting it, passes it to the Baroness who does the same. The following lines are prompted by the herald.

BARON/ESS: We find this a fit and worthy weapon and accept your service.

The Baroness will then lay the bow across her hand while it is held also by the Baron. The Victor then lays their palms upon the bow. The herald prompts this next section.

VICTOR: Here do I swear with my Heart and my Hand my Fealty/Service to the Barony of Adiantum. As I have earned this by virtue of my Bow, my Hand, and my Sweat, I pledge all three to the service of Adiantum. If it pleases your Excellencies, I would be your Champion. This I swear until I am released from this oath, Death takes me, or the world ends. So say I, [Name of Champion].

BARON/ESS: This oath do We hear, and on Our honor, We pledge to you and your household our protection. We will watch over and shelter you, guide and encourage you, meeting loyalty with affection, fealty/service with love, and oath-breaking with justice. So say We, [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum. So say We, [Name of Baroness], Baroness of Adiantum.

BARON/ESS: Take your bow and regalia from our hands and take your place at our side.

Three cheers for the new Archery Champion of Adiantum.

BARONIAL CHAMPION (EQUESTRIAN)

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The Baron and Baroness of Adiantum call before them the victor of today's Equestrian championship, [Name of Victor].

After the victor has presented themselves before their Excellencies, they are prompted by herald

VICTOR: Victorious this day, I would serve as Champion of the Horse in this Barony.

BARON/ESS: We find your skill fit and worthy of service.

The herald prompts this next section.

VICTOR: Here do I swear with my Heart and my Hand Fealty/Service to the Barony of Adiantum. As I have earned this by virtue of my skill, my Horse, and my Heart, I pledge all three to the service of Adiantum. If it pleases your Excellencies, I would be your Champion. This I swear until I am released from this oath, Death takes me, or the world ends. So say I, [Name of Champion].

BARON/ESS: This oath do We hear, and on Our honor, We pledge to you and your household our protection. We will watch over and shelter you, guide and inspire you, meeting loyalty with affection, fealty/service with love, and oath-breaking with justice. So say we, [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum. And so say we, [Name of Baron(ess)], Baron(ess) of Adiantum.

BARON/ESS: Take your regalia from Our hands, and take your place at Our side.

Three cheers for the new Equestrian Champion.

BARONIAL CHAMPION (ARTS AND SCIENCES)

The herald may wish to prepare before the ceremony by ensuring that the victor has an example of their art/science to bring up with them. They should also remind their Excellencies about the part where they examine the object, since explaining it on the fly may prove difficult. Determine if victor will swear fealty or service beforehand.

The Baron and Baroness of Adiantum call before them the victor of today's Arts and Sciences Competition, [Name of Victor] who shall present themselves with an example of their Craft/Art or Science.

Prompted by herald

VICTOR: Victorious today, I would serve as your Champion of the Arts and Sciences in this Barony. I bring to you today the labors of my mind, hands, and heart and would serve as your Arts and Sciences Champion.

The Baron picks up the item, and after inspecting it, passes it to the Baroness who does the same. The following lines are prompted by the herald.

BARON/ESS: We find your efforts fine and worthy and accept your service.

The Baroness will then lay the regalia in her hand while it is held also by the Baron. The Victor then lays their palms upon the regalia. The herald prompts this next section.

VICTOR: Here do I swear with my Heart and my Hand my Fealty/Service to the Barony of Adiantum. As I have earned this by virtue of my Art/Science, My Heart, and my Sweat, now do I pledge all three to the service of Adiantum. If it pleases your Excellencies, I would be your Champion. This I swear until I am released from this oath, Death takes me, or the world ends. So say I, [Name of Champion].

BARON/ESS: This oath do We hear, and on Our honor, We pledge to you and your household our protection. We will watch over and shelter you, guide and encourage you, meeting loyalty with affection, fealty/service with love, and oath-breaking with justice. So say We, [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum. So say We, [Name of Baroness], Baroness of Adiantum.

BARON: Take your regalia from our hands and take your place at our side.

Three cheers for the new Arts and Sciences Champion of Adiantum.

BARDIC CHAMPION

HERALD: The Baron and Baron(ess) of Adiantum call before them the victor of today's Bardic Competition, [Name of Victor].

The Victor enters the court and kneels before the Baron and Baroness.

VICTOR: I bring to you today my mind and heart and would serve as your Bardic Champion.

BARON/ESS: We find your efforts fit and worthy accept your offer of Fealty/Service.

The Victor (now Champion) places his/her hands on the symbol of their Fealty/Service.

CHAMPION: Here do I swear by my Heart and my Hand Fealty/Service to the Barony of Adiantum. As I have earned this by virtue of my mind, heart, and deeds,

if it pleases your Excellencies, I would be your Champion. This I swear until I am released from this oath, Death takes me, or the world ends. So say I, [Name of Champion].

BARON/ESS: This oath do We hear, and on Our honor, We pledge to you and your household our protection. We will watch over and shelter you, guide and inspire you, meeting loyalty with affection, fealty/service with love, and oath-breaking with justice. So say we, [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum. And so say we, [Name of Baroness], Baroness of Adiantum.

BARON/ESS: Take your regalia from our hands and take your place at Our side.

Three cheers for the new Champion.

THROWN WEAPONS CHAMPION

HERALD: The Baron and Baron(ess) of Adiantum call before them the victor of today's Thrown Weapons Competition, [Name of Victor].

The Victor enters the court and kneels before the Baron and Baroness.

VICTOR: I bring to you today my mind and heart and would serve as your Thrown Weapons Champion.

BARON/ESS: We find your efforts fit and worthy accept your offer of Fealty/Service.

The Victor (now Champion) places his/her hands on the symbol of their Fealty/Service.

CHAMPION: Here do I swear by my Heart and my Hand Fealty/Service to the Barony of Adiantum. As I have earned this by virtue of my skill, heart, and deeds, if it pleases your Excellencies, I would be your Champion. This I swear until I am released from this oath, Death takes me, or the world ends. So say I, [Name of

Champion].

BARON/ESS: This oath do We hear, and on Our honor, We pledge to you and your household our protection. We will watch over and shelter you, guide and inspire you, meeting loyalty with affection, fealty/service with love, and oath-breaking with justice. So say we, [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum. And so say we, [Name of Baroness], Baroness of Adiantum.

BARON/ESS: Take your regalia from our hands and take your place at Our side.

Three cheers for the new Champion.

SWEARING IN OF BARONIAL OFFICERS TO THE BARON/ESS

HERALD: Let [Names of Offices] come before Their Excellencies.

The Officer comes before the Baron and Baroness.

HERALD: [Name of Officer], are you prepared to undertake the tasks and responsibilities of your Office, to serve the Barony and people of Adiantum, and to swear fealty/service to Their Excellencies?

OFFICER: I am.

The Herald ascertains whether the Officer wishes to swear Fealty or Service.

(FEALTY)

HERALD: Do you now swear fealty to [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], your undoubted Baron and Baroness, that you will faithfully discharge your offices, obeying Their Excellencies' lawful commands in all matters that concern this Barony, and mindful that the harmony of the Barony springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously with those of every degree so long as Their Excellencies remain Baron and Baroness of Adiantum?

OFFICER: I so swear.

BARON/ESS: And We, on Our honor, swear fealty to this officer of Adiantum, and to all who serve under him/her, and to his/her household, to protect and defend them with all Our power, so long as We remain Baron and Baroness of Adiantum. So say We, [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum, and We, [Name of Baroness], Baroness of Adiantum.

(SERVICE)

HERALD: Do you now swear service to [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], your undoubted Baron and Baroness, that you will faithfully discharge your offices, obeying Their Excellencies' lawful commands in all matters that concern this Barony, and mindful that the harmony of the Barony springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously with those of every degree so long as Their Excellencies remain Baron and Baroness of Adiantum?

OFFICER: I so swear.

BARON/ESS: And We, on Our honor, wish to support them in their service to the Barony, to protect and defend them with all Our power so long as we remain Baron and Baroness of Adiantum. So say We, [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum, So say We, [Name of Baroness], Baroness of Adiantum.

(AFTER EITHER OATH)

BARON/ESS: Take from Our hands these symbols of office, and bear them in good and faithful service to the Barony of Adiantum.

The HERALD will exhort the cheers of the populace as the new Officer departs to his/her place.

INDUCTION OF NEW SERGEANTRY

HERALD: Let it be known that [Name of Inductee] did with much honor and skill undertake and successfully complete the trials set down by [Name of Baroness], Baroness of Adiantum. The trials were created to find those most worthy and capable of joining the ranks of Her Sergeantry.

BARONESS: We have tested this Candidate's honor, courtesy, and prowess at arms, bearing witness to their grace and artistry at Court. The candidate, having met all challenges of martial endeavor, gentle arts, diverse knowledge, and well honed skill, shall now come forth.

HERALD: Her Excellency calls forth [Name of Inductee] to kneel and take the oath of the Sergeantry of Adiantum. Do you have any existing bonds that must be released or acknowledged before you take your oath?

Having either been released from or declaring any existing bonds or declaring that there are none, the Inductee shall proceed:

THE OATH OF THE SERGEANTRY OF THE BARONY OF ADIANTUM

To be sworn upon the coronet of the Baroness of Adiantum or the Sword of Adiantum.

INDUCTEE: Upon this sacred blade and before these witnesses, I here swear fealty and do homage to [Name of Baroness], Baroness of Adiantum, to ever be a good [Sergeant/Yeoman/Gallant/Lancer] and true embodiment of Adiantum in person,

word and deed, servant and leader to others in the manner I wish to be served and led, defender of Adiantum against all foes within and without, shield to the weak, foremost to arms at my Baroness's call, courteous at all times, generous and gracious, champion of the right and the good.

So swear I, [Inductee's Full Name], [Sergeant/Yeoman/Gallant/Lancer] of Adiantum.

BARONESS: This do I swear and will never forget: to be your sworn protector, rewarding fealty with love, valor with honor, and oath-breaking with justice. I pledge to you my leadership, my gratitude for your counsel, and my continued worthiness of your fealty/service. You are welcomed gladly into my service. Rise now and take your rightful place among the Sergeantry of Adiantum.

INDUCTION OF NEW COHORT/COURTIER

HERALD: Let it be known that [Name of Inductee] did upon this day with much honor and skill undertake and successfully complete the trials set down by [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum. The trials were created to find those most worthy and capable of joining the ranks of his Cohorts/Courtiers.

BARON: We have tested this Candidate's honor, courtesy, arts and service, bearing witness to their grace and artistry at court. The candidate having met all challenges of service, gentle arts, diverse knowledge and well honed skill shall now come forth.

HERALD: His Excellency calls forth [Name of Inductee] to kneel and take the oath of the Cohort of Adiantum.

After the Inductee has arrived:

Do you have any existing bonds that must be released or acknowledged before you take your oath?

Having either been released from or declaring any existing bonds or declaring that there are none, the Inductee shall proceed:

THE OATH OF THE COHORT/COURTIER OF THE BARONY OF ADIANTUM

To be sworn upon the Coronet of the Baron of Adiantum.

INDUCTEE: Upon this sacred symbol and before these witnesses, I here swear fealty and do homage to [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum: to serve the Baron in all things, to remember courtesy and kindness, to promote the diverse arts, to prize justice above personal gain, to continue to instruct all who would learn from me, to labor for the common good, to enrich and increase the glory of the Barony of Adiantum, and to be worthy of the title of Cohort/Courtier. So swear I, [Full Name of Inductee], Cohort/Courtier of Adiantum.

BARON: Upon My honor this do I swear and will never forget: to be your sworn protector, rewarding fealty with love, valor with honor, and oath-breaking with justice. I pledge to you my leadership, my gratitude for your counsel, and my continued worthiness of your fealty/service. You are welcomed gladly into my service. Rise now and take your rightful place among the Cohort/Courtiers of Adiantum.

N.B. The term cohort is derived from the Latin cohorts, -hortis which is the root of the later word courtier.

OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE OF ADIANTUM CITIZENSHIP

(This is for people who live outside the physical boundaries of Adiantum)

[Personal words about future Citizen, should the Baron and/or Baroness have any]

HERALD: [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], Baron and Baroness of Adiantum, now call before them [Name of Populace Member].

Populace Member should stand at 5-10 feet and wait to be asked to approach.

BARON/ESS: [Name of Populace Member], we have heard that you wish to become a Citizen of Adiantum, is that true?

POPULACE MEMBER: It is.

BARON/ESS: Do you come this day before our populace and ourselves prepared to join us and to take upon yourself the responsibility and honor of a Citizen of Adiantum?

POPULACE MEMBER: I do.

BARON/ESS: Then approach, kneel , take our hands to speak your oath.

(FEALTY)

HERALD: Do you now swear fealty to [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], your undoubted Baron and Baroness, that you will faithfully obey Their Excellencies' lawful commands in all matters that concern this Barony, and mindful

that the harmony of the Barony springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously with those of every degree so long as Their Excellencies remain Baron and Baroness of Adiantum?

POPULACE MEMBER: I so swear.

BARON/ESS: And We, on Our honor, swear fealty to this Citizen of Adiantum, to protect and defend them with all Our power, so long as We remain Baron and Baroness of Adiantum. So say We, [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum, and We, [Name of Baroness], Baroness of Adiantum.

(SERVICE)

HERALD: Do you now swear service to [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness], your undoubted Baron and Baroness, that you will faithfully obey Their Excellencies' lawful commands in all matters that concern this Barony, and mindful that the harmony of the Barony springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously with those of every degree so long as Their Excellencies remain Baron and Baroness of Adiantum?

POPULACE MEMBER: I so swear.

BARON/ESS: We, on our honor, swear to support this Citizen's oath of service to Adiantum, to protect and defend them with all Our power, so long as We remain Baron and Baroness of Adiantum. So say We, [Name of Baron], Baron of Adiantum, and We, [Name of Baroness], Baroness of Adiantum.

CURRENT AWARDS AND STATIONS IN ADIANTUM

Baronial Brownie Recognition of service to the Barony of Adiantum

The Collar and Chain Recognition of exceptional service to the Barony of Adiantum

Fern and Quill Recognition of skill the Arts & Sciences in the Barony of Adiantum

Vigilant Bear Recognition of exceptional martial prowess in the Barony of Adiantum

Golden Comb Recognition of the most exceptional period encampment at the Baronies major event

Band of Briars Recognition of outstanding efforts on baronial event sites

Ordo Aurei Ursi Baroness's favor, to be given as she sees fit

RANKS OF SERGEANTRY IN ADIANTUM

Gallant

A baronial Sargentry rank for rapier-combat fighters. A Gallant has completed a set of requirements and are obliged to swear fealty to the Baroness.

Lancer

A baronial Sargentry rank for equestrians. A Lancer has completed a set of requirements and are obliged to swear fealty to the Baroness.

Sergeant-at-arms

A baronial Sargentry rank for heavy-combat fighters. A Sergeant-at-Arms has completed a set of requirements and are obliged to swear fealty to the Baroness.

Yeoman

A baronial Sargentry rank for archers. A Yeoman has completed a set of requirements and are obliged to swear fealty to the Baroness.

Steward

A baronial Sargentry rank for excellence in service. A Steward has completed a set of requirements and are obliged to swear fealty to the Baron.

Artisan

A baronial Sargentry rank for excellence in arts and sciences. An Artisan has completed a set of requirements and are obliged to swear fealty to the Baron.

REGISTERED ADIANTUM AWARDS, BADGES, AND NAMES AS OF MAY 25, 2010

Adiantum, Barony of - This appeared in August of 1991 (via An Tir) as a mis-spelling of Adiantum, Barony of. The error was corrected in August of 2006 (via AnTir

Adiantum, Barony of - This branch-name was registered in April of 1976 (via the West). The following device associated with this name was registered in April of 1976 (via the West): Sable, a double-headed bear erect affronty, forelegs upraised, heads displayed, Or, armed argent, langued and orbéd gules, within a laurel wreath argent. The following badge associated with this name was registered in May of 1989 (via An Tir) and added designation in August of 1989 (via AnTir):Gules, a two-headed bear statant erect affronty, forelegs raised,heads addorsed, Or, collared and chained sable.The following badge associated with this name was registered in August of 1989 (via An Tir):Gules, a two-headed bear statant erect affronty, forelegs raised,heads addorsed, Or, collared and chained sable, for the Collar and Chain Award

Aurei Ursi, Ordo - This order name was registered to Adiantum, Barony of in October of 2008 (via An Tir).

Baronial Brownie, Order of the - This order name was registered to Adiantum, Barony of in August of 1987 (via Laurel).

Collar and Chain Award - This order name was registered to Adiantum, Barony of in August of 1989 (via An Tir).

Fern and Quill Award - This order name was registered to Adiantum, Barony of in March of 1989 (via An Tir).

Fern and Quill, Award of - This order name was registered to Adiantum, Barony of in August of 1991 (via An Tir).

Golden Comb, Order of the - This order name was registered to Adiantum, Barony of in October of 2008 (via An Tir).

INVESTITURE OF TITLED HERALDS

The herald shall call forward the Herald leaving office:

HERALD: [Name of Outgoing Herald], come now into [Their Majesties'/Their Highnesses'/Their Excellencies'] court.

When the Outgoing Herald has arrived, he /she shall say:

OUTGOING HERALD: Your [Majesties/Highnesses/Excellencies], I have come to resign my office of [Heraldic Title] , and do here surrender unto You these symbols of my former office, and recommend unto your [Majesties/Highnesses/Excellencies] [Name of Incoming Herald] as my successor in Your service.

The Outgoing Herald renders up his/her cloak, tabard, and/or staff of office.

KING OR QUEEN: We thank you for your service to Our Kingdom, and wish you success in your future efforts.

Here the Crown shall give the Outgoing Herald leave to depart, and the Court Herald shall exhort the cheers of the populace for the Outgoing Herald. After a decent interval, the Court Herald shall begin the Investiture of the new Herald.

HERALD: It was the custom in times past that persons named to an Office of Arms be invested in that office by solemn and fitting ceremony, and we today continue that tradition according to the Laws and Customs of An Tir. [Name of Incoming Herald], Their Majesties command your presence.

When the Incoming Herald has arrived:

HERALD: [Name of King] and [Name of Queen], King and Queen of An Tir (or Baron and Baroness of [Branch]) are minded to name you [Heraldic Title], [Name of Incoming Herald]. Will you accept the responsibilities and honor of this office in their court?

Upon a positive reply, the Court Herald continues:

HERALD: Are you then prepared to take the Oath of Arms?

Upon a further positive reply:

HERALD: Do you swear that you will ever be true to [the Crown of An Tir /Coronet of the Summits/ Baron and Baroness] and your liege lord and lady, the [King and Queen of An Tir/Prince and Princess of the Summits/Baron and Baroness of Adiantum], and that you will honor all lords and ladies of this Realm?

CANDIDATE: I so swear.

HERALD: Do you swear that you will bear yourself soberly and discreetly, keeping all secrets save only treason against the Crown (and your Principality/Barony); that you will seek out and report worshipful deeds; and will ever be ready to commend and loath to blame in all your dealings?

CANDIDATE: This I swear.

HERALD: Will you preserve to the best of your ability the rights and privileges of the Office of Arms, and make known to your fellows any deeds of arms, feasts, tournaments, jousts and other assemblies of honor at which they may be able to acquire thanks, honor and profit, sharing truly the noble goods and gifts coming from this noble Office of Arms?

CANDIDATE: I so swear.

HERALD: Do you also swear that you will faithfully direct (participate in) the activities of the An Tir College of Heralds, and continue diligent in the study and practice of the science of arms, pledging your knowledge to the service of the Crown and people of An Tir?

CANDIDATE: All this do I swear.

Then shall the [King or Queen/ Prince and Princess/ Baron or Baroness] take a cup of water, and pouring it over the head of the candidate, saying:

KING or QUEEN: Then be henceforth [title]_____ Herald (Pursuivant/ Pursuivant Extraordinary) in An Tir.

Giving the new Herald a full cup to drink:

KING or QUEEN: Drink deep to seal the oath that you have taken this day, and keep this cup as token of your pledge.

Here shall an escutcheon of Office be placed about the neck of the new Herald, the Court Herald saying:

HERALD: Wear this badge as token of your rank within the College of Arms.

And if there is a tabard, it shall be given now. If the Herald has not been titled before, then the tabard shall be placed over his head athwart (the front over the right shoulder) and 'turned' clockwise until it comes around to its' proper positioning.

HERALD: And bear this tabard as symbol of your office within the College of Heralds of An Tir.

And here the Court Herald shall exhort the cheers of the populace, as the new herald takes his/her place.

NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Check to see that the out-going herald has brought his/her tabard and other symbols of office. Check to see that there is a cupful of water for the "baptism" and beverage for the following drink.

INVESTITURE OF NEW TERRITORIAL BARONS AND BARONESSES

If the outgoing Baron and Baroness are not already in court, the Herald shall call them forth, and when they have arrived, he /she shall say:

HERALD: [Name of Outgoing Baron] and [Name of Outgoing Baroness], Baron and Baroness of [Name of Barony] have expressed to Their Majesties of An Tir their wish to be relieved of the duties and responsibilities of their office, and Their Majesties have looked with grace upon this request, and offer thanks for the service rendered to the Kingdom and Barony by their Excellencies. Therefore let the officers of the Barony of [Name of Barony] present themselves before Their Majesties.

When they have arrived, the Baron and Baroness shall release them of their vows of fealty:

BARON/ESS: As we leave our position as Baron and Baroness of [Name of Barony] we wish to thank you for your good and faithful service to us and to the people of our Barony. We do here release you from your oaths of fealty that you may be free to continue in service to our successors. We ask you to give them the same dedication and loyalty you have shown us until now.

Here the Baron and Baroness may give the officers tokens to commemorate their service. If there are sergeants, yeomen or gallants in fealty to the Baroness, they should be called forward now:

HERALD: Let all Sergeants, Yeomen and Gallants who have sworn fealty unto Baroness [Name of Baroness] come forward now.

And when they are present, the Baroness shall release them saying:

BARONESS: You Sergeants, Yeomen and Gallants have served me well, and you are a credit to our Barony of [Name of Barony]. I do here release you from your vows of fealty, and charge you to give the same dedication and loyalty in service to your new baroness that you have most graciously given unto me.

She may wish to give them tokens of remembrance here. And when this is done, they shall depart. The Baron and Baroness shall then kneel before Their Majesties.

BARON/ESS: Your Majesties, we have been honored to serve Your Kingdom and the people of [Name of Barony] as Baron and Baroness, but it is now time for us to resign this service and render the Barony into Your care and keeping.

Here they shall give their coronets unto the King and Queen. and the King shall say:

KING: We here grant your request for relief of your duties as Baron and Baroness of [Name of Barony].

If Their Majesties wish to grant them the title of Baron and/or Baroness of the court, They may continue with:

KING OR QUEEN: However, it would please us to style you Baron and/or Baroness of Our Court.

HERALD: Hear now the words of the Crown:

**Take heed all people of the Known World, that We, [Name of King] and [Name of Queen], King and Queen of An Tir, do take unto Ourselves Our prerogative to honor those of Our subjects who have pleased us with the title and estate of Baron/Baroness. From henceforth let it be known that [Name of Recipient] does now hold the title of Baron/Baroness of An Tir, with all the rights and privileges of this rank. By Our hand and seal on this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.
[Name of King], King of An Tir and [Name of Queen], Queen of An Tir**

And if there has been a Baronial Coronet prepared for the new Baron and/or Baroness, the King or Queen shall place it upon his/her head.

KING or QUEEN: Wear this coronet, bearing the sign of the Kingdom of An Tir, as symbol of your estate as Baron/Baroness in this realm.

The King and Queen will congratulate the new Baron and/or Baroness and the Herald will exhort the cheers of the populace.

But if the Crown will NOT be making them Baron and/or Baroness of the court, they shall be given leave to depart as the populace cheers. The Herald shall then call up the new Baron and Baroness.

HERALD: [Name of Incoming Baron] and [Name of Incoming Baroness], Their Majesties invite your presence in Their Court.

When they have arrived:

HERALD: [Name of Incoming Baron] and [Name of Incoming Baroness], the people of [Name of Barony] have asked that you serve as Baron and Baroness, and Their Majesties do here invite your service to Their Barony and Kingdom. Will you accept from Their Majesties the title and responsibilities of this estate? And will you swear fealty to the Crown of An Tir for this Barony?

BARON AND BARONESS: We will.

HERALD: Right mindful that you will be the representatives of the Crown of An Tir, do you understand that you will be responsible for the defense, nurturing and well-being of this Barony?

BARON AND BARONESS: We do.

The King and Queen shall rise, and taking the baronial coronets, hold them over the heads of the new Baron and Baroness and say:

KING: I, [Name of King], King of An Tir, do now name [Name of Incoming Baron] Baron of [Name of Barony], to stand in Our place in all matters ceremonial. Wear

this coronet as symbol of your new estate and as reminder of the responsibility you now bear.

QUEEN: I, [Name of Queen], Queen of An Tir, do now name [Name of Incoming Baroness], Baroness of [Name of Barony], to stand in Our place in all matters ceremonial. Wear this coronet as symbol of your new estate and as reminder of the responsibility you now bear.

Here the King and Queen shall place the coronets upon the new Baron and Baroness. The Champion shall bring forth the Sword of State. The Crown shall place Their hands under the Sword, and the Baron and Baroness above the Sword over the Crown's hands.

HERALD: Do you now swear fealty unto [Name of King] and [Name of Queen], your undoubted King and Queen for the Barony of [Name of Barony], that you will obey Their lawful commands in all matters that concern this Realm, and uphold the Crown and Kingdom of An Tir, and, mindful that the harmony of your Barony and of the Kingdom springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously with those of every degree so long as Their Majesties remain sovereigns of An Tir?

BARON AND BARONESS: I so swear.

KING: And We for Our part do swear unto this Baron and Baroness of An Tir, and to their Barony and their households, to protect and defend them with all Our power so long as We remain Sovereign of this Realm. So say I, [Name of King], King of An Tir.

QUEEN: And so say I, [Name of Queen], Queen of An Tir.

Here the new Baron and Baroness shall stand and face the populace. and the herald shall proclaim them saying:

HERALD: People of An Tir! Henceforth let all know that [Name of Baron] and [Name of Baroness] are Baron and Baroness of [Name of Branch].

Here the officers, and the sergeants, yeomen, and gallants may swear fealty to the new Baron and Baroness according to baronial custom.

INVESTITURE OF A COURT BARON or BARONESS

At the Crown's command, the Herald will call for the attention of the populace.

HERALD: Let [Name of Recipient] come before Their Majesties.

And the candidate will come forward and kneel before the throne.

The KING or QUEEN may speak directly to the candidate and announce their intention to create him/her Court Baron/Baroness and relate the reasons why they have chosen to

so honor their subject. Or they may direct the Herald to read a scroll which has been prepared (if no scroll has been prepared, the Herald may read the following:)

HERALD: Hear now the words of the Crown:

**Take heed all people of the Known World, that We, [Name of King] and [Name of Queen], King and Queen of An Tir, do take unto Ourselves Our prerogative to honor those of Our subjects who have pleased us with the title and estate of Baron/Baroness. From henceforth let it be known that [Name of Recipient] does now hold the title of Baron/Baroness of An Tir, with all the rights and privileges of this rank. By Our hand and seal on this _____ day of _____, Anno Societatis _____, being _____ Gregorian.
[Name of King] King of An Tir [Name of Queen], Queen of An Tir.**

If there has been a Baronial Coronet prepared for the new Baron [Baroness], the King or Queen shall place it upon his/her head.

KING or QUEEN: Wear this coronet, bearing the sign of the Kingdom of An Tir, as symbol of your estate as Baron/Baroness in this realm.

The King and Queen will congratulate the new Baron or Baroness, and the Herald will exhort the cheers of the populace.

NOTES FOR THE HERALD

Find out if there is a coronet to be presented to the new Baron or Baroness, and if so, who has it. Be sure it is ready at hand for the ceremony.