

THE ORDO OF EDWARD & THYRA

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AS PART OF THE LAST COURT OF QUEEN AVELINA:

KENRIC is brought in by his pallbearers (squires?) followed by Avelina and entourage.

MUSIC: "*PANGE MELOS LACRIMOSUM*".

AVELINA addresses the populace: the primary business of the court is to execute the will of the late king, and to put her own affairs in order, as she is weary of single rule, and wishes to lead a quiet widow's life. (This allows her to do some of her *own* business, such as the Queen's Favors and the dismissal of the Queen's Guard). She will renounce her royal state, placing the realm in the hands in of a more vigorous person, the Prince of Tir Mara.

She proceeds to conduct her somber Last Court.

At *some* point *before* the close of Court, KENRIC is carried to a side chapel.

MUSIC: *Pange Melos Lacrimosum (reprise)*

CORONATION CEREMONY PROPER BEGINS

AVELINA commands the presence of Prince EDWARD.

HERALD calls EDWARD.

MUSIC: "*GAUDETE HERES OPTATUS*"

EDWARD enters in procession. He is preceded by a Knight [DUKE GRYFFITH FITZWILLIAM] in chain, belt and spurs, and a Pelican [DUKE GREGOR VON HEISLER] (ideally in cloak, medallion, and cap of maintenance). He is followed by a Companion of the Order of the Golden Rapier [DON GRIFFITH DAVION] carrying the Reliquary, then the rest of the entourage (including group of knights and then dukes?...to be arranged at the time). On either side are a squire carrying his shield, and another carrying his helm. These are all followed by members of his household. Those in front part, and EDWARD advances before AVELINA.

AVELINA addresses EDWARD. Since she is but a woman, and having not herself attained the crown by right of arms, in accordance with ancient custom, she acknowledges the right of Prince Edward to the succession and renounces her crown upon his coronation as the rightful successor of the late King Kenric.

EDWARD kneels. At either side stand his peer supporters. The Companion of the Golden Rapier places the Reliquary in EDWARD's hands.

HERALD: *Prince Edward, as you are here supported by a Knight and a Master of the Pelican, and as you hold in your hands this Relic of the First Tournament, presented by a Companion of the Golden Rapier, are you willing to take the Oath, that you will serve as chiefest defender of the realm and highest executor of its laws and protector of its ancient customs, and will serve as the first defender of the ideals of honor and chivalry?*

EDWARD: *I am willing.*

HERALD: *Will you grant and keep and by your oath confirm, the laws and customs, rights and franchises to the people of this realm granted by the kings of the East your lawful predecessors?*

EDWARD: *I will.*

HERALD: *Will you keep peace and goodly agreement entirely according to your power, to the peers, the baronage, and the people?*

EDWARD: *I will keep it.*

HERALD: *Will you to your power cause law and justice and discretion in mercy and truth to be executed in all your judgements?*

EDWARD: *I will do so, and all the things I have promised I shall perform and keep.*

The Companion of the Golden Rapier retrieves the RELIQUARY.

HERALD: *Be crowned with a crown of glory and righteousness, that you by this ministry, having a right faith and manifold fruit of good works, may obtain the crown of everlasting praise.*

AVELINA (may speak as she will, *ex tempore*, and then) places her Crown in the hands of the Seneschal (HEDWEIGIS) and crowns EDWARD.

EDWARD assumes the throne (escorted by his peer-supporters)

AVELINA solemnly retires. (No vivats at this point).

MUSIC: Firmetur Manus Tua (as Avelina's recessional).

The AMPULLA is brought forward.

HERALD: *By this unction of water from The Bay of the Mistlands, whereat the World was born, be reminded of those who have come before, those who by steadfast courage have conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, and gained the everlasting praise of Eastern folk. Let this remembrance descend upon you internally, and penetrate your heart, that you may may reign happily in the present life and that you be rendered worthy of inclusion in the rolls of those great men who have preceded you.*

The SWORD is brought forward by the King's Champion of Arms.

HERALD: *Receive this sword, which is dedicated to the defense of the realm and delivered to you by the hands of the King's Champion. With this sword, exercise the force of equity and mightily destroy the growth of iniquity, defend and help widows and orphans, restore the things that are gone to decay, and maintain the things that are restored, that doing these things you may be glorious in virtue and excellent in justice.*

HERALD: *Receive the rod of virtue and equity, and with it exalt the good and terrify the wicked, show the way to those that go astray, repress the proud, and lift up the lowly. Let it be said that you loved righteousness and hated iniquity.*

HERALD: *Receive the ring of royal dignity, and be it the seal of your bond to this people, so you may persevere as the protector and establisher of chivalry, honor, and truth.*

=== *The following may be improvised* ===

HEDEWIGIS, as SENESCHAL: *Your Majesty, may I speak on a point of Law?*

EDWARD: *Such is ever your right and duty. Proceed.*

HEDEWIGIS: *It is not meet that your Majesty should rule alone, for this does not conform to the Law or to the ancient Customs of the Realm, which you have recently sworn to defend. Wherefore, will you accede to the Treaty heretofore prepared?*

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EDWARD: *I will.*

HERALD calls Princess THYRA.

EDWARD and his retainers advances somewhat to meet THYRA and her entourage.

MUSIC: *"DROMTE MIG EN DROM".*

THYRA enters preceded by a Lady of the Rose [COUNTESS MARGUERITE INGEN LACHLAINN] in coronet and holding a rose, and a Mistress of the Laurel [MISTRESS EVA WODEROSE] in medallion, cloak, and holding a sprig of laurel. She is followed by a female Companion of the Sagittarius [MISTRESS YGRAINE OF KELLSWOOD], and then by the other members of her household, ladies-in-waiting, etc.

HERALD: *Your Highness, will you accede to the Treaty heretofore prepared, that you might rule together with His Majesty the King here present?*

THYRA: *I will.*

EDWARD: *Let it be read.*

HERALD: *Let all know by these presents that We, Sir Edward Grey, of the house of Lochleven, and Baroness Thyra Eiriksdottir, of the house of Darostur, have each and severally sworn upon*

condition of victory in the Crown Lists, to stand together and lead the East from the ashes of grief and war to a renaissance of courtesy, wisdom, reason, dance and song; and to renew friendships with our neighbors, both within and without our borders. We have claimed the principality of Tir Mara as well the succession to the Crown of the East, and wishing finally and firmly to end the discord and doubt which troubled the reign of the late king now deceased, do enter upon this treaty following.

Namely, that the aforesaid Prince Edward is established and confirmed as the undoubted King of the East.

That the Princess Thyra aforesaid is and ought to be the sole and true inheritrix of the Crown and Throne of the Queen of the East, and that she be established, anointed, and crowned forthwith as such.

That the principality of Tir Mara heretofore claimed by the parties aforesaid be ruled jointly by them until a prince and princess succeed according to law and custom, the same to be invested no later than the feast of SS Simeon and Jude next occurring.

That the lady AEthelthryth, minor daughter of the late king aforesaid now deceased, and sometime Princess Royal, renounces all claim of succession to the Tyger Throne.

That the Baroness Avelina Keyes of Lockwood, lately Queen, and wife of the late King now deceased, renounces the throne and shall be granted such lands as are due her service.

EDWARD returns to his throne.

HERALD: *Having assented to the terms of this agreement, will you now take the oath?*

THYRA: *I will.*

THYRA kneels. At either side stand her peer supporters.

The Sagittarius retrieves the RELIQUARY and places it in Princess Thyra's hands.

HERALD: *Princess Thyra, as you are here supported by a Lady of the Rose and a Mistress of the Laurel, and as you hold in your hands this Relic of the First Tournament presented by a Companion of the Order of the Sagittarius, are you willing to take the Oath, that you will, also, defend and protect the laws and ancient customs of the realm, and serve as chiefest patron of the arts and highest example of grace and courtesy?*

THYRA: *I will*

HERALD: *Will you grant and keep and by your oath confirm, the laws and customs, rights and franchises to the people of this realm granted by the queens of the East your lawful predecessors?*

THYRA: *I will*

HERALD: *Will you keep peace and goodly agreement entirely according to your power, to the peers, the baronage, and the people?*

THYRA: *I will keep it.*

HERALD: *Will you to your power cause law and justice and discretion in mercy and truth to be executed in all your judgements?*

THYRA: *I will do it. All the things I have promised I will perform and keep.*

HERALD: *Be then crowned with a crown of grace and wisdom, that you by this ministry, having a right faith and manifold fruit of good works, may obtain the crown of everlasting praise.*

EDWARD (may speak *ex tempore* and then) crowns THYRA.

HERALD: *By this unction of water from The Bay of the Mistlands, whereat the World was born, be reminded of those who have come before, those who by grace and honor have inspired enduring works of beauty and wisdom, and gained the everlasting praise of Eastern folk. Let this remembrance descend upon you internally, and penetrate your heart, that you may may reign happily in the present life and that you be rendered worthy of inclusion in the rolls of those noble women who have preceded you.*

INCIDENTAL MUSIC

THYRA rises, and is clothed in her heraldic over-gown by her Ladies-in-Waiting. She is escorted to her throne by King Edward.

HERALD: *Receive the scepter, the rod of virtue, that you may govern yourself aright and defend the realm and the people committed unto your charge. Punish the wicked and protect the just, and lead them in the way of righteousness.*

HERALD: *Receive the ring of royal dignity, and be it the seal of your bond to this people, so you may persevere as the protector and establisher of courtesy, honor, and truth.*

Both the King and Queen stand.

SENESCHAL (or HERALD): (to both the King and Queen): *Stand and retain now the state which you hold by lawful succession, and by this our present delivery, that is, of all the officers and the people of the East, and inasmuch as you have beheld the peers and baronage nearer the royal thrones, so much remember to afford them due honor in suitable places; so may you be confirmed the mediators of the nobility and the common people on the throne of your kingdom.*

MUSIC: *TE REGEM LAUDAMUS*

HERALD (NOT BRIGANTIA!): *Let the honored Great Officers of the East now stand, and in their order affirm that they will continue to perform their duties diligently and will honorably execute the lawful commands of the Crown of the East, as they have heretofore done.*

Baroness Hedewigis, as Seneschal, will you so promise? RESPONSE: I will.
Baron Rowen, as Brigantia Principal Herald...
Master Michel, as Chancellor of the Exchequer...
Lady Brunissende, as Mistress of Arts and Sciences....
Mistress Kayleigh, as Tyger Clerk of the Signet....
Lady Alison, as Chatelaine...
Baroness Alesone, as Web Minister...

HERALD: Let their Excellencies, the Right Loyal Viceroy and Vicereine of the Crown Province, and the Barons and Baronesses of their Majesties' several baronies, now stand and in their order promise faithfully to hold their lands and see to the prosperity of their people in the name of Edward and Thyra, here present, their undoubted King and Queen.

The Viceroy and Vicereine of Ostgardr, will you so promise? RESPONSE: I/we will.

The Baron and Baroness Carolingia...
The Baron and Baroness beyond the Mountain...
The Baron and Baroness Bhakail...
The Baron Concordia of the Snows...
The Baroness Carillion...
The Baron and Baroness Stonemarche...
The Baron and Baroness Ruantallan...
The Baron and Baroness Bergental...
The Baron and Baroness an Dhubhaigheann...
Le Baron et la Baronne du Havre des Glaces / The Baron and Baroness of Havre du Glaces...
The Baroness Smoking Rocks...
Le Baron et la Baronne de l'Île du Dragon Dormant / The Baron and Baroness of l'Île du Dragon Dormant
The Baroness Iron Bog

HERALD: People of the East, I here present you Edward and Thyra, your undoubted King and Queen, wherefore all you who have come this day to do your homage before them, are you willing to do the same? RESPONSE. (Begun by the Baronage): Long live King Edward! Long live Queen Thyra! Long live the kingdom of the East!

HERALD: Thus ends the Coronation of their Royal Majesties, Edward II and Thyra, King and Queen of the East! All rise!

MUSIC (Recessional): *"ALBUM REGUM" (The Roll of Kings).*