

# **Ceremony: Chieftain Creation**

The following are the basic procedures for the ceremony. It is expected to be altered to some degree for each instance of ceremony. As long as the basic formula is kept fairly close then things may be changed due to preference or structure as things are altered to fit circumstance.

## **Chieftain Creation Ceremony**

HC/C = High Chieftain or Chief can perform this ceremony

### **If the candidate is already a Chieftain -- Hold joins Freehold etc**

HC/C -- Will Chieftain \_\_\_\_\_ please step forward?

As the Chieftain steps forward a bowl of water and a drinking horn are brought forward.

HC/C -- Do you Freeman/woman \_\_\_\_\_ freely accept the responsibility of being Chieftain in the Barbarian Freehold Alliance?

Candidate -- Yes

HC/C -- One of the oldest ways to show true Brotherhood was in the sharing of that precious life giving fluid.

The careful pouring of some of the water into the drinking horn.

HC/C -- With the drinking of this water I hereby confirm you in your status as a Chieftain.

## **Creating a New Chieftain**

HC/C -- Will Freeman/woman \_\_\_\_\_ please step forward?

As the Chieftain steps forward a bowl of water, a drinking horn, and a knife and sheath are placed on a stand at hand.

HC/C -- Do you Freeman \_\_\_\_\_ freely accept the responsibility of Chieftainship?

Candidate -- Yes

HC/C -- Do you the members of this Hold accept this Freeman as your Chieftain?

Hold Members -- Yes

Putting his hand in the water, the HC/C, puts his hand on the front of the Candidate's head so that the water runs down the candidate's face.

HC/C -- This water represents the hard work and sweat that you will put forth to keep this a smoothly functioning Hold and Family.

Picking up the knife and sheath the HC/C hands them to the Candidate.

HC/C -- Sheath your Knife. For it only needs to be unsheathed while protecting your members through action or by Law.

HC/C -- and finally one of the oldest ways to show true Brotherhood was in the sharing of that precious life giving fluid.

The careful pouring of some of the water into the drinking horn.

HC/C -- With the drinking of this water I hereby create a new but honorable Chieftain.