

Ceremony: Member Oath of Allegiance

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.

Member Oath of Allegiance

Leader = High Chieftain, Chief, or Chieftain can perform this ceremony.

Leader -- Any member who wished to swear allegiance to the Freehold please step forward.

Leader -- Do you wish to swear allegiance on the Sword of your Chieftain or the sword of the C or HC?

Unsheathing the Sword.

The person swearing turns and faces the group on one knee with two hands holding the Sword with the point in the ground. (rest of the persons Swearing behind and facing the group touching the person with the Sword.)

Member -- I swear to help all Members of the Freehold, to work for the continuance of my Hold and the Freehold at Large, and to support my Chieftain and the Leaders of the Freehold to the best of my ability. So say I _____.

Leader -- The Freehold at Large will Teach You, and make available to you those classes that you wish or have need for, even unto those experiences that will help you grow into an even greater person including Leadership. So say I HC, C, CH _____.

The Leader walks to each newly sworn member and holds out a "Pebble" on a palm and once the member takes the pebble they stand and return to their seat. The last to be the one with the Sword. The pebble is given in exchange for the sword which is then sheathed.