

Ceremony: Chief Creation and Fealty

The following 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.

Chief Creation Ceremony

The candidate is signaled to leave, and go wait at a selected area.

The High Chieftain then stands and walks around the table stopping in the center.

Herald: The High Chieftain(s) _____ request the presence of all sworn Chiefs.

The Chiefs approach, salute, and hug then walk behind the High Chieftain, take a position behind the High Chieftain. The Second Senior Chief carries a Staff and Sword. The last chief to approach is the Senior Chief on site (Senior Chief=longest in job).

The candidate's escorts are signaled and they leave at this time. Once the Senior Chief starts to approach the center again...

The Senior Chief then picks up a silver bowl. The CH touches it to the ground, holds it to the sky, touches it to the fire, and starts going around the camp getting an ounce or two from each person who is drinking and it is placed into the bowl.

High Chieftain: While many members strive to learn and so become better members, there are those rare members who reach beyond just simple learning and teaching and become true members of the Society at Large. These people teach, advise, and help any person who asks for help and knowledge.

Senior Chief stands before the High Chieftain(s)

Herald: Therefore would _____ please come forward.

Candidate walks forward with two Guards behind him/her. When candidate gets to the front the guards are motioned to their posts, the candidate then kneels before the Senior Chief. S. C. then holds the bowl over Candidate.

Senior Chief: By whose authority is this new Chief created?

HC: By my authority, I _____, High Chieftain of the Barbarian Freehold Alliance. Invested in my office by Braggison and Rois, who were invested by Thane Erekoze, Founder of the Freehold.
(Changed with each new High Chieftain)

S.C.: Do you the Chiefs of the Barbarian Freehold Alliance give your approval and support to the creation of this new Chief?

Chiefs: We do.

Still holding the bowl over candidate...

S.C: _____, are you prepared to take on your responsibilities as a Chief and a teacher of mankind?

Candidate: Yes I am.

Dropping the bowl down before candidate.

S.C: Do you know what this is? Drink from these waters of Fortification, for this is the blood of all the Freeholders. As a teacher you will slake your students thirst for knowledge, not just from what you know, but from the deep well of the wisdom of the entire Freehold.

Candidate sips from the bowl.

S.C: Do you know what this is? This is the blood of all the Freeholders

Dips fingers in the bowl and marks candidate's forehead.

S.C: And I mark you with this blood of all the Freeholders because this honor bears a burden, for it is also the blood of those you have failed to help, and I remind you that despite your best efforts, you will be marked with this blood again and again for you are only mortal, and a teacher without a willing student is doomed to failure.

Dropping the bowl down before candidate.

S.C: Do you know what this is? This is the blood of all the Freeholders, and I remind you again that this honor bears a burden, for it is your task to teach those who are not Freeholders too, and when you have failed to help them, all the Freehold is diminished as the waters in this bowl are now diminished.

SC pours a bit of the liquid from the bowl onto the ground.

S.C: And I say again that despite your best efforts, this will occur again and again for you are only mortal."

The S.C. offers the bowl to Candidate.

S.C: Will you then accept the burden with the honor?

Candidate: Yes, I will.

S.C: Then pour out this knowledge, this blood of the Freehold, freely over the world so that these waters are made a blessing and nourish us all.

Candidate pours the contents of the bowl onto the ground and hands the bowl to the S. C.

S.C. hands bowl to H.C. who puts it aside.

Second S.C. hands to H.C. the sword. Keeping the staff.

The S.C. puts hands out palms up. H.C. unsheathes the Sword and places it in the hands of the S.C.

S.C: The Sword of the Chief is the sword of a teacher. The Flat side stands for Courtesy. For Courtesy is blunted with kindness. The sharp side stands for Honor. For Honor should be razor sharp. And the tip stands for Retribution. For any wrongs that are seen should be righted. Do you always promise to use your sword to help all people?

Candidate: yes

*The S.C. hands the Sword to candidate.
The S.C. is then handed the staff by the Second S.C.*

S.C: This staff symbolizes the Tree of Knowledge. Knowledge gained and knowledge given. Do you promise to continue in your quests for knowledge and to share the knowledge therefore using the Staff of Knowledge to help all people?

Candidate: yes

The S.C. hands the staff to Candidate.

S.C: Then I, (name) invested by (name) who was invested by (name).....who was invested by Thane Erekose, Founder of the Freehold, do declare that you are now a Chief of the Barbarian Freehold Alliance

The Senior Chief steps between the High Chieftain(s) and joins the rest of the Chiefs.

Chief Fealty Ceremony

*The Second Senior Chief hands H.C. either the Freehold Sword or the H.C. personal sword. It is then put horizontally between the H.C. and the candidate.
The candidate then puts hands on the sword.*

Herald: While all men and women are equal in the brotherhood of the Barbarian Freehold Alliance, many are singled out for recognition of their extraordinary talent, abilities, and contributions. With this recognition comes extra responsibility.

High Chieftain: As you take on these new responsibilities I _____, High Chieftain, Swear to support you in your service and duties to the Barbarian Freehold Alliance in all manners possible.

Candidate: and I _____, Chief, do likewise swear to support you in your service and duties as High Chieftain of the Barbarian Freehold Alliance in all manners possible.

*The Sword is sheathed.
Chief arises and is hugged by High Chieftain and Chiefs.*

Herald: Three Cheers for _____, now a Chief of the Barbarian Freehold Alliance
Hip Hip Hip