

Ceremony: High 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.

High Chieftain Ceremony

High Chieftain: I call forward the Council of Chiefs.
I confirm that at this time I wish to hand over the office of High Chieftain.

Senior Chief: We accept and thank you for your work. (HC turns over symbol of Office and Sword and Knife if no sword). We call forward _____.

SC: (asking the candidate)
Do you understand the gravity, hard work, and longevity of this job? (Yes)

SC: Are you prepared to take on this job at this time? (Yes)

SC: Do you understand that the welfare of the Barbarian Freehold Alliance rests in your hands. (Yes)

SC: Will you now surrender your tokens of Office as Chief as you will be required to surrender your duties as Chief? (Yes and hands over sword and staff) -- (Exclude if not currently a Chief)

SC: We have consulted amongst ourselves and approve of this candidate. Let the cup pass.
(During this statement THC picks up a cup of water and sips it passing it to the Eldest Chief. Ex-THC then goes and sits with the members. The youngest Chief sips last and then walks to any chieftains and gives them a sip and ends up at the Lawspeaker who is the last to sip.)

SC: We invest you with the symbols of Office (putting the symbol over candidates head) (Returning the sword) Keep the Sword as you are still responsible for upholding the Laws of the Barbarian Freehold Alliance.

High Chieftain: All Chiefs please step forward and kneel for fealty.
(Pulling the sword out and holding it forward for the Chiefs to touch who kneel first) I
_____ High Chieftain swear to support you in your service and duties to the Barbarian Freehold Alliance in all manners possible.

Do you the Chiefs of the Barbarian Freehold Alliance likewise swear to support, in your service and duties, the High Chieftain of the Barbarian Freehold Alliance in all manners possible.

----- Creating the previous High Chieftain(s) as Honorable Chief(s) -----

HC: Freeman _____ Step forwards..... (Hugs _____) Thank you for your many years of service and your vision of the Freehold that you added to Ereko's. But before this circle can break up several things must happen. You are hereby re-instated as an active Chief but, you are bestowed the Title Honorable for your work.

Hugs and circle broken.

(If they weren't previously a Chief, change the wording to reflect that, with the agreement of the Chiefs they are being made a Chief with the title of "Honorable")