

Coronation of Crown Prince Hugh the Little
and Crown Princess Therasa Comins
as KING and QUEEN of LOCHAC
with other *Sundry Events*
on the viith and viith day of July AS42
in the Barony of Southron Gaard

ORDO CORONATION

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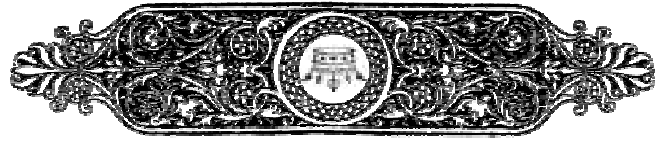
Odin woke one morning and cried — “What prophetic dreams are these? I thought I arose to make Valhalla ready for a host of Kings. I bade Valkyries to bear the wine, to till up the beer-vats, to strew the benches, for I look for the coming of the Rulers of the South, the five Viceroys and Vicereigns, thirty-six Princes and Princesses and, following the gift of free rule from Jade of the many crowns and Megan of the gentle heart, the ten Kings and Queens of the Kingdom of Lochac. They are named —

ALFAR, the first of Kings, raven feeder, and ELSPETH first Queen, canny with games
CORNELIUS, who took possession of the lands ceded by Caid, won not by war but by counsel, and MORWYNNA, who was powerful and wise in that counsel
ALARIC, whose groaning tables fill his well famed hall, and NERISSA, scribe-champion
ÆDWARD, the just, and YOLANDE, whose whispers are as men’s shouts
DRACO, staunch-hearted, and SERENA from the northern haven
STEPHEN, who hears the Huntsman’s Horn, and MATHILDE, for whom the Muses play
CORNELIUS, first Duke, and MORWYNNA, first Duchess
ÆDWARD the second, who watches his words, and YOLANDE, the second, who led the children against the knights
DRACO the second, whose sword is truth, and ASA, patron of skalds
ALFAR the second, who unites the Kingdom through War, and GUDRUN, who unites the Kingdom through Peace

Know now that this is the history and line of our land. These have come before, yet many will come after. Let all gather to welcome the latest claimants to the Throne of Lochac — Prince HUGH the Little and His Princess THERASA Comins at this Midwinter Coronation ASXLII

The Chamber and Library of Our City will be opened from 9am for meetings of the Orders of Pelicans (9-10) and Laurels (10-30-11-30). There will be displays of the Arts & Sciences, as well as Market from 10. From there will conveyance be made to the manor of the Sign of the TEA. Hot drinks and comestibles will be served for one hour to all who have paid coin; others may disport themselves upon the lawn or await the following entertainment in the inn on the lower floor. At one will be the QUEEN’S CHAMPION TOURNEY to select the Queen’s Champion for Her Reign. All duly authorised combatants are encouraged to take part, and are asked to display themselves as bests their station and introduce themselves and what they fight for this day, that Her Majesty may give this due consideration in selecting Her Champion. Lunch will be available to those who have requested such; the remainder should bring their own, should they feel the need. The hosts of the house will provide potables, such as mulled wine, in exchange for good coin.

The Queen’s Tea & Champion Tourney to be held on the Sunday at Divers Locales.

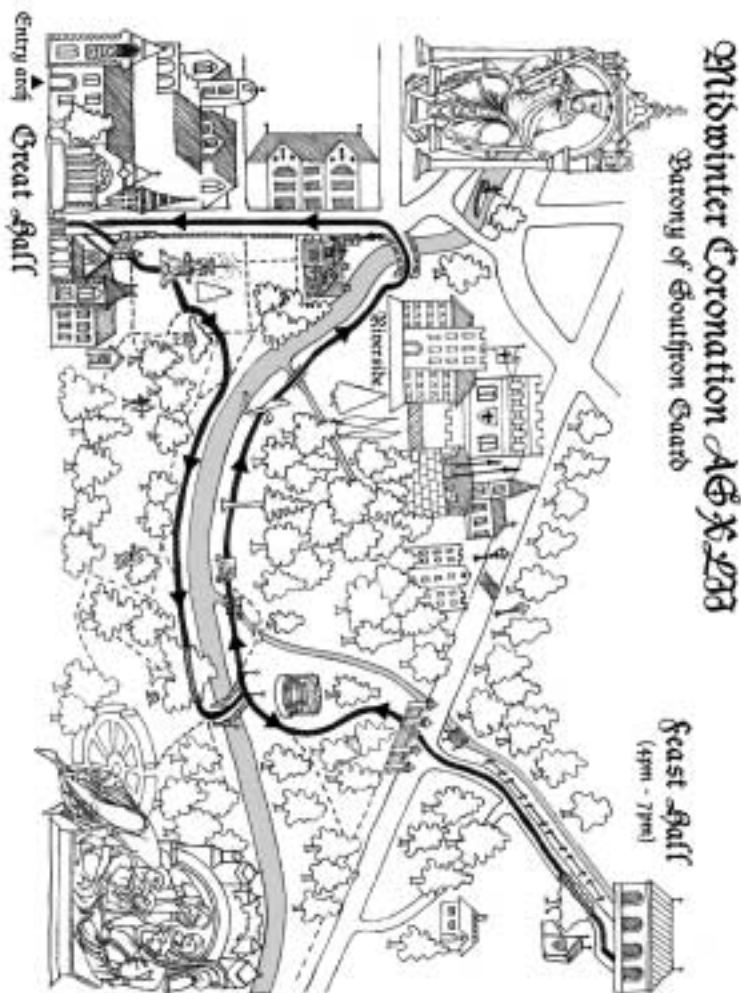


Lantern-bearers will guide revellers back to the Great Hall by 8pm, whence shall be a fine BALL with much dancing and merriment, and the Supper and Special Firey Entertainment. By midnight, all should have departed to their beds, pallasess or other places of rest and, perchance, recreation.

Coronation Courts at The Great Hall, on Saturday, the Feast Day of Saint Willibald.

Mark well the times and listen to the clock, for if you be late, the doors will be closed against you. Should this happen, a guard will let you slip through the postern gate at the rear of the Great Hall beside the large glass window. Make especial note of the Items of Courtesy which follow in this Ordo.

The Great Hall will open at 10.30 sharp. An you wish, deposit your feast items of gear and garb with the Gate Keeper for transport to the Feast Hall and take up your seat most promptly. Other items may be left on the final set of seats at the rear of the hall, but ensure they are modestly covered. At 11 of the clock sharp will be the FINAL COURT of Their Majesties Alfar and Gudrun. Therein will see Master Sigurd Hardrada elevated to the Order of Chivalry, and Lady Willemynne van Nijmegen join the Order of the Laurel, with sundry other awards and appreciations of those who have served the Crown and the Kingdom during this Reign. At 12.30 or thereabouts will begin the CORONATION of Hugh the Little and Therasa Comins with much Pomp and Ceremony. Heed the Herald’s cry. There will be a Duke and Duchess made, fealty oaths taken, with music and solemnity, ending with a call for the Knights of the Realm to take counsel with Their Majesties in the Royal Privy Chamber. All who would attend the FEAST are to make their way through the Gardens, a pleasant walk of some 15 minutes or so along the river bank and through the daffodil lawns past the rotunda to cross the road to the FEAST HALL, arriving no later than 4pm when the feasting shall commence. Such a perambulation should take some 15 to 20 minutes; cartage may be arranged an there be snowfall. Herein will be the FIRST COURT of Their Majesties Hugh and Therasa to establish a New Court to serve them in their Reign.



COLOPHON
 Southern Guard humbly thanks the Kingdom
 for the opportunity to do it Honour
 with this Coronation,
 this Ordo came from the hands of
 Katherine Kerr who thanks
 all those who have contributed
 to this work.



Lochac is splendid, the best of all kingdoms,
 Let us rejoice in her sea-girt lands.
 Our King and Queen in glory traverse through this best of all kingdoms.
 In feasting we praise you, and in verse,
 With battles well-fought and garments well-wrought,
 Through service performed by willing hands.
 Lochac is glorious, the best of all kingdoms.

Lochac est praclarus, et regnum optimum.
 Rex et Regina pompa proficunt regnum optimum.
 Laudamus carmini.
 Laudamus in proelio, in vestris, et in officio.
 Lochac est praclarus.

LOCHAC PRAELARUS EST.

COURTESIES, an you be so Kind.

As there are many Folk new to a Royal Court or Coronation, we bring you these *Words of Advice regarding Certain Courtesies* you should know.

Give These Things the Courtesy of Your Attention.

- Item: The Herald is the Voice of the Crown, so pay heed in silence.
- Item: Instructions of the Constable or Marshal and sundry deputies are to be obeyed with alacrity, especially during the Special Fiery Entertainment.
- Item: The vile taking of tobacco is hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs and not to be endured indoors in any locale.
- Item: Take great pains to be on time, for doors may be closed against you.
- Item: Pray cover all items of a mundane nature in your possession.
- Item: Portraitists should not enhance the lighting by artificial mechanisms when capturing a scene, as this will cause discomfort to the populace.

The ROYAL PRESENCE.

We do honour to Their Majesties when they pass by, with a bow or courtesy. Should you pass before the Throne, then do it the honour of the Crown even if Their Majesties are not occupying their Royal Seat.

The NAMING of PERSONS of Rank and Title.

- King Alfar and Queen Gudrun: Your Majesty
- Crown Prince Hugh and Crown Princess Therasa: Your Highness (until they be crown'd, whereafter they are styled Your Majesty)
- Duke AEdward and Duchess Yolande: Your Grace
- Counts, Viscounts, Barons and the Peerage: Your Excellency
- Sundry Lords and Ladies: Lord so-and-so *et al*
- All other gentles may be addressed as mi'lord or mi'lady, which also suffices for anyone if you know not their rank or their name.

CLOV'N LEMONS.

An you be presented with a decorated lemon studded with cloves, know that this is an offer from the gentle for a mild, carefree flirtation thus: the dove is to freshen your mouth, remove one from said lemon with hand or teeth to signify where the presenter may place a chaste kiss. Lords please note that Ladies always have the right to proffer hand or cheek or lips as they deem seemly, and you have the right to take up that offer and No More. The lemon passes to the recipient who then is charged to seek out another Lord or Lady as suits. Should the clov'n lemon be not to your taste, then decline it gracefully that it may pass on elsewhere in courtesy.



Concerning the Feast Day of Saint Willibald.

It is meet that we celebrate Coronation on the feast day of the royal saint Willibald, son of King Saint Richard of the West Saxons, brother to Saint Winnebald and Saint Walburga and relative of Saint Boniface. The life of Saint Willibald had been despaired of as a child, but he was cured by being placed at the foot of a market cross where his royal parents vowed that his life would be dedicated to the service of God. He became the first Englishman to reach the Holy Land, and wrote a tale of his adventures, the Hodoeporicon, which was greeted with much acclaim. Willibald was imprisoned by Saracens in Constantinople as a Christian spy, but later came to work with many other saintly men. No story of missionary enterprise is more exhilarating than that of this faithful prince, who, whether as porter of a monastery or bishop of a diocese, served the needs of men and to the glory of God. And thus the three children of the good Saxon King Richard came to be numbered among the saints.