

# Barony of Madrone

## Ceremonial



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# Green Leaf

## Ceremony

**Herald:** The Baron and Baroness invite \_\_\_\_\_ to come before them, so that they might have words with them while all are here to witness.

[Candidate comes and kneels]

**Baron/ess:** \_\_\_\_\_, many have been your works on behalf of the people of our Barony, and we are pleased to honor you with the Green Leaf of Madrone.

**Baron/ess:** [say a few words about the contributions of candidate.]

**Herald:** [Read Scroll Text.]

**Herald:** For \_\_\_\_\_, recipient of the Green Leaf [cheer].

# Green Leaf

Scroll Text

Let it be known that \_\_\_\_\_ has, through diverse works and dedication, brought honor to the Barony of Madrone. Therefor we, Stefan and Emmelina, Baron and Baroness of Madrone, are minded to present [him/her] with the Green Leaf in acknowledgment and appreciation thereof. Done by our hand and seal this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, AS \_\_\_.

# Tsveti Madrone

## Ceremony

*Note: Award introduction is read for the first presentation only.*

**Herald:** In A.S. 27, Baroness Anastasia Alexandrovna Andreeva created the award of the Tsveti, or the White Flower of Madrone. The Tsveti Madrone is given by the Baroness upon the recommendations of the prior recipients, and of the populace. This award recognizes accomplishment in a specific category of arts and sciences.

**Baroness:** I am honored to continue the tradition of rewarding the artistic talents and valuable research of the people of Madrone. It would please me greatly to present the Tsveti Madrone to a deserving gentle at this time.

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, come forth and kneel before Their Excellencies.

**Baroness:** [Praise the skills of this talented person.]

**Herald:** [Read Scroll Text.]

**Herald:** Because the Tsveti honors accomplishment in one specific area of arts and sciences, each recipient is also given a bead to attach to his/her medallion. The bead signifies the form of artistic skill the bearer has been recognized for. \_\_\_\_\_ is being

recognized for \_\_\_\_\_, and thus receives a  
\_\_\_\_\_ bead.

**Herald:** For \_\_\_\_\_, recipient of the Tsveti Madrone  
[cheer].

# Tsveti Madrone

Scroll Text

To all to whom these presents shall come, greetings. Know that we, Stefan and Emmelina, Baron and Baroness of Madrone, do hereby honor \_\_\_\_\_ for [his/her] skill and knowledge in \_\_\_\_\_ with the Tsveti Madrone. Done by our hand and seal this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, AS \_\_\_\_.

# Sapling of Madrone

## Ceremony

**Herald:** As a young sapling grows and matures into the mighty Madrone tree, so does a child grow and mature to display the greatest ideals of our Society. Thus did Stefan and Emmelina, Baron and Baroness of Madrone wish to acknowledge those youth who add to the growth and prosperity of their Barony.

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, your presence is requested in this court.

**Baron/ess:** *[Speaks words about the contributions of this youth]*

**Herald:** [Reads Scroll text]

**Herald:** For \_\_\_\_\_, recipient of the Sapling of Madrone, three cheers.

# Sapling of Madrone

Scroll Text

# Etoile du Madrone

## Ceremony

**Herald:** Let \_\_\_\_\_ present [him/her]self before Stefan and Emmelina, Baron and Baroness of Madrone.

**Baron/ess:** *[Will speak about the recipient's martial prowess.]*

**Herald:** For \_\_\_\_\_, recipient of the Etoile du Madrone [cheer].

# Etoile du Madrone

## Scroll Text

The might of the Barony of Madrone strikes fear in the hearts of rival barons and is the right arm of the King in war. As the pride of the Baron is the valor of his warriors it is right and proper that those of exceptional martial ability be recognized.

Thus, for [his/her] prowess on the field of combat, do we, Stefan, Baron of Madrone and Emmelina, Baroness of Madrone, hereby mark \_\_\_\_\_ with the mark of the Etoile du Madrone, that our enemies may see them from afar and tremble at their coming.

# Gwraidd

## Ceremony

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, come forth and kneel before their Excellencies.

*[Subject will come and kneel before the thrones]*

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, in your service to the fighting community, your contributions have brought great credit to yourself and to your Barony. Baron Stefan and Baroness Emmelina are pleased to honor you with the Gwraidd.

**Baroness:** *[Says a few words about the candidate's contributions.]*

**Herald:** *[Reads scroll text]*

**Baron:** Is there a garter?

*[Previous recipient shall present a garter]*

**Herald:** For \_\_\_\_\_, recipient of the Gwraidd, three cheers...

# Gwraidd

Scroll Text

By these presents know that \_\_\_\_\_ has through valor and prowess brought fame to our Barony of Madrone and is therefor awarded with the Gwraidd for his/her contributions to the art of warfare.

In witness thereof we have set our hands and seal this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, AS \_\_\_.

Poisson d'Or  
Ceremony

# Porte Chalice

## Ceremony

*[Baron takes the Porte Chalice (cup) into his hands]*

**Baron:** Call forward all prior recipients of Porte Chalice.

**Herald:** May all holders of the Porte Chalice gather near to hear these words:

**Herald:** In A.S. 26, the award of the Porte Chalice was created to honor service to the newly founded Canton of Porte de L'eau. Each year, the people of the canton do recommend their most worthy member to receive the Porte Chalice from the hands of the Baron and Baroness of Madrone.

**Baron:** Know that we, Stefan and Emmelina, are also well pleased by this subject of our lands, and would present her/him with this award in grateful recognition of her/his devoted service.

**Baron/ess:** *[Describe contributions of the candidate]*

**Baron:** Herald, please call forward the worthy gentle.

**Herald:** Will \_\_\_\_\_ come and kneel before their Excellencies.

**Baron:** We are honored to recognize the service of \_\_\_\_\_ for the people of our canton of Porte d'Leau.

**Baroness:** We extend our personal thanks to you for all that you have done.

**Herald:** *[Read Scroll Text]*

*[Latest recipient of Porte Chalice approaches, takes the cup from the newest recipient, fills the cup and toasts to the newest holder of the Porte Chalice.]*

**Herald:** For \_\_\_\_\_, the newest recipient of the Porte Chalice, a long and joyful noise!

## Red Branch Ceremony

**Herald:** In A.S. 7, Baron Liam of the Barque determined to honor citizens who had rendered great service to the Barony of Madrone. Therefore, he created the Order of the Red Branch. Upholding this tradition, the Barons of Madrone have continued to recognize extraordinary dedication, service, and chivalry.

**Herald:** I now call forward \_\_\_\_\_ to read the names of those who have been so recognized. All members of the Red Branch here present shall stand and come forward when their name is called.

*[Speaker comes forward with roll – addendum to ceremonial.]*

**Speaker:** Hear now the roll of members of the Order of the Red Branch...

**Baron:** I am minded to recognize a new member of this order. Let [him/her] be called forward.

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, come forth and kneel before Their Excellencies.

**Baron:** *[say a few words about the contributions of candidate.]*

**Herald:** *[Scroll text]*

**Herald:** Accept now this scroll and this token of your rank: the badge of the Barony of Madrone, which is 'A Madrone tree eradicated proper'.

**Herald:** For \_\_\_\_\_, the newest member of the Order of the Red Branch. [*cheer*].

## Invocation of a Combat Championship List

**Herald:** Let all who would compete in the (Armored/Rapier/Archery) Champion Lists of the Barony of Madrone assemble now before Stefan and Emmelina, Baron and Baroness of Madrone.

**Herald:** People of Madrone, see here the entrants in the champion lists. Great is the honor of this list, for the victor shall wear the mantle of a baronial champion.

But you who enter here into honorable combat do, by your courtesy and valor, show forth the renown of this Barony of Madrone in the Kingdom of An Tir. Let brave deeds and chivalrous conduct prove you worthy of the honor you seek and the favors you bear.

**Herald:** Hear ye now the words of Stefan and Emmelina, Baron and Baroness of Madrone.

*[Baron and Baroness speak]*

### THE OATH

**Herald:** Let the people of Madrone bear witness to the contestants' oath:

Do you each know and swear to abide by the rules of the lists?

Do you each swear that if victory be yours today, that you will attend the baronial champions tourney to select your successor?

Do you also affirm that as champion you will swear an oath of service to the Barony of Madrone?

Then go bravely unto the Field of Honor to prove the worth of your cause in noble victory or honorable defeat.

## Invocation of an A&S / Bardic Championship

**Herald:** Let all who would compete in the Arts and Sciences and Bardic Championship competitions for the Barony of Madrone assemble now before Stefan and Emmelina, Baron and Baroness of Madrone.

**Herald:** People of Madrone, see here the entrants in the championship competition of the Barony of Madrone. Great is the honor of this contest, for the victor shall wear the mantle of Baronial Arts and Sciences and Baronial Bardic champion.

You who enter this competition do, by your courtesy and skill, show forth the renown of this Barony of Madrone. Let your excellence prove you worthy of the honor you seek.

**Herald:** Hear now the words of the Coronet:

*[Baron/ess will speak]*

### THE OATH

**Herald:** Let the people of Madrone bear witness to the contestants' oath:

Do you each know and swear to abide by the rules of the lists?

Do you each swear that if victory be yours today, that you will attend the baronial champions tourney to select your successor?

Do you also affirm that as champion you will swear an oath of service to the Barony of Madrone?

Then go bravely into this competition to prove the worth of your cause in noble victory or honorable defeat.

# Investiture of a Combat Champion

## Ceremony

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, (Armored/Rapier/Archery) Champion of Madrone, come before Their Excellencies.

*(He/She returns regalia to the Baronage, who pass them to waiting retinue.)*

**Baroness:** \_\_\_\_\_, we thank you for your exemplary service to Madrone as our (Armored/Rapier/Archery) Champion and now release you from your office and responsibilities.

**Herald:** Three cheers for the outgoing champion.

**Baron:** My lord herald, please ask the new Champion to join us in our court.

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_ you are summoned to come before Their Excellencies.

**Herald:** *[Read Scroll Text]*

**Herald:** Do you, \_\_\_\_\_, swear an oath of service to the Barony of Madrone, that you will obey their Excellencies' lawful commands in all matters concerning this land; and mindful that the harmony of Madrone springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously

and fairly with those of every degree, until you are released from this Oath, or the Baron and Baroness depart from these lands.

**Subject:** I so swear.

**Baron:** We do hereby accept the homage that you have offered unto Us. And We, for Our part, do return this honor unto you, and those of your household, so long as we hold these lands Madrone.

**Baron:** So Say I, Stefan, Baron of Madrone.

**Baroness:** So Say I, Emmelina, Baroness of Madrone.

*[Baron/ess presents regalia to the new champion.]*

**Herald:** People of Madrone, behold your new (Armored/Rapier/Archery) Champion.

*[The Herald will exhort the cheers of the populace as the new champion takes their place behind the thrones.]*

## Investiture of a Combat Champion

Scroll Text

Rejoice good people of Madrone and know that \_\_\_\_\_ has, through great effort and skill, triumphed this day, and will henceforth be known as our (Armored/Rapier/Archery) Champion. In witness thereof, we have set our hand and seal this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, AS \_\_.

## Investiture of an A&S / Bardic Champion

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, (Arts & Sciences/Bardic) Champion of Madrone, come before Their Excellencies.

*[He/She returns regalia to the Baronage, who pass them to waiting retinue.]*

**Baroness:** \_\_\_\_\_, we thank you for your exemplary service to Madrone as our (Arts & Sciences/Bardic) Champion and now release you from your office and responsibilities.

**Herald:** Three cheers for the outgoing champion.

**Baron:** My lord herald, please ask the new (Arts & Sciences/Bardic) Champion to join us in our court.

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_ you are summoned to come before Their Excellencies.

**Herald:** *[Read Scroll Text]*

**Herald:** Do you, \_\_\_\_\_, swear that as the (Arts & Sciences/Bardic) Champion of the Barony of Madrone, that you will obey the Baron and Baroness' lawful commands in all matters concerning this land; that you will encourage the practice and teaching of the arts and

sciences both within the borders of Madrone and beyond them and that you will advise the Baron and Baroness of their peoples' achievements?

**Champion:** I will.

**Baron/ess:** We hear your oath, and for our part promise that we will acknowledge your service, hear your counsel and support your endeavors on behalf of the people of our Barony.

**Baron:** So Say I, Stefan, Baron of Madrone.

**Baroness:** So Say I, Emmelina, Baroness of Madrone.

*[Baron/ess presents regalia to the new champion.]*

**Herald:** People of Madrone, behold your new (Arts & Sciences/Bardic) Champion.

*[The Herald will exhort the cheers of the populace as the new champion takes their place behind the thrones.]*

## Investiture of an A&S / Bardic Champion

Scroll Text

Rejoice good people of Madrone and know that \_\_\_\_\_ has, through great effort and skill, triumphed this day, and will henceforth be known as our (Arts & Sciences/Bardic) Champion. In witness thereof, we have set our hand and seal this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, AS \_\_\_.

# Officer Changeover

## Ceremony

**Herald:** Your Excellencies, an officer of the Barony wishes to approach so that he/she may retire from his/her office.

**Baron:** Let him/her approach.

**Herald:** Their Excellencies call before them the retiring officers of Madrone.

**Officer:** Your Excellencies, I have served you and your people and land, and now the service I swore has been completed. I beg your leave to honorably retire from this Office and the duties which have been entrusted to me.

**Baroness:** It is with sadness and with pride that we release you from our service and from the responsibilities you have borne so well. We trust that your experience and example will continue to help the Barony grow and prosper.

**Herald:** Their Excellencies call forward \_\_\_\_\_(*new officer's name and office.*)

**Baron:** My lord/lady, you have been commended you to us for to fill the office of \_\_\_\_\_. Are you willing to serve as an Officer of the Barony of Madrone?

*[If new officer will swear an oath of service, insert oath here – See next page]*

**Baroness:** Then assume your responsibilities, and strive to maintain and to serve the Barony as did your predecessors.

*[Retiring Officers garb their successors in Regalia and Tokens of their Offices, then depart.]*

## Oath of Service

**Herald:** Do you, \_\_\_\_\_, swear an oath of service to the Barony of Madrone, that you will obey their Excellencies' lawful commands in all matters concerning this land; and mindful that the harmony of Madrone springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously and fairly with those of every degree, until you are released from this Oath, or the Baron and Baroness depart from these lands.

**Subject:** I so swear.

**Baron:** We do hereby accept the homage that you have offered unto us. And we, for our part, do return this honor unto you, and those of your household, so long as we hold these lands Madrone.

**Baron:** So Say I, Stefan, Baron of Madrone.

**Baroness:** So Say I, Emmelina, Baroness of Madrone.

## Red Tree Pursuivant Investiture Ceremony

**Herald:** It was the custom in times past that persons named to an Office of Arms be invested in that office by solemn and fitting ceremony, and we today continue that tradition according to the Laws and Customs of An Tir. \_\_\_\_\_, Their Excellencies command your presence.

*[The herald shall call forward the all available heralds from the populace to witness the ceremony. If desired, they may arrange to enter as a procession, escorting the new Herald]*

**Herald:** Stefan and Emmelina, Baron and Baroness of Madrone, are minded to name you Red Tree Pursuivant. Will you accept the responsibilities and honor of this office in their court?

**Candidate:** I will.

**Herald:** Are you then prepared to take the Oath of Arms?

**Candidate:** I am.

**Herald:** Do you swear that you will ever be true to the Crown of An Tir and your liege lord and lady, the Baron and Baroness of Madrone, and further, that you will honor all lords and ladies of this Realm?

**Candidate:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Do you swear that you will bear yourself soberly and discreetly, keeping all secrets save only treason against the Crown and your Barony; that you will seek out and report worshipful deeds; that you will be ever ready to commend and loath to blame in all your dealings?

**Candidate:** This I swear.

**Herald:** Will you preserve to the best of your ability the rights and privileges of the Office of Arms, to make known to your fellows any deeds of arms, feasts, tournaments, jousts and other assemblies of honor at which they may be able to acquire thanks, honor and profit, sharing truly the goods and gifts coming from this noble Office of Arms?

**Candidate:** I so swear.

**Herald:** Do you also swear that you will faithfully participate in the activities of the An Tir College of Heralds, and continue diligent in the study and practice of the science of arms, pledging your knowledge to the service of the Crown and people of An Tir?

**Candidate:** All this do I swear.

*[The Baron or Baroness take a cup of water, and pouring it over the head of the candidate]*

**Baron/ess:** Then be henceforth Red Tree Pursuivant in Madrone.

*[Give the new Herald a full cup to drink]*

**Baron/ess:** Drink deep to seal the oath that you have taken this day, and keep this cup as token of your pledge.

*[Here shall an escutcheon of Office be placed about the neck of the new Herald]*

**Herald:** Wear this badge as token of your rank within the College of Arms.

*[If there is a tabard, it shall be given now. If the Herald has not been titled before then the tabard shall be placed over his head athwart (the front over the right shoulder) and 'turned' clockwise until it comes around to its' proper positioning]*

**Herald:** Bear this tabard as symbol of your office within the College of Heralds of An Tir.

*[And here the herald shall exhort the cheers of the populace, as the new herald takes his/her place]*

## Event Steward Thanks and Largesse Presentation Ceremony

**Herald:** \_\_\_\_\_, event steward of the Emprise of the Black Lion, you are summoned into Their Excellencies' court.

**Baron/ess:** *(May choose to say words about the event steward/event.)*

**Herald:** [Reads Scroll Text]

*(Presentation of largesse from the Coronet to event steward)*

*(Joyful noise. Event team may make announcements)*

# Event Steward Thanks and Largesse Presentation

Scroll Text

As it takes great effort on the part of our populace to make our great Barony successful, so shall the hard work & dedication of those individuals who have stepped forward to lead & volunteer for service be proclaimed.

Thus do we, Stefan and Emmelina, acknowledge and thank \_\_\_\_\_ for [his/her] hard work as the event steward for \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, AS \_\_\_.

## Investiture of a Sergeant Ceremony

**Herald:** The Baron and Baroness call \_\_\_\_\_ into their court, so that they might have words with him/her while all are here to witness.

*[Sergeantry candidate shall come forward]*

**Herald:** Be it known throughout the lands that, in the Barony of Madrone, \_\_\_\_\_ has through great effort and skill, successfully completed Baroness Emmelina's trials of the sergeantry, and will henceforth be known as a (Sergeant/Gallant/Yeoman/Courtier/Lancer) of Madrone.

*[Baroness Emmelina may choose to speak about the new sergeant]*

**Herald:** Do you, \_\_\_\_\_, swear an oath of fealty to the Baroness of Madrone, that you will obey her Excellency's lawful commands in all matters concerning this land; and mindful that the harmony of Madrone springs from your own deeds, that you will deal courteously and fairly with those of every degree, until you are released from this Oath, or the Baroness depart from these lands.

**Subject:** I so swear.

**Baroness:** I do hereby accept the fealty that you have offered unto me. And I, for my part, do return this honor unto you, and those of your household, so long as I hold these lands Madrone.

**Baroness:** So Say I, Emmelina, Baroness of Madrone.

**Baroness:** Accept from me now the token of your new position in my court.

**Herald:** Arise \_\_\_\_\_, (Sergeant/Gallant/Yeoman/Courtier/Lancer) of Madrone and greet your fellows. For the newest member of the sergeantry...