

Historic Ceremonies

The following are provided for their historical value and are not considered to be the current official ceremonies. Please refer to the Northshield Boke of Ceremonies for current ceremonies.

First Northshield Coronation

On the dais are the Middle Kingdom in the center, Royal Middle Prince and Princess on left and empty Principality thrones on right, with other Crowns present on either side in traditional order. The Gryphon Stone in the center before them, either on the dais or on the floor in front of them.

Song: Shield My Kinsmen, sung by the Northshield Choir

Herald

The former Coronets of Northshield Who have guided and led her people with the light Of the Stellar Thrones.

The former coronets of Northshield process into court in reverse order.

Hrodr and Guilia, 17th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Aubrey and Anne, 16th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Leif and Astrid, 15th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Robert and Isabella, 14th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Raito and Elashava, 13th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Niklos and Aramanthra, 12th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Kenneth and Leila, 11th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Saeric and Yasmin, 10th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Tristan and Eilika, 9th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Galen and Kelinda, 8th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Alasdair and Isabella, 7th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Tarrach and Fina, 6th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Belrix and Prism, 5th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Cnut and Nina, 4th Prince and Princess of Northshield
Seigfried and Therica, 3rd Prince and Princess of Northshield
Conn and Kassandra, 2nd Prince and Princess of Northshield
Dafydd and Gwyneth, 1st Prince and Princess of Northshield

Their Graces, Finn and Garlanda, first Prince and Princess of the Crown Principality of Northshield

Dafydd and Gwyneth enter, with Ian between them, bearing the new crowns of Northshield. They are followed by Finn and Garlanda who enter carrying the Calontir Sword of State (Finn) and Gryphon's Justice (Garlanda). They all take stairs onto the stage (from Left) and stand perpendicular to the front of the stage facing right, at the back corner of the BDR, Finn and Garlanda behind Dafydd and Gwyneth and Ian.

Felix and Madeleina walk to the right back corner of the BDR, face D and G.

Dafydd And Gwyneth

Nine years ago, Northshield took its place as the third principality of the Middle Kingdom. In the years since, We have served this kingdom proudly and with honor. Our principality has grown, and we have learned many things. Now the time has come for Northshield to go its own way , and we ask you to release Northshield from its obligations to the Midrealm so that it may take its place among the kingdoms of the Known World.

Ian takes the King's crown and hands it to Felix, and the Queen's crown to Madeleina.

Felix and/or Madeleina

Proud are we of our Principality of Northshield, and happy that they are prepared to take their place as the 18th Kingdom of the Known World, nor do we wish to stand in their path.

Therefore, be it known to the present age and to future generations, that we, in the presence of these assembled Crowns, Peers, Baronage and diverse members of the populace, hereby dissolve the dependency of the Principality of Northshield to the Middle Kingdom.

Attendants appear from the wings to replace the Northshield Principality thrones with the new Kingdom thrones. Felix and Madeleina place the crowns on the Gryphon Stone and retire to their thrones. Finn and Garlanda go to stand behind the Northshield thrones. Dafydd and Gwyneth and Ian join the other past NS Royals at the bottom of the stage.

Herald

His Excellency Viscount Siegfried von Kulmbach and Her Excellency Baroness Bridei nic Gillechattan, Heirs to the Kingdom of Northshield

Everyone turns to the back of the hall. The Past Royals retire to their seats in the first row. Siegfried and Bridei process in by different aisles, each with a personal escort. They stop at the foot of the steps.

Society Seneschal

Although a transfer of property may remain valid from the actual act of performing such transfer, and those things which are lawfully possessed cannot be wrested away by any act of force: it is, however, our duty to intervene lest there can be any doubt of the transaction. We hereby declare and proclaim: that the Middle Kingdom has agreed to relinquish any rights to the Principality of Northshield. Moreover, lest by this act the honor and glory of our most beloved Northshield may seem in any way to be diminished, by the counsel and judgment of the Board of Directors and at the request of the populace, we declare that the Principality of Northshield is hereby elevated to the status of Kingdom. We decree, further, that no person, small or great, may presume to exercise any jurisdiction in the governing of that Kingdom, other than the Board of Directors, without the consent or permission of the Crown of Northshield. The Crown of Northshield, moreover, shall not owe any other service to the Middle Kingdom from this time forward.

Siegfried and Bridei proceed up the steps and their escorts depart to join the rest of their households and sit in the second row.

Siegfried and Bridei kneel behind the stone on a cushion, facing the populace.

They pick up the crowns, and hold them in front of themselves.

Siegfried and Bridei

I swear to keep and confirm
To the people of Northshield
The laws, customs and traditions of the realm
To defend, strengthen, and maintain them
To the best of my ability.

To seek the wise counsel
Of our Peers, Baronage and people.

I shall do and keep
In all my domains and judgments
True and right in mercy and truth.

I will strive to be vigilant as I guide her people,
To be diligent in my service to all,
And to light the way
From the Stellar Throne.

May all my strength fail me
And the world turn against me
If I break this solemn oath.

Thus swear I, _____.

They rise, stand on the stone, and place the crowns on their heads.

Herald

All hail Siegfried and Bridei, King and Queen of Northshield.

Vivant!

Siegfried and Bridei take their place on their thrones.

Herald

There being no further business, this court of the Middle Kingdom is closed.

Principality of Northshield Ceremonies

Investiture of Prince/Princess

Royal Herald

The Crown summons <>, by right of arms Lord/Lady Heir of Northshield and <> Lady/Lord Heir of Northshield.

Lord and Lady Heir shall approach the Royal Presence.

Lord/Lady Heir

I am <Name>, Victor above all in the Coronet Tournament held in <Location> and <Name> is my Consort and Honorable Companion who was my inspiration on that day.

Royal Herald

Who bears witness to <Name> as Victor and rightful Heir to the Coronet of Northshield and to <Name> his/her Consort and Inspiration.

Northshield Seneschal

As Seneschal of Northshield, I bear witness to his/her/their right as Lord/Lady Heir of Northshield.

Northshield Earl Marshal

As Marshal of Northshield I bear witness to his/her/their right as Lord/Lady Heir of Northshield.

Finalist (or other person)

As finalist/combatant in the Coronet Tournament held in <Location> I bear witness to his/her/their right as Victor and Lord/Lady Heir of Northshield.

Royal Herald

Do the Peers of Northshield bear witness?

Peers respond.

Royal Herald

Do the Barons and Baronesses of Northshield bear witness?

Barons and Baronesses respond.

Royal Herald

Shall all of Northshield bear witness?

The Populace respond.

Crown

As Prince and/or Princess of Northshield, you hold and rule for Us this great land. You will be, by your Stewardship: Our Will, Our Words and Our Concern for Our Subjects and their well-being. You shall be Our Justice and Our Mercy and Our Love for Northshield. Mark well how you swear (what you promise) before Us and these witnesses.

The herald shall say, phrase by phrase, and the Prince and Princess shall repeat:

Herald

Here do I, <Name>
swear (pledge) before Your Sovereign Majesties and before these witnesses
to rule Your Principality of Northshield
as Prince/Princess to the very best of my ability,
and to hold these lands in fief from the Crown.
I promise ever to be a good and faithful servant of the Crown:
rewarding according to true merit,
judging with truth and mercy
and upholding the honor of the Middle Kingdom
and Our Principality.
I bind myself in Love, Honor and Loyalty
to the Crowns of the Middle Kingdom;
ever vigilant, merciful and kind
to those granted to my care,
By this oath (pledge) do I swear and so bind myself.

Crown

This do we hear
and honor that which you have given,
as true and loyal servants of the Crown.
This we will remember,
as will our heirs and their heirs,
and know that we will return thee
according to Our ancient promise:
Fealty with Love,

Service with Honor,
and Oathbreaking with Justice/Vengeance.

Taking up the Coronets and holding them over the bowed heads:

Crown

Take upon thy brow this coronet, <Name>, Prince and/or Princess of Northshield, and know that it represents to us the honor and glory of Northshield. By this you partake of Our Royal Station, so that just as We are Sovereigns of Our Middle Kingdom you are a reflection of that sovereignty in this Our Principality.

As the Coronets are placed on brows of the Prince/Princess:

Crown

By these also are you bound
by that First Oath of Northshield.
Therefore be you defenders
of the weak, preservers of justice
and highest examples of chivalry and honor.

Royal Herald

Behold, <Name> and <Name>, Prince and Princess of Northshield.
Vivant!

Crown

Join us here and take your rightful place at Our side.