

Invocation for Baroness's Passé de Arms

NB: *There are two main groups – the Tenans (Tenans who hold the field – which are the Baronial Guard for this event.) And Venans (Visitors who are visiting the field). First round Tenans hold the field and the Venans offer challenges. Second round: Venans challenge the Tenans. Third round: Tenans challenge the Venans.*

NB: *There are four courts that occur for this style of event: Invocation, Round 2, Round 3 and Closing Court. Be aware that it is a tradition that the Baronial Guard make a presentation to those combatants that they have found to be inspirational in some way. Notes for tournament heralding at the end of the document.*

Tip: *Get the list mistress or another volunteer to take notes on the challenges during court so that this can be used for the combat section of heralding*

Herald: Oyeh, oyeh, oyeh

Gather close and witness the chivalry, prowess and pageantry of the Baroness's Passé de Arms. Today we fight for the entertainment and spectacle for our most fair Baroness in honour of her beauty and gentility. For your entertainment, our Tenans are the Baronial Guard or their representatives. The Venans are all those who aspire to test their skill and prowess against the metal of those who would protect our Baron and Baroness. Would those Baronial Guard or their representatives here present, introduce themselves to Their Excellencies, the challengers and the assembled members of the populace:

Tenans (Baronial Guard introduce themselves or their representatives.)

Herald: This day will see three rounds of challenges. We shall now begin the first round. Each member of the Venans shall step forward and present themselves. They shall then indicate the form of the challenge, in what weapon form and against whomever the challenger wishes to cross weapons with.

The forms of the challenge shall be as follows:

- White – purest of colours, shall indicate that the challenger wishes to fight a single bout.
- Green – the colour of the hedge-row, shall indicate that the challenger wishes to fight over the barrier. Both combatants shall not throw blows to the hip or leg.
- Blue – shall indicate that the challenger wishes to fight to a count of blows received or given. The number of blows declared shall be a prime number.
- Red – the colour of war, shall indicate that the challenger and their supporters wishes to fight a melee against equal numbers. This combat shall be fought under Melee Rules.
- Turquoise – the blue of Maud, shall be chosen by the Baroness.

The challengers may choose the weapon of the challenge from matching glaives, two handed swords, two handed axes, spears, maces, swords and shields in any combination approved under the Conventions of Combat.

Would the Venans step forward and introduce themselves to Their Excellencies, the Baronial Guard or their representatives and the assembled members of the populace and declare their first challenge.

Venans (Visitors)

B&B will say something inspirational

Herald This concludes the invocation court for the Baroness's Passé de Arms. Marshals, Heralds, Combatants, Stand ready for the first bout of the day which will be in the field in five minutes.

Round 2 Court

Herald: Oyeh, oyeh, oyeh

This day has seen one round of challenges thus far. We shall now begin the second round. Would the Venans, come forward and indicate the form of the challenge, in what weapon form and against whomever they wish to cross weapons with.

Tenans (Knights/Squires)

Herald This concludes the second court for the Baroness' Passé de Arms. Marshals, Herald, Combatants, Stand ready for the first bout of the day which will be in the field in five minutes.

Round 3 Court

Herald: Oyeh, oyeh, oyeh

This day has seen two rounds of challenges thus far. We shall now begin the third and final round. This is the round of the Baroness' whim. The Baroness shall nominate who on the Baronial Guard will fight which Venans have impressed her and will indicate which style her preference will be.

Baroness stands and makes her wishes known.

Herald This concludes the third court for the Baroness' Passé de Arms. Marshals, Herald, Combatants, Stand ready for the first bout of the day which will be in the field in five minutes.

Closing Court

Herald: Oyeh, oyeh, oyeh

Witness the closing court of their Excellencies, Giles and Maud, Baron and Baroness of St Florian de la Riviere.

Baron and Baroness (Baroness to present her three tokens)

Guard will be asked to speak and present token.

Herald: This concludes the final court for the Baroness' Passé de Arms. There being no further business, all rise. Long live the King, Long live the Queen, Long live the Baron and Baroness of St Florian de la Riviere. Hip hip hizzare etc.

Tournament Heraldry

Before each fight

Would and Please present themselves to the Marshals

Would..... and Please arm and stand ready.

At the beginning of each challenge

Here do meet in honourable combat of <challenge> do

..... (wait) and (wait)

Combatants, make your salutes

For entertainment of the Baroness, at the Marshal's command.....

At the end of the challenge

Winner of the bout is (as indicated by the marshal)