

The Form and Order of Service that is to be performed in



**The Coronation of His Highness
Gary, Lord Betts the Terrible**



**in the Village of the Two Ports, of the Middle Kingdom
on Friday, the first day of August
in the year of our Lord 2003**

I. The Preparation

Upon the day of the Coronation, care is to be taken that the Bar be filled with the finest liquors, and the Sacred Book of Documents be laid ready.

The Earls and Ladies, being vested in their robes and armor, shall be formed at the rear of the Assembly Hall or in other convenient place, and shall there wait until notice be given of the beginning of the Procession.

II. The Procession

*Upon notice from the **Great Wulff, Lord Chambermaid**, the Earls and Ladies shall pass through the body of the People, entreating the **Lord Betts** to join them along the way, and so up to the Throne; and having arrived there shall make humble adoration, and kneel momentarily before the **Lord Betts**.*

*The Sacred Book of Documents shall then be brought forth by the **Court Jester**, First Vassal to the King, and held in readiness, thus signifying the equality of all, great and small, in the Court of the King.*

III. The Recognition

Jan the Griffith shall then stand before the People, with a loud voice saying:

Lords, Ladies, and Freemen, I here present unto you Gary, Lord Betts the Terrible, Heir Apparent to the Kingdom of the Institute, your undoubted liege lord and ruler. All you who are come this day to do homage and service, are you willing to acknowledge the same?

The People shall signify their willingness and joy by loud acclamation, with one voice crying out,

God save the King!

IV. The Oath

The Lord Betts and the Archbishop Saumur shall face one another in such manner that the People may hear all that transpires. The Archbishop shall then administer the Oath, first asking,

Sir, is your Majesty willing to take the Oath?

*And the Lord Betts shall answer,
I am willing.*

The Archbishop shall then minister these questions; and the Lord Betts shall answer as follows:

Archbishop: Will you solemnly promise and swear to govern the Peoples of the Great Lakes, the Gulf States, the Middle Atlantic, the North Central, the Northeast, the Northwest, the South Central, the Southeast, the Southwest, the West Regions, according to their respective laws and customs?

Lord Betts: I solemnly promise so to do.

Gaor the White shall then ask:

Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of the Institute?

Will you protect the Manual of Practice, defend the MasterFormat, and maintain the glory of the Annual Convention?

And will you preserve unto the Board of Directors, and to the Executive Council there committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges, as by law do pertain to them?

Lord Betts: All this I promise to do.

The Lord Betts having thus taken his Oath, shall sit upon the Throne.

V. The Presenting of the Sacred Book of Documents

When the Lord Betts is seated, the Lady Alana shall take from the Court Jester the Sacred Book of Documents and present it to the Lord Betts, saying these words:

Behold the Sacred Book of Documents!

Let none take these words in vain, or speak against the Holy Writ!

The Manual of Practice; The Formats - Master, Section, and Page; and the OmniClass!

VI. The Putting on of the Crown

Then the people shall rise, space permitting; and the Lady Marta of Sandvik shall take the Crown into her hands, and laying it upon the hair of the Lord Betts, shall say:

Having been duly chosen by the Royal Nominating Committee, and having been successfully acquitted in the field of popular election, we do declare you, Gary, Lord Betts, *Heir Apparent* to the Throne of the Institute of Construction Specifications.

The Chalice, being full of good liquor, shall be brought by the Lord Hewitt, who shall present it to the Heir. The Lord Hewitt shall then face the People and proclaim with all, in loud and repeated shouts,

God save the King! Long live the King!

After which shall the Archbishop, the Earls and Ladies, and the People consume vast quantities of intoxicating beverages, and engage in all manner of debauchery, charging all to the Court Jester's expense account.