

How knyghts of the bath shal be made

First the kyng our souerayne lord writteth
oute lettres vnto certeyne squyers of his
releue and desirynge them for to make
them redy for to receyue the hys and worshipfull
ordr of knyghthode at hys festis of the yere or at
suche tyme as it liketh the kyng for to desire them
for to come. ¶ The evyn of the day of the feste
all the squyers that schall be made knyghts they
schall come all togedir vnto the kyngs pallys
and then the statys of the kyngs honours schall meet
with hem and bryngge hem vp in to the kyngs
presence. and then schall the kyngs siver goo vnto
to the kychyn for his mete and all the squyers wth
him that schall be made knyghts for ech one of
them schall bere a dyshe and they schall serue the
kyng but of the firste course and when the kyng
is serued then schall the gentylmen vsshers bryngge
hem alle togedir in to the chamber then they schall
haue ther serue in to the chamber and dynne alle
togedir and when they haue dyned then schall
the gentylman vssher come in to the seyd cham-
ber and aske ech squyer his place for his bedde
and for his bayne. and when the kyng hath dyned
then schall be sent be the kyngs commaundement
certeyne squyers of his housholde to awaite vpon
them that schall be made knyghts and be ther
seruauntis and chamberleynes. ¶ Then schall

and the marshall

of the marshall shall come all the daye

the kyngs barbour come and shal all the squyers
and ech squyer schall paye for his berde shawynge
xx. s. and ech squyer schall ordeyne for his bayne
xxiiij. ellis of linnen clothe and that schall the
kyngs barbour haue for his fee. ¶ Then schall
the seyd squyers goo vnto ther bayne and all
that abillment the sergant of the chaundre schall
haue for his fee and when they be in ther bayne
then schall the heraldis of armys goo vnto the
kyng and lette him haue knowlege that the squy-
ers bene in ther bayne. then schall the kyng coman-
de the seruarde of his house with othir lordis and
knyghts for to goo vnto the squyers and yene them
ther charge as they sitte in ther bayne. ¶ Then
schall the seruarde come with all the lordis and
knyghts the kyngs mynstrels and heraldis of
armys before them vnto the chamber dore and then
the lordis entir in to the chamber with the heraldis
for to yene them ther charge as they bene in the
bayne. saynge in this wise. ¶ Grootur the kyng
our souerayne lord wolk that ye take this hys
and worshipfull ordre vpon you the whiche I as
a knyght declare vnto you certeyne popuris that
sought vnto this hys and worshipfull ordre of
knyghthode ye schall loue god aboue all thinge and
be redyfast in the feyth and sustene the churche and
ye schall be trewe vnto your souerayne lord.
and trewe of your word and promys / & sekirtee in

that ought to be kepte. also ye shall sustene wyndowes
in ther right at every tyme they wol requere you
and maydeys in ther virginite and helpe hem a
souce hem with powre good that for lak of god
they be not wysgovernyd. Also ye shall sette i noo
plase where that eyngement schuld be geuyn
wrongefultly ayens eyr body to powre knowlesse
Also ye shall not suffir noo murdres nor extor
ners of the kyngis pepyl with in the countre there
ye dwelle but with powre powre ye shall see
doe take them and put them in to the handis of
justice and that they be punyschid as the kyngis
lawe wolk. and then ye shall putte your hande
in to the bayne and take vp water and make a
crosse vp on his lyfte schuldre before and behynde
and kisse it and say in nomine patris & c. God send
you as moche worship as cur had eyr of your
kyng and thus muste doo all the lordis knyghts
to every knyght as he sitteth in the bayne
¶ When they shall goo oute of ther baynes
in to ther beddis and then they shall arise and
make them redy in hermytis aray of Colchester
zuffet and the sergant of the kyngis chamber
shall haue all the beddis the whiche bene thus
arayed. a matras a payre of blankets a payre
of sheetes a Couerlete and a couer of worstide and
a clooth of golde vp on that and a reed tappe of
worstide at his beddis heed hangynge on the heed

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¶ When they shall goo alle to goder in to the cha
pell and bee in ther prayeris til in the monyng
vn to viij. of the clokke. then they shall haue
a masse of the holy goste and then they shall of
fir a taper and a peny silyngge in the taper as nye
the light as it may resonably. when masse is
done then they shall goo vn to ther chambers
and chaunge hem and the kyngis wyte shall
haue all ther wachynge garmentis. **¶** When
they shall chaunge them in to a nothe arayment
firste they shall putte vp on them dublets w^t
black hosis chasen w^t a reed cote of reed tartaryn
and a white d^r i. iudith aboute hys and the gre
dill may haue 100 bobitt. then he muste haue
a white cote w^t on his heed and then a man
till of reed tartaryn purfild aboute with
ermyn and that muste be putte aboute
hys and a white case muste be in the seyde
mantell before at the breste with a payre of
white gloves kyt in the seyde case. **¶** Then
the seruauntis and chamberlynes that bene asy
nd to awayte vp on them shall take ther swordis
and the skabert shall be white d^r with outte
any bobitt and a payre of gylte spors hangynge
vp on the hiltis of the same sworde and the seyde
seruauntis and chamberlynes shall bere the seyde
sworde with the spors before them. **¶** Then
they shall come downe and take ther horsis

and ther horsis schall be arayed in this wise the
saddis muste be blaue and bordred aboute with white
ledir and the bridis muste be blaue with a crosse of
laton hyngyng in the frunte of the horse and
a paytrell of the same sise and the marchant of
Engelonde schall haue all ther horsis for his fee
¶ Then they schall asygthe and come in to the
kyngis presence with ther swordis borne before
them and makyng ther obeysaunce. then they
schall come eny to the kyng. then schall two
kyngis take the sporis of the sworde and doo
hem on ther helms. then schall the kyng gyf
de his sworde aboute him. then the squyer putt
tith bothe his thymbis with in the las of his
maunet and hysto vp his armys ouer his heed
then the kyng puttith bothe his hondis with
in his armys and takis him aboute the necke
with bothe his handis and kisse him and pluss
his him be the necke and sayes vn to him. for
es thou chenalere then he kuelys downe and
standis by till the kyng hath made hem alle
than they schall be ladde vn to the chapel
with kyngis ¶ When they come in to the
chapel eny before the hys ant then they schall
vngarde him and kepe his sworde vp on the
anter and then kuele downe and ley his hande
vp on the ant. then the deen or on for him
that is aspynd for to say in this wise. Be this

holy ant that oure lordis body is mynistred on ye
schall susteyne the church and kepe this hys and
worshipfull ordur that ye haue takyn vp on you
ye se. ¶ And when they be goyng oute of the
chapel then schall the kyngis mayst' cook mere
with hem at the doze and he schall say vn to
them in this wise. þ I as the kyngis mayst' cook
come at this tyme to lette you haue knowlege
what is myne office. þe myne office is yf ye be
vntrewe to youre souereyne lord or doo ayens
this hys and worshipfull ordur that ye haue
takyn myne office is that y muste suste of
youre hele be the smakk of youre leggis and
herfore I clayme youre sporis the whiche I pray
you remembre this in youre mynde and yene
you grace to kepe this hys and worshipfull ordur
and yene you as moche worshippe as eny had
eny of youre kyng. ¶ Then they schall be
brought in to the halle then the kyng comyth
in to the halle and wasshis and is sette. then schall
all the newe made kyngis wasshe and sette at
a side borde and when the kyng is fyny then
all the halle schall be fyny but the newe made
kyngis schall ete noo mere and when the kyng
is fyny of the laste course then the herawdes schall
crye the kyngis largesse in four plasys in the
halle. then the herawdis schall come in ageyne
and crye larges in two plasys of the halle of the.

newe made knyghtis and when the kynge shall
dymid. then they shall goo in to their chambers
and doo of their arayment and that the heron
doe shall haue for their fee. ¶ Then they shall
doo vp on them longe blewe gownes and it
muste be purfild aboute with ermyu and a wythe
case of silke with golde in the toftis muste be
pynd a pyu vp on his lyfte schuldre and a hood
of the same purfild aboute of the shawe as the
cheletris of laue han and the hood muste be
caste aboute his neck and the hood and the tye
pynd to gedre vp on the lyfte schuldre and
then they shall goo alle to gedre vn to the kyng
and when they come in to his presence on shall
say for them alle in this wise. most hie and
excellent and most myghty prince oure souerain
lorde we thanke you of this hie and worship
full ordre that ye haue gyue vn to vs and we
as your liege men shall be redy at your
comandement. then they shall bose them
downe alle at ouris and arise and goo their way
then they shall goo in to their chambers and
change hem and all these gownes and hoods
the sergant of the kyngis chamdres shall
haue for his fee. And then all the newe made
knyghtis may doo what them listis for all is
doun and endid. //

To make aqua poposita

Take a handfull of Rosmary a good boote
of alacapan a handfull of Redfennell
a handfull of of yosse gale a handfull of
tynde gale a handfull of Sage vij good
grop of red myrt as many pomegranat gale
a handfull of rose honyed by the way of magyon
ij ounces of lye wood well payed and blyssed
as myghts amoynted by the way of magyon
of good alle and take all the forsyde and
eys alle and put them in a pott and set the
apone the frey & let them stande for the
they begin to boyle & then take them from the
freys and upon the pott a lymbell and frow
it into lye space that they come none way
out & so to lye it with a soft froys so to
to do aquabito
ij gallon of alle and a gallon of lye of
red wine