

EDINBURGHNEW GOVERNOR INSTALLED

At Edinburgh Castle a new Governor is installed with due rite and ritual. After the Lord Lyon King of Arms has read the commission appointing him, General Sir Gordon MacMillan takes over:-

"Will you order the gates of the castle to be opened and the key brought to me."

The Lord Lyon is the senior herald and supreme in heraldry in Scotland.

From the battlements a challenge issues and a herald is sent forward to present a 'just double' of the commission before the keys of the Castle can be handed over.

There's a pause whilst the commission is read and checked, and then the officer-in-charge, Captain Parnell of the Argyll and Sutherlands advances with the key.

The key is presented and the new Governor is now in charge.

"Lt-Col. Maclean, I instruct you to take charge of this key and to hand it to the officer in charge of troops in Edinburgh Castle for safe custody."

Lieutenant-Colonel Maclean formally takes charge and the ceremony is over. Accompanied by Lady MacMillan the new Governor enters the castle.