

*COURTLY ETIQUETTE: WHAT DOES IT
ALL MEAN?*

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Viscountess Eleshava Bas Riva
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THE BASICS

What Do I do and why do I do it?

WHAT IS IT AND WHAT DO I DO?

- ❖ Courtly Etiquette is the process of recognizing those in the Society for Creative Anachronism who hold a particular rank or title.
- ❖ Courtly Etiquette is also what an individual may do when entering or leaving the main presence at Court.

What do I do?

- ❖ Bow/Curtsey
- ❖ Stand in their presence unless/until given permission to sit
- ❖ Research how your persona would have showed respect in their culture

WHY IS COURTLY ETIQUETTE IMPORTANT?

- ❖ It's part of our game
- ❖ It enhances the game
- ❖ Shows respect to people who have earned it
- ❖ Teaches history
- ❖ Avoids embarrassment
- ❖ Helps teach others





*WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE
ANYWAY?*

The Titles and Symbols of Rank or Relationships

QUICK DISCLAIMER

The Society for Creative Anachronism is 56 years old and spans the entire globe with 20 Kingdoms (as of 2021). While some rank and titles cross over to different kingdoms, the below ranks, titles, and items worn should be considered Northshield specific (unless otherwise noted) for simplicity's sake. Please be aware that different kingdoms may have different rules regarding what a person may or may not wear with a title granted them.

Thank you!

KING AND QUEEN OF NORTHSHIELD

- ❖ Title: Their Stellar Majesties or His/Her/Your Royal Majesty
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned: Victory in a Crown Tourney and currently Ruling in Northshield
- ❖ Symbols:
- ❖ Gold Crown of State
- ❖ Northshield device surrounded by laurel wreath or roses



OTHER KINGS AND QUEENS

- ❖ Title: Their Royal Majesties or His/Her/Your Royal Majesty
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned: Victory in a Crown Tourney and currently Ruling in their Kingdom
- ❖ Symbols:
- ❖ Gold Crown of State
- ❖ Kingdom device surrounded by laurel wreath or roses



PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF NORTHSHIELD

- ❖ Title: Their Stellar Highness or His/Her/Your Royal Highness
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned: Victory in a Crown Tourney but not yet Ruling in Northshield
- ❖ Symbols:
- ❖ *Silver Crown of State*
- ❖ *Northshield device surrounded by laurel wreath or roses and a Cadence Marker*



LANDED BARON AND BARONESS

- ❖ Title: His/Her/Your Excellency
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned:
Elected by the populace of a Barony and then appointed by the Crown
- ❖ Symbols:
- ❖ Gold Baronial Coronet with 6 pearls adorning it
- ❖ The right to bear the arms of the Barony in some fashion (Dress, Cloak, Tabard)



DUKE AND DUCHESS

- ❖ Title: His/Her/Your Grace
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned:
Have completed at least two reigns as King or Queen
- ❖ Symbol: **Coronet with sets of Strawberry Leaves** adorning it.



COUNT AND COUNTESS

- ❖ Title: His/Her/Your Excellency
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned:
Have completed one reign as
King or Queen
- ❖ Symbol: **Coronet (Usually Gold)**
with Embattlements adorning it



VISCOUNT AND VISCOUNTESS

- ❖ Title: His/Her/Your Excellency
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned:
Have completed one reign as
Prince or Princess in a
Principality
- ❖ Symbol: **Coronet (Usually Silver)**
with Embattlements adorning it



LAUREL

- ❖ Title: Master or Mistress
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned: Elevated by Royalty for Mastery in the Arts and Sciences
- ❖ Symbol: **Personal decoration of some kind with a Laurel Wreath adorned on it.**



PELICAN

- ❖ Title: Master or Mistress
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned: Elevated by Royalty for Excellence in Service
- ❖ Symbol: **Personal decoration of some kind with a Pelican (usually in its piety) adorned on it, Cap of Maintenance.**



KNIGHT/MASTER OR MISTRESS OF ARMS

- ❖ Title: Sir/Dame/Master/Mistress
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned:
Elevated by Royalty for Mastery
in the Arts Martial
- ❖ Symbol: **White Belt, Unadorned
Gold Chain, Spurs, White Baldric**



MASTER/MISTRESS OF DEFENSE

- ❖ Title: Master/Mistress
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned: Elevated by Royalty for Mastery in the Rapier (Fencing) arts.
- ❖ Symbol: **White collar, Cloak with Master of Defense symbol on it, sword hanger.**



COURT BARON AND BARONESS

- ❖ Title: His/Her/Your Excellency
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned: Elevated by the Crown
- ❖ Symbol: **Silver Baronial Coronet (Northshield Specific) with 6 pearls adorning it. Other Kingdoms have different laws on coronets.**



WHEN IN DOUBT...

**“Your Excellency” is
ALWAYS appropriate for
someone wearing a
coronet or crown!**

GRANT OF ARMS

- ❖ Title: His/Her/Your Lordship – Ladyship or The Honorable Lord/Lady, Don/Donna
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned: Awarded by the Crown
- ❖ Symbols: **The right to wear the badge of the order they have been added to.**



LORD AND LADY

- ❖ Title: Lord/Lady
- ❖ How Title and Rank is Earned:
Awarded by the crown
- ❖ Symbols: **Simple metal circlet with no more than one protrusion.** Height is no more than 1” and may not resemble any of the coronets listed above.



DEPENDENTS OR “WHA’D UP WITH THE COLORED BELT THING??”

- ❖ Apprentice – Student to a Laurel
- ❖ **Green Belts or other markers**
- ❖ Protégé – Student to a Pelican
- ❖ **Yellow Belts or other markers**
- ❖ Squire/Cadet – Student to a Fighter (Armored or Rapier)
- ❖ **Red Belts or other markers**





AWARD STRUCTURE IN NORTHSIELD

How to Navigate those awards in Court

Non-Armigerous Awards

Augmentation of Arms
(Special honor given by Crown)

Beare of Northshield
(Embody the spirit of the Kingdom)

Bravura
(Individual deeds of valor in the arts martial)

Order of the Crwth
(Performing arts)

Gems of Northshield
(Outstanding service to the Kingdom by a group such as a Shire, Household, or Fighting Team)

Order of the Golden Peacock
(Period appearance and attire in all arts martial)

Order of the Griffin in Northshield
(25 years of continuous authorization/activity in arts martial)

Hearthstead
(Hospitality)

Order of the Pyxis
(Creating and maintaining a period persona/atmosphere)

Order of the Saltire
(Widespread guidance and instruction)

Scroll of Honor
(Record of worthy deeds of Northshield and friends)

Youth Awards

Bellerophon
(Arts Martial)

Compass
(Service)

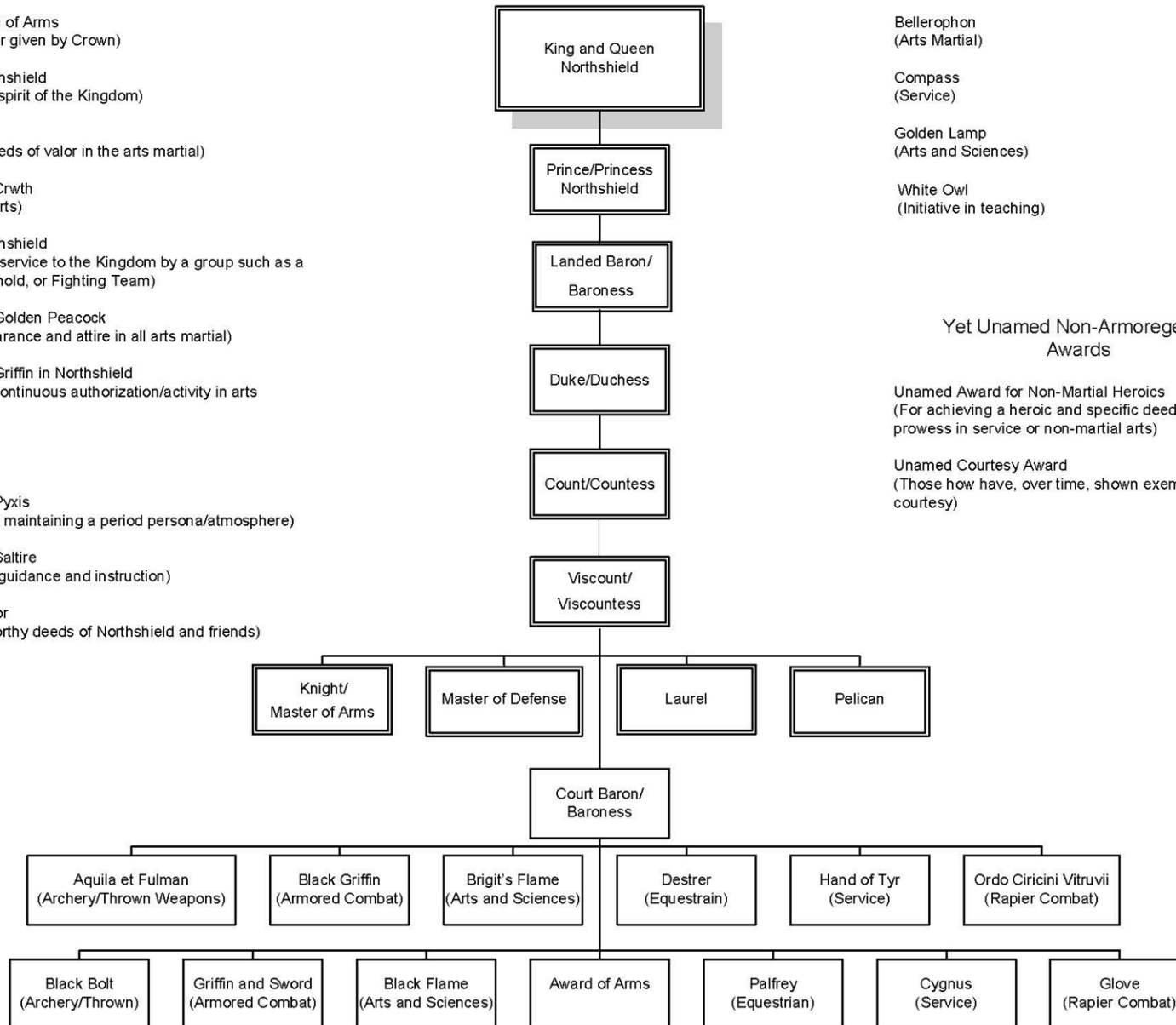
Golden Lamp
(Arts and Sciences)

White Owl
(Initiative in teaching)

Yet Unnamed Non-Armigerous Awards

Unnamed Award for Non-Martial Heroics
(For achieving a heroic and specific deed of valor or prowess in service or non-martial arts)

Unnamed Courtesy Award
(Those how have, over time, shown exemplary courtesy)





QUESTIONS??

No question is a silly question