



# **ADRIAN EMPIRE**

## **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

### **GUIDELINE**

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## PREFACE

This guideline is meant to resolve apparent conflicts between Prince Nigel the Byzantine's Order of Precedence, Imperial Estates Writ 18, Lex Adria IX.E., and "Achievements in the Adrian Empire."

What follows is the guideline for the Order of Precedence, in descending order of precedence, for the Adrian Empire. The following Order of Precedence is practice and is presented as a guideline not rising to the level of law.

## ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

### A. RANKS AND TITLES

1. Imperial Crown
  - a. Emperor and Empress
  - b. Imperial Crown Prince and Princess
2. Kingdom Crown (by Chapter precedence)  
For each Kingdom:
  - a. King and Queen
  - b. Crown Prince and Princess
3. Imperial Prince and Princess
  - a. Retired Imperial Crown (by date of award)
  - b. Member of the Order of the Fleur de Lis (by date of award)
4. Archducal Crown (by Chapter precedence)
  - a. Archduke and Archduchess
  - b. Heirs Apparent
5. Ducal Crown (by Chapter precedence)
  - a. Duke and Duchess
  - b. Heirs Apparent
6. Imperial Ministers (including Viceroys and Vicereines of Shires)
7. Counts and Countesses Royal (by Chapter precedence, then by date of award)
8. Marquesses and Marchionesses (by date of Estate creation)
9. Founders
10. Knights Third Level: Champion, Doctor, Premier, Warden
11. Kingdom Ministers (by Chapter precedence)
12. Counts and Countesses (by date of Estate creation)
13. Viscounts and Viscountesses (by Chapter precedence, then by date of award)
14. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Table Round (by date of award)
15. Companions of the Imperial Order of the St. Joan (by date of award)
16. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Croix Fleury (by date of award)
17. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Golden Cross (by date of award)
18. Archducal Ministers (by Chapter precedence)
19. Ducal Ministers (by Chapter precedence)
20. Barons and Baronesses Royal (by Chapter precedence, then by date of award)
21. Barons and Baronesses (by date of Estate creation)

22. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Comet (by date of award)
23. Barons and Baronesses of the Imperial Court (by date of award)
24. Companions of the Imperial Order of the Nebula (by date of award)
25. Barons and Baronesses of a Royal Court (by Chapter precedence, then by date of award)
26. Recipients of Chapter awards that grant precedence equal to a Baron/Baroness (by Chapter precedence, then by date of award)
27. Knights Second Level: Banneret, Master, Civil, Forester
28. Lords and Ladies (by date of Estate creation)
29. Knights First Level: Bachelor, Robe, Minister, Archer
30. Lords and Ladies of the Imperial Court (by date of award)
31. Companions of the Imperial Orders of the Lion, Harp, Quill, and Talbot (by date of award)
32. Lords and Ladies of the Court (by Chapter precedence, then by date of award)
33. Companions of the Orders of the Royal Star, Crown Companion, Queen's Guard, and Empress' Grace (by Grantor's precedence, then by date of award)
34. Companions of the Noble Order of the Crown Guard (by Grantor's precedence, then by date of award)
35. Chapter awards granting precedence equal to a Lord/Lady (by Grantor's precedence, then by date of award)
36. Ladies in Waiting and Gentlemen of the Chamber, Squires, and Men at Arms (in order of Liege's precedence)
37. Pages (in order of Liege's precedence)
38. Masters and Mistresses
  - a. Masters and Mistresses Third Level: Sergeant, Master, Chamberlain, Marksman (Huntsman)
  - b. Masters and Mistresses Second Level: Guardsman, Journeyman, Rector, Bowman
  - c. Masters and Mistresses First Level: Yeoman, Apprentice, Clarke, Yeoman Archer

## **B. CHAPTER PRECEDENCE**

1. Kingdoms, by latest date of elevation
2. Archduchies, by latest date of elevation to Archduchy
3. Duchies, by latest date of elevation to Duchy
4. Shires, by date of (original, continuous) creation
5. All non-extant chapters

## **C. KNIGHT PRECEDENCE**

1. Number of 3<sup>rd</sup> level Knighthoods
2. Number of 2<sup>nd</sup> level Knighthoods
3. Number of 1<sup>st</sup> level Knighthoods
4. Date order of 1<sup>st</sup> highest level Knighthood

## **D. MINISTER PRECEDENCE**

1. Chancellor
2. Steward

3. Sovereign/Minister of Arms
4. Minister of Rolls and Lists
5. Minister of Arts and Sciences
6. Minister of War and Joust
7. Minister of Archery
8. All other Ministers, in order of personal precedence

## **E. NOTES**

1. Companions of precedence-bearing Imperial Orders are ranked in precedence within each rank by the date the title was bestowed, except where such Order self-elects its own Master.
2. Within a given award or retirement title, precedence is by the precedence of the Grantor when it was bestowed, then by the date it was bestowed. Domains and Guilds, for the purpose of award precedence, rank after Shires.
3. Recognized precedence-bearing conversion ranks and titles have precedence equal to the most equivalent Adrian Grantor; e.g., an equivalent award from a Chapter of the same size at the time of the award.
4. Non-precedence-bearing awards, when listed, should be listed last in order of the precedence of the granting Chapter, then by the date it was awarded.