

# ORDER OF A GRAND MARCH

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The purpose of this article is not to explain in great detail how to perform a Grand March, but to list the sequence in which those in a Grand March will march, as this sequence is not identical to the Order of Precedence of the Kingdom.

A Grand March is usually done to the Ranking Royalty<sup>1</sup> at an event, with the purpose of introducing the populace to that Royalty. Therefore, the Ranking Royalty will not March, but should be seated in the Thrones. A herald (or multiple heralds) should be present to announce everyone in the Grand March.

Below is the precedence for a Grand March, assuming that it is for the King and Queen of the West:

Crown Prince and Princess of the West (if Marching)  
Prince and Princesses in order of: The Mists, Cynagua, Oertha  
Great Officers of the Kingdom of the West (or the Principality if held at a Principality event)

Visiting Royalty (in precedence (order of Creation) -- Note that any Princes and Princesses of these Kingdoms would March in precedence after all Kings and Queens ...):  
East, Middle, Atenveldt, Meridies, Caid, Ansteorra, Atlantia, An Tir, Calontir, Trimaris, Outlands, Drachenwald, Æthelmarc, Artemesia, Ealdormere, Lochac, Northshield, Gleann Abhann

(Sometimes branches are allowed to March as whole (i.e., the Seneschale (or Baron/Baroness) may lead the processional for their branch, with banner bearers, branch herald, and populace -- these would March here))

Dukes and Duchesses  
Counts and Countesses  
Viscounts and Viscountesses  
Members of the Orders of Peerage (Chivalry, Laurel, Pelican) in order of creation.  
Grants of Arms (Royal Archers, Royal Yeomen, Guildmasters of Fence/White Scarf, plain Grants)  
Territorial Barons and Baronesses  
Western Lily  
Leaves of Achievement (Order of the Leaf of Merit, Order of the Rose Leaf, Ash Leaf)  
Court Baron/Baroness  
Awards of Arms

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<sup>1</sup> 'Ranking Royalty' refers to the Royalty at an event of the highest Rank. For example, at a Kingdom event, the 'Ranking Royalty' would be the King and Queen of the West. At a Principality event, the 'Ranking Royalty' may be the King and Queen, if present, otherwise, will be the Prince and Princess of that Principality. This can be fun -- if the Crown Prince and Princess are present, they may be seated with the King and Queen (and not 'required' to March), or may March if they wish. A lot of what happens is 'Royal Whim'.

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