

SECTION VI -- PROTOCOL, TITLES, AWARDS AND PRECEDENCE

3) Precedence, or Who Ranks Who?
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This is a listing of Precedence within the Kingdom of the West. It is based on the Order of Precedence published by the Golem Pursuivant three times a year. In addition to the awards and honors here listed, awards from other Kingdoms are included in the position of their equivalent West Kingdom award where such equivalence is known.

King and Queen - First and foremost are the King and Queen of the West.

Crown Prince and Princess - The Heirs to the Thrones of the West are the Crown Prince and Princess. They precede all other Princes and Princesses.

Prince and Princess - The Prince and Princess of the Principalities of the West precede each other in the order of creation: Mists, Cynagua, Oertha.

Visiting Royalty - Royal cousins of Their Majesties have precedence over anyone else who is not reigning Royalty.

Dukes and Duchesses - Those who have reigned multiple times over the Kingdom have earned a place of honor.

Counts and Countesses - Those who have reigned over the Kingdom.

Viscount and Viscountess - Those who have reigned over a Principality.

The Orders of Peerage - The Orders of Peerage are in order by date - earliest award first. Each of the peerages is considered to be of the same rank as the others. All Knights, Masters-at-arms, and Masters and Mistresses of the Orders of the Laurel and the Pelican. **Members of the Order of the Silver Molet** and **Knights Banneret** have no special precedence over other members of the Peerage.

Grants of Arms - Those given Grants of Arms have served more outstandingly than others and are given precedence thereby. Membership in **The Royal Company of Archers** and/or **The Royal Company of Yeomen** and/or **Guildmasters of Fence** confers on the holder a Grant of Arms.

The Order of the Western Lily

Given for achievement in the arts/sciences with an emphasis on teaching, confers an Award of Arms.

Leaves of Achievement - Those honors, the **Order of the Leaf of Merit** for service, **The Order of the Rose Leaf** for achievement in the arts (and sciences), and **The Order of the Ash Leaf** for achievement in combat, are ranked together in much the same manner as the Orders of the Peerage.

Court Barons and Court Baronesses - Those who have this title as their highest recognition rank above Awards of Arms.

Awards of Arms - Recognition by the Crown or Coronet confers with it, precedence above those not so honored.

Territorial Baron/ess - (Precedence is not well-defined. In a Grand March they usually march after **Grants** and before **Leaves of Achievement**. The rank does not explicitly carry precedence. Sometimes they march before the Royal Peers, as they hold land in the name of the Crown.)

The following awards and honors do not confer, in and of themselves, precedence.

The Queen's Order of Grace

The Order of the Golden Poppy

The Order of the Silver Molet

The Order of Valor

The Order of the Silver Mantle

The Order of the Grey Goose Shaft

The Muckin' Great Clubbe

The Old Battered Helm

The Order of the Wooden Spoon

The Queen's Cypher

The Queen's Guard

The Order of Arachne's Web

The Order of the Pied d'Argent

The Order of the Silver Nib

Defenders of the West

Pillars of the West

The Order of the King's Lance

The Order of the Golden Acorn

The Western Scroll of Honor

West Kingdom Paragons of Merriment

The Order of the Noble Manor

The Order of the Queen's Treasure

Western War Council

The Order of Precedence can be downloaded from the West Kingdom website at this URL in a text file format or PDF:

<http://heralds.westkingdom.org/Awards>

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