

Customs & Etiquette



In Astral Winds there are many Nobles and, whether they are officers, lords, masters, or barons, they all require certain behavior from those who deal with them. These behaviors are traditions of our proud land. In this section we'll be discussing the various Titles of nobility, lesser nobility and other rank of prestige. We'll only be discussing the titles that currently reside within our land as well as our officers. Each of these Titles has a form of address, as well as physical behaviors that are expected from those who deal with them.

We'll start with the Officers of the group:

Monarch

Title: Duke

Forms of Address:

- Your Grace
- His / Her Grace
- My Lord Duke / My Lady Duchess

When approaching, or passing the Duke, all those of lower rank are required to bow or curtsy. This behavior is usually only observed when the Duke is wearing his crown.

When approaching the Duke in a formal court setting, it is customary to present oneself with a bow, curtsy or flourish before settling to one knee. When leaving, one should rise from the knee, take several steps backward while facing the Duke, and bow / curtsy before turning away.

It is impolite for a person of lesser status to address the monarch by any name other than the above listed forms of address.

It is an outright insult to refer to the monarch by his first name.

Regent

Title: Ducal Consort

Forms of Address:

- My Lord / Lady Regent
- My Lord / Lady Consort

The regent should be given a bow / curtsy whenever being dealt with directly. This action should be repeated when dismissed.

Champion

Title: Ducal Champion

Forms of Address:

-My Lord / Lady Champion

There is no particular action required when addressing the champion, though a short bow or nod is considered courteous.

Prime Minister

Title: Chancellor

Forms of Address:

-My Lord / Lady Chancellor

There is no particular action required when addressing the Prime Minister, though a short bow or nod is considered courteous.

Guildmaster of Reeves

Title: Reeve

Forms of Address:

-My Lord Reeve

There is no particular action required when addressing the Prime Minister, though a short bow or nod is considered courteous.

Other Titles and Orders of Rank within Astral Winds

Greater Nobility (Royalty)

No Royalty currently resides within the borders of Astral Winds.

Nobility

All members of the nobility are allowed to wear a circlet or coronet with 1 point. Generally the customs presented below are observed during the formal occasions or when the Noble is wearing his / her circlet or coronet.

When addressing a member of the Nobility, it is custom to bow or curtsy before addressing the noble. It is also custom to bow or curtsy when passing a member of the Nobility or before dismissing oneself from the noble's presence.

These customs are generally only observed during formal occasions or when the baron is wearing his crown.

It is considered rude for someone of lesser status to address a noble in any way other than an appropriate form of address (as listed below).

Title: Baron / Baroness

Forms of Address:

- My Lord Baron / My Lady Baroness
- Your Excellency
- His / Her Excellency

Lesser Nobility

All members of the Lesser Nobility are allowed to wear a circlet or coronet with no points. Generally, the customs presented below are observed during formal occasions or when the Lesser Noble is wearing his/her circlet/coronet.

When addressing a member of the Lesser Nobility it is polite to bow or curtsy before addressing them using one of the below appropriate forms of address.

It is considered rude for a person of lesser status to refer to the lesser nobility by any other form of address.

Title: Defender

Forms of Address:

- Defender
- My Lord Defender

Title: Walker of the Middle

Forms of Address:

- Walker
- My Lord Walker

Title: Baronet / Baronetess

- Your Lordship / Ladyship
- His Lordship / Her Ladyship
- My Lord Baronet
- My Lady Baronetess

Title: Lord / Lady

- My Lord / Lady
- Your Lordship / Ladyship

Orders of Rank

All members with Orders of Rank aren't quite nobility, but they are indeed a step above the peasantry.

These folk aren't granted permission to wear a circlet / coronet, but are still afforded some level of respect.

There is no formal requirement to bow, etc when addressing those with Orders of Rank, but it is impolite to address them in any other manner than the forms of address listed below.

Title: Master

Forms of Address:

- Master [NAME]

Title: Squire

Forms of Address:

- Squire [NAME]