

Invictus Titles

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Titles

There are four types of titles: Esteem (Invictus 38-39), Tribute (Invictus 39-40), Function (Invictus 40-42), and Hierarchy (Coteries 100). There are also some functions described in Nomads that may be considered Titles of Function.

A character possesses a maximum number of titles equal to their status +/- 1. Not all titles count against this total.

Titles of Esteem

This title denotes general age of a vampire. Everyone has one, which is the first title that counts against their maximum number of titles.

There are also Titles of Esteem that can be used to designate familial relations. These are appended after a person's address when introducing them. These are not counted against a character's maximum number of titles.

- **Master (m) / Miss (f):** A vampire that is embraced but still under going instruction by sire. They have not undergone Manumission.
- **Mister (m) / Madam (f):** A vampire that has undergone Manumission to join the Invictus but who is not yet old enough to be considered an Alder or is not a member of a Knightly Order.
- **Sir (m) / Dame (f) :** If a vampire is a member of a Knightly Order and otherwise qualifies for the title Mister or Madam, then he or she uses this instead. (this still is not an actual title of Esteem just replaces it)
- **Alder:** Regardless of gender or profession, if an Invictus is well beyond the average age of a domain's entire vampire populace, then they use the title Alder. Alder is never combined with Sir or Dame.

Titles of Tribute

These titles denote actual accomplishment by the character to which they are attached. They are supposed to be rare and highly sought after; however, within the Camarilla its hard to swing a cat in a room full of Invictus without hitting more than a dozen people with these. In part this is because we have a very low vampire population as compared to what is in canon. In part it is also because people want titles.

Normally these are only used in specific forms of address; however, some of them add a prefix to other forms of address.

- **Lord (m) / Lady (f):** Generally considered the least Title of Tribute, this is given to Invictus who have distinguished themselves in some positive way through dint of merit or lineage.

- **Baron (m) / Baroness (f):** A step beyond Lord, this title is given to Invictus who have repeatedly distinguished themselves, exceeding the call of duty.
- **Viscount (m) / Viscountess (f):** Bestowed upon a kindred given permanent domain within Invictus territory. The name of the domain is appended to the title. Example: The Viscount of Beacon Hill. If the domain is lost, the name of the domain is no longer appended, but the character retains the title. "The Good" precedes introductions.
- **Earl:** Given to a kindred who conquered a domain, thus adding the territory to those of the Invictus. The name of the domain is appended to the title. Example: The Earl of Georgetown. If the domain is lost, the name of the domain is no longer appended, but the character retains the title. "The Honorable" precedes introductions. There is no feminine form for this title, though it is arguable that Countess could work if a female character did not want to simply use Earl.
- **Marquis (m) / Marquise (f):** Given to an Invictus who is given a permanent seat upon the Inner Circle of a city. The name of the city is appended to the title. "The Right Honorable" precedes introductions. Example: The Marquise of Goa.
- **Duke (m) / Duchess (f):** Given to an Invictus who conquers a city (not just a domain) and establishes a strong and lasting rule for the Invictus. The name of the city is appended to the title. Example: The Duke of Spokane. "His Grace" or "Her Grace" precedes introductions.

Titles of Function

These titles indicate the function of an Invictus, that is to say what role within the covenant they fulfill. Unless otherwise mentioned, these are found on pages 40-42 of Invictus.

- **Advisor:** Invictus title for Primogen
- **Advocate:** Professional public relations specialist who promotes the interests of the Invictus
- **Almoner:** Professional caretaker of the less fortunate
- **Amicus Curiae:** Professional witness to oaths and ceremonies (similar to Notary) - Nomads 44
- **Archon:** Invictus title for Hound
- **Au Pair:** Professional teacher of the basics of being an Invictus
- **Catechist:** Invictus nomads who serve as the secret police and black gloved-fist of the covenant. - Nomads 44
- **Commissioner:** Professional manager of resources
- **Councilor:** Member of the Inner Circle
- **Executor:** Professional event organizer - Nomads 42
- **Glossator:** Professional teacher of out of touch elders; their duty and actions are kept secret - Nomads 43
- **Groom:** Professional keeper of herds
- **Interpreter:** Professional translator of languages and motivations
- **Judex:** Professional judge and arbitrator in disputes
- **Knight:** Oathsworn soldier. Members Replace there title of Esteem with **Sir (m) / Dame (f)** unless an Alder
- **Librettist:** Professional connoisseur of the arts

- **Meister:** Head of a Guild
- **Misericordist:** The elite troubleshooters and cleaners sent to solve significant outside "problems" facing the covenant. - Nomad 44
- **Minister:** Invictus title for Herald
- **Notary:** Professional witness to declarations and oaths.
- **Notary Cruentas:** A term created by members of the Camarilla to denote a professional practitioner of the Blood Oaths
- **Player:** Professional artist or performer.
- **Prince:** The Prince (head of the vampires in a city)
- **Priscus:** The Priscus (head of the clan in a city)
- **Proctor:** Invictus agent in a foreign domain - Nomads 43 & 44
- **Pursuivant:** Professional messenger, particularly between domains - Nomads 42
- **Reeve:** Invictus title for Sheriff
- **Secretary:** Professional administrator of the guilds within a city
- **Senator:** Professional philosopher and specialist in lore
- **Seneschal:** The Seneschal (manages nightly affairs of the city for the Prince)
- **Soldier:** Professional warrior
- **Speaker:** Professional negotiator and diplomat
- **Steward:** Professional preserver and caretaker of artifacts
- **Technologist:** Professional in the realm of research and implementation of Disciplines and other vampiric powers.
- **Vauntcourier:** Professional announcer of Invictus deeds and presence - Nomads 42
- **Whip:** The Whip (motivator within the clan in a city)

Titles of Hierarchy

Within Invictus coteries the rank of the members is often expressed with the Latin numbering system. Within the Camarilla's global chronicle this practice is used most often within Inner Circles and is most obvious within Regional Inner Circles. Under this system the designation Primus means first, or the leader of the coterie. It follows then that Secundus is second, Tertius is third, and so forth.

This is not an official designation and is not considered towards the number of titles an Invictus may hold. It is, however, important to understand as most Regional Inner Circles openly designate their Primus and Secundus: the leader and the second in command. It is rare to have characters designated beyond the hierarchical positions of Primus and Secundus. That is to say that Tertius, Quartus, Quintus, etc. are rarely used.

For more information see the Privileges of Rank sidebar on page 100 of Coteries.

Forms of Address

These are discussed at full length on pages 42 & 43 of Invictus. What follows is a brief primer. For the example we will use an Invictus named Robert Lance. He is an Alder, a Knight, a Duke (of Jamaica), and a Notary.

- **Submissive:** "Most" + Ingratiating Term + Title of Tribute + Name (if title of tribute is not unique). Example: *The Most Gracious Duke of Jamaica.*
- **Formal:** Title of Esteem + Title of Function (the one most pertinent to the situation). Example: *Alder Notary or Alder Knight.*
 - **Alternative:** The last name can be used to differentiate people or substituted for the title of function when there isn't one.
- **Familiar:** Title of Esteem + First Name. Example: *Alder Robert.*
- **Intimate:** First Name. Example: *Robert.*
- **Disparaging:** "My" + Title of Tribute + Name (if title of tribute is not unique). Example: *My Duke or My Duke Lance.*

Introductions

Introduction form is used not when addressing an individual, but when introducing one Invictus to another. Introductions are tricky in that the canon material gives us little to go on. We have examples in the Rule of Thumb side bar on page 38 of *Invictus* and the third paragraph of *Terms of Address* on page 42. We also have the way in which Titles of Tribute modify introductions on pages 39-40. From these sources we decipher the following formula.

- **Introduction:** Tribute Modifier + Title of Esteem + Name + , + Full Title of Tribute + Titles of Function.

Tribute Modifiers

Tribute Modifiers are provided on pages 39 & 40 of *Invictus*. They are as follows.

- **Lord/Lady:** no tribute modifier
- **Baron/Baroness:** no tribute modifier
- **Viscount:** *The Good*
- **Earl:** *The Honorable*
- **Marquis/Marquise:** *The Right Honorable*
- **Duke/Duchess:** *His/Her Grace*

Examples

- *His Grace Alder Franklin Moss, Duke of Lesotho, Prince and Steward*
- *Mister Kilroy Reese, Soldier*
- *Alder Grace Tapping, Lady and Interpreter*
- *The Honorable Madam Francesca Farthing, Earl of Lisbon, Almoner*
- *Master Rudy Thompson*
- *Alder Pilar Rodriguez, Baroness, Groom, Minster, and Player*