

# Royal Guarding 101

**First and foremost, THANK YOU for volunteering to guard!  
We hope this booklet is helpful to you in this important role.**

## What do you do as a guard?

You may be thinking that as a guard, your job is simply to stand there, possibly holding something intimidating (spear, sword, pike etc), and keep everyone out.

In reality, however, most Royals want to meet with their populace, particularly if they have a specific piece of information (“Hi, I’m from Red Company, and the King needs to know our numbers for an event”) or they were sent (“the Prince requested my presence”).

The useful bit of course is to know: who is in the royal room/pavilion (King /Queen /Prince/ Princess / local landed Baron/ess ), if they are seeing anyone at a given time, if they can be disturbed (perhaps there is a meeting going on), and whatever else the prior shift of guards was able to provide as far as information.

It will be up to one of the guards to enter the room/pavilion and ask politely if the guest at the door may be admitted. Obviously, one wants to knock first, be polite, bow respectfully, avoid interrupting an ongoing conversation once in, and be brief, but still have as much pertinent information about the guest as possible.

## Addressing The Royals

As a general rule, the royalty are not addressed by name alone, nor are they referred to with a pronoun (him, her, or they). (Note: The royalty use only Their first names for the duration of Their reigns).

King: Your Majesty, My Lord King, Sire (if in direct fealty), King Ragnvaldr, His Majesty

Queen : Your Majesty, My Lady Queen, Queen Arabella, Her Majesty

Prince: My Lord Prince, Your Highness, Prince Dag, His Highness.

Princess: My Lady Princess, Your Highness, Princess AnneMarie, Her Highness.

## Addressing Members of the Populace

When referring to those who wish speak with the Royalty, keep these titles in mind:

Dukes/Duchesses (Coronets have strawberry leaves) – ‘Your Grace’

Counts (Coronets are embattled) – Addressed as “Your Excellency”

Baron/ Baronesses (Coronets have pearls: gold is landed, silver is of the court) – addressed as “Your Excellency”

Knights – Sir (even the women Knights tend to prefer sir)

Masters of Arms – Master

Order of Defense – Master/Mistress

Laurels/Pelicans – Mistress/Master

And My Lord or My Lady, as appropriate to gender, is always correct. If you are uncertain of someone’s title, you may always embellish these, such as, “My Noble Lord” or “My Gracious Lady.”

Examples:

*“If it please Your Majesty, the court herald requests a moment to speak with you.”*

*“Please forgive the intrusion, but this gracious lady requests an audience with Your Highnesses.”*

*“Thank you, Your Majesty.”*

You may wish to make sure they are not well armed (“If you are allowed in, my lord, I’d like to keep that 8-foot spear out here, for the King’s safety”). But in general, we like to assume people have the best of intentions. Just don’t be rude, and be careful not to offend. (Remember that some people will offend easily. ) Be courteous and use titles. This is after all part of our game, and part of the show or atmosphere we are creating.

We also want to make sure that when the Royalty has privacy when they need it, attendants when they require them, and access to their populace when appropriate.

If you have questions, please see Genoveva von Lübeck, the Royalty Liaison.

**Thank you again for your important service to our Kingdom!**

