

HERALDIC TITLES

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PERSONAL TYPE

A personal type heraldic title is an identifying name given to a person as a sign of their heraldic achievement, rank or position. It is granted permanently to an individual, for their personal use. There are three basic categories of personal type heraldic titles; the Emeritus Title, the Individual Title and the Herald Extraordinary Title.

The emeritus heraldic title, sometimes referred to as a “retirement title”, is given to indicate the recipient has previously served the heraldic community in a significant manner by handling the kingdom level responsibilities required by the Society for a kingdom to stay in compliance with Corpora.

As per the tradition of the Kingdom of Calontir, an individual, upon completion of service as Gold Falcon Principal Herald or Saker Herald (Heraldry Submissions Officer), **is** granted an emeritus heraldic title if they do not already hold a heraldic title. Individuals upon completion of service in other kingdom deputy heraldic offices **may** be granted an emeritus title at the discretion of the Gold Falcon Herald (in consultation with the Crown) if they do not already hold a heraldic title, although this has been rare in Calontir history. Usually this will be granted to a gentle for serving “above and beyond” the normal duties their office calls for. This includes both the more visible positions such as Batelier Herald (Field Heraldry) and Habicht Herald (Education) as well as the positions of Red Hawk Herald (External Commenter), Vert Hawk Herald (Armorials), Blue Hawk Herald (OP), Lanner Herald (Ceremonies), Kestrel Herald (Publications) and the Regional Deputies, where the work of the individual can be so “behind the scenes” that the populace at large is generally not aware of the amount of work and service being provided. Other individuals who have been of great service to the heraldic community, either at kingdom level or Society level, **may** be granted the privilege of an individual heraldic title by the Crown (in consultation with the Gold Falcon Herald), the Gold Falcon Herald (in consultation with the Crown) or by the Laurel-Sovereign-of-Arms.

The individual heraldic title, oft times referred to as a “personal title”, is given to indicate the recipient has served the heraldic community in a significant and notable manner. Generally, the granting of such a title indicates the individual is well-known both in the heraldic community and by the populace-at-large for their heraldic work.

Additionally there is the rank-title of Herald Extraordinary that **may** be bestowed by the Laurel-Sovereign-of-Arms, the Crown of a Kingdom (in consultation with the Laurel Office) or the Gold Falcon Herald (in consultation with the Laurel Office). The intent of the rank is to recognize and reward those heralds who have greatly served the College of Heraldry and/or the College of Arms and have achieved the highest level of competence in heraldry.

These recognitions convey no position in the Order of Precedence.

Traditionally, personal type heraldic titles have been registered by the kingdom for permanent use by the recipient. Once registered, the kingdom may choose to remain listed as the “owner” of the title [which was required by the Laurel-Sovereign-of-Arms office in the “old days”] or once the title is registered, transfer the title to the recipient [which is the standard practice utilized these days, as the Laurel-Sovereign-of-Arms office now allows this]. Additionally, current submission rules do allow an individual granted a heraldic title to submit the title directly themselves.

NOTE: Things changed per the July 2013 LoAR Cover Letter which stated that whenever a personal heraldic title is given to a person, for whatever reason, it is considered to be a Herald Extraordinary Title. The notable passages states: "Principal Heraldry and Crowns should take note then -- when you give someone a personal heraldic title or entitle them to choose their own personal heraldic title, you have also elevated them to the "rank" of Herald Extraordinary."

NON-PERSONAL TYPE compiled by Modar Neznanich

A non-personal heraldic title is an identifying name given to a person holding a particular heraldic office and retained only while in that office. The title stays with the office, not the person. In Calontir these non-personal heraldic titles are for use only by the Kingdom Principal Herald, Kingdom Deputy Heralds, Kingdom Staff Heralds and heralds in service to local branches/groups.

By tradition, almost all heraldic titles for Kingdom level herald/deputy positions have been the names of raptor/birds of prey, either with or without a color descriptor of some sort.

Local branches/groups may either use the convention of “<Group Name> Herald” for the name of their heraldic officer without registering a specific title or they may register a particular name for the office. If a branch/group does decide to register a heraldic title, as per the SCA College of Arms RfS [editor's note: now replace by SENA], the kingdom must approve the form of the heraldic title that the local branch/group wishes to use. A simple inquiry to the Gold Falcon Principal Herald should suffice. The branch/group then simply submits the heraldic title as it would any other branch/group submission.

By tradition, all heraldic titles for Baronies use the designator “Pursuivant” and all other branches/groups use the designator “Herald”. There are no other set traditions for the naming practices of branch/group heralds.

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