

# Titles and forms of address Quiz

Match the title to the form of address:

Duke/Duchess

Baron/Baroness

Viscount/Viscountess

King/Queen

Prince/Princess (Kingdom Heirs)

Award of Arms

Grant of Arms (Goutte/Jambe)

Knights

Laurels

Pelicans

Prince/Princess (Principality)

White Scarf

Count/Countess

Your Lordship/Ladyship

Your Majesty

Master/Mistress

Your Excellency

Master/Mistress

Your Grace

Your Royal Highness

Don

Lord/Lady

Your Excellency

Sir

Your Excellency

Your Highness



# Courtesy and Etiquette

**1. Treat your inferiors in rank, knowledge, or experience as your equals.** Treat your equals as if they were superiors; treat officers as representatives of the King; and treat the King and Queen with the reverence due your sovereigns.

**2. Use medieval forms of address.** In our "current middle ages", when at events, use people's Society names and titles, not their mundane ones, even if you know them well. If you don't know someone's SCA name or title, simply address them as "my lord" or "my lady."

**3. Be faithful to your lord and your word.** It is assumed that all will be loyal, honest and responsible, even when it is not always to their personal advantage. This includes fulfilling obligations, or at least taking the trouble to inform somebody if you will not be able to do what you said you would.

**4. Gentlemen, honour all Ladies.** This is an extension of the basic common courtesy we've been talking about all along. The two most obvious aspects are hand-kissing and (often quite flowery) compliments. When physical touch is involved, there are two very basic rules (we'll keep it in the traditional lord-lady framework for simplicity): The lady makes the first move. And if she says stop, you stop. Period.

**5. Ladies remain worthy of all honour.** Being "worthy of all honour" basically means, if you want people to treat you with respect, you have to first inspire that respect.

**6. Touch no man's goods unasked; give and receive with grace.** When entering someone's pavilion, or touching their things. Most people tend to leave their stuff lying freely about at events, with that basic trust in mind. This kind of communal trust and good manners is part of what makes SCA events fun and relaxing. It is your job to remain worthy of that trust. Another central part of chivalry is generosity. If you need something, ask politely and thank the giver. Similarly, give graciously or not at all. If you must refuse, refuse politely. Even if the asking is rude, a gracious response will often shame or surprise the asker into better manners.

**7. Be gentle to the stranger.** Be open to and aware of newcomers, and make an effort to explain things to them or show them around. If you feel it necessary to give advice or correction (as when someone in mundane dress wanders onto the field) be friendly, and inform or remind rather than reprove. Provide positive suggestions, such as where to access loaner garb, or where to borrow a tankard to replace the pop can.

**8. Raise your sword, not your voice.** It is never necessary to shout or use insulting language. Personal disputes should be kept off the battlefield, and separate from politics. Remember that, as in the mundane world, most problems can be solved by a bit of clear, honest communication. If you are having trouble working out a problem one-on-one, try talking to one of the officers in charge. If things really get serious, the SCA Board is the final court of appeal for disputes that have escalated beyond the ability of the participants or the officers to handle. For more information on handling disputes, see the "Channels for Complaint and Appeal" section of the official SCA web-site.

**9. Let the slain man say if he be slain.** Only a fighter can judge the force or accuracy of the blow, and if there is any dispute it is to be settled between the fighters and the marshals.

**10. And finally, Reverence the King and Queen.** This is part of playing the game, and also just another extension of common courtesy. "Reverencing" means a bow or a curtsey; it can also take the form of a polite lowering of the head. Most Scadians will reverence when passing in front of the thrones or head table; many also reverence whenever they pass or approach royalty. Never walk in front of the throne when people are talking (especially during court), and don't stand between the sovereigns and something they are trying to watch. Kneeling in front of the throne is largely just a courtesy so the ruler does not have to crane his or her neck.