

# Proclamation of the Director General of the Principality of Sylvestria

## Reforming Naming Customs, Titles, and Forms of Address within the Realm

By the authority vested in me as Director General by the National Assembly and the Fundamental Law of the Principality of Sylvestria, I do hereby declare the following reforms to the naming customs and system of titles within the Principality of Sylvestria. These changes are enacted to reflect the evolving nature of our society and to honor the meritocratic ideals upon which our nation is founded.

### **I. Naming Freedom**

From this day forth, the citizens of Sylvestria shall no longer be bound by the antiquated tradition of selecting names from an approved list. Each individual and family shall have the inalienable right to choose their own names, reflecting their personal identity and heritage. This proclamation abolishes the previous restrictions on naming practices, granting freedom and autonomy to all Sylvestrians in the expression of their identity.

### **II. Abolition of Outdated Titles**

The titles of Ardhal, Ardhalrodh, and Rodh are hereby abolished from use in the Principality of Sylvestria. These titles, while steeped in history, no longer serve to represent the egalitarian spirit of our modern nation.

### III. Introduction of New Titles of Nobility

To replace the aforementioned titles, the following honors shall be established to recognize and reward outstanding service to the Principality:

- a) Prince of the Sylvestrians: This title shall be reserved for the elected monarch of the Principality of Sylvestria, as the highest executive and administrative authority in the land, representing the collective will of the people. The Prince of the Sylvestrians shall be addressed as Royal and Serene Highness, the Prince of the Sylvestrians. The Prince of the Sylvestrians shall rank first in the Order of Precedence.
- b) Count: The title of Count shall replace the title of Ardhalrodh. It shall be granted to individuals who have rendered exceptionally meritorious service to Sylvestria, as determined by their contributions to the welfare and progress of the Principality and its People. Counts shall incur a minimum annual service obligation of 120 hours for the privilege of maintaining the title. Counts shall be addressed as Most Illustrious Lordship. Counts shall rank below the Prince of the Sylvestrians in the Order of Precedence.
- c) Baron: The title of Baron shall replace the title of Rodh, recognizing those who have provided meritorious service and support to the Principality and its People. Barons shall incur a minimum annual service obligation of 80 hours for the privilege of maintaining the title. Barons shall be addressed as Most Excellent Lordship. Barons shall rank below Counts in the Order of Precedence.

### IV. The Elevation of Leets and Leet Lords

To foster a culture of merit and achievement, we introduce a new class of nobility:

- a) Leet: Citizens who have reached a threshold of 500 service hours to the Principality, and as otherwise established by law, shall be recognized as Leets. This title signifies their dedication and commitment to the common good. Leets shall be addressed as Laudable Sir. Leets shall rank below Leet Lords in the Order of Precedence.
- b) Leet Lord: Upon reaching a higher threshold of 1200 service hours to the Principality, and as otherwise established by law a Leet may be elevated to the rank of Leet Lord. This distinction is a testament to their sustained and exemplary contributions to Sylvestrian society. Leet Lords shall be addressed as Venerable Sir. Leet Lords shall rank below Barons in the Order of Precedence.

## **V. The Nature of Nobility**

All titles bestowed under these reforms shall be life peerages, granted solely to the individual in recognition of their personal service. No title shall be inheritable, ensuring that each generation may rise or fall based on their own merits and actions.

## **VI. The Purpose of Titles**

Titles of nobility shall serve only to acknowledge the contributions of Sylvestrian citizens and shall not confer any privileges or legal advantages. They are symbols of service, honor, and distinction, reminding us all that true nobility is found in the actions we perform for the betterment of our country and its people.

## **VII. Effective Date and Transition**

These reforms shall take effect immediately. All citizens holding the titles of Ardhal, Ardhalrodh, or Rodh shall be known henceforth by the respective titles of Prince of the Sylvestrians, Count, or Baron. Citizens who meet the criteria for Leet or Leet Lord shall be recognized according to the laws to be enacted. A table of *Spoken and Written Forms of Address for Sylvestrian Royalty, Nobility, and Government Officials* shall be published alongside this proclamation and updated as required.

Signed and sealed on the 4th day of March, in the year 2025.

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