



Styles

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This document is intended to be a further explication of the Society's policy regarding styles and the like. It is an internal document to be used by the Membership Committee in reviewing applications and data intended for publication by the Society.

1. Titles

The Society will use titles that Lyon has listed or will list in Letters Patent and Matriculations. Inter alia, this includes peerage titles (and courtesy titles accorded to the children of peers), baronetcies, feudal earldoms and baronies, as well as the prefixes that are associated with such titles.

In the case of titles conferred by a sovereign other than The Queen or her predecessors, they shall be listed as, if and when Lyon would do so. Documentation of all such titles shall be required to the extent that Lyon does not previously acknowledge them. The Society recognizes that Lyon may have different rules for UK citizens and non-UK citizens in this regard. It is our understanding that Lyon will make reference to foreign titles held by non-UK citizens but will use them for UK citizens only when a Royal License has been issued.

2. Knighthoods

The Society will use knighthoods and membership in orders of chivalry that Lyon has listed or will list in Letters Patent or Matriculations. This includes knighthoods conferred or acknowledged by The Queen or her predecessors and knighthoods conferred by a sovereign other than The Queen. Examples of such orders of chivalry include the Venerable Order of St. John, the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta (commonly called the Order of Malta), the Teutonic Order, the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, the Pontifical Equestrian Orders (e.g., St. Pius IX, St. Gregory the Great, St. Sylvester), the Order of the Golden Fleece, the Order of the Elephant, the Order of Charles III, etc. Membership in legitimate Orders not conferred by a reigning sovereign shall be listed only if Lyon has or would list such Orders in Letters Patent or Matriculations.

3. Military Rank

The Society will list military rank or grade conferred by a sovereign, provided that the member currently holds the rank or grade or has retired in it. In addition, the Society will list such rank or grade if it is set forth in a member's Letters Patent or

Matriculation even if the conditions of the first sentence are not met. Persons who formerly held field grade commissions may be referred to as such, at their request, with the prefix 'formerly.'

4. Civil Office

The Society will list all civil offices to which a member has been elected or appointed, provided the member currently occupies such office, including prefixes pertaining to such office by local law or custom. Examples include members of parliament, senators (both State and Federal), members of Congress or of State or provincial legislatures, governors and lieutenant governors, mayors, aldermen, lords lieutenant, deputy lieutenants, judges, justices of the peace, members of the Cabinet, ambassadors, etc. Members who previously held such office may have the prefix 'formerly' included in such designation at their request unless local law or custom permits the title to be retained without such a designation.

5. Military Decorations

The Society will list a member's military decorations for valor or heroism. This listing will be limited to awards of either or both the highest and second highest such decorations awarded by a sovereign.

6. Memberships in Learned Societies

The Society will list membership in learned societies under one of two circumstances: a) the membership itself is in the nature of an honor (e.g. WS, FRS, QC, Academie Francaise) or the level of one's membership in such a society is in the nature of an honor beyond mere membership (e.g., Fellow of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons, but not Member of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons).