

TRADITIONAL OUTLANDS KINGDOM RETINUE MEMBERS, EXPLAINED

This is a short explanation of each of the main traditional Kingdom retinue positions.

(Please note that when I write “King” and “Queen”, I don’t mean to assign gender. If and when someone not male wins Outlands Crown Tournament, these retinue titles will mean the same thing with different names.)

King’s Champion – someone chosen by the new King. Long ago, it was tradition that the person who came in second in Crown tournament would be the King’s Champion. That changed during the reign of King Artan V, who announced that it was ok for the new King to choose whomever they wanted.

Queen’s Champion – someone chosen by the new Queen. It used to be determined by a heavy weapons tournament on Coronation weekend (the victor being deemed Queen’s Champion), but it was changed to be a chosen position in the reign of Bela V and Anna.

Blue Iris Herald – The Queen’s Herald, serves as the court herald for the duration of the reign.

Protector of the Queen’s Heart – the victor of a rapier tournament held at Coronation.

Royal Archer – The victor of the Archery Tournament held once per year in the summer.

Defender of the Queen – the victor of a cut & thrust tournament held at Coronation.

Rapier of Chivalry – the Queen chooses this person from the Protector of the Queen’s Heart tournament. Among the rapier community, this is the most honorable position to ever hold.

Shield of Chivalry – Chosen by the Queen from the fighters in the Crown tournament that their Champion won.

Flower of Chivalry – Chosen by the Queen from the fighters in the Bearer of the Queen’s Favor tournament.

Bearer of the Queen’s Favor – the victor of a heavy weapons tournament held at Coronation. There are no assigned or implied duties with this minor retinue position. The tournament replaces Queen’s Champion tournament.