
WHAT DOES ADRIA CONSIDER AN IMPORTANT PERSON?

In the Adrian Empire, everyone is important to some degree. It is courteous and polite to address everyone with respect. There are also people who hold important positions - Monarchs, for instance. A Knight is another person that you would show respect to.

HOW DO I KNOW THEY ARE IMPORTANT?

A Knight will usually wear a blue belt as a sign of their knighthood. A person wearing a crown, has some sort of position or rank that entitles them to wear that regalia. Since some people don't wear the insignia they are entitled to, you can also tell by watching how other people treat them. If someone has people bowing to them, they're probably important.

WHAT DO I CALL THEM?

You can never go wrong with "my lord" or "my lady". If they are wearing a crown, you can't go wrong with "Your Excellency." If they're sitting on a Throne, then you might try "Your Grace". If you want to be sure, you can always ask them, "My Lord, how should I address you?" For more information, you can refer to Imperial Estates Writ #18, where it details everything. You can find it at the Adrian Empire website: <http://www.adrianempire.org/library>

IF I AM WRITING AN E-MAIL OR A LETTER, WHAT DO I CALL THEM?

The same as if you were in person.

IS IT THE SAME IF I AM ON AN E-LIST?

Yes, it is. An e-list is global, and often more anonymous, than if you were talking to someone in person. That does not mean it is okay to ignore their rank, office, or position within Adria. Use the same courtesy as if you were speaking in person.

WHAT IF I WANT TO BE VERY FORMAL?

Many times, especially in private, you can be more informal in how you address someone. But there are times that you want to be very formal - in formal petitions, or declarations, for instance. For those times, you can always talk to a herald. Heralds love the pomp and circumstance of Court and will gladly help you.

WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE THAT PERSON?

It doesn't matter. There will always be people that you don't like, or don't agree with. But they still deserve respect for what they have accomplished, or for the office that they hold. Respect the office and accomplishments, if you don't like the person.

REFERENCE: IMPERIAL ESTATES WRIT 18

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