

# Note on Nobile Titles

In Summary:

**Territory Hierarchy:** Primarchates > Provinces > Palatinate (which is made up of planetary Demesnes and attendant solar systems) > Districts (also called "Prefectures")

**Nobility Hierarchy:** Primarch > Viceroy > [[[ Archduke > Grand Duke > Duke > Marquis > Count > Viscount > Baron ]]] (Title depends on importance of their Palatinate) > Archon (succession can be hereditary or appointed by the Palatinate's lord)

“ Broadly, the Sollan Empire is divided into four primarchates:

one in Orion;  
one in Perseus;  
one in Sagittarius;  
and most recently, one in Centaurus.

Efforts to establish a fifth primarchate in Norma were stymied by the Cielcin invasion, and following the Battle of Gododdin and the death of Emperor William XXIII Avent, the Norman colonies remained unincorporated and under the oversight of the Centaurine primarch at Nessus.

The *primarchs* are appointed by the Emperor, who is himself the Primarch of Orion.

Each of the Imperial primarchates is subdivided into several provinces, each governed by an Imperial *viceroy* appointed by the primarch. Nominally, the title of viceroy is an appointed one, but in practice the viceroalties of many provinces pass from parent to child,

as do the palatine titles of *archduke*, *grand duke*, *duke*, *marquis*, *count*, *viscount*, and *baron*. Each of these lords rules a palatinate

comprising their planetary demesnes and the attendant solar systems.

The difference between a baron and a duke, for example, is determined by the relative import of the palatinate in question.

*Archons* serve these palatine lords in administering districts of said demesnes.

They may pass their holdings on to their children, though many archons are appointed and are little more than governors. An appointed archon, as in the case of a colonial consul, is said to rule a fief, not a demesne, as his claim to said territory expires in the event of his death and does not pass to his children.

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