

# Titles in Markland

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## **From the Witan**

There are basically four types of title in Markland. Because of increasing confusion over what titles mean in Markland, we will attempt to set this straight for the record.

### **REAL PERMANENT TITLES**

These are the titles of the Witan and include Aeldorman, Shire Reeve, Bailiff and Bocman. There are no other real permanent titles at this time. The only way to get these titles is to run for the office and win the popular vote.

### **REAL NON PERMANENT TITLES**

These include the Head of the Reeves Guild, Steel Guy (subject to pending name change), and Master of Fence (also subject to name change). Also included in this category are Head Reeve, Site Coordinator and other similar titles. These are essentially Witan appointments for a specific period of time. Those relating to the running of events are chosen from within the hosting group but approved by the Witan.

### **FUN TITLES**

When Markland formed it was decided by the Fyrd that all other titles would fall into a separate category that we are calling Fun Titles. A Markland dues paid member may purchase any title "not in use by any other paid Marklander" for a fee of 25\$. These include the "King of Markland", the "King of Poland", the "Warlord of Mark- land", and other similar titles. These titles convey no actual real benefits to their holder apart from it's possession and exist as a class simply to raise monies for the organization.

### **GROUP TITLES**

Group titles include "Warlord of Marche de la Warre", "President" of your group, "Knight of Galacia" and other similar titles. These have no organization wide recognition and are basically free fun titles given within a member group. That is, they convey no real benefits to their holder apart from it's possession. Some of them are functionary titles such as "Warlord of Marche de la Warre" and some are honorary titles like "Knight of Galacia". Sometimes Mark- land benefits from these titles financially, but usually not.

So if someone comes up to you and tells you that they have a title, use this test to see if the title bears out any actual authority or if it is simply a means of having fun. The latter is most likely.

The Witan