

Knighthood

Knighthoods are awarded for major acts of valor, achievement or for a lifetime of contributions to the Imperium. It is a felony to impersonate a Knight. They are considered a “First Citizen” granting the following benefits and privileges:

Imperial Letter of Knighthood granted by a high noble who is authorized to issue it in the Name of the Emperor.

Allowed the flying of the pendant or symbol of the emblem of Knighthood which can be extended to a vehicle, aircraft, watercraft or starship.

Addressed by the title of Sir (or Dame, if female).

Granted the military equivalent rank of Commodore (O-07) in the Imperial Navy or Brigadier (O-07) in the Imperial Army or Marines along with accorded courtesies and rights due that rank. This is considered a “special commission” and whether the Knight actually holds skills in military affairs they may assume command if the senior officer present and issue orders to subordinates.

Award of an estate valued at 1,000,000 ICr (Imperial Credits). This includes prime real estate holdings on an Imperial world with a luxury mansion and grounds along with a monthly sixpence of 25,000 ICr for maintenance of the estate and social station.

Lifetime membership in Travellers Aid Society (with an instant unsecured personal loan limit of 100,000 ICr)

Right to carry a concealed weapon (restrictions include no weapons in the presence of the Emperor or the Royal Family).

Right to retain an armed security detail of up to four members (subject to the same weapons restrictions)

Right to an Imperial mercenary unit license along with the permits to purchase military level weapons, armor, vehicles and ordnance.

Right to receive an Imperial starship operators license and permits to equip a starship with the latest in defensive weapon systems, but no ownership of weapons of mass destruction or weapons that are within the effective range of the Emperor or the Royal Family.

Right to receive an Imperial database access permit to obtain unclassified information regarding individuals, a company or data including: criminal records, military records, medical records, business records, tax and financial records, licenses and permits, etc.)

Right to a one-on-one audience with the issuer of the knighthood (not the Emperor).

Right to be judged by a jury of peers (other knights and nobles) if charged with a crime.

Along with the right, in lieu of imprisonment, to forfeit the title of Knight with its’ accompanying estate and monies if found guilty of a crime (exiled).

Right to refuse any invasive medical procedure by law enforcement (such as submitting to a brainwave or telepathic scan or the use of truth drugs). Citizens do not have this right.

Right to claim priority status on any registered Imperial vessel including a government or naval ship (starship, shuttlecraft, aircraft, watercraft or vehicle) along with prime accommodations (high passage) at any Imperial Starport, naval or military base or facility for themselves and their entourage.

The Meaning of Social Standing

Official Rank / Title	SOC	Domain Governed
Royalty (Hereditary)		
Emperor / Empress	18	Third Imperium
Nobility (only the eldest son or daughter can hold these titles)		
Arch Duke or Arch Duchess	17	Quadrant
Duke or Duchess	16	Sector
Count or Countess (Earl or Viscount)	15	Subsector
Marquess or Marquessa	14	Solar System
Baron or Baroness	13	Planet
Gentry (Non-Hereditary)		
Knight (Sir or Dame)	12	Nation or Region
Citizenry		
Commoner	11-4	None
Servantry		
Ex-Convict	3	None
Serving Prisoner	2	None