

APPENDIX 2: HIERARCHY OF KORDI’S NOBILITY

Titles in Kordi are predominantly gender-neutral and it is important to know the title of the person to whom you are speaking or referring. “Laird” is considered a respectful default address to anyone holding landing or titles.

SOVEREIGN

Sovereign landed citizens enjoy an immediate relationship with the rulers.

The *Archi* are the rulers of the Kordi nation as dictated by the previous ruler.

The *Ard Tiarna* oversees multiple areas across the Kordi Nation. Lands are parceled out and given to the Great Houses: *Wisinha, Lanton, Wason, Posa, and Kewi*.

The *Arlos Council* advises the *Archi* and represents the heads of the major branches of government and experts in related fields. They are the *Domelos* (public works), *Pelos* (worship), *Conslos* (military), and *Myschos* (magic research).

<i>Position</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>On Envelopes</i>	<i>Oral Address</i>
Archos (The Archi)	<i>Ruler of the Kordi Nation.</i>	TM The Archi or HM The Archos —	“His Majesty” or “Her Majesty” to differentiate.
Ard Tiarna	<i>Ruler of a region.</i>	HE The Ard Tiarna of <i>House</i>	“Your Excellency,” or “Ard Tiarna —”
Arlos Council	<i>Government branch head.</i>	HG (<i>position</i>) — of the Arlos Council	“Your Grace,” or “Laird (<i>position</i>)”

MILITARY

Landed citizens of the military operate beneath the Conslos; with the consideration of Her Majesty.

The *Prioms* are the commanders of the 1st through 7th Omadas of the Kordi Military.

An *Ard Tigue* directs a city’s military on behalf of the *Tiarna* to maintain order and safety; they are the commanders of the 8th Omada and may direct other local military personnel when needed.

A *Tigue an Darna* is appointed by a *Priom* or *Ard Tigue* to aid in the management of the Omada. They act as a second in command and oversee an outpost or a district, depending on their Omada.

A *Tigue* is a titled member of the Kordi Military, they act in direct service to one of the Omada. Many are offered land at the end of their service.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>On Envelopes</i>	<i>Oral Address</i>
Priom	<i>Leader of an Omada (1st-7th).</i>	Priom — of the # Omada	“Laird Priom”
Ard Tigue	<i>Tigue(s) in command of a city Omada.</i>	Ard Tigue — of City	“Laird Commander” or “Ard Tigue —”

Tigue an Darna	<i>Tigue(s) in command of other Tiges.</i>	Ser/Serah* ¹ —, an Darna of the # Omada	“Ser/Serah* —”
Tigue	<i>Officer in the Kordi Military.</i>	Ser/Serah* — of the # Omada	“Ser/Serah* —”

LANDED CLASS: NON-SOVEREIGN

Non-sovereign landed citizens have a mediate relationship with the rulers; it involves the use of intermediaries.

A *Tir* is appointed by and serves an *Ard Tiarna* by traveling to and overseeing several cities within a given territory. It is not an inheritable rank.

A *Tiarna* is the primary ruler of a city. Their governing is aided and counseled by three to four high-ranking *Ard Laird* families within their city.

An *Ard Laird* is the head of an estate, with access to vassals and a number of subordinates. They are ranked amongst the city’s other landed nobility. The top three or four serve on the city’s council, and there is one “Warden” of each district. The right to this title and subsequent inheritability is granted by the *Tiarna*.

An *An Darna* is a child of an *Ard Laird*, *Tiarna*, or *Ard Tiarna*, who has been proclaimed as heir.

A *Laird* is the most basic form of landowner and oversees a small estate. The possession of the land is exclusive to the *Laird (and spouse)* and cannot be inherited, it returns to the control of the *Tiarna* upon their passing. They often serve as a vassal to an *Ard Laird* or another *Laird*.

A *Fili* is a child of a landowning citizen. The respect shown to them is reflective of their parent(s)’s status.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>On Envelopes</i>	<i>Oral Address</i>
Tir	<i>Overseer of all cities in a territory.</i>	The Ven Tir —	“Venerable Laird” or “Tir —”
Tiarna	<i>Ruling landowner of a city.</i>	The Most Hon Tiarna — of <i>City</i>	“Your Grace” or “Tiarna —”
Ard Laird	<i>Ranking landowner.</i>	Ard Laird — of <i>Estate</i>	“Ard Laird —” or “Honored Laird”
an Darna	<i>Named heir of an Ard Laird and above.</i>	Laird —, (<i>rank</i>) an Darna of <i>Estate</i>	“(rank) an Darna” or “My Laird an Darna”
Laird	<i>Landowner.</i>	—, Laird of <i>Estate</i>	“Laird —”
Fili	<i>Child of a landowner.</i>	— of <i>Estate</i>	“(parent’s rank) Fili” or whatever address is a step down from that of the parent

¹ Choice based upon personal preference, not gender.