

(Anarch) Regency Titles in Baltimore

Unsurprisingly, there are few formal positions within an Anarch domain, and in fact even those that appear to have the air of formality are anything but. Within Baltimore, during this new politically unstable period known as "The Julien Regency", the following positions have emerged:

Regent

a.k.a. Baron, Acting Prince, Interim Prince

With the absence of Prince William Good, Julien Lavalie has found himself thrust into the position of Regent with the support of some of the most powerful kindred in Baltimore. The motivations for his ascension are unclear, as is often the case with the politics of the night society. But what is certain is that Monsieur Lavalie is not William Good.

Anarch philosophy critiques authoritarian rule, yet acknowledges the need for leadership in a domain, often embodied by the figure of the Baron. Despite efforts to avoid autocracy, Barons can succumb to power's corrupting influence. They walk a delicate line between wise leadership and autocratic tendencies, often hindered by the impracticality of revolutionary ideals when practical matters demand attention.

Barons, akin to Princes, hold similar duties and privileges, but the inhabitants of their domains prefer a less dominating ruler. Consequently, a Baron's authority is more constrained, reflecting the Anarchs' willingness to trade some control for freedom. While they interpret the Traditions, their authority relies on reason, populism, and personal influence rather than absolute power. While they may arbitrate matters concerning the Masquerade and Domain, other Traditions are left to the free Kindred to resolve, with a Baron's input being advisory rather than binding policy.

Reeve

a.k.a. Sheriff

The Anarch Reeve, despite being a symbol of order in domains that reject such authority, is a necessary safeguard against chaos. Barons, wary of potential breaches of the Masquerade, often appoint Reeves to maintain discipline, though blind trust in fellow Anarchs is rare. While akin to a

Sheriff, Reeves have even less oversight, often attracting bullies to the role. However, they must tread carefully, as the Baron and popular opinion within the domain can swiftly strip them of power. Though similar to Sheriffs in function, the Reeve's lower Status reflects the skepticism many Anarchs harbor toward authority figures.

Emissaries

a.k.a. Parlays, Primogen, Talkies

A free state can have five gangs, or it can have an uncounted number of ever-changing factions. These can be centered around clans, philosophies or individuals. No matter the number or their composition, at some points these groups clash and this is where the Emissaries come in. They are the diplomats, the negotiators and the advisors for their respective factions. They might still stab you in the back though.

Sweeper

a.k.a. Scourge

Occasionally, there's a rampant outbreak of vampires Embracing recklessly, or a betrayal from within the ranks. In such dire circumstances, immediate action is required without room for debate. This responsibility often falls on the Sweeper, an unofficial role typically assigned to a physically capable individual, not heavily involved in politics and possibly affiliated with a local gang or cell. During crises, this individual is tasked with eliminating threats until the situation is resolved. It's a thankless and socially isolating duty.

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