

[This was judged to be fairly irrelevant to the manuscript as a whole – Robert Von Stricker Beresford]

There should never be any political titles. I mean nothing aside from Member of Parliament, or President or Prime Minister, or what have you. And that's it: no 'honourable' whomever. And they don't hold the title afterwards. When they are gone from office, the title goes too. We've got to get away from this ridiculous aristocratic notion that our politicians are somehow knighted by being elected. Politicians don't treat each other honourably, even if they have to call each other honourable members or whatever (which sounds slightly dirty anyway). I suggest Mr. Doe, the President, rather than President Doe. That's not to say foreigners shouldn't say President Doe, or whatever. But we citizens should feel no need to address any of the elected officials as anything but how we choose to ourselves. If I meet the president and want to call him Joe, that should not be a problem for anybody, least of all the president. These people are ostensibly just like you and me. If we want to maintain that illusion, we should not give them any kind of prerogative to get called by anything other than their names. Nothing should prevent me from calling President John Doe fucktard to his face. This is not to prevent parties (or any other non-governmental organizations) bestowing titles upon people, which they feel should be honoured. Regular citizens should feel no compulsion, however. I mean no “governmental” titles. That is to say, there is nothing stopping us from keeping something like the “order of Canada” around. An election doesn't instantly give anyone some kind of superiority so that people have to address whomever in another way beyond the first name. We the people are stupid, collectively at least, and are very likely to elect someone dishonourable. So no one should be forced to address someone as honourable.