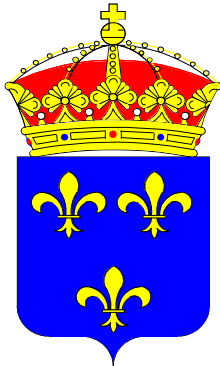


## Bourbon-Orléans



### *Description of Arms :*

Azure, three fleurs-de-lys or, (a label argent).

**Principal Title :** H.R.H. Count of Paris, Duke of France

**Creation :** 1830, King of the French.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Count of Paris, ...

**Family Name :** Bourbon-Orléans.

**Family History :** This line goes back to the brother of Louis XIV, King of France. He was known as Duke of Orléans and his descendants were usually styled Orléans-Bourbon.

With the death of the Count of Clermont, the last of Louis XIV's direct descendants in France, they are now the main line of France.

It is sometimes claimed that since Philippe Egalité, the father of Louis Philippe, voted for the execution of Louis XVI, his line was barred from succeeding to the throne on account of him being a regicide. To further this argument, it is pointed out that Louis-Philippe called himself King of the French. However, it seems that this monarch used this style in an effort to unite his people and not to circumvent any bar to his sovereignty.

To complicate matters, the eldest uncle of King Juan-Carlos of Spain was persuaded to abdicate his rights. It was said that he was simple but he turned out to be a deaf-mute. This latter, however, did have descendants; but they are excluded from the Spanish throne. Juan-Carlos' cousin assumed the name of Anjou and other titles. Some monarchists thus claim that his line is now the senior branch of the Bourbons and should be considered Pretenders. This does not hold water.

Should France ever restore the monarchy, it would be in the person of the present Count of Paris.

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