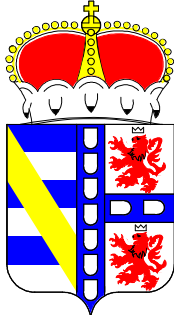


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## *Description of Arms :*

Partito : nel 1°, fasciato d'azzurro e d'argento alla banda d'oro attraversante ; nel 2°, d'argento al palo fasciato d'azzurro, uscente dall partizione, carico sul palo di sette scudetti del campo, sulla fascia di altri da due leoni di rosso, coronati d'argento.

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**Principal Title :** Prince Lancellotti.

**Creation :** Rome, 1589 ou 1865 ?

**Subsidiary Titles :** See text.

**Family Name :** Massimo.

**Family History :** This is the junior branch of the fascinating Massimo family which, according to legend, traces its origin back to Fabius Maximus Cunctator. This dictator of Rome, who was the general who defeated Hannibal, fought this crucial battle in 183 B.C. Napoleon raised the matter, when he met an ancestor of the present prince but met with a cautious answer.

The family then went of to produce two cardinals and, perhaps, two popes. These latter were Anastasius I and Pascal I but, like so much when we are dealing with families as old as this, it is no longer possible to find the vital documentation.

Inscribed as Roman Nobles in 1589, this branch of the family acquired the title of Prince of Lauro in 1726. In 1865 don Filippo Massimo was granted the right to take the arms and name of his mother, the last of this equally famous family. This right was granted, in 1865, by Pope Pius IX. His Holiness created him, at the same time, Prince Lancellotti. It must be said that the Lancellotti family also possessed the title of Prince di Prossedi. Normally, this branch now joins the two names together.

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