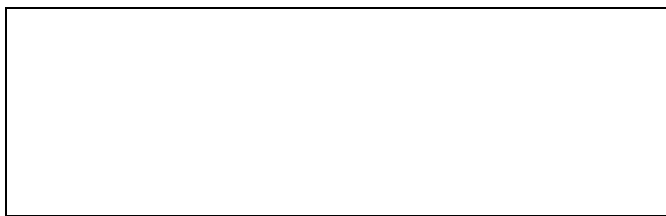


# Linguaglossa

*Description of Arms :*



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**Principal Title :** Prince of Linguaglossa.

**Creation :** Philip IV of Spain, 1625.

**Subsidiary Titles :** See text.

**Family Name :** Bonanno.

**Family History :** This is one of the great families of Italy but, sadly, many branches have died out. It goes back to Pisa and the XII Century. By 1285, it had settled in Sicily - as had so many others. The reason is that it was here that the Germanic emperors, principally Frederick II, had set up their headquarters and it from here that the continual strife with the papacy was conducted. Later, the whole of Southern Italy came under the influence of Spain.

The Bonanno family were known as barons during the XVI Century, by virtue its investiture with the fief of Friddani, in 1505, and the inheritance of another, that of Candicatini. But, in 1625, came the much more important honour of the title of Prince of Linguaglossa, bestowed by Philip IV. This was later followed by the grade of Grandee of Spain.

As with many similar Italian families, several branches established themselves. Most are now extinct but they held, at various times, the following titles : Duke di Montalbano (1623), Prince di Roccafiorita, Prince della Cattolica, Duke della Castellana (1684), Duke di Floridia (1628) and others.

This branch was officially listed, in 1938, as Prince di Linguaglossa, Baron di Arcimusa, di Bulgarano, di Belvedere, di Maeggio and di Delia. The right to be addressed as *don* and *donna* was also recognised.

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