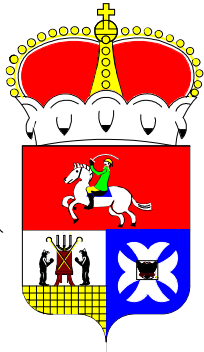


## Galitzine



### *Description of Arms :*

Per fess : 1, gules, on a horse in full career argent a knight, his dexter arm embowed holding a sword fesswise proper ; 2 per pale, 1, argent, on a grating or two bears statant erect proper supporting a chair upholstered raspberry, on the seat in saltire two croziers with back ensigned with a candelabrum with three lighted candles proper ; 2, azure, a cross moline argent, charged with an escutcheon of the last bearing a double eagle sable.

**Principal Title :** Prince Galitzine.

**Creation :** By tradition.

**Alternative Spelling :** Galitzyne, Galitsine, Golizyn, Golitzine, etc ...

**Family Name :** Golitzin(e) or Golitzin(e).

**Family History :** This is another family which can trace its origin back to St Valdimir Sviatoslovich, who brought Christianity to Russia. Vladimir set his son, Iziaslav, to rule over Polotsk. From Iziaslav are descended the Princes of Polotsk and Lithuania. The latter, it should be noted, was not then the rather small country it is today. It was immense and included much of Northern Russia and present-day Poland. Eventually a grandson of Gediman, the Great Prince of Lithuania, arrived in Russia in 1408. He was designated as Prince of Zvenigorod but sought advancement in the service of the Great Prince Vasiliï Dmitrievich. A son, in turn, married the daughter of the ruler and they had various offspring.

Of these, one was known as Prince Mikhail Ivanovich Golitsa and he served, as *boyar*, the Great Prince Vasiliï Ivanovich, the ruler of Russia as it was at that time.

All this seems very complicated but that is how the history goes, during this period.

Gediman ( sometimes referred to as Guedimin ) was effectively Grand-Duke of Lithuania and he founded the celebrated dynasty of Jagellon, so prominent in the history of both Poland and Hungary.

"Golitsa" can be translated as "gauntlet".

From the time of their arrival in Russia, the family served the country, with great distinction, in many positions and have never been far from the sources of power. Since then, they have spread into various other countries, always with the same success. Several branches have added other names to their own, but these are mostly now extinct.

The family prefers now to known simply as Galitzine or Golitzine, having never quite decided which spelling is to be preferred.

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