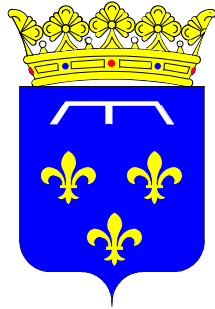


## Galliera



### *Description of Arms:*

Azure à trois fleur-de-lys d'or, au lambel d'argent.

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**Principal Title :** Duke of Galliera

**Creation :** Italy, 1895.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Infante of Spain.

**Family Name :** Orléans y Borbón.

**Family History :** This must surely be one of the most unusual and romantic of recent dynastic histories. One of the sons of Louis-Philippe, King of the French, was Antoine, Duke de Monpensier. He married the daughter of King Ferdinand VII of Spain, her sister becoming Queen Isabella II.

On condition that he renounce all his French pretensions, Antoine d'Orléans was made an Infante of Spain. This close alliance to the Spanish throne was further cemented when the son of this marriage married Isabella's daughter.

At the same time, an Italian dukedom had devolved onto the daughter of the second duke of Galliera. She had no heir and so bequeathed her title to the son of Antoine d'Orléans, also called Antoine, and until then known as Infante of Spain. This form of succession is not unknown in Italy as the story of Lampedusa shows. The logic sometimes put forward is that whoever holds the estates also holds the title. In this case, it should be noted that members of the family had already held the title of duke and the prefix of Royal Highness.

They have now become entirely Spanish and are sufficiently close to the throne to be known, as often as not, merely by their Christian names.

Of the two other branches of the Orléans family one, descended from the Duke de Nemours, are currently pretenders to the imperial throne of Brazil - they are known under the name of Orléans-Bragança. The third branch flourishes in France, where the head, the Count of Paris, is one of the pretenders to the French throne.

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