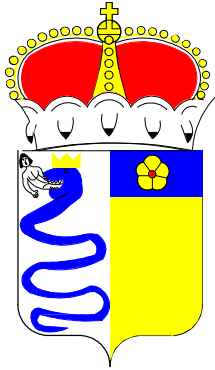


Ardore



Description of Arms :

Partito semitroncato : nel 1°, d'argento al biscione di verde ondeggiante in palo, coronato d'oro, ingollante un fanciullo di carnagione (Visconti) ; nel 2°, d'azzurro alla rosa d'oro ; nel 3°, d'oro pieno (Riario).

or

Parti : au 1 d'argent au serpent d'azur ondoyant en pal, couronné d'or, enguelant un enfant au naturel (Sforza) ; au 2 d'or au chef d'azur chargé d'une rose d'or à 5feuilles (Riario).

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Principal Title : Prince of Ardore.

Creation : Italy, 1712.

Subsidiary Titles : Duke, Marquis, Baron.

Family Name : Riario Sforza.

Family History : The Riario family comes originally from Liguria and can trace its history back to 1289. Close to the Church, it has produced several cardinals. Then came a marriage with the daughter of the Duke of Milan and the addition of the arms and name of that family were authorised.

In 1620, came the Holy Roman Empire titles of duke and count, together with the marquisate of Castiglione. In 1665, the family bought the fief of Montepeloso, together with the rank of baron that went with it. Charles II of Spain followed this with the marquisate of Corletto in 1669.

In 1911, the house of Milano Franco d'Aragona came to an end and all its Neapolitan titles passed into the Riario Sforza line. These included : Prince d'Ardore (created in 1712), Duke de San Paolo (created in 1739) and several others. The right to the address of don and donna can be assumed with a family of this distinction.

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Duke NICOLA RIARIO SFORZA