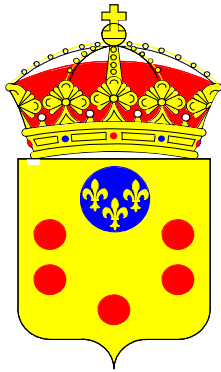


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Description of Arms :

D'oro, a sei palle poste in cinta, quella in capo d'azzurro, carica di tre gigli d'oro, 2, 1, le altre di rosso.

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Principal Title : Grand Duke of Florence

Creation : Italy,

Subsidiary Titles :

Family Name : Medici

Family History : This is one of the world's most illustrious families, which ruled over Florence for many generations. It married into several of Europe's ruling families and gave two Queens of France. This is reflected in the escutcheon of pretence, showing the royal arms of that country. The "balls" in the field of the coat-of-arms are generally assumed to be the inspiration for the signs hanging outside many pawnbroker premises.

It is now extinct, though questions are often asked on this precise subject.

Fuller details appear in most encyclopaedias.

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