

## Harry's Invictus Infliction

Do you love to bow and curtsy to superior people? Yes? Well, now's your chance to bask in the reflected grace of prince Harry, the absentee duke of some inherited UK plot and; whether or not you like it; the grandson of your noble monarch, who actually has no last name.

Perhaps you're a Senator, MP or senior bureaucrat who automatically received a spiffy 75<sup>th</sup> Royal Jubilee medal as part of the nearly \$8 million Harper spent to indulge his subservient streak? If so, polish it well in case Harry wants a peek. Then again, he has his own trinkets, likely including one for his excellent Afghanistan adventure. I always thought that regular soldiers dreaded the extra risk of serving with celebrity bullet-magnets.

Anyway, royalty will be with us for a while yet, at least until Canadians realize that the monarchy nothing but a pricey cult of personality. It's worth remembering that British princes and queens once had arbitrary powers of life and death over their subjects and that much of their personal wealth is derived from the business of inflicting Britain's needs on other nations.

However, if you remain loyal to the Crown, you may join an anonymous monarchist who once wrote of royalty, "...I shouldn't have to adore them personally. That they are Royal is enough. Our job as subjects is to line the parade routes and bow meekly as they pass."

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