

Dark Angels Ranks and Specialist Roles

COMMAND & APPOINTMENTS

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AT A GLANCE

COMMAND RANK

**Chapter Master ? Company Master ?
Lieutenant ? Sergeant**

SEPARATE IDENTITIES

Veteran experience, Inner Circle initiation and specialist appointments do not form additional automatic promotion steps.

Rank, appointment, and initiation

Use this page with the [chapter structure](#), [Deathwing](#), and [Ravenwing](#) references. A command rank, specialist appointment, and degree of secret knowledge are different things. The [Inner Circle](#) crosses several offices; it is not one additional battlefield rank.

Command and squad leadership

Supreme Grand Master: Azrael's Chapter Master office. [GW introduction](#).

Company Master: Captain commanding a company. "Grand Master" also appears in senior company and institutional titles; it is not a universal additional rank. [Title history](#).

Lieutenant: Company command officer; Deathwing **Strikemaster** and Ravenwing **Talonmaster** are specialist equivalents. [Strikemaster](#); [Talonmaster](#).

Sergeant / veteran sergeant: Squad leader; veteran experience can coexist with the sergeant's command job. [Ranks](#).

Knight Master / Huntmaster: Deathwing Knights / Ravenwing Black Knights squad leaders. These are squad-leader roles, despite their distinctive titles. [GW Knights explanation](#); [Black Knights](#).

Veteran: Experienced warrior, not automatically an officer. Company Veterans and Deathwing veteran formations need not share identical assignments or markings.

Source-era note: Talonmasters

Older Talonmaster descriptions place them below Black Knights and outside the Inner Circle; later 9th- and 10th-edition accounts instead describe promotion from Black Knights. [Talonmaster source conflict](#).

Honoured appointments

An **Ancient** carries the company or chapter standard. A **Champion** protects the commander and confronts enemy champions; neither appointment automatically confers a Lieutenant's command authority. [Ancients](#); [Champions](#).

Inner Circle Companions are a particular bodyguard formation, not the collective name for every Inner Circle member. GW describes them guarding important leaders. [GW background](#).

Specialists and colours of office

Chaplain: Black armour, skull imagery, Crozius; a shoulder retains Chapter identity. [Chaplain heraldry](#).

Interrogator-Chaplain: Chaplain initiated into the Inner Circle, with the additional duty of obtaining repentance from Fallen. A Terminator suit alone does not prove Deathwing company membership. [Office](#).

Librarian: Blue armour; Chapter badge normally model-left, moved right when Terminator armour reserves the left shoulder for the Crux. [Heraldry](#).

Apothecary: White baseline; red prime helix on model-right shoulder, Chapter colours and badge on model-left. [Heraldry](#).

Techmarine: Mechanicus red, technical insignia, retained Chapter badge. [Equipment and livery](#).

DOCUMENTED VARIATION

Apothecary variation is documented. Ely compares official illustrations showing white armour, green with white medical panels, and bone Deathwing armour with white accents; Ravenwing examples are white. His preference for all-white is an opinion, not a rule invalidating those alternatives. [Ely's evidence survey](#).

Rank badges and this army's choices

Masters commonly use an eagle or personal heraldry; Lieutenants a red sword; Ancients a laurel. Champion devices vary. These are conventions, not a complete official rank code. [Ely's shoulder guide](#).

OUR ARMY SCHEME

This army's **red-skull tilt shield** identifies sergeants; every other area follows the normal unit recipe. This is a personal army convention. Higher officer markings have not yet been selected. See [our army scheme](#).

Librarian assignments: [Dark Angels organisation](#) places Librarians outside company organisation, citing *Codex: Dark Angels* (7th edition), pp. 10–11. [Knotley's 2026 review](#) includes a Librarian in a generic battle-company command example and explicitly says the command structure is unchanged. This does not establish a new permanent Librarian post in each Dark Angels company.

Chapter institutions and titled offices

HISTORICAL OFFICE HOLDERS

These named entries report older codex material, not newly verified current incumbents.

Sapphon: Grand Master of Chaplains.

Asmodai: Master of Repentance / Master Interrogator-Chaplain. These are distinct offices; “chief Chaplain” is not a precise interchangeable title. Sapphon; Asmodai.

Ezekiel: Grand Master of Librarians / Chief Librarian. Ezekiel.

Razaek: Master of the Apothecarion / Chief Apothecary; the supplied chart spells him “Razek.” Razaek.

Belaphor: Master of the Rock, the Dark Angels' Master of the Forge. **Apharan:** separately listed as Warden of the Rock, associated with the Knights of the Rock. His exact command status is uncertain. Belaphor; Apharan.

Sepharon: Warden of the Gates / Master of the Logisticiam, an administrative and support-personnel office. [Sepharon](#).

Source-era note: named institutions

The named office holders above come from older codex material. The generic Master of the Forge article inconsistently calls Belaphor ‘Warden’, while the dedicated entries distinguish Belaphor from Apharan. Its Dark Angels section also describes the Master of the Rock’s technical duties and places Techmarines outside the Inner Circle. Chapter command therefore includes officers who are not Inner Circle members. [Master of the Rock](#).

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