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dig·ni·ty  (dĭg nĭ-tē)

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n. pl. **dig·ni·ties**

1. The quality or state of being worthy of esteem or respect.
2. Inherent nobility and worth: *the dignity of honest labor*.
3.
 - a. Poise and self-respect.
 - b. Stateliness and formality in manner and appearance.
4. The respect and honor associated with an important position.
5. A high office or rank.
6. **dignities** The ceremonial symbols and observances attached to high office.
7. *Archaic* A dignitary.

[Middle English *dignite*, from Old French, from Latin *dignitās*, from *dignus*, worthy; see **dek-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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