

## **Aneala December 2023 Council Minutes**

**Attendance:** Elizabeth R, Agostino, Aife, Nathan, Bella, Leonie, Elizabeth S, Camile, Angelo, Victoria, Skjaldadis, Gwyn, Pantera

**Apologies:** Alde, Kilic, Edith, Donnchadh

**November Minutes:** <https://aneala.lochac.sca.org/assets/council/council-2023-11.pdf>

Approved: Elizabeth S

Seconded: Elizabeth R

Dissent: None

## **Officers Reports**

### **Baron & Baroness**

A lovely way of wrapping up the year. We had Toys for Tots. It was lovely to see everyone for a pleasant day in the park. The weather was good. Thank you to the steward for working out how to get permission to put pegs in the ground. Thanks to the generosity of the populace, especially the Holthouse family.

We also had the Pride Parade. A good turnout of Anealans and DB people at that. Thanks to Aneala for footing the bill. We think it important to maintain a presence at Pride. As other medieval groups are not as present in this area and we like to show we are a diverse group. Thanks to Isolde for the Destash day. Lots of people came out of the woodwork for that. It was a good day catching up with people.

Merry Christmas!

### **Seneschal**

Thanks to Isolde and Agostino for stepping in at late notice when the steward was unable to attend due to covid.

Note post-council approval for Midsummer (see previous minutes.) Thanks to Gwyn for submitting an event bid.

Ghengis con - we have declined the offer to display this year.

Applications are open for Baronial Seneschal. If you are thinking of applying feel free to talk to me.

### **Reeve**

Opening Bank Balance 1 November 2023 - \$27,473.81

Closing Bank Balance 30 November 2023 - \$26,898.90

Income for November came from payments for Combined Training and Darlington A&S.

Expenses for November were payments relating to Bal d'Argent, container storage, hire of Darlington Hall for 3 months and hire of Lake Monger Primary School for the second half of the year.

The payment for Pride Fairday is still outstanding. We have paid for the parade but have not received the invoice for Fairday. The steward has been chasing this.

Finding my successor as Reeve is on track. Two applications were received, The Honorable Gwyn Cantor and Bantiarna Aife ingen Echdach, and both candidates are currently in commentary.

## **Herald**

Apologies sent.

Events:

Toys for tots

Opening and closing courts were heralded alongside armoured and rapier tournaments

Book Heraldry:

This month I went down to Dragon's Bay for heraldry workshop. The workshop went very well with several new submissions for the Canton. Thank you to Dame Edith for facilitating the workshop

Submissions:

Dame Edith of Penrose - Device

Malakai Rollo - Name & Device

Lealan de la Haye - Name & Device

Alde of Maghas - Device

## **Constable**

Events during the last month:

Pride Fairday 12th November 2023

11 members in attendance at the event.

Sign-ins were completed and uploaded to Dropbox.

Pride Parade: 26th November 2023

7 members and 2 non-members in attendance at the event.

Sign-ins were completed and uploaded to Dropbox. Money taken for non-member fees has been deposited.

Toys For Tots: 3rd December 2023

30 members and 2 non-members in attendance at the event.

Sign-ins were completed and uploaded to Dropbox. Toys were taken as entry fee to the event and non-member fees that were paid in cash have been deposited.

One item of lost property taken from the event.

Thank you to Aife and Elizabeth S for their assistance with Constable duties for the event.

Regular training has been occurring at Lake Monger Primary School this month, with sign-ins being completed. Combined training and a market stall de-stash also took place at Spearwood with sign-ins and payments being completed. Many thanks to Aife and Elizabeth S for taking care of Constable duties for Combined training and Lake Monger training.

## **Knight Marshal**

No report

## **Rapier Captain**

No report

## **Captain of Archers**

No report

## **List Keeper**

This month's martial excitement consisted of the Toys for Tots Tourney at Garvey Park on the 3rd of December. This delightfully shady venue saw a Guild Prize held (with Wolfgang

Germanicus passing his examinations successfully), an armoured tournament (in which a closely fought final between Zaven Zeytunsi and Nathan Blacktower was ultimately won by Sir Nathan) and a rapier tournament won by Zaven Zeytunsi. Not to mention much relaxing, feasting, and a tremendous collection of toys. I am pleased to add that no catastrophes, or even minor incidents, were reported in my area of influence.

## **A&S**

### Regular Activities

Scribes by Mistress Leonie & Dame Edith

College A&S sessions at UWA on Thursday nights (weekly)

Sporadic Cooks Guild, Music and Blacksmithing days

Second Sunday of the month: A&S sessions during combined Aneala and Dragons Bay training at Spearwood Primary

Fourth Saturday of the month: A&S sessions at Darlington Hall in the Hills

### Past Events, Competitions, Classes & Displays

December:

Toys for Tots – 3rd December

There was an A&S competition with the theme of children, toys and games.

We had two entrants; Lady Gytha Halfdan entered a wooden Viking doll and Noble Skjaldadís Bragadóttir entered a bread olisbokollix; both entries tied with a score of 33 points.

### Upcoming Events, Competitions & Displays

January:

A Grene Midsummer Revel – 20th January

There will be an A&S competition – I am seeking someone to run it, as I will be in Singapore.

### Miscellaneous

Spearwood training has been fairly productive, with various people working on their own garb projects or helping other people with garb. The last Spearwood training was a destash market.

### Sub-group Reports

College of St Basil: The College is plugging along with weekly A&S; THL Zaven has been running a leather gorget workshop for the Collegians! They have just dyed their gorgets.

The college has started to discuss the process of running Golden Thimble.

## **Chatelaine**

No report

## **Chronicler**

I completed a newsletter!

## **Web Minister**

Have started working with the event steward on updating the Western Raids website.

## **Past Events**

### **Bal d'Argent**

Date: 28 to 29 October 2023

Steward: Elizabeth R

Deputy: Nathan

Cost:

Member Costs (Non-Member Fees of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child applied)

	Adult	Child
Full Event	\$35	\$20
Classes Only	\$15	\$5
Ball Only	\$25	\$15
Tournament Only	\$10	\$5

#### Attendance

In total, 75 members and 14 non-members attended the event.

This was not broken down into Classes/Ball/Tournament attendance, however the vast majority of people attended both the Ball and Tournament (and were booked for Classes but may not have actually attended) with the next most common booking arrangement being Ball Only and a very small handful of people attended the Tournament Only.

A total of 15 wayfarers came to the event, which included Queen Katherine, long-distance Anealans THL Edmund Kerr & Lady Alanna Galliwoode and a surprise visitor of Master Delbert von Straßburg.

Overall, there were more attendees than I had expected and about as many as I had hoped for. There were no problems associated with bookings. Mistress Elizabeth Severn handled the booking process extraordinarily well, as always.

#### Finances

Please see the financial report by Baronial Reeve Mistress Elizabeth Severn for full details. With GST taken into account, the event made a profit of \$850.

#### Site

As always, North Perth Lesser/Town Halls were excellent sites for our purposes.

One problem with North Perth Town Hall was that although it does have a disabled toilet, it is not well sign-posted and many people did not know where it was. This could be mitigated with an announcement of site information by a Herald; I didn't realise this was a problem until after the event so could not solve it at the time. I suggest that this be made a priority for event stewards to announce, or have a Herald announce, when we use this hall in future.

At North Perth Town Hall there was no ladder available to assist with putting up decorations. Workarounds were found. However, I would strongly recommend that those wishing to hang decorations high up at North Perth Town Hall, such as pinning the massive Lochac banner to the stage curtains, bring a ladder to the venue.

Hyde Park was lovely, but unfortunately the toilets were in a particularly bad state – they were heavily graffitied and unclean. This is just the luck of the draw and a risk of using a popular public park.

There was one small incident regarding the use of North Perth Lesser Hall. A woman had a booking for the Lesser Hall later in the evening but showed up around the same time that we did in order to enter the hall and set up for her event ahead of time. Sir Nathan spoke with her about this (as I had not yet arrived) and the City of Vincent were called. The woman was hostile and insisted that she be allowed to set up for her event despite her booking not starting until 6 pm. Sir Nathan reached a compromise with her in which she could put her things into the small storeroom to save time when she set up later. The City of Vincent called me to apologise and gave us a 10% discount for the inconvenience. Thank you to Sir Nathan for handling this incident.

## Date and Time

There were some early issues with the date & time because we originally scheduled the event for the first weekend in September, however after our event was approved the Spring Crown Tournament was advertised for that weekend so we changed to the last weekend in October. This caused some issues during the advertisement & bookings period. Overall changing to the October weekend was a successful choice.

The timing of the Classes and Ball ran to schedule. The timing of the Tournament did not, with set-up taking longer than expected and armour inspections then taking even longer following Opening Court. While the early morning start may have been a factor, I think this does represent a pattern of our tournament set-ups and armour inspections taking far too long at the moment. This also resulted in us staying slightly longer at Hyde Park than we were booked for, but fortunately there were no unfortunate consequences from this.

One issue with the timing was caused by a lack of communication and poor planning on my part. Sir Nathan was going to set up the main hall with a small team in the 5-6 pm timeslot. However, I had miscommunicated to Dame Edith and she thought we had to be out of the lesser hall by 5 pm. With the Guild of the Silver Rondel meeting moved to the Sunday, I had neglected to organise any alternative activities for people to do whilst waiting for access to the hall and so sent everyone over to the hall at 5 pm. The upside of this was that everyone had time to get ready and Court started very close to the scheduled 6 pm. However, it proved inconvenient for Sir Nathan and his team. As such, fewer decorations than originally planned were put up (however the hall still looked great). Apologies to Sir Nathan for this mix-up. In future, I would make sure there was an alternative activity for people to do in that time and/or book an extra hour of the main hall if possible so that set-up could start & finish well before people began to arrive for the Ball.

## Tournaments/Competitions

There were a number of competitions run by the Guild of the Silver Rondel.

These included the Silver Serif competition for Guild members, which was won by Lady Leoflaeda Aelfwyns Dohtir and the Non-Rondel competition, which was won by Baron Agostino Tamburini after a thrilling tassel-kick tie-breaker.

Although not a competition, it is notable that 7 people, 5 of whom were local Anealans, achieved admittance to the Guild of the Silver Rondel at this event.

There was a Best Garb competition, judged by popular vote, for garb in the theme colour of Argent (white). This was won by Lady Frances Affrica Ray. It was noted by travelling Guild member Baroness Medb ingen ind lasachta that there were many more people in white garb at this event than she had seen at a Bal D'Argent for many years. A majority of attendees at the event wore white or silver garb.

A Pas d'Armes tournament was held on Sunday. The "winner", i.e. the best venan on the day as judged by the tenans and myself as Baroness, was Lord Marx Lamprecht. Please see the attached Listkeeper's report for further details.

## Other Activities

Eleven classes were run on Saturday afternoon. The classes and afternoon tea were coordinated by Dame Edith Penrose. I felt that the classes were well attended.

Six sets of dancing were completed at the Ball. A huge number of people danced – for some dances, there may actually have been more people dancing than not! It is rare to see such a huge proportion of attendees at a Ball on the dancefloor and it was very pleasing.

## Food and Drink

The afternoon tea, organised by Dame Edith, was well received.

The finger food Ball supper, run by THL Bella Romana Valori, was excellent. We received lots of positive feedback about the food. The kitchen appeared to run very smoothly.

The pot-luck lunch went well.

## Assistance

I have compiled the following list of pretty much everyone who helped:

Deputy steward Sir Nathan

Bookings officer (and now new Pelican!!) Mistress Elizabeth

Class organiser Dame Edith

Finger food steward THL Bella

Constable Lady Victoria

Royal Herald Mistress Leonie

Baronial Herald Noble Alde

Listkeepers Lady Leoflaeda and Mistress Slaine

Marshals Mistress Leonie, Master Dameon and Dede Kilic

Teachers:

- TH Gwyn
- Lady Emelye
- Master Crispin
- THL Isabel
- Maestro Pantera

Cooks & kitchen crew

- Lady Alessandra
- Lady Romana
- Gitta
- Mistress Leonie
- Mistress Slaine
- Sir Nathan
- Dame Edith
- Dede Kilic
- Lord Alpin & co
- Lady Catherine from Ynys Fawr
- Lady Morag
- Lady Gytha

And...

Everyone who travelled from afar to attend the event

All the musicians, of whom I sadly lack a list but they are all wonderful

Members of the Guild of the Silver Rondel, especially those who judged competitions and auditions into the guild

The tenans (Sir Nathan, THL Lokki & Lord Dino)

The venans (everyone else who fought in the Pas D'Armes)

Lady Magdalena who found and loaned us the barrier

Those who attended upon the Queen

Aife for wrangling the Queen's attendants

The Queen herself

The many hands that made light work of set-ups and pack-downs

### The Pas d'Armes of the Bal d'Argent

On the 29th of October was held a most excellent Pas d'Armes at Hyde Park, Perth. The field was ably defended by three tenans, to wit, Sir Nathan Blacktower, Lord Dino de Malta and the Honourable Lord Loki Rekk. These worthies were challenged by seven venans, these being by name his Excellency Baron Agostino Tamburini, Master Dameon Greybeard, the Honourable Lord Galen Wulfric, the Honourable Lord Cesare d'Orso, Lord Zaven Zeytunsi, Lord Milos Boskov and Lord Marx Lamprecht.

The tournament consisted of 11 rounds of challenges, in almost all of which each tenans was individually challenged by one of the venans (with some of the latter rounds taking the shape team events in various permutations). The latter gentles can only be described as persistently optimistic, showing the undoubted virtues of courage and perseverance as they were, alas, soundly defeated in every round - leaving us in no doubt that our glorious Barony is well defended.

The tournament ran smoothly, due in no small part to the excellent heraldry skills of Noble Alde of Maghas and the generosity of spirit of Mistress Slaine ingen ui Ruadhain (sp?!?), who took on the lion's share of the listkeeping. Ultimately, it pleased Her Excellency the Baroness to award the prize to Lord Marx Lamprecht for his chivalry, grace and skill upon the field.

### **Pride Parade**

Date: Parade, Saturday 25th November

Steward: Skjaldadis

Deputy: Isolde

Would like to continue going to Pride Fairday, parade is of more value to the attendants rather than the group.

Panterra: Both were of value, the parade also added to visibility, would prefer both.

### **Toys for Tots**

Date: Sunday 3 December 2023

Steward: Aife

### **2023 Toys for Tots**

**Steward:** Aife ingen Ehdach / Jo Greene

**Marshal in Charge:** Dino de Malta / Dean Caruana

**Listkeeper:** Leoflaeda Aelfwynnsdohtir / Rifka McClure

**Constable:** Lady Victoria / Victoria Lowry

**Date:** Sunday, 3 December 2023

**Location:** Garvey Park

**Time:** 9 am to 4 pm

**Summary:**

The weather was great, much better than if this had been run the weekend before as initially intended. The venue is perfect for a summer tourney; it has shade, parking, bathroom access and a playground close by. It is dog-friendly and we get many passersby stopping to watch and ask questions.

The event ran smoothly, and many people helped with setup and pack down. Thank you to everyone who attended and/or assisted during the day.

Attendance was lower than hoped, but a few people were unable to attend due to travelling or illness. Also, running the event in December means people often have other plans.

Six heavy fighters took part in the morning tournament. It was won by Sir Nathan.

Four rapier fighters took part in the afternoon tournament. It was won by TH Lord Zaven.

Lord Wolfgang successfully played his Journeyman Prize.

There were two entrants in the A&S competition, which was jointly won by Lady Skjaldadis and Lady Gytha.

TH Lady Isolde spoke to the group about International Day for People with Disabilities and brought purple ribbons for the Populace to wear.

**Attendance:**

32 people attended

Adult members: 26

Adult non-members: 1

Child members: 4

Child non-members: 1

**Financials:**

The park was hired free of charge. No entry fees were taken as we asked for a donation of a toy instead. We collected 47 toys for the Variety Toy Bank. Variety has collected the toys and they thank the group for the donations.

**Reports received via email or in person from:**

Listkeeper, Constable, Heavy Marshal, Raper Marshal, Herald, A&S

**Future Events****Midsummer**

**Date:** 20 January

**Steward:** Gwyn Cantor

It has been approved and advertised. We have asked for people to learn a new job and people have volunteered. Kerryn is working on the feast.

The event came from two main ideas; we need a midsummer and let's get everybody involved.

**Western Raids**

Dates: Friday 31 May to Monday 3 June 2024

Steward: Nathan

Pricing structure has been finalised.

\$5 increase for adults. Children 13-17 stayed the same, children 5-12 is half 13-17 price.



The event has been published. Westminster is working on a booking form.  
 Tentative children's activities have been received.  
 Will start advertising the event widely in the coming month.

## Proposed Events

### Rapier Bootcamp

This February the Innilgard Incursion of Rapier teachers will grace our shores, and we shall be there to meet them! Join us across 2 days of intensive rapier classes, socialising, and activities. Let us show them the hospitality of Aneala by finishing the weekend with a Sunday tourney and potluck.

All rapier fighters are encouraged to attend classes across various skill levels and styles, especially collegians and those unable to attend regular Sunday training. The event will run across Saturday the 10th at Maida Vale Scout Hall, and Sunday 11th of February with a garbed event.

#### Location

Saturday + Sunday  
 Maida Vale Scout Hall  
 50 Newburn Rd, High Wycombe WA 6057  
 (location near Perth Airport + 998 bus)

#### Timetable

10th - 9 am - 5 pm - Fencing Classes  
 11th - 9 am - 5 pm - Guild prizes, potluck, tournament, fencing coaching

#### Price

Full event \$40  
 Day rate Saturday or Sunday \$20  
 Sunday Tourney spectator \$5  
 Non-member fee \$10  
 Under 10s free

#### Budget - Fencing Incursion 2024

		#	Price
Attendance	Full event	12	\$40.00
	Tourney spectators	8	\$5.00
	Guest teachers	2	\$0.00
		Price	Qty
Costs	Hall hire	\$200.00	per day \$400.00

	Food per person Saturday	\$6.00	12	\$72.00
	Teachers food cost Saturday	\$6.00	2	\$12.00
	Kingdom Levy per day	\$1.00	32	\$32.00
	Costs subtotal			\$516.00
	Break-eve pricing adult entry cost all weekend			\$40.00
Event Income	Adult entry cost - full weekend	\$40.00	12	\$480.00
	Adult entry cost - one day fencer	\$20.00	1	\$20.00
	Adult Entry Cost - Tourney spectator only	\$5.00	8	\$40.00
	Income subtotal			\$540.00
Other	GST on income			\$49.09
	GST returned on hire fees			-\$36.36
	Contingency (percent)		5%	\$25.50
		Costs		-\$516.00
		Income		\$540.00
		Other		-\$32.23
		Profit		-\$8.23

### Contact

Stewards: Pantero Pantera di Valembrosa and Angelo Niccolo da Prato

Bookings: Bookings required for Saturday lunch only by Monday 5 Feb to [claregwyneth@gmail.com](mailto:claregwyneth@gmail.com)

Event approval

Approved: Elizabeth R.

Seconded: Nathan

Dissent: None

Approval for hall hire up to \$450 (amount invoiced):

Approved: Leonie

Seconded: Aife

Dissent: None

### **Collegia**

Date: Saturday 23rd March 2023

Event type: A&S Classes

Site Darlington Hall 3 Owen Rd, Darlington

Steward Bella Valori

Kerryn@ladybirdpainting.com.au

Time 9:30am Set up

10am Classes start

12 pm Potluck Lunch

12:30pm Classes

3:15pm Pack up

3:30pm event closed

Bookings Close Sunday 17th March

Sign up to classes when booking.

Price: Adult \$5 Minor \$2.50 Under 6 free

Non-Member add \$10 per adult and \$5 per child

A day of A&S classes

I would like to have a stream of classes aimed at new members such as simple garb, pouches, rapier hoods etc to help them get started, as well as other speciality classes for our regular members.

Classes and times to be confirmed soon.

Some classes may have additional costs to cover materials.

Bring a dish to share for a Potluck Lunch

Cooks Guild Submissions welcome

I would like to keep the costs down to encourage wider attendance.

Costs

Hall Hire \$60.50

Kingdom Levy \$1pp

Event approval and payment for hall up to \$65 (invoiced amount)

Approved: Pantera

Seconded: Angelo

### **General Business**

### **Pride Fairday and diversity in the group**

We were near the larp group's tent. We got a lot of people coming from there. Pride Fairday was worth it, from the number of interested people we got walking past.

General discussion about the perception of diversity of the group. Comments that our presence at Pride events has encouraged people who have heard of the group but been unsure if it was safe for them to join, especially within the college.

Pantera has offered to be a liaison with other local medieval groups if we hear of issues in this area within other groups he can speak to their leaders and make sure they are aware and can act accordingly.

### **Lake Monger Primary School** - Demountable now on the front lawn.

Having walked around the site today there are other options available to us with shade and space. Will discuss this with site once they're back from the Christmas break.

### **Trolley for unloading and loading trailer at events**

Easyroll 300kg upright trolley \$89

Easyroll Adjustable trolley (upright & flatbed) \$150

Pantera is going to lend a flatpack trolley for 6 months and we will see how often it is used and how it fits in the trailer.

To be brought up at June 2024 council

### **Discussion about trailer storage**

Possibility of storing the trailer or the container at Romana's house. Romana will contact Nathan & Pantera to check the site after she has confirmed with the council.

Slight maintenance on the container would make it better for use (ramps and a new solar panel for the winch)

Meeting closed at 5.25 pm

Next Council will be Friday, 19 January at Elizabeth S's house and online on Discord.