

# The Vine

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**T**o Oze and Miriam, King and Queen of Lochac, here do we Agostino and Elizabeth, Baron and Baroness of Aneala swear fealty.

**W**e swear that we will obey Your lawful commands in all matters that concern the Kingdom of Lochac, that we will faithfully maintain Your lands and, mindful that the harmony of our Barony springs from our deeds, that we will treat with courtesy and justice those of every degree, until the King departs from his throne, death takes us or the world ends.

 **I**n witness whereof we have set our hands this Autumn coronation day, Anno Societatis Fifty-six.

Agostino Elizabeth

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# Baronial Missive

## Greetings to the Populace of Aneala,

As we all know, the month of April did not go to plan. We spoke about that in a video missive, which you can view here <https://youtu.be/yJcR-KQS24> For those who haven't watched the video, we shared a missive from Their Majesties and will provide the text here for your perusal as well. We also thanked the steward, Mistress Branwen, and her team for all the work that they put into the event, and we would like to reiterate those thanks here.

It is mentioned in Their Majesties missive, but we also must report here the sad news of the passing of Mistress Evelyn van der Haagen. She was a valued member of the Barony and we know that her loss will be felt deeply by those who knew her.

As far as events go, we are watching the current situation and restrictions closely. Of course Aneala Collegia was cancelled, as was the Newcomers' Feast. It looks likely at the time of writing that Dragon's Bay's "Not an IKAC IKAC" event will go ahead, and potentially the tournament that they approved for later in May.

Beyond that, we are very much looking forward to Western Raids and hope to see you there.

Finally, by the time you read this there is likely to be a new Crown on the throne of Lochac – they are to be Crowned on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May. We have written a fealty scroll for the incoming Crown and provide a facsimile here for your viewing pleasure. The calligraphy was done by Baroness Elizabeth and the illumination and decoration was done by Mistress Leonie (thank you Mistress Leonie for your assistance).

Stay safe, wonderful Populace. We look forward to seeing you in person soon.

Yours in Service,

Baron Agostino and Baroness Elizabeth



# Missive from King Rowland and Queen Tailtiu

Unto Our most beloved populace of Aneala,

Deep was Our disappointment at the eleventh hour to turn back from embarking on Our visit to your fair Barony, and that circumstance has forced a postponement of the classes that so many individuals both worked towards providing, and looked forward to attending.

We had been very fortunate of the plague not barring Our progression during this reign up until this past Friday and hope Our Heirs will have as accessible, if not more, travel across the Kingdom going forward.

We will be watching the news over the next few days but Our reign is rapidly approaching its end and we are uncertain if we will have the opportunity to set foot in Aneala during Our remaining tenure.

We had hoped to be able to recognise the passing of Mistress Evelyn van der Haagen, her importance to, and inspiration of, the local and wider SCA community in person and toast to her, and other friends now absent. We know that you will do so when situation allows feasting once again know that We too raise a glass in spirit if We cannot do so in situ.

We would extend great thanks to Mistress Leonie de Grey and Master Daemon Greybeard for their offer of hospitality which we were unable to make good upon.

Our best wishes to you all in weathering this, hopefully short, return of Plague precautions.

Tailtiu and Rowland, Queen and King of Lochac





# Baroness Elizabeth's Guide to SCA Etiquette around the Crown & Representatives

## Part 2: Service

Last month, I shared Part 1 (Language) of this series on SCA Etiquette for Around the Crown and Representatives. It's a good chance to refresh your knowledge if you're a long-time SCA player or to learn something new that will enrich your enjoyment of the game and improve it for others. Good SCA etiquette makes the game better for everyone and is a courteous choice, a value we all strive for.

Welcome to Part 2: Service.

There's a general rule when it comes to the Crown: Their Majesties should never be holding more than one thing at a time and that thing should never be heavy. They are always allowed to hold a drinking vessel (e.g. goblet, mug, drinking horn) and that vessel should never be empty.

The Crown will always have attendants. When they come to the Barony for a visit, the landed Baron & Baroness (or sometimes the Crown's Chamberlain, details can vary) will organise local volunteers to attend the Crown. This provides an opportunity for the people of the Barony to serve the Crown directly.

Attending the Crown will involve carrying things for them, fetching things, taking messages to people, keeping their cup filled, and of course being pleasant company. They may have a number of attendants at one time, for example one for the Sovereign and one for the Consort, or a few attendants and someone to run messages when needed.

Question time! When I ran this class, someone asked "If we're attending the Crown, how do we know when to take the cup away or give it back?" Answer: In two ways. 1. Watch them. 2. Ask them. Sometimes, if the Crown need you to take their cup, they may just hold it out to an attendant and expect it to be taken, so you do need to be paying attention. But at other times, you might notice that their cup is empty so you could ask "Your Majesty may I refill your cup?" and then take the cup to fill it. Or you might see that someone is about to hand them something, so you could say, "Your Majesty shall I hold your cup?"

The Representatives of the Crown will also have attendants, who may do similar duties for them. They will generally have fewer attendants (especially when the Crown are present and are a much higher priority for being attended to). A local note: Baron Agostino and I are notorious for not organising attendants; we're trying to do better but if you see us all alone then do feel free to come up and offer your services!

Exceptions: Of course, there are always exceptions. For example, some people are particular about their armour bags, or their archery gear, or personal objects like handbags. The Crown may prefer to carry the Crowns themselves. The easy way around this: ask first!

In buffet-style food situations, the Crown should fill their plates first before other people go up to the buffet. Generally, there will be a call from the Herald e.g. "Their Majesties (or Highnesses/Excellencies) having partaken, the pot-luck table is now open."

At a sit-down feast, servers should present food to the high table first, before the other tables. This can depend on what is being served. For example, soup out of one giant pot must go to Their Majesties first. However, platters of sliced meat may go straight to the other feast tables while someone – often a local Knight – ceremonially carves an attractive portion of beef on the high table right in front of the Crown themselves.

If you are serving the high table, be sure to bow as you approach the high table and speak to the Crown politely. You may even wish to kneel to serve them, if you feel safe & stable doing so, to add to the ceremony of serving the Crown. It is polite to make the offer to serve the Crown food onto their plates. Often the Crown is in fancy garb and cannot risk having their sleeves trail in the food! However, they may prefer to serve themselves. Usually, the feast steward/head cook will organise servers.

There are many different ways to serve the Crown. I have detailed some of your options here, including acting as an attendant for a shift or serving them at a feast. Other options include serving in Officer roles or serving as an attendant in Court, which has some additional demands on top of being an attendant while the Crown are out and about. If you're interested in serving the Crown directly, be sure to check in with your local Representatives of the Crown in the lead-up to a Royal Visit.

Stay tuned for Part 3: Proximity, coming out in a future edition of the Vine. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at [aneala@aneala.lochac.sca.org](mailto:aneala@aneala.lochac.sca.org) Or find me at an event; I am always happy to discuss the fascinating topics of courtesy and etiquette.



# Event List



**YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIG RAIDING PARTY.**

You will be treated to feasts, camping, markets, classes, competitions and more!

**\*\*BOOK NOW! \*\*Bookings Close on 14 May 2021.**

<https://westernraids.lochac.sca.org/booking-form/>



The following regular activities occur unless superseded by an event above

### Baronial Events

- Baronial Meeting. 3rd Friday of each month, room opens at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. (Contact [Baron and Baroness](#)).
- Archery. Sunday from 10am. Lake Monger Primary School, Dodd St, Wembley. (Contact [Archery Marshal](#)).
- Fighter Training. Sunday from 10am. Lake Monger Primary School, Dodd St, Wembley. (Contact [Armoured Marshal](#)).
- Rapier Combat. Sunday from 10am. Lake Monger Primary School, Dodd St, Wembley. (Contact [Rapier Marshal](#)).

Dragon's Bay

Please check the [Dragon's Bay website](#) for details

### Other non-SCA events of interest

- Music and Singing. For times and venues, contact [Lady Isabel](#).
- Scribes. Monday nights. Contact **Mistress Leonie**
- Dancing is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Contact [Baroness Elizabeth](#).

### Event Booking Policy

- Payment for all bookings must be made in advance of the event by the date advised in the booking confirmation email. If payment is not received by the due date your booking will be cancelled.
- Payment may be made either online or at any Westpac bank branch.
- Payment will not be accepted at the door except in exceptional circumstances and only by prior approval from the bookings officer and event steward..

# Kingdom of Lochac A&S Competitions

Details about Arts and Sciences in Lochac can be found here - [artsandsciences.lochac.sca.org](http://artsandsciences.lochac.sca.org)

## List of future Competitions by event

**2021**

**Competition season ends: Midwinter**

**Topics:**

1. Written words (poetry, story, saga, etc.)
2. Leather
3. Crusades

**Competition season ends: Spring Crown**

**Topics:**

1. Jewellery
2. Braided
3. Norse Culture

Entries for interstate events need to be sent at least 2 weeks prior to be received for judging or have other arrangements made.

# Worshipful Company of Broiders of Lochac Competitions

**Competition season ends: Midwinter**

Wool Work any version

**Competition season ends: Spring Crown**

Birds and Bees any technique

**Competition season ends: Summer Investiture**

Canvas work

**Competition season ends: Autumn Crown**

Headwear



# Local Lochac Guild Contacts

## **Royal Fibre Guild of Lochac**

For those interested in the arts, crafts and history of all textile matters. We encourage the doing, researching and teaching of fibre related skills as seen in pre 1600 cultures. We include weavers, spinners, dyers, cord makers, felters, knitters, njalbinders and lace makers.

**Contact** Lady Elizabeth: [aneala@aneala.lochac.sca.org](mailto:aneala@aneala.lochac.sca.org)

## **Royal Guild of Defence**

Researching and teaching of the period martial arts of Europe, as detailed in the various extant fencing and wrestling manuals.

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## **Worshipful Company of Broiderers**

The aim of the Company is to advance the study and practice of pre-1600 AD European needlework in Lochac and in the Known World.

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## **Performers and Entertainers Guild of Lochac.**

This guild is dedicated to the promotion, encouragement, learning and performance of bardic, theatrical, instrumental and all other entertainment arts within an SCA context.

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## **Lochac Brewers Vintners and Imbibers Guild**

We share a common interest in brewing and wine making as practiced in the Middle Ages, and the responsible consumption of said beverages.

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# SCA Group Websites

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Canton of Dragons Bay	<a href="http://dragonsbay.lochac.sca.org">dragonsbay.lochac.sca.org</a>
College of St Basil the Great (UWA)	<a href="http://stbasil.lochac.sca.org">stbasil.lochac.sca.org</a>
Kingdom of Lochac (Australia & New Zealand)	<a href="http://lochac.sca.org">lochac.sca.org</a>
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<https://halldorviking.wordpress.com/2013/04/15/saws-in-the-early-medieval-period/>

