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Baronial Missive



Greetings to the Populace of Aneala,

Alas and alack! There were no events for us to attend this month!

But luckily, we only have a couple of days until we attend the Rose & Unicorn Midwinter Tavern. We can't wait for the fun and shenanigans that await! Hope to see you there and we will report on this event next month.

Are you hungry for news of the hunt for the next Baron & Baroness of Aneala? We have the information! Earlier this month, the Crown announced that four couples had put in letters of intent. They are the following:

- ◆ *Master Donnchadh Baillie and the Honorable Lady Bella Romana Valori*
- ◆ *Honourable Gwyn Cantor and Maestre Pantero Pantera di Valembrosa*
- ◆ *Honorable Lord Galen Wulfric and Mistress Sláine inghean Ui Ruádhain*
- ◆ *Honourable Lord Cesare d'Orso and the Honourable Lady Violetta Vasari*

We will include each couple's letter of intent after our missive (these were also shared by email and Facebook). However, shortly before writing this missive we received word that the Honorable Lord Galen Wulfric and Mistress Sláine inghean Ui Ruádhain have withdrawn from the running; therefore we have chosen not to share their letter of intent here so as not to cause confusion.

The next step in the process is for a "meet & greet" to take place, which is scheduled for August 4th in the afternoon. Following the meet & greet session, an online feedback form will be released so that all the Populace can write in their commentary about the candidates. Please remember that this is not a vote and results will not be published. Feedback will be closed before the end of August, but the announcement from the Crown is not due until September.

In September we have two big events already scheduled:

First, the return of the Golden Thimble sewing competition, which the College of Saint Basil the Great are hosting on the weekend of 7th-8th September. Keep an eye out for details and start to get your teams ready!

And of course, towards the end of September we have Anealan Baronial Championship. This year the event will look a little different as it is being run as two separate day events with a feast on the Sunday night, but it is not a camping event. Whilst we'll miss the opportunity to sing around the campfire, we have no doubt that the event will still capture the usual excitement and pageantry that Championship always brings. We can't wait!

Then on November 2nd-3rd will be the Baronial Investiture event. Details still to come on that one but even this far out we can already promise it will be wonderful fun and a great opportunity to witness an historic event in the Barony, the investiture of Aneala's 11th Baron & Baroness.

We look forward to seeing you soon, perhaps at Midwinter or the Baronial meet & greet!

*Yours in Service,
Baron Agostino and Baroness Elizabeth*





Letter of Intent

Master Donnchadh Baillie and the Honorable Lady Bella Romana Valori

To Your Majesties, King Bain and Queen Iglesia, do Master Donnchadh Baillie and the Honorable Lady Bella Romana Valori give greetings.

We write this missive to humbly ask that you consider us to represent You in Your Fair Barony of Aneala, as Baron and Baroness.

We have greatly enjoyed the inspiring works of Baron Agostino & Baroness Elizabeth over the last 6 years, guiding the Barony. We would like to continue in their excellent example by providing the Barony with the stability and inspiration that our combined 50 plus years of experience can elicit. Between us, we feel we have a breadth and depth of knowledge and experience that can provide our Barony and Canton with a continuity of service and support for all of the populace in their many and varied endeavours.

We have experience over the past 27 years in our fair Barony in holding various Offices, planning and running events, teaching classes, holding demos, mentoring and supporting members. Through our years of service we understand how the group functions, and we are able to give advice to members and can identify aspects that could be improved and would love to implement positive change and foster, support and develop the talents within the Barony, Canton and College. In addition we have strong friendships with various SCA members throughout Lochac and would look forward to representing our Barony throughout Your Kingdom.

Master Donnchadh Baillie: Awards OoD OWS ORW AA ORa VS HT ODS GSoA

I have been an SCA member for more than 25 years and in this time been Archery Champion, Rapier Champion several times and am the Current Baronial Fencing Marshal, an office I have held multiple times. I enjoy teaching fencers and have run many fencing tournaments and related activities such as gorget and gambeson workshops as well as being Fencing MiC for a variety of multi day camping events. I have also spent countless hours helping my wife Bella with cooking and feast logistics.

I really appreciate the variety Arts & Sciences in the SCA. I make my own garb and armour as well as accessories such as belts, hats, pouches, shoes and rapier hangers. Currently I am enjoying researching and constructing period armour and defensive items for use in Rapier and Cut & Thrust.

THL Bella Romana Valori: Awards OSP AA OGT AA GL ODS GSoA OR

I have held various Offices over my 25 plus years in Aneala such as Listkeeper, Chatelaine and Chronicler several times. I have Stewarded of a variety of camping events, feasts, tournaments and collegia as well as taught classes on cooking, listkeeping and costuming. I am also the local contact for the Lochac Cooks Guild and dabble in Illuminating award scrolls.

Currently I am running monthly A&S days and monthly fencing training tournaments and coordinating people to run classes both in Arts & Sciences and Fencing. Recently, at 50 years of age, I decided to take up fencing and am avidly working towards authorisation.

My long term passion is medieval cooking and I have been Head Cook of many feasts (lost count) and love working with other cooks in the Barony. I have been told my food is delicious and my kitchen is a fun place to be. I enjoy planning, organising and collaborating with others in a variety of different aspects of SCA life.

The pageantry and fun of the SCA is what makes events special and we would love to be given the opportunity to infuse our Service with as much of this as possible.

We are strong believers of encouraging and supporting people in their endeavours and recognising and rewarding peoples talents, services, arts and martial activities. We would continue to encourage engagement by creating mentoring opportunities and upskilling people to run events and activities.

Recruitment and retention of new members is vital to the growth and longevity of the Barony and we would like to focus on improvement in these areas. To that end, continuing to encourage a family friendly atmosphere that is inclusive and fun for parents and children at events is one of our goals. We would also like to encourage our Collegians to attend more Baronial activities and immerse themselves in the joys of SCA life.

Disability and diversity are personally important to us and we would like to support members of the populace to achieve their SCA goals by looking at barriers to access and how we can remove them for a more inclusive environment. As we now have three family members (and many more friends) who use mobility aids from wheelchairs to canes we will be looking for opportunities to encourage their inclusion in all activities that interest them at all levels of the group.

We understand the responsibilities of the Baron and Baroness as representatives of the Crown and would be greatly honoured to be called upon in Service for as long as is acceptable to the Crown.

Yours In Service

Donnchadh & Bella



Letter of Intent

Honourable Gwyn Cantor and Maestre Pantero Pantera di Valembrosa

Gwyn Cantor, Pantero Pantera di Valembrosa

Unto Your Majesties Queen Iglesia and King Bain of Lochac, Your Excellencies Elizabeth and Agostino of Aneala, Mistress Acacia, and the populace of Aneala and Dragons Bay, do Gwyn and Pantera send greetings, and a request to accept our nomination as candidates to serve as the next Coronet of Aneala.

Aneala has been our home and our community for over 20 years. Gwyn Cantor (Gwyn) became involved with our beloved Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) way back in AS 32 (1997), when they were just 14.

Pantero Pantera di Valembrosa (Pantera) was an inaugural member of the College of St Basil the Great in AS 36 (2001). Pantera raised their child in the College of St Basil the Great and the Barony of Aneala.

We have found welcome here in Aneala, the Colleges and Dragons Bay. It is a place where we can be more ourselves and indulge in the best parts of the past. We have welcomed others as they arrived at their first event, often making new friends. We have practised, promoted and taught Arts and Sciences in wood carving, metalwork, armour, dancing, costuming, youth activities and more. Our passions also include fencing, performance, heraldry, carpentry, blacksmithing, and research.

We have found that the more we have settled down to being ourselves, the more the SCA has welcomed us. This reflects the maturing of the SCA's recognition and inclusion of diversity. We have been helping this move forwards, attending Pride Events on behalf of the SCA, researching and publishing gender neutral names, holding impromptu discussions and education around neurodiversity, and speaking up and advocating in council for diversity and inclusion.

Even so, we believe that our SCA can do more. Youth are our future, and we feel it important to reach out to existing parents and youth, to find ways to make events more approachable for our young and implement those changes. The College of St Basil the Great is a key part of building the Barony, and they need more support. Our old guard carry our institutional knowledge and wisdom, a load which becomes heavy with time. We seek to further encourage the mentoring program for events and deputies to officer positions.

We would greatly look forward to taking a larger role in celebrating the works of the populace, upon whom the stability and strength of the Barony rests. We fear that the very talented and skilled people in Aneala and Dragons Bay can too easily be overlooked when it comes to Kingdom recognition, due to our great distance from the rest of Lochac. We will also be looking to help our interested people to connect to mentors and other skilled artisans throughout Lochac.

We have been stewards, on stewarding teams, and supported many events over the decades, so that others can enjoy what we love about the SCA. We have been seneschals, heralds, youth officers, and support the Barony at council. We have been Champions of the Rapier, Arts and Sciences and Bardic Arts. There's not much of the usual workings of a barony we haven't seen.

Why is it we would ask to serve as your Coronets? We know being B&B is work as much as it is fun; we're at a good point personally where we have the energy and time to do that work, with the support of our family. We are always aware that the prestige belongs to the pointy hats, not so much the heads they rest on. In court we would bring a blend of merriment and mischief, ceremony and pageantry.

We're a bard & a mischief maker; we love to create and share and entertain. The job done well is to give courtesy, kindness and inspiration to all. In our enthusiasm and love for the SCA, it would be a pleasure to serve and support Aneala in this way.

*The Honourable Gwyn Cantor
Maestræ Pantero Pantera di Valembrosa*



Letter of Intent

Honourable Lord Cesare d'Orso and the Honourable Lady Violetta Vasari

Greetings

Firstly we shall take a moment to introduce ourselves, there may be some friends we have not made yet. We are, the Honourable Lord Cesare d'Orso and the Honourable Lady Violetta Vasari and we are happy to put forward our nomination to become the next Baron and Baroness of the great Barony of Aneala. We started in the SCA as part of the Shire (now Canton) of Dragon's Bay, located in the southern reaches of Perth, WA back in 2005, we were very active in all the groups in the local area, including the Barony of Aneala and the now defunct Canton of Abertridwr. We began visiting Canterbury Faire 7 years ago whilst serving as part of a royal household, and eventually with a mundane work opportunity moved to Christchurch in 2017, where we were active members of the Barony of Southron Gaard until we returned home to Aneala in 2021.

We have very wide and varied interests in the activities of the SCA, Cesare as a heavy combatant, we both have competed in archery, and have many interests in the Arts and Sciences fields. We have a small household, House Annwn, all of whom are very active in SCA and are always seen helping in any way they can. During our time in the SCA we have served in officer roles such as deputy seneschal, reeve, A&S and chatelaine many times and stewarded large numbers of varied events from small demos to being part of the team running crown events. We have travelled widely to SCA events and hope to continue and expand our horizons further.

Violetta is a new member of the Board but is willing to withdraw from this responsibility if we are chosen to be Baron and Baroness, and will return to that area at a later date.

We believe that awards and recognition are a very important, and wonderful part of SCA life, and will recognise and promote our populace on behalf of the Crown. For ourselves we have been recognized for our service and talents, but these are not our main focus in the SCA, so if you are interested in what we have been honoured with, they are all listed on the Lochac Canon Lore website.

Our SCA vision is one of courtesy, respect and inclusiveness. We strongly believe in welcoming all with open minds and positivity. The SCA is often referred to as "The Dream", and we hold that everyone has a different version of this dream, and that it is our goal to respect, embrace, encourage and help each other to nurture all our various dreams and bring them together to ensure the SCA is an exciting and fun thing to be part of. One of our most deeply held beliefs is that of service to the group, the SCA is what we make for ourselves. We enjoy doing everything we can to help, in any manner that we are able to, be it being involved in council by holding positions, running events, or just quietly stepping up when something needs to be done or someone needs a hand, it is what makes the SCA work after all.

Aneala is full of wonderful people, and we feel confident that we could serve as the next Baron and Baroness. There are many long held traditions that we would like to see brought to the foreground, and conjunctively, we would like to perhaps introduce some new ones. We would like to work on the recognition of newcomers and the youth of the group, as these are important to a prosperous future growth and development for the Barony. Inspiring, teaching and nurturing them can help us all have an even greater group to be part of. We believe it is very important to foster good relations with our surrounding groups, the wider Kingdom and the entire SCA.

We see the role of Baron and Baroness as one of leadership, communication and inspiration, fostering inclusivity to all who come to the SCA. These are all areas that we are confident we can serve the Barony well. Groups thrive with good leadership teams, and it is our goal to have open communications with all the populace, and very importantly to work well alongside the Seneschal and Council ensuring the day-to-day workings of the group are efficiently and properly taken care of. Good leaders also serve to inspire, both by word and deed, leading by being good examples is something we have long aspired to as parents and as SCA members, we are confident in our ability to bring this to the Baronial roles. Being open to communication from everyone is key to us. Our door is always open, our ear is here to listen, our shoulder to lean on, as a sounding board, or a place to vent, or to talk things through, this is true now and would be more so if we are chosen for Baron and Baroness. To be able to show support, kindness and friendship are very important to us, hospitality and largesse is a basis to our personal dream of the SCA.

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Letter of Intent

Honourable Lord Cesare d'Orso and the Honourable Lady Violetta Vasari

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Pageantry is one feature of the SCA that we love, and we would envision promoting it as much as possible at Baronial, College and Canton events, through court and decoration to enhance the overall ambience and feel of events. We also love themed and fun events, for example the tournament held this past weekend was fun and engaging for all and we would encourage more of these, we have ideas, many, many ideas, but we'll not go into those right now. Assisting and facilitating the ideas of others to become reality is also something we are keenly interested in.

It is difficult to put into this short statement all that we wish and hope to be given the chance to do for the group. Our overall vision for the role of Baron and Baroness is to promote and foster a fun, healthy, strong, inclusive and cohesive group through the values of friendship, courtesy, diversity, acceptance and belief. We considered and talked extensively before putting ourselves forward for this nomination, it is not something we have entered lightly or half-heartedly. We sought counsel from many SCA members that have served in similar roles to make sure that we were confident in nominating. We can be honest in saying our only agenda is to serve the group to the best of our abilities and we would be humbly honoured if we are chosen. We thank you all for taking the time to read our statement and for giving us your consideration.

Yours in Service
Cesare and Violetta

Events



Come one, come all, to the Baronial Candidate Meet & Greet!

This is your opportunity to talk with all three of Aneala's candidates to be the next B&B and ask them all your burning questions. Come along to pick their brains, listen to their considered answers, evaluate their plans for the Barony or even just get to know them if you don't already.

Hosted by Mistress Acacia via Zoom, she has shared the following information:

"I will be chairing the session and there will be space for questions from the floor.

My only restriction apart from this being a respectful and courteous space, is that any question addressed to the candidates are to be addressed for all candidates to answer."

Details are as follows:

4th August 2024

3pm - 5pm Perth time

Bassendean Memorial Library Meeting Room 1 (or via Zoom)

Price : \$10 non-member fee Bookings not required.

Steward: Nathan Blacktower

Don't miss your chance to be an active participant in the future of our Barony!

Yours in Service,
Baron Agostino and Baroness Elizabeth



Events

MIDWINTER ROSE & UNICORN TAVERN



Date:	Saturday 3rd of August
Event type:	Tavern & games night
Site	Inglewood Freemasons Hall 23 Carrington St Inglewood
Steward	<u>Leoflaeda AElfwynnesdohter</u>
Head Cook	Bella Romana Valori
Time	Set up 5pm Event starts 6pm 1st course 6:30pm Vacate by midnight
Bookings	Closed Friday 26th July bookings@aneala.lochac.sca.org
Price	\$30 Adults \$15 Minors, Under 6yrs free Non-members add \$10 adults & \$5 minors.

Feeling disheartened by the mid-winter chill? Obligated to travel through the rain and sleet? Lift your spirits -and your tankards- with a spell in the welcoming warmth of Aneala's finest Hostelry.

Enjoy a hearty, warming meal, song and merriment, contests of skill and games of chance. Doff your cloaks and quaff your drinks -we'll be living it up at the Rose & Unicorn!

Arts & Sciences competition: gameboards (more info to come)

And a "Nailed it" food sublttie competition chosen by popular vote.

Eg. Gingerbread hedgehog with large lolly teeth.

We will judge them, then eat them! Get badly creative!

First Course to the Table

Brie, Quince Paste & Wafers

Walnuts & Dates

Lamb Skewers & Vege Skewers

Buffet

Chicken & Vegetable Pottage

Sourdough & Herbed Butter

Second Course Buffet

Beef Cazuela & Almond Rice

Cormary Roast Pork Fillet

Roast Root Vegetables

Garlic Sprouts with Bacon

Third Course Buffet

Custard & Cherry Tarts

Apple Pies & Cream

Genovese Tarts

Gingerbread Balls

Lemon Daryoles

DARLINGTON MONTHLY A&S SATURDAYS

We have booked our new monthly dates for 2024.
Darlington Hall, 1/3 Owen Road Darlington. 10am to 1pm

MEMBERS: Adults \$3, Minors free.

NON-MEMBERS Adults \$13, Minors \$5.

Please bring correct change if paying cash. EFT payments accepted.

August 24th

September 28th

October 19th

November 23rd

December 14th

Master Donnchadh, Provost will be running Fencing Guild Classes
from 10:30am to 12:30am each month.

Fencing training at Darlington A&S is dedicated to Guild Training.

Fencing activities will be concentrating on Period fencing techniques from different treaties and preparation as pertaining to the successful playing of Guild prizes of different ranks.”

Cooks Guild activities are also being planned.

If anyone would like to run a class this year, on the topic of their choice, please contact me so we can advertise and make it happen.

We would like classes to be a regular activity but are equally happy if you just want to come along to socialise and work on your own projects.

Bella Valori

Darlington A&S Steward

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Upcoming Events

7th – 8th September Golden Thimble

21st – 22nd September Anealan Baronial Championship

2nd – 3rd of November Baronial Investiture



Baronial Activities

Regular activities occur unless superseded by an event

Baronial Council Meeting.

3rd Friday of each month,
opens at 7pm for a 7:30pm start.
Contact [Baron and Baroness](#)

Baronial Training

Sunday from 10am. Lake Monger Primary School, Dodd St, Wembley
Archery . (Contact [Archery Marshal](#)).
Armoured Training. (Contact [Armoured Marshal](#)).
Rapier Combat. (Contact [Rapier Marshal](#)).

Combined Training and Arts & Sciences

2nd Sunday of each month. 10am to 1pm
Spearwood Primary School, 73 Gerald St, Spearwood

Darlington Arts & Sciences

4th Saturday's of the month. (usually) 10am to 1pm
Darlington Hall, 3 Owen Road, Darlington
Email: kerryn@ladybirdpainting.com.au

Canton of 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. Tuesday 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.

Event Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cancellation can be made at any time up to the close of bookings with a full refund provided for any event payment already made.

Cancellation after close of bookings will be accepted in the case of illness with a refund provided. Please contact the booking officer ASAP prior to the event.

Refunds (full or partial) for any other reason are at the discretion of the event steward together with the seneschal and/or reeve and will be dependant on expenses incurred.

Participants are reminded that if they are unwell or showing cold or flu-like symptoms, they must not attend.





Lochac Cooks Guild



Cormarye.

Roast pork in red wine and spices

Original Text from The Forme of Cury, C.14th English:

Take Colyaundre, caraway smale grounden, powdour of peper and garlec ygrounde, in rede wyne; medle alle [th]ise togyder and salt it.

Take loynes of pork rawe and fle of the skyn, and pryk it wel with a knyf, and lay it in the sawse.

Roost it whan [th]ou wilt, & kepe [th]at [th]at fallith [th]erfro in the rostynge and see[th] it in a possynet with faire broth, & serue it forth wi[th] the roost anon.

Bella Valori's Redaction:

1.5 kg boneless, skinned Pork Loin or Scotch Fillet
350ml Red Wine (I like Shiraz but you can use a sweeter wine if you prefer)
1/2 C Chicken Stock
5 cloves crushed Garlic
2 tsp ground Coriander Seed
1 tsp ground Caraway Seed
1/2 tsp Salt
1/2 tsp Pepper

Mix the coriander, caraway, salt, pepper, garlic and wine.

Marinate the pork for a minimum of an hour but preferably overnight in the fridge.

Place in a baking tray and roast at 180C until done.

Remove pork from tray, rest the meat then slice into desired thickness.

Take sauce and drippings from the roasting pan,

Add the chicken broth and simmer to make a sauce.

Pour the sauce over the meat, and serve hot.



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Fencing Marshal

Master Donnchadh Baillie



The monthly practice tournaments at Combined training, an initiative started by Bella Valori, has been met with enthusiasm by all fencers. It is not only an opportunity for unauthorised fencers to experience what a tournament is like, but it also allows other fencers to practice in a matched weapons format. It exposes fencers to weapons combinations that they may otherwise not contemplate using, allowing them to practice in a tournament situation without the pressures of worrying about winning.

With the continuation of this format at monthly combined training we will begin to rotate the Marshalling responsibilities to all fencers. This will allow everyone to become comfortable with marshalling a tournament and refining their knowledge of the Lochac Fencing rules.

I have heard whispers that the next practice tournament will be rapier and cloak.

Lochac Royal Guild of Defence

Prize Announcements

TO WHO ALL PROFESS SKILL AT ARMS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT:

I, Provost Donnchadh Baillie do give leave and license to our *Scholar Bella Valori* to play their Free Scholar Prize against all Free Scholars, Journeyers, Provosts and Guildmasters, in all their subtle mysteries in the following weapons, viz:

Single Rapier.

This is to give notice that the candidate will be on the field on the morning of Sunday 8th September AS LIX (2024) at Aneala Combined Training, Spearwood, prepared to perform their uttermost towards the achievement and bearing away of the Prize.

LONG LIVE THE CROWN OF LOCHAC!!!

And

TO WHO ALL PROFESS SKILL AT ARMS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT:

I, Provost Donnchadh Baillie do give leave and license to our *Free Scholar Chrettienne de leu DuPont* to play their Journeyman's Prize against all Journeyers, Provosts and Guildmasters, in all their subtle mysteries in the following weapons, viz:

Rapier and Dagger, to Rapier conventions

Rapier and Buckler, to Rapier conventions

And Two Handed Sword to Cut and Thrust conventions.

This is to give notice that the candidate will be on the field on the morning of Sunday 8th September AS LIX (2024) at Aneala Combined Training, Spearwood, prepared to perform their uttermost towards the achievement and bearing away of the Prize.

LONG LIVE THE CROWN OF LOCHAC!!!

Fundamentals of Rapier and Cloak

(The term "Rapier" simply refers to a Sword so it's also acceptable to use the term Sword and Cloak)

By Master Donnchadh Baillie



In Fencing in the SCA we are assumed to be wearing civilian attire and a common accessory, apart from the rapier, was the cloak or the cape. There are many different types of cloak or cape that may be worn and the difference between the two is the size and weight of the garment. Although the decision on which to use is primarily a personal choice, the techniques employed in their use are similar and most people simply call the combination Rapier and Cloak, even if the cape is used.

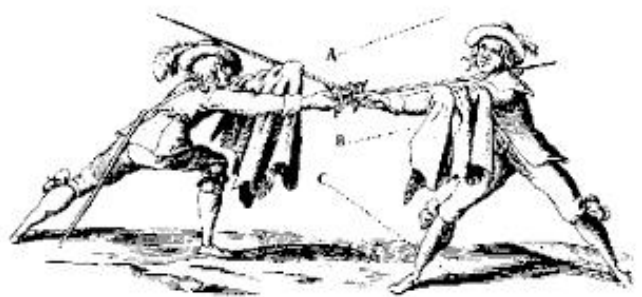
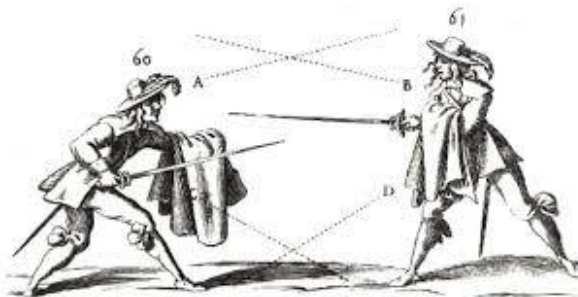
The use of cloak as an offhand device can be found in many fencing treaties including Agrippa, Di Grassi, Capo Ferro and other treaties on Bolognese fencing. While it is useful to study these treaties to learn more complex use of the Cloak, there are several fundamentals that remain the same. A cloak is larger and protects more, it is also heavier and can be more difficult to wield and prone to entanglement, while a cape is smaller and lighter, enabling faster movements.

The cloak is generally held in one of three ways and each has its advantages and disadvantages. Held in the hand, draped over the arm or wrapped around the arm and each of these methods allows for different uses of the cloak in defence.

When holding the cloak in the hand you gain the advantage of being able to use the cloak in a number of different ways. You can use the cloak with broad sweeping motions to sweep your opponents sword out of the way, twist the cloak as you would a towel to parry a sword, drape the cloak over your opponent's sword using the weight of the cloak to hinder their attacks or to bind your opponent's sword. Be mindful that you may easily entangle your own sword using this last technique.



When draping your cloak over your arm you are able to use the cloak as a shield against cuts to your body as well as binding your opponent's sword as with holding the cloak in your hand. Remember that the cloak, being a single layer of cloth will generally not protect against thrusts from a sharp rapier.



The final way to hold a cloak is by wrapping it around your arm. In doing this you add multiple layers of protection to your arm allowing you to parry your opponent's sword without suffering a damaging cut.

The other advantage of using a cloak is that you may use the cloak to cover your own sword so that your opponent can not see your intentions.

Whichever way you chose to hold the cloak, to be truly effective as an off fence device, it must be used together with your own sword when creating a ward or taking a bind, to control your opponent's sword before launching your attack.



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 Baroness Elizabeth: 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.

Contact Wolfgang:

LOCHAC COOKS' GUILD

Members of the Lochac Cooks' Guild aim to practice cooking in the style of the Medieval and Renaissance periods, research and study period cooking and make available information on all aspects of period cooking as it pertains to the Society for Creative Anachronism.

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SCA Group Websites

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College of St Basil the Great (UWA)	stbasil.lochac.sca.org
Kingdom of Lochac (Australia & New Zealand)	lochac.sca.org
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